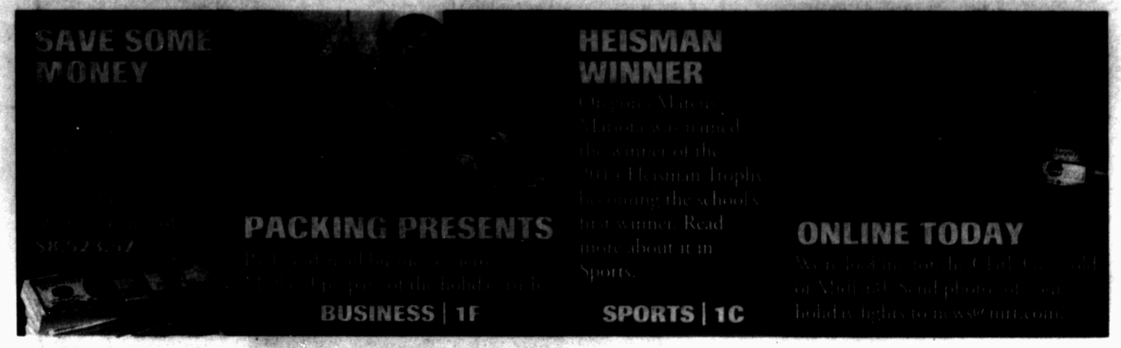

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Firm sues city for denying billboard permits

Company claims Midland imposed illegal hold on applications

By Joseph Basco
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A Florida-based billboard company took the city of Midland to court, claiming hypocrisy in city staff's requirements for billboards versus the requirements listed in ordinances, and claiming the illegality with delaying billboard permit applications for months to allegedly give city staff more time to make a restrictive billboard ordinance revision.

Lockridge Outdoor Advertising filed a petition in 142nd District Court on Nov. 26, a week after the Nov. 18 City Council meeting in which their permit application for three billboards were either denied or failed to receive a motion for voting, according to meeting minutes posted on the city of Midland website.

The billboard company, through the petition, asked presiding Judge George "Jody" Gilles to interpret the city's sign ordinances to determine whether Lockridge Outdoor Advertising was following the rules and should have received permits and whether the ordinances are vague and unconstitutional.

Lockridge Outdoor Advertising asked the City Council to review its decision on the three denied billboards and show reasoning behind its decisions. The company is also seeking a reversal of the denials.

"We view litigation as a last resort and seek only to invest and do business in the Midland community," said Tony Lockridge, CEO of Lockridge Outdoor Advertising via email on Friday.

The company argued that the three billboard permits it applied for in July — at 402 S. Fairground Road, 801 E. Front Street and 1300 Rankin Highway — were to be built in zones that do not require an additional permit, a specific-use permit, alongside the normal sign permit.

Specific use permits require approval

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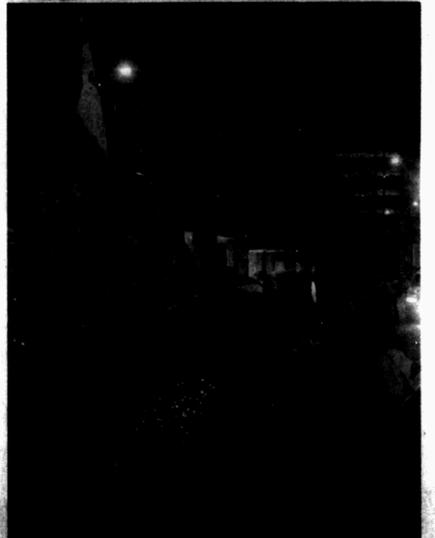
Downtown Christmas



Midland's annual Parade of Lights and Centennial Park tree lighting was held Saturday. See more photos from the parade inside on Page 4A.

The annual Christmas parade featured entries from close to 60 organizations, companies, churches and individuals:

Midland Fire Department, Midland Youth Advisory Council, Grace Lutheran Church, Midland Memorial Hospital lab, China Town, Scharbauer Scouts, Iglesia Bautistia Betel, Re/Max, COM Learn to Swim, West Texas Drillers, God's Amaizing Ranch, Midland Church of God, Natural Gas Service Group, Cub Scouts Pack 83, Hot Shots Soccer, West Texas Crawlers, City of Midland Community Services, Midland RockHounds, Rock the Desert Ministries, DCP Midstream, Lucky Service Inc., Dave Worland, TV station KWES, Hispanic Culture Center of Midland, Roberts Auto Care, Kent Kwik, city of Midland Transportation, American Eagle.

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Exxon Mobil: US to be net exporter of oil by 2020

By James Obsorne
The Dallas Morning News

North America will become a net exporter of oil and other petroleum liquids by 2020, Exxon Mobil forecast Tuesday.

The company predicts that increased fracturing and oil sands development would push North American production toward the equivalent of 30 million barrels of oil a day as continental energy demand stagnates. Under Exxon's methodology, North American production was less than 20 million barrels a day in 2010.

Were the prediction to prove true, the United States, Canada and Mexico would join the ranks of Saudi Arabia and Russia as countries that produce more oil than they consume. It's part of what Exxon described in its report as a larger global shake-up. Developing countries in Africa and Asia will consume more and more

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Food pantry helps Midlanders in need

■ Despite boom, some need help to fill the gaps

By Rye Druzin
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Midland's fortunes have risen to ever-greater heights as the oil boom has progressed, with salaries and housing values skyrocketing as oil companies increasingly have used horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing to extract the black gold deep beneath the Permian Basin. But the boom has brought a rise in the cost of living that has pushed some to the brink, especially those on fixed incomes and those who cannot find work in the oil fields. That's where food pantries come in to try to fill the gaps in people's kitchen cabinets.

"The question that is always asked is why do we still need a food pantry when the economy is booming?" said H.A. Tuck, a 21-year volunteer at Memorial Christian Church's food pantry. "The answer is two-fold. One is that we have

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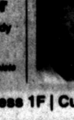

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SIGNS

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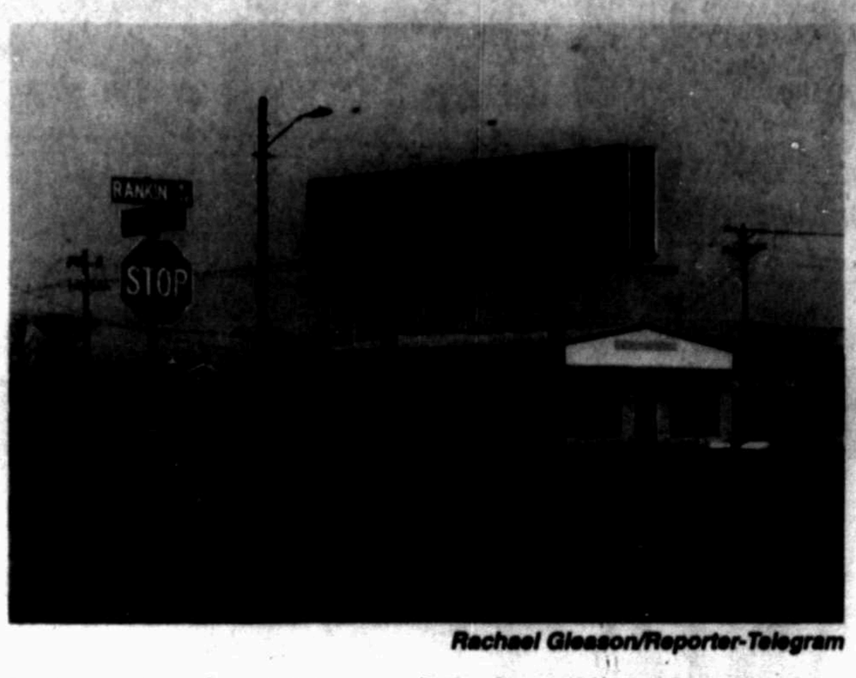
by City Council, whereas sign permits can be authorized by the city building official.

But, Lockridge Outdoor Advertising said, in an affidavit attached to the court document, that the city instructed the company to apply for specific use permits for the three billboards.

Two of the three billboards were going to be built in C-3 commercial districts, which is not one of the four districts explicitly listed in the city's zoning code that require specific use permits. The city requires billboards in LR-2 and LR-3 retail districts, C-1 commercial districts and BP districts to have specific use permits, according to the city's zoning code.

"The City Code provisions regarding Specific use Permits for billboard (sic) are void and unenforceable under the Texas and United States Constitutions," the petition states. "The provisions violate Lockridge's right to due process because they fail to give adequate notice of what signs are permitted and allow the use of unbridled discretion of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council in interpretation of application. Apparently, the city interprets the Code as to allow either the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Council to reject any Specific Use Permit application for any reason, whether it be the subjective whim of particular members of the body."

The third billboard, to be built in an LR-3 retail district, did require a specific-use permit.



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The intersection of Rankin Highway and Collins Avenue is one of three sites where Lockridge Outdoor Advertising wanted to build a billboard but did not get approval from City Council. The billboard company is suing the city of Midland, claiming that it did not have to apply for the separate permit that the council did not approve and the city illegally put billboard permit applications on hold to move forward on restrictive billboard ordinance revision.

John Anthony Lockridge, a managing member of Lockridge Outdoor Advertising, said in the affidavit that, in addition to requiring the allegedly unnecessary specific use permits, the city also allegedly delayed moving all billboard specific use permit applications through the commission and council votes because City Hall was in the process of revising its billboard ordinance, which was revealed during the Nov. 4 council briefing session.

The revision, yet to be approved by council, will limit new billboards within the city limits interior of Loop 250. No new billboards in this zone can be installed unless it is a replacement of an existing one.

Also of note during the time of the ordinance proposal was the influx of billboard specific use permit requests that flooded the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

Lockridge said in the affidavit that the company demanded the city take action on the applications because delaying all of them was illegal under Chapter 212 or the Texas Local Government Code, which states moratoriums on property development may be imposed after municipalities conduct public hearings. After that, the city did move forward on the applications, but then the permit applications died on the council floor.

"Now that the City Council has failed to issue ordinances granting the three Specific Use Permits, Lockridge's applications for sign permits are effectively denied without cause or rational reason and without reference or adherence to the objective standards set out in the Midland City Code," the petition states. "The city and the responsible city officials have abused their discretion by acting without reference to any guiding rules or principles of law and by continuing to incorrectly interpret and apply the Midland City Code and applicable law."

On Tuesday, council will hire local law firm Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson for help with the lawsuit and then meet in executive session with attorneys to discuss the case. The council will also vote on the minutes of the Nov. 18 meeting and make the first round of votes of its billboard ordinance revision.

The city of Midland declined to comment due to the pending litigation.

PANTRY

From 1A

people who are unable to work. But the other is that some people are working two to three jobs and simply cannot make ends meet."

The MCC's food pantry fed over 4,000 families — or nearly 50,000 people — last year, according to volunteer Mike Landrum, who has been with the pantry for over 25 years. The pantry is open on 48 Wednesdays a year and allows people to come pick up food only once a month. According to Landrum, the pantry started in 1982 in the midst of one of the worst oil busts in Midland's history after some families in the congregation had lost their jobs in the oil field and were struggling to make ends meet.

Landrum said that during his time volunteering at the food pantry, numbers have remained steady regardless if there was a boom or a bust in the oil industry. Numbers from FeedingAmerica.org show that in 2012; 13.1 percent of people in Midland County suffered from food insecurity. In 2012; one-in-five children lived with food insecurity in Midland County. The 2012 numbers were down from a rate in 2009 of 15.7 percent for people in the county and almost 25 percent for children, according to Feeding America.

Some of the clients, as the volunteers call those who come to the pantry, told the Reporter-Telegram that living on fixed incomes didn't allow them to adjust to rising food prices with the oil boom. Whether they are elderly, disabled or just those who have fallen on hard times, the pantries allow them to fill in the gaps and have money for other necessities. Landrum said that without the food pantries, "there would be people who are starving."

"In some cases the kids would go hungry on weekends and at night," Tuck said. "Some people would choose to buy food rather than their medications."

But for the dozen or so volunteers who pack the boxes for the families who gather in the hallway, the job that they do is fulfilling. Said Tuck of his over 20 years of volunteering, "We're not here to be thanked or praised; we're here to do our service."

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Things to do

Today

■ Lone Star Brass "A Lone Star Brass Christmas," 3 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ "Little Women: The Musical,"2:30 p.m., Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

■ Christmas Market at the Gardens, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Alldredge Gardens. 682-4500.

Tuesday

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Wednesday

■ Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ Holiday Cheer at the Library, 3:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Thursday

Midland Community Band's free Christmas concert, 7 p.m., Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band.

Friday

Bob Schneider with Alpha Rev at the Yucca Theatre. talltownes.com.

Friday through Dec. 21

Christmastime in the City Hayrides at Stonegate Fellowship Church. stonegatefellowship.com.

Saturday and Dec. 21

Midland Festival Ballet's "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 2:30 p.m., Dec. 21, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Meetings this week

County commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom
500 N. Loraine Ave.

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

Midland ISD Townhall
7 p.m. Wednesday
DeZavala Elementary, 705 N. Lee

Support groups today

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

December sales tax collection

■ December 2014 collection: $3,768,959

■ December 2013 collection: $3,317,570

■ Percent increase: 13.61

■ Fiscal year-to-date total: $12,090,631

■ Percent increase from last year: 18.05

■ Amount dedicated in December to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp: $942,239

■ Amount dedicated in this fiscal year to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp: $3,022,657

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

Source: City of Midland reports

Top monthly sales tax collections

November 2014	$4,402,982
February 2014	$4,360,197
August 2014	$4,104,933
May 2014	$4,097,043
February 2013	$4,006,408

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Powerball: 5-13-28-43-55 PB 33
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All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-6-9-12-16-17-19-20-22-24
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All or Nothing night: 1-6-8-11-13-14-16-17-19-20-21-24

Today in History

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to blacks).

In 2012, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; 20-year-old Adam Lanza had fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out the attack on the school.

One year ago: Jameis Winston won the Heisman Trophy, making the Florida State quarterback the second straight freshman to win the award, after Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel.

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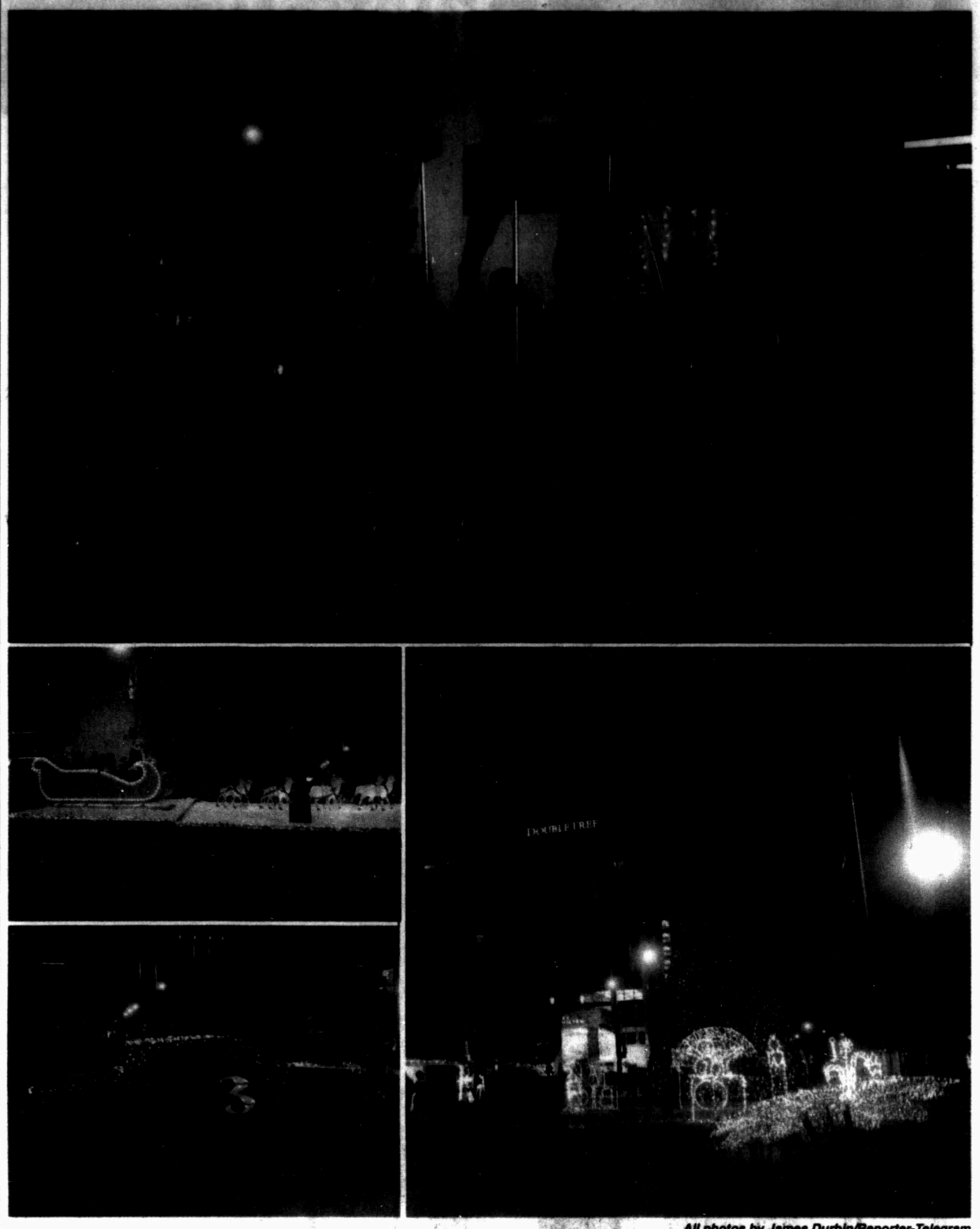

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The annual Parade of Lights, with a wild west theme, and Centennial Park tree lighting were held on Saturday night. The parade featured entries from close to 60 organizations, companies, churches and individuals from across the Tall City.

Congress sends Obama $1.1 T spending bill

By David Espo & Donna Cassata
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress cleared a $1.1 trillion spending bill for President Barack Obama's signature late Saturday night after a day of Senate intrigue capped by a failed, largely symbolic Republican challenge to the administration's new immigration policy.

The vote was 56-40 in favor of the measure, which funds nearly the entire government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. It also charts a new course for selected shaky pension plans covering more than 1 million retirees, including the possibility of benefit cuts.

The Senate passed the bill on a day Democrats launched a drive to confirm two dozen of Obama's stalled nominees to the federal bench and administration posts, before their majority expires at year's end.

Several Republicans blamed tea party-backed Sen. Ted Cruz for giving the outgoing majority party an opportunity to seek approval for presidential appointees, including some that are long-stalled.

It was Cruz who pushed the Senate to cast its first vote on the administration's policy of suspending the threat of deportation for an estimated four million immigrants living in the country illegally. He lost his attempt Saturday night, 74-22, although Republican leaders have vowed to bring the issue back after the party takes control of the Senate in January.

"If you believe President Obama's amnesty is unconstitutional, vote yes. If you believe President Obama's amnesty is consistent with the Constitution, vote no," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rebutted instantly, saying Cruz was "wrong, wrong, wrong on several counts," and even Republicans who oppose Obama's policy abandoned the Texan.

The spending bill, which cleared the House on Thursday, was the main item left on Congress' year-end agenda, and exposed fissures within both political parties in both houses.

It faced opposition from Democratic liberals upset about the repeal of a banking regulation and Republican conservatives unhappy that it failed to challenge Obama's immigration moves.

While the legislation assures funding for nearly the entire government until next fall, it made an exception of the Department of Homeland Security. Money for the agency will run out on Feb. 27, when Republicans intend to try and force the president to roll back an immigration policy that removes the threat of deportation from millions of immigrants living in the United States illegally.

The legislation locks in spending levels negotiated in recent years between Republicans and Democrats, and includes a number of provisions that reflect the priorities of one party or the other, from the environment to abortion to the legalization of marijuana in the District of Columbia.

One, which drew vehement objections from the Democrats, would repeal a regulation imposed on banks in the wake of the near economic collapse of 2008. Critics called it a bailout for large financial institutions, but more than 70 House Democrats voted for it previously, and Obama made clear he didn't view it as a deal-killer.

The pension provision was a bipartisan agreement that opens the door for the first time to benefit cuts for current retirees covered by multi-employer funds in shaky financial condition.

Supporters said it would protect retirement income to the maximum extent possible without also endangering the solvency of the government fund that guarantees multi-employer plans. Critics said it posed a threat to the pension recipients, and that it could also become a precedent for other pensioners.

Immigration was at the heart of the day's events in the Senate.

Cruz seized on the issue late Friday night when he tried to challenge the bill. That led swiftly to the unraveling of an informal bipartisan agreement to give the Senate the weekend off, with a vote on final passage of the bill deferred until early this coming week.

That, in turn, led Reid, D-Nev., to call an all-day Senate session devoted almost exclusively to beginning time-consuming work on confirmation for 13 judicial appointees and 11 nominees to administration posts.

The list included Carolyn Colvin to head the Social Security Administration and Vivek Murthy as surgeon general.

As the day wore on, senators were forced to spend hour after hour on the Senate floor to cast their votes. One, Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., sat at her desk quietly for awhile reading a book.

By evening, cocktail hour in the East, strains of Christmas carols could be heard from behind the closed doors of rooms that surround the chamber.

Republicans tried to slow the nomination proceedings, but several voiced unhappiness with Cruz, a potential presidential candidate in 2016.

"I've seen this movie before, and I wouldn't pay money to see it again," said Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., recalling Cruz' leading role a year ago in events precipitating a 16-day partial government shutdown that briefly sent GOP poll ratings plummeting.

Cruz, in turn, blamed Reid, saying his "last act as majority leader is to, once again, act as an enabler" for the president by blocking a vote on Obama's policy that envisions work visas for an estimated 5 million immigrants living in the country illegally.

Reid blamed a "small group of Senate Republicans" for the turn of events.

Asked if Cruz had created an opening for the Democrats, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah said, "I wish you hadn't pointed that out."

Hatch added, "You should have an end goal in sight if you're going to do these types of things and I don't see an end goal other than irritating a lot of people."

The GOP leader, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, made no public comment on the events, even though Cruz suggested Friday night McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, should not be entirely trusted to keep their pledge to challenge Obama's immigration policy.

"We will learn soon enough if those statements are genuine and sincere," Cruz said.

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energy. At the same time the United States is becoming more efficient and growing its oil and natural gas production by leaps and bounds.

Currently, it would be virtually impossible for North America to become a net exporter because of a U.S. crude export ban instituted in the 1970s. But U.S. oil companies, eager to sell their crude on the international market, have been lobbying heavily to end it.

"At some point, you assume the ban is lifted. Now is the time to move; politically, it's a lot easier to remove the ban when prices are falling than when they're rising," said Bud Weinstein, an economist with SMU's Maguire Energy Institute.

By 2040, Exxon predicts global energy demand will grow by 35 percent as the world's population grows and living standards in developing countries increase.

That will mean more business for oil companies. But Exxon also predicts that the fastest-growing energy sources will be wind and solar power and biofuels. By 2040, renewables will make up 15 percent of the world's energy supply, Exxon said.

"Carbon-based fuels will continue to meet about three-quarters of global energy needs through 2040," the report read. "The outlook shows a shift toward lower-carbon fuels in the coming decades that, in combination with efficiency gains, will lead to a gradual decline in energy-related carbon dioxide emissions."

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Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high of 62 and winds out of the southwest at 15 to 25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph. Overnight, winds out the southwest will decrease to 10 to 15 mph.

Monday should have sunny skies with a high of around 61 and a low of 37, with winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph that will decrease to calm winds overnight.

Tuesday should see partly sunny skies with a high of 55 and an overnight low of 42.

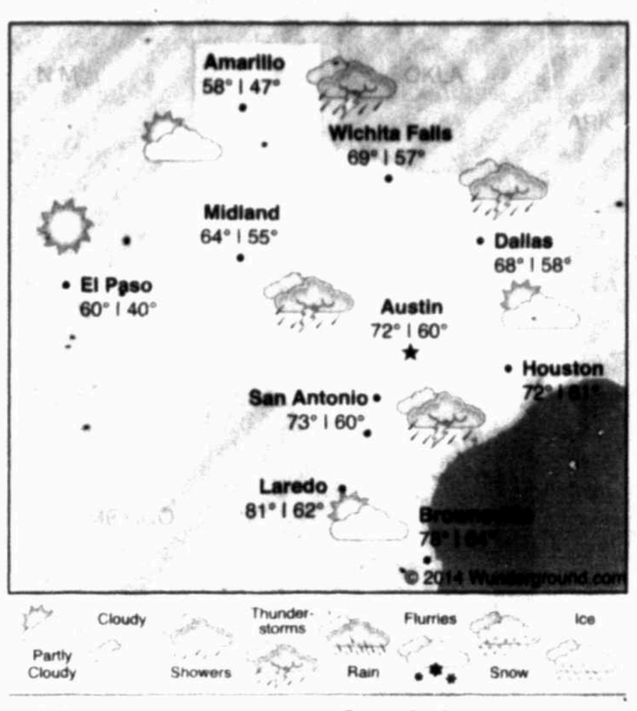
There is a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday, which will have a high of around 58 and a low of around 40.

The record high for Dec. 13 is 82, set in 1995 and 1993. The record low was 14, set in 1985.

National forecast

The storm in the Plains will be the big weather story. A cold front stretching from Kansas into central Texas will bring some thunder to Oklahoma and northern Texas, mainly during Sunday afternoon. Farther north, some rain showers will occur from Kansas and Nebraska to the Upper Midwest.

However, some moisture lingers behind the storm.



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Thursday	0.00 in.	High	72
Friday	0.00 in.	Low	54
Month total	0.01 in.	Normal high	58
Year total	7.46 in.	Normal low	31
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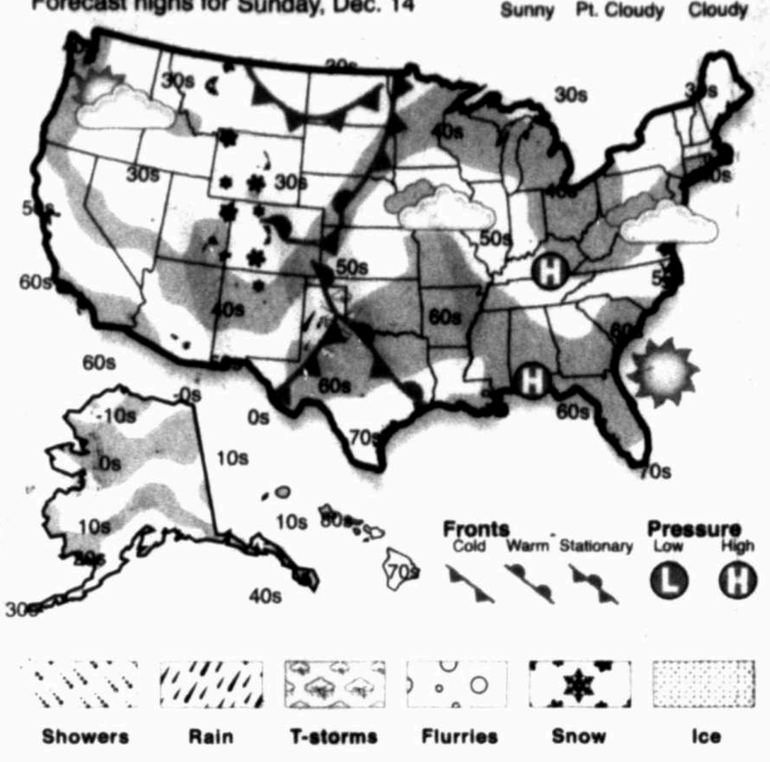
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Dec. 14



California whacked by 'Pineapple Express' storm

By Martha Mendoza & Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A powerful storm churned down the West Coast on Thursday, bringing strong gales and much-needed rain and snow that caused widespread blackouts in Northern California and whiteouts in the Sierra Nevada.

The brunt of the storm hit the San Francisco Bay Area, flooding freeways, toppling trees and keeping thousands of people home from work and school.

"It's a big storm, as we expected, and it's headed south with very powerful winds and heavy rainfall," said National Weather Service meteorologist Will Pi.

In Oregon, strong winds felled a tree, killing a homeless man who was sleeping on a trail, and a teenage boy died after a large tree fell on the vehicle in which he was riding, causing it to swerve and hit another tree.

A huge gust blew down an 80-foot fir at a Santa Cruz elementary school, pinning a sixth-grader by the arm for 15 minutes until chain saws cut him free.

"Unexpected, very unexpected," said the head of Gateway Elementary, Zachary Roberts, who closed the school as the boy was treated and released from a hospital.

This "Pineapple Express" storm carried warm air and vast amounts of water in a powerful current stretching from Hawaii to the mainland and up into the mountains, where gusts up to 140 mph blew through passes, damaging homes in the Lake Tahoe area.

The current left San Francisco drenched but balmy, with 60-degree temperatures, about 5 degrees above average for this time of year.

Waves slammed onto waterfronts around the Bay Area, ferries were bound to their docks, airplanes were grounded and many schools and businesses told people to stay home.

The gusts made motorists tightly grip their steering wheels on the Golden Gate Bridge, where managers created a buffer zone to prevent head-on collisions by swerving cars.

The iconic suspension bridge is engineered to swing in cross winds, so "the concern we have right now is more about vehicles," spokeswoman Priya David Clemens said.

Sonoma County authorities recommended that hundreds of people evacuate at least 300 homes in the lowest lying areas near the Russian River, which was expected to start overflowing overnight. Peak flooding in the towns of Guerneville and Monte Rio was anticipated by 10 a.m. Friday, forecasters said.

Authorities warned of minor flooding along the Sacramento River in Tehama County and Cache Creek in Yolo County.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. crews worked to restore power to 110,000 people, down from 166,000 earlier Thursday, with the largest concentration of 7,400 customers in San Francisco, the utility said. The utility's online map showed lights out over thousands of square miles, from Humboldt near the Oregon border to Big Sur on the Central Coast.

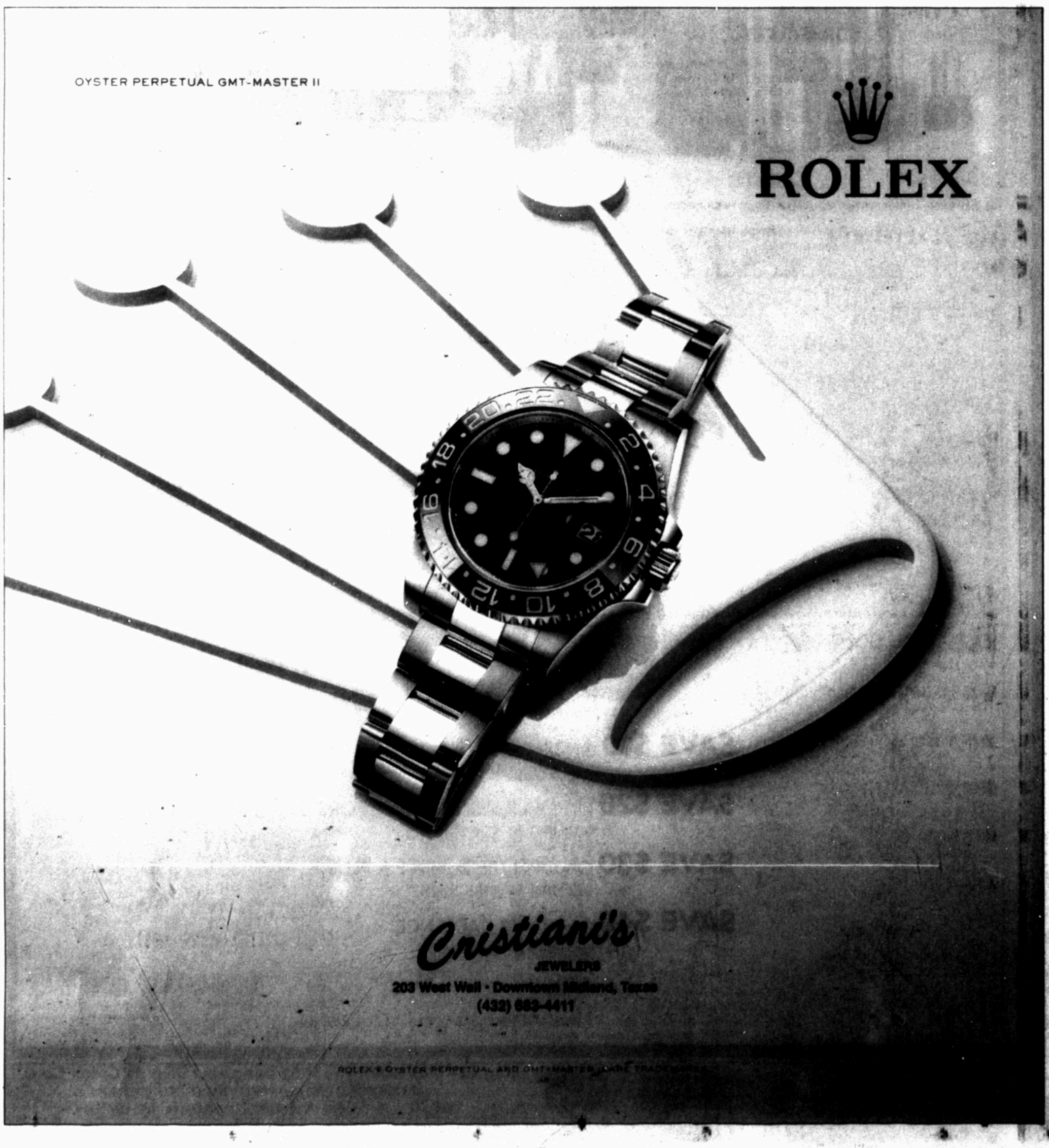
In San Jose, the roof of a grocery store partially collapsed, exposing a 50-square-foot hole above the produce section. One person suffered a minor injury but details were not immediately available, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

There were multiple accidents on flooded roads, and several trees crunched cars. Interstate 5, California's critical north-south thruway, was closed by flooding in the northern town of Weed. In Marin County, heavy rains washed out a portion of state Route 1, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

"A lot of people took the day off," CalTrans spokesman Bob Haus said. "That's a good thing."

Disembarking from a ferry in San Francisco, Malcolm Oubre said some people were overreacting.

"I know it's a big storm supposedly, but they're treating it like it's a hurricane," he said.



Why rift on derivatives is blocking US budget bill

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At the heart of the impasse in Congress over a must-pass spending bill is a provision involving the sorts of high-risk investments that ignited the 2008 financial crisis.

The dispute occurred after Republicans inserted into the bill a provision to relax the regulation of investments known as derivatives. Democrats, led by their House leader, Nancy Pelosi, have demanded that the provision be removed. They argue that it would let big banks gamble with depositors' federally insured money and could make it likelier that banks, if undone by their risky bets, would need another taxpayer bailout.

The provision is part of a broader Republican drive to erode the Dodd-Frank financial regulation law, which Congress enacted in 2010 to try to tighten regulation and prevent another crisis. Republicans have denounced Dodd-Frank as an excessive expansion of regulatory authority that's stifling the competitiveness of the U.S. financial industry.

And they say the restrictions on derivatives trading at issue now will hurt smaller banks that use these investments to help their small-business customers lessen their financial risks.

Pelosi's support, and the votes of her Democratic colleagues, are crucial to passing the spending measure, which would prevent a government shutdown.

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> Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore.

As the spending bill neared a House vote, the White House said President Barack Obama would sign the measure despite concerns about the derivatives provision — which, Obama wrote, would "weaken a critical component of financial institution reform aimed at reducing taxpayer risk."

Just what are derivatives? Why do they matter? And why has government oversight of derivatives become a bargaining chip in a high-stakes political drama?

Some questions and answers:

What's the fuss?

Derivatives are transactions whose value derives from some underlying investment — oil, for example, or currencies, interest rates or stocks. Farmers, airlines and industrial companies use derivatives to hedge against risks. But derivatives have also been used — sometimes recklessly — by financial firms to speculate. Derivatives trading can produce steep losses or huge profits, if the value of their underlying asset sinks or soars.

Derivatives are traded in a $600 trillion global market that was secretive and unregulated before the 2008 crisis. With Dodd-Frank, Congress mandated that the reins of oversight encircle derivatives trading as part of its overhaul of financial regulation. As a result, for example, most derivatives trades now occur in clearinghouses, where member firms post collateral to back trades.

What was Dodd-Frank supposed to do?

The law was a direct response to the 2008 crisis, which plunged the U.S. economy into the most severe recession since the Great Depression and necessitated a taxpayer bailout of banks, automakers and mortgage finance giants.

In looking back on that catastrophe, it was clear that derivatives had become the accelerant on the fire of the crisis once American International Group neared its demise in September 2008. The giant insurer, which had sold a form of derivatives that were guarantees on mortgage securities, had to pay out billions once the housing market went bust and the subprime mortgage bubble burst. The value of the mortgage securities plunged.

The government ended up rescuing AIG with nearly $185 billion in aid. The company has since repaid the bailout. But the episode still reverberates for policymakers and regulators.

So derivatives are now regulated. What would the disputed provision do?

Under Dodd-Frank, banks must spin off — or "push out" — their derivatives business into a subsidiary separate from the federally insured bank. The idea is to prevent banks from borrowing against depositors' money to make outsize bets that carry enormous risks.

The provision that has riled liberal Democrats would repeal that requirement, which was to take effect last year but hasn't been finalized by regulators.

"Our entire financial system melted down. ... This is why (Congress) collectively said we must shut down the Wall Street casino," Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said.

Derivatives trades in general, Merkley said, are legitimate, "but they should not be used with a government insurer standing behind them."

The Democrats are also furious at how the provision was inserted into the 1,603-page spending bill. They have branded it a last-minute "backroom" maneuver, engineered at the behest of bank industry lobbyists.

What do supporters of the provision say?

Those who want to repeal the "push-out" requirement say they want to preserve the ability of banks to help farmers, corporations and small businesses use derivatives to hedge against risks. Many of these business customers also borrow from the banks.

If banks must move the hedging activity into subsidiaries, it would make "one-stop shopping" impossible for the businesses, they argue.

The current requirement "harms the ability of banks of all sizes to serve their customers and imposes a significant cost on the broader economy," said James Ballentine, executive vice president of congressional relations at the American Bankers Association.

And the Democrats? Hold on, said the Republican House Speaker John Boehner: Some of the same Democrats who are objecting to the new provision supported it not long ago.

In fact, the provision is identical to one in a standalone bill the House passed late last year with the support of 70 Democrats. The Obama White House at the time raised concerns about the bill — but didn't issue a veto threat.

What are the banks doing?

In a sign of just how much influence the banking industry wields in Washington, the language in the provision at issue was written mainly by lobbyists for Citigroup, one of the five mega-banks that together account for 90 percent of derivatives contracts.

The four other banks are JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America and Morgan Stanley.

Indeed, lobbying for the provision has been vigorous. This is an opportunity for Wall Street banks to target a threat to its lucrative derivatives business in the framework of must-pass legislation.

"An army of high-priced lobbyists working Washington day and night," as Dennis Kelleher, president of pro-regulation group Better Markets, sees it.

What happens next?

The House passed the spending bill later Thursday as lawmakers look to decamp from the capital as the year runs out. The measure could still be held up in the Senate by just a lone senator.

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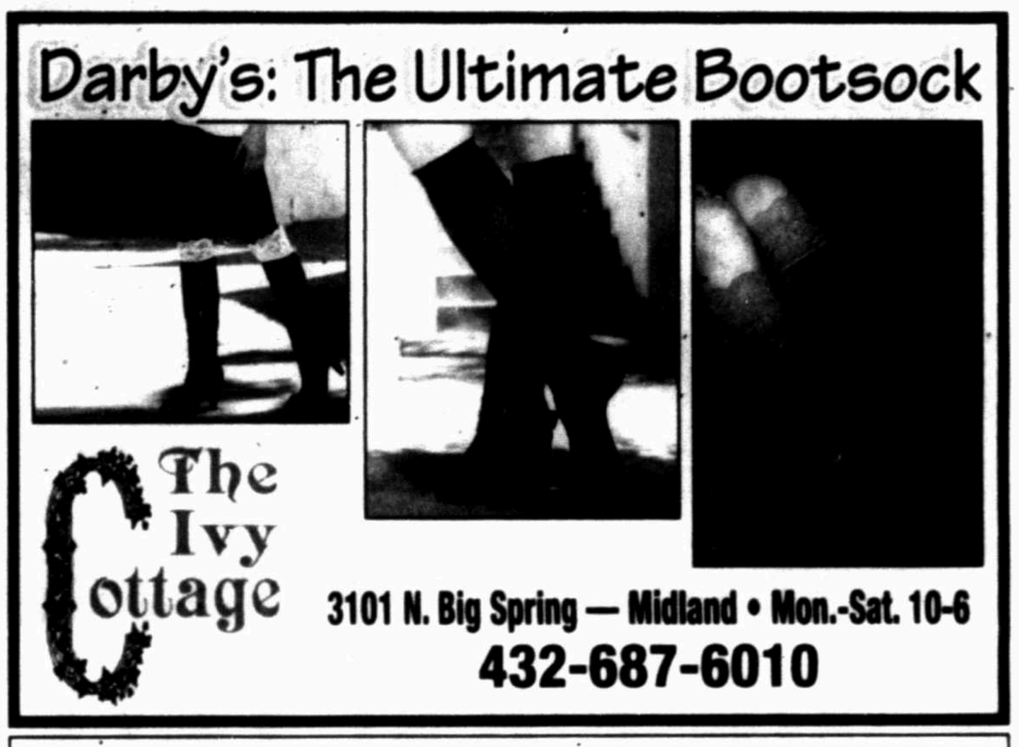

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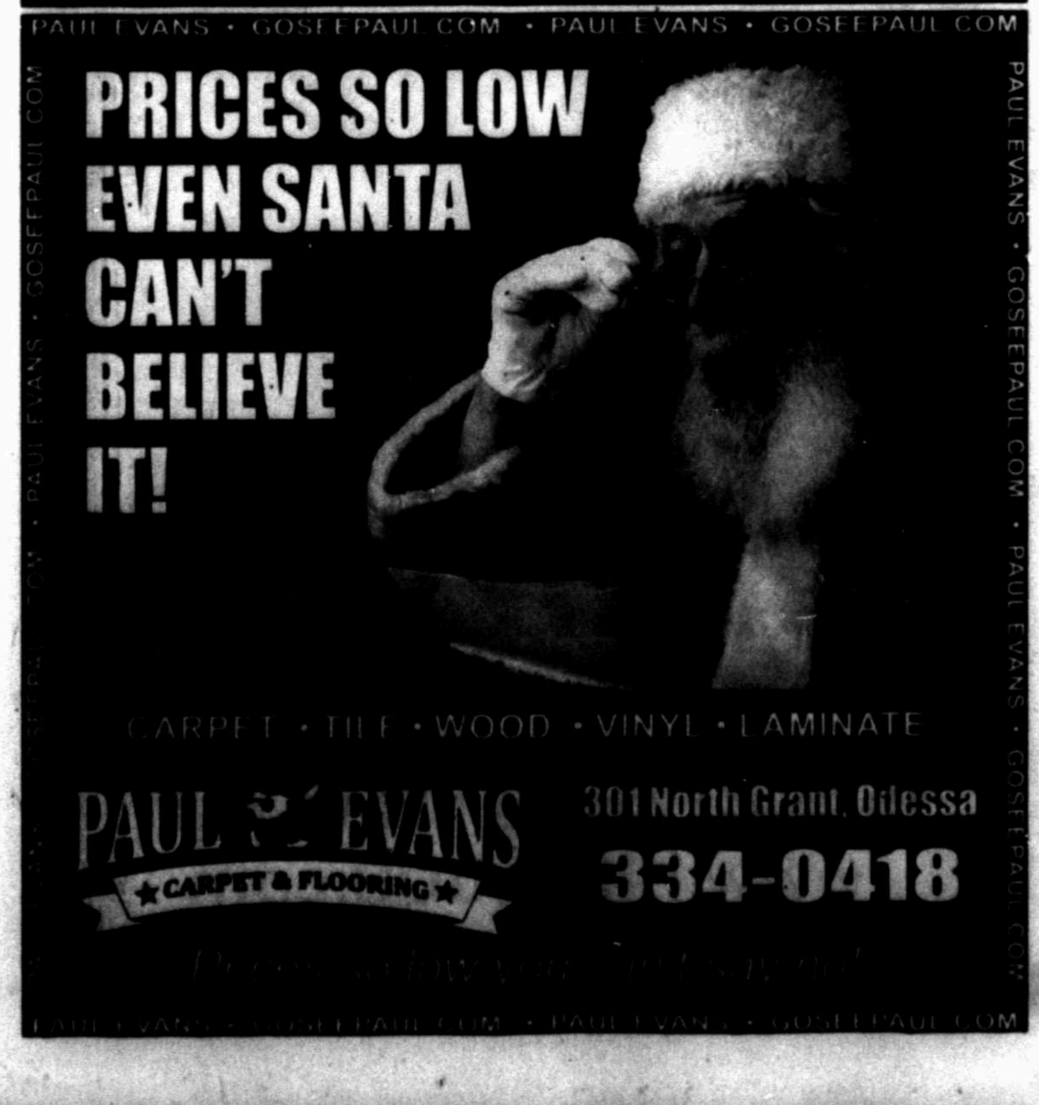

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Farmworker children uprooted by California rules

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — A lifetime of moving has taught Claudia Morales to start packing early, because like many 13-year-olds, her room "is always a mess."

The hoodies go in her suitcase, but as usual, all her partially completed school-work ends up in the trash. Just a week later, Claudia has new notebooks, along with new textbooks, and three bulging suitcases to start unpacking 200 miles away.

She does this every year. Twice.

This month, thousands of migrant farmworker children are making their annual trek to new schools in California, but they do so also at other times throughout the country. During growing season, their parents rent low-cost housing in federally subsidized labor camps, but state rules mandate that families move at least 50 miles away when the camps close for the winter.

"We have a life we need to live," she said. "I like both places, but when I grow up I expect to have good work and buy a house where we can stay permanently."

Claudia gets straight A's at one school, somewhat lower grades at her other. But as years pass and coursework gets more complex, the odds rise against her. Eventually, about 90 percent of kids living in seasonal worker housing drop out of school, according to the San Jose-based nonprofit human rights organization Human Agenda.

At Aptos Junior High School, where Claudia started eighth grade this fall, migrant counselor Juan Alcantar said he has a handful of students who are flunking every class, biding their months before their move, sometimes as far away as Mexico.

"They see themselves as visitors on this campus," he said. "They figure, 'I come from a labor camp next to a dump site. I don't belong, and I'm leaving soon.'".

A state lawmaker this year tried to change the 50-mile rule, but the bill died in committee.

For Claudia, the cycle continues. Her labor camp is less than an hour drive south of Silicon Valley, where in the past 50 years the region has transitioned from lush orchards and vegetable fields to a global technology hub.

"This is a largely invisible population,

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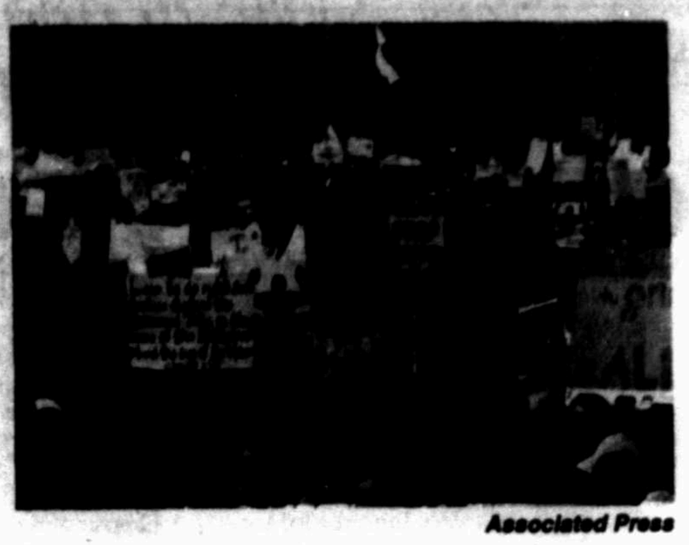
'Stand with us': Thousands protest police killings

By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of protesters marched across the country Saturday — past the White House in the nation's capital, along iconic Fifth Avenue in New York and in front of Boston's Statehouse — to call attention to the deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of police and urge lawmakers to take action.

Chanting "I can't breathe!" "Hands up, don't shoot!" and waving signs reading "Black lives matter!" the demonstrators also staged "die-ins" as they lay down across intersections and in one city briefly scuffled with police blocking an onramp to an Interstate.



Associated Press

Demonstrators march on Pennsylvania Avenue toward Capitol Hill in Washington, Saturday, during the Justice for All rally.

"My husband was a quiet man, but he's making a lot of noise right now," said Washington protest marcher Esaw Garner, widow of Eric Garner, 43, who died in July after being put in a chokehold by New York City police during an arrest for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

"His voice will be heard. I have five children in this world and we are fighting not just for him but for everybody's future, for everybody's past, for everybody's present, and we need to make it strong."

Organizers had predicted 5,000 people at the Washington march, but the crowd appeared to far outnumber that. They later said they believed as many as 25,000 had shown up. It was not possible to verify the numbers; Washington police do not release crowd estimates.

Garner's mother, Gwen Carr, called the demonstrations a "history-making moment."

"It's just so overwhelming to see all who have come to stand with us today," she said. "I mean, look at the masses. Black, white, all races, all religions. ... We need to stand like this at all times."

Joining the Garners in Washington were speakers from the family of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old killed in Ohio as he played with a pellet gun in a park, and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize the marches.

"Members of Congress, beware we're serious," Sharpton said. "When you get a ring-ding on Christmas, it might not be Santa; it may be Rev. Al coming to your house."

Several speakers asked the crowd to chant, "I can't breathe." Garner, 43, had gasped those words before his death. Some protesters also wore those words on shirts. Other speakers called for a chant of "Hands up, don't shoot," and protesters also waved signs reading "Black Lives Matter!"

Just before the crowd marched to the Capitol, the rallying was interrupted briefly by more than a dozen protesters who took the stage with a bullhorn. They announced that they were from the St. Louis area and

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CHILDREN

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but we all should care a whole lot about this," said Stanford University Professor Amado Padilla, who studies immigration. "Kids who don't finish school end up being a burden on society. On the flip side, kids who are well-educated end up being the caregivers both personally and economically of the older generation."

California has 24 seasonal farmworker centers, 1,900 apartments all together, run by the state's Office of Migrant Housing. The program dates to the 1930s, when the federal government opened migrant labor camps for Dust Bowl refugees.

The idea behind the 50-mile rule was to provide seasonal housing for families who come to an area to work only during picking season.

State officials say that despite a sharp drop-off in the past decade of migrating farmworker families, the seasonal housing should not be occupied year-round and hence unavailable for the next season's pickers and planters.

"We are not aware of members of families being in jams or having a problem with having to move away," said Guerdon Stuckey, an assistant deputy director at the state Department of Housing and Community Development. He said some families move from crop to crop and are not looking for permanent housing.

"We've met several of these farmworkers, and on the contrary, they're not only aware of the many affordable housing options, they enjoy this lifestyle," he said.

Claudia's family lives in a complex of 50 flimsy — Styrofoam and plywood — prefabricated duplexes built in the late 1960s. Her bedroom window overlooks a small valley, a county jail and a dump. The rent of about $350 a month is still a lot for Claudia's dad Juan Morales, who made $9.50 an hour planting strawberry root stocks in November.

Morales — in a large straw hat — joked with nearby planters, all bent at the waist, as loud music blared over the field. But he got serious when asked if Claudia, her brother Jose, 7, and sister Maria, 16, will ever join him. Legally they can start picking at 13.

"I want them to get a good education, I don't want them working here," he said.

"They take the pain for us," Claudia said of her parents' labors.

Claudia started school each fall riding a school bus with other labor camp kids to Aptos Junior High, a buzzing school splashed with murals in a largely affluent community. After Thanksgiving, she moved to Palo Verde Union School in Tulare, a newer campus in a low-income community.

In the labor camp, Claudia knew just about everybody. "I can walk around with my eyes closed." In Tulare, her family shares one room of a mobile home in a gang-ridden neighborhood. Claudia does not go out at night, but she likes it there. She has her own bed near the television where they watch her beloved telenovelas, Spanish language soap operas.

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Arrogance of liberal elites goes on display

■ Progressive elites, like Gruber, believe people are stupid and must be managed in the public interest

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Jonathan Gruber — the source of more smoking guns than the battle of Gettysburg — recently appeared before a hostile House committee. The good professor, you might recall, is an MIT economist who played a significant (and paid) role in producing and defending the Affordable Care Act. He also later admitted, in an astonishing variety of settings, that the law was written in a "tortured way" to hide tax increases and other flaws. "Lack of transparency," he cheerfully conceded, "is a huge political advantage. And basically, call it the stupidity of the American voter or whatever, but basically that was really, really critical to getting the thing to pass."

At the hearing, some Republicans seemed oddly focused on Gruber's profit motive, as though a real scandal must involve venality. Democrats attempted to salvage the credibility of Obamacare by throwing the witness to the wolves. Rep. Elijah Cummings declared Gruber's past statements "disrespectful," "insulting, "stupid" and "absolutely stupid."

But the problem for Democrats is that Gruber is not stupid. By all accounts, he is knowledgeable, candid and willing, on occasion, to criticize the Obama administration — an advocate for Obamacare without being a shill. But he is perfectly representative of a certain approach to politics that is common in academic circles, influential in modern liberalism and destructive to the Democratic Party.

"My own inexcusable arrogance," Gruber told the committee, "is not a flaw in the Affordable Care Act." Oh, yes it is.

Many academic liberals have fully internalized the "What's the Matter with Kansas?" theory, given vivid expression by Thomas Frank. In its simplified version (and there is seldom any other kind), this is the argument that people who are suffering from economic inequality should naturally vote Democratic. But they often get distracted by the shiny objects of the culture war and tricked into resentment against liberal elites.

It's a very short step from this belief to its more muscular corollary: Liberal elites (through liberal politicians) should constructively mislead Americans. The task of actual persuasion is pretty nigh hopeless, given the unfortunate "stupidity of the American voter or whatever." So the people must be given what they need, even if they don't actually want it.

This involves a very high regard for policy experts, and a very low opinion of the political profession. Gruber clearly views his own world of policy as a place of idealism and integrity. Politics, in contrast, is a realm where "lack of transparency" and "mislabeling" are sad necessities to persuade low-information voters to pursue their own interests. Purposely employing such tactics in an academic paper, for example, would be a scandal (and presumably a firing offense) at MIT. But liberal academics expect politicians to have greater cunning and lower standards. In fact, academics depend upon the rougher talents of politicians to turn their ideas into reality.

Politics, in this view, is the grubby business of winning in order to put the proper technocrats in charge of large, complex systems. This assumes that academic and bureaucratic elites know how to run the world. It also relegates politicians to the job of doing their blocking and tackling, even if involves deception. The moral goal justifies it all. "Look," said Gruber, "I wish ... we could make it all transparent, but I'd rather have this law than not."

This reflects a deeper tension within progressivism — working itself out for over a century — between a belief in democracy and a faith in expertise. Progressives originally assumed the people would choose to be ruled by experts — that more direct democracy would lead to more professional administration. But that now seems politically naive. So progressive elites are left believing that the people are stupid and must be managed, like everything else, in the public interest.

The success of this kind of progressivism depends on not being too obvious about it. Which is where Obamacare has utterly failed. With its self-evidently false promises — you can keep your current health care plan — and its public displays of incompetence, the system has become a symbol of progressive arrogance. This perception has helped spark a massive, sustained populist reaction, contributing to dramatic GOP gains in Congress and state legislatures.

This does not mean that Obamacare will be easily undone. But it does provide conservatives an opportunity to present a different, more idealistic vision of government: one that enables and empowers, not misleads and controls.

OUR VIEW

Don't forget Midland's nonprofits when making your Christmas list

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This year has been good for many. It was another year that brought more people to Midland's workforce. It will go down as the year when our government collected record-high tax revenue. It also will go down in the history books as the year when oil prices again eclipsed $100 a barrel.

We know the year will not end on such a good note, and predictors indicate that 2015 will not provide much of a bounce back. We will wait for local oil industry leaders to address 2015 before we make our plans official. Still, we ask our readers that when they make that Christmas list they keep in mind their favorite nonprofits or those they believe are most deserving.

Barring an unexpected rebound, 2015 will provide a challenge for local nonprofits. Their needs may be just as great, but their donations are sure to take a hit. We hope that nonprofits have done their due diligence and have built up suitable savings for a rainy day. Those that can boast adequate reserves will have a leg up. Still, every little bit will help.

With so many nonprofits, we hope you can provide one with an extra Christmas gift. Show the next generation in your family what it means to give this Christmas season by giving a donation in their name. If you don't know where your money should go, ask leadership at your church or at the United Way.

We are proud to be the paper of record in one of the most generous communities in the state and nation. That philanthropic spirit goes back generations, and we expect it to remain in our collective DNA for decades to come. It is part of who we are, no matter the time of year.

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CIA report is Feinstein's travesty

■ The contention that we would have been fine without CIA tactics is liberals' revisionist history

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The Senate Intelligence Committee spent roughly $50 million on its investigation into the CIA and apparently couldn't find Michael Hayden's phone number.

The committee portrays Gen. Hayden, the former CIA director, as a liar who deceived Congress about the agency's interrogation program, yet the committee couldn't be bothered to interview him.

That's because the committee, led by California Democrat Dianne Feinstein, didn't bother to interview anyone. The committee didn't want to include anything that might significantly complicate its cartoonish depiction of a CIA that misled everyone so it could maintain a secret prison system for the hell of it.

The Feinstein report scores some points. It makes plain that the CIA program wasn't adequately controlled, especially at the beginning, that it went too far, and that the agency became too invested in defending it.

But the thrust of the report is devoted to the proposition that torture, or harsh interrogation, never works. This is important to critics of the CIA program because they are almost never willing to say that torture is wrong and that we should never do it — even if it sometimes works and potentially saves lives. They lack the moral conviction to make their case solely on principle.

Even though its executive summary runs more than 500 pages, the report lacks basic context, specifically an account of the post-Sept. 11 environment in which nearly everyone expected another attack and wanted to do everything possible to avoid it. This is why the likes of the impeccably liberal Jay Rockefeller, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, could say after we captured Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in 2003 that we should be "very, very tough with him."

The interrogation program was born against this backdrop. No one was saying of KSM, "Let's give him some dates and olives and hope, once he finds out what nice people we are, he spills his guts and gives up Osama bin Laden's location."

The harsh methods that the CIA adopted don't, in isolation, shock the conscience. There's nothing, for instance, about throwing someone up against a flexible wall, grabbing and shaking him, keeping him in a tight space or slapping him that is clearly out of bounds.

It is cumulatively, over an extended period — as with Abu Zubaydah, who was put through the ringer for two weeks — that the methods take on a different complexion. Reasonable people can disagree about whether we went over the line of what we should do to anyone in any circumstance. But in making a totalist case against the CIA program, the Feinstein report implausibly asserts that it had no benefits whatsoever.

It points out, as though it settles something, that terrorists lied when they were subjected to coercive interrogations. Of course, terrorists also lied when they weren't subjected to coercive interrogations. The standard shouldn't be if the CIA program produced 100 percent truthfulness, but whether it produced intelligence that otherwise wouldn't have been available as quickly or at all.

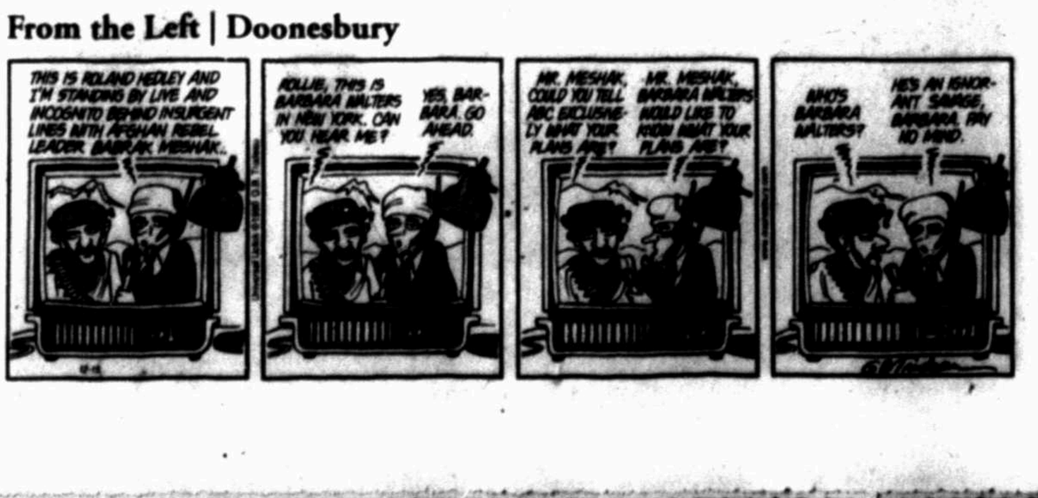
The Feinstein report insists that the harsh interrogation of Abu Zubaydah didn't help lead to the capture of KSM. The Republican counterreport notes, "There is considerable evidence that the information Abu Zubaydah provided identifying KSM as 'Mukhtar' and the mastermind of 9/11 was significant to CIA analysts, operators, and FBI interrogators."

The Feinstein report pooh-poohs the notion that the interrogations helped put the CIA onto bin Laden's courier, in part because the agency had information about him prior to its interrogations. But the interrogations highlighted the importance of the information already in the CIA's possession.

The overall contention of the report is that we would have been just fine and achieved the same results in the war on terror with less information, rather than more. Not only does that defy common sense, it is a bet no one would have been willing to make in 2002.

Nor would anyone have guessed 10 years ago that it would be considered more in keeping with American values to assassinate people from drones rather than capture them and ask them questions under duress.

From the Left | Doonesbury



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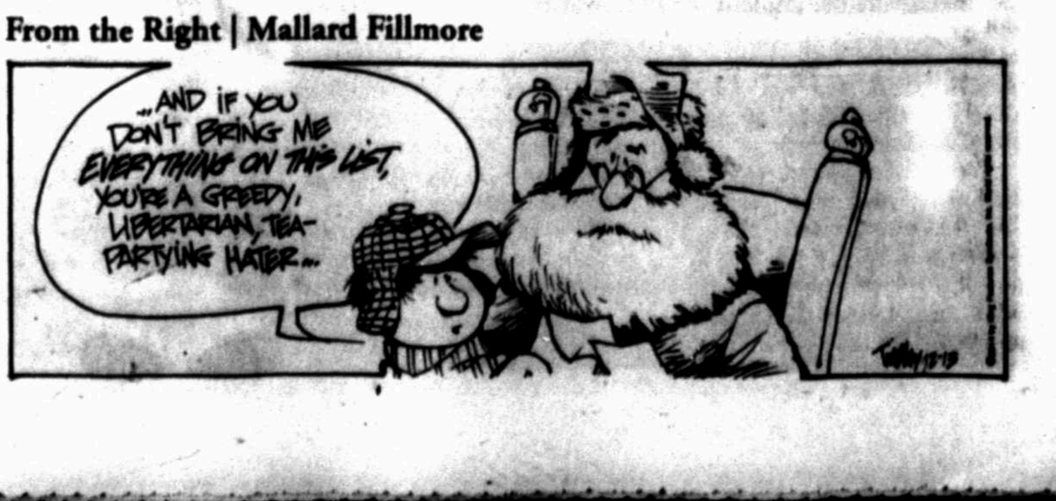

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council should renovate buildings

I read with interest your three articles on potential development of the three buildings downtown. As a longtime Midlander, I am saddened to see these buildings vacant for as long as they have been. Needless to say, the boom in our economy has sparked interest in the renovation of these buildings.

I would support the City Council taking the opportunity to help bring these buildings back to life, especially if it means there will be more parking downtown.

Mary Smith

Elevating tracks could solve traffic problem

My message concerns the traffic problem at the intersection of Garfield Street where it crosses the railroad track. With the extension of Garfield out to Interstate 20, the traffic has multiplied many times over.

Here is my suggestion (though how likely it is to come about, I don't know):

Encourage the Department of Transportation to approach the railroad with a proposal to elevate the railroad tracks in order to make possible a street level underpass for vehicular traffic. The railroad, in its present configuration, does not have any turn outs (switches) within 800 feet in either direction (which would complicate this proposal), and I have heard that a railroad can easily negotiate a 4 percent grade either up or down. Further, a street-level underpass does not catch water (if and whenever it rains), and the businesses on all corners of both Front Street and Industrial Avenue would not be hampered or affected in any way.

If anyone wonders if this program has been done in the past, they need only travel to Abilene and observe how this was done with the railroad there. As traffic increases, the situation, if unchanged, can only get worse rather than better.

Certainly, we are talking about spending tax dollars, but from a cost standpoint, what difference does it make if the money is going to be spent one way or another and one way might be vastly better than another?

Charles "Chuck" Neely

Hotel project is about 'social engineering'

The Dec. 7 Reporter-Telegram quoted that this Santa Rita hotel is not as offensive as the "tower" and the developers were less arrogant; however, in no way do I support this project. Why? These developers stated that they are mostly from Midland and their project was for Midlanders, yet they consistently, along with others, spoke of wanting more people to live downtown (not us), transforming Midland (urban) and having a place to attract visitors, not Midlanders, to stay longer (for sales, not quality of life). Their project is about social engineering to attract more buildings and more people for money who have no appreciation for our community just like the "tower" project. What average Midlander is going to use this "epicurean," hedonistic, expensive facility or want to deal with increased crime and traffic downtown? By the way, this exorbitant "park," along with the parking that we will again pay parking fees for, is still going to cost us millions.

Instead of making a $100 million hotel for Kardashian transients that references Midland's history in a commercial manner and promotes more change downtown that we did not vote for, why not make a fantastic museum from the old courthouse for much less money that truly reflects Midland's history and former people with a nice restaurant for Midlanders to use?

By the way, why does the 13-story Vaughn building require $13 million to remodel but the courthouse was estimated at $25 million? They want to turn downtown into something for non-Midlanders, not us.

At this "public" meeting, where the city claimed that they were looking for our input on this project, I was blocked by many — including so-called "representative" Scott Dufford — several times from making my major points of the negativity of urban living (see www.voiceofmidland.com) and why the city does not fix our serious problems rather than promoting commerce. Why?

I love Midland and principles and values more than money. Never once did a City Council member support my right. My First Amendment right was blocked. How commercial, not conservative. Do you feel we are represented by our local government? Solution?

Joel T. Rogers

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram was at the meeting and witnessed Rogers being given time to make points and ask questions about the project.

Help! my kids are lost in videoland!

■ Today's Xbox worlds aren't anything like what we had as kids

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Last week, my eighth-grader engaged in World War I-style trench warfare. It involved students in his classroom arrayed in ranks and at great many wadded paper balls. My school-hating son called it his best class *ever*.

In his mind, it's just too bad that every day can't involve something as fun. He's like far too many kids today who believe school is boooring. A slog through snatches of books, subjects and skills is broken only by breaks in which friends can be visited and texts sent.

It is a daylong interruption to iPhones, YouTube, the Xbox, Netflix binge-watching and social media.

I say this not as an ex-teacher who has watched the gamification of knowledge-building take over the skills of focus and effort, or as the wife of a high-school teacher who has seen smartphones go from being banned for their distraction quotient to being allowed anywhere, anytime — to the point that even the teachers text during class.

My concerned observation is from the viewpoint of a mom who never allowed broadcast or cable TV to be watched at home (VHS tapes and DVDs had a beginning and end, and were under my strict control) but eventually succumbed to begging and bargaining with good behavior to become the very reluctant owner of an Xbox.

Four years later, I rue the Christmas that I convinced myself that with the right balance, my sons could enjoy their video games but maintain a realistic vision of regular life — as I did when I was their age.

But no. They've joined their contemporaries in believing that IRL ("in real life") the day-to-day grind is tedious and — as my 18-year-old nephew described it to me recently, explaining why he quit his first real job and moved back to the comfort of his parents' home — mundane.

Those of us of a certain age — for whom "Pac-Man," "Galaga" and "Super Mario Bros." were not a truly larger-than-life, multidimensional immersive and social experience — always knew that school was work and, with the exception of a few special occasions, everyday life was a little on the dull side.

For many of our youth, this world doesn't exist. Until you've put on a pair of headphones, grabbed your controller and strolled through the beautifully scored, eye-popping landscape of "Skyrim" for hours and hours that passed like minutes, you don't can't get it.

If you've never been engaged in a highly addictive three-dimensional lifelike murder mystery such as "L.A. Noire" or driven shiny, drop-dead gorgeous race cars across some of the world's most storied autovistas with the feel of the engine rumbling in your hands and the sound of air whooshing past your face, you might not understand the appeal.

I have intentionally kept myself from falling into the rabbit hole with Benjamin Franklin in "Assassin's Creed III," a game set in colonial America during the Revolution. I could immerse myself in an open world that would bring me into direct contact with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Samuel Adams for hours and hours at a time.

But what responsible, employed adult with a family to care for has time for that?

Our kids, though, live in those enhanced worlds with their real-life friends when not "burdened" by school. And so many of them come away with little tolerance for the, yes, mundane realities of life.

I love video games — I'm hoping to spend much of my retirement with some sort of video-game console, so this is not a rant against them. And "Tetris" (my go-to favorite) is likelier than "Call of Duty" to make you feel violent. But I'm worried.

There's a big difference between the video-game world our kids have grown up in and adults who played many hours of Atari or Nintendo but still spent most of their time learning how to read, learn and study without any interactive, multimedia tech.

Teens today are playing in better-than-real worlds where you're invincible and can make money with little effort — and being taught by teachers who have exhausted themselves desperately trying to entertain them into learning.

What hath we wrought?

If you're the parent of a totally obsessed video gamer who is now a successful young adult, drop me a line. I'd love to have some success stories to share — and to help me sleep at night.

Property tax reform is noble, but answers aren't always easy

Houston Chronicle

■ GUEST VIEW

Incoming Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is headed to Austin with a plan in his pocket to attack rising property taxes. Gov.-elect Greg Abbott also has discussed "looking at ways that we can try to provide some level of tax relief."

Incoming state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, the Houston Republican who spent a decade as Harris County tax assessor-collector before winning the seat Patrick left, also has hopped aboard the property-tax bandwagon. He's pre-filed a bill to lower the tax-increase requirement for a rollback election on property taxes if they increase by 4 percent from the previous year. (The current requirement is 8 percent.) Although counties in the Houston area saw rising values in the last couple of years, many elected boards have not lowered tax rates, as Bettencourt is quick to point out.

The Houston state senator-elect and his fellow property-tax reformers are sure to find allies, not only in the Legislature but also in coffee shops, cafes and living rooms across the state, where grumbling about rising assessments is as ubiquitous as talk about Cowboys and Texans. Unfortunately, fixing the problem is not quite as easy as it sounds, as Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert points out. "The devil is in the details," he told the Chronicle recently.

Those details worry Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. "If you lower property taxes, someone is going to have to tell counties like Harris what services you don't want anymore, because we're barely funding our mandated duties as is," he told the Chronicle.

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, was more specific in a column for the Texas Tribune. Watson noted that state budget writers in 2013 relied on nearly $3 billion from local school property taxes to cover a portion of the state's obligation to public education and then, he wrote, they "deflect the blame for higher taxes onto cities and counties. They righteously call for tax reform, offering holier-than-thou proposals that seek to tie the hands of locally elected officials by limiting their ability to raise tax rates each year."

The state doesn't levy property taxes, Watson wrote, and it is "arrogant and undemocratic" to "demonize" local officials.

The Austin Democrat noted that the $15,000 school tax homestead exemption was enacted in 1997 when the average Texas home was valued at $66,000. It hasn't been raised since, even though home appraisal values have more than doubled. He maintains that raising the exemption to $25,000 would lower the homeowner's tax bill without sacrificing essential services.

Watson's proposal suggests that it's possible to provide tax relief to Texas homeowners without tying the hands of elected officials charged with addressing the needs of cities and counties. It's certainly worth considering.

We welcome the property-tax debate, but lawmakers serious about reform will find that easy answers aren't always the best answers.

Clinton sizes up her challenge in 2016

■ Potential presidential candidate has trio of imperatives to consider before running

CARL P. LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

When Hillary Clinton spoke recently at Georgetown University, 700-seat Gaston Hall was only half full, with far fewer people than heard her there last year and hardly worthy of a presidential front-runner.

University officials cited an overflow crowd for her four weeks earlier, noting students were cramming for finals and the late announcement of this appearance as reasons, rather than disinterest.

But that didn't prevent Republicans — as well as pundits and reporters eager to judge a candidacy not yet announced and a campaign not yet launched — from deriding the event and tweeting pictures of empty seats.

Her appearance, Dana Milbank of the Washington Post wrote, had "a faint but unmistakable whiff of indifference." Crowed Britain's conservative Daily Mail: "This is at least the second time in recent weeks that Clinton has been unable to pack a room during an appearance."

Criticism of other recent appearances has been equally pointed.

"Clinton's paid speeches, and the trappings around them, run the risk of making her appear out of touch," wrote The Hill's Peter Sullivan.

Besides preventing more such stories, there seems little reason for Clinton to speed a formal announcement of her 2016 plans unless she decides to shock everyone by not running.

After all, prospective presidential candidates have only three main reasons to make formal announcements this early: to start compiling a war chest after the first allowable date, Jan. 1, 2015; to enhance their name recognition; or to get a head start on prospective rivals.

But Clinton will have no difficulty doing the first, she already has 91 percent name recognition according to the Gallup Poll, and will inherit a ready-made campaign organization from the "Waiting for Hillary" organizers. Among other things, they say they have already created a campaign cadre in all 99 Iowa counties, where the formal nominating process begins in 14 months.

She's not an obscure long shot like Jimmy Carter who, 40 years ago this week, launched his 1976 bid, or former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, who recently announced he is running.

And if she began to present the rationale for her candidacy now, she'd risk being accused of "same old, same old" when she unveils her candidacy next year. The relevance and significance of her campaign raison d'etre will be a valid subject for speculation — and criticism.

But the time to present it is when Americans start to focus on 2016, rather than now in her $250,000 appearances.

If presenting the rationale for her candidacy and goal for her presidency will be her first imperative, the second will be to select a campaign management of professionals familiar with the complex nominating process, a failing in 2008 that some blame for her defeat.

She'll also need to avoid wrapping herself in a cloak of inevitability that displays her campaign as the second coming, rather than reaching out to the voters she hopes to enlist.

And she needs to modulate the role of husband Bill Clinton, who often — with the best of motives — goes off script. While that's probably inevitable, the more it can be controlled, the better.

Item No. 3 on her to-do list is more specific: figuring out how to win the kick-off Iowa caucuses without her success being downgraded as less than expected.

Frankly, Iowa is potential political quicksand for her — and possibly the main threat to her nomination. Its Democrats are more dovish than the overall party, and the Clintons lack deep roots, an outgrowth of the way retiring Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin's 1992 candidacy prevented a caucus campaign there when Bill Clinton ran for president.

Inevitably, she'll have to defend again her 2002 vote to authorize President George W. Bush to intervene in Iraq. A guerrilla opponent like Webb is ideally suited to push that issue in Iowa and try to keep Clinton from meeting the exaggerated expectations her current high poll standings have created. The Des Moines Register's Iowa Poll in October showed her the first choice of 53 percent of Iowa Democrats with a favorable rating of 76 percent.

But those three imperatives don't require her to rush into the race until she is ready. They do require her to avoid mistakes she made eight years ago, lest the ready army of Clinton critics pounce when it really matters.

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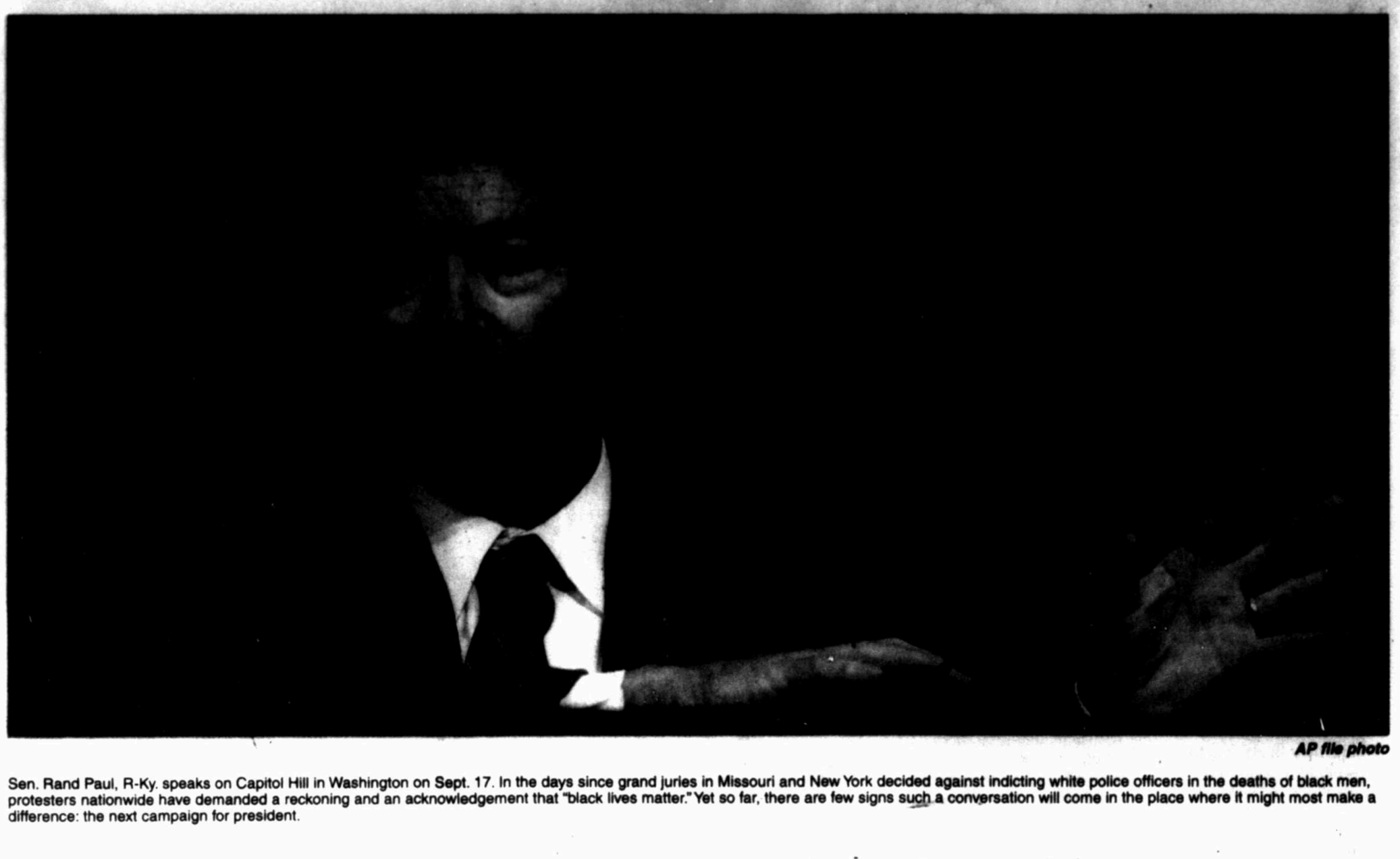

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Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. speaks on Capitol Hill in Washington on Sept. 17. In the days since grand juries in Missouri and New York decided against indicting white police officers in the deaths of black men, protesters nationwide have demanded a reckoning and an acknowledgement that "black lives matter." Yet so far, there are few signs such a conversation will come in the place where it might most make a difference: the next campaign for president.

2016 contenders quiet on police shootings protests

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Since grand juries in Missouri and New York declined to indict white police officers in the deaths of two black men, protesters nationwide have demanded a reckoning and an acknowledgement that "black lives matter."

Yet so far, there are few signs such a conversation will come in a place where it might most make a difference — the next campaign for president.

Most of the current White House prospects have avoided speaking in depth or detail about the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner.

From those who have, it has been only brief, measured responses about a criminal justice system that many African-Americans view as stacked against them.

Republican Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, a former U.S. attorney, said he would not second guess a grand jury.

GOP Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who recently visited Ferguson, Missouri, and has begun to court black voters, blamed Garner's death on the politicians behind New York's high cigarette taxes.

The presumed leading Democrat, Hillary Rodham Clinton, said the families and communities deserved a "full and fair accounting."

"We have allowed our criminal justice system to get out of balance," Clinton said. "And I personally hope that these tragedies give us the opportunity to come together as a nation to find our balance again."

Clinton and her potential challengers have not set forth a course to do that. They have given no indication they might join in protests that have reached into popular culture, with NBA and NFL players participating.

"Both parties are reluctant to bring up race in an explicit way unless they're forced to," said Karthick Ramakrishnan, a University of California political science professor and editor of the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.

Jesse Jackson did make civil rights a central theme of his bids for the Democratic nomination in the 1980s. Fellow Democrats Bill Clinton and Barack Obama gave major speeches on race during their campaigns.

But not since John F. Kennedy and his successor, Lyndon Johnson, has a party nominee cited civil rights as a reason why voters should elect him.

That's largely because today's political leaders see more risk than reward in tackling race, Ramakrishnan said. It is easier to accept a system in which Democrats expect to win vast majority of the African-American vote and Republicans do little to engage black voters for fear the GOP will alienate other parts of the party's base, he said.

Democratic presidential candidates have won no less than 70 percent of the black vote since Kennedy in 1960. Obama, the first black president, won 95 percent and 93 percent of the black vote in 2008 and 2012 respectively, according to exit polls.

The African-American vote isn't "in play the same way other swing electorates might be in play," Ramakrishnan said.

The political rewards are elusive, but the risks are real. The few conservatives who have weighed in on the issue in some depth and done so in a way that sided with police have drawn scathing criticism from black leaders.

New York Republican Rep. Peter King, who has been teasing a 2016 presidential run, focused on Garner's obesity as a contributing factor to his death, which happened after Garner was placed in a chokehold by a police officer.

Another potential Republican contender in 2016, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, charged that Obama was wrong to meet with "thugs" and "mob members" involved in the protests in Ferguson.

"I think that those type of statements are despicable," said the Urban League's president, Marc Morial. "It demonstrates a lack of sensitivity to humanity."

Morial and other African-American leaders said they also overwrite the positive signs that black voters see from Republicans such as Paul and Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry has criticized mandatory minimum prison sentences and encouraged alternatives to incarceration for drug offenders, which are among the criminal justice reforms supported by black leaders.

"Right now, Republicans seem genuinely conflicted," said Benjamin Jealous, the former head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "You'll see somebody do something hopeful, and then you see them revert."

Which isn't to say Democrats are doing much better, they argue.

Jealous points to Clinton and her record on sentencing reform, which he characterized as weak. "That's the opportunity ultimately for somebody like Rand Paul," Jealous said.

While the protests create a sense that a window has opened for, as Clinton put it, the "nation to come together," the differences in public opinion don't suggest an easy way forward.

Polls show little agreement among Americans about whether the grand juries made the right decision in the Brown and Garner cases, how much race was a factor and the degree to which relations between police and people of color can improve.

Without a clear road map, said Carol Swain, a professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University, it's unlikely any presidential candidate will choose to engage the nation in such a conversation as the 2016 election season begins.

"Both political parties should have an interest in this," Swain said. "But for decades, no one has known what to say or do."

PROTEST

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demanded to speak.

"This movement was started by the young people," said Johnetta Elzie, who ultimately was allowed by rally organizers to speak.

Organizers called the interruption unnecessarily divisive. But some in the Missouri group, mostly in their 20s, said they were disappointed and found the rally staid and ineffective.

"I thought there was going to be actions, not a show. This is a show," Elzie said.

Protests — some violent — have occurred around the nation since grand juries last month declined to indict the officers involved in the deaths of Brown and Garner. Before the crowd started marching, Sharpton directed, "Don't let no provocateurs get you out of line. ... We are not here to play big shot. We are here to win."

Washington, D.C., and U.S. Park Police said they had made no arrests in the capital protests. In Boston, however, about two dozen people were arrested for disorderly conduct after scuffling with officers blocking an Interstate 93 onramp near the Nashua Street Jail.

The noisy march through the heart of Manhattan swelled to at least 25,000 people, police said. It snarled traffic but remained peaceful, with no arrests reported by late afternoon.

Among the large crowds were family members of people killed by New York City police going back decades.

Donna Carter, 54, marched with her boyfriend, whose teenage son was shot and killed by police in the 1990s while carrying a toy gun.

"It's good to see people of all colors here to say enough is enough," said Carter, who's black. "I'm a parent and every child that's killed feels like my child."

Others were there to show their outrage, including Rich Alexandro, 47, who carried a handmade sign with dozens of names of victims of police killings in which officers were never charged.

"It just seems like the cops are Teflon," Alexandro said. "There's no justice."

On the eve of Saturday's nationwide protests, demonstrators in Nashville, Tennessee, staged "die-ins" in the country music capital's honky-tonk district and another in The Gulch, home to new upscale condominiums and restaurants, The Tennessean reported.

The Friday night protest started with a candlelight vigil outside the Metro Nashville Police Department, growing to about 150 people as it moved to Lower Broadway, where the "Black Lives Matter" chant mixed with the music spilling out of the honky-tonks. Tourists on the sidewalks snapped photos as the demonstrators lay down in the street.

Politicians and others have talked about the need for better police training, body cameras and changes in the grand jury process to restore faith in the legal system.

Terry Baisden, 52, of Baltimore said she is "hopeful change is coming" and that the movement is not part of a fleeting flash of anger.

She said she hasn't protested before but felt compelled to because "changes in action, changes in belief, happen in numbers."

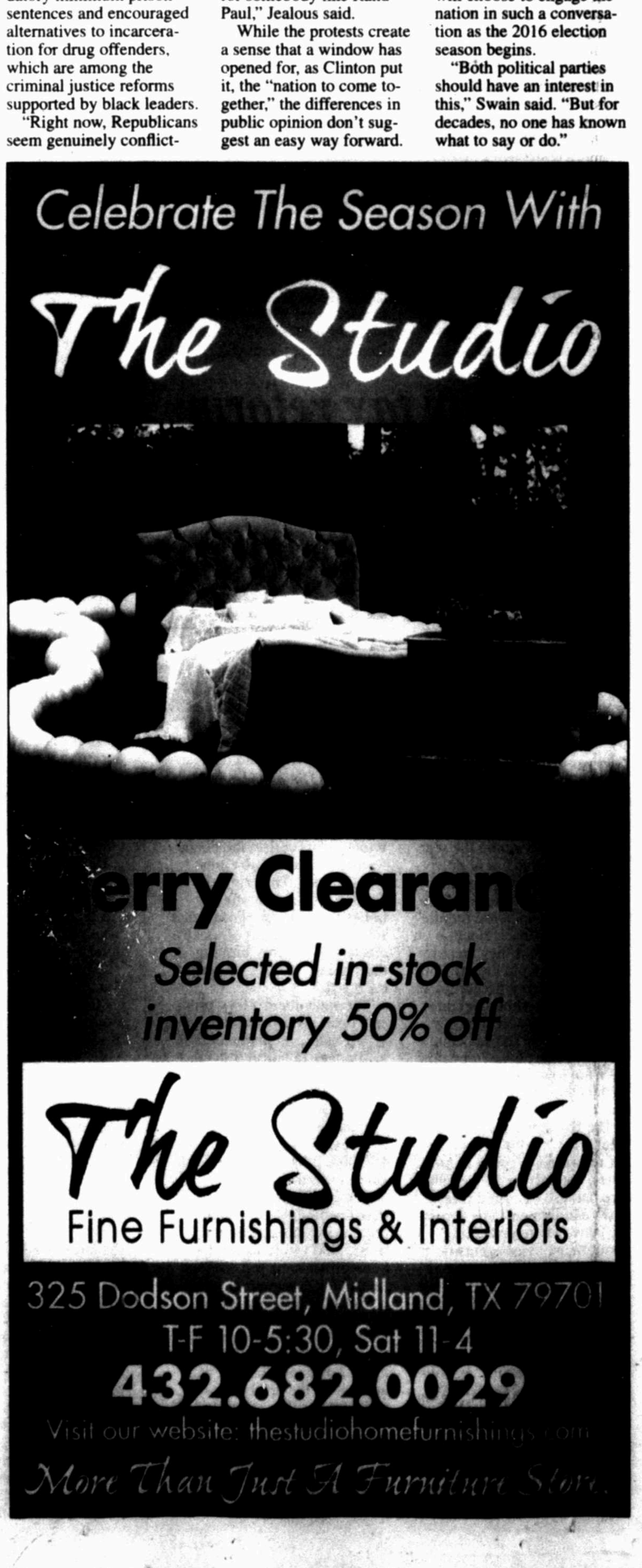
Sheryce Holloway, a recent graduate from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, attended a smaller gathering outside Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in Washington ahead of the main rally. She said she also has been participating in protests at her alma mater.

Holloway said the goal of the protests is "ending blue-on-black crime."

"Black lives do matter."

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier said the Washington march was peaceful. She mingled with the crowd and said she wanted to show solidarity with the marchers.

"This is one of the most well-organized events I've seen," Lanier said.



Passengers, airlines can't afford late 1st flight

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — For years, Southwest was the most punctual of big U.S. airlines, so its tumble toward the bottom of government rankings for on-time arrivals was stunning.

Southwest officials needed to fix an ill-fated decision to squeeze more flights into the schedule. This summer, they backed off by allowing more time between flights. And they told employees that the first flight of the day on every route had to leave on time.

"If you're late out of the driveway in the morning, you're probably going to be a little bit late to work," says Steve Hozdulick, Southwest's senior director of operational performance. "You're going to hit the two traffic lights that you never hit."

In the airline world, delays build as the day wears on. This summer, for example, airlines were on-time around 85 percent or better until midmorning. By midafternoon, the rate dropped into the low 70s, then plunged into the 60s by dinner time.

Delays are costly for airlines and their passengers. A 2010 study commissioned by the Federal Aviation Administration estimated that flight delays cost the airline industry $8 billion a year, much of it due to increased spending on crews, fuel and maintenance. Delays cost passengers even more — nearly $17 billion.

In the first nine months of the year, more than 1 million U.S. airline flights arrived late — about one in five. Tardiness creates other problems including missed connections, lost bags and short tempers among frustrated travelers.

On a freezing morning recently at Dallas Love Field, Southwest supervisors showed up at 4 a.m., two hours before the first flights. They'll assign two or more bag handlers to each flight.

The last bag should be on the plane and the bin doors closed five minutes before scheduled departure, said Dave Obeso, a Southwest ramp supervisor.

The pilots for Flight 454 to Phoenix inspected their Boeing 737 in the dark. Workers called "ops agents" calculated load weight and balance and completed paperwork. A fueler gassed up the jet. Inside the terminal, agents at Gate 12 started boarding the 136 passengers — they're supposed to close the aircraft door five minutes before scheduled departure.

And then, a snag. A broken communications radio. A replacement was ordered and installed, a tug pushed the plane back from the gate, and the pilots taxied into position for takeoff. But the damage had been done.

Flight 454 left 29 minutes behind schedule and arrived in Phoenix 34 minutes late. Southwest's control center relayed word of the delay to Phoenix employees, who "turned" the aircraft faster than normal before its next flight. Still, the plane remained nine to 28 minutes behind schedule for the remaining four flights of the day, according to the tracking service FlightAware.com.

As recently as 2009, Southwest led the big airlines in on-time arrivals, which the government defines as within 14 minutes of schedule. Southwest tumbled to last among the largest five carriers in 2013 and much of 2014 but topped American and United in October, according to figures released Wednesday.

Delta went from worst to first among the biggest airlines in 2011 and has stayed there ever since. Dave Holtz, senior vice president of operations, credited schedule changes, monthly bonuses of up to $100 per employee for hitting on-time and other goals, and the rote, repeatable task of sticking to a minute-by-minute pre-departure checklist. Delays early in the day are particularly problematic.

"The key is to not let yourself fall behind," Holtz says. "Keep this thing churning on time for as long as possible because there's a deteriorating effect on your entire system once it starts to go."

Many travelers assume that airlines have plenty of spare planes. But Southwest uses about 600 planes on an average day and keeps just a dozen or so in reserve at big airports.

Airlines can boost their on-time grade by loosening or padding the schedule — allowing more time between takeoff and arrival. Southwest has done that, especially at bigger airports.

But padding has drawbacks. Planes don't fly as much, so they make less money. It drives up labor costs because crews are paid based on scheduled flight times. And it creates the inverse problem — flights that arrive so early that there's no gate available, forcing passengers to stay on the plane after they land.

Travelers may sympathize with airlines when the delay is caused by bad weather. They are less forgiving when they think the airline could have done better.

Paul Jarley, dean of the business school at the University of Central Florida, said his plane sat at the gate in San Diego because of bad weather in Las Vegas. What bothered him, however, was a second delay to replace a bad tire on the landing gear.

"The obvious question was, if the plane was sitting there for 90 minutes, why didn't anybody see the tire?" Jarley said.

Jarley, a frequent business flier who missed an appointment because of the delay, said he doesn't look at airlines' on-time ratings when booking a trip, "but if it happened to me a couple of times, that would make me change carriers."

Michael Baiada, a recently retired United captain whose company, ATH Group, calculates arrival times for Delta, thinks airlines could eliminate most delays themselves if they had more consistent procedures, left early if they knew there were headwinds or other delaying factors looming, and worked harder to catch up when they fall behind schedule.

"Airlines are comfortable with their product being late 30 to 40 percent of the time," Baiada says, using the strict definition of being even one minute late, not the 15-minute cushion. "Would you buy a cellphone that works 60 to 70 percent of the time?"

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Symphony Rader, 4, pulls a bag down the boarding ramp to an early morning originator flight at Love Field in Dallas on Nov. 13. Throughout the airline industry, the first flight of the day sets the tone for keeping the system's flights running on-time.

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A fence closes off the contaminated Love Canal dump site in Niagara Falls, N.Y., in 1978. Most Americans believe that the U.S. should take a leadership role in the global fight against climate change. Three-quarters of Democrats and nearly half of Republicans say the U.S. should lead on global warming, even if other countries don't take action. Those in support of a treaty are split on whether the U.S. should forge ahead with or without approval by the Senate

5 Things to Know from the AP-NORC environment poll

By Dina Cappiello
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and Yale University surveyed 1,578 Americans on a wide range of environmental and energy matters, including global warming. Here are some key findings by category:

International climate regulations

Most Americans believe that the U.S. should take a leadership role in the global fight against climate change. Three-quarters of Democrats and nearly half of Republicans say the U.S. should lead on global warming, even if other countries don't take action. Those in support of a treaty are split on whether the Obama administration should forge ahead with or without approval by the Senate.

Regulating carbon dioxide

Sixty percent of Americans, including nearly three-quarters of Democrats and half of Republicans surveyed, say they favor government regulation of carbon dioxide, the chief greenhouse gas. They did not weigh in on how it should be regulated. President Barack Obama has proposed regulations to limit carbon dioxide for the first time from coal-fired power plants, and has already controlled their emissions from vehicles.

Climate vs. other environmental concerns

Less than half of Americans believe global warming is extremely urgent or serious, putting it near the bottom of a long list of environmental concerns. Unsafe disposal of toxic waste, water and air pollution, loss of tropical rainforests, garbage, and overuse of natural resources all ranked above global warming. Global warming shared the bottom of the list with the use of genetically modified organisms in food and the loss of open space. Of all environmental issues, Republicans and Democrats were most divided on global warming — 64 percent of Democrats said it was serious, but only 27 percent of Republicans agreed. A quarter of all Americans, the largest share of any issue, said global warming wasn't too serious or wasn't serious at all.

Environment vs. Economy

Six in 10 Americans said protecting the environment would "improve economic growth and provide new jobs, while just 15 percent said it would "reduce economic growth and cost jobs." The Obama administration has long argued that environmental regulations and economic recovery are not mutually exclusive, but Republicans have framed more environmental regulation as a job killer that will stymie economic growth.

What pipeline?

Despite protests and political showdowns, at least half the country has no strong opinion on the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The pipeline would carry tar sands oil across the Canadian border to Gulf Coast refineries. Overall, about one-third of Americans favor President Barack Obama approving the pipeline, another third are neutral and 18 percent oppose it. That won't stop Congress from trying to force its approval. Republicans have vowed to bring it up again when they take control of Congress next month.

The AP-NORC Center and Yale University survey of 1,578 adults was conducted online Nov. 20-Dec. 1, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points.

Funding for the survey comes from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science.

Respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail survey methods and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't otherwise have access to the Internet were provided access at no cost to them.

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Morning commuters make their way a cross a city street in the heavy rain near downtown Los Angeles on Friday. Street and freeway flooding snarled morning rush hour traffic and numerous accidents were reported.

Weather porn? Storms take over evening news

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The correspondent most frequently seen on either ABC, CBS or NBC's evening newscasts this year doesn't work out of the White House or some overseas trouble zone. It's Ginger Zee, ABC's chief meteorologist.

Weather is a big element of local news, but a story about the elements once had to be extraordinary to warrant time on a national newscast. Now it's routine, and not everyone considers that a change for the better.

Over the past five years, the newscasts have essentially doubled the amount of time spent on weather and natural disaster stories. The time has more than quadrupled since the early 1990s, said news consultant Andrew Tyndall, who monitors the content of the broadcasts.

ABC's "World News Tonight" leads the way, particularly since David Muir took over as anchor in September.

"The weather is part of the national conversation and it is part of the news cycle," said Almin Karamehmedovic, executive producer of "World News Tonight." "Increasingly, we see it that way. I'm sure the weather is the same as it was 10 years ago, but we see much more of it."

ABC led its Wednesday newscast with the storm that lashed the Northeast with rain and snow, and predictions of a big storm out West. NBC's "Nightly News" led with fallout from the Senate torture report, and the "CBS Evening News" started with poll results on racial attitudes toward law enforcement.

With people following news all day, ABC wants to catch what people are most immediately talking about, Karamehmedovic said. By that point, the torture report had been out more than 24 hours. Muir's fast-paced broadcast has seen some success, winning the November ratings sweeps among young viewers for the first time in 18 years.

During Muir's first three months, ABC spent 150 minutes on weather stories. NBC did 106 minutes and CBS had 69 minutes, Tyndall said. ABC this summer hired Rob Marciano as a second meteorologist.

"If you're trying to be relevant to a local audience, (weather is) as relevant as it gets," said Steve Capus, executive producer of the "CBS Evening News." "But we're not broadcasting to one part of the country."

Capus said he'd rather spend time on more substantial, less flashy, stories.

Still, CBS led its Thursday newscast with the West Coast storm, while ABC opened with the CIA's response to torture allegations.

Smartphones and social media have made video of dramatic weather, crashing waves and whiteouts of snow more readily available than a decade ago. Typhoon Hagupit in the Philippines wasn't as bad as anticipated and struck far from an American audience last weekend, but ABC and CBS both ran storm video Monday evening. The images were arresting.

The concern is that video makes weather stories catnip to producers, irresistible even with limited news value, said Patrick Burkey, "Nightly News" executive producer.

Others use a more blunt term: weather porn. The extra time spent on these stories can't be explained by an increased frequency of or interest in bad weather, and they're rarely used in context of a discussion about climate change, Tyndall said.

Karamehmedovic said ABC's concern is people, not pictures. The network reports on weather stories with wide impact, he said.

Weather disasters are actually becoming more frequent and costly. Between 1988 and 1992, there were 19 weather disasters that caused more than $1 billion in damage, adjusted for inflation. There were 48 between 2009 and 2013, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ABC's second-ranked story Monday was Zee forecasting the East and West Coast storms. Across town, Burkey said the story was debated intensely at NBC's afternoon news meeting: Should the broadcast spend valuable time on weather that hasn't happened yet? NBC settled on a short item read by anchor Brian Williams.

"Weather coverage can drive ratings," Burkey said, but "you have to be careful that you're not covering weather stories that aren't real news every night. It's an easy way to lose the trust of the audience about what is really an important weather story."

Less than 10K still without power in Vermont

By Lisa Rathke
Associated Press

BERLIN, Vt. — Nearly 10,000 customers were still without power in Vermont on Saturday evening, three days after a brutal storm pounded the state with heavy, wet snow and caused the worst outages in years.

Gov. Peter Shumlin and the head of the Vermont Electric Cooperative surveyed power line and tree damage by air as line crews continued to restore service to those still in the dark from outages that, at their peak, affected some 100,000 customers. Restoring power to everyone could take at least the weekend, officials said.

"It was an extremely difficult storm," said Shumlin, who said 7 to 8 inches of snow was visible from the air encasing power lines in some spots. Parts of Vermont received more than a foot of snow Tuesday and Wednesday, including 19.5 inches in Orwell.

The helicopter tour covered Stowe, Starksboro, Richmond and Hinesburg — which Shumlin said was hit hard. Green Mountain Power — the state's largest utility — said the outages are worse than those caused by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 or a serious 1998 ice storm.

More than 1,000 people are working to clear lines, Shumlin said.

And they're enduring tough conditions. One line crew hiked through snowy woods with 80 pounds of equipment to repair a line, which took several hours, only to have to return twice for breaks in similar spots, said GMP spokeswoman Kristin Carlson.

Washington Electric Cooperative had 1,700 members still without power on Saturday and said it would be through the weekend or even longer before the service is restored.

"We are encouraging people to reach out to friends and family with power for shelter," said general manager Patricia Richards. They can also call 211 or the Red Cross if they have need for shelter, officials said.

Utilities reminded Vermonters not to touch any power lines or try to remove trees from them. They hope that sunshine will help to melt some of the snow weighing down trees and lines.

"So Mother Nature just needs to give us a break at this point," said Carlson. "It would great to see some more sunshine and help get the load off of the lines and off the branches so that we can start to see some restoration. But this really ranks up there as one of the worst storms we've ever seen."

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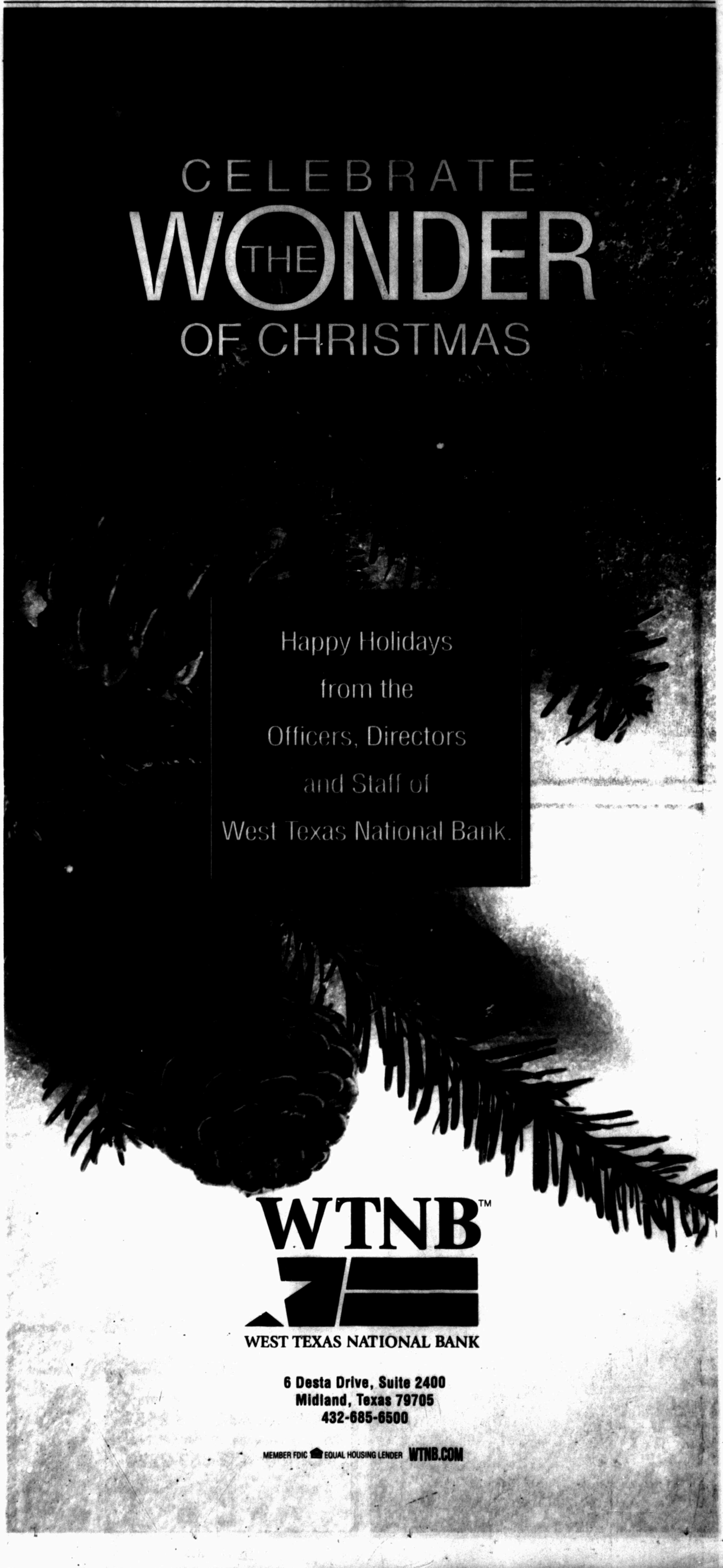
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'New' Rick Perry builds momentum to 2016

By Chuck Lindell
Cox Newspapers

The carefully orchestrated roll-out of the new and improved Rick Perry — more pensive, less mistake-prone and ready for redemption with another presidential run — is kicking into a higher gear.

In addition to visiting early primary states, Perry is wooing high-dollar donors during Governor's Mansion dinners, sitting through intensive policy tutorials and practicing on-camera interviews with aggressive reporters.

A recent 90-minute interview with the Washington Post paid off with a Wednesday front-page story headlined, "New image, renewed ambition for Perry," that was sprinkled with details about Perry's preparations for a presidential run that the outgoing governor says isn't yet a sure thing.

"This Perry comes across as studious, contemplative and humble," wrote Philip Rucker, national political reporter for the Post. "He said he is at peace with his 2012 presidential campaign, in which his shoot-first-aim-later approach proved catastrophic, but is hungry to redeem himself."

Coinciding with the story, Texans for Rick Perry released a stylized, three-minute video touting Perry's economic legacy after 14 years in office. The video, punctuated by epic music and sweeping Texas vistas, is the same production being shown this month during seven dinners giving Perry a chance to personally pitch to affluent Republican donors — the people who could make or break a second run for the White House.

The video begins with a clip from Perry's 2000 inauguration speech — "I pledge to transform Texas into a haven of opportunity," he said — then makes the case that Texas stands as a national example for job growth, tax cuts, tort reform and reduced government spending.

It's basically one of the key messages from Perry's disastrous 2012 run for the GOP presidential

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Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry answers questions during an interview with The Associated Press at the historic Texas Governor's Mansion on Tuesday in Austin.

CUTTIN' UP IN DUBLIN

Abilene Reporter-News

Evan Williford, 17, smooths his hair while his 12-year-old brother Austin takes his turn in Armando "A.J." Rodriguez's chair on Nov. 26. Rodriguez, the owner of A.J.'s Barber Shop, has been cutting hair and sharing stories with his Dublin customers for over six years.

Former big-city barber spins tales in small town

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

DUBLIN — There are two libraries in this town, but in only one of them are the stories written on paper.

"When I came to Dublin, it was like going to a town and checking out a new library," Armando Rodriguez told the Abilene Reporter-News. "Here's all these books that I've not read."

Rodriguez, known as "A.J." and the owner of A.J.'s Barber Shop, has been a barber for 37 years. Until about six and a half years ago he worked primarily at a shop in Garland he shared with his brothers until he and his wife moved their family to Dublin.

Having worked in Garland for so long, it was not unusual for him to see the children of his customers go through school, graduate, marry and subsequently bring their own children in. Each had their story and he knew them all.

Now in Dublin, he's learning new stories.

"Here is this book, and this is you," he said, pantomiming the opening of some large volume. "Tomorrow it'll be their book, and then another and another.

"Every time I cut their hair, it's like I can't wait until next time so I can find out what happens to the rest of the story."

His barber shop on North Patrick Street doesn't have a confessional and Rodriguez certainly isn't a priest. Yet even so, it's got that sanctuary vibe.

It comes out when Rodriguez and his customer are alone, the only voices being theirs or the low chatter of a TV mounted high in the corner. That's when the pages of a life's book begin to open.

"There's a guy who walks by here all the time, he's kind of slumped-over, like an older man," Rodriguez said, shrugging. "The first few times that I did him, he didn't talk much. So I thought maybe he's just, I don't know, not very friendly."

Everyone puts up walls; some are higher than others. But after a time, the fellow began to open up. At first it was just a trickle.

"Then for a minute, he just let's go," Rodriguez said.

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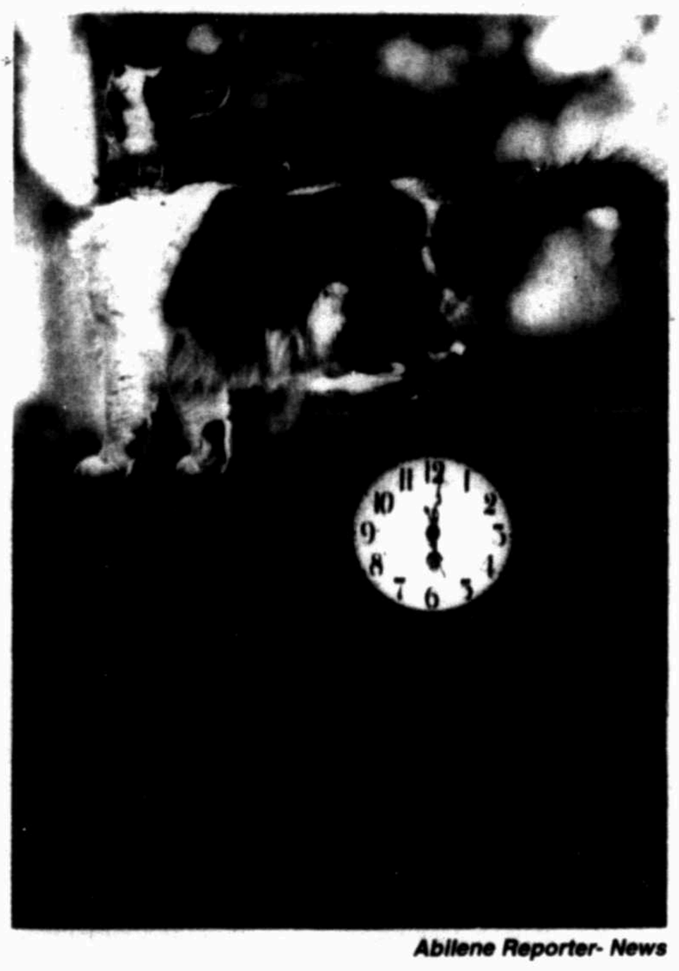

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One of the Armando Rodriguez family's cats walks across the fence next to A.J.'s Barber Shop in Dublin.

Waco officials to vote to give $1.5M to SpaceX

Associated Press

WACO — Waco city officials are poised to vote on giving the SpaceX rocket-making plant in McGregor up to $1.5 million in economic development money.

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., based in Hawthorne, California, has plans to spend about $46 million on an expansion that would create 300 new full-time jobs.

City Council members will vote on the development money Tuesday. McLennan County commissioners are to vote later this month on providing an additional $1.5 million in economic development funds, bringing the total from the Waco-McLennan County Economic Development Corp to $3 million, the Waco Herald-Tribune reported.

Most officials declined to discuss the company's plan or the 300 anticipated jobs.

"I'm not at liberty to comment at this point," Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce development official Kris Collins said. "I have to say the project is pending."

Owned by billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, SpaceX has become a major player in private rocketry by hauling supplies to the International Space Station and placing communications satellites in orbit.

SpaceX announced earlier this year that it had chosen a remote site near Brownsville called Boca Rica for its planned commercial rocket launch facility.

Since 2003, SpaceX has used land in McGregor's industrial park for research and rocket testing. The company recently expanded its lease from 922 acres to 4,280 acres.

In a report prepared by the city, SpaceX is proposing to invest $46.3 million in the site during the next five years. There will be about $32.4 million in real property improvements and $13.9 million in personal property improvements.

The 300 new jobs will be added by Dec. 31, 2018, with employees receiving about $60,000 a year. To receive incentive money, the company must fill 240 positions with people living in McLennan County, and 120 must reside in Waco.

Those hired will include engineers, technicians and industry professionals, according to the city staff report prepared for Waco City Council.

The company will retain the 261 full-time staffers now in McGregor.

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Football committee takes path of least resistance

I think we should throw out all the computers and polls when we pick the teams that play for our national collegiate football championship and replace them with a committee of humans.

This would end all our strife, and we would surely come up with a reasonable top four teams to play for the title. Wouldn't we?

Oh yeah, we already tried that.

The clamor now in this part of the world is to bring back the polls and the computers. The humans make far worse decisions than do the machines.

Of course, you know by now that Baylor and TCU were both left out of the final four as the committee opted for Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Ohio State.

Part of the problem was that TCU was ranked No. 3 in the nation by the committee just one week before the final selection. The Horned Frogs defeated Iowa State by a 55-3 margin before the final vote, but they still fell three slots and below Florida State, Ohio State and Baylor.

That made absolutely no sense in anybody's minds except the collective brain of the committee.

Have you ever seen a team win by a 52-point margin and fall three spots in a poll? I don't think that's ever happened. It can only happen in the minds of a human committee.

Of course, the fans of Ohio State are

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Parade of open-carry bills exposes divide in ranks

By Morgan Smith
Texas Tribune

As momentum grows behind a push to let Texans carry handguns openly, the biggest fight may be among Second Amendment advocates themselves.

A conflict is emerging over how far changes to the current state law should go, and some gun-rights supporters fear that the divide may sink efforts to lift handgun restrictions during the legislative session that begins in January.

"If the acrimony between the various groups gets too pronounced, then nothing will pass," said Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who helped get the state's concealed handgun law passed in 1995, when he was a state senator. "Their challenge very simply is to recognize that the legislative process is designed to kill legislation and to drop their disagreements, even if it's not perfect."

The law allows the open carrying of long guns like rifles and shotguns. Texas is one of six states that specifically prohibit the open carrying of handguns, according to the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

In the last two legislative sessions, Texas lawmakers have unsuccessfully

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pushed to allow handgun license holders to openly carry their firearms. Five nearly identical bills that would do that have already been filed.

A sixth, from state Rep. Jonathan Stickland, a Republican, would allow Texans to carry a handgun openly without a license.

"There are a lot of people who are sick and tired of paying a fee for their basic rights and liberties," Stickland said. "It's rejecting the notion that we need to beg government for permission to do things like protect ourselves."

Stickland's proposal has attracted the support of activists who object to the costs of obtaining a concealed handgun license and the restrictions the state places on applicants.

C.J. Grisham, a retired Army officer who founded Open Carry Texas last spring after he was arrested while walking near his home with an AR-15, said his group would oppose any bill that stopped short of allowing what he called the "constitutional carry" of handguns. (Grisham was fined $2,000.)

"We will not compromise on our rights," he said. "We absolutely will not."

Other gun rights advocates said that while they supported the unlicensed carrying of handguns philosophically, an incremental change to the law was more likely to succeed.

"We are supporting what will pass," said Alice Tripp, the legislative director of the Texas State Rifle Association. "A lot of these folks are learning to be lobbyists, and they think if they scream hard enough and long enough and are abrasive enough, they'll get the job done."

Grisham spoke critically of established groups, including the National Rifle Association, which has denounced the tactics of his group and others like it, including armed rallies where protesters have carried weapons on city streets.

"The NRA likes to play nice," he said. "What I mean by that is that they try to do nice things and get favors in return. We believe we shouldn't have to buy our rights back."

Catherine Mortensen, an NRA spokeswoman, said in a statement that the organization was reviewing all gun-related legislation filed for the next session. "We look forward to protecting and even expanding the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Texans in this year's legislative session," Mortensen said.

State Rep. James White, a Republican who filed one of the bills that would allow open carrying with a license, rejected the idea that supporting an incremental step forward would compromise Second Amendment rights.

"To say that it's either constitutional carry or nothing at all, well that's not moving the ball," he said. "That's not making substantial change."

PERRY

From 1B

nomination — updated for a candidate asking voters to give him a second chance.

Perry also met CNBC reporter John Harwood at Bert's Bar-B-Q in Austin to discuss his infamous "oops" moment when, during a GOP primary debate three years ago, Perry painfully forgot the third of three federal agencies he would eliminate if elected president.

"I suspect that it happens to everyone; I'm just not sure that there are 4 million people watching," Perry told Harwood in a segment posted on CNBC's website.

"One of the errors that I made was in not being prepared. You know, I was a little arrogant, and that had as much to do with my demise as a candidate as forgetting a third agency of government. I spent the last 22, 23 months in preparation to run for the presidency," Perry said.

Perry's transformation, and the interviews displaying it, may have all the trappings of a presidential campaign, but the would-be candidate has not yet committed to another run.

Perry, whose last day in office is Jan. 20, recently told Texas reporters that he'll announce a decision in May or June.

"Everybody thinks I'm running, right? So why do you announce, because the rules change, the rules change when you announce," he said. "So don't announce until you're really, really, really sure."

In the meantime, Perry and his supporters are working to present voters with a transformed candidate — more polished, but with the same conservative values that briefly vaulted him into front-runner status for the GOP presidential nomination in 2012.

Perry also is squeezing every advantage out of his waning time in office, bringing about 600 potential donors to the Governor's Mansion for a series dinners paid for by Texans for Rick Perry.

And no potential candidate — Republican or Democrat — has held more events in Iowa, home of the caucuses that kick off presidential selection season, than Perry's 33 appearances since the 2012 elections, according to the Des Moines Register.

There are, however, hurdles to overcome.

Perry remains under indictment in Travis County for two felonies accusing him of misusing the power of his office. A judge last month rejected Perry's request to throw out the indictments, but a second — and more expansive — motion to void the charges is still pending.

And a recent Bloomberg Politics Poll, which tracked voter attitudes on leading candidates for president, failed to include Perry, indicating he has work to do before joining the top tier of 2016 hopefuls.

State health commission's top attorney resigns

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state health commission's top attorney has resigned amid questions about his ties to an Austin technology company to which he steered $110 million in no-bid contracts.

Jack Stick resigned Friday as chief counsel for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission after officials concluded the contracts with the data analytics firm 21CT was awarded unfairly, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Stick tendered his resignation and Kyle Janek, the agency's executive commissioner, canceled the contract one day after the Statesman submitted several questions about the awarding of a $20 million contract to 21CT in 2012 and a pending $90 million extension while skirting state procurement laws.

Janek, himself, expressed concerns with how the commission arranged those deals.

"Contractors have raised issues about the procurement for this project," he said in a statement. "I've looked into those concerns, and I'm not comfortable with the process used, so I've withdrawn the request for state approval to extend the project and notified the OIG (Office of the Inspector General)."

The commission brought in 21CT to revamp efforts to identify Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse, but the company was held to a lower standard than four other companies that sought the contract, commission spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said.

"The fact that the process was not the same for everyone is of course the concern," Goodman told the newspaper. She also said the concerns arose as commission officials were seeking answers to questions submitted by the Statesman.

Obituaries

Charles "Charley" Elmo McIntyre, Jr.

Charles "Charley" Elmo McIntyre, Jr., 76, of Fort Stockton, passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2014. For his entire life, he was a rancher in Fort Stockton. He was also an electrical contractor. Charley was born in Fort Stockton on July 24, 1938. His parents were C. E. "Pete" McIntyre and Kennie Noelke Harkey McIntyre.

Charley is survived by his wife of 57 years, Roslyn; son, Charles, III and wife Susan of Midland, Texas; daughter, Dina Campbell and husband Brent of Woodbridge, Virginia; brother, George McIntyre; sisters, Maudie Salmon and husband Tom of Georgetown, Texas, and Sandy McIntyre of Fort Stockton; three grandchildren, Tyler K. Campbell and wife Stephanie of Woodbridge, and Cash and Ava McIntyre of Midland; great-grandson, Gabriel A. Campbell of Woodbridge; niece, Kenni Jo Mendoza; and other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Charley was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Henry McIntyre; and sister, Debbie McIntyre.

There will be a graveside service celebrating Charley's life at East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton on Sunday, December 14, at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Chaplain Clay Porter.

The family expresses special thanks to Nurse Practitioner Barbara Norris and all of Charley's caregivers at the Courtyards at Parks Methodist and Compass Hospice, including Chaplain Clay Porter, and to Charley's special caregiver, Kenni Jo Mendoza.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared at *heritagefuneralhome-ofthebigbend.com*.

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

Jerry Bryson Roberts

Jerry Bryson Roberts left this world for his Heavenly home on December 11, 2014 at the age of 81, following a brief illness. Jerry was born November 30, 1933 in Jones County, Texas to Irene Balch Roberts and Cecil M Roberts. He attended public schools in Anson and Abilene, Texas, graduating from Abilene High School in 1951. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Hardin-Simmons University in 1955.

Jerry married Edwina Connally on April 5, 1955 at First Baptist Church in Abilene. They were blessed with 59 years of marriage and were best friends. He was employed by Humble Oil & Refining Co. (now ExxonMobil) in New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana, and in Houston, Texas, and by Connally Oil Co. in Abilene, before settling in Midland in 1966. Jerry has proudly served as a stock broker, financial advisor, and wealth management advisor with RBC Wealth Management in Midland since 1966. He received numerous awards for excellence in his field, including being named a Senior Vice President, and served on the Broker Advisory Committee. He always served his clients with the best advice and research available and was known for his integrity, loyalty and concern for their well-being. Jerry counted his partners and office support as family and his clients as friends.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Midland since March 1968. Jerry and Edwina quietly supported missions and personal needs of others who needed help. He especially took great pleasure in hunting and fishing with family and friends, spending time with his family whom he loved so dearly, and traveling the world with his wife, Edwina.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Dorothy Nell Roberts and Mary Belle Roberts; brother, Henry Michael Roberts; and nephew, John Roberts.

He is survived by his wife, Edwina Roberts of Midland; and by three sons, Dr. Matthew Bryson Roberts and wife Nancy of Crockett, Texas, David Edward Roberts and wife Karin of Savannah, Georgia, and Dr. Sidney Creed Roberts and wife Catherine of Lufkin, Texas. Matt's family includes son Dr. Matthew Bryson Roberts, II and wife Joanie of Richardson, and their children, Luke Bryson and Benjamin Gregory, and son Joseph Daniel Roberts of Houston. David's family includes daughters Leslie Irene Roberts of St. Petersburg, Florida and Christine Lynn Roberts of Athens, Georgia. Sid's family includes daughters Elizabeth Carol Roberts of New York, New York, Hannah Grace Roberts of Rochester, New York, and Phoebe Blanche Roberts of Waco, Texas. Survivors also include Jerry's brother Cecil Wayne Roberts and wife, Jackie of Montgomery, Texas, along with their two daughters and families, and Jerry's sister-in-law, Suzanne Roberts of Dallas, Texas.

You may visit with the family at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Sunday, December 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Cemetery on Monday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a celebration of Jerry's life in the Chapel of First Baptist Church, Midland at 10:00 a.m., with reception following in Chapel's Welcome Center.

Honorary pallbearers are Kevin Blonkvist, John Brinker, Jack Burns, Ted Fergeson, Tevis Herd, and Clint Hurt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, or to High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, Texas 79706.

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

Death Notices

Kurt G. Dunlap

Kurt G. Dunlap, 54, of Midland, passed away December 11, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Dunlap; sons, Dustin Dunlap, Drew Childers, "adopted son" Christopher Shipley; daughter, Janice Kincheloe; three brothers and one sister.

A memorial service will be held Monday, December 15, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel, 4100 N FM 1788 in Midland. A Memorial BBQ will follow at VFW Post 4149, 409 Veterans Airpark Ln. in Midland.

Patricia M. Duke

Patricia M. Duke, 56, of Midland, passed away in Midland, December 10, 2014.

She is survived by her mother, Ada Duke; and by one sister. Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Robert B. Oakley, 83, envoy deft at tackling crises, dies

Robert B. Oakley, a blunt-spoken career diplomat who was known for successfully handling some of the world's prickliest situations, including the capture of an American pilot by Somali militiamen in 1993 in what became known as the "Black Hawk Down" crisis, died Wednesday at a nursing home in McLean, Virginia. He was 83.

The cause was complications of a Parkinson's disease-like syndrome, according to his wife, Phyllis E. Oakley, a former assistant secretary of state. He had lived in Washington.

Ambassadorships in difficult places like Zaire and Pakistan, as well as in Somalia a decade before the hostage episode, had helped prepare Oakley for his biggest challenge: securing, as a special presidential envoy, the pilot's release after Somalis shot down two Black Hawk helicopters in a raid by Army Rangers seeking to seize lieutenants of a Somali warlord in Mogadishu, the capital. American forces were in Somalia to protect a United Nations famine-relief mission amid a vicious civil war.

The pilot, Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Durant, was captured after his helicopter crashed. In the fighting, 18 Americans were killed and 75 wounded, and video images of Somalis dragging American bodies through the streets of Mogadishu outraged the American public.

President Bill Clinton ordered Oakley to make no concessions in negotiating for the pilot's release with Gen. Mohammed Farah Aidid, the leader of a dominant Somali faction. Oakley was accordingly unequivocal in threatening military retaliation if Durant was not freed.

"Once the fighting starts, all this pent-up anger is going to be released," Oakley said, according to Mark Bowden's best-selling 1999 book "Black Hawk Down." "This whole part of the city will be destroyed, men, women, children, camels, cats, dogs, goats, donkeys, everything. ... That would be really tragic for all of us, but that's what will happen."

After two days of negotiations, Aidid agreed to release the pilot as well as a captured Nigerian soldier and to return the American bodies.

Oakley, interviewed by the PBS program "Frontline" in 1998, said negotiating with Aidad had been like handling "a vile of nitroglycerin that could go off in my hands."

"You had to keep pushing him, you had to do it in a gentle way, you had to outthink him," he said.

Oakley conducted the negotiations almost independently of Washington. A senior State Department official told The New York Times in 1993 that it would be "too strong a term" to say that Oakley had a free hand.

"But you know how Bob works," the official continued. "He carries out the mission and tells Washington later, 'This is what I did.'"

Robert Bigger Oakley was born in Dallas on March 12, 1931, and he grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana, where his father was an electrical engineer for a utility. He graduated from South Kent School, a boarding school in Connecticut, and then from Princeton with a degree in philosophy and history. He became a Navy intelligence officer in Japan, a job that kindled his passion for international affairs, his wife said.

Oakley met her, as Phyllis Elliott, in Khartoum, Sudan, where he had been assigned to the U.S. Embassy and where she was a Foreign Service officer. They married in 1958. She resigned from the Foreign Service because marriage between officers was forbidden then. She returned to the service in 1974, when the rules changed.

In addition to his wife, Oakley is survived by his daughter, Mary Kress; his son, Thomas; and five grandchildren.

With occasional interruptions to return to the State Department headquarters in Washington, Oakley worked in Ivory Coast, Vietnam and Lebanon and became ambassador to Zaire in 1979. President Mobutu Sese Seko was about to kick him out of Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo, for criticizing corruption in his government when Oakley was made ambassador to Somalia.

In Somalia he picked up knowledge that would prove useful a decade later, when he returned as a special presidential envoy. For one thing, he said, he saw that it was futile to continue to hope — as Washington and U.N. officials did — that Somalia's warring factions could be persuaded to disarm.

"There are three things important to a Somali — his wife, his camel and his weapon," Oakley told The Times in 1992. "In the Somali soul there is the right to have a weapon."

Among his other posts, Oakley worked on Middle Eastern issues at the United Nations in the early 1970s, when George Bush, the future president, was the ambassador there. He was director of the State Department's counterterrorism planning, and he was twice an aide with the National Security Council, in 1974-77 and in 1987-88.

Phyllis Oakley said that during her husband's second stint at the National Security Council he could, by his account, "smell" the role of Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, another council aide, in what became known as the Iran-contra affair, a secret plan to sell arms to Iran in exchange for the release of American hostages in Lebanon, with the proceeds illegally going to anti-Communist forces in Nicaragua known as contras.

In an interview for a State Department history, Robert Oakley said North had become suspicious that he was not sympathetic to the scheme and cut him out of discussions. Oakley said he wrote a memo to Secretary of State George P. Shultz detailing what he did know because, he felt, the administration was veering toward "serious trouble." Phyllis Oakley was a spokeswoman for Shultz.

Of all his varied assignments, his wife said, Oakley liked Paris the least. Speaking of the French, she said, "Their idea of a crisis was a stiff diplomatic note, whereas for Bob it was natives coming over the wall."

WASHINGTON

Pulitzer-winning photojournalist dies in Liberia

Photojournalist Michel du Cille, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner who recently captured compelling images of Ebola patients and their caretakers, died in Liberia while on assignment for The Washington Post. He was 58.

Executive Editor Martin Baron sent a statement to the newspaper staff informing them of du Cille's death. Baron called du Cille "a beloved colleague and one of the world's most accomplished photographers."

The Post reported du Cille collapsed Thursday while returning on foot from a Liberian village where he'd been working on an assignment. He was taken over dirt roads to a hospital two hours away and was declared dead of an apparent heart attack.

Du Cille won two Pulitzer Prizes as a photographer with the Miami Herald in the 1980s and shared a third in 2008 as a reporter with the Post — an investigative public service series on the treatment of veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center who were returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. He also spent several years as The Post's director of photography and an assistant managing editor.

Among his assignments was coverage of civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone in the 1990s. He returned to West Africa this year to cover the Ebola outbreak, sometimes wearing heavy rubber gloves as he took the pictures of the patients.

In October, Syracuse University pulled an invitation for du Cille to attend a fall workshop for its communications school after a student raised concerns that he'd recently been in West Africa covering the Ebola crisis. Du Cille insisted he had been symptom-free for the three weeks since his return and said he was "embarrassed and completely weirded out" by the university's decision.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested for cocaine possession

Midland police charged a 19-year-old Midlander with possession of cocaine after finding multiple grams of cocaine on his body on Dec. 7, according to court documents.

Guillermo Borunda Jr. was charged with a second-degree felony for possession of a controlled substance between 4 grams and 200 grams.

Officers, according to documents, responded to a disturbance call in the 1600 block of West Washington Avenue at midnight on Dec. 7. Upon arriving they made contact with one of the people involved in the disturbance, Borunda, standing outside next to a pickup. They contacted the other party to the disturbance, who was in a home. Officers said the other man was heavily intoxicated and claimed that Borunda had assaulted him. The man also claimed that there was cocaine in Borunda's truck.

An officer then walked up to Borunda to get his side of the story, according to documents. Borunda claimed that he had tried to break a fight between the man and a woman. The officer then asked Borunda if the truck was his, and Borunda allegedly responded that the truck was his father's but he was driving it. When asked if there was anything illegal in the truck, Borunda allegedly said that there was not. Borunda allegedly consented to a search of the vehicle, and the officer asked the occupants of the vehicle to get out and sit on the curb.

Upon a search of the truck, the officer allegedly found a black digital scale and multiple small plastic baggies, according to court documents. He also allegedly found a half broken Xanax bar pill on the drivers side floorboard. Another officer allegedly found a folded up dollar bill in the backseat pocket of the driver's side seat that contained a powdery white substance. The white substance allegedly tested positive for cocaine when tested with a NIK swab.

All of the occupants were then placed into handcuffs by the officers. The officers allegedly advised Borunda that he was under arrest for possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one (cocaine), and he allegedly did not argue.

When the officer was taking Borunda to his vehicle he allegedly asked him if he had anything else illegal on him, to which Borunda allegedly said "yes." When asked where, Borunda allegedly told the officer that it was in his crotch area. The officer, according to documents, allegedly allowed Borunda to retrieve the illegal object from his crotch, which was allegedly a pill bottle with a torn label containing a plastic bag. The officer alleged that the bag contained a white clumpy substance that appeared to be cocaine. Borunda allegedly stated that the bag contained 7 grams of cocaine. Upon returning to the Midland County Detention Center, the officer alleged that the substance in the pill bottle weighed 8.6 grams and the substance in the dollar bill was 0.5 grams.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Borunda faces up to 20 years in prison.

Man allegedly beats, chokes woman, breaks into neighbor's home

A Midland man is in jail after he allegedly hit a woman to the point of her crying and screaming at her neighbor for help.

Toby Lee Wofford Anderson, 25, was arrested on Thursday for assault of a family or house member and burglary of a habitation.

According to an affidavit, the alleged victim, screaming, crying and on her hands and knees, was found by police at the 7000 block of Airline Road at 10:34 p.m. on Nov. 29 after responding to a disturbance call. The alleged victim had cuts on her top and bottom lips, red marks and scratches that convey choking and red bruising on her hands.

The alleged victim, according to the affidavit, said to law enforcement said Anderson was upset with her for unknown reasons. She added that she began to lose consciousness when Anderson allegedly choked her.

A neighbor, who is a witness to the incident, said to law enforcement that the alleged victim came over, yelling to the neighbor that Anderson is "going to kill" her. The neighbor, according to the affidavit, called police, and then Anderson kicked the neighbor's front door in.

With all three inside the neighbor's home, Anderson allegedly knocked over the chair the alleged victim was sitting in, said to the neighbor "sorry, but he is going to kill the victim," and then proceeded to choke the alleged victim, all while the neighbor was still on the phone with dispatch. The neighbor told dispatch to hurry because Anderson was going to kill the alleged victim.

When police arrived, they also noted the damage done to the neighbor's front door.

Anderson is being held on a $50,000 bond for the assault of a family or house member and a $125,000 bond for burglary of a habitation. The assault is considered a third-degree felony, which if Anderson is found guilty of, may equate to up to 10 years of prison and a fine up to $10,000. The burglary is a first-degree felony, meaning Anderson may face up to 99 years in prison and a fine up to $10,000 if found guilty.

Affidavits: Man claiming to be in Aryan Brotherhood in jail for rapes

A Midland man claiming to be affiliated with the Aryan Brotherhood was put behind bars on Thursday after he allegedly raped two underage girls at two different parties.

Justin Allen Hill, 18, was arrested on Thursday on two charges of aggravated assault of a child. The bond was $125,000 bond for each charge.

According to the first affidavit, Hill and the alleged first victim, a 16-year-old girl, were at a party at the 2100 block of West County Road 116 on Nov. 29 when the alleged victim felt tired and went into a room by herself. Hill then entered the room and sexually assaulted the victim while choking her until she passed out.

When she woke up, Hill said to her that he would kill her family if she told anyone about the rape. The alleged victim, according to the affidavit, gave credibility to the threat, as Hill claimed to be in the Aryan Brotherhood.

According to the second affidavit, law enforcement conducted an interview with the second alleged victim, a 15-year-old girl, on Dec. 4. The girl told them that Hill and herself were at a party as well, also on the 2100 block of West County Road 116, at an unspecified date.

Hill conducted the same sexual assault, including the choking and threat of family murder if she spoke about it, according to the affidavit.

Both sexual assault of a child charges are a second-degree felony, meaning each charge, if Hill is found guilty of them, could equate to up to 20 years in prison and a fine up to $10,000.

MPD: Man bites officer's hand while in handcuffs

A Midland man allegedly resisted arrest to the point of him biting an officer's right hand.

Pedro Vega Jr., 26, was charged on Wednesday with assault of a public servant.

According to the affidavit, officers were responding to a burglary at the 4200 block of Andrews Highway on Wednesday night. Upon arrival, officers knocked on the door of the place where an alleged burglary was going on, and Vega answered the door.

Officers told Vega to put his hands up and then proceeded to handcuff him. The officers walked through the habitation. Vega, according to the affidavit, was being belligerent while the officers were talking amongst each other, so then the officers escorted Vega out to a vehicle.

Vega allegedly continued to resist and moved his body while being cuffed and in the backseat of a car, so an officer entered the backseat and got on top of Vega. At that time, according to the affidavit, Vega allegedly bit the officer's right hand. The officer hit Vega in the head, and Vega let go of the hand.

Vega could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine up to $10,000 if found guilty of the assault of a public servant charge.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

JOHN FONDA

DOB: 3-18-1976
Height and weight: 6 feet; 250 pounds
Charge: Injury to a child; violation of probation

- Wanted as of 12-12-2014
- Warrant #CR35442
- $500 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying a suspect in a fatal hit-and-run accident.

On Oct. 23, a dark-colored, possibly green, 2002-2004 Jeep Liberty hit a pedestrian at the intersection of Midland Drive and Neely Avenue. The pedestrian died from their injuries.

The vehicle is believed to have damage on the right side fender flare and passenger side mirror.

If you have any information on the suspect and it leads to his arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward.

No caller ID is ever used and you will remain anonymous.

How to submit a secure tip

- **Hotline:** 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP
- **Online:** www.midlandcrimestoppers.com
- **Text:** Text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- **Mobile app on iPhone or Android phones:** Download free app TIP SUBMIT
- **Facebook:** Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Frank Badilla Jr., 26, of Midland was charged Friday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.

Adrian M. Dominguez, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with driving while under the influence with a child under the age of 15.

Pedro R. Munoz III, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility.

Nadine M. Reyes, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Alfred L. Rice Jr., 26, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrests or detention with a previous conviction.

Isaiah O. Royals, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Ureil L. Royals, 34, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance of less than 1 gram.

Homar Rubio, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with delivering marijuana between a quarter ounce and 5 pounds and possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Coast Guard searches for sailor

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Coast Guard has joined the crew of a freighter in the search for a crew member who fell into the Gulf of Mexico.

A Coast Guard statement said the 29-year-old man fell overboard Saturday morning while painting the 738-foot Chinese-flagged CF Crystal about 10 miles off Sabine Pass.

The statement said the ship's crew tried to throw a life ring to the man but couldn't reach him before they saw him sink beneath the waves.

WILLIAMS

From 1B

loving the reasoning.

The committee wants us to believe that Ohio State is a true conference champion, while Baylor and TCU shared a title. The committee flat out stated that one of the reasons it snubbed the two Big 12 teams was because the conference doesn't hold a 13th game to determine a conference champion even though the Big 12 is the only conference in which every team plays every other team in the conference.

It's ludicrous to hold it against the Big 12 because there isn't a 13th game. It's against NCAA rules to have a championship unless a conference has 12 teams. The Big 12 has only 10 teams, and they play one extra conference game than all other conferences.

Why would the committee even consider using the 13th game as a determining factor if the NCAA has a rule against it for conferences of fewer than 12 teams? Let's not go against the college rules here. The committee is in charge of picking the top four, not legislating NCAA rules.

But let's not be too hasty in charging the new committee with producing a Big 12 bias or creating a Big 12 conspiracy. The truth is, we don't have enough information yet to draw that conclusion. As the committee would say, we need a broader body of work to determine a bias against the Big 12.

What really happened was that the committee decided to take the path of least resistance, and it did a good job of that. Picking Ohio State avoided all kinds of pitfalls.

The committee simply didn't have to deal with the problem Baylor and TCU presented. Both had 11-1 records. TCU played a tougher overall schedule but lost the head-to-head matchup with Baylor in one of the wildest college shootouts in college history.

On the other hand, Ohio State came to the committee's rescue with a 59-0 win over highly ranked Wisconsin, creating an easier selection path. Picking OSU would please more people because Ohio State has a huge fan base. TV ratings for the playoff will be higher with OSU in.

And the committee probably was concerned about the feedback they would get if the Big 10 had been left out of the mix.

The bottom line is that more people wanted a team like Ohio State rather than either TCU or Baylor.

We still have some lingering questions. Would it have made a difference if a Texas or an Oklahoma had been in the mix instead of TCU and Baylor? Would it have been any different if Baylor had played a schedule with one better non-conference opponent? Would it really have made a difference if Ohio State had beaten Wisconsin by 10 or fewer points?

And would it have made a difference if we had used the old computer and polls system?

We've now seen the new face of college football, and I'm not sure we like what we see.

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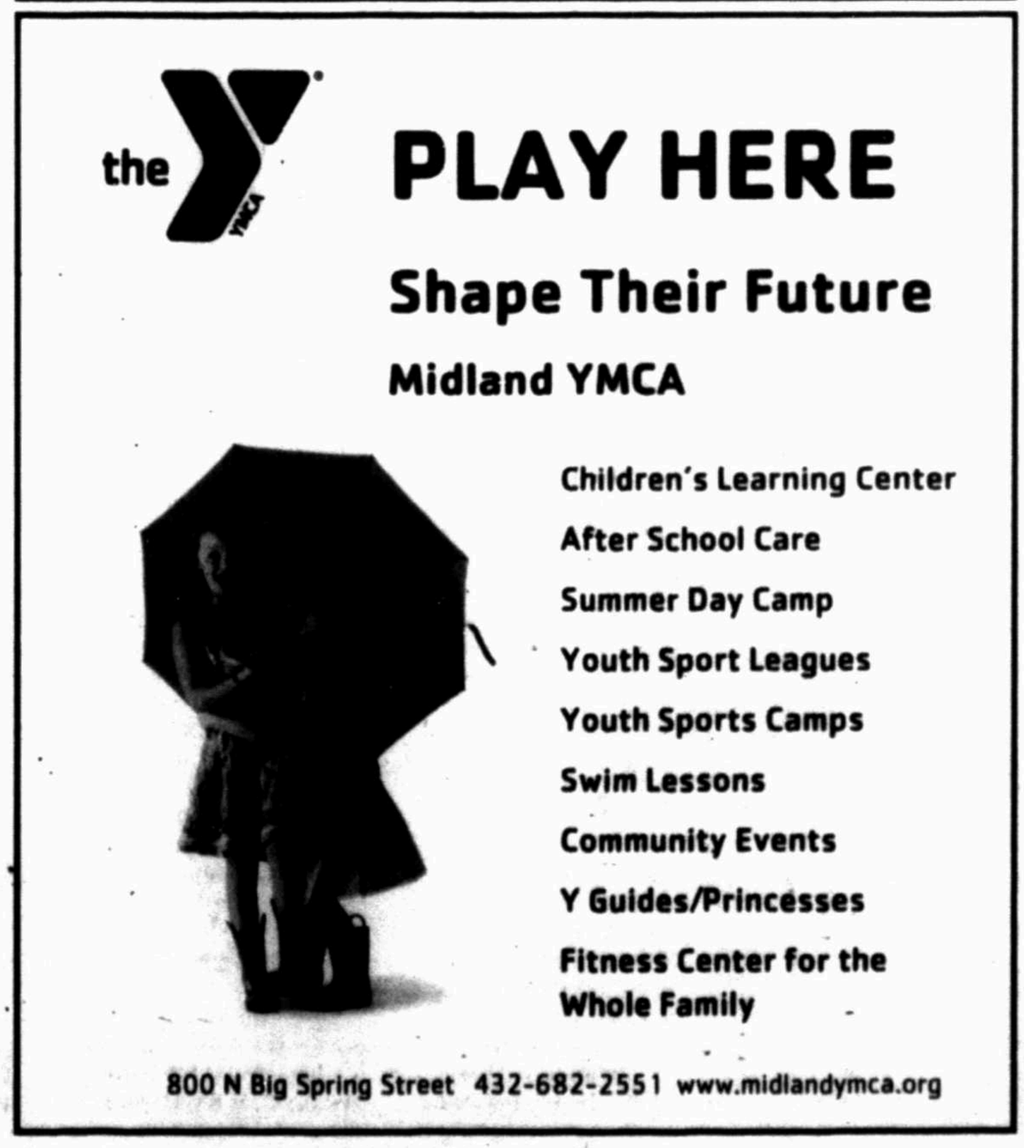
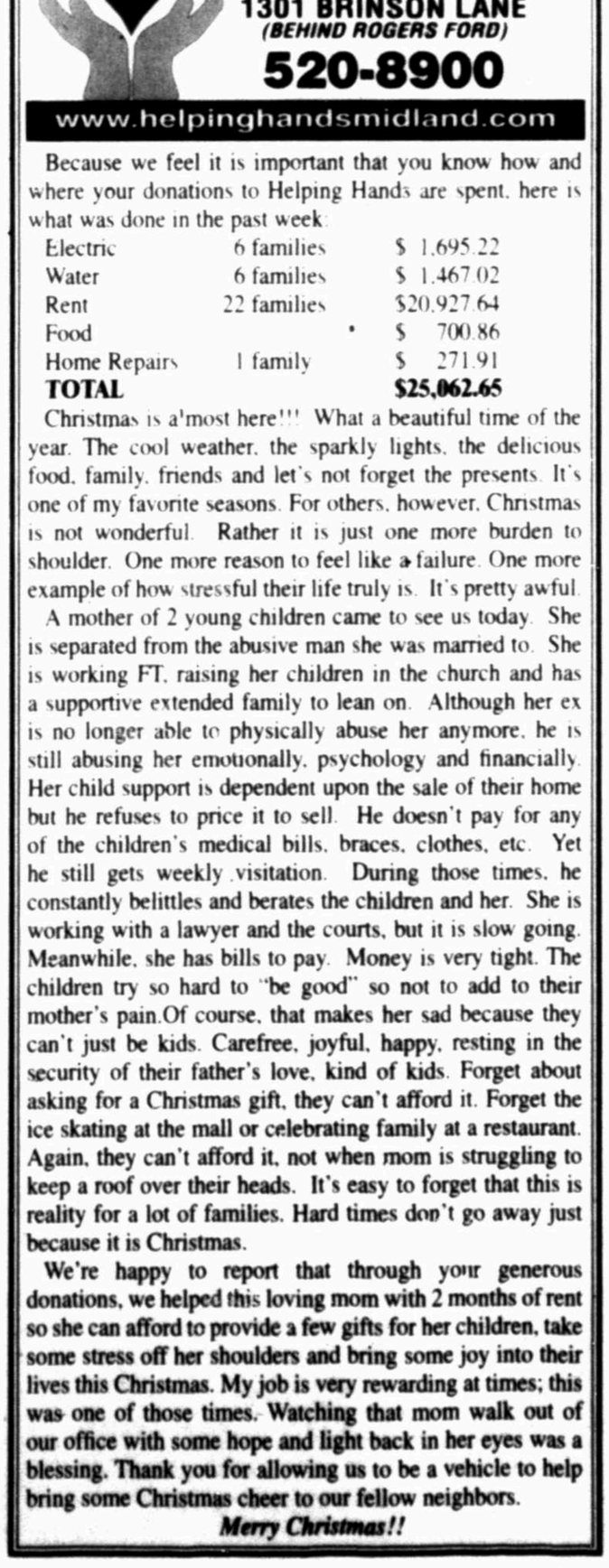




Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week.

Electric	6 families	$ 1,695.22
Water	6 families	$ 1,467.02
Rent	22 families	$20,927.64
Food		$ 700.86
Home Repairs	1 family	$ 271.91
TOTAL		**$25,062.65**

Christmas is a'most here!!! What a beautiful time of the year. The cool weather, the sparkly lights, the delicious food, family, friends and let's not forget the presents. It's one of my favorite seasons. For others, however, Christmas is not wonderful. Rather it is just one more burden to shoulder. One more reason to feel like a failure. One more example of how stressful their life truly is. It's pretty awful.

A mother of 2 young children came to see us today. She is separated from the abusive man she was married to. She is working FT, raising her children in the church and has a supportive extended family to lean on. Although her ex is no longer able to physically abuse her anymore, he is still abusing her emotionally, psychology and financially. Her child support is dependent upon the sale of their home but he refuses to price it to sell. He doesn't pay for any of the children's medical bills, braces, clothes, etc. Yet he still gets weekly visitation. During those times, he constantly belittles and berates the children and her. She is working with a lawyer and the courts, but it is slow going. Meanwhile, she has bills to pay. Money is very tight. The children try so hard to "be good" so not to add to their mother's pain.Of course, that makes her sad because they can't just be kids. Carefree, joyful, happy, resting in the security of their father's love, kind of kids. Forget about asking for a Christmas gift, they can't afford it. Forget the ice skating at the mall or celebrating family at a restaurant. Again, they can't afford it, not when mom is struggling to keep a roof over their heads. It's easy to forget that this is reality for a lot of families. Hard times don't go away just because it is Christmas.

We're happy to report that through your generous donations, we helped this loving mom with 2 months of rent so she can afford to provide a few gifts for her children, take some stress off her shoulders and bring some joy into their lives this Christmas. My job is very rewarding at times; this was one of those times. Watching that mom walk out of our office with some hope and light back in her eyes was a blessing. Thank you for allowing us to be a vehicle to help bring some Christmas cheer to our fellow neighbors.

Merry Christmas!!

Answers about Monday deadline in health care law

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Individuals looking to purchase health insurance during the ongoing second round of open enrollment under the Affordable Care Act have until Feb. 15 to sign up. But Monday is the deadline for people to sign up if they want insurance coverage to begin Jan. 1.

In Texas — which has the highest uninsured rate in the nation — more than 733,000 individuals selected an insurance plan between Oct. 1, 2013, and March 31 during the first enrollment period. Texas declined to set up its own insurance exchange as Gov. Rick Perry staunchly opposed the Affordable Care Act. The state Legislature also required navigators, those hired to assist people with signing up, to undergo additional training and background checks.

Here are some questions and answers about Monday's deadline:

Q: What do I need to do to have health insurance starting on Jan. 1?

Texas residents need to sign up for health insurance through the federally run online marketplace by Monday. In Texas, community groups, health advocates and insurers say they continue reaching out to residents statewide, promoting the Affordable Care Act through health fairs, pop-up kiosks and one-on-one meetings at health centers and other facilities. Those who sign up after the deadline would not be eligible for coverage until as early as Feb. 1 or as late as March 1.

Porfirio Villarreal, a spokesman for Houston's health department, said city-employed navigators have been meeting with residents. Many of the questions people have include how to compare different plans on the online marketplace and how they can qualify for subsidies to offset the price of monthly premiums.

Q: What should I do if I already have a plan from the first enrollment period?

Residents who already have insurance would not need to do anything as they will likely be automatically reenrolled in their 2014 plan or a similar one, Monday is also the deadline for people with existing coverage to make any changes to their plans so that these changes can take effect Jan. 1.

Q: If I have existing coverage, should I opt for automatic re-enrollment?

Health advocates and insurers are advising people to log in to their marketplace account, update their personal information and review all plans available in 2015. They are urging people to carefully review all plans in case better plans are available that might be less expensive or offer additional services. An individual's current plan might be more expensive next year as some increases in premiums were expected across different health plans.

Dr. Bob Morrow, chief medical officer for Houston and Southeast Texas for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, the state's largest health insurer, said people with current plans should get help so they can better understand their options when reenrolling.

"I think it's important for people to take advantage of the resources we're putting out there ... so they make sure they get the information they need to sign up for the kind of plan that is the best for them," said Morrow, whose company is partnering with community groups around the state to reach out to the uninsured through its "Be Covered Texas" campaign.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

Hundreds rally in San Antonio, Houston against police deaths

About 200 demonstrators surged into a busy shopping mall on San Antonio's north side to protest the deaths of unarmed black man at police hands.

They surged into North Star Mall, chanting "Black lives matter" and "We can't breathe," and advanced to the food court. There, they lay down on the floor in a "die-in" as police officers and holiday shoppers looked on. KSAT-TV of San Antonio reports at least two were arrested.

In Houston, about 300 demonstrators rallied around a water sculpture and marched in the streets near the city's posh Galleria shopping mall, chanting "Hands up, don't shoot," and "We can't breathe." The Houston Chronicle reported at least six were arrested.

WICHITA FALLS

Appeal from Texas death row inmate dismissed

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has dismissed a convicted serial killer's latest effort to duck a death sentence for a Wichita Falls woman's death during a murderous rampage from late 1984 to early 1986.

The Wichita Falls Times Record News reported Faryion Wardrip argued that a public defender did not adequately represent him in his original trial.

The 55-year-old was convicted in 1999 of killing four women after having already served 11 years in prison for killing another Wichita Falls woman in 1986.

The case now returns to U.S. Magistrate Paul D. Stickney, who has had the habeas corpus case since 2002. Stickney is under no deadline to send the case back to a trial judge in Wichita Falls to set an execution date.

GARLAND

Man arrested in death of son injured in washer released

Police have released from jail a suburban Dallas man arrested on a capital murder charge in the death of his 4-year-old son, who was injured in a washing machine.

Garland police officer Joe Harn said 28-year-old Joseph Blocker was released Friday pending the outcome of the investigation of the Wednesday death of his son Koda.

Harn told The Dallas Morning News that detectives were not ready to ask the Dallas County district attorney's office for formal charges.

The boy was found dead Tuesday at a residence after the father called 911. Harn said investigators believe the boy at some point was in the front-loading washing machine and injured. Police confiscated the washer.

Autopsy results are pending on the boy.

DALLAS

Smoke inhalation blamed for skyscraper fire deaths

Investigators have determined what killed three construction workers in a fire in the basement of a Dallas skyscraper.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's office found smoke inhalation killed 36-year-old Oscar Esparza-Romo, 43-year-old Leroy Carrillo-Solorzano and Carrillo's uncle, 60-year-old Nicacio Carrillo-Martinez.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration said the three were cleaning four water tanks in the basement of the 50-story Thanksgiving Tower on Thursday and were using a torch to cut rusted and corroded parts from a 30-foot-deep tank when it caught fire.

The tank is part of the building's heating, ventilating and air conditioning unit.

HOUSTON

Man shot dead outside suburban Houston movie theater

Investigators are seeking a male suspect after the fatal shooting of a man outside a motion picture theater in Houston's northern suburbs.

The shooting happened Friday night outside the Movie Tavern on Interstate 45. Harris County sheriff's deputies say Jonnie Catling's wife had become embroiled in a disturbance with another woman in the parking lot when Catling tried to intervene.

Witnesses told deputies that an acquaintance of the other woman then stepped forward and shot Catling several times. The 43-year-old victim was airlifted to Memorial Hermann Hospital and pronounced dead.

EL PASO

Man accused in corpse abuse case indicted

One of three people facing charges in a case involving five bodies found in various stages of decomposition at a funeral home has been indicted on charges of tampering with and forging records.

Joseph Anthony Solis, 54, the owner of Mortuary Services Inc., was being held in the El Paso County Jail on Saturday on bonds totaling $245,000, according to the El Paso Times. He was indicted this week on 42 counts of tampering with government records and 37 counts of forging government records.

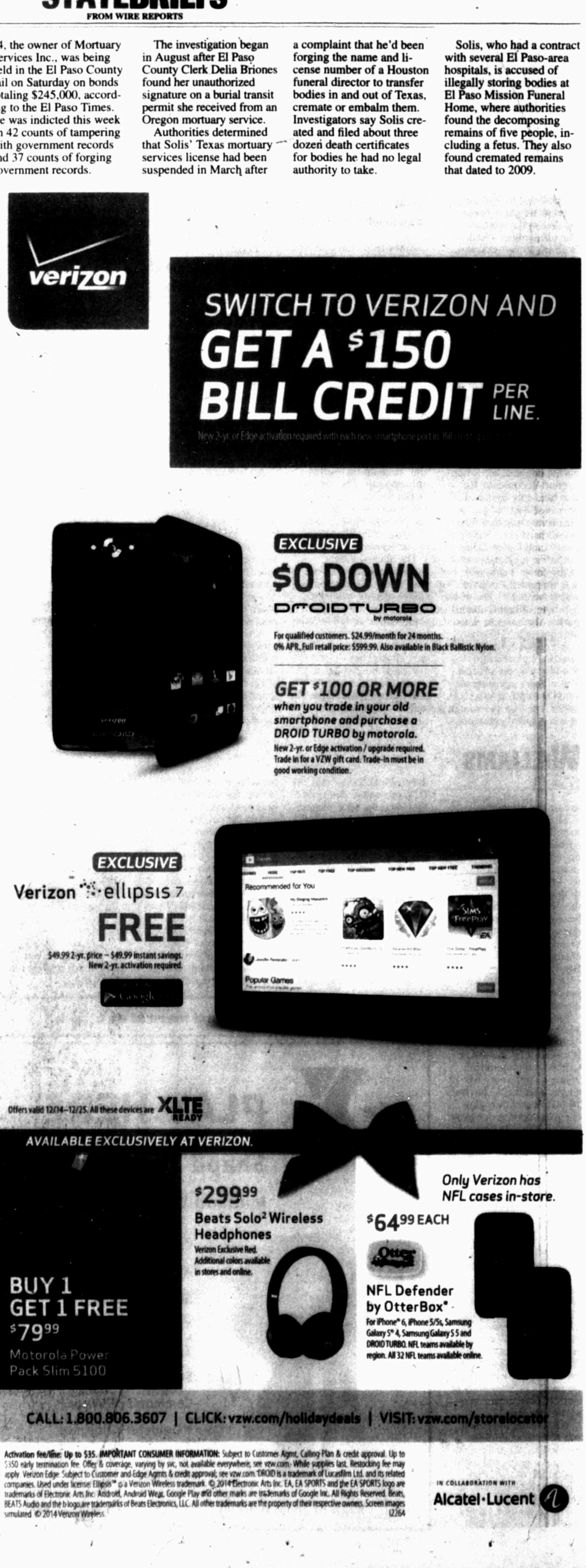
The investigation began in August after El Paso County Clerk Delia Briones found her unauthorized signature on a burial transit permit she received from an Oregon mortuary service.

Authorities determined that Solis' Texas mortuary services license had been suspended in March after a complaint that he'd been forging the name and license number of a Houston funeral director to transfer bodies in and out of Texas, cremate or embalm them. Investigators say Solis created and filed about three dozen death certificates for bodies he had no legal authority to take.

Solis, who had a contract with several El Paso-area hospitals, is accused of illegally storing bodies at El Paso Mission Funeral Home, where authorities found the decomposing remains of five people, including a fetus. They also found cremated remains that dated to 2009.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Northern Natural Gas Company has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 73486, which would authorize continued operation of the Spraberry Compressor Station at the Spraberry Plant located at 13401 East County Road 230, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.



Texas rescue group helps horse beaten with bat

By Christian McPhate
Denton Record-Chronicle

ARGYLE — The horse's eyes are the first indication that he's a survivor.

A spark of fire illuminates their blackness as if his will to live were personified into a flame that could not be extinguished, despite the number of times an unknown assailant beat him with a baseball bat.

After the beating, his leg healed at an awkward angle because his owner failed to seek medical treatment or put the horse down after discovering his injuries. The owner told the justice of the peace that the horse had been beaten with a baseball bat, but he didn't do it.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported no one had much hope that the horse would survive his mistreatment when Meadow Haven Horse Rescue picked him up from a ranch near San Antonio. With his gray coat pulled taut across his thin frame, the once-majestic stallion resembled a skeletal steed from a fantasy novel like "Game of Thrones."

The horse was sent to Ranch Hand Rescue in Argyle where he would find a new purpose helping veterans and special-needs children and a hope that no one else was offering: an experimental surgery technique that would save his life.

"We call them 'throwaways,'" said Bob Williams, CEO of Ranch Hand Rescue. "But I believe that all life is precious."

There is no national reporting system for animal abuse, according to the Humane Society. Most of the figures the group is able to obtain come from media reports.

The American Horse Council reported that in the United States, more than 2 million people own horses, and more than one-third of them have a household income of less than $50,000.

A horse's average lifespan is 30 years, costing about $1,825 annually to provide basic care, not including veterinary or farrier services, according to Kimberly Anne May, a veterinarian and spokeswoman for the Illinois-based American Veterinary Medical Association.

Williams contacted several veterinarians about the horse, but he said everyone who examined the animal claimed nothing could be done for him. The beating had happened long before Meadow Haven Horse Rescue had rescued the horse, and the bone and the muscles had healed improperly.

"No one wanted to perform surgery because his chances of survival were slim," Williams said.

But Williams knew the horse wanted to live. He even named the horse Spirit because "the horse was full of this spirit that was so enduring."

So he contacted Dr. Sammy Pittman, a veterinarian who specializes in equine podiatry and practices in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Pittman had helped Ranch Hand Rescue in the past, but Spirit had gotten to the point where his health was failing quickly despite Williams and his team's efforts to nurse the horse back to health. Pittman then called Dr. Michael Schoonover, a professor of surgery at Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

"If we don't do something more aggressive now, we are not going to be able to save this horse," Pittman recalled saying.

Schoonover wasn't sure if Spirit was a good candidate for a double fusion in the leg, a procedure to fuse both the knee and the fetlock (the ankle joint).

"Spirit had a significant angular limb deformity so his foot really twisted inward underneath him," Schoonover said. "He couldn't bear weight on the limb at all, and he'd lost some mineral in the bone because of not using it."

Schoonover believed the $25,000 needed for an innovative procedure like the one being proposed would be better spent on other horses in need.

"It's very expensive to do surgery on a horse," Schoonover said. "There are a lot of horses who aren't considered economic units. Some people reason that they can go buy another horse for the cost that entails to fix this one. There's also no guarantee that the horse will respond to treatment."

Another problem is that most owners don't carry horse insurance, a plan that's not as comprehensive as health insurance for people.

Williams, however, was determined to help Spirit. He called Schoonover and told him about Spirit's interaction with the special-needs children who'd been visiting him at Ranch Hand Rescue." He wasn't just a rescue horse," Schoonover said. "It was a horse that had a purpose. He wasn't going to be used to rope steers. He helped kids."

Schoonover consulted with top veterinarians around the country to determine the best way to help Spirit. Horses have three joints in their knees, and he planned to fuse all the joints and apply stainless steel implants.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time this surgery has been attempted," Schoonover said.

Spirit's chance of survival was less than 20 percent. Schoonover noted that when he broke his leg, he was bedridden for about four months. But horses have to be able to be on their feet within two hours.

"They are a fight-or-flight animal," he said, "and they won't sit still."

Spirit's first surgery took six hours to complete. Schoonover and his team opened up the joints and removed all the cartilage — what little was left after the damage. They closed up the skin and applied a fiberglass cast to support the stainless steel implants.

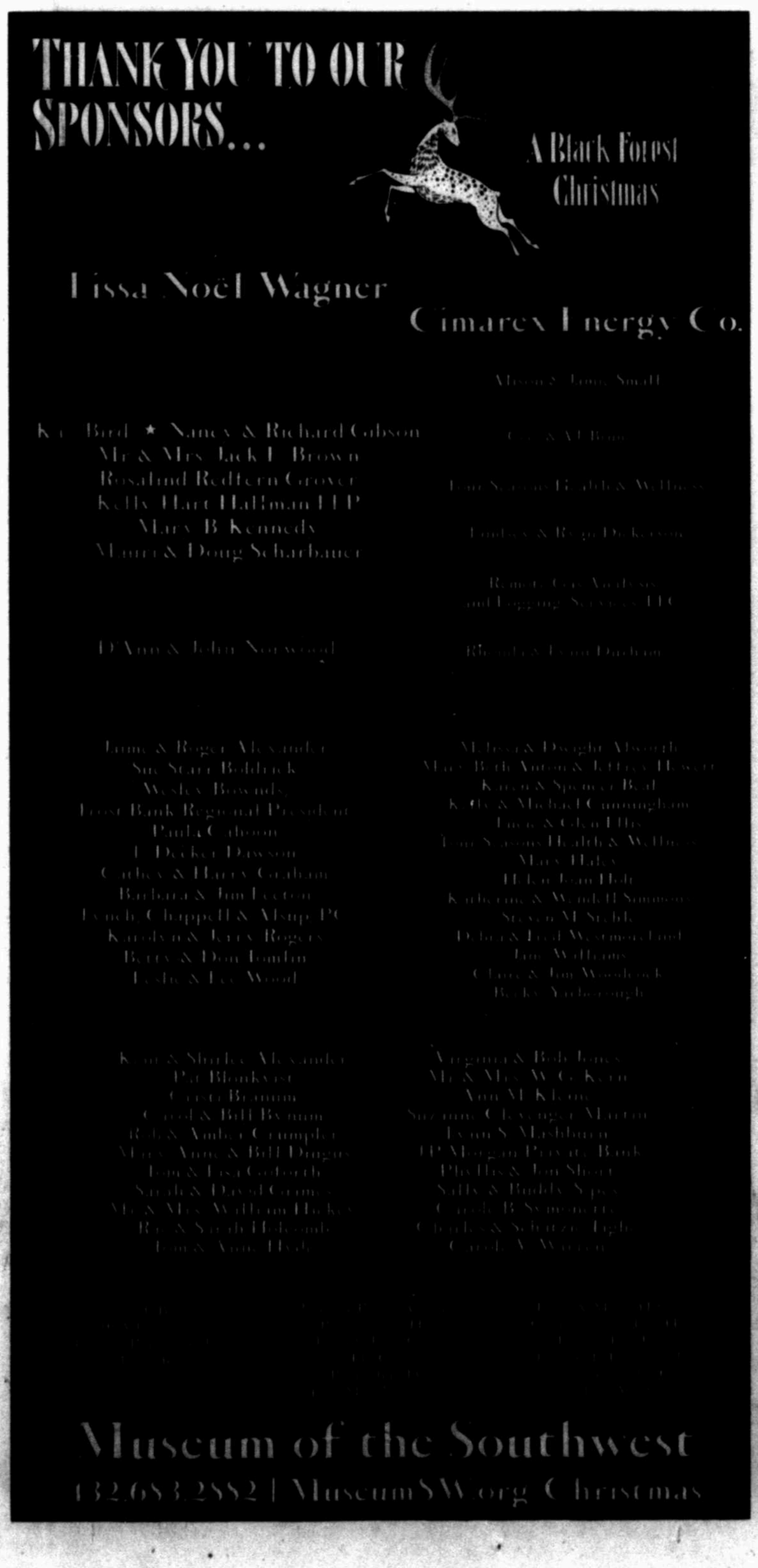
Later, when they removed the cast, they realized that Spirit didn't have function in his fetlock joint, which helps a horse stand.

After two surgeries and several months of therapy, Spirit is now recovering at Ranch Hand Rescue. He has his good days and bad days, but Williams and his staff remain optimistic about Spirit's condition.

"Spirit has a gift," Williams said. "He gives children and adults hope."

Denton Record-Chronicle

Ranch Hand Rescue founder Bob Williams stands with Spirit, a horse who was seized from a ranch outside San Antonio in 2012 after being beaten with a baseball bat. Spirit has undergone experimental surgery to help fix a broken leg, one of the results of being beaten.



Abilene Reporter-News

Armando "A.J." Rodriguez stands in front of his barber in Dublin on Nov. 26. He has been cutting hair and sharing stories with his customers for over six years. The shop is located behind his family's home, though it was inside the house for a time while they were renovating it and the current shop.

TALES

From 1B

Stories of Vietnam, people he knew, moments he lived; it all gushed out in a bright, swirling pool of memory.

"For that moment, he is young all over, he goes into another time in life," recalled Rodriguez. "And after he's done and he walked away? Well, he's just the older guy again."

Rodriguez's shop sits behind his home, a white PVC pipe painted with a red stripe — his homemade barber pole — sits at the edge of the lawn. Customers park in the backyard or along the driveway.

Like any library some books are comedic, others offer do-it-yourself tips, and a few combine the two. Take the guy who had a persistent rash on his foot. Rodriguez had a simple solution for him.

"I know how you can get rid of that. You may not want to do it, but I know that it works," he told the man. "Pee on it."

"Yeah, whatever," came the eye-rolling reply.

"No, seriously. This was something that was told to me, when I had a rash that would not go away," Rodriguez said. "If nobody's looking, what do you got to lose?"

He paused in his story, sweeping up hair and the strips of paper used for men's necks.

"It went away instantly," he said. "It worked."

Other stories are more sobering.

Once long ago, a man was in the flower of his youth. He was fit, had a girlfriend, a steady job — life was good. But then the following day, a bad slip and a hard fall brought it all down.

"I could have died," he told his barber, years after. "I didn't, but I ended up being a quadriplegic."

"That's pretty rough," Rodriguez said to him.

"Honestly, I can deal with everything," came the reply. "If I could have just one thing back."

The man trailed off for a moment, and in Rodriguez's mind he expected to hear the customer wish for his lost mobility. But that wasn't it.

"If I could have one thing," he said, picking the conversation back up. "It would be that I could get a job. It's so boring to not do anything, and nobody gives opportunities because they see what I am.

"I can talk, I can hear, but I don't get a break."

Rodriguez shook his head, recalling the conversation.

"We're all so vain," he said. "I wish I had more hair. But this guy, all he wants to do is work."

It's a story he repeats whenever anyone gripes too much about work when sitting in his chair. Most end up counting their blessings when they hear it.

But in this library, parenting would also be another well-used volume.

"Somebody's got a daughter and she's 15 or 16, they've been through a divorce. He says, 'I buy her stuff and she just throws it back at me,'" Rodriguez recalled, unfolding and easing down into one of the re-purposed theater seats along the shop's window.

"She's saying, 'I don't know why you bother doing that, because my mom hates you and I hate you,'" the customer told the barber.

"It feels real bad because I'm just trying to please her, trying to make up," he continued. "What would you do?"

Rodriguez thought it over, then said if it were him, he'd keep buying the gifts. Let her throw them away, he said. It'll pay off in the long run.

"One day she will grow up; she will understand that you never stopped being you, you know?" he answered. "Then she'll appreciate it."

Libraries share stories, and Rodriguez freely shares his. Names are left out, allowing the listener to focus on the point of the story.

"You have an opportunity to go into people's lives, whether it be that or a person thinking of getting a divorce. You may be being able to talk him out of it based on what this other guy just told you."

He regards his position as something of a paradox. Rodriguez isn't a native of Dublin and isn't privy to the kind of deep institutional knowledge that would entail.

"Yet in the time that I have been here, I've been fortunate enough to have a one-on-one interview with everyone that has come in," he said. "I love being a barber."

NEW MEXICO BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SANTA FE

Norovirus cases increasing in state

New Mexico health officials say cases of norovirus are on the rise in the state.

The state Department of Health said Friday that more people are coming down with the contagious virus.

Noroviruses cause gastroenteritis and inflammation of the stomach and intestines. Common symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. People who are infected may also get a fever or chills and muscle aches.

Health officials said people need to take precautions, especially around the very young and the elderly.

Protective measures include washing your hands with soapy water.

Most people recover within a day or two, but officials say dehydration can be a concern.

Anyone infected should stay home and avoid preparing food for others to keep from passing on the virus.

SANTA FE

State retains firm to sort out workers' back pay

New Mexico still needs the services of a firm hired to calculate how much back pay is owed to thousands of state workers.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported Friday the state signed a contract worth more than $730,000 with the Bethesda, Maryland-based BDO firm.

According to invoices, BDO has already billed the state for $1.6 million.

The state Supreme Court ruled last year that 10,000 current or former employees were entitled to retroactive pay increases because former Gov. Bill Richardson's administration didn't follow union contracts.

The American Federation for State, County and Municipal Employees said 5,000 workers are still waiting for checks.

Randi Johnson, general counsel for the State Personnel Office, says the "required data analysis was larger and more complicated" than the firm initially thought.

HOBBS

Presbyterian Medical Services expanding

Presbyterian Medical Services is looking to expand in a booming southeastern New Mexico oil town.

Officials said its health center is planning to expand in Hobbs from three examination rooms to nine, the Hobbs News-Sun reported. The proposed expansion is planned to sit on the west side of the current health center.

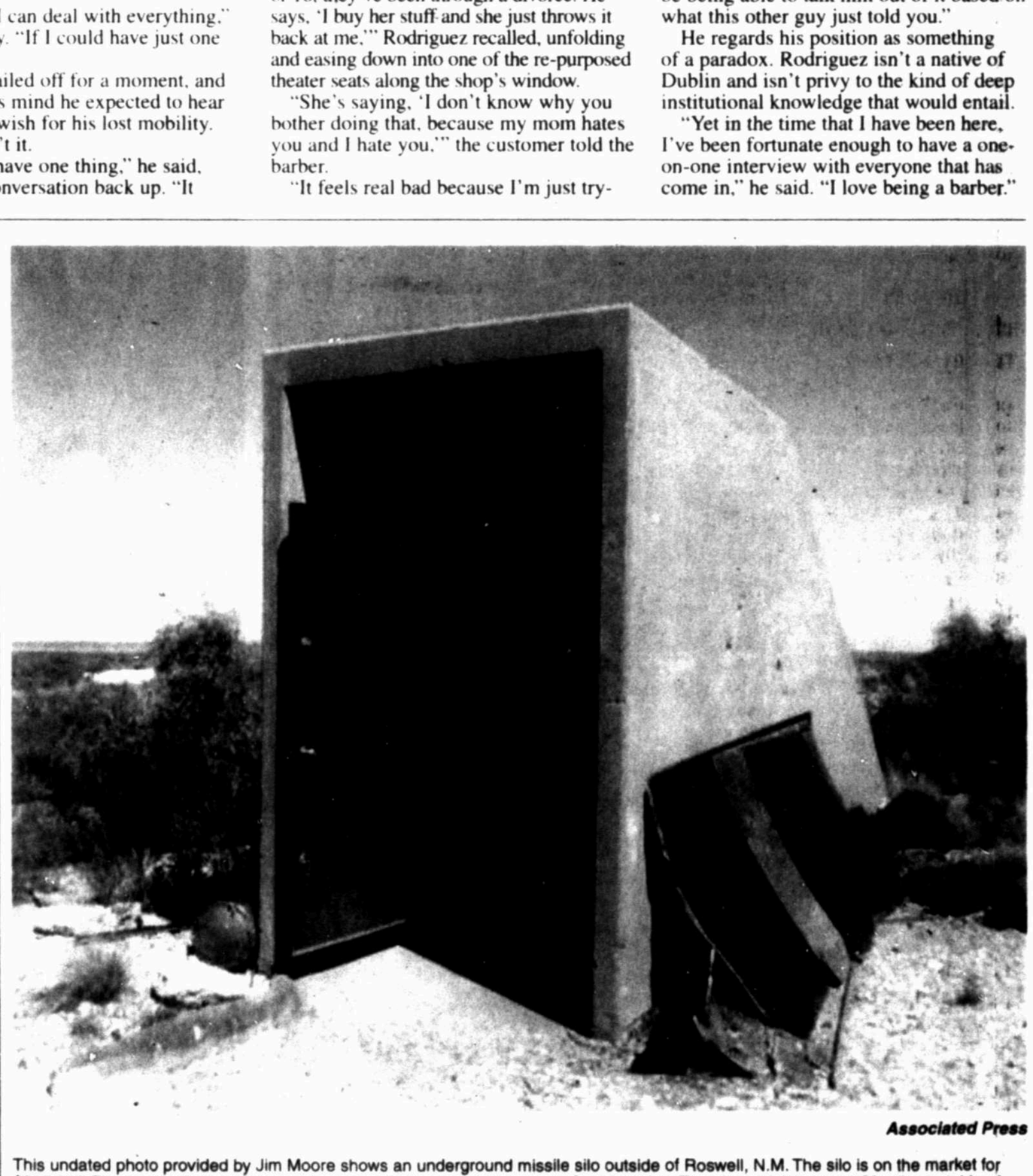
President and CEO of Presbyterian Medical Services, Steve Hansen said the Hobbs health center has outgrown the current location.

Hansen said there is currently a two-week waiting period to get in. The additional space would allow them to cut the wait time so the public can get medical assistance faster.

Hansen said the current provider annually sees around 4,000 patient visits a year. He hopes they can bump that number up to more than 6,000.

"We haven't made our final selection of our contractor," said Hansen. "Hopefully, we will know in the next few days."

According to the posting on a New Mexico Bid Network, the developer will be in charge of design and building.



Associated Press

This undated photo provided by Jim Moore shows an underground missile silo outside of Roswell, N.M. The silo is on the market for $295,000. The deal includes 25 acres of surrounding land and 280 acres of water rights. The silo, which is about 20 miles outside of Roswell, used to house an Atlas missile.

Underground missile silo for sale near Roswell

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — An underground missile silo is currently one of New Mexico's hottest real estate properties.

More than 40 people, some from out of state, have called about buying the silo near Roswell, real estate agent Jim Moore said Friday.

"This one of the few missile silos for sale in the United States," Moore said. "It's one of the more unusual listings that I've come across."

According to KOB-TV, the silo is on the market for $295,000. The deal includes 25 acres of surrounding land and 280 acres of water rights.

The silo, which is about 20 miles outside of Roswell, used to house an Atlas missile.

"When we were stationed out here, and I was stationed in charge of the security detachment, we had radios, etc.," said Tom Edgett, who lived in the silo as a guard in the 1960s. "But right now if you got stuck down here, there is no telephone communication; there's no Wi-Fi."

The area where the missile was stored stretches 10 stories underground. The structure includes a kitchen, bathroom and several tunnels.

"I don't think even a direct bomb blast would affect the super structure," Edgett said.

By the 1980s, the silo had become a hangout among teenagers who marked the building with graffiti, Moore said.

Moore said the previous owner, Jerome Dinkevitz, had been living in a nursing home until his death two months ago. Dinkevitz bought the home in the early 1990s and ran a water business.

Several inquiries have come from people interested in living off the grid, Moore said.

"People that are thinking that the world is going to come to an end anytime. They want to be in a safe place, so they'd like to be in a place like this," Moore said.

ARIZONA BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Repairs to Grand Canyon pipeline break completed

A break in the Trans-Canyon Water Pipeline has been fixed and water restrictions at Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon have been lifted.

Officials said Saturday that the repairs were completed and visitors hiking to Phantom Ranch are no longer mandated to carry or treat all drinking water.

The National Park Service says Xanterra South Rim LLC has resumed normal operations with its Phantom Ranch overnight accommodations and services.

The break and inclement weather delaying equipment from reaching repair crews led to a water shortage at Phantom Ranch on Thursday.

All Grand Canyon National Park operations have remained normal.

While the restrictions have ended, officials urge hikers to "hike smart" with proper amounts of water and food.

LAKE HAVASU CITY

Crash damages Lake Havasu's London Bridge

Lake Havasu City workers are repairing part of the landmark London Bridge after a vehicle hit the railing.

The Today's News-Herald reported that maintenance workers began working Saturday to replace 40 feet of granite railing.

Police said 33-year-old Jose Lopez lost control of his truck Friday night and drove up onto a curb and struck the bridge.

Lopez was not injured.

Police said weather may have contributed to the incident as roads were slippery because of rain.

City officials said this is the third time the bridge has been damaged in a vehicle-related incident.

Lake Havasu City founder Robert McCulloch bought the bridge from the city of London in 1968 for approximately $2 million and had it brought piece by piece to Havasu.

PHOENIX

Thief robs Salvation Army bell ringer

Phoenix police say a man stole a Salvation Army kettle that contained $200 in donations.

Police are searching for a suspect who allegedly struggled with a Salvation Army bell ringer outside a Bashas' grocery store shortly after 4 p.m. Friday.

Authorities said the man got fought with the female volunteer over the red kettle before pushing her and fleeing with it.

Police said this was the second time in as many days that the kettle was stolen from the same location. They are trying to determine if the two incidents are related.

Salvation Army officials say they just want the kettle.

PHOENIX

Suspect in police assault arrested

The U.S. Marshals Service says a man accused of fleeing after assaulting a Phoenix police officer during a traffic stop is in custody.

U.S. Marshal David Gonzales said deputies and officers arrested Emeterio Zaragoza Jr. on Friday in west Phoenix.

Acting on information that Zaragoza was at an apartment complex, deputies conducted surveillance there and followed the suspect's vehicle for several miles before making an arrest.

Phoenix police said officers pulled Zaragoza and a passenger over Nov. 5 for a traffic violation.

Police said the passenger was found to have an outstanding arrest warrant and Zaragoza became irritated.

They said that's when he allegedly tried to leave in the vehicle and struck an officer with his fist.

The officer was dragged for several feet and suffered abrasions.

Arizona Daily Sun/AP

On Dec. 17, 2009, Shannon Rivers prepares a fire to heat rocks that will be used in a sweat lodge-like purification ceremony for inmates at the Coconino County jail in Flagstaff, Ariz. The jail where approximately half the inmate population is Native American is allowing traditional sweat lodge ceremonies after a seven-year hiatus.

Arizona jail inmates can use sweat lodge

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A northern Arizona jail has returned to allowing sweat lodge ceremonies for Native American inmates after a seven-year hiatus.

The Coconino County jail, where half the inmate population is Native American, held its most recent ceremony earlier this month, according to the Arizona Daily Sun.

At least a dozen inmates already have participated in the religious purification ceremony, a common ritual among many Native American tribes.

"Some of them will share why they're here (in jail), what brought them here," said Shannon Rivers, an indigenous rights advocate who facilitates some of the ceremonies. "And many of the men will cry and get emotional because it's a place to relieve themselves emotionally."

Sweat lodges are commonly used to cleanse the body and prepare for hunts, ceremonies and other events. First, rocks are heated in a fire pit and then brought inside the sweat lodge. The stones are placed in a small hole in the ground, and water is poured onto them. The resulting steam causes those inside to sweat.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office first operated a sweat lodge at the jail in 2001. But officials closed it in 2007 because smoke was getting into the ventilation system.

Jim Bret, the jail's program coordinator, began looking for funding to revive the sweat lodge when he was hired in 2008. A circular rebar frame in the jail yard covered with heavy blankets becomes a usable sweat lodge.

Offering the ceremony is no different than offering other worship services to inmates of every faith, Bret said.

"This kind of ceremony is another thing that they can use to focus better on what they need to do — and we hope they do — when they leave here," Bret said.

The jail has held three ceremonies so far, including one for female inmates, which was led by a woman. Rivers led the other two and has been doing the same thing at a prison in Eloy for the last several years. The Coconino County jail now plans to conduct a few every month starting in January.

Sweat lodge ceremonies became a topic of discussion after three people died in Sedona in 2009 following a session led by self-help author James Arthur Ray, a non-Native. Jail officials say keeping the inmates safe is the main priority.

"The safety and security of the inmates is paramount, but we want them to experience this ceremony," Bret said.

NEWMEXICOBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ALBUQUERQUE

Restaurant owners plead guilty to illegal harboring

Federal prosecutors say two brothers have pleaded guilty to harboring immigrants who worked at their New Mexico restaurants and were living in the country illegally.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for New Mexico said 29-year-old Wen Ping Chen and 31-year-old Wen Qiu Chen entered the pleas Friday morning in Albuquerque.

Prosecutors said both pleaded guilty to harboring an illegal alien and violating the federal minimum and overtime wage laws.

Under the agreement, both will receive recommendations for sentences that won't involve jail time.

The brothers, who were born in China and are naturalized American citizens, ran a Chinese restaurant in Santa Fe and another in Rio Rancho.

They were arrested in August 2013 following an investigation into whether some restaurant workers were residing in their homes illegally.

SANTA FE

Drug overdose deaths down in New Mexico

Gov. Susana Martinez says the rate of deaths from drug overdoses in New Mexico has dropped significantly.

Martinez said Friday that New Mexico did not rank first or second nationally for drug overdose fatality rates for the first time since 1992.

Data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates New Mexico's rate fell 16 percent between 2011 and 2013.

New Mexico's rate is now behind West Virginia and Kentucky.

Martinez said the reduction in deaths is in part due to state efforts to combat prescription drug abuse.

Martinez's administration developed guidelines in 2012 for mandatory participation among health care providers in New Mexico's Prescription Monitoring Program.

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Colossians 2:6-7

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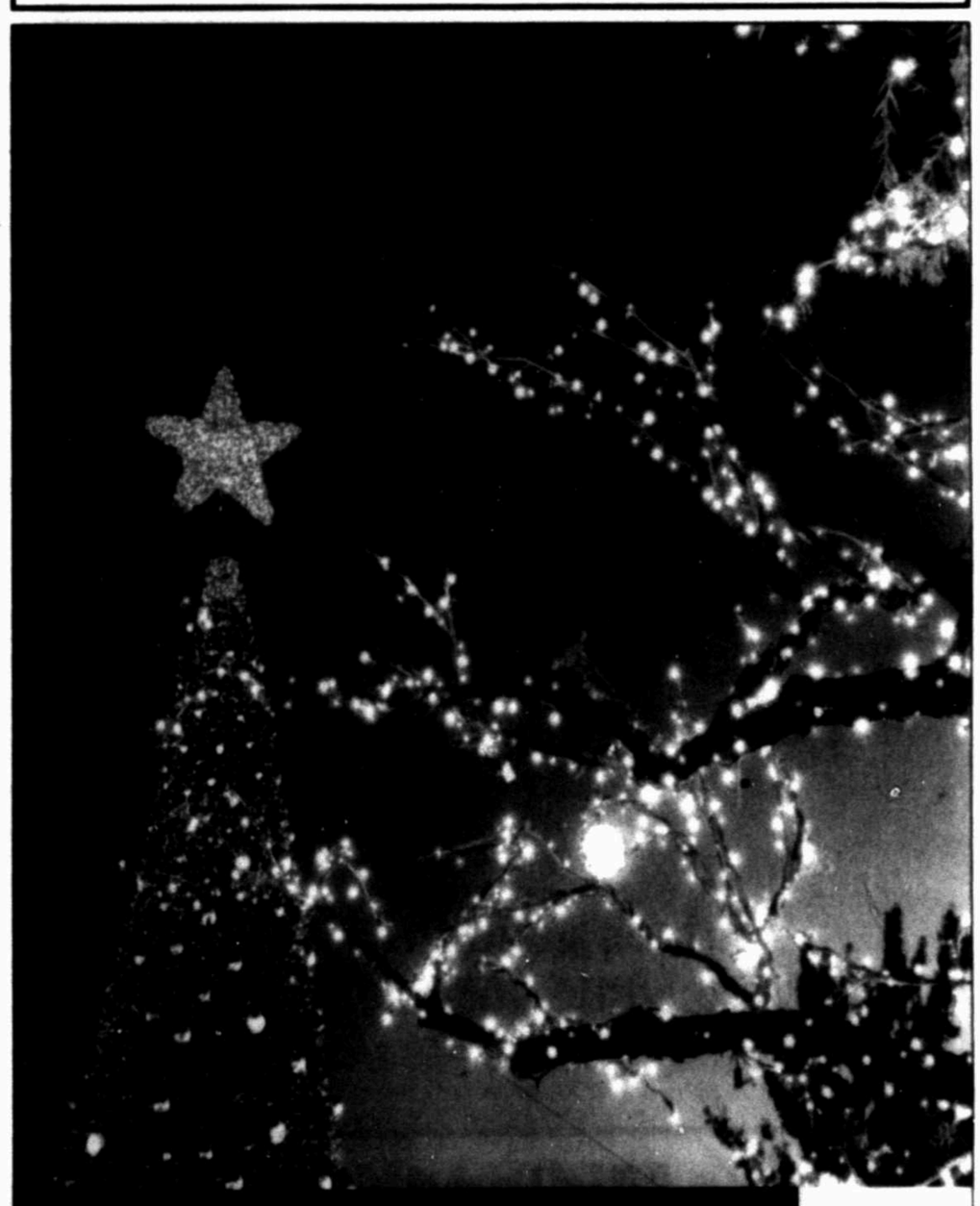

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Oregon QB Marcus Mariota wins Heisman Trophy

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In this photo provided by the Heisman Trust, Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota tears up while speaking after he won the Heisman Trophy Saturday in New York.

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Marcus Mariota, the prototypical 21st-century quarterback, took an old-fashioned approach to become Oregon's first Heisman Trophy winner.

The Ducks' understated star won the Heisman on Saturday night going away, capping a three-year climb to college football's most prestigious individual award.

"I'm humbled to be standing here today," Mariota said, reading an acceptance speech he had a hard time getting through without choking up.

A pinpoint passer with wide-receiver speed, Mariota came into his junior season as the favorite to win the 80th Heisman and delivered a performance that turned the presentation ceremony at a theater in Times Square into a foregone conclusion.

Mariota received twice as many points as second-place finisher Melvin Gordon, the record-breaking running back from Wisconsin. The other finalist, Alabama receiver Amari Cooper, was third.

Mariota received the second-highest percentage of possible points (90.92) in Heisman history, behind only Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith, who had 91.63 in 2006. Southern California tailback Reggie Bush received 91.77 percent of possible points in 2005, but his victory was later vacated for violating NCAA rules.

The first Hawaii native to win the Heisman has accounted for a Pac-12-record 53 touchdowns (38 passing, 14 rushing and one receiving) while directing the Ducks' warp-speed spread offense. He also led Oregon to a spot in the first College Football Playoff.

It will be a matchup of Heisman-winning quarterbacks in the Rose Bowl semifinal Jan. 1 with Mariota and the second-seeded Ducks facing Florida State and Jameis Winston.

Mariota has been making a whirlwind tour up the East Coast collecting trophies. First stop, Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, to pick up an armful of hardware. Next stop, Baltimore for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. He took a train

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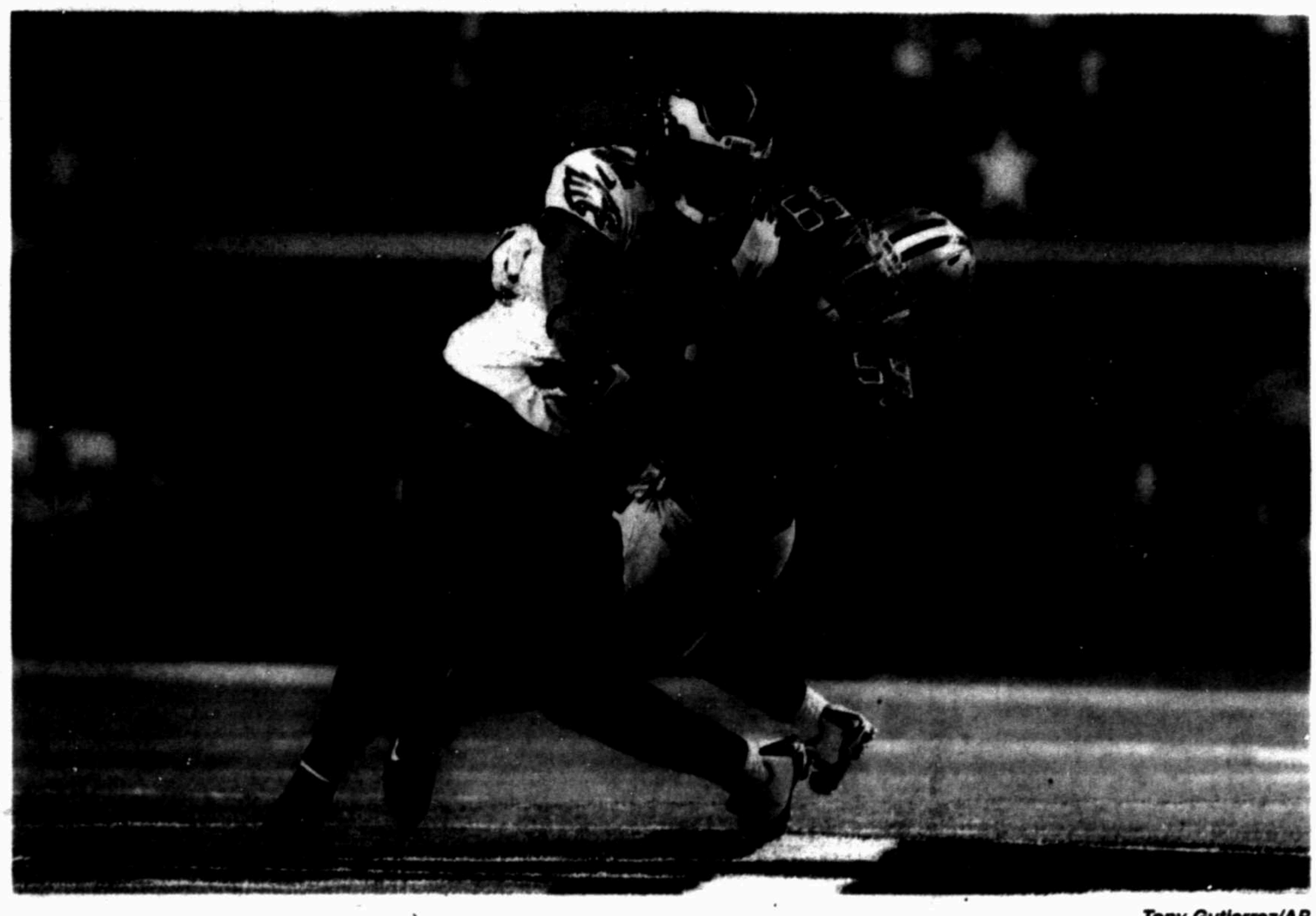
Few games bigger



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Philadelphia's Chris Polk (32) is tackled by Dallas' Anthony Hitchens (59) in the Eagles' 33-10 win Nov. 27 game in Arlington. The Cowboys and Eagles play the second game of their series today in Philadelphia.

Kelly respects Cowboys, doesn't share hate

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — From Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Jason Garrett to Dick Vermeil, Buddy Ryan and Andy Reid, the men in charge have changed while the rivalry remains intense.

No matter the coaches, the players or the records, it's always a big game when the Philadelphia Eagles play the Dallas Cowboys. First place in the NFC East is on the line for tonight's prime-time matchup between the two 9-4 teams.

Chip Kelly understands fans in Philadelphia strongly dislike the Cowboys, but he doesn't share those feelings.

"I've never been a hate guy. I don't hate anybody we've ever played," Kelly said. "I've got the utmost respect for them and I hope when we have an opportunity to play any team that we play, they are at their full strength. That's the best part about it; that's when you really truly get two competitors going against it."

The game

DALLAS AT PHILADELPHIA

When: 7:30 p.m. today
Location: Lincoln Financial Field
TV: NBC

Ryan was revered in Philadelphia because he often beat the Cowboys during his tenure as coach from 1986-90. The brash and bombastic Ryan didn't hide his animosity for Landry or Johnson. During a game against Landry's Cowboys following the 1987 strike, Ryan ordered Randall Cunningham to fake taking a knee and throw deep to run up the score because he felt Dallas did that to Philadelphia's replacement players.

Then there was the "Bounty Bowl" game on Thanksgiving Day 1989 when players said Ryan offered money to whoever knocked kicker Luis Zendejas or quarterback Troy Aikman out of the game.

So despite his 0-3 record in the playoffs, Ryan is beloved by Eagles fans.

The same fans once threw snowballs at Johnson at old Veterans Stadium. They also cheered the ambulance that drove Michael Irvin off the field after he suffered a career-ending injury in 1999.

But Kelly does things his way. He even said he would allow the Cowboys to practice on his team's field if the situation arose and they needed it.

"I understand (fans hate the Cowboys) but that's not the way we're wired," Kelly said. "I think I want to compete against

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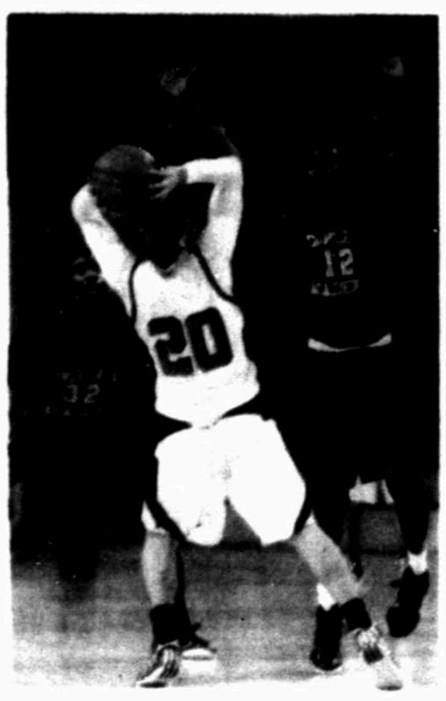

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Triple A Academy's Dalyn Mumphrey (32) and Greg Smith (12) double team El Paso Harmony's Bryan Urrutia (20) during the championship game of the Oilman's Invitational on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

Triple A edges EP Harmony for Oilman's title

By Len Hayward
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El Paso Harmony did everything it needed to do to beat Triple A Academy on Saturday afternoon at Chaparral Center.

The Tigers' guard play and size were keeping the Stallions, the No. 1 team in Class 4A, off-balance in the first half.

But in the second half, two of Harmony's best players and shooters found themselves in foul trouble and that's when Triple A took advantage.

The Stallions (9-3) came back from a nine-point second-quarter deficit to win in the final minute as Tyler Singleton sank a jump shot with 35 seconds remaining for a 65-64 victory in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational championship game.

Singleton, who scored 16 points in the game, scored eight of the Stallions' final 11 points in the victory.

"Even if we are down, we just got to keep fighting," said Singleton, who is a senior. "We played them two years ago in the state tournament and we knew they were going to be a tough team. We just fought and won the game and I'm glad we did that."

Saturday's game was a rematch of the 2013 Class A Division I state

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Lee gets 1st win on year on buzzer beater

By Len Hayward
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The Lee boys basketball team's season has been filled with more frustration than anything else.

But on Saturday morning at Chaparral Center, the Rebels broke through with their first win of the season and did it in exciting fashion.

The Rebels (1-12) battled back from a nine-point deficit after the third quarter and then James Lydia hit a shot at the buzzer to give Lee a 48-47 victory against Canutillo in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational seventh-place game.

"They stayed resilient," Lee coach Chris Packer said. "They've shown signs all year and they finally stuck all the way through. They didn't get down when it looked bleak and stayed with it and it worked out for the good in the end."

Lydia scored nine points, while Lee had some production inside from senior Daniel Nelson, who had a game-high 22 points.

Packer said with semester finals coming up this week, his team's mindset can now be off getting that first win, and he hopes playing in the games it has this weekend and throughout the non-district season will help when District 3-6A starts in January.

"They are young but they are resilient," Packer said. "Hopefully it's an opportunity that when January 13 rolls round, the moment is not too big for them when it gets here."

Lee will take on former District 2-5A rival Amarillo Tascosa at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Lee gymnasium.

■ Oilman's Invite Notebook

MHS FIGHTS BACK BUT FALLS TO RICHLAND

Midland High got a glimpse of what playoff basketball would be like in its final two games of the tournament.

The Bulldogs (6-6) fell to Dallas Triple A Academy, 84-52, on Friday, and on Saturday, Richland beat Midland High, 78-70, in the third-place game.

In both games, the Bulldogs had to contend with guards and forwards who are quick and can move to the basket.

On Friday, it was 6-foot-3 Baylor signee King McClure, who scored 37 in Triple A's victory against MHS.

On Saturday, the Rebels (8-8) used their speed in the back court to score transition baskets and open the game with a 19-4 run.

Midland High, though, battled back from an 18-point third-quarter deficit to cut the lead to six points late in the fourth quarter before falling by eight.

Richland sophomore guard C.J. Roberts, who spent some time on the bench in the second half, came off the bench in the fourth quarter to score Richland's last eight points.

He scored 19 in the game, including 12 in the fourth quarter.

Midland High's Shawn Rivers led MHS with 27 points in the game, Gary Ringo, an all-tournament selection, added 14 and Nathan Rogers 12.

"It's adjusting to the speed of the

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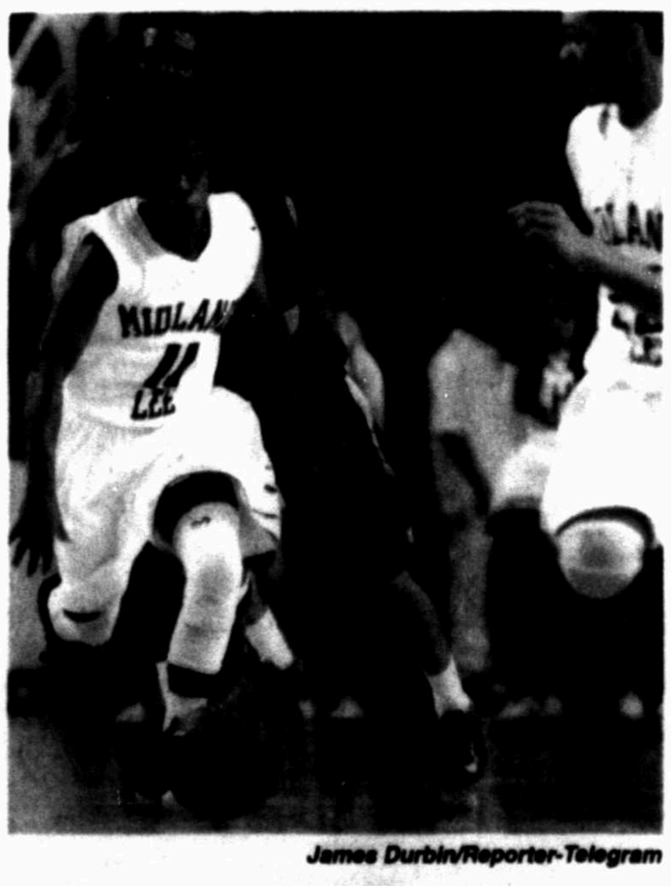

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Lee's Jase Love takes the ball down the court against San Antonio Roosevelt in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational on Thursday at Chaparral Center. Lee got its first win of the season on Saturday with a 48-47 win against Canutillo.

DAILYRUNDOWN
FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Lott Trophy Presentation, 9 p.m., FCSP
GOLF
PNC Father/Son Challenge, Final Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
PNC Father/Son Challenge, Final Round, 2 p.m., NBC
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
St. Peter's at Seton Hall, 11 a.m., FS1
Temple at Villanova, 1 p.m., FS1
Butler at Tennessee, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Montana State at Wyoming, 1 p.m., ROOT
Prairie View A&M at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., FSSW/FCSC
Illinois State at DePaul, 3 p.m., FS1
Louisiana Tech at Syracuse, 3 p.m., ESPNU
Coppin State at Connecticut, 3 p.m., SNY
Jacksonville at Florida, 3 p.m., FSSW
UNC Wilmington at Louisville, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Savannah State at Kansas State, 5 p.m., FSSW/FSSWP
Mississippi Valley State at Northwestern, 5 p.m., BTN
Oakland at Michigan State, 7 p.m., ESPNU
Eastern Washington at Washington, 7 p.m., P12
MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY
Clarkson at Michigan State, 4 p.m., FCSA
MEN'S SOCCER
Italian Serie A: UC Sampdoria at Juventus, 5:25 a.m., beIN/beIN2
English Premier: Liverpool at Manchester United, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN/mun2
Italian Serie A: AS Roma at Genoa CFC, 7:55 a.m., beIN
Italian Serie A: Hellas Verona at Udinese Calio, 7:55 a.m., beIN2
Bundesliga: Borussia Monchengladbach at Bayer Leverkusen, 8:30 a.m., GolTV
French Ligue 1: Paris Saint-Germain at EA Guingamp, 9:55 a.m., beIN
La Liga: Eibar at Savilla, 9:55 a.m., beIN2
English Premier: Tottenham at Swansea City, 10 a.m., NBCSN/TELE
Bundesliga: Paderborn 07 at Wolfsburg, 10:30 a.m., GolTV
College Cup Championship: , 11 a.m., ESPNU
La Liga: Villarreal at Club Atletico de Madrid, 11:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Italian Serie A: SSC Napoli at AC Milan, 1:55 p.m. beIN
La Liga: Athletic Club at Real Sociedad, 1:55 p.m., beIN2
Superliga Portuguesa: SL Benfica at FC Porto, 1:55 p.m., UniDep
Liga MX Final, Leg 2: Tigres UANL at Club America, 5:55 p.m., UNIV/UniDep
NFL
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon, CBS
Cincinnati at Cleveland, Noon, FOX
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., NBC
NBA
San Antonio at Denver, 7 p.m., FSSWSA
NHL
Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m., NHL
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Mercer at Alabama, Noon, SEC
Tennessee at Rutgers, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Stephen F. Austin at Baylor, 2 p.m., FSSWP/FCSP
Northwestern State at Texas, 2 p.m., LHN
Belmont at Kentucky, 5 p.m., SEC
Santa Clara at Stanford, 9 p.m., P12
WHAT'S ON RADIO
NFL
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon, KCRS (550 AM)
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., KNFM (92.3 FM)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
MINNESOTA TWINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ervin Santana on a four-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined L.A. Clippers F Matt Barnes $25,000 for kicking a water bottle into the stands and directing profane language during Friday's game.
MIAMI HEAT — Assigned G Shabazz Napier and C Hassan Whiteside to Sioux Falls (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed LB Darryl Sharpton on injured reserve. Signed QB David Fales from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released PK Billy Cundiff. Signed PK Garrett Hartley.
DENVER BRONCOS — Placed RB Montee Ball and S Quinton Carter on injured reserve. Activated LB Danny Trevathan from injured reserve. Signed TE Dominique Jones from the practice squad. ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - The Denver Broncos on Saturday activated linebacker Danny Trevathan from injured reserve and promoted tight end Dominique Jones to the 53-man roster, it was announced.
Also on Saturday, the Broncos placed running back Montee Ball and safety Quinton Carter on injured reserve.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed LB Jamari Lattimore on injured reserve. Signed S Chris Banjo from the practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed DE Tim Jamison on injured reserve. Signed DE Keith Browner from the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed S Larry Asante on injured reserve. Signed S Ras-I Dowling and LB Bojay Filimoeatu from the practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Released G Bryce Quigley from the practice squad. Signed DB Greg Ducre to the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed OT Michael Oher on injured reserve. Signed DB Khalid Wooten from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Jamie Oleksiak from Texas (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Loaned F Cory Conacher to Bridgeport (AHL).
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Assigned D Jeremie Blain from Utica (AHL) to Kalamazoo (ECHL).
American Hockey League
OKLAHOMA CITY BARONS — Returned F Greger Hanson to Allen (ECHL).
PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Recalled F Andrew Ammon from South Carolina (ECHL).
WORCESTER SHARKS — Recalled D Nick Jones from Indy (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Utah F Danick Paquette two games.
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Signed Fs Sean Menton and Ryan Watson.
BRAMPTON BEAST — Signed F Andy Bathgate.
TULSA OILERS — Released F Ty Bilcke.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS — Suspended CB Carroll Washington and S Rohan Gaines for the Texas Bowl.
IOWA STATE — Suspended DL Devlyn Cousin indefinitely from the football team.
SAN JOSE STATE — Named Bruce Watson men's water polo coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		NFL Today		
at Kansas City	12	10	(41 1/2)	Oakland
at Baltimore	13 1/2	13 1/2	(45)	Jacksonville
Pittsburgh	1 1/2	2 1/2	(55)	at Atlanta
at Indianapolis	6 1/2	6 1/2	(49)	Houston
at Cleveland	+2 1/2	1	(44)	Cincinnati
at New England	7	7 1/2	(48)	Miami
at Carolina	5 1/2	3	(41 1/2)	Tampa Bay
at N.Y. Giants	6 1/2	6 1/2	(47)	Washington
Green Bay	5 1/2	4 1/2	(50 1/2)	at Buffalo
at Detroit	7 1/2	7	(42)	Minnesota
N.Y. Jets	+1	2 1/2	(42)	at Tennessee
Denver	4	4	(50 1/2)	at San Diego
at Seattle	8 1/2	10	(38)	San Francisco
at Philadelphia	3 1/2	3 1/2	(55 1/2)	Dallas
		Monday		
New Orleans	3	3	(54)	at Chicago
		COLLEGE Saturday New Orleans Bowl		
La. Lafayette	+1	1	(60 1/2)	Nevada
		New Mexico Bowl At Albuquerque		
Utah St	11	10 1/2	(49)	UTEP
		Las Vegas Bowl		
Utah	4	4 1/2	(58)	Colorado St
		Famous Idaho Potato Bowl At Boise		
W. Michigan	3	1 1/2	(56 1/2)	Air Force
		Camellia Bowl At Montgomery, Ala.		
South Alabama	+1 1/2	2 1/2	(54)	Bowling Green
		Dec. 22 Miami Beach Bowl		
Memphis	1	1	(57 1/2)	BYU
		Dec. 23 Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl		
Marshall	11	10	(65)	N. Illinois
		Poinsettia Bowl At San Diego		
San Diego St	Pk	2 1/2	(54)	Navy
		Dec. 24 Bahamas Bowl At Nassau		
W. Kentucky	1 1/2	2 1/2	(66)	Cent. Michigan
		Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu		
Rice	+2	1	(59)	Fresno St
		Dec. 26 Heart of Dallas Bowl		
Louisiana Tech	4	6	(61 1/2)	Illinois
		Quick Lane Bowl At Detroit		
North Carolina	3	3	(66 1/2)	Rutgers
		St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl		
UCF	3	1 1/2	(49 1/2)	NC State
		Dec. 27 Military Bowl At Annapolis, Md.		
Cincinnati	3 1/2	3	(51)	Virginia Tech
		Sun Bowl At El Paso		
Arizona St	9	8	(67)	Duke
		Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.		
Miami	Pk	3	(61)	South Carolina
		Pinstripe Bowl At Bronx, N.Y.		
Boston College	2 1/2	2 1/2	(40)	Penn St
		Holiday Bowl At San Diego		
Southern Cal	4	6 1/2	(61 1/2)	Nebraska
		Dec. 29 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.		
West Virginia	3 1/2	3 1/2	(66 1/2)	Texas A&M
		Russell Athletic Bowl At Orlando, Fla.		
Oklahoma	Pk	Pk	(52)	Clemson
		Texas Bowl At Houston		
Arkansas	5	6	(45 1/2)	Texas
		Dec. 30 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn.		
LSU	7 1/2	7 1/2	(52 1/2)	Notre Dame
		Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.		
Georgia	7	7	(56 1/2)	Louisville
		Foster Farms Bowl At Santa Clara, Calif.		
Stanford	13	14	(48)	Maryland
		Dec. 31 Peach Bowl At Atlanta		
TCU	3	3 1/2	(56 1/2)	Mississippi

Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as it was a newsworthy week in Texas sports:

■ Count Everman head football coach Dale Keeling among the Coaches that likely won't be returning to Grande Communications Stadium to play a playoff game anytime soon, or maybe ever.

Keeling found out his team was being moved from the home to visitor's side less than two hours before the 4 p.m. kickoff on Dec. 5 at Grande.

RockHounds Executive Director of Communications Brian Smith said the move was made because Canutillo was going to bring a bigger crowd, and the home side is better equipped to handle those crowds.

But what had Keeling steamed was the way it was done. In a conversation I had with him previous to the game that week he admitted that his school does not travel to out of town games well. When I talked to him on Tuesday, what made him the maddest was the way it was handled.

He said he might have accommodated stadium officials if they would've made contact with him during the week.

"I told our coaches that I'm a reasonable guy, and if they would've called me on Wednesday and said, 'We have a situation, you are going to be in black jerseys and be the visiting team ...' I would've understood if that's what we need to do to make this work, we'll work it out," Keeling said. "But I got there for at 2 p.m. for a 4 p.m. game and that's what I was told."

Smith said he and a number of stadium officials apologized to Keeling before the game, and said it was a miscommunication and it was their fault. Plus, he added he would like to talk to Keeling again.

"I would absolutely like to have the chance to talk to him again when both of us have a little more clarity," Smith said. "I do want to apologize to him because it was our mess up. The last few years we've started bringing in these games we wanted to make it a great experience for every team that comes out. It was a screw up and I hope that doesn't overshadow what great things the city has been doing the last few years."

The mistake has been owned up to, but one thing to keep in mind is that Keeling is a well-respected coach in Texas, and he will certainly voice his opinion to coaches that will ask.

■ When I saw the release from Lubbock State Senator Charles Perry's office, I thought, "Oh boy, another legislator trying to do something that likely won't see the light of day."

But after thinking about it, his proposal to limit the amount of playoff teams the UIL allows might just be the first of what could be many shots fired at the UIL in this coming legislative session.

In the release, Perry not only noted the playoffs are watered down but also mentioned the financial strain on schools to go to those playoff games. And that's what caught my eye.

This is going to be an interesting session for the UIL because newly elected Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has taken on the league before. Now that he's in the state's most powerful position, he will certainly have a pulpit he has not had before to take on the UIL.

Get ready, this could get interesting.

■ Midland High coach Craig Yenzer was certainly disappointed when he found out the Texas High School Coaches Association was dropping its annual football and basketball all-star games.

But he also understood why the THSCA had to do it. The NCAA instituted a strange by-law last year that doesn't allow Division I football coaches to speak at clinics or conventions where an all-star game is contested.

First off, of all the things the NCAA could be policing, I didn't realize coaches speaking to other coaches was that pressing of an issue. But anyway, THSCA was left with no choice but to get rid of the games.

The all-star game has been contested for nearly 80 years, but it's the convention itself that is the draw for coaches because they get to hear about their sport from some of the best in the business. Yenzer said that learning is why coaching school is so important.

"We've had a ton of kids (in it) since I've been here, including my son, and that's a big deal for the kids," Yenzer said. "The THSCA steps ups and stands up for coaches and tries to make a better deal for them. That's why we go. You can get a lot of things done professionally, you can get concussion training done. And if you pick up one thing it's worth it."

■ And finally, the Eagles and Cowboys play tonight for NFC East supremacy. I wonder what the uproar will be like if a 10-6 Eagles or Cowboys squad misses the playoffs, while a possible 6-10 NFC South team makes it and hosts a first-round game.

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HSFOOTBALLPAIRINGS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 6A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Allen 52, Dallas Skyline 34
Cypress Ranch 38, Converse Judson 31
State Championship
Cypress Ranch (13-2) vs. Allen (15-0), 8 p.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Cedar Hill 64, Spring Westfield 33
Katy 27, Cibolo Steele 20, OT
State Championship
Cedar Hill (13-2) vs. Katy (14-1), 4 p.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Aledo 44, Tyler 14
Temple 76, Austin Vandegrift 35
State Championship
Aledo (14-1) vs. Temple (13-1), noon Dec. 20, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Ennis 41, Canutillo 13
Cedar Park 49, Crosby 21
State Championship
Ennis (13-2) vs. Cedar Park (12-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Argyle 23, Graham 20
Navasota 49, Liberty Hill 26
State Championship
Navasota (15-0) vs. Argyle (15-0), 4 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Gilmer 67, Celina 14
West Orange-Stark 42, Sinton 21
State Championship
West Orange-Stark (13-2) vs. Gilmer (15-0), noon Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Mineola 42, Shallowater 27
Cameron Yoe 70, Edna 34
State Championship
Mineola (12-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-4), 8 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Waskom 25, Sonora 21
Newton 48, Blanco 21
State Championship
Waskom (14-1) vs. Newton (12-3), 5 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Canadian 49, Mart 14
Mason 27, Centerville 7
State Championship
Canadian (14-0) vs. Mason (14-0), 1 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Albany 24, Seagraves 14
Bremond 32, Tenaha 29
State Championship
Albany (14-0) vs. Bremond (14-0), 10 a.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS A
DIVISION I
State Championship
Crowell 64, May 26

CLASS A
DIVISION II
State Championship
Throckmorton 66, Groom 20

Daley, Horcoff lead Stars past Devils

Associated Press

DALLAS — Trevor Daley and Shawn Horcoff scored in the second period to help the Dallas Stars recover after giving up a two-goal lead and beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 Saturday night.

Tyler Seguin and Jason Spezza each had a goal and an assist in the first period for the Stars, and Kari Lehtonen finished with 28 saves.

Jon Merrill, Eric Gelinas and Scott Gomez scored for the Devils and Cory Schneider stopped 29 of the 33 shots he faced through two periods. Keith Kinkaid replaced Schneider to start the third and finished with three saves.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	31	19	9	3	41	105	82
Detroit	31	47	7	7	41	92	79
Montreal	31	19	10	2	40	83	79
Toronto	29	17	9	3	37	99	82
Florida	28	12	8	8	32	64	74
Boston	30	15	13	2	32	76	78
Ottawa	29	12	12	5	29	76	81
Buffalo	30	12	16	2	26	56	91

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	29	19	6	4	42	94	69
N.Y. Islanders	30	20	10	0	40	96	87
Washington	29	14	10	5	33	85	79
N.Y. Rangers	26	12	10	4	28	77	76
Philadelphia	29	11	13	5	27	79	87
New Jersey	30	11	14	5	27	69	87
Columbus	29	12	15	2	26	71	95
Carolina	29	8	18	3	19	61	83

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Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	30	20	9	1	41	93	60
Nashville	28	19	7	2	40	78	55
St. Louis	29	19	8	2	40	86	68
Winnipeg	31	15	10	6	36	73	74
Minnesota	28	16	11	1	33	81	70
Colorado	29	10	13	6	26	76	95
Dallas	28	10	13	5	25	81	100

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	32	21	6	5	47	95	83
Vancouver	29	18	9	2	38	88	81
Calgary	31	17	12	2	36	94	83
San Jose	31	16	11	4	36	88	82
Los Angeles	30	15	10	5	35	79	69
Arizona	30	10	16	4	24	70	99
Edmonton	30	7	18	5	19	65	102

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores
Ottawa 3, Boston 2, SO
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, SO
Minnesota 4, Arizona 3, SO
Philadelphia 5, Carolina 1
Buffalo 4, Florida 3, OT
Toronto 4, Detroit 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, Chicago 2
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2
Anaheim 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 4, New Jersey 3
St. Louis at Colorado, late
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, late
Nashville at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.

Field closing in on 4th straight world, NFR titles

By Keith Freeman
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Bareback rider Kaycee Feild put himself in a strong position to win the PRCA world and National Finals Rodeo aggregate standings titles after finishing first with an 85.5 on Dirty Rags during round nine on Friday.

The three-time world champion remained atop the world standings with $231,230. While trying to win his fourth world standings title in a row, Feild also is trying to clinch his fourth consecutive NFR aggregate standings championship.

In steer wrestling, four-time world champion Luke Branquinho put himself in position for a gold buckle by placing second in 3.9 seconds and holding onto first place in both the world and NFR standings. Dakota Eldridge of Elko, Nevada, won round nine in a time of 3.30.

Other winners included Sage Kimzey (bull riding), Trevor Brazile and Cade Swor (tie-down roping), Nick Sartain and Rich Skelton (team roping), Wade Sundell (saddle bronc riding) and Trula Churchill (barrel racing).

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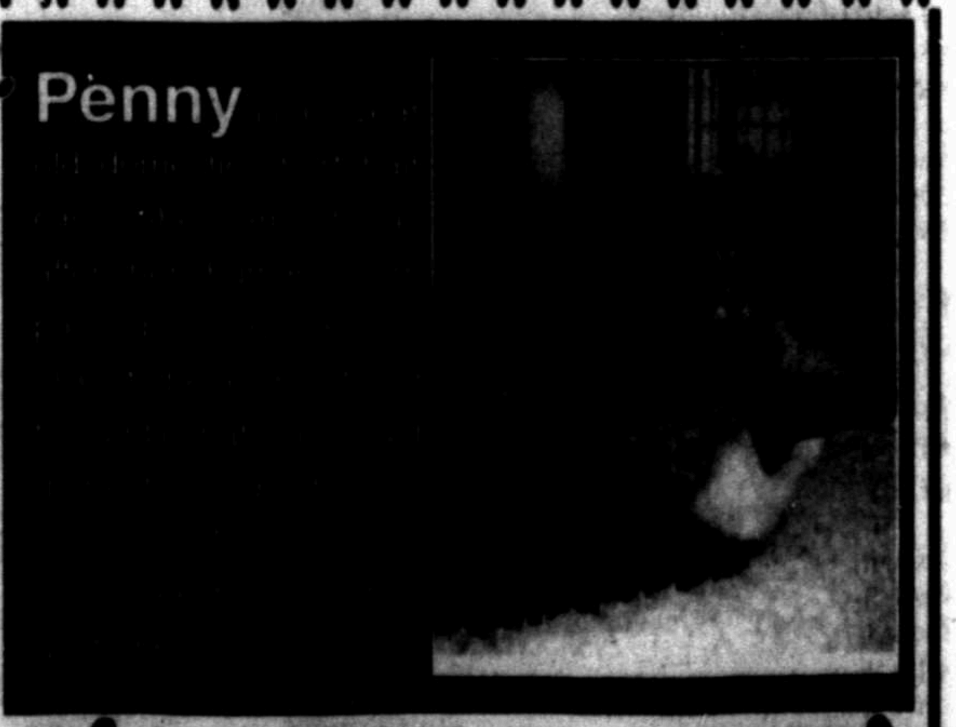

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Triple A Academy's King McClure (22) and Jamal Gaines (23) celebrate a win against El Paso Harmony during the championship game of the Oilman's Invitational on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

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semi-final that Triple A won, but on Saturday Harmony jumped out to the early lead.

Harmony guards Eduardo Groin and Bryan Urrutia used their quickness and shooting ability to help the Tigers jump out to a 16-6 first quarter lead and then a 34-23 halftime lead.

The two players combined for 29 of Harmony's 34 points in the half. But early in the second half the two players got into foul trouble. Urrutia, who scored 19 points, got his third foul in the third quarter and Groin, who scored 32 points, played nearly all the fourth quarter with four fouls.

And Triple A's King McClure, the tournament MVP, and Singleton both were more aggressive on the offensive end. McClure, who scored 31 points, scored 15 points in the second half.

Of the 17 points the Stallions scored in the quarter, seven came at the free-throw line. Triple A continued to stay aggressive in the fourth quarter, and took the lead at 56-55 on a Singleton jumper with 4:33 remaining in the game.

"We felt like they couldn't play defense as hard and we could get to the basket," Triple A coach Tim Singleton said. "They were going to be a little softer on defense because they didn't want to foul out. It's the same thing we teach our kids when they are in foul trouble."

Harmony, though, took the lead with 45 seconds left when Groin scored on a layup after a nifty pass from Urrutia. Ten seconds later, Singleton hit what turned out to be the game-winning shot.

But Urrutia had two good looks for 3-pointers, only to see them both bounce off the rim.

"We had to play a little more passive than aggressive like we were in the first half," Harmony coach Mike Gonzales said. "Fatigue had a lot to do with but they are a great team. I think we've proven ourselves but we just have to learn how to finish a game, I guess."

The victory was somewhat sweet for Triple A coach Tim Singleton, who brought his young team to Midland for the Tall City Oilman's Invitational in 2011, only to lose to Arlington Martin, 76-49 in the final. The tournament was one of the first for the young program, and to win it Singleton said shows how far the program has come.

"I'm happy for the kids, they don't know how big it is," Singleton said. "This was one of the first tournaments we came to and they were babies at the time. We wanted to come back the very next year and they didn't have it and to win it in this fashion is great."

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game," Midland High coach Charles Tatum said. "That's a glimpse of the playoffs. On the other side of district, those teams are going to have guards like that. The Metroplex, San Antonio, El Paso, they are going to have guards of that caliber. We have to play faster and be more urgent about what we do. We are going to do some different things in practice to adjust to the speed of other guards."

Midland High will return to the court at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it takes on Brownfield at the Midland High gymnasium.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Richland guard Anthony Scott scored all 18 of his points in Saturday's third-place game from behind the 3-point line. Scott had six 3-pointers on Saturday and knocked down 19 3-pointers over the last two days of the tournament. ... Permian rebounded from two losses to open the tournament by winning its final two games to finish in fifth spot. Permian beat San Antonio Roosevelt 65-55 in the fifth-place game on Saturday as DeModerick Bars scored 17 points. Robert Thomas was Permian's lone all-tournament selection but did not play on Saturday.

TALL CITY OILMAN'S INVITATIONAL

All games at Chaparral Center unless otherwise noted

Pool A: Lee, El Paso Harmony, Richland, San Antonio Roosevelt

Pool B: Midland High, Dallas Triple A Academy, Canutillo, Odessa Permian

Thursday's Scores

El Paso Harmony 77, Richland 67
Dallas Triple A Academy 67, Odessa Permian 48
San Antonio Roosevelt 60, Lee 49
Midland High 66, Canutillo 52

Friday's Scores

El Paso Harmony 69, Lee 41
Triple A Academy 62, Canutillo 40
Richland 72, San Antonio Roosevelt 48
Midland High 61, Odessa Permian 59
El Paso Harmony 73, San Antonio Roosevelt 45
Odessa Permian 58, Canutillo 35
Richland 79, Lee 44
Triple A Academy 84, Midland High 52

Saturday's Scores

Seventh-place Game

Lee 48, Canutillo 47

Fifth-place Game

Odessa Permian 65, San Antonio Roosevelt 55

Third-place Game

Richland 78, Midland High 70

Championship Game

Dallas Triple A Academy 65, El Paso Harmony 64

SATURDAY'S BOX SCORES
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
DALLAS TRIPLE A ACADEMY 65, EL PASO HARMONY 64

Triple A (9-3) — Tyler Singleton 16, Greg Smith 8, King McClure 31, Jamal Gaines 4, Dalyn Mumphrey 6

El Paso Harmony (6-1) — Henry Melendez 3, Gerarado Chavez 6, Bryan Urrutia 19, Eduardo Groin 32, Ian Hohenstein 2, Alfredo Rodriguez 2

Triple A	6	17	17	25—65
Harmony	16	18	12	18—64

Free throws — Triple A 21-26, Harmony 5-8. 3-point goals — Triple A 4 (Smith, McClure 3), Harmony 8 (Urrutia 3, Groin 5). Total fouls — Triple A 14, Harmony 22. Fouled out — Harmony, Chavez.

THIRD-PLACE GAME
RICHLAND 78, MIDLAND HIGH 70

Midland High (6-6) — Jamie Jones 4, Shawn Rivers 27, Gary Ringo 14, Ty Kendrick 2, Justin LeClear 9, Andrew Norwood 2, Nate Rogers 12

Richland (8-8) — CJ Roberts 19, Cody Perkins 11, Anthony Scott 18, Corey Thomas 4, Jordan Ford 10, Zac Graves 12, Mason Master 4

MHS	12	17	15	26—70
Richland	22	20	20	16—78

Free throws — MHS 19-31, Richland 18-30. 3-point goals — MHS 2 (Rivers 2), Richland 8 (Roberts, Perkins, Scott 6). Total fouls — MHS 22, Richland 23. Fouled out — Richland, Perkins

FIFTH-PLACE GAME
ODESSA PERMIAN 65, SAN ANTONIO ROOSEVELT 55

Odessa Permian (6-8) — Javorian Miller 6, Kobe Robinson 16, DeModerick Bars 17, Anthony Calicutt 13, Jack Fawcett 6, Hunter Hawkins 1, Aaron Wright 4

Roosevelt (6-10) — D'Angelo Jackson 8, Rashad Ellison 3, John Wilson 6, Victor Villanueva 3, Byron Edwards 17, James Johnson 16, Kevin Edwards 3

Permian	12	17	10	26—65
Roosevelt	14	10	21	10—55

Free throws — Permian 16-23, Roosevelt 6-12. 3-point goals — Permian 10 (Miller, Robinson, Bars 4, Calicutt 3), Roosevelt 3 (Johnson 2, Ellison). Total fouls — Permian 11, Roosevelt 19. Fouled out — Roosevelt, Johnson, Ellison, Wilson

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
LEE 48, CANUTILLO 47

Canutillo (5-10) — Jacob Gutierrez 4, Johnny Martinez 1, Angel Herrera 14, Rick Rodriguez 5, Tim Myniz 17, Adrian Monreal 4, Alex De La Cruz 2

Lee (1-12) — Michael Willis 3, Sema'J Davis 3, Jase Love 3, James Lydia 9, Daniel Nelson 22, Ricardo Vega 2

Canutillo	10	7	20	10—47
Lee	6	14	8	20—48

Free throws — Canutillo 8-16, Lee 8-15. 3-point goals — Canutillo 5 (Gonzalez, Muniz 4), Lee 4 (Willis 3, Love). Total fouls — Canutillo 16, Lee 15. Fouled out — none.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Most Valuable Player: King McClure, Dallas Triple A Academy

Offensive Player: Eduardo Groin, El Paso Harmony

Defensive Player: Kobe Robinson, Odessa Permian

Bryan Urrutia, El Paso Harmony
Dalyn Mumphrey, Dallas Triple A Academy
Tyler Singleton, Dallas Triple A Academy
Tim Muniz, Canutillo
Daniel Nelson, Lee
Burone Edwards, San Antonio Roosevelt
Robert Thomas, Odessa Permian
CJ Roberts, Richland
Zac Graves, Richland
Gary Ringo, Midland High

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 30, AMARILLO CAPROCK 25

ANDREWS — Midland Christian won the consolation final of the Kristen Corbin Classic on Saturday with a win over Amarillo Caprock.

Caprock led 8-5 after the first quarter but MCS (14-3) went on a 20-8 run over the second and third quarters to take over the momentum.

Bailey Wright had 12 points and Lindsey Mills added 11 for the Lady Mustangs, who next travel to Lubbock Cooper for a game at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 30
AMARILLO CAPROCK 25

Caprock — Bustos 6, Marino 5, Dominguez 2, Guerrero 8, Bird 2, Ruiz 2

Midland Christian (14-3) — Blaire Netherlin 2, Lindsey Mills 11, Bailey Wright 12, Caroline Hammond 5

Caprock	8	4	4	9—25
MCS	5	9	11	5—30

Free throws — Caprock 7-13, MCS 11-19. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Mills). Total fouls — Caprock 18, MCS 17. Fouled out — Hammond

Next game: Midland Christian at Lubbock Cooper, 6 p.m. Tuesday

LEE WINS ONE, LOSES ONE IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS — The Lee girls basketball team lost its final game of the Las Vegas Invitational at Bishop Gorman High School, falling to Henderson Foothill, 60-46, on Saturday.

Lee finished 1-3 at the tournament.

On Friday, Lee split a pair of games on the second day of the tournament.

The Lady Rebels began Friday with a 47-31 loss to Henderson Liberty. Bri'An Washington led Lee with nine points.

Lee bounced back, though, to beat Las Vegas Quest Prep, 56-46, in the second game. Washington scored 18 points and Daija Stanford had 15.

The Lady Rebels will continue their season at 6 p.m. Friday against Midland Classical at the Lee gymnasium.

MCA SPLITS IN ANDREWS

ANDREWS — Midland Classical, the No. 1-ranked small private school team, split during Saturday's action at the Kristen Corbin Classic.

MCA defeated Grady 63-46 before losing to Andrews, 55-53, on a last-second shot in the third-place game.

In the win over Grady, Delanie Griffin led the Lady Knights with 14 points, Morgen Jones had 13 and Kristen Johnson had 11 points and a game-high 23 rebounds.

Grady was led by Britney Garza with a game-high 18 points.

Against Andrews, Alissa Beattie had 18 points and Griffin added 19 for MCA (8-2).

Andrews was led by Rebekah Hall with a game-high 21 points, Mikyla Alvidrez had 15 and Taylor Bailey hit the last second jumper from the outside.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 63, GRADY 46

MCA — Alissa Beattie 8, Kristen Johnson 11, Delanie Griffin 14, Ellen Haest 3, Morgen Jones 13, Makenna Beattie 4

Grady — Ariel Arnold 9, Richards 3, Glaze 8, Jenny Fields 3, Britney Garza 18, Ramirez 5

MCA	13	19	5	16—63
Grady	10	15	10	11—46

Free throws — MCA 14-28, Grady 6-11. 3-point goals — MCA 3 (Griffin 2, A. Beattie), Grady (Arnold 2, Richards, Glaze 2, Fields). Total fouls — MCA 11, Grady 19. Fouled out — None.

ANDREWS 55, MCA 53

MCA (8-2) — Beattie 18, Hilary Sunderland 2, Griffin 13, Haest 9, Jones 2, M. Beattie 9

Andrews — Zoe Aguirre 1, Taylor Bailey 6, Daisy Galindo 4, Lexi DelaCruz 1, Rebekah Hall 21, Rylee Diaz 3, Mikyla Alvidrez 15, Jeney Leach 4

MCA	14	11	13	15—53
Andrews	9	17	15	14—55

Free throws — MCA 6-9, AHS 10-16. 3-point goals — MCA 9 (A. Beattie 4, Griffin 2, M. Beattie 3), AHS 1 (Alvidrez). Total fouls — MCA 12, AHS 15. Fouled out — None

Next game: Odessa Permian at MCA, 6 p.m. Monday

STANTON 39, COLORADO CITY 29

STANTON — The Stanton girls basketball team won the 2014 Stanton Hooptown Tournament with a win over Colorado City in Saturday's championship game.

The game was tied at 17-all at the half before the Lady Buffaloes outscored Colorado City 22-12 in the second half.

Miranda Myrick, who was named MVP of the tournament, had 12 points to lead the Lady Buffaloes.

Baylie Lindsey led Colorado City with a game-high 14 points.

HOOPTOWN ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

MVP — Miranda Myrick, Stanton

Madison Graves, Stanton; Shelby Holland, Stanton; Shelby Holland, Stanton; Hannah Franklin, Stanton; Cassie Sutton, Colorado City; Baylie Lindsey, Colorado City; Danielle Lambarer, Snyder; Paige Lesley, Clyde; Monica Driscoll, Clyde; Lauren Jones, Sweetwater; Lauren Simer, Coahoma

BIG SPRING WINS 2 ON FINAL DAY IN ANDREWS

ANDREWS — Big Spring won a pair of games during the final day of the Kristen Corbin Classic on Saturday.

The Lady Steers beat Kermit 66-39 and Odessa High 40-23.

Against Kermit, Jackie Castillo led Big Spring 20 points as Julianna Rodriguez scored 19 and Tiffani Ruiz 12.

Against Odessa High, Rodriguzed led the Lady Steers with 13 points and Mariah Walsh had 10 points.

BIG SPRING 66, KERMIT 39

Big Spring — Mariah Walsh 7, Julianna Rodriguez 19, Jackie Castillo 20, August Alexander 2, Myckala Edwards 4, Tiffani Ruiz 12

Kermit — Omega Lujan 2, Esmeralda Luna 5, Arcie Polanco 13, Alexis Flores 1, Madrid 2, Bridgit Zubia 10, Sparks 6

Big Spring	16	12	19	19—66
Kermit	12	5	8	14—39

Free throws — Big Spring 6-16, Kermit 9-17. 3-point goals — Big Spring 2 (Rodriguez 2). Total fouls — Big Spring 18, Kermit 17. Fouled out — none

BIG SPRING 40, ODESSA HIGH 23

Big Spring — Walsh 10, Rodriguez 13, Delafuente 2, Castillo 6, Alexander 3, Edwards 2, T. Ruiz 4

OHS — Sanchez 3, Ontiveroz 6, Jimenez 3, C. Rodriguez 9, Henley 2

Big Spring	11	2	9	18—40
Odessa	8	8	5	2—23

Free throws — Big Spring 9-13, OHS 10-21. 3-point goals — Big Spring 3 (Rodriguez 2, Alexander), Odessa 1 (Ontiveroz). Total Fouls — Big Spring 16, Odessa 14. Fouled out — Odessa C. Rodriguez

Boys

FRENSHIP JV 55, STANTON 31

STANTON — Wolfforth Frenship JV rolled to a victory over host Stanton in the championship game of the Stanton Hooptown Tournament.

Frenship JV jumped out to a 15-7 lead in the first quarter and had a 30-21 lead at the half. The Buffaloes were held to 10 points in the second half.

David Ramsey led Stanton with 10 points.

Diego Nieto and tournament MVP Freddy Hall each had nine points for the Tigers.

HOOPTOWN TOURNAMENT ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

MVP — Freddy Hall, Frenship JV

Bradley Brooks, Frenship JV; Diego Nieto, Frenship JV; David Ramsey, Stanton; Estevan Chavez, Stanton; Sergio Plata, Sands; Dyllan Tindol, Sands; Braxton Iden, Coahoma; Robert Burow, Grape Creek; KeAndre Malveaux, Colorado City; Rhett Torres, Sweetwater

BIG SPRING BOYS WIN GYM BICE CLASSIC

ANDREWS — The Big Spring boys basketball team won the Gym Bic Classic after it finished 3-1 during the tournament this past weekend.

The Steers beat Greenwood (50-33), Kermit (53-48) and rival Andrews (60-48) on the way to the title. Big Spring's lone loss was to Grady, a 62-38 setback on Saturday.

Kermit finished second with Amarillo Caprock third.

SATURDAY'S GYM BICE CLASSIC BOXES

AMARILLO CAPROCK 68, LAMESA 59

Caprock — Estrada 9, Ledbetter 3, Tirado 5, Vazquez 4, Gatkek 14, Lewis 13, Hall 16, Gentry 2

Lamesa — Smiley 9, Huter 6, Derington 3, Williams 2, Edwards 22, Maxwell 6, Hunter 4, Sanchez 2, Jackson 5

Caprock	17	16	18	17—68
Lamesa	9	10	19	21—59

Free throws — Amarillo Caprock 10-15, Lamesa 14-25. 3-point goals — Caprock 6 (Estrada, Ledbetter, Tirado, Lewis, Deng 2), Lamesa 4 (Derington, Edwards 3). Total fouls — Caprock 18, Lamesa 17. Fouled out — none

GRADY 62, BIG SPRING 38

Grady — Garza 6, Jones 1, Briseno 2, Rodriguez 4, Lucas 17, Avery 15, Poison 17

Big Spring — Ibanez 2, Broussard 8, Green 10, Castillo 3, Sealy 13, Ortega 2

Grady	18	13	23	8—62
Big Spring	7	12	6	13—38

Free throws — Grady 11-16, Big Spring 6-11. 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Lucas 3, Avery 2), Big Spring 2 (Green, Castillo). Total fouls — Grady 17, Big Spring 15. Fouled out — Grady, Poison

KERMIT 68, GREENWOOD 22

Kermit — Dingle 14, Workman 23, Carrasco 2, Melendez 3, Taylor 2, Michels 6, Porras 9, Abalos 7, Nevarez 2

Greenwood — Ulcak 6, Magallan 5, Contreras 2, Rogers 4, Cooper 2, Ellison 9, Wall 4

Kermit	17	15	20	16—68
Greenwood	0	12	10	10—32

Free throws — Kermit 13-22, Greenwood 7-12. 3-point goals — Kermit 5 (Workman 3, Melendez, Abalos), Greenwood 1 (Magallan). Total fouls — Kermit 13, Greenwood 22. Fouled Out — Greenwood, Rogers

BIG SPRING 60, ANDREWS 48

Andrews (5-5) — Braden Grimsley 7, Joel Flores 3, Caleb O'Conner 5, Corey Duran 15, Samuel Robertson 8, Dawson Wiednch 2, Teal 8

Big Spring — Broussard 16, Tannehill 7, Green 5, Parker 6, Bryan 14, Sealy 10, Ortega 2

Andrews	5	14	14	15—48
Big Spring	9	19	19	13—60

Free throws — Andrews 16-24, Big Spring 2-3. 3-point goals — Andrews 4 (Duran 3, Teal 1), Big Spring 6 (Broussard 4, Tannehill, Green). Total fouls — Andrews 11, Big Spring 19. Fouled out none. Technical fouls — Big Spring, Broussard

HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

BOYS
Stanton Hooptown Tournament
Stanton High School
Thursday's Scores

Game 2: Coahoma 44, Clyde 43
Game 4: Sands 63, Colorado City 59
Game 6: Wolfforth Frenship JV 48, Sweetwater 35
Game 8: Stanton 34, Grape Creek 24

Friday's Scores
Championship Bracket
Semifinals

Game 14: Wolfforth Frenship JV 65, Sands 19
Game 16: Stanton 65, Coahoma 42

Consolation Bracket
Semifinals

Game 12: Colorado City 49, Sweetwater 45
Game 10: Grape Creek 63, Clyde 56

Saturday's Scores
Guarantee Game

Game 18: Sweetwater 59, Clyde 34

Consolation Final

Game 22: Colorado City 45, Grape Creek 37

Third-place Game

Game 20: Sands 64, Coahoma 58

Championship

Game 24: Wolfforth Frenship JV 55, Stanton 31

Gym Bice Classic
Andrews High School
Thursday's Scores

Andrews 65, Grady 62
Kermit 60, Lamesa 53
Big Spring 50, Greenwood 33
Lamesa 59, Grady 42
Amarillo Caprock 62, Andrews 47

Friday's Scores

Big Spring 53, Kermit 48
Grady 53, Greenwood 39
Kermit 48, Amarillo Caprock 24
Andrews 62, Lamesa 60
Amarillo Caprock vs. Greenwood

Saturday's Scores

Amarillo Caprock 68, Lames 59
Grady 62, Big Spring 38
Kermit 68, Greenwood 22
Big Spring 60, Andrews 48

GIRLS
Kristen Corbin Classic
Andrews High School

Note: Bracket is subject to change after outcome of Shallowater-Big Spring game

Thursday's Scores

Game 1: Midland Classical 37, Odessa High 29
Game 2: Shallowater 66, Big Spring 38
Game 3: Grady 36, Amarillo Caprock 34
Game 5: Andrews 69, Kermit 29

Championship Bracket Semifinal

Game 4: Shallowater 53, Midland Classical 38

Friday's Scores
First round

Game 6: Odessa Permian 47, Midland Christian 41

Championship Bracket
Quarterfinal

Game 8: Andrews 56, Grady 53

Semifinal

Game 11: Odessa Permian 70, Andrews 53

Consolation Bracket
Quarterfinals

Game 7: Amarillo Caprock 49, Big Spring 36
Game 10: Midland Christian 56, Kermit 22

Semifinal

Game 9: Odessa High def. Amarillo Caprock, 2 p.m., Old Gym

Saturday's Games
Consolation Bracket

Game 12: Big Spring 66, Kermit 39
Game 14: Big Spring 40, Odessa High 23

Consolation Final

Game 15: Midland Christian 30, Amarillo Caprock 25

Championship Bracket
Third-place Semifinal

Game 13: Midland Classical 63, Grady 46

Third-place Game

Game 16: Andrews 55, Midland Classical 53

Championship Game

Game 17: Shallowater 73, Odessa Permian 3[illegible]

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
Stanton High School
Thursday's Scores

Game 1: Colorado City 42, Stanton JV 26
Game 3: Clyde 43, Sweetwater 29
Game 5: Snyder 53, Coahoma 44
Game 7: Stanton 74, Grape Creek 28

Friday's Scores
Championship Bracket
Semifinals

Game 13: Colorado City 48, Clyde 42
Game 15: Stanton 57, Snyder 42

Consolation Bracket
Semifinals

Game 9: Stanton JV 38, Sweetwater 34
Game 11: Coahoma 69, Grape Creek 9

Saturday's Scores
Guarantee Game

Game 17: Sweetwater 37, Grape Creek 21

Consolation Final

Game 21: Coahoma 60, Stanton JV 28

Third-place Game

Game 19: Clyde 59, Snyder 34

Championship Game

Game 23: Stanton 39, Colorado City 29

MARIOTA

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to New York on Saturday morning. It was his first time on a train and his first time in the Big Apple.

"It's breathtaking, really," he said of the city hours before being announced as the winner. "I've never been around so many skyscrapers and lights and people, It's definitely been a different feel, but it's cool."

In an era when so many Heisman winners seemingly come from out of nowhere — the last two were the first freshmen winners — Mariota's rise was slow and steady.

Three of the last four Heisman winners were in their first seasons as starters, including Cam Newton, who won the award in his only season at Auburn after transferring from a junior college. Before Newton, three straight sophomores won the award (Tim Tebow of Florida, Sam Bradford of Oklahoma and Mark Ingram of Alabama). Tebow was the first sophomore winner.

Like Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel and Winston, the previous two winners, Mariota started as a redshirt freshman. It didn't take long for him to establish himself as a star, but unlike Johnny Football and Famous Jameis, Mariota wasn't the face of college football in his first season.

In his second season he was even better, putting up numbers that rivaled those of Heisman finalist quarterbacks Winston, Manziel, AJ McCarron and Jordan Lynch, but when it came time to vote for the Heisman, Mariota was forgotten. He didn't even finish in the top 10 in 2013.

This season Mariota was the man to beat from the start and nobody could touch him. Except for a blip in early October, when the Ducks lost to Arizona, Mariota exceeded the hype.

He leads the nation in passer rating (186.2), is fifth in total offense (342.5 yards per game) and has led the Ducks to a Pac-12 title with a chance to play for their first national championship.

Heisman Trophy facts

HEISMAN FINALIST VOTING

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Marcus Mariota, Oregon	788	74	22	2,534
Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin	37	432	275	1,250
Amari Cooper, Alabama	49	280	316	1,023

REGIONAL VOTING

Points breakdown of the top three finalists in balloting for the 2014 Heisman Trophy

NORTHEAST
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 409
2. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 201
3. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 150

MID-ATLANTIC
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 410
2. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 208
3. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 184

SOUTH
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 428
2. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 256
3. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 187

SOUTHWEST
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 434
2. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 199
3. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 173

MIDWEST
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 420
2. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 256
3. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 121

FAR WEST
1. Marcus Mariota, Oregon, 435
2. Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, 220
3. Amari Cooper, Alabama, 139

Heisman Trophies by School (x-vacated)

Notre Dame (7)
Tim Brown, WR, 1987
John Huarte, QB, 1964
Paul Hornung, QB, 1956
John Lattner, HB, 1953
Angelo Bertelli, QB, 1943
Leon Hart, E, 1949
John Lujack, QB, 1947

Ohio State (7)
Troy Smith, QB, 2006
Eddie George, TB, 1995
Archie Griffin HB, 1975
Archie Griffin HB, 1974
Howard Cassady HB, 1955
Vic Janowicz HB, 1950
Les Horvath QB, 1944

Southern Cal (6)
x-Reggie Bush, TB, 2005
Matt Leinart, QB, 2004
Carson Palmer, QB, 2002
Marcus Allen, TB, 1981
Charles White, TB, 1979
O.J. Simpson, TB, 1968
Mike Garrett, TB, 1965

Oklahoma (5)
Sam Bradford, QB, 2008
Jason White, QB, 2003
Billy Sims, HB, 1978
Steve Owens, HB, 1969
Billy Vessels, HB, 1952

Army (3)
Pete Dawkins, HB, 1958
Glenn Davis, HB, 1946
Doc Blanchard, HB, 1945

Auburn (3)
Cam Newton, QB, 2010
Bo Jackson, TB, 1985
Pat Sullivan, QB, 1971

Florida (3)
Tim Tebow, QB, 2007
Danny Wuerffel, QB, 1996
Steve Spurrier, QB, 1966

Florida State (3)
Jameis Winston, QB, 2013
Chris Weinke, QB, 2000
Charlie Ward, QB, 1993

Michigan (3)
Charles Woodson, CB, 1997
Desmond Howard, WR, 1991
Tom Harmon, HB, 1940

Nebraska (3)
Eric Crouch, QB, 2001
Mike Rozier, TB, 1983
Johnny Rodgers, FL, 1972

Georgia (2)
Herschel Walker, HB, 1982
Frank Sinkwich, HB, 1942

Miami (2)
Gino Torretta, QB, 1992
Vinny Testaverde, QB, 1986

Navy (2)
Roger Staubach, QB, 1963
Joe Bellino, HB, 1960

Texas (2)
Ricky Williams, RB, 1998
Earl Campbell, FB, 1977

Texas A&M (2)
Johnny Manziel, QB, 2012
John David Crow, HB, 1957

Wisconsin (2)
Ron Dayne, RB, 1999
Alan Ameche, FB, 1954

Yale (2)
Clint Frank, HB, 1937
Larry Kelley, E, 1936

Alabama
Mark Ingram, RB, 2009

Baylor
Robert Griffin III, QB, 2011

Boston College
Doug Flutie, QB, 1984

Brigham Young
Ty Detmer, QB, 1990

Chicago
Jay Berwanger, HB, 1935

Colorado
Rashaan Salaam, RB, 1994

Houston
Andre Ware, QB, 1989

Iowa
Nile Kinnick, HB, 1939

LSU
Billy Cannon, HB, 1959

Minnesota
Bruce Smith, HB, 1941

Oklahoma State
Barry Sanders, RB, 1988

Oregon
Marcus Mariota, QB, 2014

Oregon State
Terry Baker, QB, 1962

Penn State
John Cappelletti, HB, 1973

Pittsburgh
Tony Dorsett, HB, 1976

Princeton
Dick Kazmaier, HB, 1951

South Carolina
George Rogers, HB, 1980

Southern Methodist
Doak Walker, HB, 1948

Stanford
Jim Plunkett, QB, 1970

Syracuse
Ernie Davis, HB, 1961

Texas Christian
Davey O'Brien, QB, 1938

UCLA
Gary Beban, QB, 1967

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	6	.739	—
Brooklyn	10	12	.455	6 1/2
Boston	7	14	.333	9
New York	5	20	.200	13
Philadelphia	2	21	.087	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	16	6	.727	—
Atlanta	16	7	.696	1/2
Miami	11	12	.478	5 1/2
Orlando	10	16	.385	8
Charlotte	6	17	.261	10 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	8	.636	—
Cleveland	13	9	.591	1
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	3
Indiana	7	17	.292	8
Detroit	4	19	.174	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	19	4	.826	—
Houston	18	5	.783	1
San Antonio	16	7	.696	3
Dallas	17	8	.680	3
New Orleans	11	11	.500	7 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	18	6	.750	—
Oklahoma City	10	13	.435	7 1/2
Denver	10	13	.435	7 1/2
Utah	6	17	.261	11 1/2
Minnesota	5	17	.227	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	20	2	.909	—
L.A. Clippers	16	7	.696	4 1/2
Phoenix	12	12	.500	9
Sacramento	11	12	.478	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	7	16	.304	13 1/2

Saturday's Scores
Golden State 105, Dallas 98
Orlando 100, Atlanta 99
Portland 95, Indiana 85
Brooklyn 114, Charlotte 87
Milwaukee 111, L.A. Clippers 106
Memphis 120, Philadelphia 115, OT
Houston 108, Denver 96
Detroit at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Golden State at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

WARRIORS 105, MAVERICKS 98

GOLDEN STATE (105): Green 5-8 8-10 20, Barnes 6-11 0-0 12, Ezeli 1-2 2-2 4, Curry 9-22 8-9 29, Thompson 10-21 0-0 25, Iguodala 1-6 0-0 2, Livingston 3-6 3-6 9, Speights 2-7 0-0 4, Rush 0-0 0-0 0. Kuzmic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 21-27 105.

DALLAS (98): Jefferson 5-8 1-4 13, Nowitzki 11-20 1-2 23, Chandler 3-6 5-8 11, Nelson 2-7 2-2 6, Ellis 8-22 6-7 24, Crowder 1-6 0-0 2, Harris 2-7 1-1 6, Wright 2-3 3-3 7, Barea 2-7 2-3 6, Aminu 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 36-89 21-30 98.

Golden State	**30**	**27**	**21**	**18 — 105**
Dallas	**18**	**26**	**24**	**30 — 98**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 10-32 (Thompson 5-11, Curry 3-11, Green 2-4, Barnes 0-2, Iguodala 0-4), Dallas 5-25 (Jefferson 2-4, Ellis 2-8, Harris 1-1, Aminu 0-3, Crowder 0-3, Nelson 0-3, Barea 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 53 (Barnes 9), Dallas 61 (Jefferson 13). Assists—Golden State 21 (Curry 8), Dallas 14 (Ellis, Nelson 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 24, Dallas 23. Technicals—Dallas Coach Carlisle A—20,317 (19,200).

ROCKETS 108, NUGGETS 96

DENVER (96): Chandler 4-13 0-0 9, Hickson 5-7 4-8 14, Mozgov 0-1 0-0 0, Lawson 7-13 4-5 19, Affalo 4-17 3-3 12, Nurkic 3-9 3-6 9. Faried 3-7 1-2 7, Arthur 7-14 2-2 20, Harris 0-4 0-0 0, Green 2-7 0-0 4, Gee 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 36-96 17-26 96.

HOUSTON (108): Ariza 4-14 2-4 13, Motiejunas 11-19 1-2 25, Howard 9-11 8-17 26, Beverley 4-9 0-0 9, Harden 7-20 8-9 24, Black 0-1 1-2 1, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0, Terry 3-9 0-0 8, Johnson 1-5 0-0 2, Daniels 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-88 20-34 108.

Denver	**31**	**17**	**25**	**23 — 96**
Houston	**21**	**33**	**26**	**28 — 108**

3-Point Goals—Denver 7-28 (Arthur 4-9, Lawson 1-3, Chandler 1-5, Affalo 1-7, Harris 0-1, Green 0-1, Gee 0-2), Houston 10-34 (Ariza 3-11, Motiejunas 2-4, Harden 2-5, Terry 2-8, Beverley 1-4, Johnson 0-2). Fouled Out—Nurkic. Rebounds—Denver 64 (Hickson 10), Houston 68 (Howard 13). Assists—Denver 24 (Lawson 12), Houston 29 (Harden 10). Total Fouls—Denver 26, Houston 21. Technicals—Houston Coach McHale. A—18,136 (18,023).

NETS 114, HORNETS 87

BROOKLYN (114): Johnson 9-18 0-0 22, C.Jefferson 5-8 1-1 11, Plumlee 5-6 1-6 11, D.Williams 4-11 7-7 18, Karasev 1-3 0-0 3, Anderson 6-7 1-1 17, Bogdanovic 4-6 0-0 12, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Davies 3-5 0-0 4, Jack 5-9 4-4 14, Morris 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-72 14-20 114.

CHARLOTTE (87): Henderson 2-2 2-2 6, Zeller 0-2 1-2 1, A.Jefferson 4-10 0-0 8, Walker 3-11 4-4 11, Stephenson 5-13 0-1 11, Kidd-Gilchrist 5-13 5-6 15, M.Williams 1-4 2-2 5, Biyombo 1-2 2-6 4, Roberts 5-7 1-2 14, Neal 4-9 0-0 9, Hairston 0-5 0-0 0, Pargo 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 31-79 17-27 87.

Brooklyn	**32**	**26**	**33**	**23 — 114**
Charlotte	**17**	**26**	**17**	**28 — 87**

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 16-23 (Anderson 4-5, Bogdanovic 4-5, Johnson 4-6, D.Williams 3-4, Karasev 1-2, Davies 0-1), Charlotte 9-22 (Roberts 3-4, Pargo 1-2, Stephenson 1-2, Neal 1-3, Walker 1-4, M.Williams 1-4, Hairston 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 51 (Plumlee 13), Charlotte 43 (Biyombo 10). Assists—Brooklyn 29 (D.Williams 10), Charlotte 16 (Walker 4). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 24, Charlotte 19 A—17,113 (19,077).

TRAIL BLAZERS 95, PACERS 85

PORTLAND (95): Batum 8-11 1-1 14, Aldridge 8-23 2-2 19, Lopez 4-4 0-0 8, Lillard 7-22 4-4 18, Matthews 4-11 2-3 12, Blake 3-5 1-1 8, Kaman 5-11 0-1 10, Crabbe 1-1 0-0 2, Freeland 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-90 10-12 95.

INDIANA (85): S.Hill 4-13 0-0 8, West 6-13 0-0 12, Hibbert 4-11 2-2 10, Watson 8-11 3-3 23, Stuckey 6-19 2-4 14, Allen 1-3 0-0 2, Copeland 0-1 0-0 0, Sloan 2-10 2-2 6, Scola 3-5 4-5 10, Rudez 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-88 13-16 85.

Portland	**22**	**36**	**34**	**13 — 95**
Indiana	**23**	**15**	**28**	**19 — 85**

3-Point Goals—Portland 5-17 (Matthews 2-6, Aldridge 1-1, Blake 1-2, Batum 1-5, Lillard 0-3), Indiana 4-15 (Watson 4-5, West 0-1, Copeland 0-1, Rudez 0-1, Stuckey 0-2, S.Hill 0-2, Sloan 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 53 (Aldridge 14), Indiana 56 (Stuckey 14). Assists—Portland 21 (Blake 7), Indiana 16 (West 6). Total Fouls—Portland 21, Indiana 18. A—17,206 (18,165).

MAGIC 100, HAWKS 99

ATLANTA (99): Carroll 2-8 2-2 7, Millsap 3-12 3-4 9, Horford 9-15 0-0 18, Teague 8-18 6-8 24, Korver 2-5 6-6 11, Brand 0-1 0-0 0, Sefolosha 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 3-7 2-2 10, Schroder 4-13 2-2 10, Bazemore 4-5 0-0 10. Totals 35-84 21-24 99.

ORLANDO (100): Harris 7-16 6-10 20, Frye 3-7 0-0 9, Vucevic 9-13 0-0 18, Oladipo 5-9 2-2 15, Fournier 7-14 4-4 19, Dedmon 1-2 0-0 2, O'Quinn 0-2 0-0 0, B.Gordon 3-4 3-3 12, Payton 2-7 1-2 5. Totals 37-74 16-21 100.

Atlanta	**23**	**25**	**24**	**27 — 99**
Orlando	**18**	**29**	**28**	**25 — 100**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 8-27 (Bazemore 2-3, Teague 2-4, Scott 2-5, Korver 1-4, Carroll 1-5, Schroder 0-3, Millsap 0-3), Orlando 10-31 (B.Gordon 3-3, Oladipo 3-3, Frye 3-6, Fournier 1-5, O'Quinn 0-1, Harris 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 51 (Millsap 10), Orlando 43 (Vucevic 11). Assists—Atlanta 24 (Teague 8), Orlando 26 (Payton, Oladipo 7). Total Fouls—Atlanta 19, Orlando 15. Technicals—Schroder, Fournier A—15,939 (18,500).

BUCKS 111, CLIPPERS 106

L.A. CLIPPERS (106): Barnes 10-18 0-0 26, Griffin 4-12 2-4 10, Jordan 3-6 1-3 7, Paul 5-15 0-0 10, Redick 6-14 8-8 25, Crawford 6-15 3-4 17, Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Farmar 2-4 0-0 5, Turkoglu 1-2 0-0 2, Douglas-Roberts 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-91 14-19 106.

MILWAUKEE (111): Antetokounmpo 8-11 4-5 20, Parker 6-11 0-0 12, Sanders 7-9 1-2 15, Knight 6-14 7-9 22, Mayo 3-5 0-0 6, Pachulia 1-6 2-4 4, Bayless 3-5 4-4 11, Marshall 2-4 0-0 5, Middleton 6-8 3-3 14. Dudley 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 43-76 18-24 111.

L.A. Clippers	**28**	**14**	**29**	**35 — 106**
Milwaukee	**26**	**25**	**21**	**39 — 111**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 14-29 (Barnes 6-8, Redick 5-7, Crawford 2-7, Farmar 1-3, Paul 0-4), Milwaukee 7-11 (Knight 3-5, Middleton 2-2, Bayless 1-1, Marshall 1-1, Dudley 0-1, Mayo 0-1). Fouled Out—Paul. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 46 (Jordan 15), Milwaukee 50 (Sanders 9). Assists—L.A. Clippers 24 (Griffin 9), Milwaukee 25 (Marshall 8). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 24, Milwaukee 19. Technicals—Barnes, Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee defensive three second 2. A—16,227 (18,717).

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) defends as Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, right, gets past on his way to the basket for a score Saturday in Dallas.

Warriors win 15th in row, beat Mavs

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Warriors	**105**
Mavericks	**98**

DALLAS — Stephen Curry thought about protecting his ankles. Golden State coach Steve Kerr screamed for a timeout.

The object of their preoccupation? Marreese Speights' wayward shoe.

In a game with a weird footnote, the Warriors won their franchise-record 15th in row Saturday as Curry scored 29 points in a 105-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

"It was a bizarre sequence," said Kerr, at 20-2 off to the fastest start ever for a first-year coach.

After Speights lost his shoe making a move for the Warriors in the third quarter, the big man's sneaker was thrown toward midcourt to get it out of the way as the possession continued.

When the teams headed back the other way, Curry picked up the loose shoe and tried to toss it to Speights. But Mavericks center Tyson Chandler swatted the sneaker in midair, knocking it near the sideline and prompting Curry to gesture toward an official.

The blocked shoe drew the biggest roar from an otherwise quiet crowd.

"When I was on the wing, and I saw the shoe, and I immediately thought about my ankles, so I thought, 'I got to pick that up before I try to make that move,'" Curry said. "On the other transition, when he went to go get his shoe back, but Tyson thought um, otherwise, I guess. I've never seen that happen before."

Chandler said the move was purely tactical, not motivational for a team that fell behind by 21 points in the first quarter and 28 in the second before getting within seven points in the final minute of the game.

"You can't run with a sock on," said Chandler, who had 11 point and 12 rebounds for his 12th double-double. "I was hoping that we could exploit them at the other end until they either had to call timeout or he had to foul. But we didn't take advantage of it."

Chandler was pretty sure there wasn't a rule against the swat, and Kerr was pretty sure he was ready for that to change.

"A shoe rule!" he said, laughing. "Like the Larry Bird exception. The Tyson Chandler rule. No deflecting shoes!"

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 108
NUGGETS 96

HOUSTON — Dwight Howard had 26 points and 13 rebounds in his return from injury, James Harden had a triple-double, and the Houston Rockets overcame an early deficit for a 108-96 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Saturday night.

Howard, who missed the previous 11 games with a strained right knee, also reached a milestone, eclipsing 10,000 rebounds in his career.

Harden had 24 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his third career triple-double. He almost didn't get it, grabbing his 10th rebound with less than a second left in the game.

Ty Lawson had 19 points and 12 assists, and Darrell Arthur had a season-high 20 points for the Nuggets.

NETS 114
HORNETS 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Johnson scored 22 points, Deron Williams and Mason Plumlee had double-doubles and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Charlotte Hornets 114-87 on Saturday night for their second straight victory.

Johnson was 9 of 16 from the field and 4 of 6 from 3-point range as the Nets shot 16 of 23 from beyond the arc.

Williams had 18 points and 10 assists, and Plumlee outplayed counterpart Al Jefferson with 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Nets (10-12), who eclipsed 100 points for the first time in 11 games.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 15 points for the Hornets (6-17), who shot 36 percent from the field in their second straight loss.

TRAIL BLAZERS 95
PACERS 85

INDIANAPOLIS — LaMarcus Aldridge had 19 points and 14 rebounds, Damian Lillard added 18 points and the Portland Trail Blazers finished their five-game road trip with a 95-85 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Saturday night.

Portland (18-6) had lost two straight overall and four straight on the Pacers' home court.

C.J. Watson had 23 points and Rodney Stuckey added 14 for the struggling Pacers (7-17), who have lost eight straight. It's Indiana's longest losing streak since an eight-game skid in December 2009.

Indiana never had much of a chance after the first quarter.

Portland shot 77.8 percent from the field against the Pacers' usually stout defense in the second quarter, turning a one-point deficit into a 58-38 halftime lead.

The Trail Blazers led by as much as 29 early in the third, and Indiana never got closer than eight.

MAGIC 100
HAWKS 99

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tobias Harris got a leaning, 19-foot jumper to rattle in at the buzzer, giving the Orlando Magic a 100-99 victory Saturday night that snapped the Atlanta Hawks' nine-game winning streak.

Harris finished with 20 points, Evan Fournier scored 19 and Nik Vucevic 18. Orlando took the second game of the back-to-back after Atlanta's victory at home on Friday.

The game was tight throughout, featuring 10 ties and 15 lead changes. The Magic had 10 first-quarter turnovers, but just five the rest of the game.

Jeff Teague had 24 points, leading six Hawks players in double figures. Al Horford added 18 and Kyle Korver 11.

The Hawks host Chicago on Monday. The Magic are on the road at Toronto.

BUCKS 111
CLIPPERS 106

MILWAUKEE — Brandon Knight scored 22 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 20, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Los Angeles Clippers 111-106 on Saturday night.

Jamal Crawford hit a 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds left to pull the Clippers to 106-106. Knight's inbounds pass was tipped out of bounds by Matt Barnes, who was tied up with Khris Middleton on a close play.

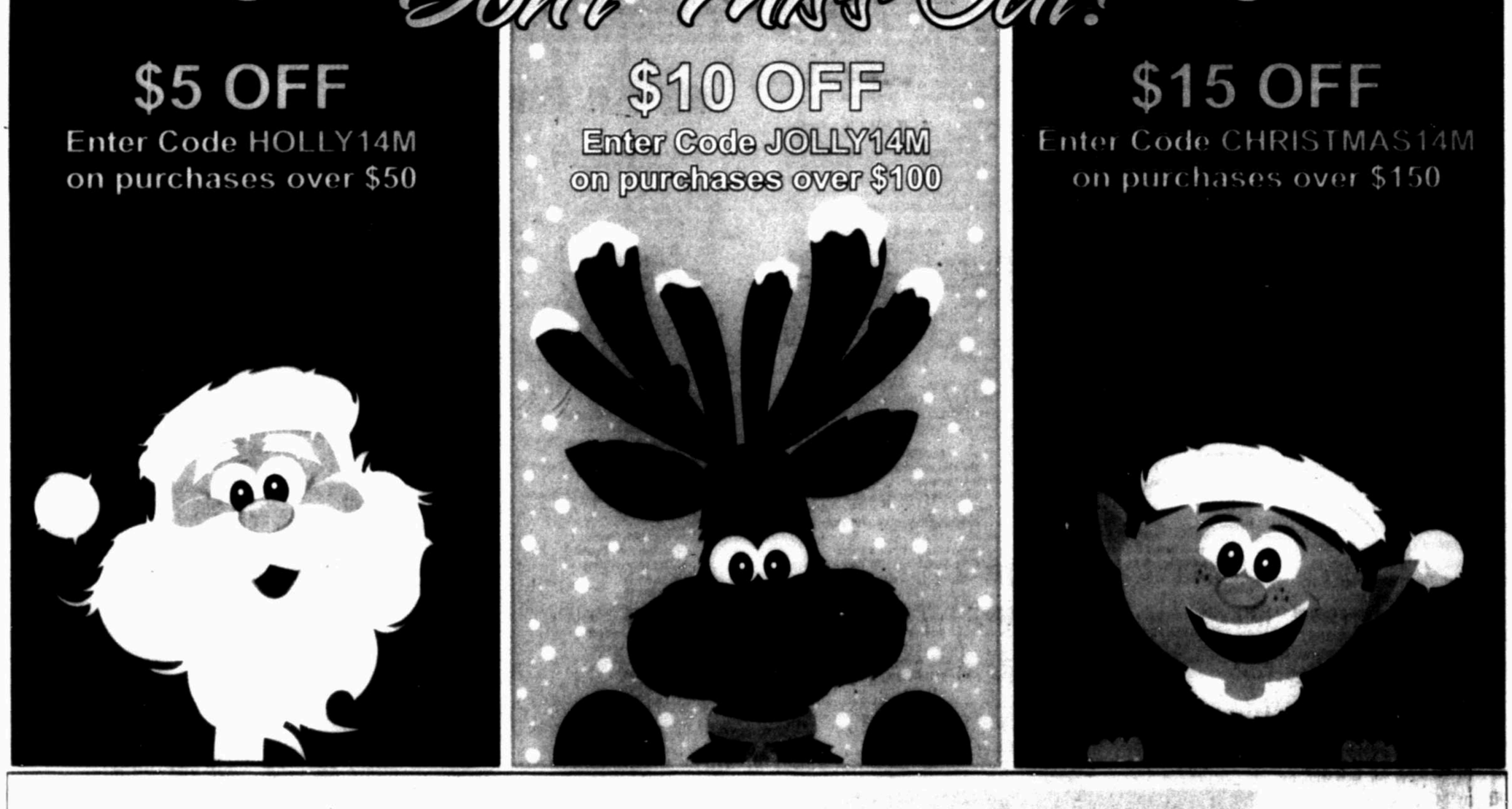
The referees reviewed the replay and confirmed that the Bucks had the ball. Milwaukee inbounded again, and Knight hit a pair of free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining to close the scoring.

Barnes scored a season-high 26 points and JJ Redick added 25 for Los Angeles.

GRIZZLIES 120
76ERS 115, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Mike Conley hit the tying 3-pointer to send the game into overtime and scored a career-high 36 points, leading the Memphis Grizzlies past the Philadelphia 76ers, 120-115 on Saturday night.

The Grizzlies rallied from 18 points down over the final 7 minutes of regulation to keep the Sixers winless at home. Conley scored 16 points in the fourth and kept Memphis in the hunt for best record in the Western Conference.



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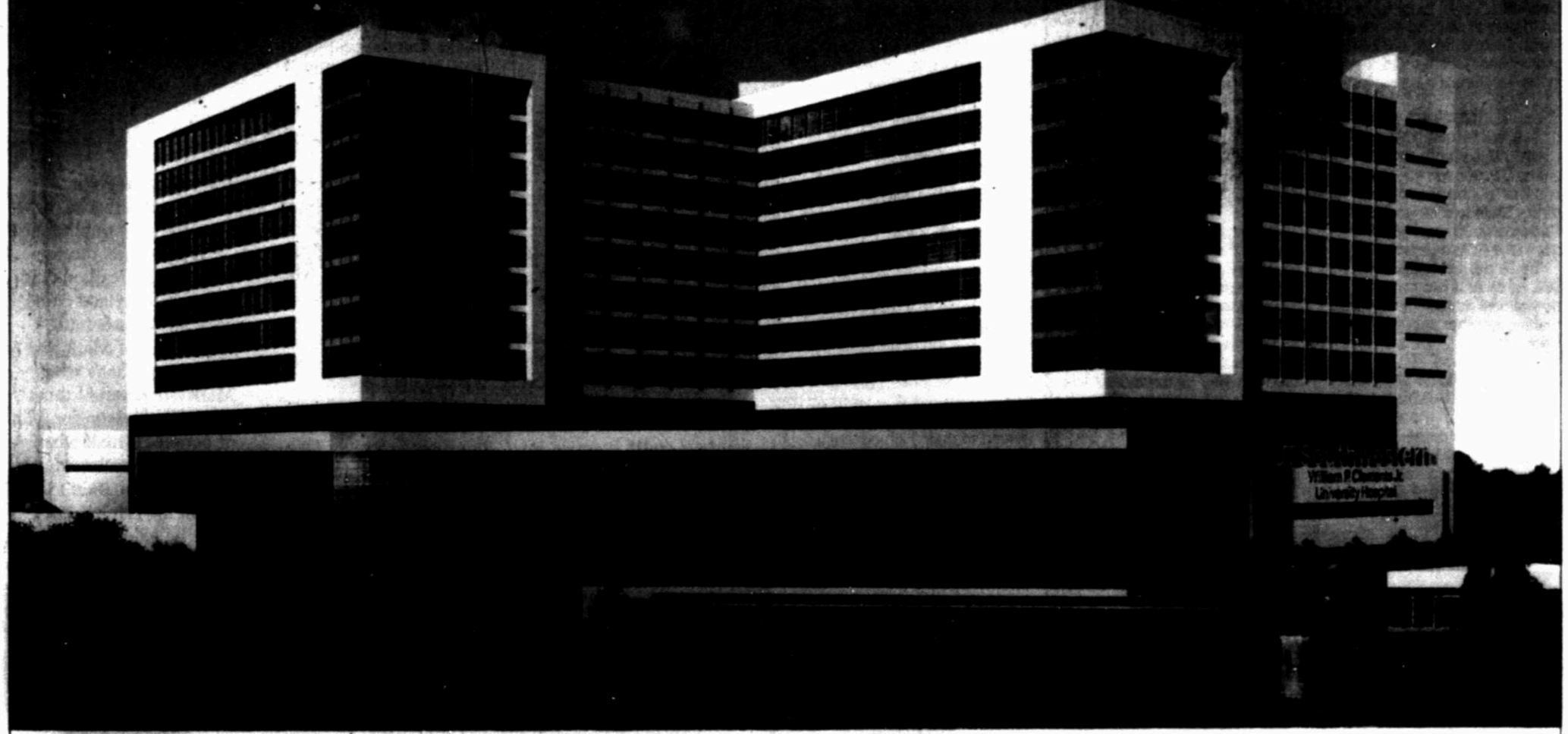

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Navy makes it 13 in a row over Army

Midshipmen	17
Black Knights	10

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Navy extended its winning streak over Army to 13 games, using a strong defensive performance and the versatility of quarterback Keenan Reynolds to carve out a 17-10 victory Saturday.

After Army turned a blocked punt into a touchdown in the first quarter, the Midshipmen used the passing of Reynolds to pull even at halftime. Navy (7-5) then took a 10-7 lead before Reynolds scored from the 1 with 12:07 left to put the Mids in control.

Ken Niumatalolo became the winningest coach in Navy history, breaking a tie with George Welsh. Niumatalolo (56-35) also became the first Navy coach to win his first seven games against Army (4-8).

Reynolds ran 26 times for 100 yards and completed six of eight passes for 77 yards and a touchdown.

As the clock ticked down the final seconds, the thousands of Midshipmen in attendance jumped, yelled and cheered from their perch in the end zone.

The 13-game run by Navy is the longest in the history of a series that began in 1890. Before the Midshipmen went on their unprecedented run, neither team in this storied rivalry had won more than five in a row.

In the previous 12 games, Navy outscored Army 400-132 — including 34-7 last year. Although the score in this one was closer, the result was the same.

Army hasn't defeated the Midshipmen since 2001. First-year coach Jeff Monken became the sixth coach to lose to Navy over that span.

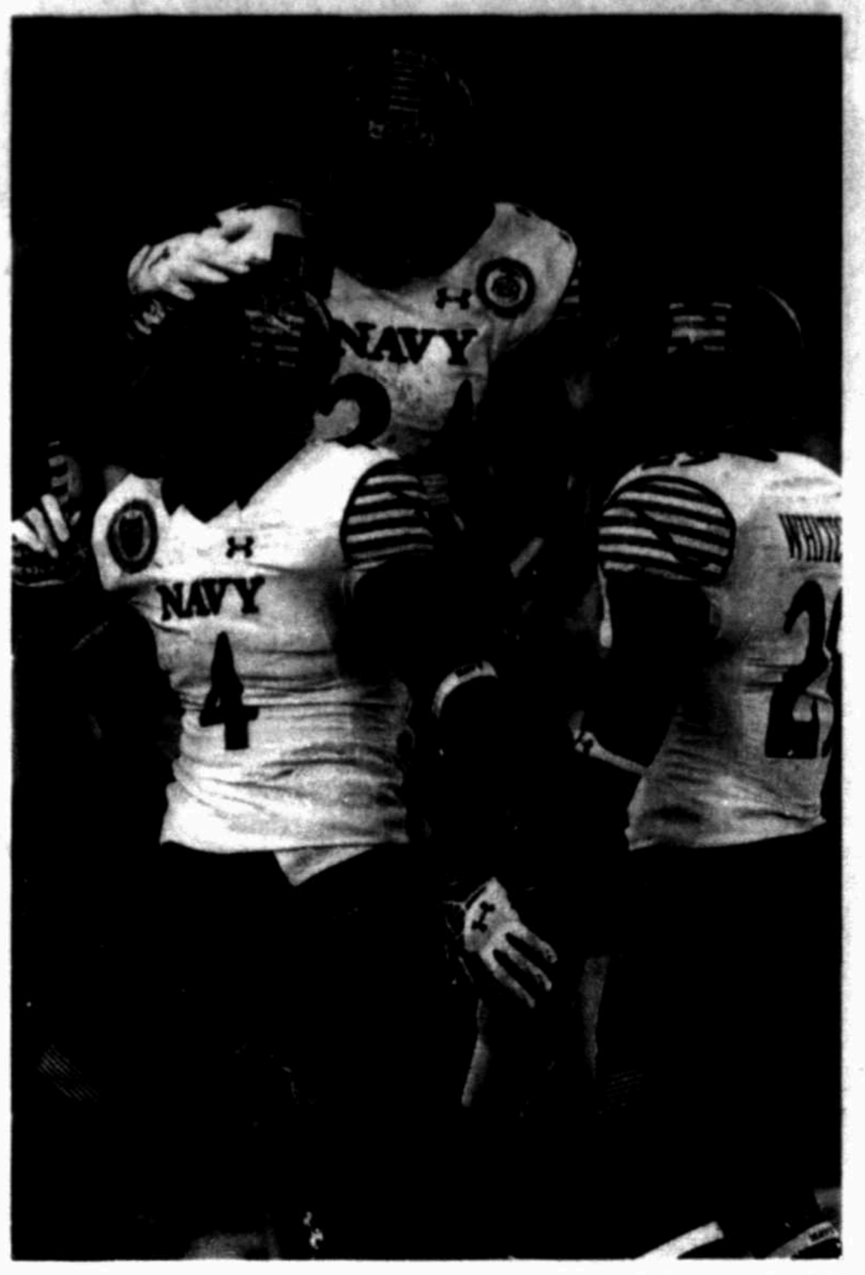
After scoring a touchdown late in the first half to draw even at 7, Navy opened the third quarter with a 41-yard kickoff return by Ryan Williams-Jenkins. That led to a 45-yard field goal by Austin Grebe for a 10-7 lead.

Army then wasted a 50-yard drive, moving to the Navy 30 before Daniel Grochowski hooked a field goal try to the left.

Reynolds subsequently directed a 12-play march that lasted nearly eight minutes and ended with the 5-foot-11 junior bulling over the goal line for a 10-point cushion.

Naturally, the Cadets didn't quit. But a possession that moved to the Navy 38 ended with a fumble by quarterback A.J. Schurr, and that pretty much left Army the prospect of lamenting yet another loss to their rivals for the next 365 days.

A 52-yard field goal by Grochowski made it 17-10 with 1:51 left, but Navy recovered the ensuing onside kick.



Patrick Semansky/AP

Navy wide receiver Jamir Tillman (4) celebrates his touchdown with teammates Ryan Williams-Jenkins (24) and Geoffrey Whiteside in Saturday's game against Army in Baltimore.

Texans try to block Colts' path to AFC South title

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts have spent months preparing for today's showdown.

Beat Houston at home and they will earn a second straight AFC South crown and have the privilege of looking at the larger playoff picture. Lose and the division chase is back in play.

It's that simple, and Indianapolis isn't about to let that chance slip away now.

"I know coach (Bill) O'Brien is going to have that team ready to go. It's the first thing they talked about coming off their last win," coach Chuck Pagano said. "We understand where their mindset is and we'll prepare accordingly."

Pagano has made no secret of how important he considers a division title, routinely calling it the easiest way into the postseason and the essential start to a playoff run.

Last week, the Colts (9-4) did their part to wrap up things by rallying for a last-minute victory in Cleveland. The Texans (7-6) weren't so accommodating, beating Jacksonville 27-13 to keep their slim division hopes intact.

But Houston has a problem: It is 0-12 all-time in Indianapolis.

The Texans couldn't beat Peyton Manning from 2002-10, couldn't beat rookie Andrew Luck in 2012 when Houston actually won the division, couldn't even beat the one-win Colts in 2011 when Dan Orlovsky was starting. And Houston has only been within one score in three of those road losses, falling losing 33-27 in 2008, 20-17 in 2009, and 19-16 in 2011.

O'Brien believes it's time to change course.

"We've never won there. It's the truth," O'Brien said, referring to last week's postgame audiotape that became an Internet hit. "I said we beat Jacksonville, I feel like we're playing well, and we've never won there in Indianapolis. Let's go up there and give it our best shot."

On paper, it's an intriguing matchup.

Luck is 4-1 against his hometown team with 12 TD passes and two interceptions. Receiver T.Y. Hilton averages 122.1 yards and has six TD catches in five games against the Texans.

Houston, meanwhile, relies on running back Arian Foster, who runs for 6.4 yards per carry and has four 100-yard games in seven tries against Indy. And seven of J.J. Watt's 51 career sacks have come against the Colts.

Who has the tougher job? That depends on the perspective.

"He's damn near unblockable, batting passes down, 14 1-2 sacks, (20) tackles for loss. He does it all," Pagano said, referring to Watt. "He's a nightmare."

O'Brien faces a different dilemma.

"He (Luck) never thinks that the play is over. He competes until the last second," O'Brien said. "I mean, he is going after it. He's scrambling around trying to make plays for his team."

Now it's time to see if the Texans can stay in the division chase, or if the Colts still have the upper hand.

Here are some other things to watch today's:

TURNOVER TEST: Indy has fumbled 13 times, losing seven in the last three weeks. Luck has thrown three interceptions during that span, too, and the Colts are ranked No. 21 in turnover margin at minus-4. Houston, in contrast, leads the NFL with 29 takeaways and needs two more to break the franchise record set in 2011.

PROTECTING LUCK: Watt had two sacks and returned a fumble for a touchdown against the Colts in October, when Indy's offensive line was healthier. It's unclear how healthy it will be this time. Last week, the Colts finished the game without three of their starting linemen.

RYAN'S RENAISSANCE: A month ago, Ryan Mallett replaced Ryan Fitzpatrick as Houston's quarterback. But a season-ending chest injury for Mallett has given Fitzpatrick a rare second chance and he's taken advantage. In the last two games, both wins, Fitzgerald has thrown six TD passes and no interceptions. He needs to duplicate that effort in Indy.

REGGIE'S RECORDS: The milestones for Colts receiver Reggie Wayne keep piling up. This week, the 36-year-old receiver can break two of the most revered records in franchise history — most games played and most wins — in what may be his final regular-season home game. Wayne, who can become a free agent, is tied with Peyton Manning at 208 games and 141 wins.

THE STREAK: Indy has been the AFC South's dominant team since the division was created in 2002, finishing first eight times and second three times. A year ago, the Colts swept the division. A win Sunday would not only wrap up a ninth division crown, it would extend the NFL's longest active winning streak against division foes to 12.

The game

HOUSTON AT INDIANAPOLIS

When: Noon today
Location: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
TV: CBS

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	[illegible]	257
Miami	7	6	0	.538	316	269
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	281	241
N.Y. Jets	2	11	0	.154	214	346
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	4	0	.692	427	307
Houston	7	6	0	.538	314	260
Tennessee	2	11	0	.154	229	374
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	199	356
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	4	1	.654	281	285
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	332	319
Baltimore	8	5	0	.615	335	236
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	276	270
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	365	286
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	289	272
Kansas City	7	6	0	.538	281	241
Oakland	2	11	0	.154	200	350

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	389	309
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	342	301
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	288	320
Washington	3	10	0	.231	244	346
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	323	342
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	326	369
Carolina	4	8	1	.346	280	341
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	.154	237	349
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	423	304
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	266	224
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	263	281
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	11	3	0	.786	287	244
Seattle	9	4	0	.692	322	235
San Francisco	7	6	0	.538	244	269
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	291	297

Thursday's Score
Arizona 12, St. Louis 6

Today's Games
Oakland at Kansas City, Noon
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, Noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Miami at New England, Noon
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon
Jacksonville at Baltimore, Noon
Green Bay at Buffalo, Noon
Tampa Bay at Carolina, Noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, Noon
Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGEFOOTBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAM HOUSTON STATE 34 VILLANOVA 31

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Jared Johnson threw for 303 yards and three touchdowns, and orchestrated the game-winning fourth-quarter touchdown drive, to lead Sam Houston State to a 34-31 win over Villanova in the FCS quarterfinals Saturday.

TCU transfer LaDarius Brown had 174 receiving yards and two touchdowns for the Bearkats (11-4), who move on to play at second-seeded North Dakota State, a 39-32 winner over Coastal Carolina, in the semifinals next week.

ILLINOIS ST. 59 E WASHINGTON 46

CHENEY, Wash. — Marshaun Coprich ran for 258 yards and four touchdowns to lead Illinois State to a 59-46 win over Eastern Washington on Saturday in the FCS quarterfinals.

Tre Roberson passed for 206 yards and two touchdowns and added for 62 yards rushing another score for the Redbirds.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 39 COASTAL CAROLINA 32

FARGO, N.D. — John Crockett rushed for a career-high 227 yards and scored the game-winning touchdown to help North Dakota State hold off Coastal Carolina 39-32 Saturday in the Football Championship Subdivision quarterfinals.

The three-time defending champion Bison (13-1) will play at home again next Saturday against Sam Houston State or Villanova.

MINN. STATE (MANKATO) 47, CONCORD 13

MANKATO, Minn. — Driven by a substantial size advantage on the offensive line, Minnesota State-Mankato defeated Concord University 47-13 in a semifinal game of the NCAA Division II football playoffs Saturday.

The Mavericks had nine possessions in the game and scored touchdowns on the first six, adding a field goal on the seventh.

CSU-PUEBLO 10 WEST GEORGIA 7

PUEBLO, Colo. — Chris Bonner threw a 38-yard touchdown pass with 9:47 left in the fourth quarter and the Thunderwolves' defense held a powerful rushing attack mostly in check as No. 8 CSU-Pueblo (14-1) outlasted No. 25 West Georgia 10-7 Saturday to advance to the NCAA Division II Championship game for the first time in school history.

Two missed West Georgia (12-3) field goals — one blocked, the other clanked off the upright just before halftime — kept the Thunderwolves in the game despite a sputtering first-half offense.

WIS-WHITEWATER 20, LINFIELD 14

WHITEWATER, Wis. — Dennis Moore scored on a 33-yard run with five minutes remaining to give defending champion Wisconsin-Whitewater a 20-14 victory over Linfield on Saturday in the Division III semifinals.

Top-ranked Whitewater (14-0), which has won five of the last seven national titles, will face No. 3 Mount Union (14-0) next Friday night in the Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va. Mount Union, which lost to Whitewater in last year's final, advanced with a 70-21 rout of fourth-ranked Wesley.

MOUNT UNION 70 WESLEY 21

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Kevin Burke threw a career-high seven touchdowns and ran for another Saturday, leading Mount Union to a 70-21 victory over Wesley (Delaware) in the NCAA Division III semifinals.

The senior quarterback completed 26 of 41 passes for a career-high 415 yards as the Purple Raiders (14-0) advanced to their 10th consecutive Stagg Bowl. They will play either Linfield or Wisconsin-Whitewater in Salem, Virginia, on Dec. 19.

COWBOYS

From 1C

the best, and it's the same thing if we went to go play any other place in the NFL, they would allow us to practice at their facility. When I was in college, everybody allowed us to practice. USC practiced at our place when we were at Oregon and we could practice at their place. That's what this deal is all about."

Players change teams so much these days in the NFL that it's difficult to find players who feel the same way fans do about rivals. Only a decade ago, there were Eagles like Brian Dawkins who echoed the city's feelings about Dallas.

"As long as they have that star on their helmet, it's still the Cowboys," Dawkins once said.

Players such as Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant still do plenty of trash-talking. Bryant called Philadelphia's cornerbacks "cheap" after the Eagles beat Dallas 33-10 on Thanksgiving.

The quarterbacks, however, traded compliments.

"It's just great to see someone be resilient and take adversity and come back stronger from it," Romo said of Mark Sanchez. "And that's what Mark's done and I think it's a great lesson for a lot of people. I think when you look at it closely, it'd be better if he didn't do it with the Eagles, but I think he's done a great job."

PLAYOFF GLANCES

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 29
Fordham 44, Sacred Heart 22
Indiana State 36, Eastern Kentucky 16
Richmond 46, Morgan State 24
Sam Houston State 21, Southeastern Louisiana 17
South Dakota State 47, Montana State 40
Montana 52, San Diego 14
Liberty 26, James Madison 21
Northern Iowa 44, Stephen F. Austin 10
Second Round
Saturday, Dec. 6
New Hampshire 44, Fordham 19
Chattanooga 35, Indiana State 14
Coastal Carolina 36, Richmond 15
Illinois State 41, Northern Iowa 21
Sam Houston State 37, Jacksonville State 26
North Dakota State 27, South Dakota State 24
Eastern Washington 37, Montana 20
Villanova 29, Liberty 22
Quarterfinals
Friday, Dec. 12
New Hampshire 35, Chattanooga 30
Saturday, Dec. 13
North Dakota State 39, Coastal Carolina 32
Sam Houston State 34, Villanova 31
Illinois State 59, Eastern Washington 49
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 19 or Saturday, Dec. 20
New Hampshire (12-1) vs. Illinois State (12-1), TBA
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-4), TBA
Championship
Saturday, Jan. 10
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
Semifinal winners, Noon

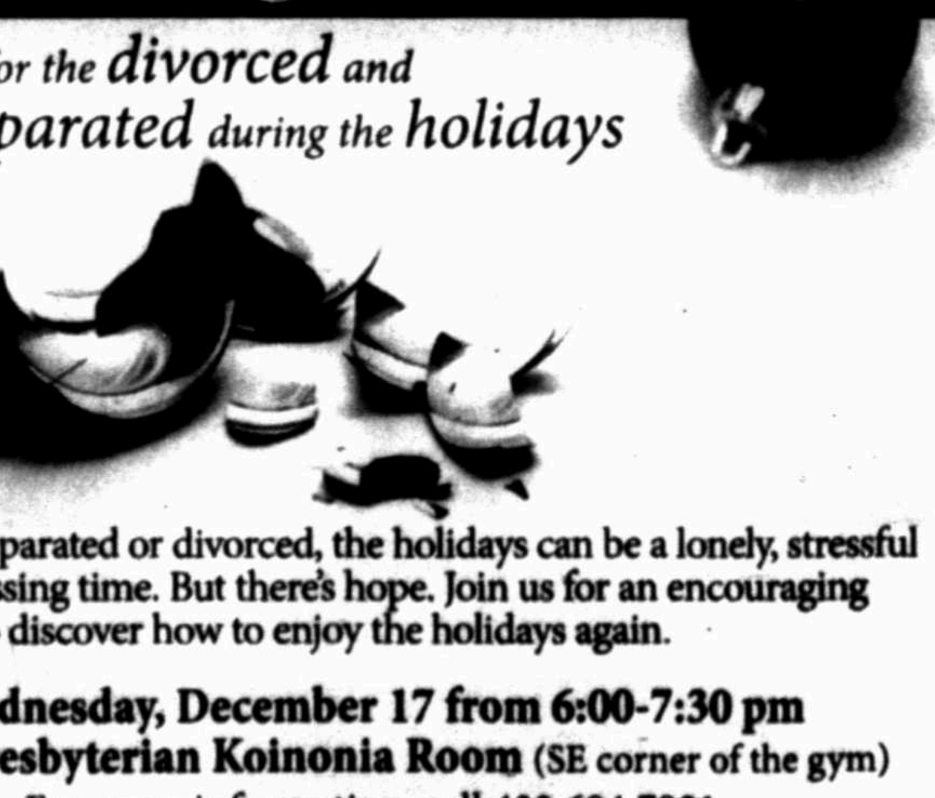
NCAA Division II Football
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 22
West Chester 46, Slippery Rock 20
Virginia State 28, LIU Post 17
Angelo State 42, Michigan Tech 41
West Georgia 20, Tuskegee 17
Valdosta State 33, North Alabama 31
Minnesota-Duluth 25, Northwest Missouri State 21
Pittsburg State 59, Harding 42
Ohio Dominican 34, Colorado Mines 23
Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 29
Concord (W.Va.) 51, West Chester 36
Bloomsburg 35, Virginia State 14
Valdosta State 23, Lenoir-Rhyne 21
Ohio Dominican 46, Ferris State 33
West Georgia 37, Delta State 27
Minnesota-Duluth 48, Ouachita Baptist 45, OT
Minnesota State-(Mankato) 24, Pittsburg State 21, OT
Colorado State-Pueblo 52, Angelo State 14
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 6
Concord (W.Va.) 32, Bloomsburg 26
West Georgia 31, Valdosta State 17
Minnesota State-(Mankato) 44, Minnesota-Duluth 17
Colorado State-Pueblo 31, Ohio Dominican 28
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 13
Minnesota State-(Mankato) 47, Concord (W.Va.) 13
Colorado State-Pueblo 10, West Georgia 7
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 20
At Sporting Park
Kansas City, Kan.
Minnesota State-(Mankato) (14-0) vs. Colorado State-Pueblo (13-1), 3 p.m.

NCAA Division III
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 22
Wabash 33, Franklin 14
Widener 36, Muhlenberg 35
Christopher Newport 29, Delaware Valley 26
Wesley 52, Hampden-Sydney 7
MIT 27, Husson 20
Johns Hopkins 24, Rowan 16
Hobart 22, Ithaca 15
John Carroll 63, Centre (Ky.) 28
Washington & Jefferson 41, Wittenberg 25
Mount Union 63, Adrian 3
Wisconsin-Whitewater 55, Macalester 2
St. John's (Minn.) 35, St. Scholastica 7
Wartburg 37, St. Thomas (Minn.) 31
Wheaton (Ill.) 43, Benedictine (Ill.) 14
Linfield 55, Chapman 24
Texas Lutheran at Mary Hardin-Baylor, susp., lightning
Sunday, Nov. 23
Mary Hardin-Baylor 27, Texas Lutheran 20, comp. of susp. game
Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 29
Widener 37, Christopher Newport 27
Wesley 59, MIT 0
Hobart 24, Johns Hopkins 21
Mount Union 67, Washington & Jefferson 0
Wisconsin-Whitewater 38, Wabash 14
Wartburg 21, St. John's (Minn.) 10
Linfield 31, Mary Hardin-Baylor 28
John Carroll 14, Wheaton (Ill.) 12
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 6
Wesley 41, Hobart 13
Linfield 45, Widener 7
Mount Union 36, John Carroll 28
Wisconsin-Whitewater 37, Wartburg 33
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 13
Mount Union 70, Wesley 21
Wisconsin0Whitewater 20, Linfield 14
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Friday, Dec. 19
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Mount Union (14-0) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (14-0), 6 p.m.

NAIA
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 22
Carroll (Mont.) 49, Valley City State 0
Grand View 38, Langston 3
Saint Xavier 38, Campbellsville 35
Morningside 42, Ottawa (Kan.) 21
Missouri Valley 20, Northwestern (Iowa) 17, 2OT
Lindsey Wilson 20, Faulkner 17
Marian (Ind.) 34, Georgetown (Ky.) 3
Southern Oregon 44, MidAmerica Nazarene 26
Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 29
Morningside (Iowa) 56, Missouri Valley 28
Marian (Ind.) 34, Grand View (Iowa) 6
Southern Oregon 45, Carroll (Mont.) 42
Saint Xavier (Ill.) 30, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) 37
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 6
Marian (Ind.) 41, Morningside (Iowa) 21
Southern Oregon 62, Saint Xavier (Ill.) 37
Championship
Friday, Dec. 19
At Municipal Stadium
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Marian (Ind.) (11-2) vs. Southern Oregon (12-2), 2 p.m.

Surviving the Holidays

Help for the divorced and separated during the holidays



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First Presbyterian Koinonia Room (SE corner of the gym)
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COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 8 TEXAS 59
TEXAS STATE 27

AUSTIN — Cam Ridley scored 14 points and No. 8 Texas used an overwhelming defensive performance to beat Texas State 59-27 on Saturday night.

Texas allowed its fewest points since 1946 and gave up just nine points in the first half, the fewest allowed by the Longhorns in at least 65 years.

The Longhorns played their first game since a rugged matchup with No. 1 Kentucky a week earlier when they for the only time this season. Texas had its own struggles on offense early against Texas State, but closed the first half with a 13-2 run to put the game all but out of reach.

Javan Felix scored 10 points for Texas (8-1).

Cameron Naylor had eight points for Texas State (5-2), which played its first and only game of the season against an opponent from a major conference.

TCU 68
MCNEESE ST. 50

FORT WORTH — Kenrich Williams scored a career-high 13 points to lead TCU to a 68-50 win over McNeese State on Saturday night and remain unbeaten on the season.

The Horned Frogs (10-0) are now one of nine remaining unbeaten teams in the nation after Northern Iowa fell in double overtime to VCU. TCU is also on the cusp of its first Top-25 appearance since the 1998-99 season.

TCU pulled away from McNeese (4-3) on an 11-0 run that consumed 6:23 between the end of the first and start of the second half.

Cowboy guard Kevin Hardy had five assists on the night to move past Basketball Hall of Famer Joe Dumars for sixth place on the all-time McNeese State assist record.

Shaun Johnson, one of three double-figure scorers for the Cowboys, led the way with 12 points. Desharick Guidry added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

TEXAS A&M 81
YOUNGSTOWN ST 63

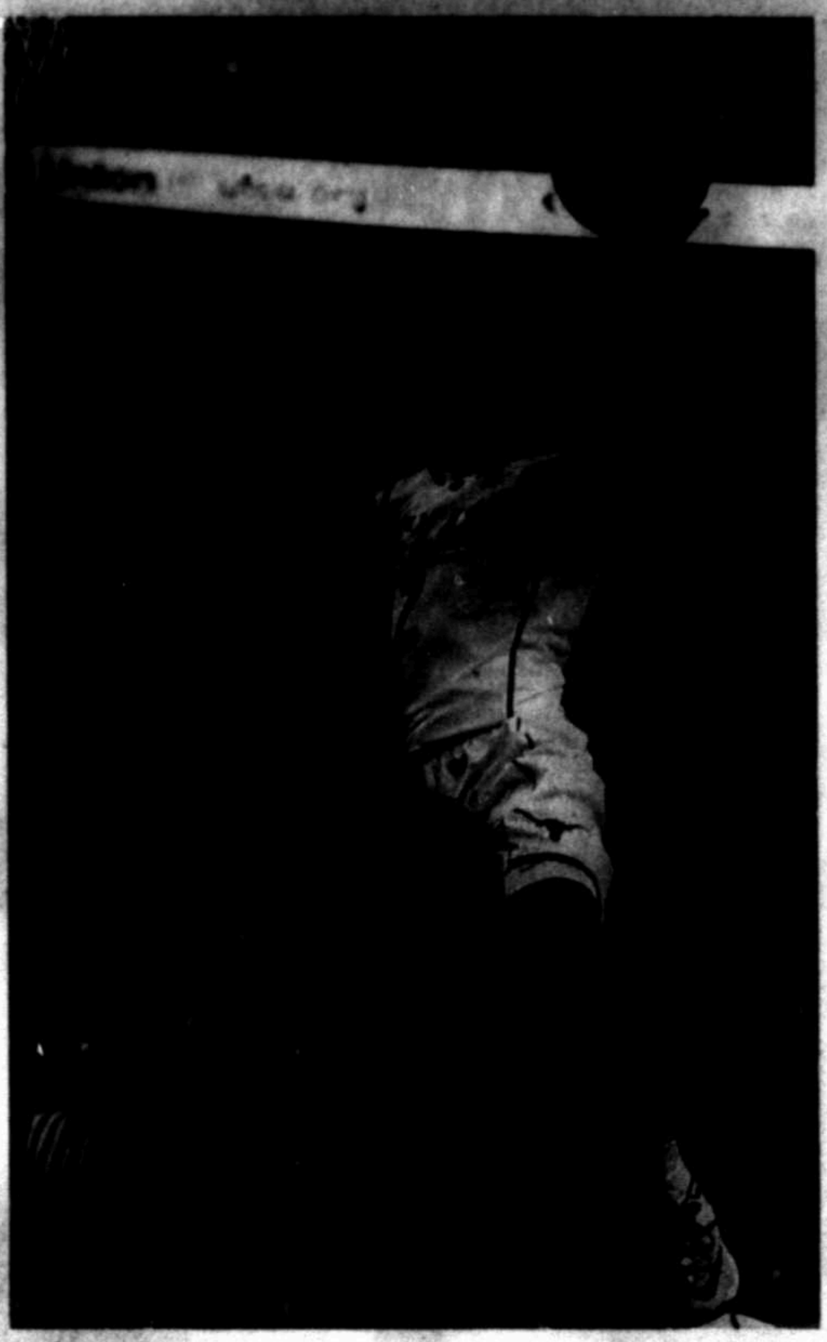
COLLEGE STATION — Guard Jalen Jones scored a season-high 27 points as Texas A&M defeated Youngstown State 81-63 on Saturday in Reed Arena.

Fellow guard Danuel House followed with a season-high 21 points. Jones is a transfer from SMU and House is a transfer from Houston, and both juniors are in their first year of action for the Aggies.

Forward Shawn Amiker led YSU with 16 points and guard DJ Cole followed with 15.

The Aggies led 58-54 with 9:14 remaining when they reeled off the next seven points to put away the game. In that span, Tonny Trocha-Morelos and Alex Robinson each notched a basket and Davonte Fitzgerald sank a 3-pointer to lift A&M to a double-digit lead with 6:06 remaining.

The Aggies were especially sharp from long range, making a season-best 11 of 20 3-pointers (55 percent). A&M rebounded from a 77-63 loss at former Big 12 foe Baylor on Tuesday.



Rodolfo Gonzalez/AP

Texas Demarcus Holland (2) goes to the basket over the top of Texas State's Ethan Montalvo (15) during the first half of Saturday's game in Austin.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 76,
NORTHERN NEW MEXICO 48

ABILENE — Parker Wentz made 4 of 8 from beyond the arc on his way to a total of 18 points and had four steals to lead Abilene Christian to a dominating 76-48 win over NAIA's Northern New Mexico on Saturday.

Northern New Mexico's Walid Ahmed-Aly nailed a 3-pointer to open the scoring. ACU's Austin Cooke answered with a 3, Wentz drove for a layup and Cooke added another layup for a 7-3 lead as the Wildcats streaked to a 35-18 halftime advantage. They were ahead 57-28 midway through the final period.

The Eagles outrebounded ACU 42 to 36 but made only 11 of 47 from the floor (23.4 percent). The Wildcats made 24 of 61 field goal attempts (39.3 percent).

Duran Porter and LaDarrien Williams had nine apiece for ACU (4-4).

Ahmed-Aly made all three of his long-range shots to lead Northern New Mexico with 14 points.

LSU 76
SAM HOUSTON STATE 67

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jordan Mickey scored 21 points and collected a career-high 15 rebounds as LSU defeated Sam Houston State 76-67 on Saturday.

Mickey, who was 9-of-21 from the field, was one of four players to score in double figures for the Tigers (7-2). Keith Hornsby finished with 16 points, while Jarell Martin had 14 and Tim Quarterman had 11.

Sam Houston, which trailed by as few as four points with less than two minutes to play, was led by Jabari Peters' season-high 15 points. Paul Baxter had 11 points, while both Kaheem Ransom and Michael Holyfield had 10 points for the Bearkats (5-4).

Mickey carried LSU to its 34-31 halftime lead. He had a first-half double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds and scored eight of the Tigers' final 11 points. His three-point play put LSU on top 27-26 with 3:52 remaining before halftime.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 66
LAMAR 60

EDINBURG — Janari Joesaar had a career-high 29 points to lead Texas-Pan American to a 66-60 win over Lamar on Saturday night.

Shaquille Boga added 19 points and five assists for Texas-Pan American (5-4) which had lost four of its last five games prior to this win.

Texas-Pan American held a 29-22 lead at the half but Lamar's full court press flustered the Broncs and the Cardinals closed to 33-31 with 15:24 remaining. The Broncs settled down and made a 14-3 run to lead 47-34 midway of the second half. Lamar answered with a 15-3 run to close to 50-49 at the 6:53 mark. Joesaar responded with a free throw and layup and Boga nailed a 3-pointer and UTPA (5-4) coasted to the win.

Donovan Ross had 17 points and Tyran de Lattibeaudiere chipped in 14 for Lamar (2-6).

HOUSTON BAPTIST 99
ARLINGTON BAPTIST 84

HOUSTON — Ricmonds Vilde scored 14 points and grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds to lead Houston Baptist to a dominating 99-84 victory over Arlington Baptist on Saturday night.

Houston Baptist (4-3) controlled the boards, pulling down 54 rebounds to the Patriots' 26. The Huskies dominated underneath, scoring 64 of their points in the paint.

Houston Baptist had five players in double figures as Marcel Smith had 13 and a eight assists, Jourdan Stickler added a career-high 12 points, Reveael Chuckwujekwu contributed 11 and Cody Stetler chipped in 10.

Arlington Baptist managed to stay within striking distance in the first half but the Huskies, leading 50-41 at the break, opened the final period with a 15-5 run and sprinted to a 90-65 advantage with 4:17 remaining.

The Huskies made 39 of 62 from the floor (62.9 percent) while holding Arlington Baptist to 31-of-74 shooting (41.9 percent).

Raphael Garcia led the Patriots with 18.

Women

NO. 4 TEXAS A&M 94
HOUSTON 55

COLLEGE STATION — Courtney Walker scored 17 of her 19 points in the first half and No. 4 Texas A&M routed Houston 94-55 on Saturday to improve to 11-0.

The Aggies are 11-0 for only the second time in school history, following a 12-0 start in 2008-09.

Jada Terry added 11 points for Texas A&M. The Aggies led by at least 30 points over the final 11:34.

Marche Amerson led Houston (3-5) with 10 points.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

Men

SATURDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Kentucky (11-0) beat No. 21 North Carolina 84-70. Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday.
2. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Monday.
3. Arizona (10-0) beat Michigan 80-53. Next: vs. Oakland, Tuesday.
4. Louisville (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. UNC Wilmington, Sunday.
5. Wisconsin (10-1) beat Nicholls State 86-43. Next: at California, Monday, Dec. 22.
6. Virginia (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cleveland State, Thursday.
7. Villanova (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
8. **Texas (8-1) beat Texas State 59-27. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Tuesday.**
9. Gonzaga (8-1) at UCLA. Next: vs. Texas Southern, Monday.
10. Kansas (8-1) beat No. 13 Utah 63-60. Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday.
11. Wichita State (7-1) beat Detroit 77-68. Next: vs. Alabama, Tuesday.
12. Ohio State (8-1) beat Morehead State 87-71. Next: vs. North Carolina A&T, Wednesday.
13. Utah (7-2) lost to No. 10 Kansas 63-60. Next: at UNLV, Saturday.
14. Iowa State (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern, Sunday.
15. Butler (8-1) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Sunday.
16. Oklahoma (6-2) beat Tulsa 87-68. Next: vs. Oral Roberts, Tuesday.
17. Washington (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Washington, Sunday.
18. San Diego State (7-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
19. Maryland (10-1) beat South Carolina-Upstate 67-57. Next: at Oklahoma State, Sunday, Dec. 21.
20. Miami (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Kentucky, Friday.
21. North Carolina (6-3) lost to No. 1 Kentucky 84-70. Next: at UNC Greensboro, Tuesday.
22. West Virginia (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Marshall, Sunday.
23. Northern Iowa (9-1) lost to VCU 93-87, 2OT. Next: at Iowa, Saturday.
24. St. John's (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fordham, Sunday.
25. Notre Dame (10-1) beat Florida State 83-63. Next: at Purdue, Saturday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 76, N. New Mexico 48
Arkansas 69, Dayton 55
Houston Baptist 99, Arlington Baptist 84
Mary Hardin-Baylor 81, Concordia-Austin 77
Oklahoma 87, Tulsa 68
Oral Roberts 86, New Mexico St. 83
TCU 68, McNeese St. 50
Texas 59, Texas St. 27
Texas A&M 81, Youngstown St. 63
Texas-Pan American 66, Lamar 60

SOUTH

Davidson 78, Niagara 58
East Carolina 70, James Madison 58
FAU 54, UCF 41
Gardner-Webb 74, Furman 68
Kentucky 84, North Carolina 70
LSU 76, Sam Houston St. 67
Liberty 79, Bluefield 61
Lipscomb 68, Austin Peay 59
Louisiana-Lafayette 115, Centenary 59
Maryland 67, SC-Upstate 57
Md.-Eastern Shore 53, Navy 46
Oklahoma St. 73, Memphis 55
Presbyterian 79, Montreat 68
Richmond 84, Howard 41
Southern Miss. 86, Spring Hill 56
UNC Greensboro 80, ETSU 79
VCU 93, N. Iowa 87, 2OT
VMI 82, Marist 77
W. Kentucky 81, Mississippi 74

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 67, Cleveland St. 57
E. Illinois 59, N. Illinois 55
E. Kentucky 73, IUPUI 64
Green Bay 64, Drake 48
Indiana 94, Grand Canyon 66
Kansas 63, Utah 60
Loyola of Chicago 58, Jackson St. 46
Middle Tennessee 62, Akron 61
Missouri St. 73, SE Missouri 61
Murray St. 81, Evansville 79
N. Dakota St. 71, North Dakota 42
Notre Dame 83, Florida St. 63
Ohio 66, Alcorn St. 55
Ohio St. 87, Morehead St. 71
Oregon 77, Illinois 70
S. Dakota St. 87, Idaho 85
Saint Louis 67, SIU-Edwardsville 61
Saint Mary's (Cal) 71, Creighton 67, OT
Toledo 73, Arkansas St. 65
UMKC 79, Nebraska-Omaha 72
UNLV 75, South Dakota 61
Valparaiso 65, Ball St. 62
W. Illinois 78, Alabama St. 68
Wichita St. 77, Detroit 68
Wisconsin 86, Nicholls St. 43
Xavier 74, Missouri 58

FAR WEST

Air Force 80, Ark.-Pine Bluff 47
Arizona 80, Michigan 53
Arizona St. 81, Pepperdine 74
California 67, Princeton 57
Colorado 93, N. Colorado 68
Colorado St. 88, Ark.-Fort Smith 60
Idaho St. 69, NW Nazarene 57
N. Arizona 71, Loyola Marymount 69
New Mexico 54, Louisiana-Monroe 46
Oregon St. 59, Mississippi St. 49
Portland St. 65, CS Bakersfield 59
Stanford 49, Denver 43

EAST

Albany (NY) 77, Siena 68
Georgetown 76, Radford 49
Iona 91, Indiana St. 84
La Salle 65, Drexel 55
Mount St. Mary's 67, Norfolk St. 64, OT
Pittsburgh 58, St. Bonaventure 54
Providence 79, Stony Brook 61
Rhode Island 83, Delaware St. 44
Rider 63, Hartford 61
Robert Morris 75, Duquesne 59
St. Francis (NY) 90, Mount St. Vincent 72
UMass 75, Canisius 58

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Prairie View at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.
Kent St. at UALR, 2 p.m.
North Texas at Stephen F. Austin, 3 p.m.

SOUTH

Campbell at Coll. of Charleston, 1 p.m.
FIU at Florida Gulf Coast, 1 p.m.
NC A&T at Old Dominion, 1 p.m.
Butler at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Dartmouth at Jacksonville St., 2 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at SC State, 2 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Virginia Tech, 2 p.m.
Auburn at Clemson, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida, 3 p.m.
Wofford at NC State, 3 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at Louisville, 5 p.m.
Samford at Wake Forest, 5 p.m.
UNC Asheville at UAB, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST

Illinois St. at DePaul, 3 p.m.
Chicago St. at S. Illinois, 3:05 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Wright St., 4:30 p.m.
Southern U. at Iowa St., 5 p.m.
Savannah St. at Kansas St., 5 p.m.
Montana at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
MVSU at Northwestern, 5 p.m.
Oakland at Michigan St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Montana St. at Wyoming, 1 p.m.
S. Utah at Boise St., 5:30 p.m.
W. Michigan at Pacific, 6 p.m.
E. Washington at Washington, 6 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento St., 6:05 p.m.

EAST

George Washington at Penn St., 11 a.m.
Manhattan vs. Rutgers at Madison Square Garden, 11 a.m.
St. Peter's at Seton Hall, 11 a.m.
Binghamton at Boston College, Noon
Quinnipiac at Boston U., Noon
Colgate at New Hampshire, Noon
Wagner at Vermont, Noon
Temple at Villanova, 1 p.m.
Fordham vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 1:30 p.m.
NJIT at LIU Brooklyn, 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Syracuse, 3 p.m.
Coppin St. vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 3 p.m.
West Virginia vs. Marshall at Charleston (W.Va.) Civic Center, 3:30 p.m.
Longwood at UMBC, 4 p.m.

Women

SATURDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next: at Hampton, Wednesday.
2. UConn (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 DePaul, Friday.
3. **Texas (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern State, Sunday.**
4. **Texas A&M (11-0) beat Houston 94-55. Next: vs. No. 3 Texas, Sunday, Dec. 21.**
5. Notre Dame (10-1) beat Michigan 70-50. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Sunday, Dec. 21.
6. North Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Sunday.
7. Stanford (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Sunday.
8. Kentucky (9-1) beat Middle Tennessee 78-62. Next: vs. Belmont, Sunday.
9. **Baylor (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Stephen F. Austin, Sunday.**
10. Louisville (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion, Monday.
11. Tennessee (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Rutgers, Sunday.
12. Nebraska (9-1) beat Cal State Bakersfield 54-45. Next: vs. High Point, Saturday.
13. Duke (5-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Wednesday.
14. Maryland (8-2) beat American 94-50. Next: at Coppin State, Sunday, Dec. 21.
15. Oregon State (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 6 North Carolina, Tuesday.
16. Georgia (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Furman, Saturday, Dec. 20.
17. Rutgers (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Tennessee, Sunday.
18. California (7-2) lost to Long Beach State 58-56, OT. Next: vs. No. 10 Louisville, Sunday, Dec. 21.
19. Michigan State (5-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Sunday.
20. Oklahoma State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Monday.
20. Syracuse (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina Central, Sunday.
22. Mississippi State (9-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Mississippi, Sunday.
23. West Virginia (8-1) beat IPFW 82-48. Next: vs. Marshall, Saturday.
24. Iowa (8-2) did not play. Next: at Drake, Sunday, Dec. 21.
25. DePaul (6-3) did not play. Next: at Loyola of Chicago, Wednesday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Concordia-Austin 73, Mary Hardin-Baylor 71
TCU 56, Prairie View 50
Texas A&M 94, Houston 55
Texas-Arlington 42, Texas A&M-CC 28

SOUTH

Campbell 69, Charleston Southern 65
Chattanooga 65, UT-Martin 54
Clemson 72, North Dakota 67
ETSU 64, E. Kentucky 49
Liberty 56, Gardner-Webb 47
Miami 70, Coppin St. 54
NC State 86, Mount St. Mary's 60
S. Illinois 75, Austin Peay 65
Stony Brook 50, Morgan St. 48
Winthrop 75, Davidson 60

MIDWEST

Butler 48, Ball St. 41
Dayton 86, Cent. Michigan 76
Green Bay 53, Wisconsin 43
Illinois 80, Valparaiso 58
N. Iowa 62, Dartmouth 46
Nebraska 54, CS Bakersfield 45
Notre Dame 70, Michigan 50
SE Missouri 61, Detroit 51
Toledo 80, Idaho 67

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 72, UC Davis 51
BYU 80, Utah 56
Long Beach St. 58, California 56, OT
Oregon 59, N. Arizona 47

EAST

Albany (NY) 76, Siena 57
Army 74, CCSU 60
Bowling Green 76, St. Francis (Pa.) 62
Maine 60, Northeastern 51
Marist 77, Boston U. 50
Memphis 63, Georgetown 46
Monmouth (NJ) 82, Colgate 62
Princeton 96, Binghamton 58
West Virginia 82, IPFW 48
Youngstown St. 80, Canisius 48

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Stephen F. Austin at Baylor, 2 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Texas, 2 p.m.
Texas A&M-Commerce at Texas St., 2 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 2 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.
Oklahoma at UALR, 4 p.m.

SOUTH

W. Carolina at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.
Savannah St. at South Carolina, 11 a.m.
Mercer at Alabama, Noon
UNC Greensboro at VCU, Noon
Alabama A&M at S.C. State, Noon
Mississippi St. at Southern Miss., Noon
Stetson at Florida, Noon
Appalachian St. at North Carolina, 1 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at South Florida, 1 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Elon, 1 p.m.
Wake Forest at Richmond, 1 p.m.
FIU at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Longwood, 1 p.m.
SE Louisiana at LSU, 2 p.m.
Samford at Auburn, 2 p.m.
South Alabama at Mississippi, 2 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.
Belmont at Kentucky, 3 p.m.

MIDWEST

SE Missouri vs. Idaho at Savage Arena, Toledo, Ohio, 11 a.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Iowa St., Noon
Oral Roberts at Kansas St., 1 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Xavier at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
W. Michigan at Ohio St., 1 p.m.
Detroit at Toledo, 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St. at Loyola of Chicago, 2 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Kansas, 2 p.m.
Indiana St. at Saint Louis, 2 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at Nebraska-Omaha, 2 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at E. Illinois, 2 p.m.
North Texas at UMKC, 2 p.m.
N. Illinois at Missouri, 2 p.m.
Drake at Creighton, 2:05 p.m.
IUPUI at Missouri St., 2:05 p.m.
Lamar at Wright St., 3 p.m.

FAR WEST

FAU at Colorado St., 1 p.m.
UAB at Arizona, 1 p.m.
Grambling St. at Washington, 2 p.m.
UTEP at New Mexico, 3 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at New Mexico St., 3 p.m.
E. Washington at Boise St., 3 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Sacramento St. at Southern Cal, 4 p.m.
Cal St. Fullerton at Fresno St., 4 p.m.
Montana at Portland, 4 p.m.
San Diego at UC Irvine, 4 p.m.
Saint Mary's at Cal Poly, 4 p.m.
W. Washington at Portland St., 4 p.m.
N. Colorado at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Santa Clara at Stanford, 9 p.m.

EAST

N.C. Central at Syracuse, 11 a.m.
Howard at LIU Brooklyn, Noon
Duquesne at Robert Morris, Noon
NJIT at St. John's, 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Hartford, 1 p.m.
Drexel at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Florida St. at Temple, 1 p.m.
Manhattan at Fordham, 1 p.m.
UCF at Iona, 1 p.m.
Holy Cross at UMass, 1 p.m.
Rider at Penn St., 1:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Rutgers, 2 p.m.
Wagner at Vermont, 2:30 p.m.
New Hampshire at Boston College, 3 p.m.
La Salle at Villanova, 6:30 p.m.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON SHOOTOUT: At Naples, Florida, Jason Day and Cameron Tringale overcame a slow start Saturday to win the Franklin Templeton Shootout by a shot.

Day and Tringale shot a 7-under 65 in the better-ball final round to finish at 32 under at Tiburon Golf Club. They each earned $335,000.

Day and Tringale opened with a 55 on Thursday in the scramble round and shot a 64 on Friday in modified alternate-shot play.

Leading by three shots going into the final round, they had just one birdie in the first eight holes before closing with six in their last nine.

Matt Kuchar and Harris English, the 2013 winners, finished second after a 62. Kuchar just missed an eagle chip on the 17th hole.

The teams of Billy Horschel-Ian Poulter and Keegan Bradley-Camilo Villegas tied for third at 29 under.

Champions

PNC FATHER/SON CHALLENGE: At Orlando, Florida, Curtis and Tom Strange saved par from a greenside water hazard on the 17th hole and finished with a 10-under 62 for a share of the first-round lead with Bernhard and Jason Langer in the PNC Father/Son Challenge scramble event.

Bernhard Langer turned to 14-year-old son Jason after daughter Christina withdrew because of back issues.

Defending champions Stewart and Connor Cink were a stroke back at The Ritz Carlton Golf Club along with Johnny and Andy Miller, Vijay and Qass Singh, and Hale and Steve Irwin.

Jack and Jack II Nicklaus had a 67.

Asian

THAILAND GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: At Chonburi, Thailand, Australia's Marcus Fraser of Australia shot a 2-under 70 to take a one-shot lead after the third round of the Thailand Golf Championship.

Making his second start since returning from a wrist injury, Fraser had a 5-under 211 total at Amata Spring. India's Anirban Lahiri was second after a 68.

U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer (70), Lee Westwood (72) and Tommy Fleetwood (73) were tied for third at 3 under. Masters champion Bubba Watson was 7 under after a 77.

PGA Tour of Australasia

AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: At Gold Coast, Australia, defending champion Adam Scott and fellow Australians Scott Strange and Wade Ormsby were tied for the lead after the third round of the Australian PGA Championship.

Scott shot a 3-under 69 and Strange and Ormsby had 71s to reach 10-under 206 at Royal Pines.

American Boo Weekley (69) and Australia's Jason Scrivener (68) were a stroke back.

PGA European

ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP: At Malelane, South Africa, South Africa's Branden Grace shot an even-par 72 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Alfred Dunhill Championship.

Five strokes ahead entering the round, Grace had a 16-under 200 total at Leopard Creek. Denmark's Lucas Bjerregaard was second after a 66. He eagle on No. 13 and closed with three straight birdies.

David Albers/Naples Daily News

Jason Day hits from a sand trap to the ninth green during the second round of the Franklin Templeton Shootout on Friday at the Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Fla. Day and his teammate, Cameron Tringale, won the tournament.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Franklin Templeton Shootout Scores
Saturday
At Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort (Tiburon Golf Club)
Naples, Fla.
Purse: $3.1 million
Yardage: 7,288; Par: 72
Final
Money amounts per player

J. Day/C. Tringale, $385,000	55-64-65—184
H. English/M. Kuchar, $242,500	57-66-62—185
K. Bradley/C. Villegas, $130,000	59-67-61—187
B. Horschel/I. Poulter, $130,000	61-65-61—187
G. McDowell/G. Woodland, $95,000	59-63-66—188
J. Kelly/S. Stricker, $95,000	60-68-60—188
C. Howell III/S. Verplank, $83,750	61-64-65—190
J. Leonard/R. Sabbatini, $83,750	60-67-63—190
R. Palmer/J. Walker, $80,000	59-68-64—191
P. Reed/B. Snedeker, $77,500	61-65-66—192
S. O'Hair/K. Perry, $75,000	60-69-65—194
R. Goosen/M. Weir, $72,500	60-74-67—201

First Round: Scramble
Second Round: Modified Alternate Shot
Third Round: Better Ball

Champions

PNC Father-Son Challenge Scores
The Associated Press
Saturday
At Grande Lake Orlando
(Ritz-Carlton Golf Club)
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $1.085 million
Yardage: 7,023; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Curtis and Tom Strange	31-31—62
Bernhard and Jason Langer	31-31—62
Johnny and Andy Miller	32-31—63
Vijay and Qass Singh	32-31—63
Hale and Steve Irwin	32-31—63
Stewart and Connor Cink	33-30—63
Lee and Connor Janzen	32-32—64
Sandy and James Team Lyle	31-33—64
Mark and Shaun O'Meara	31-33—64
Dave and Ron Stockton	32-32—64
Davis and Dru Love	31-33—64
Raymond and Robert Floyd	31-34—65
Larry and Josh Nelson	31-35—66
Steve and Sam Elkington	33-34—67
Tom and Thomas Lehman	34-33—67
Lee and Daniel Trevino	32-35—67
Jack and Jack Nicklaus	33-34—67
Lanny and Tucker Wadkins	35-33—68
Nick and Matthew Faldo	35-34—69
Nick and Greg Price	36-33—69

PGA Tour of Australasia

Australian PGA Championship Scores
Saturday
At RACV Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast, Australia
Purse: $823,400
Yardage: 7,336; Par: 72
Third Round

Adam Scott, Australia	68-69-69—206
Scott Strange, Australia	69-66-71—206
Wade Ormsby, Australia	68-67-71—206
Jason Scrivener, Australia	73-66-68—207
Boo Weekley, United States	66-72-69—207
Michael Hendry, New Zealand	70-71-67—208
Scott Stallings, United States	72-70-68—210
David Small, New Zealand	68-71-71—210
Rory Hie, Indonesia	71-71-69—211
David Bransdon, Australia	73-70-68—211
Jarrod Lyle, Australia	69-72-70—211
Brendon De Jonge, Zimbabwe	71-71-70—212
Matthew Giles, Australia	73-69-70—212
Peter Cooke, Australia	70-72-71—213
Greg Chalmers, Australia	71-71-71—213
Brett Rumford, Australia	72-71-70—213
Cameron Smith, Australia	74-68-71—213
Geoff Drakeford, Australia	73-68-72—213
Michael Wright, Australia	71-73-69—213
Jun Seok Lee, Australia	73-68-72—213
Robert Allenby, Australia	72-69-72—213
Kristopher Mueck, Australia	71-68-74—213
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	70-74-69—213
Josh Geary, New Zealand	70-72-72—214
Neven Basic, Australia	69-72-73—214
John Senden, Australia	73-68-73—214
Marc Leishman, Australia	69-71-74—214
Craig Hancock, Australia	68-71-75—214
Matthew Guyatt, Australia	72-72-70—214
Nick Cullen, Australia	68-71-75—214
Nathan Green, Australia	69-73-73—215
Rod Pampling, Australia	69-73-73—215
Mark Brown, New Zealand	71-69-75—215
Jake Higginbottom, Australia	71-69-75—215
Ryan C. Carter, United States	73-71-71—215
Adam Crawford, Australia	73-70-73—216
Jason Norris, Australia	73-69-74—216
Matt Jager, Australia	74-69-73—216
James Marchesani, Australia	68-73-75—216
Brady Watt, Australia	73-71-72—216
Peter Lonard, Australia	70-74-72—216
Daniel Popovic, Australia	72-72-72—216
Jeong Jin, South Korea	65-74-77—216
Brad Kennedy, Australia	69-73-75—217
Steven Jones, Australia	72-70-75—217
Ratchapol Jantavara, Thailand	69-72-76—217
Nick Gillespie, New Zealand	73-70-74—217
Daniel Fox, Australia	73-71-73—217
Mathew Goggin, Australia	73-71-73—217
Dimitrios Papadatos, Australia	73-71-73—217
Paul Donahoo, Australia	71-73-73—217
Garrett Sapp, United States	75-68-75—218
Alistair Presnell, Australia	71-70-77—218
Lincoln Tighe, Australia	71-73-74—218
Conrad Shindler, United States	72-72-74—218
Ryan Haller, Australia	71-73-74—218
Kim John Young, United States	72-71-76—219
Josh Younger, Australia	71-72-77—220
Max McCardle, Australia	74-70-76—220
Tim Hart, Australia	74-70-76—220
Bradley Lamb, Australia	70-74-79—223
Adam Stephens, Australia	71-73-81—225

Asian

Thailand Championship Leading Scores
Saturday
At Amata Spring Country Club
Chonburi, Thailand
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 7,453; Par: 72
- Third Round

Marcus Fraser, Australia	69-72-70—211
Anirban Lahiri, India	71-73-68—212
Martin Kaymer, Germany	71-72-70—213
Lee Westwood, England	70-71-72—213
Tommy Fleetwood, England	71-69-73—213
Jonathan Moore, United States	71-71-72—214
Simon Griffiths, Englandtates	73-76-66—215
Scott Hend, Australia	70-74-71—215
Matthew Stieger, Australia	76-72-68—216
Sergio Garcia, Spain	71-75-71—217
Charlie Wi, South Korea	74-72-71—217
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	72-71-74—217
Andrew Dodt, Australia	76-72-70—218
Daisuke Kataoka, Japan	74-73-71—218
Terry Pilkadaris, Australia	77-69-72—218
Unho Park, Australia	76-74-68—218
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	76-74-68—218
Kodai Ichihara, Japan	78-68-72—218
Wang Jeung-hun, South Korea	73-72-73—218
Paul Peterson, United States	71-72-75—218
Also	
Berry Henson, United States	73-72-74—219
David Lipsky, United States	71-74-74—219
Anthony Kang, United States	72-73-77—222
Darren Clarke, Northern Ireland	75-75-73—223
Bubba Watson, United States	76-70-77—223
Sam Cyr, United States	77-74-73—224

PGA European

Alfred Dunhill Championship Leading Scores
Saturday
At Leopard Creek Country Club
Malelane, South Africa
Purse: $1.84 million
Yardage: 7,287; Par: 72
Third Round

Branden Grace, South Africa	62-66-72—200
Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark	68-67-66—201
Danny Willett, England	66-69-67—202
Francesco Molinari, Italy	68-65-70—203
Andrew Johnston, England	69-67-68—204
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	69-69-68—206
Morten Orum Madsen, Denmark	70-66-72—208
Shaun Norris, South Africa	68-67-73—208
Danie van Tonder, South Africa	70-69-70—209
Tjaart van der Walt, South Africa	67-67-75—209
Trevor Fisher Jnr, South Africa	67-67-69—209
Richard Sterne, South Africa	71-71-67—209
Benjamin Hebert, France	68-70-72—210
Scott Jamieson, Scotland	68-70-72—210
David Drysdale, Scotland	71-68-71—210
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	71-71-68—210
Johan Carlsson, Sweden	70-68-73—211
Alex Haindl, South Africa	71-67-73—211
Justin Harding, South Africa	71-70-70—211
Mark Murless, South Africa	71-68-72—211
Also	
Charl Schwartzl, South Africa	69-70-76—215
John Hahn, United States	70-70-75—215

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of David Michael Bailey, Deceased, were issued on November 5, 2014, in Cause No. P-18,041, pending in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas, to: Debbie Yates.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is: Linda F. Bailey, Odessa, Ector County, Texas 79761; the attorney's address is:

c/o: **Lori M. Ruiz**
Attorney-At-Law
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
Odessa, Texas 79762

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 11th day of December, 2014.

Lori M. Ruiz
Attorney for Linda F. Bailey
State Bar No.: 24053943
Atkins, Hollmann, Jones, Peacock, Lewis & Lyon
3800 E. 42nd Street, Suite 500
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ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals addressed to Honorable Mayor and City Council will be received at the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 until Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM local time for City of Big Spring Municipal Auditorium Upgrades.

Construction includes the replacement/upgrade of rigging and drapery, lighting, sound equipment, and accessible seating.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of proposals, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at Big Spring City Hall. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals will be tabulated and presented to the City of Big Spring for action at a later date.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at City Hall 2nd floor conference room at 2:00 PM local time. Attendance by prospective proposers is non-mandatory.

Information for proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. at 340 Beech Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 340 Beech Street, Abilene, Texas 79601 (Phone 325-673-8178) as follows:

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after regis tering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.

2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of $200.

3. A digital copy (.pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of $20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Copper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed proposals for Wi-Fi Network Equipment (NE) and Cable Plant (CP) Infrastructure for 8 schools

-RFP Np; 2015-001T.NE
-RFP No: 2015-001T.CP
-RFP Np: 2015-002T.NE
-RFP No: 2015-002T.CP

Bids will be received by 5:00 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, January 14th, 2015. See www.midlandisd.net/techrfp for further information.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID
Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for:
LAPAROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPORT
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Thursday, December 11, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 8, 2015**.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1148-121014**.

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months**.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be adrdressed to: Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District
is accepting bids for:

(1) New U Shaped (aka C-Shaped), Floor Mounted Digital Radiographic System and (1) Refurbished C/U Shaped Floor Mounted Digital Radiographic System

for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, December 15, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 13, 2015**.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1149 - 121414**.

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

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Legal & Public Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Midland ISD and its Construction Manager, MW Builders, are accepting bids for Secure Entrances @ Sam Houston, Crockett and Lamar Elementary Schools. Proposals are due **December 23, 2014 by 2:00 PM** to MW Builders Inc., 965 Advance Avenue, Midland, TX 79701. Phone 432.687.1219 Fax 254.778.9492. For plan availability, contact Todd Cunningham with MW Builders.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District
is accepting bids for:

One (1) Portable Mobile Digital X-Ray Machine

for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, December 15, 2014.**

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All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1151 - 121414**.

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Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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Midland, Texas 79701

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District
is accepting bids for:

One (1) C-Arm X-Ray Machine

for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, December 15, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1150 - 121414**.

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Legal & Public Notices

Request For Bids
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Phase III, Package 2 Permian High School, Odessa, TX.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 2:00 PM, December 16, 2014 in the High School Cafeteria located at 802 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79760.

Bids are due by 3:00 PM on January 8, 2015.

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc
7810 Orlando Ave
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492
estimating@leelewis.com

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
AGC Plan Rooms & Dodge Plan Rooms - Lubbock, Odessa, Midland
Lee Lewis Construction - Lubbock, Texas
Website: www.isqft.com

Lee Lewis Construction specifically invites Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled By Socially And Economically Disadvantaged Individuals to bid this project.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID
Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for:
STERILIZATION CONTAINER SYSTEMS
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Thursday, December 11, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 6, 2015**.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1147 - 121014**.

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

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General Announcements

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FOUND DOG in area near Cuthbert & McDonald. Please call to identify 432-853-6681

$CASH REWARD$ Lost 1yr old, 20lbs. female Boston Terrier on 12/4/2014 in Grassland Estates. Ezrie Mae is black & white with a turquoise & black collar w/ tags. If found, please call Brooke 432-934-1563

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NISSAN 2008 Titan 5.6L, white, approx. 28k miles, NICE! $28,000 OBO Call 432-260-0545

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4WD & SUV

2013 EXPEDITION XLT 4x2, 16K miles, like new, $31.5K (432) 853-4647 or stevejones@cforesource.net

BMW 2003 X5, black with tan interior in good condition $10,500 OBO. For more information call 432-770-1068

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HARLEY 2013 Dyna, 9000 miles, $9000. Call 432-352-7470.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2007 Softail Custom, low mileage, $10,000 Firm. Call 432-599-3259.

RVs

1999 JAYCO Eagle, 5th wheel travel trailer. 28'. Excellent condition. $6500. Pictures upon request. Call 254-745-7574.

Legal & Public Notices

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 73486

APPLICATION Northern Natural Gas Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 73486, which would authorize continued operation of the Spraberry Compressor Station at the Spraberry Plant located at 13401 East County Road 230, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.854722&lng=101.796111&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 12, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Library - Centennial Branch, 2503 West Loop 250 North, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations and amendments. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Northern Natural Gas Company, 801 South Fillmore Street, Suite 210, Amarillo, Texas 79101-3545 or by calling Mr. Richard Felts, Division Environmental Specialist, at (402) 530-3502.

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FREE 1yr old, gray & white male cat, neutered, declawed, litter box trained, playful and sweet. Please call 432-634-4618.

CHRISTMAS PUPS! AKC, Toy, Black and White Parti Schnauzers will be ready 12/23. $700. One boy left. For pics: snazzyschnauzers.com. 432-296-2316

YORKIE PUPPIES, 2 males. 11 weeks old, first round of shots. 7 month old female. Call/Txt 432-413-7059

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HOLIDAY RAMBLER 2006 Alumascape 31ft 5th wheel, triple slide out, queen bed, built-in satellite, loaded, suggested retail $28,900, asking $25,000. Call 432-556-2475.

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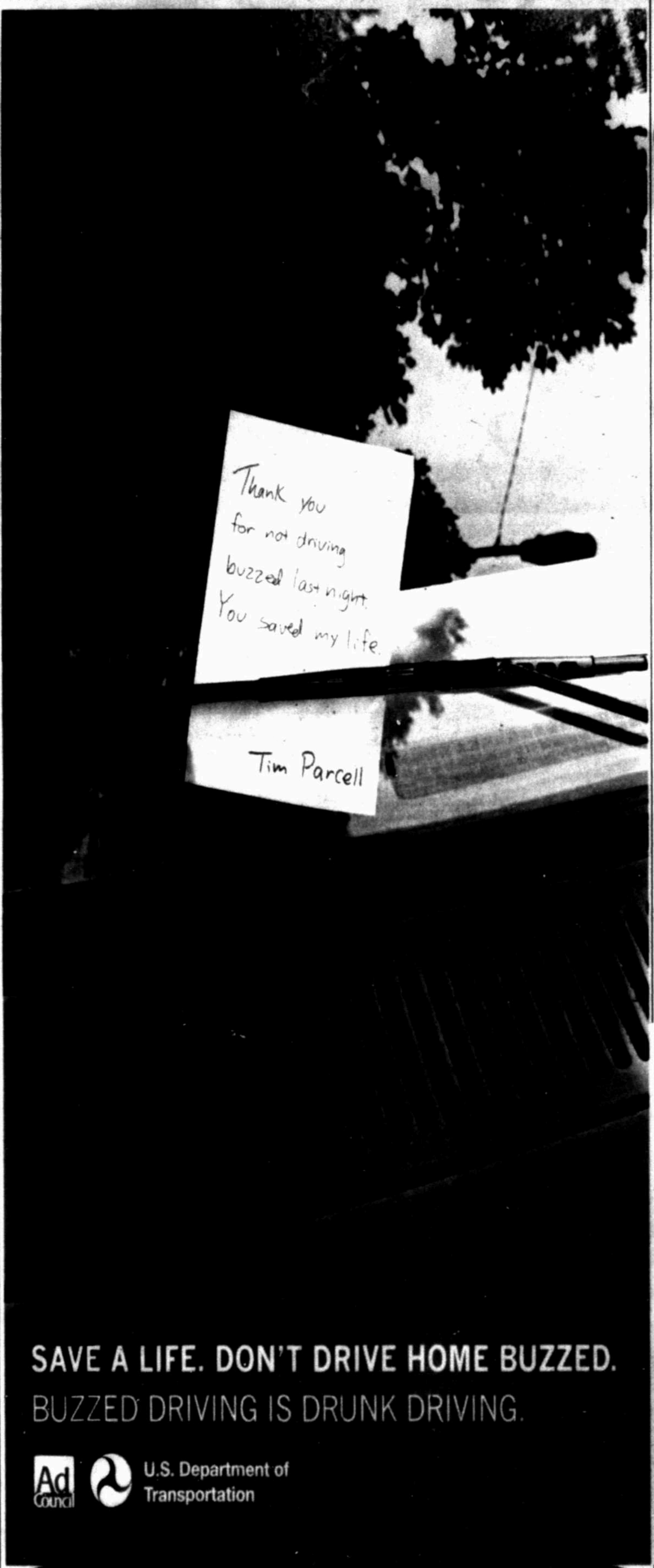

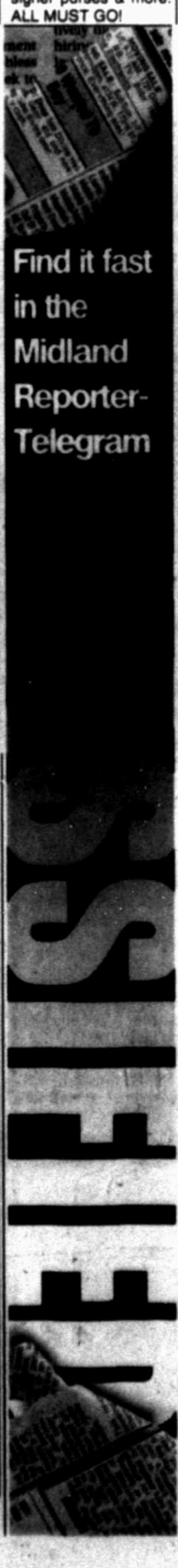

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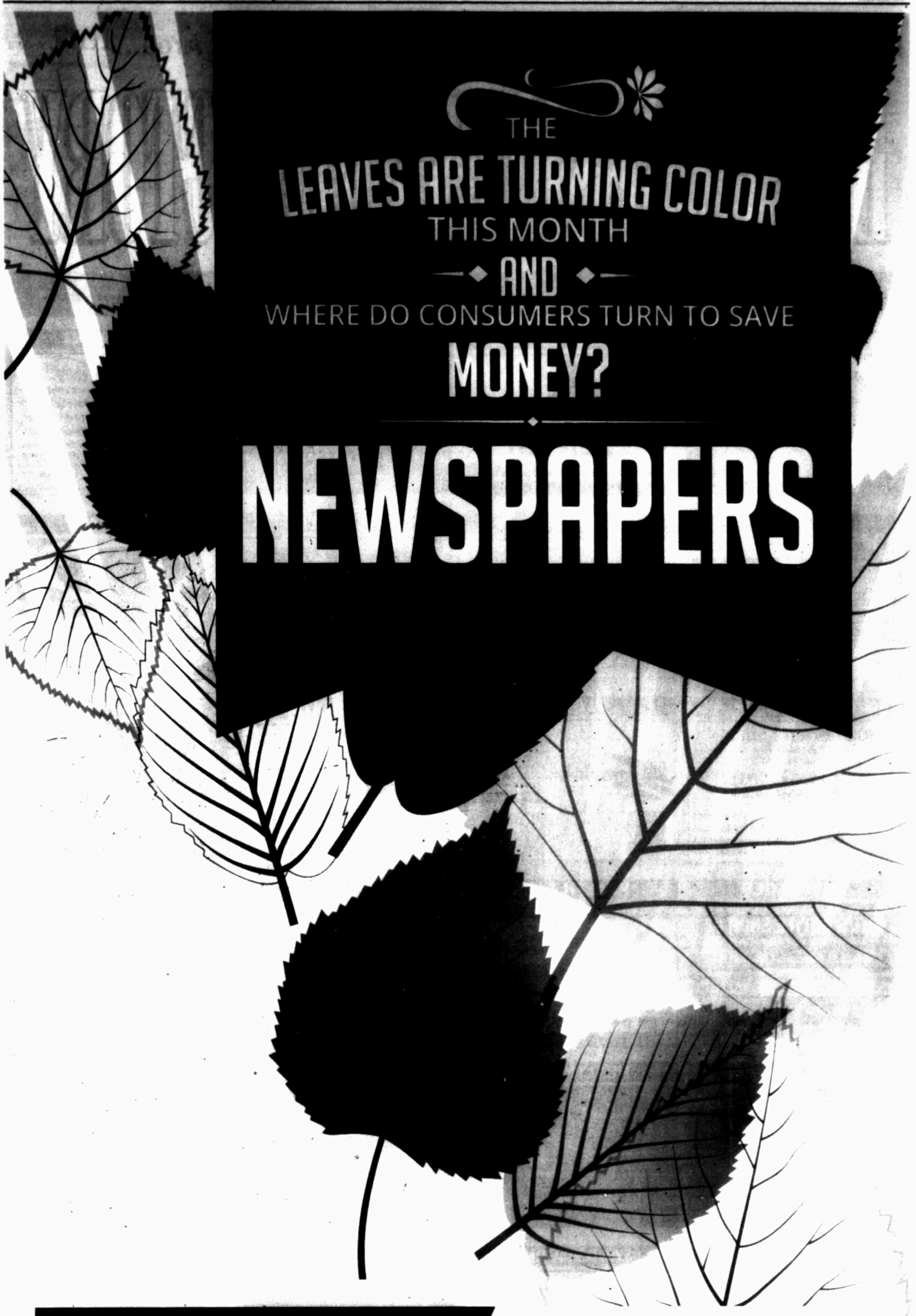

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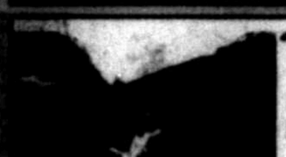

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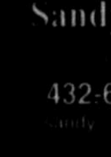

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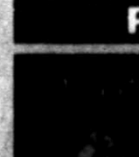

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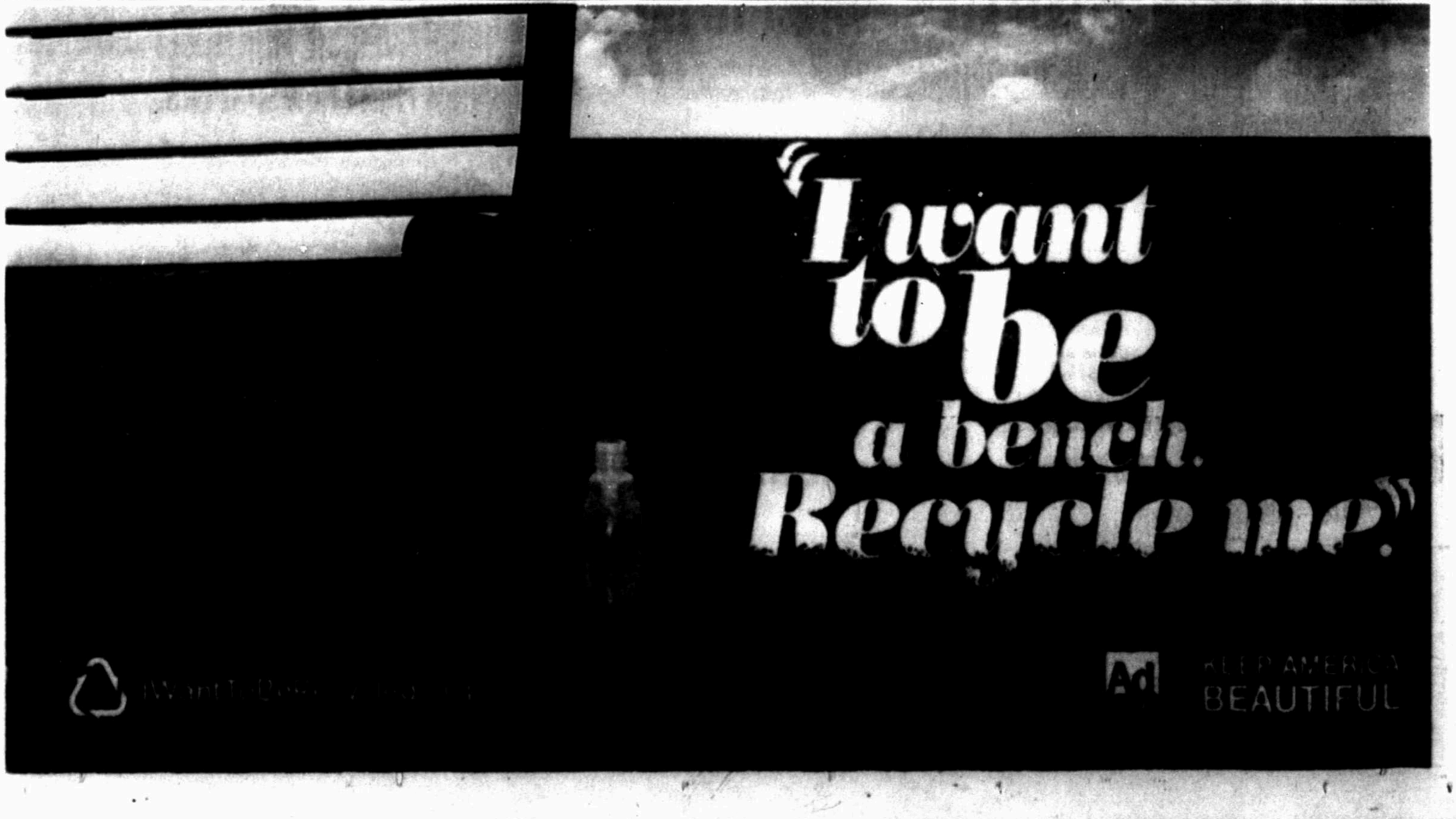

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THE VIDEO RESUME

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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If your resume isn't telling your entire story, consider creating a video profile. Also known as the video resume, it's another way for a hiring manager to take notice.

"Because video resumes are still not that common, job candidates who take the time to send one will stand out above the crowd," says executive coach Robin Thompson, a former university career services director from southern Oregon. Higher-level executive positions expect a video bio along with a resume, as do some creative fields. But employees from a variety of fields are increasingly spending the time to add video to their portfolio.

Many job search portals have tools available to help you create video resumes. For instance, Snagajob – a job search engine – released a phone app this year that allows jobseekers to record and upload a short clip of themselves. This lets employers gauge the personality fit and enthusiasm of applicants before scheduling an interview. The company – based in Richmond, Virginia – targets hourly workers for a variety of jobs. Spark Hire, Inc. – based in the Chicago area – also allows job applicants to record using their home webcams and mics.

Thompson says a video resume is a great option for many fields. She offers some of the following tips for making a memorable video resume.

• Think it through. Write a script, or at least an outline, to organize the thoughts that you want to make. The points should complement your resume, not repeat the same content. Because hiring managers will already have your resume at hand, you should keep the video to fewer than five minutes, ideally one or two.

• Make your case. In the first 10 seconds, after introducing yourself and acknowledging the hiring manager or committee by their names, tell them why you are the perfect fit for the job. This is your elevator speech.

• Tell a story. Highlight your most impressive accomplishments with a story. It's worth spending some time coming up with memorable anecdotes that detail how you have succeeded in your profession.

• Practice. Practice. Practice. Record it until you get it right. Gather feedback from other professionals, family and friends. Don't settle for anything but your best.

• Reiterate your point. End the video with why you would enjoy working at the organization and remind them of why you are a good fit."

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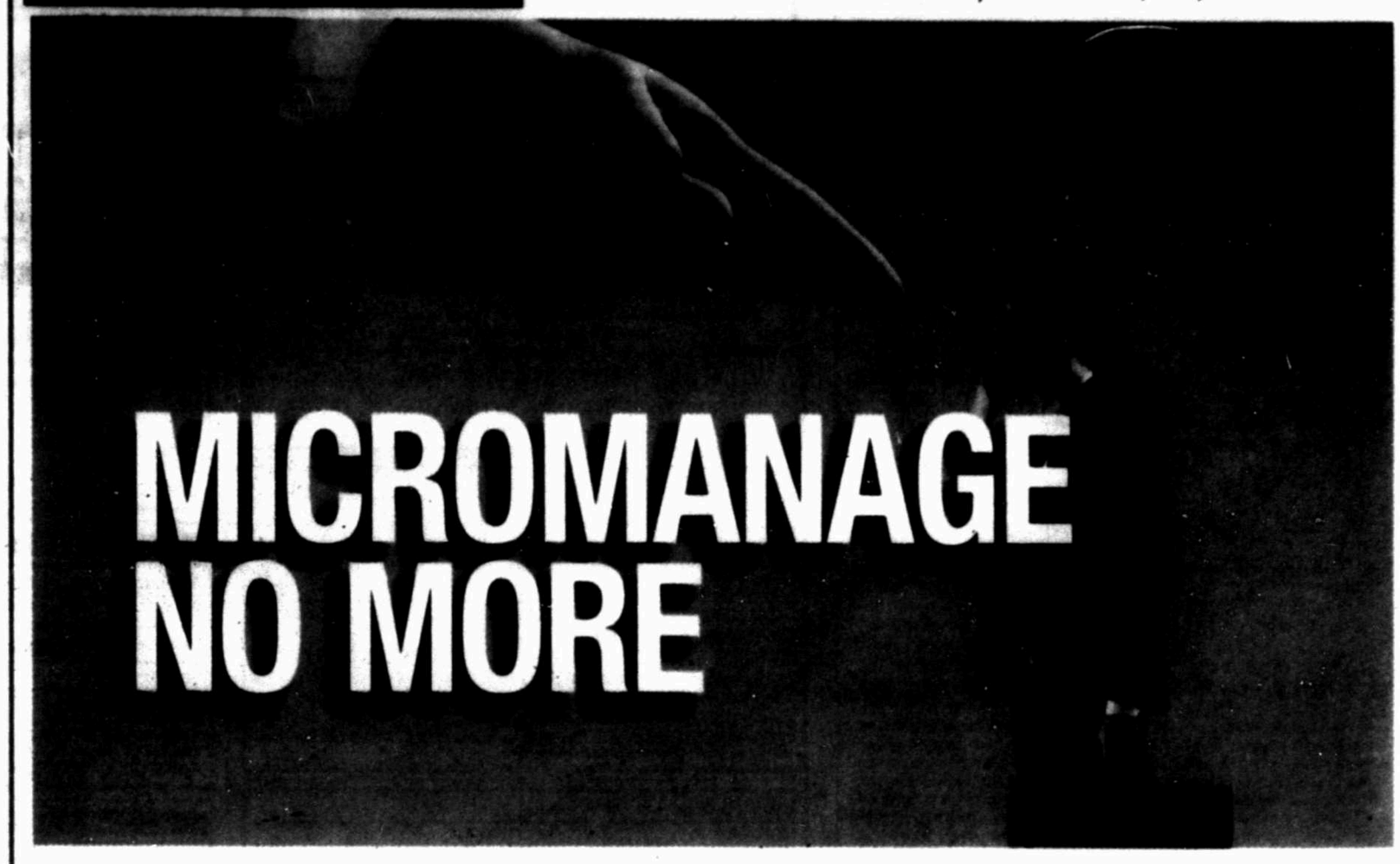

MICROMANAGE NO MORE

NO ONE LIKES AN OVERBEARING BOSS. HERE'S HOW TO LOOSEN THE REINS WITHOUT LOSING RESPECT.

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

The majority of workers polled in a recent survey by Accountemps said that they have worked for a micromanager. But many bosses don't see themselves that way. They just want to get the job done well.

"Managers often feel that they know the best way to do things. And if they allow people to find their own way and it doesn't work, they'll be accountable," says Gretchen Spreitzer, a University of Michigan professor who researches employee empowerment and leadership development.

Traditional notions of leadership also fan the urge to micromanage. "We think leadership is about taking control. Leadership is really about the art of giving control without losing control," says David Marquet, a former nuclear submarine commander and the author of "Turn the Ship Around! A True Story of Turning Followers Into Leaders" (Portfolio Hardcover, 2013).

How do you know if you're a micromanager? You can ask your employees – or just consider how you spend your time. "If you're going around all day checking on your people, you're a micromanager," Marquet says.

Micromanagement isn't just unpleasant for employees. It's also unsustainable over time. "If you err too much on that side of forceful guidance in telling people what to do, you're not developing a future set of leaders," Spreitzer says. "You're also creating a recipe for your own burnout because you always have to be on the front line making decisions."

How can you loosen the reins? According to Marquet, it starts with practice. He recommends that managers start practicing giving up control in low-risk situations outside of work. "Let someone else pick the movie, the seat or your entree," Marquet says. "You've got to find the opportunities to train your brain to give up control. Because micromanagers are essentially control freaks."

When delegating authority at work, it helps to start small. People need technical competence and organizational clarity to make good decisions, says Marquet. And delegating authority in a controlled way can be a good way to gauge those things.

"Give them some small decisions that aren't going to sink the firm and see how they do. Until then, you don't even know what they don't know. That will expose the cracks, the training you need to do," Marquet says.

When delegating, it can help to find ways to play to employees' strengths. This can help build up their feelings of competence. "We also know when people are playing to their strengths, they feel their work is more meaningful and has more purpose too," Spreitzer says.

It can be helpful to explicitly spell out which decisions employees have control over, and which they need permission for. One famous example is the Ritz-Carlton hotel chain, where all workers have the authority to spend up to $2,000 on a guest to create an outstanding experience.

Also helpful can be setting a progression for making these decisions. Maybe a staff member now needs your approval before doing a particular task. You can set a goal that in three months, they'll let you know when they are about to do the same task and can move ahead if they don't hear back from you. In six months, the goal could be to give them latitude to take action without consulting you.

"Now they have a sense of progress in their job," Marquet says. "They're still doing the same job, but progressing forward in their life and ability to take responsibility."

Employees also need to feel a sense of purpose, and to feel that the decisions they are making matter. Sharing positive feedback is one way to help them understand the impact of their decisions. Spreitzer notes the example of Medtronic, which will often have people whose lives were saved by the company's medical devices visit and tell their story to staff.

The potential downside to delegating is that mistakes will happen, especially at first. And when someone screws up, it's best to address it personally. "I call it eyeball accountability – it's you and me looking at each other. Not a cast of thousands. Not over email. It only works face-to-face or maybe on the phone," Marquet says.

People also need regular performance feedback to feel empowered to make decisions. "When you encourage people to bring their full self to work, there also has to be an expectation for high performance," says Spreitzer. "For that empowerment to be sustainable over time, for people to thrive and grow and get better, you need to have the two in tandem."

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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

Being overworked can induce insomnia and other stress symptoms, but it has its rewards, too: You feel needed.

But what if the truthful answer to "how's work?" is that you just don't have enough to do?

Many companies have downsized and left their remaining employees with more responsibilities. But those employees might not be aware of what their new tasks are, says Tjai Nielsen, associate management professor at High Point University in North Carolina.

"Providing employees more clarity regarding their new duties is essential," says Nielsen. Unfortunately, it's "currently not something most organizations do well."

A new hire can also feel can also be confused about his duties, Nielsen adds.

Not knowing what to do is a form of boredom. "If you are not clear what your goals are, or if you don't how to choose among goals, you are not engaged and you are bored," says James Danckert, professor of neuroscience at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada.

Workers are reluctant to ask what they should be doing, since it makes them question the necessity of their role is in the workplace, says Angelo Kinicki, professor at the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

Instead of pretending to be busy, Kinicki recommends that workers approach their boss. But saying you have "nothing to do" isn't advisable. Kinicki suggests asking what you can do to further help with department goals.

New hires should ask a supervisor what needs to be done, or "observe what your peers are doing, and ask them for guidance," says Kinicki.

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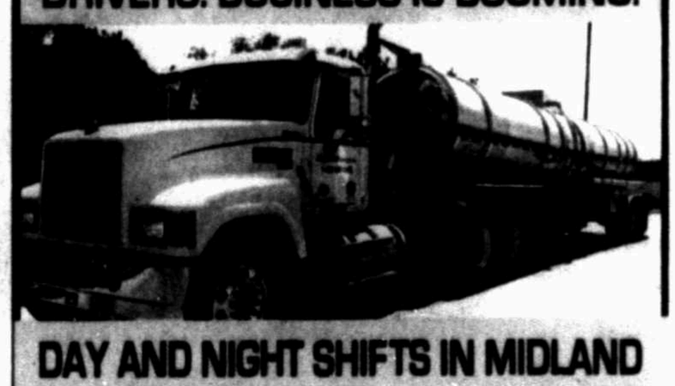

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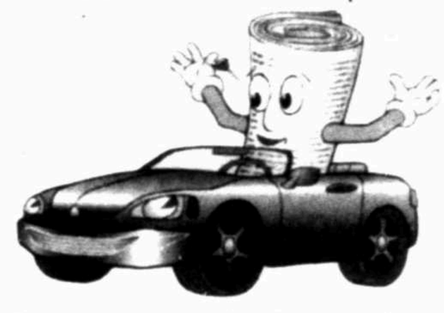

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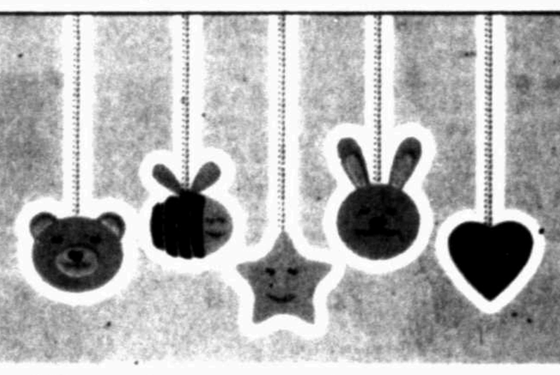

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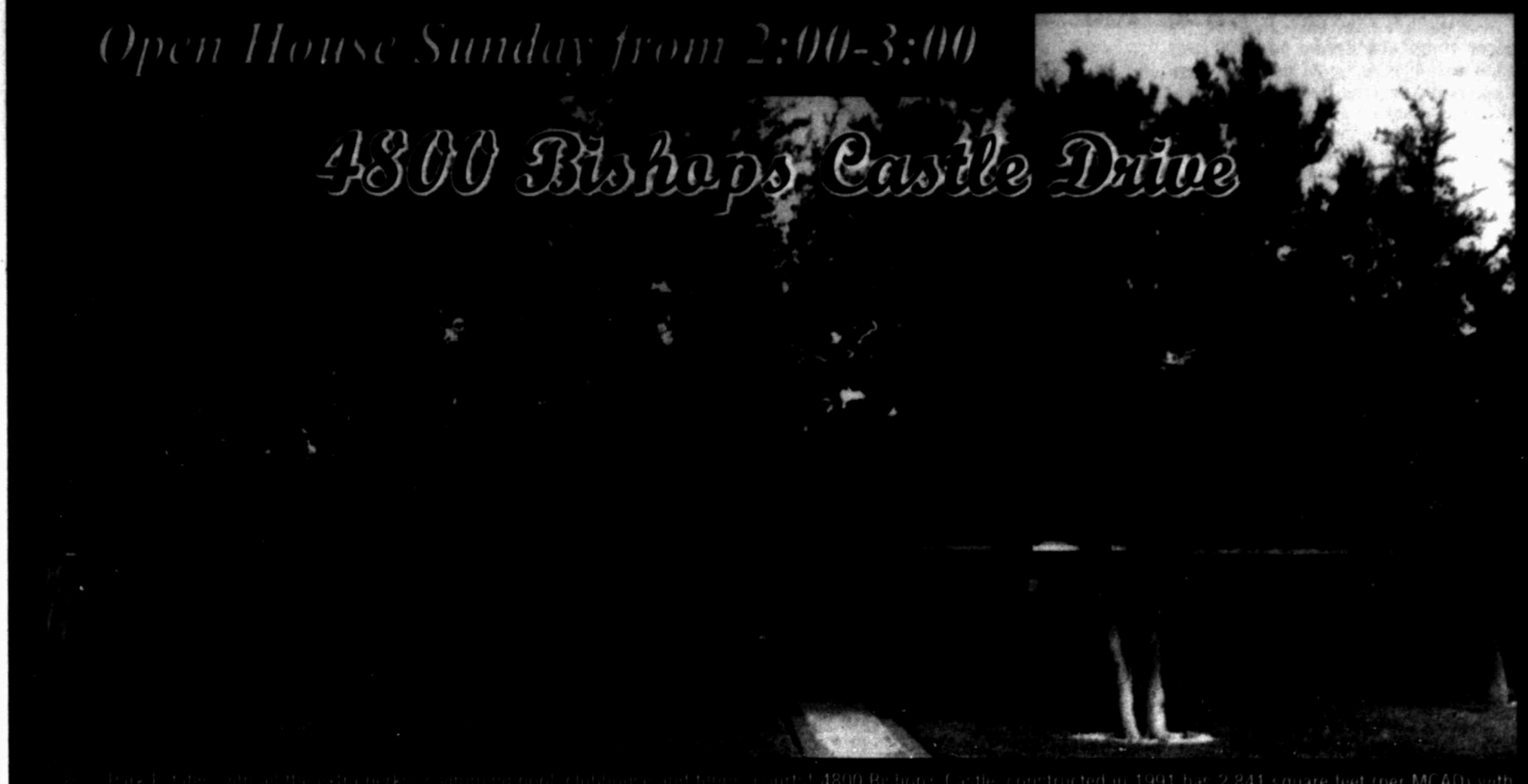

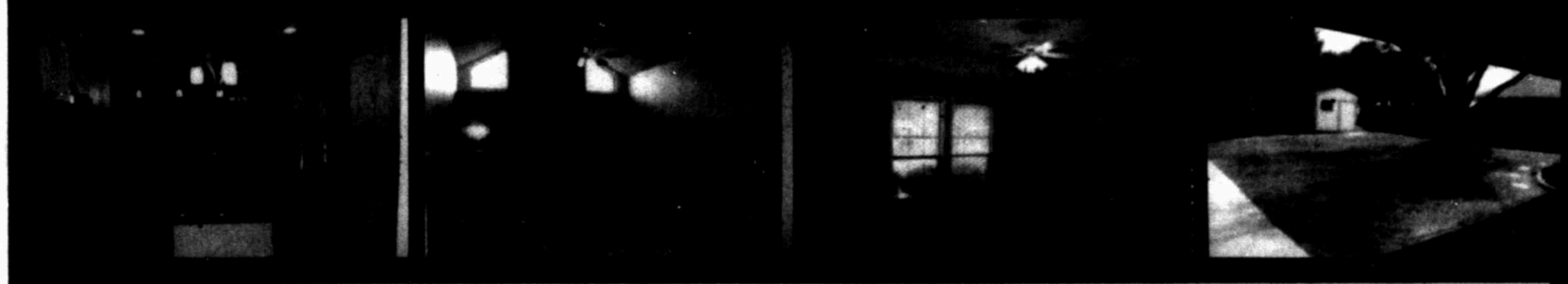

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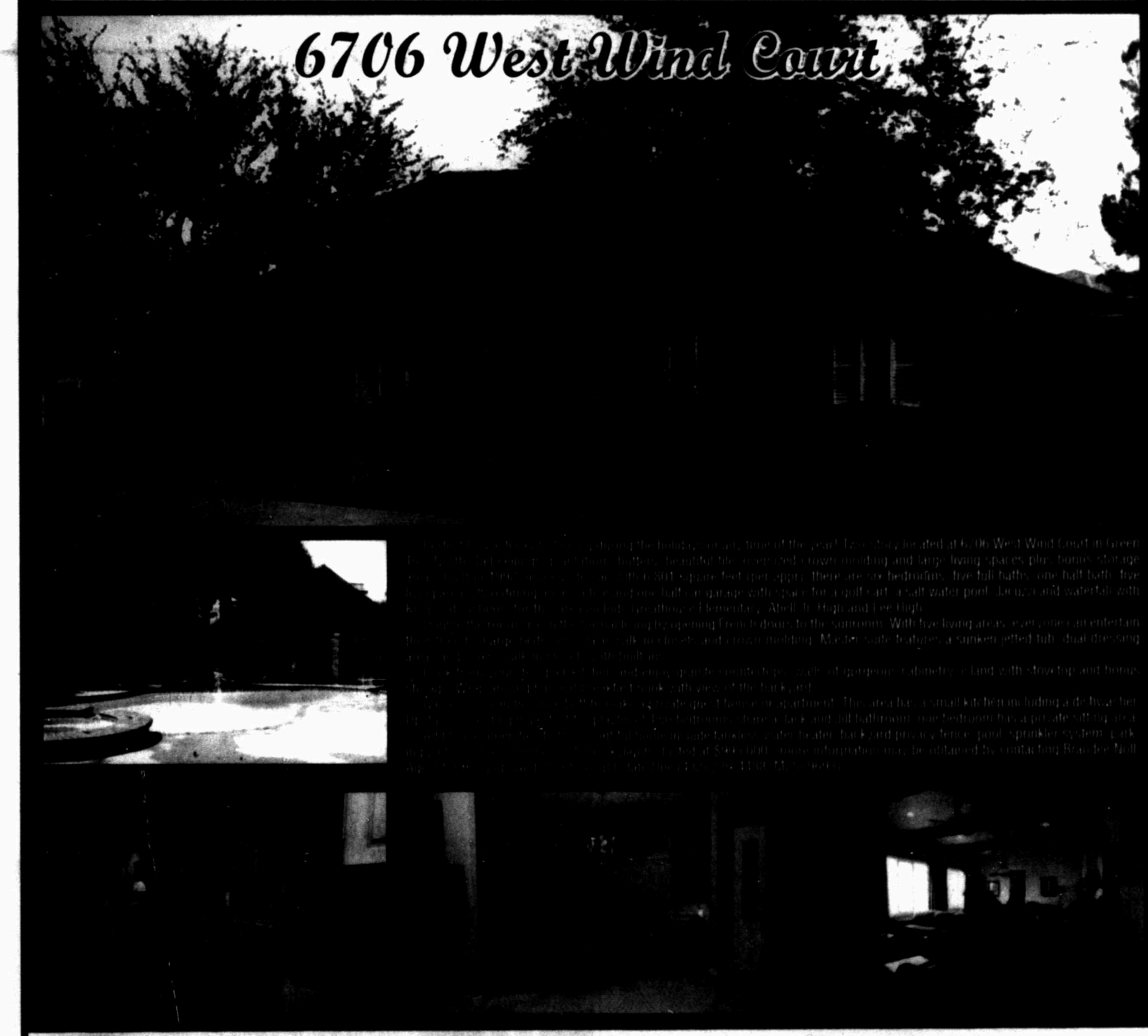

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In-Law Suites In Demand

Many reports have centered on the upswing in adult millennial children moving in with their parents. But as these young professionals finally move out and form their own households, they may find that their baby boomer parents may soon coming knocking with moving bags in hand. The American Institute of Architects found that dedicated guest rooms, including in-law suites, have been surging in popularity over the last few years. In 2014, 39 percent of the AIA's more than 500 residential architects surveyed said they were seeing more demand for in-law suites, which might include a second master bedroom suite with a bathroom or an attached apartment-like structure. By comparison, in 2012, the percentage stood at only 10 percent. "As many households become caretakers for aging relatives, separate living suites have become popular options for accommodations," says Kermit Baker, chief economist for the AIA. The AIA also says that home features accommodating multiple generations and age-in-place features are growing in demand. Six percent of U.S.-born seniors live with relatives, and the trend is even more popular among immigrants. Twenty-five percent of foreign-born seniors live with relatives, according to a survey conducted by the real estate site Trulia. *Source: MarketWatch*

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Household Tips

❖ Cut fine grade sandpaper with your scissors to sharpen them. About a half dozen cuts should do it!

❖ Bobbins, thread, and other sewing notions can be hung on a bulletin board with straight pins near your machine.

❖ Always have trouble with that one roll of tape and finding the beginning of it? Stick a button on the end, and then when you use it, just move the button.

❖ Rub pure cornstarch baby powder into your pet's coat prior to brushing/combing. If there are tangles or mats, it will make them come out much more easily.

❖ Tea makes a nice inexpensive, yet permanent stain for unstained furniture.

❖ Sprinkle cinnamon on aluminium foil and place it in a hot oven, leaving the door open. As the cinnamon heats, the cinnamon will permeate the house.

❖ Spray the inside of a mayonnaise jar white. Store it in the refrigerator as a hiding place for money or valuables.

❖ Put a metal spoon into a glass before pouring in any hot liquid - this will prevent the glass from cracking.

❖ Soak a cloth in carbonated water and wrap around a rusty bolt and leave for a few minutes. The bolt should loosen right up.

❖ Tip for stamp collectors: Place the envelope in the freezer for a few hours. You'll then be able to easily lift the stamps off with a pair of tweezers.

❖ Freeze candles before using and they will burn longer.

❖ The more food you have in the oven, the more efficient it is. The same goes for your freezer.

❖ Do not store propane tanks in your garage. They may explode when it gets very hot.

❖ To achieve fresher air in the house without paying a fortune for canned spray, squeeze a few drops of fresh lemon into the dust back of your vacuum. ❖

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4 Ways to Bring Out Your Home's Personality

Like clothing and accessories, your home is a major outlet for expressing individuality. Are you an avid cook or enthusiastic entertainer? Then you probably have a gourmet kitchen or an inviting living room. Do you value your outdoor time? A garden outfitted for relaxing is probably on your wish list.

However, you don't have to empty your bank account to add more personality to your space. Consider the following easy and budget-friendly additions.

1. Add a touch of paint

Painting is one of the most economical ways to add style and personality to your home. Whether you're interested in painting the outside or inside, this is a project that can be handled quickly and with little fuss. Not interested in a full paint job? Don't forget about the front door. A bold pop of door color can leave a lasting first impression. Go deep red for rustic, bright green for fun, or choose a luxurious black for sophistication. A bright green door is both welcoming and fun, while a shiny black finish adds glamour.

2. Seek out statement pieces

While you may not be able to refurnish your entire home, you can add definitive style and personality by choosing a statement furniture piece. Pick fun dining room chairs to contrast a more standard table, or a brightly colored couch to offset an ordinary living space. Want to create a unique outdoor space? A glamorous chaise lounge is ideal for relaxing al fresco.

3. Install new hardware and fixtures

Small details can make a large impression when it comes to showcasing your taste. If you're big on family-style meals and gatherings, pick out a custom hanging light fixture to install above your dining room table. Spend tons of time in the kitchen? Pick out stylish drawer pulls for your cabinetry. Want a luxurious bathroom? Spa-style shower heads or a drop-in vessel sink can make a big impact.

4. One-of-a-kind finds

Do you have a family member who is good with their hands? How about a skilled potter or craftsman? Enlist your loved ones to make custom statement pieces to showcase in your home. If you want to do the project yourself, there are hundreds of reputable outlets for DIY craftsmanship online these days. Not only will you have a piece unlike any other, but you will always have a great story behind that reclaimed pine coffee table.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Don't let these home expenses take you—and your budget—by surprise

Buying a home can be a fantastic investment. However, some buyers—especially first-timers—don't understand all the financial obligations related to purchasing and owning a home. Here are several expenses other than purchase price that you should know about.

What will my loan cost? There are several types of loans, and the costs vary depending on the length of the loan and other terms. Your REALTOR® and a mortgage professional can help you determine which loan works best for you and its associated costs. In addition to ongoing costs of the loan—which may be constant or could fluctuate, depending on the type of loan—the charges to close the loan can be many thousands of dollars.

How much goes to the tax man? Public schools, water treatment plants, roads, hospitals, airports—these and many other public services are funded by property taxes. And property taxes can add up to a significant expense. You and your local REALTOR® can research property taxes to see what the current owners pay and how your taxes might differ depending on which exemptions you qualify for. Taxes also vary by area—you may even find that homes relatively close to one another are subject to different taxing entities.

What will I pay to protect my largest asset? Your mortgage lender will insist that you insure your home. Even if you buy your house with cash, you'll still probably want some financial protection should anything damage your home and your belongings. Homeowners insurance costs vary based on factors such as construction materials, location of the home, deductible amount, types of coverage, and whether the property has an alarm system.

What's my tab for all these neighborhood amenities? When you buy a house located in a homeowners association, you get the benefit of shared amenities. Your HOA may maintain a pool and clubhouse, security, landscaping, and other features. Some homeowners associations charge a minimal amount, while others can set you back several hundred dollars a month. That cost may be worth it to you for the amenities, but factor this expense into your housing budget.

Can I afford to update the hall bath? Remodeling and repair bills can be hefty. If the house you buy needs a new roof, AC, or flooring—or you'd like to freshen up the 1970s décor—make sure to take these expenses into consideration. Before you purchase the property, you'll want to get a professional inspection of the house. An inspector can alert you to conditions that are not readily apparent that may require a significant amount of money to remedy.

What does it cost to keep cool? You may be able to request past bills from the utility company or the current owners, but keep in mind that your usage could differ from theirs. You can also estimate ongoing maintenance costs, such as keeping the landscaping in good shape, painting the exterior and similar tasks.

There's one item many people overlook when determining the overall cost of a home: resale value. Consider variables that go into the resale value of a home: whether the neighborhood is on the rise or in decline; the quality of nearby schools; construction that could increase or decrease the desirability of living there; and other factors can give you a general feel for price appreciation of your property.

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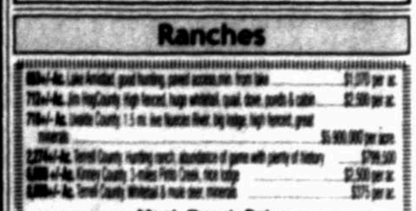

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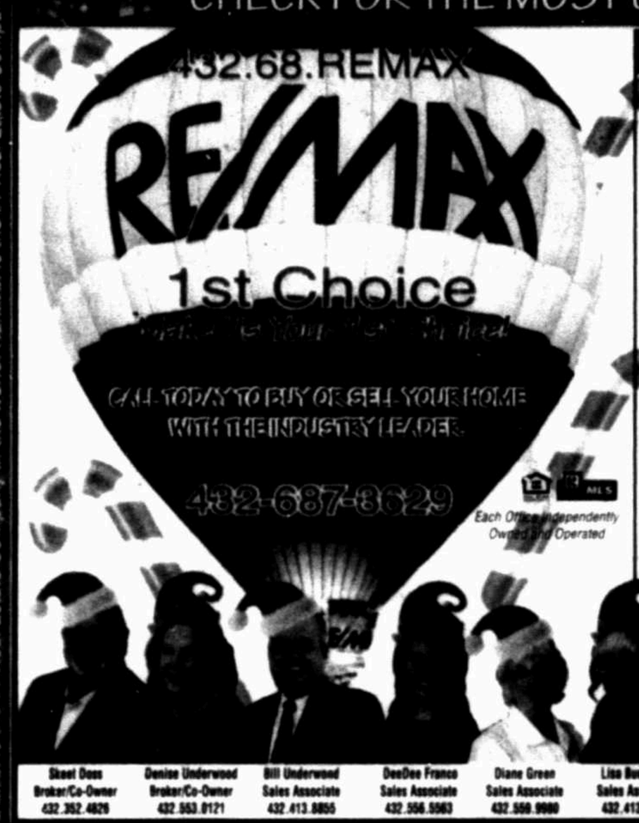

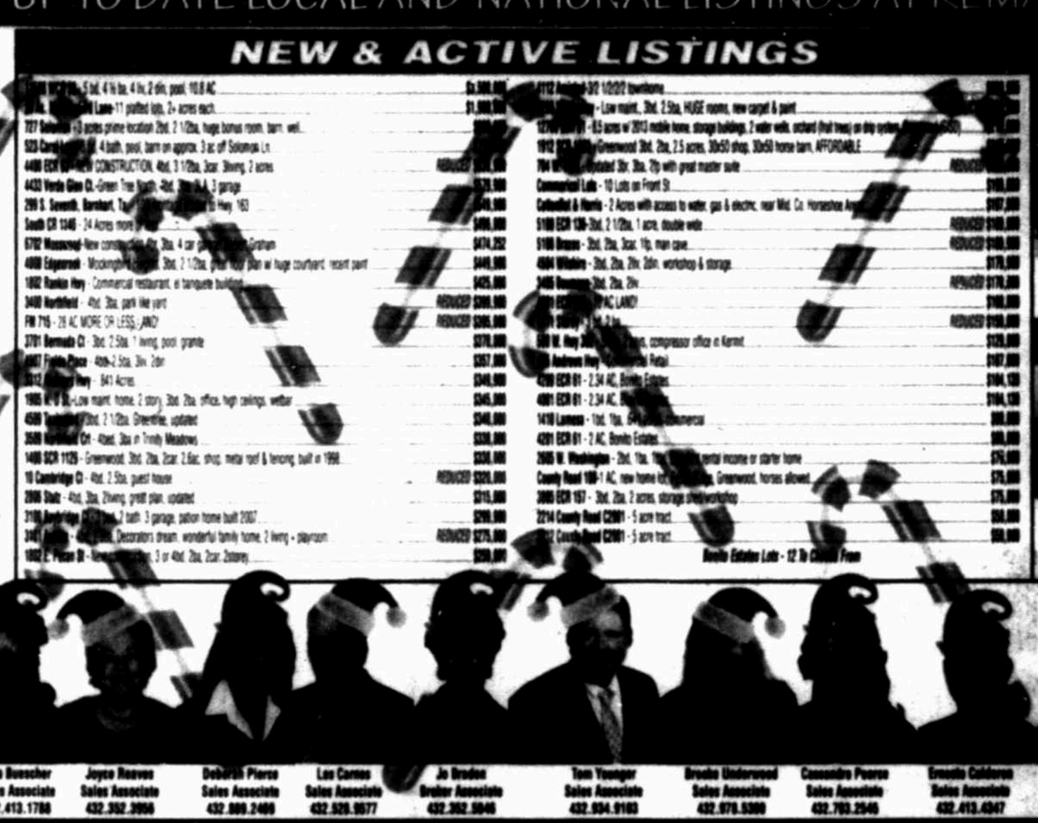

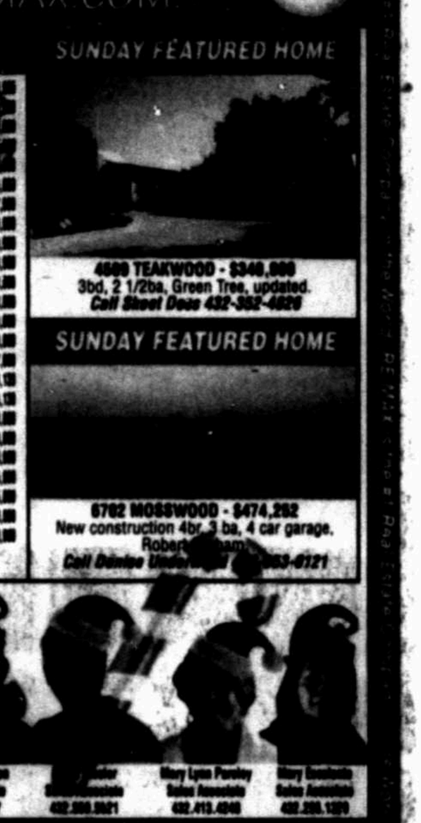

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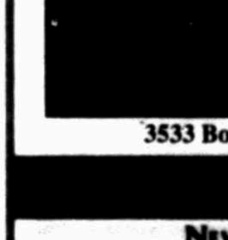

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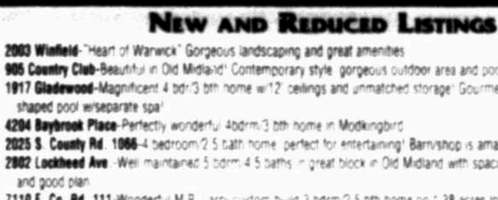

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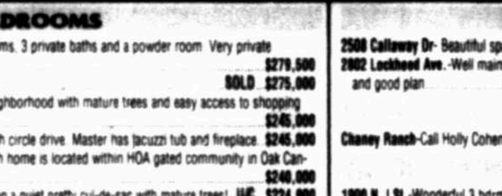

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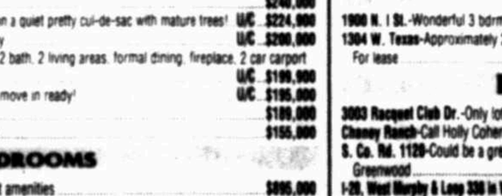

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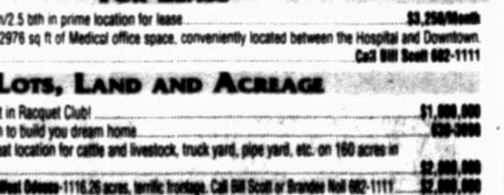

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4204 Baybrook Place-Perfectly wonderful, 4bdrm/3 bth home in Modkingford $649,000
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3605 Roosevelt Ave.-Totally remodeled 4 bedroom/3 bath home! Move-in ready! $230,000
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bedrooms/2 baths low maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park $230,000
3614 Shell Ave.-3 bedrooms/2 bath home in Wedgewood Park $155,000
4708 Boulder Dr.-Low maintenance 2 bedroom/2 bath condo $80,000
1900 N. I St.-Wonderful 3 bdrm/2.5 bth in prime location for lease $3,250/Month

One Bedroom

600 Lisbon #54-Low maintenance condo! ..... UC $83,000

Two Bedrooms

4708 Dentonrel-Large duplex with tall ceilings, tile flooring, storm windows, nicely landscaped and located in desirable neighborhood. Ready for quick occupancy $268,000
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! $240,000
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Three Bedrooms

1508 Douglas Ave.- beautiful home w/pool $695,000
6200 FM 307-This must see unique 3bdrm/2.5 bath lodge like home is perfect for entertaining indoors and out! UC $550,000
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3206 Chateau Place-Wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home that is move-in condition! ..... UC $294,000

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12 Metz ..... SOLD $275,000
3103 Elma Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees and easy access to shopping and restaurants $245,000
2300 Neely Ave.-Workshop over 800 sq ft! Charming 3/2.5 with circle drive. Master has jacuzzi tub and fireplace $245,000
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates. Public dock for residents only $240,000
4500 Cloudcroft Ct.-Updated 3 bedrooms/2 bath home located on a quiet pretty cul-de-sac with mature trees! UC $224,900
1002 Shell- "Old Midland" nice neighborhood for growing family ..... UC $200,000
8000 FM 307-Custom built in Greenwood in 1977. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, formal dining, fireplace, 2 car carport on 2.340 acres ..... UC $199,000
2108 Marcia Ct.-Fresh paint, new wood floors and new fence, move in ready! ..... UC $195,000
4608 Conley Ave.-3 Bdrm/2 Bth Home in ODESSA $180,000
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Four Bedrooms

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3900 Fairwood Ct.-Updated in Mockingbird Heights, 2 story, granite, and full guest house! $849,500
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1297 Silverton-Woodland Park, almost new! Open plan and beautiful! ..... UC $629,000
5201 Oak Valley Dr.-Custom, one owner 4 bdrm/3.5 bth home in beautiful Greathouse subdivision $600,000
2025 S. County Rd. 1066-4 bedroom/2.5 bath home, perfect for entertaining! Barn/shop is amazing $449,500
13301 E. Co. Rd. 129-4 bedroom/3 bath home in New subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows. Spacious and open inside and out ..... UC $439,900
4800 Bishops Castle Dr.-Spacious updated 4 bedroom, 3 full baths, 2 living, formal dining, 3 garage $395,000
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6000 S. Co. Rd. 1139-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre. $149,000

Five or More Bedrooms

3011 N. Midland Dr.-This spacious home has it all! Contemporary style great guest house, beautiful grounds, home locker room includes an indoor arena! $1,000,000
6709 West Wind Ct.-Elegant, family friendly 5/6 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 4/5 living areas, 5 car garage, parking pad, gorgeous pool/spa, koi pond, plus family yard on #5 Tee Box Green Tree North $995,000
905 Country Club-Beautiful in Old Midland! Contemporary style, gorgeous outdoor area and pool! $775,000

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Lots, Land and Acreage

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5700 E. Co. Rd. 86-7754 sq. ft. with 6bay plan $399,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot 6 boat house, Lake Nasworthy $175,000
7013 W. Co. Rd. 52-Water well $100,000
6213 Desperado Bella Blvd.- 97 acre, lot in Mockingbird Oaks $140,000
11010 W. County Rd. 58 1/2 W-+/- 5 acre in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
E. Co. Rd. 129-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows $80,000
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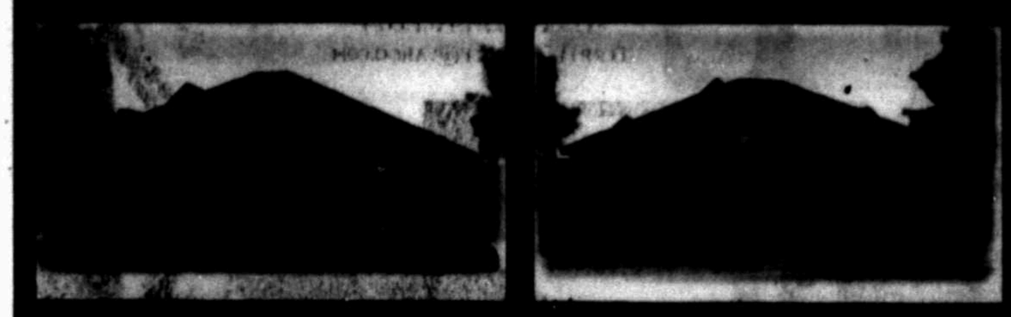

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Pinon Park Condo. Close to town and mostly furnished, so just move right in. Bathrooms updated May of 2014. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Decks in front and back for outdoor enjoyment. $115,000. #114680

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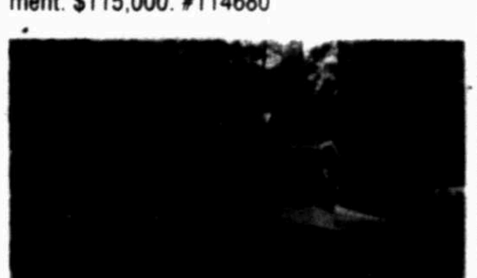

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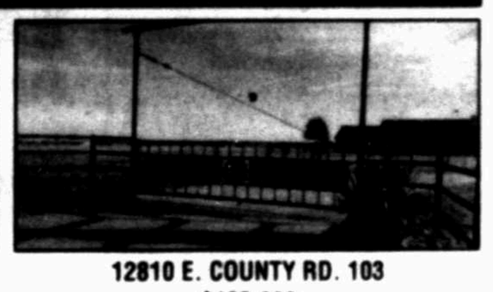

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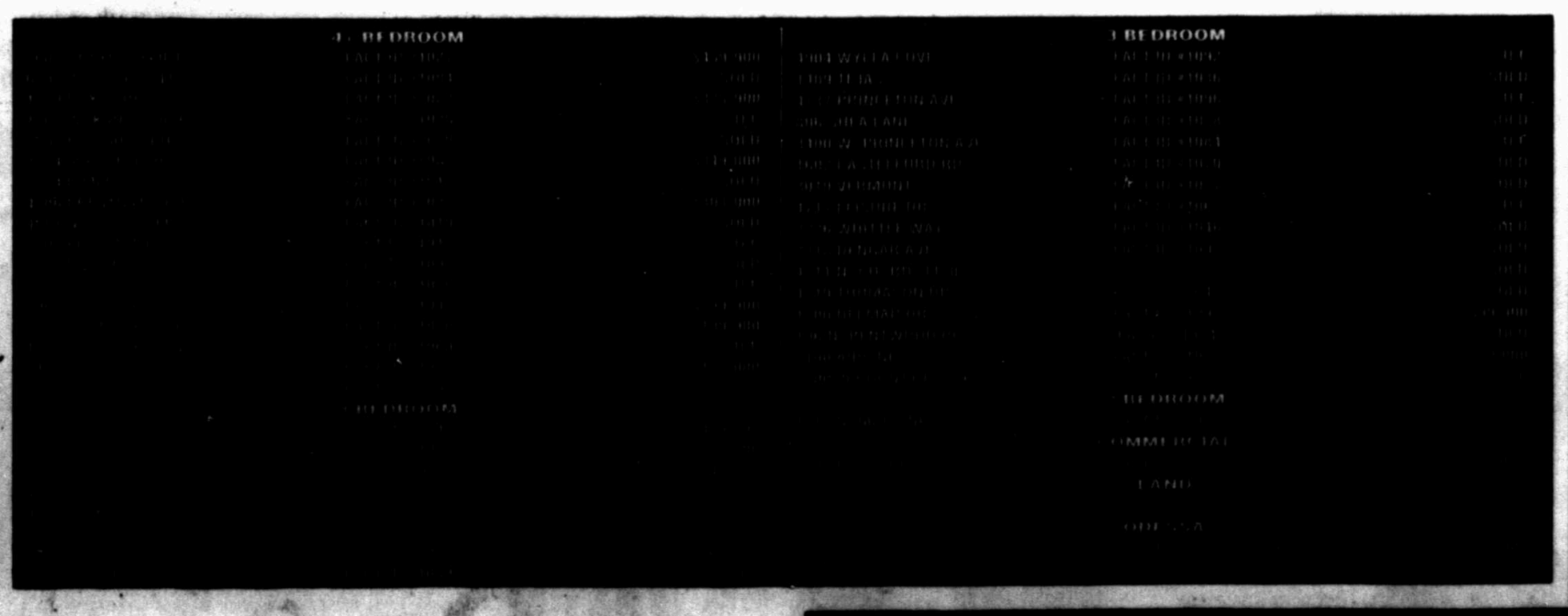
Call Kelvie Cleverdon, 599-1488



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36 Percentage of Americans who would rather choose a health insurance plan with a higher monthly premium but a lower deductible versus a plan with a lower premium but higher deductible.

Source: : Bankrate.com report

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SOLAR POWER: SUNNY DAYS AHEAD?

QUESTION:

We are within two years of retirement, plan to have our mortgage paid off within three years, and we see ourselves moving within the next five to eight years. Our home has 16 acres and is worth $160,000 or more. We are thinking of installing a ground-mounted solar panel array for $51,000. The solar company says the system will generate 110 percent of our needed usage so we will be able to sell some power back to the local power company. They estimate that with the state rebate and tax credits the electric savings will pay for the system in 13 years. Is this a good deal for us?

ANSWER:

It seems that every year solar systems are getting both cheaper and more efficient. They increasingly are an attractive option for homeowners, but your situation raises some concerns. Here's why.

The system will pay for itself in 13 years. That's great, but you say you expect to move well before then, so you would never realize the full benefits.

The bigger issue is this: The real estate economics likely don't work in your situation.

You say your property now is worth about $160,000. Let's say that price is fairly typical for like properties in your community. If you add a $51,000 improvement will the value of the home go up enough to cover such an expense when you sell?

The usual rule in real estate is that buyers seek the least expensive home in the most expensive neighborhood they can afford. If you add a $51,000 upgrade to your property you will need a much higher sale price to recapture your investment. Would you pay $210,000 for your home with the solar system?

You are now moving toward both a mortgage-free home and retirement. Retirement typically is the time when incomes decline, so it's very nice to not have a mortgage. How will you finance a $51,000 upgrade? What will those payments do to your retirement planning? What other ways could you use the money?

Maybe it's just cheaper to pay the power company. Or, shop around to see if a suitable solar system is available at less cost. Or, maybe another alternative is to consider solar leasing systems where you pay little or nothing up front for a residential installation.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration most of our electric generation comes from power stations fueled with coal, petroleum liquids, natural gas and other gases. As more and more homes switch to solar systems we will have less demand for power generated with fossil fuels, and that potentially means reduced mining, fracking and pollution.

In 2005 we imported more than 10.1 million barrels of crude oil per day, according to EIA, a number that fell to 7.73 million barrels in 2013. This is one case where less is better and zero would be really good.

Having more solar-powered homes is very much in the national interest because it means less need to build massive generating stations that rely on fossil fuels and less dependence on high-cost foreign crude oil. However, in your particular situation, the economics of a $51,000 system need to be reviewed with care.

For details, speak with your local power company, the state utility commission and individual solar vendors.

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THE GIFT OF DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

SAVING FOR A DOWN PAYMENT CAN IS NO EASY TASK. A CASH GIFT FROM A LOVED ONE CAN HELP EASE THE BURDEN. HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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For many prospective home purchasers, coming up with the necessary down payment funds can be tricky – especially young buyers who haven't had many years to salt away savings. But fear not: You can always turn to family for help in the form of a monetary gift.

This practice, in fact, is fairly common today. Based on a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors, 26 percent of first-time buyers helped raise down payment funds by accepting a financial gift from parents, relatives or friends. Receiving such a gift can help you qualify for the loan you need, keep intact private emergency funds like retirement savings, and perhaps push you over the 20-percent down payment threshold so that you don't have to pay for pricey private mortgage insurance.

Lenders may be strict on the fine-print rules with receiving a down payment gift. Most lenders require the gift to be from a family member; however, some lenders are willing to make exceptions, especially if they intend to keep your loan instead of selling it to an investor after closing.

The donor will need to compose a gift letter to the lender verifying that the funds are a gift, not a loan. Detailed documentation and bank receipts may be required.

A private loan from a relative or friend can be rejected as a down payment funding source because the loan adds to debt, altering a borrower's debt-to-income ratio.

"While all parties may think of the funds as a loan and treat it as such, the lender requires the donor to state in writing that the funds do not need to be repaid," says Tal Frank, president of Physician Loans in Atlanta.

With conventional loans, if a down payment is less than 20 percent, a gift can cover part of the money, but some of it will have to come from your own funds. Note that all of the money can be from a gift if the gift money covers the entire down payment plus closing costs, or if your down payment is at least 20 percent – unless the total loan amount exceeds $417,000. For FHA and VA loans, all of the money you put down can be from a gift; but if your credit score falls between 580 and 619, a minimum 3.5 percent of your down payment has to come from your own funds.

Be well prepared if you plan to approach a loved one about a gift toward a down payment, says Lauren Bowling, an Atlanta-based personal finance blogger at L Bee and the Money Tree. "I'm not sure there's a tactful way to ask, but be straightforward and honest and prepare to prove your credit worthiness by showing you can live within your financial means," Bowling says.

One item you'll want to mention to your potential donor is that he or she may have to pay a gift tax, although the current annual gift tax exclusion law allows any individual to gift another person up to $14,000 annually tax free; married parents can each gift $14,000 to married home seekers, yielding a total $56,000 tax-free gift.

"The good news is that the recipient doesn't pay a gift tax – only the donor," says Tom Wheelwright, CEO of ProVision Wealth Strategies in Tempe, Arizona.

If you can't finagle a gift from your kin, and you have nowhere else to turn for the down payment deficiency, you can explore other options.

"I suggest looking for grants, low-interest loans or deferred payment loans," says Cara Pierce, a housing counselor with ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions in Fresno, California. "Many cities and counties also offer down payment assistance program for first-time buyers. And veterans can get a VA loan that allows borrowers to make no down payments and minimal closing costs."

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RENTALS

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT EVICTION RECOURSE

Nationwide, evictions have been on the rise. But renters have rights to protect them from being kicked out of a property

For many dwellers, the worst day of the month is the first – the day when rent payments are due. And that's becoming increasingly problematic for many tenants.

Take for instance that rents in the five least affordable markets have seen a 7.8-percent increase over the past year, according to new data from real estate site Trulia. Further, the typical renter now allocates 30 percent of their income on rent, according to Zillow. Consider these among the factors that led to approximately 125,000 household evictions nationwide in 2013, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Housing Survey, up from 120,000 in 2011 and 84,000 in 2007.

Lonni Summers, managing attorney with Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service in Baltimore, says the three primary reasons why landlords seek eviction are failure to pay rent on time, breach of lease terms, and tenant holdover, where the lease expires but the occupant refuses to move. Some tenants also could be evicted if the landlord's property is in foreclosure.

While laws can vary from state to state, renters do have rights, including the right to fight an eviction proceeding in court.

"First, if landlords and tenants disagree about an issue, they should try mediation," Summers says. "If they cannot agree, they may mutually end the lease agreement. Be sure to put the termination agreement in writing. Some states are judicial eviction states, meaning that landlords must go through the court to evict tenants. If they are served with eviction papers, tenants should always go to court and, if they disagree with what the landlord is claiming, tell the judge why they shouldn't be evicted."

If tenants are unlawfully evicted – as can happen if the landlord doesn't give proper advance notice of eviction and changes the locks (some states mandate a notice window of three days) – they can attempt to sue the landlord. In this case, hiring an experienced attorney or seeking free or discounted representation from a civil legal aid organization is recommended.

— Erik J. Martin

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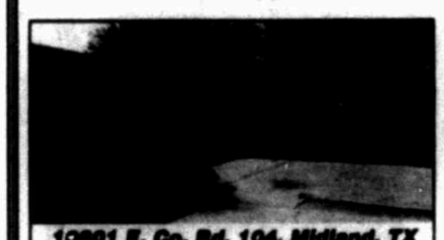

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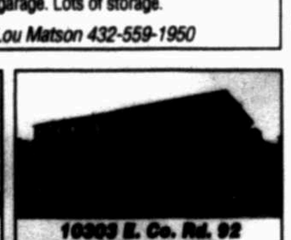

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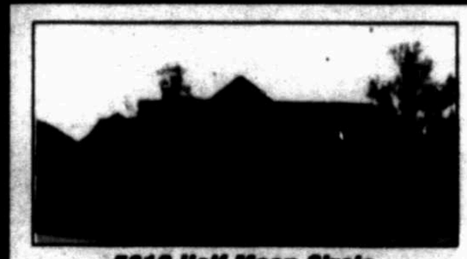

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3109 Haynes Drive	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$285,000
2606 Garfield Street	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/ 2 Car garage	$287,000
3219 Chelsea Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
3209 Chelsea Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$295,000
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6401 Los Conches lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,395,000

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5713 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5801 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$379,700
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,900
4300 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
7213 E. Co. Rd. 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$454,500
5321 Half Moon Circle	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,900
5304 George Yard Ct	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$498,000
5319 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$499,850
5303 Dunraven Court	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5300 Balfour Court	R & M Home Builders/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$499,900
2512 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$799,500
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Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
1205 W. Co. Rd. 137	5 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/1.92 Acres	$235,000
4108 N. Co. Rd. 1133	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/1.2 Acres	$375,000
14140 Lariats Trail	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$369,000
5611 S. Co. Rd. 1105	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/4.12 Acres	U/C
13501 E. Co. Rd. 120	Greenwood/30 acres/Horse property/Barn	$875,000
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,150,000
6401 Los Conches lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,395,000
8911 FM 307	Approx. 150 Acres/Greenwood	U/C

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Co. Rd. 160	8.36 Acres	$295,000
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES

3109 Haynes Drive

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13501 E. Co. Rd. 120

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5312 Widener Strip

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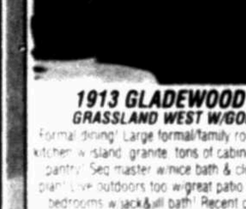

1913 GLADEWOOD - $535,000
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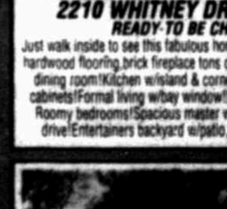

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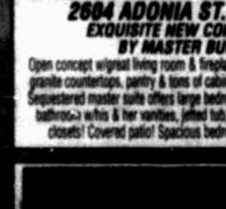

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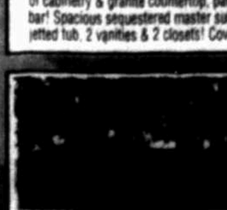

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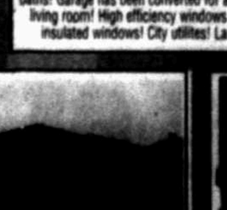

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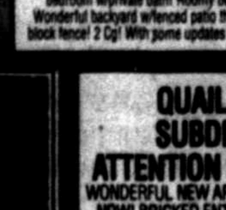

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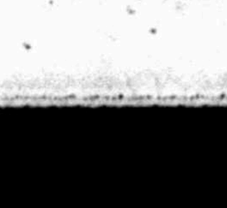

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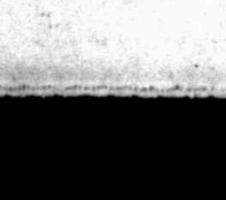

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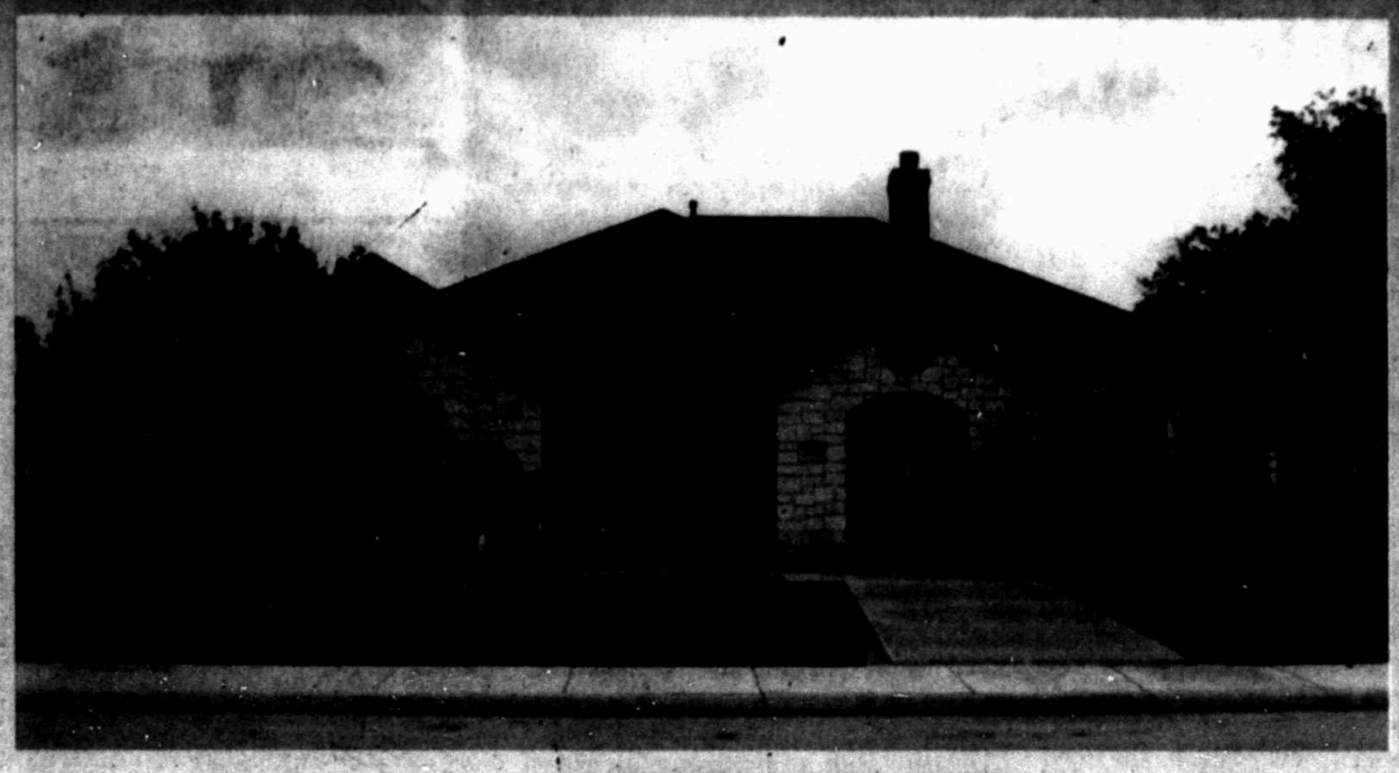

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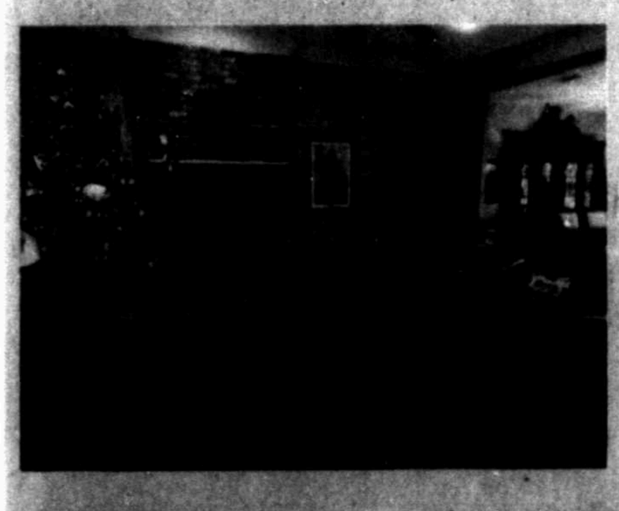

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3504 DOUGLAS - $289,500
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How to Deck the Halls After the Holidays

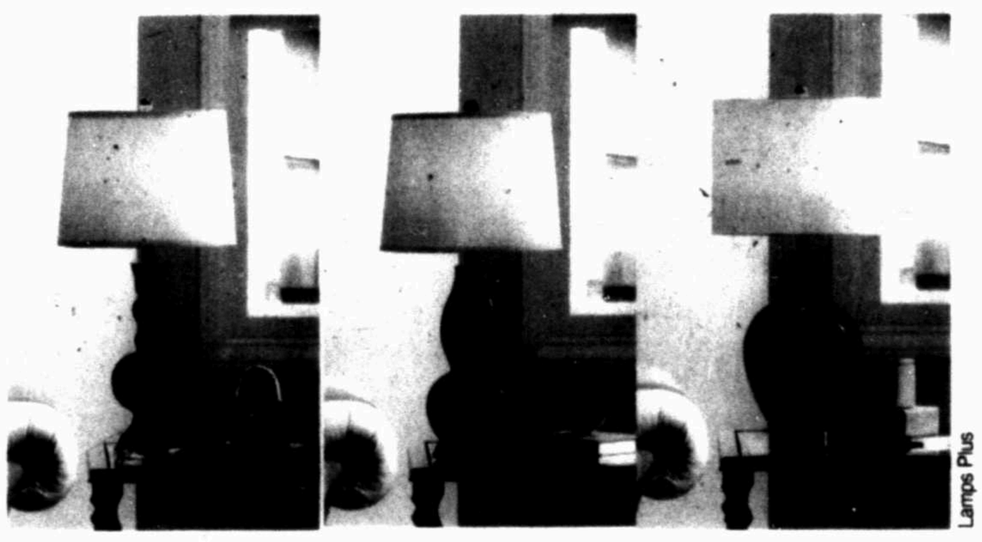
When seasonal décor comes down, seize the opportunity to spice up your home for the New Year

By Marla R. Miller | CTW Features

After the fun and festivities of the holiday season are over, and the warm and cheery décor comes down, you're left with bland walls, bare space and, in many parts of the country, several more months of being cooped up indoors.

So how do you refresh a room and replace the homey feel of lights, tinsel, greenery, red and the season's sparkling accoutrements?

The color forecast for 2015 is looking bright, with rich, warm, robust hues and bright, saturated pastels that take a cue from nature and reflect greater consumer confidence.



Lamps Plus

Light it up : Choose a brightly colored lamp for a pop of color

Multiple shades of red, including burgundy, coral, garnet, plum red and Marsala, Pantone's Color of the Year for 2015, will be prominent in home furnishings, tabletop appliances, dining accessories and bedding.

January isn't too soon to take on a painting project or introduce these colors in easy updates such as throw pillows, decorative accents, dinnerware and table or bed linens, says Michael Murphy, interior design trends producer for Lamps Plus.

"Paint is the easiest and best bang for your buck, but you can do all kinds of things," he says. "I'll find a color I'm very drawn to for a particular season. We're big proponents of pushing what you love, whether it's the Color of the Year or your favorite color might be blue. You can easily do that with lamp shades or picking an area rug with that color in it."

The color of a naturally robust and earthy wine red, Pantone's top pick, Marsala, exudes confidence and stability, a mood-boosting hue to sooth mind, body and soul, says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute.

"I think they're going to jump right into it," Eiseman says. "We've already been exposed to the traditional Christmas red; it dramatizes the color and deepens it. In many part of the world, January, February and March are still pretty cold. People will gravitate to it naturally because of weather."

Blue also will remain very strong with cobalt, lapis, and robin's egg as fresh additions to navy and indigo. Heading into spring, these cooler color choices – think children's chalk and Easter eggs – will come on the scene, reminiscent of vintage floral patterns influenced by natural-healing botanicals and the trend for green urban spaces.

Both playful and calming, they help to restore a sense of wellbeing and a lighter, brighter spirit into the warmer months – reflected in Sherwin-Williams' Color of the Year, Coral Reef.

"We're finally seeing the signs of expansion and growth and recovery from the recession," says Jackie Jordan, director of color marketing for Sherwin-Williams. "This color is a joyful color. It's pretty saturated. It brings a smile to your face and can go in so many different design directions and design sensibilities."

Jordan selects Sherwin-Williams Color of the Year and says Coral Reef, a mélange of pink, orange and red, can be used to liven up any space. The vivacious hue has an airy, springtime feel, channels floral components, and celebrates the upswing in the economy and renewed optimism.

Painting an accent wall, dining room or old piece of furniture are easy ways to bring in color and rejuvenate a room, Jordan says. It's something that can be done in a day or over a weekend.

"Especially now with the paints being very low to no odor, painting an interior room in the middle of winter is certainly appropriate," Jordan says. "When it's gloomy and snowy and cold, it's very refreshing to add that little pop of color into your interiors."

If you don't feel like painting, consider rearranging furniture, changing out the hardware on a dresser or buying new candles, storage boxes, curtains and bedding. It's wise to stick with neutral colors on big-ticket items, such as furniture or an expensive chandelier, and have fun with bold or eclectic accents, Murphy says.

Another decorating trick is to rotate the lamp shades from the living room to the master bedroom and the ones in the master bedroom to the guest room and then donate the old ones, Murphy says. You can do it each season or once a year, yet still give each room a lighting overhaul.

"It's an easy way to do an easy refresh in each room with minimal cost because you're only replacing those in the living room," he says.

Advancements in wallpaper technology have made it another popular and affordable way to inject color into a room, Murphy says. There's a new wallpaper with an adhesive back that is a nice option for renters or if you want to put it in an entry way or bathroom because it's easy to take down.

"It's not that expensive and you can buy it with patterns, floral prints, marbleized aspects or you can buy it blank and paint it yourself," he says. "If you get tired of it, you can take it off and it doesn't damage your walls."

Lamps Plus has an extensive color collection, including Pantone and Sherwin-Williams color swatches, to help consumers customize or color-match mirrors, wall sconces, table lamps, floor lamps and other lighting in more than 150 colors, Murphy says.

"If you're going to be bold with color, make it intentional and make it pop," he says. "You can let lighting be the colorful accent in the room."

Jordan says Coral Reef can be the dominant color in a room or used on a single accent wall, a front door or a piece of furniture to add a pop of color. Coral Reef works with warm neutrals, grays and buttery yellows. Driftwood, medium wood tones and metal finishes also complement the flower-garden hue.

"There's a lot of different design directions with it," she says. "It can take all four walls with white trim and lighter color furnishings. It has a light, fresh note to it so it's a great kitchen color, or great for a sun room or even a bedroom."

Pantone

A splash of Marsala: incorporate a hot 2015 color with decorative pillows.

Pantone's Marsala is more dramatic and may be too bold for some to paint entire room. But it's also rich and welcoming – great for a dining room or any room food is served in because it suggests the feeling of wine or what you would find in a cozy Italian eatery.

"The symbolism of the color is very important coming from a consumer perspective," Eiseman says. "As far as the feeling wrapped up in the color Marsala, it's tasteful and tasty, satisfying, the kind of thing you either cook with or have with something very hardy or robust."

With brown, burnished undertones, the highly varietal shade combines well with neutrals, including warmer taupes and grays. It's also compatible with amber, umber and golden yellows, greens in both turquoise and teal, and blues in the more vibrant range, Eiseman says.

"If you're a little more timid with color, it could be a fabulous color to use on an entry wall or if you have a piece of art or statuary," she says. "It's especially beautiful in ceramics and glassware, any kind of glass on display. It also works very well in a bedroom and bed linens."

Marsala provides a unifying element for interior spaces as a great accent color in throw pillows, area rugs and lamp shades and can weather the various seasons, transitioning from interior spaces to patio umbrellas, chair pads and placemats in the summer. Next fall, it will lend itself to earth tones, she says.

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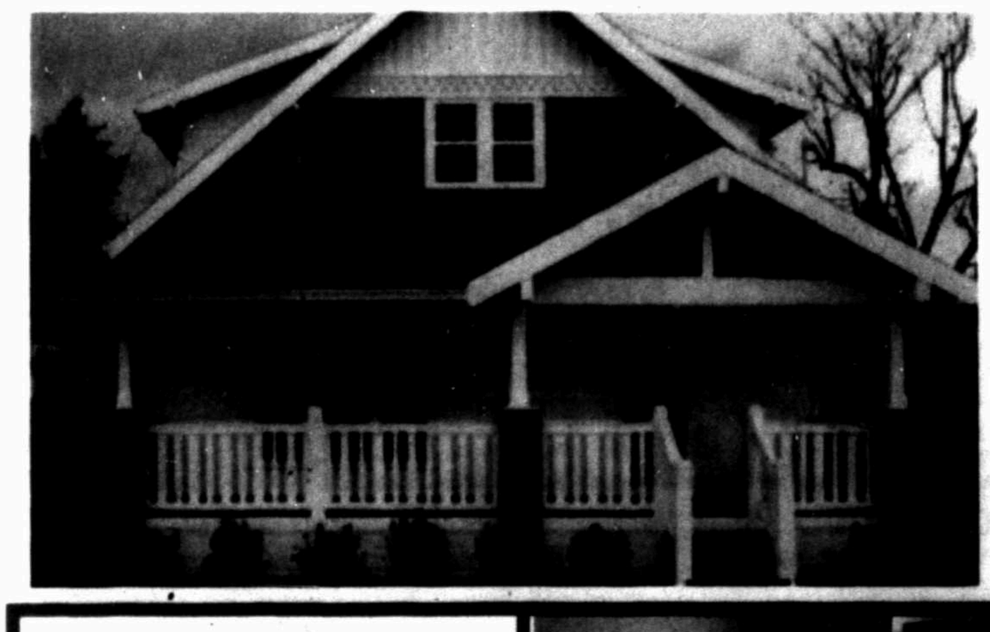
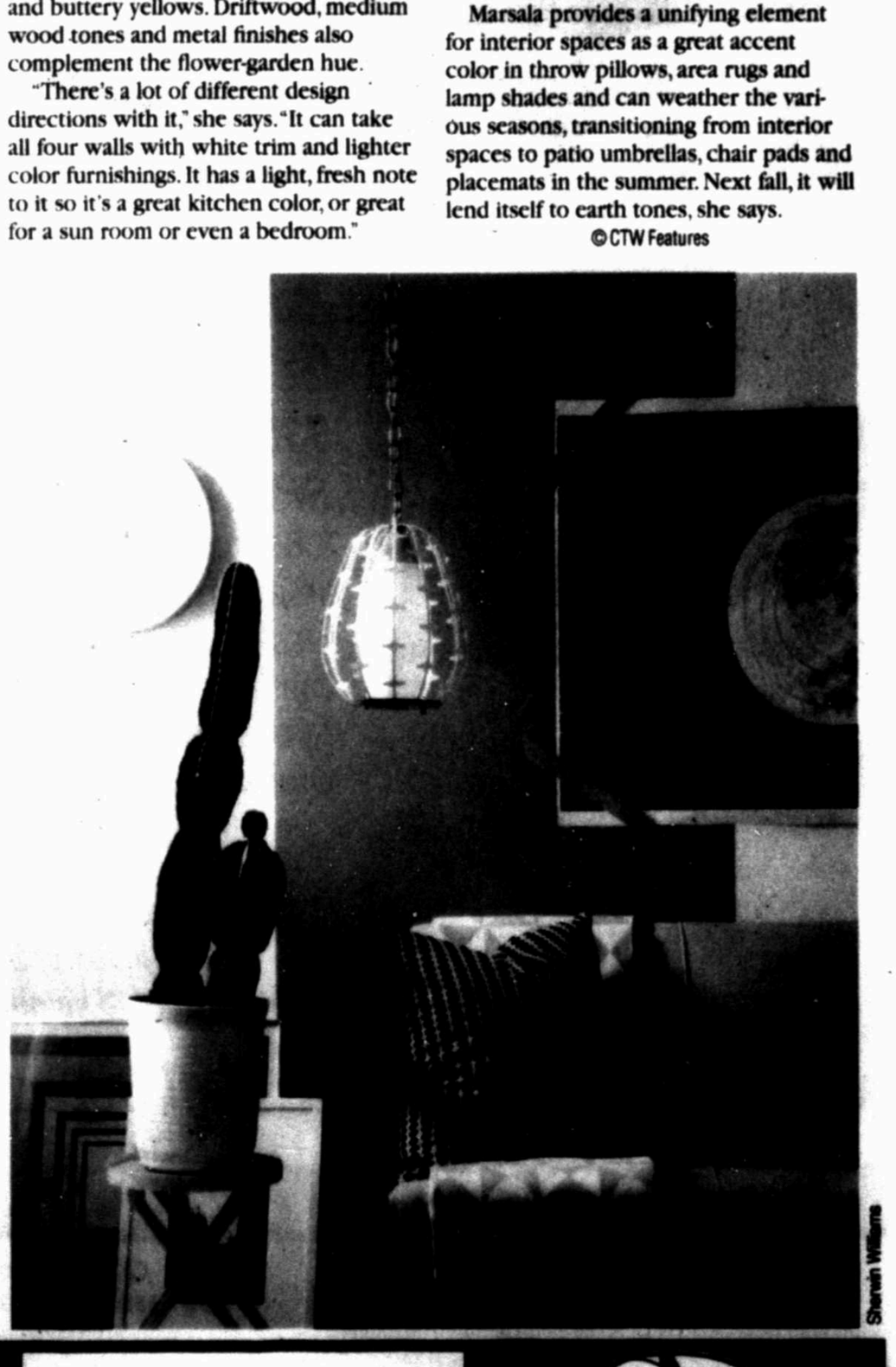
The color of joy: Sherwin-Williams' color of the year, Coral Reef, brightens a front door, below; in a living room, right, the happy color celebrates more optimistic times.





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- 4003 CRESTWOOD AVE Stephanie Rogers 432-978-9795 MLS #100518 $330,000
- 4307 VALLEY DR Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #100935 SALE PENDING
- 3311 MARBLE LANE Larry Hatfield MLS #100613 $[illegible]
- 5710 CROWLEY Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #101557 $[illegible]
- 306 E. CO. RD. 140 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #98742 $329,000
- 2210 WHITNEY DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101969 $325,000
- 3802 CRESTGATE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101163 $325,000
- 4003 LEMONHEAD CT Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 $325,000
- 2407 STUTZ PL Laura Sales 618-1818 MLS #101708 $324,900
- 3213 LOCKHEED Brian Sales 618-1818 $[illegible]
- 1412 TEJAS Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #102052 $[illegible]
- 1422 LANHAM Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS# 100409 $[illegible]
- 2802 CALDERA Stephanie Roger 978-9757 MLS #101959 $[illegible]
- 3200 WEDGWOOD Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #100199 $[illegible]
- 3604 DOUGLAS Paul Culver 934-1021 MLS #100911 $[illegible]
- 5113 BRIGHTON PL Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #100137 $[illegible]
- 2400 AUBURN PL Betty Hicks 553-8194 MLS#101172 $[illegible]
- 2300 CIMMARON Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412 MLS #99021 $[illegible]
- 2300 HUMBLE AVE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS100441 $[illegible]
- 4101 CRESTGATE Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS# 100470 SALE PENDING
- 3501 PINEMONT DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #100726 $274,900
- 3004 CRESTMONT Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100845 SALE PENDING
- 600 E. CO. RD. 123 Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #100660 SALE PENDING
- 1014 VENTURA AVE Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #100959 $[illegible]
- 1015 NEELY Jane Wolf 352-4808 MLS #100298 $[illegible]
- 2602 CESSNA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #100129 SALE PENDING
- 1904 NEELY Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #101046 $[illegible]
- 4011 WESTMINSTER Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #100130 $[illegible]
- 2300 APPERSON DR Sue Lytle 661-5338 MLS #101619 $[illegible]
- 3213 ORIENTAL AVE Pam Messer 349-8573 MLS #101955 $[illegible]
- 3601 TANNER Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #100904 $[illegible]
- 1500 DELMAR Cheryl Parrish 352-3052 MLS #101622 $[illegible]
- 3016 MONTY DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101917 $[illegible]
- 4509 DENGAR AVE Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #100744 SALE PENDING
- 6219 OLYMPIC CT Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #100244 SALE PENDING
- 1721 MAGNOLIA AVE Darla Davis 260-8077 MLS #100024 SALE PENDING
- 2811 W. CO. RD. 116 Mark Philliber 222-5071 MLS #93898 SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

- 8600 N. CO. RD. 1150 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #99373 HUGE Shop, 208+ Acres $2,495,000
- 2 LIVE OAK Janice Murrell 349-7242 MLS #99998 $1,200,000
- 1209 CUTHBERT AVE Larry Hatfield 432-349-4788 MLS #99174 $949,900
- 3807 NORTHFIELD Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #97301 $889,900
- 9706 E. CO. RD. 127 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #98330 25 Acres/$775,000
- 121 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #101569 $699,900
- 3302 BLUEBIRD LANE Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #94206 SALE PENDING
- 3905 CARDINAL LANE Caleb Matott 432-349-3300 3+ Acres/$520,000
- 5609 E. CO. RD. 120 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100489 $475,000
- 4100 EDGEBROOK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101095 SALE PENDING
- 5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #97704 $449,000
- 3317 W. CO. RD. 185 Madison Shaw SALE PENDING
- 3228 FAIRFIELD LANE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #100318 SALE PENDING
- 5517 CASA GRANDE Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #100711 $399,900
- 3402 FELDSPAR LANE Janice Murrell 432-349-7242 MLS #101330 $379,900
- 1007 E. CO. RD. 128 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101746 $360,000
- 3300 GREENBRIAR DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #102030 $350,000
- 10706 E. CO. RD. 109 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100811 $350,000
- 3625 IMPERIAL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101435 SALE PENDING
- 4005 CRESTWOOD Brian Sales 618-1818 MLS #101860 $339,000
- 3403 LIMESTONE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #101537 $339,000
- 5704 SAN SABA Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #101249 SALE PENDING
- 5402 LA JOLLA Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #102073 $309,000
- 4007 ANGELINA DR Reece Bivens 230-8647 MLS #101641 $299,900
- #4 AMHURST Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #102036 $297,500
- 6302 COLT COURT Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #101400 SALE PENDING
- 4604 MEADOWOOD COURT Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #99453 $295,000
- 2604 ADONIA ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101146 $295,000
- 901 CHEYENNE ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101251 $290,000
- 2805 EMERSON LANE Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #99294 SALE PENDING
- 2810 DURANT Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #99124 $289,900
- 2509 STANOLIND AVE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #101612 $288,500
- 4723 SPRINGMEADOW LANE #2 Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #101636 $285,000
- 5001 MELVILLE DR Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 MLS #102035 $285,000
- 606 NOLAN RYAN DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #101759 $279,900
- 5113 BRIGHTON PL Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #100786 $279,000
- 5009 WOODHOLLOW DR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS100460 SALE PENDING
- 1500 KANSAS Maria Mallory 352-4021 $275,000
- 1005 S. CO. RD. 1129 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 1.89 Acres/$275,000
- 4103 DYER Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #100549 $273,900
- 807 CHEYENNE DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101145 $272,500
- 4910 FIELDS PLACE Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #100161 $268,000
- 2512 NOEL Martha Manulik 557-8744 $262,500
- 2809 MOSS AVE Jane Wolf 352-4808 MLS#101016 $259,900
- 3607 JORDAN AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100834 SALE PENDING
- 809 CHUKAR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100020 $250,000
- 5913 WAGNER DRIVE Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #100281 $249,900
- 4418 LANHAM Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #100337 $249,900
- 2513 FANNIN Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #101547 SALE PENDING
- 1101 S. CO. RD. 1128 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS# 986A SALE PENDING
- 2310 DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101961 $245,000
- 2407 TERRACE AVE Denise Brasher 889-5022 MLS #101062 $245,000
- 2302 SINCLAIR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 $242,500
- 5112 LAVACA Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #101358 $239,900
- 1003 SINCLAIR Susan Palmer 978-7816 MLS #101503 $239,500
- 4307 BROOKDALE DR Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #101100 SALE PENDING
- 2817 W. SHANDON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101404 $235,000
- 5212 CANADIAN Laura Sales 618-1818 $230,000
- 3200 BOARDWALK Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #101370 SALE PENDING
- 1004 NORTH "A" Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #101008 $229,000
- 2503 CASTLEFORD RD Darla Davis 432-260-8077 MLS #100391 $225,900
- 3401 S. CO. RD. 1070 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #987A 1 Acre/$224,900
- 1505 CASCADE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101530 SALE PENDING
- 2104 HUGHES DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100663 SALE PENDING
- 3309 WINDSOR DR Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #100223 SALE PENDING
- 2502 FRONTIER Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #100054 SALE PENDING
- 4706 NEELY Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #99965 $219,900
- 4903 BROOKDALE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #98747 $218,000
- 2901 AURORA Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100487 SALE PENDING
- 1716 S. JEFFERSON ST Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #100898 $216,900
- 3105 WHITTLE WAY Jane Wolf 432-352-4808 MLS #101285 $215,000
- 3606 SINCLAIR AVE Darla Davis 260-8077 MLS #101800 $215,000
- 3014 CARVER Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #99633 $215,000
- 2411 STOREY Lydia Scudder 853-2200 $212,000
- 4406 ST. ANDREWS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 SALE PENDING
- 1201 E. NOBLES-DUPLEX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #101832 $210,000
- 3601 W. LOUISIANA Lavonne Johnson 770-3833 MLS #100500 $210,000
- 6212 SHEA LANE Jennifer Martin 349-2632 $209,900
- 2414 GODDARD CT Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #100745 SALE PENDING
- 3521 HYDE PARK AVE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #99972 $205,000
- 5109 LAVACA Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #99409 $205,000
- 1508 ALCOVE CT Samantha Smith 978-3588 MLS #101445 $204,900
- 4907 WYLEA COVE Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100816 SALE PENDING
- 3320 MAXWELL DR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #101045 SALE PENDING
- 3300 MAXWELL Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #101499 SALE PENDING
- 1024 GRIFFITH Laura Sales 618-1818 MLS 101368 SALE PENDING
- 1000 CIMMARON Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #101962 $190,000
- 3316 W. MICHIGAN Angie L. McKay 599-0272 $190,000
- 10011 E. CO. RD. 104 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 SALE PENDING
- 3320 CHANDON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101460 SALE PENDING
- 5102 SUNNYSIDE Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS #101369 SALE PENDING
- 5115 SUNNYSIDE DR Susan Palmer 978-7816 MLS #100567 SALE PENDING
- 1500 N AVE. C Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #100249 $190,000
- 3325 MAXWELL Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #100390 SALE PENDING
- 3000 DOUGLAS Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #100098 SALE PENDING
- 3302 PERRY Angie L. McKay 599-0272 MLS #101950 $[illegible]
- 4310 GREENBRIER Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #101054 $[illegible]
- 4501 CRENSHAW Laura Sales 618-1818 MLS #100279 $[illegible]
- 111 S. MINEOLA Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #100897 $190,000
- 3607 CRESTMONT DR Darla Davis 260-8077 MLS #99282 $180,000
- 705 ALPINE ST Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #101390 SALE PENDING
- 703 BOYD AVE Debbie Hatfield 349-4790 MLS #102012 $179,900
- 4321 COUNTRY CLUB DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #102040 $175,000
- 3314 FANNIN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101855 SALE PENDING
- 4302 PRINCETON Jennifer 349-2632 MLS #101269 SALE PENDING
- 3121 BARKLEY Kim Merrill 664-4702 MLS #101069 $165,000
- 710 MARSHALL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #102045 $165,000
- 105 N. BENTWOOD Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #101408 $165,000
- 2519 STANOLIND AVE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #102077 $164,900
- 111 S. BENTWOOD Laura Sales 432-618-1818 MLS #101310 SALE PENDING
- 3618 BAUMANN Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #100543 $160,000
- 118 S. BENTWOOD Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 MLS #102059 $149,900
- 3016 STOREY AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101605 SALE PENDING
- 4820 SHADY LANE DRIVE Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 MLS #99331 SALE PENDING
- 3105 DELANO Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #100788 $143,000
- 414 SHANDON AVE Reannah Wyatt 275-9015 MLS #101928 $[illegible]
- 4725 LAURA Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #99676 $[illegible]
- 4408 ERIE DR Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #101895 $[illegible]
- 4207 ANETTA DR Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #95057 $[illegible]
- 3314 FANNIN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101855 $175,000
- 4604 CHEROKEE Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101970 SALE PENDING
- 1216 BURCHILL DR Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #100220 $100,000
- 1604 W. WASHINGTON Darla Davis 432-260-8077 MLS #100398 $100,000
- 1506 COLORADO Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101935 SALE PENDING
- 2607 DELANO Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #100659 $85,000
- 107 S. MCDONALD Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS #99949 SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

- 3713 W. CO. RD. 1140 Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101219 SALE PENDING
- 1407 W TEXAS AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS# 991A $[illegible]
- 3100 TEALWOOD PL Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 MLS #100882 $[illegible]
- 2100 W. WADLEY #68 Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #94465 $205,000
- 3517 BAUMANN AVE Mark Philliber 222-5071 MLS #101371 $149,900
- 418 W. PECAN Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #102005 $139,000
- 1100 HUMBLE Donna Omar 349-1458 MLS #101341 SALE PENDING
- 202 COWDEN Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #99110 $119,000
- 913 HOLLY DR Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS#101354 $99,000
- 2303 CASTLEFORD RD Martha Manulik 618-5049 MLS #99006 SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

- 3202 S. CO. RD. 1050 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #101019 99.61 Acres/$1,543,955
- 6814 W. CO. RD. 50 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101406 10 Acres/$1,250,000
- 1209 CUTHBERT AVE Larry Hatfield 432-349-4788 MLS #99174 $995,000
- 9706 E. CO. RD. 127 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #98330 25 Acres/$775,000
- 5312 CHESLEY CT Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #100575 $719,000
- 4009 E CO. RD. 63 Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #100804 2.2 Acres/$679,900
- 1103 N. CO. RD. 1110 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #100342 40.5 Acres/$639,900
- 6512 MOCKINGBIRD LANE Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100589 $639,900
- 5702 S. HWY. 349 Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #100135-100131 $599,900
- 2500 N. CO. RD. 1275 Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #101386 $595,000
- 4109 E. CO. RD. 63 Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #99043 SALE PENDING
- 3905 CARDINAL LANE Caleb Matott 432-349-3300 MLS # 3+ Acres/$520,000
- 5609 CO. RD. 120 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 $475,000
- 2211 S. CO. RD. 1118, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #99851 SALE PENDING
- 6600 FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #96956 3BD/$439,900
- 3605 W. CO. RD. 145 Josie Alvarez MLS #98906 $425,000
- 1113 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #100887 $421,400
- 1201 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394 SALE PENDING
- 5509 SAN CLEMENTE Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100586 $409,900
- 5506 CASA GRANDE Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100587 $409,900
- 4403 WEST IH 20 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 7 Acres Raw Land MLS# L102070 $385,000
- 7907 S. CO. RD. 1265 Angie McKay 599-0272 MLS# 100728 1.61 Acres/3BD/$372,000
- 1007 E. CO. RD. 128 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101746 $360,000
- 1001 E. CO. RD. 129 Wendy Waddell 638-9955 1.1 Acres/3BD/$350,000
- 10706 E. CO. RD. 109 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #100811 $350,000
- 2210 S. CO. RD. 1120, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS 100999 SALE PENDING
- 5704 SAN SABA Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #101249 $329,900
- 306 E. CO. RD. 140 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #98742 4BD/$329,000
- 4700 CO. RD. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #101883 4 Acres/$325,000
- 4201 S. CO. RD. 1185 Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 MLS #100444 $[illegible]
- 2501 W. CO. RD. 130 Jennifer Martin 349-2632 MLS #96114 3BD/$325,000
- 1614 VENTURA AVE Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #100959 $[illegible]
- 12201 W. CO. RD. 54 Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #101833 3BD/$294,900
- 1005 S. CO. RD. 1129 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 1.89 Acres/$275,000
- 1200 S. CO. RD. 1120 Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 MLS #101751 3BD/$265,000
- 3605 S. CO. RD. 1184 Susan Palmer 978-7816 MLS #101830 3BD/$250,000
- 809 E. CO. RD. 123 Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #100660 SALE PENDING
- 1101 S. CO. RD. 1128 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS# 986A SALE PENDING
- 3605 W. CO. RD. 145 Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #98995 4BD/$239,900
- 5201 S. CO. RD. 1157 Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #101852 4BD/$235,000
- 3713 W. CO. RD. 1140 Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101219 SALE PENDING
- 3105 WHITTLE WAY Jane Wolf 432-352-4808 MLS #101285 $230,000
- 2816 SHANDON AVE Susan Palmer 432-978-7816 MLS #101316 $225,000
- 3401 S. CO. RD. 1070 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #987A 1 Acre/$224,900
- 2901 AURORA Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100487 $217,500
- 6204 CHICKASAW Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #99975 3BD/$215,000
- 5212 BLUE HAVEN DRIVE Cherith Hamilton 432-556-0306 MLS #100495A $215,000
- 10803 E. CO. RD. 100 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #100102 SALE PENDING
- 3601 W. LOUISIANA Lavonne Johnson 770-3833 MLS #100500 $210,000
- 10011 E. CO. RD. 104 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 SALE PENDING
- 7007 E. CO. RD. 90, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS#102051 3BD/$194,900
- 1401 E. CO. RD. 145 Angie McKay 599-0272 MLS #98044 $190,000
- 1210 N. CO. RD. 1081, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS# 101074 2BD/$[illegible]
- 4302 PRINCETON Jennifer 349-2632 MLS #101269 $175,000
- 3406 S. CO. RD. 1071 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #99377 $139,000
- 5001 S. CO. RD. 1137 Lisa Jansa 661-3389 MLS #97679 SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

- 8600 N. CO. RD. 1150 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #99373 HUGE Shop, 208+ Acres $2,495,000
- 6 INDIAN RIDGE-BIG SPRING Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #101284 $600,000
- 15192 N. PECAN AVE Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 MLS #100289 10+ Acres/$425,000
- 105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY Peggy Spence 664-3011 MLS #123919 4BD/$399,000
- 3514 CO. RD. 145 Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #100010 SALE PENDING
- 5410 LA JOLLA COVE Denise Brasher 889-5022 MLS #99974 SALE PENDING
- 2306 HUMBLE AVE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #100441 4BD/$279,900
- 1202 S. NELSON, MONAHANS Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #95441 3BD/$275,000
- 5009 WOODHOLLOW Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #100460 3BD/$274,900
- 2107 PAGEWOOD, ODESSA Laura Sales 618-1818 MLS #93222 SALE PENDING
- 207 SW 12TH, SEMINOLE Danny Norwood 618-5012 $194,900
- 1210 N. CO. RD. 1081 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 MLS #101074 $188,500
- 7244 MANFORD LANE, ODESSA Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #381981 SALE PENDING
- 5327 LONGSHORE RD., BIG SPRING Mark Philliber 222-5071 MLS #101735 3BD/$172,000
- 2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89268 3BD/$169,900
- 4513 CONLEY AVE, ODESSA Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #100833 SALE PENDING
- 1221 MARY ST., CRANE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 MLS #102029 3BD/$150,000
- 900 NE 2ND, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #90362 3BD/$140,000
- 309 ST. CHARLES, STANTON Jane Wolf 352-4808 MLS #101494 2BD/$135,000
- 1211 NW 4TH ST., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89898 SALE PENDING
- 708 COLLIE WAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89681 SALE PENDING
- 109 GRAY ST., STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #94344 3BD/$132,000
- 2102 ALLENDALE, BIG SPRING Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #95681 4BD/$130,900
- 1107 WHEELER Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #101367 3BD/$115,000
- 711 ST. FRANCIS, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #93473 SALE PENDING
- 2203 S. JOHNSON AVE., PECOS Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #89618 4BD/$100,000
- 5013 EL PASO AVE., ODESSA Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #93495 3BD/$79,900
- 105 E. 21ST., CRANE Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #85747 SALE PENDING
- 1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #88348 SALE PENDING
- 1712 HACKBERRY ST., PECOS Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #88971 SALE PENDING
- 514 W. 83RD, ODESSA Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #92454 3BD/$79,000
- 2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #86570 3BD/$79,000
- 1013 STADIUM, BIG SPRING Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #101629 $55,000
- 1407 NW AVE. B., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89176 2BD/$38,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

- W. CO. RD. 116 Caleb Matott 349-3330 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
- 5308 WALL ST. Gina Reyes 553-6381 MLS #99121 $999,900
- 5702 S. HWY. 349 Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #100135-100131 $599,900
- 1002 MARIENFELD Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101869 $580,000
- 810 W. KENTUCKY Maria Mallory 352-4021 MLS #101595 $425,000
- 2700 W. WALL ST Terry Gammage 770-2882 MLS #0101222 $390,000
- 3207 W. FRONT Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #99573 0.98 Acres/$385,000
- 1811 ORCHARD LANE Maria Mallory $290,000
- 111 N. C Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #100364 $[illegible]
- 1407 W TEXAS AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS# 991A $[illegible]
- 705 S. BIG SPRING Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #101687 $162,500
- 3102 CUTHBERT AVE Jane Wolf 352-4808 MLS #99770 SALE PENDING
- 110 E. CO. RD. 114 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #97579 $150,000
- 701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #100230 2 Lots/$120,000
- 608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS#79313 $95,000
- 310 ST. PETER, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #89966 $95,000
- 1211 N. LAMESA RD Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #100946 $85,000
- 503 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89899 $75,000
- 2825 MERCEDES Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #97750 $[illegible]

LANDS AND LOTS

- W. CO. RD. 116 Caleb Matott 349-3330 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
- LAKE ALAN HENRY Caleb Matott 349-3330 North Ridge Dev., RV Park, Storage Complex $20,000,000
- CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97407 SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
- 3021 E. I-20 Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #96595 31.74 Acres/$2,500,000
- CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97403 CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
- CO. RD. 160 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97408 IDEAL Land, 502.29 Acres/$2,008,800
- CO. RD. 1110 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #96969 261.045 Acres/$1,435,500
- CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97406 SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
- S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330 96.85 Acres/$968,500
- CO. RD. 3100, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253 MLS #94070 185 Acres/$925,000
- 1200 STOKES Jane Wolf 352-4808 MLS #100781 10+ Acres/$800,000
- FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #96888 22 Acres/$444,000
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- CO. RD. 1130 Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 MLS #89518 29.1 Acres/$291,000
- 807 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #94740 1.75 Acres/$200,000
- 903 & 905 S. MAIN ST., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 MLS #89500 1.08 Acres/$197,500
- HWY. 80 Josie Rendon 889-8394 MLS #101970 $190,000
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- CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330 New Subdivision/1 available SALE PENDING
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- 7411 E. CO. RD. 96 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #100044 1.458 Acres/$[illegible]
- 1202 S. CO. RD. 117 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #100043 1.400 Acres/$[illegible]
- CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 New Subdivision/ 3 available 3+ Acres/$[illegible]
- 3491 82050 Pam Messer 432-349-3075 MLS #101238 SALE PENDING
- 7316 E. CO. RD. 96 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 MLS #100046 1.017 Acres/$[illegible]
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- CO. RD. 160 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97408 IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
- CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330 SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
- S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330 96.85 Acres/$968,500
- CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330 MLS #97406 SUPERB Land - Will Split, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
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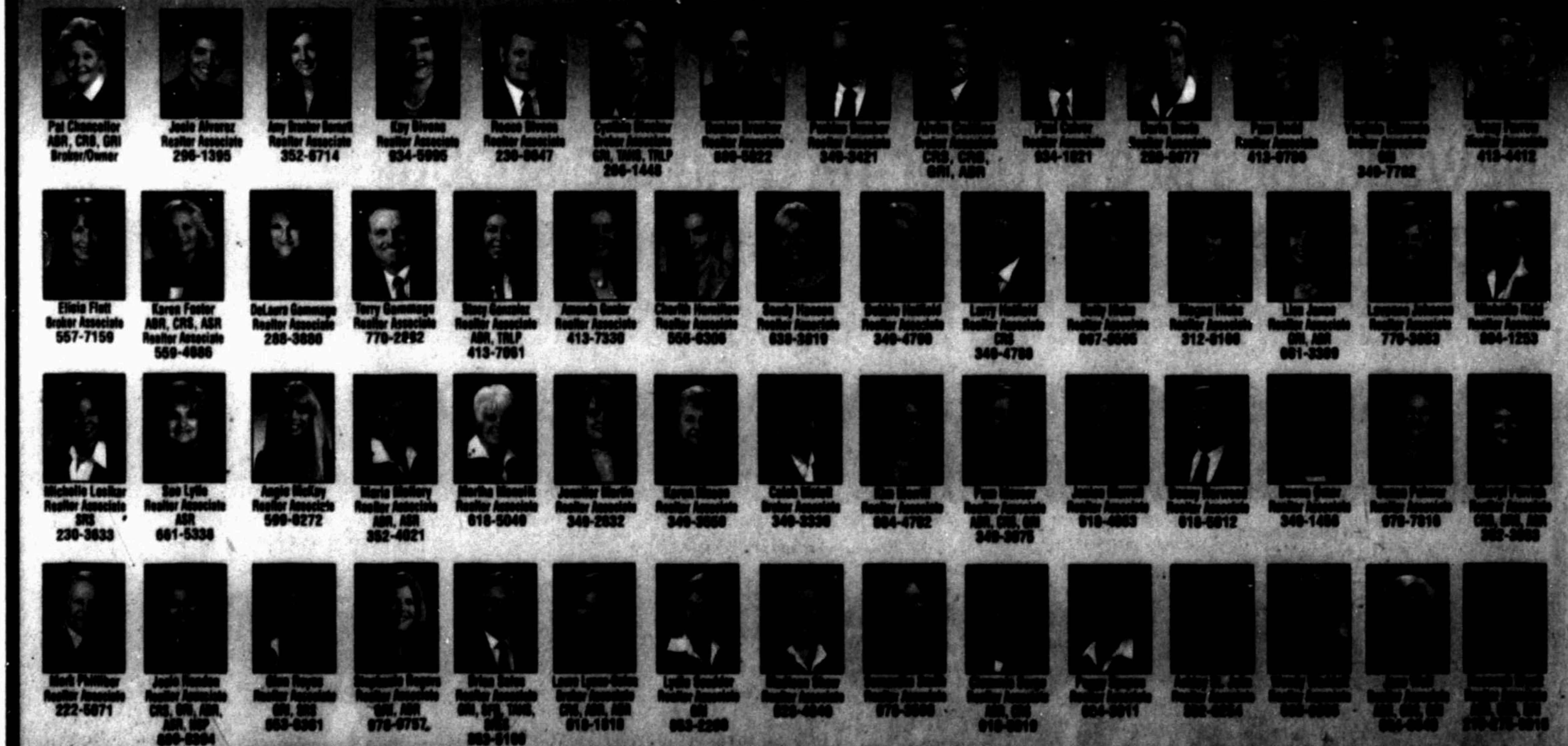

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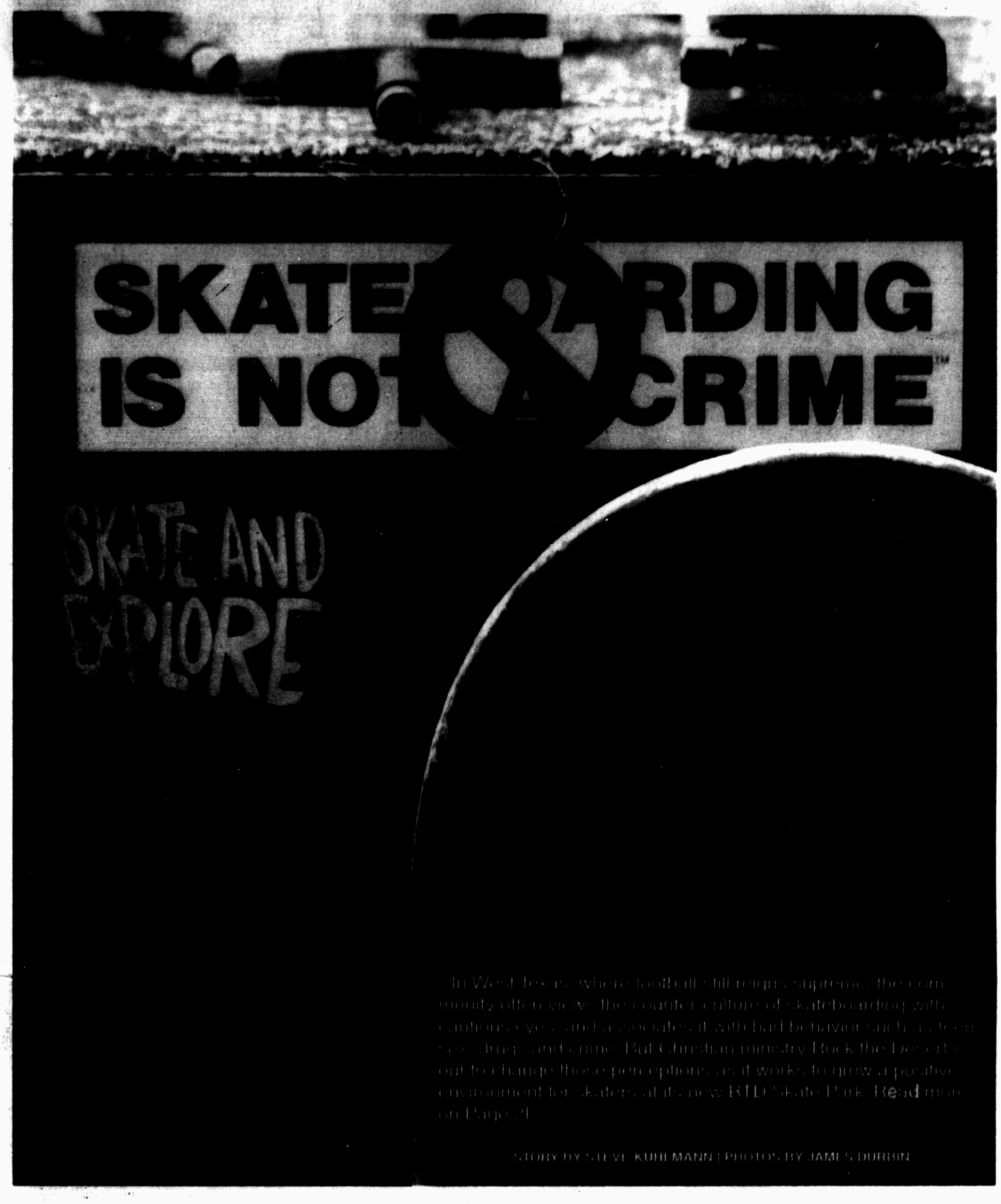

In West Texas, where football still reigns supreme, the community often views the counter-culture of skateboarding with cautious eyes and associates it with bad behavior and has been known to ticket and fine. But Christian ministry Rock the Desert is out to change those perceptions and works to grow a positive environment for skaters with its new RTD Skate Park. Read more on Page 3E

STORY BY STEVE KUHLMANN | PHOTOS BY JAMES DURBIN

Exhibit gives viewers glimpse into Christmases past

WENDY EARLE
Museum of the Southwest

Santa Claus is a fascinating character in our culture, steeped in mythology and history. He has gone through many incarnations, and been depicted in many ways in different places and times. Our most iconic version of Santa — with a beard, red suit, big belly and jolly demeanor — was created by an artist every bit as fascinating. Thomas Nast first depicted Santa in 1866, and his engravings were reproduced in magazines like Harper's Weekly for many years afterward. He created many iconic images of Christmastime and winter, incorporating current events like the Civil War into his artwork.

Nast was born in Germany in 1840, but early in his life moved with his family to New York. He developed a talent for drawing at a very early age, and studied at the National Academy of Design. He started working for several illustrated newspapers in the late 1850s, working as a draftsman and creating images of sporting events, military campaigns and political issues. When the Civil War broke out he started drawing scenes of battlefields and how the war affected those at home, and his compositions were seen by millions. After the end of the war Nast moved into political cartoons, where he used his biting wit and artistic skill to draw attention to scandals and corruptions. He is often cited as the "founding father of American political cartoons," and his contributions include popularizing the political symbols of Democratic donkeys and Republican elephants.

Nast's illustrations are complex and rich in the iconography and ideas of his day, sometimes making them incomprehensible for viewers now. Far different from his political cartoons, Nast's depictions of Santa Claus became a second legacy for

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5 QUESTIONS

With Matthew Nicholson | actor

Local actor Matthew Nicholson is currently best seen as The Old Man of the father in Midland Community Theatre's A Christmas Story, The Musical, running through Dec. 21. He will play Schneider in Permian Playhouse's You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown in February. The native Midlander was a Pickwick Player in the mid-1990s and then went on to work in the Professional Theatre in Chicago, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, The Mercury Theatre and Gallery 37 Center for the Arts. He then quit theatre and worked as a personal trainer and manager for Equinox Fitness Clubs, and currently is a realtor in Midland. When not on stage, he enjoys time with family and friends and traveling.

MRT: What was your earliest performance experience?

Nicholson: When I moved back to 2009, I started with MCT as a supporting [illegible] Mary Poppins. I hadn't set foot on stage in more than 15 years, but I

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2604 ADONIA ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$295,000
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GREG LACY HOMES		
5500 CASA GRANDE TRAIL Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #101011	$379,900
COBY FARROW CTC HOMES & CONSTRUCTION		
5517 CASA GRANDE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #100711	$399,900
EE HOMES, INC.		
7111 E. CO. RD. 92 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101304	$576,450
1113 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100887	$421,400
1201 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394		$419,000
[illegible] CUSTOM HOMES		
5509 SAN CLEMENTE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100586	[illegible]
5506 CASA GRANDE TRAIL Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100587	[illegible]
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1716 S. JEFFERSON ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100898	[illegible]
111 S. MINEOLA Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100897	[illegible]
505 LIDDON Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #99909	SALE PENDING
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
2814 S. CO. RD. 1080 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101522	$367,500
1400 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101529	[illegible]
1214 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101525	[illegible]
1206 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101523	[illegible]
1300 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101527	[illegible]
1210 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101524	[illegible]
1314 S. CO. RD. 1118 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101528	$297,500
J.C. BUILDERS		
4305 LLANO Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100147	[illegible]
[illegible] HOMES		
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
KBA BUILDERS, LLC		
2001 EVANS LANE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #101333	$485,000
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1212 DALLAS Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101356	[illegible]

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

Listing	MLS	Price
6814 W. CO. RD. 50 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101406	10 Acres/$1,250,000
4521 CORSAIR CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101916	$950,000
813 KEYSTONE CT Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #10121	SALE PENDING
3802 ST. ANDREWS CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101896	$790,000
#9 SUFFOLK Stephanie Roger 978-9575	MLS #99897	SALE PENDING
5312 CHESLEY CT Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100725	$749,000
4114 TANFORAN AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100115	SALE PENDING
2500 N. CO. RD. 1275 Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #101386	$610,000
6512 MOCKINGBIRD LANE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100589	SALE PENDING
6827 ISLAND CIRCLE Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #98336	$606,500
6 INDIAN RIDGE-BIG SPRING Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #101284	$600,000
3909 BAYBROOK CT Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100072	SALE PENDING
7111 E. CO. RD. 92 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101304	$571,450
7013 RIDGEBORO CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101472	$560,000
1202 BRECKENRIDGE DR Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #100250	$549,900
5109 TEAKWOOD TRACE Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #101311	SALE PENDING
2024 FRINGEWOOD Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #100359	$549,900
2104 N. I ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #99836	$535,500
1913 GLADEWOOD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98776	$535,000
4844 RUSTIC TRAIL Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #1001138	$499,000
2001 EVANS LANE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #101333	$485,000
4100 EDGEBROOK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101095	SALE PENDING
5207 MATHIS Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #101394	$439,500
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5509 SAN CLEMENTE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100586	$409,900
5506 CASA GRANDE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100587	$409,900
5200 CASTLE PINE RD Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #100763	SALE PENDING
3410 MEADOWRIDGE LANE Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #99652	SALE PENDING
7614 VENTURA Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #100959	$389,900
5405 RIDGEMONT Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #101840	$385,000
2212 SINCLAIR AVE Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #101579	$379,900
5500 CASA GRANDE TRAIL Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #101011	$379,900
2205 STRATFORD CT Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #101178	$379,000
3210 HAYNES Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #101578	SALE PENDING
4905 LOS ALAMITOS Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100590	SALE PENDING
5613 CROWLEY BLVD Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS# 100472	$370,000
5911 OAK CREEK Pam Dodd 413-0780		$370,000
3101 FAIRFIELD Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #101944	[illegible]
2305 METZ PL Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100051	[illegible]
# 15 WINCHESTER Martha Manulik 557-8744		$360,000
2403 METZ PLACE Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99260	$349,900
5605 CROWLEY Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #102022	$345,000
6008 MEDINA DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101972	$339,900
4003 CRESTWOOD AVE Stephanie Rogers 432-978-9795	MLS #100518	$330,000
4307 VALLEY DR Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #100935	SALE PENDING
3311 MARBLE LANE Larry Hatfield	MLS #100613	$329,900
5710 CROWLEY Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #101557	$329,900
306 E. CO. RD. 140 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98742	$329,000
2210 WHITNEY DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101969	$325,000
3802 CRESTGATE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101163	$325,000
4803 LEMONHEAD CT Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		$325,000
2407 STUTZ PL Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #101708	$324,900
3213 LOCKHEED Brian Sales 618-1818		$309,900
1412 TEJAS Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #102052	[illegible]
1422 LANHAM Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS# 100409	[illegible]
2802 CALDERA Stephanie Roger 978-9757	MLS #101959	[illegible]
3205 WEDGWOOD Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS # 100199	[illegible]
3004 DOUGLAS Paul Culver 934-1021	MLS #100911	[illegible]
5113 BRIGHTON PL Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #100137	[illegible]
2400 AUBURN PL Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS#101172	[illegible]
2300 CIMMARON Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412	MLS #99021	[illegible]
2306 HUMBLE AVE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS100441	$279,900
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3501 PINEMONT DR Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100726	$274,900
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1614 VENTURA AVE Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #100959	[illegible]
1615 NEELY Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #100298	[illegible]
2602 CESSNA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #100129	SALE PENDING
1504 NEELY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #101046	[illegible]
4611 WESTMINSTER Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #100130	[illegible]
2300 APPERSON DR Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #101619	[illegible]
3213 ORIENTAL AVE Pam Messer 349-8573	MLS #101955	[illegible]
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1500 DELMAR Cheryl Parrish 352-3052	MLS #101622	[illegible]
3916 MONTY DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101917	[illegible]
4509 DENGAR AVE Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #100744	SALE PENDING
6219 OLYMPIC CT Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100244	SALE PENDING
1721 MAGNOLIA AVE Daria Davis 260-8077	MLS #100024	SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93896	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

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1209 CUTHBERT AVE Larry Hatfield 432-349-4788	MLS #99174	$949,900
3807 NORTHFIELD Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #97301	$889,900
9706 E. CO. RD. 127 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #98330	25 Acres/$775,000
121 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #101569	$699,900
3302 BLUEBIRD LANE Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #94206	SALE PENDING
3905 CARDINAL LANE Caleb Matott 432-349-3300		3+ Acres/$520,000
5609 E. CO. RD. 120 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100489	$475,000
4100 EDGEBROOK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101095	SALE PENDING
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
3317 W. CO. RD. 185 Madison Shaw		SALE PENDING
3228 FAIRFIELD LANE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100318	SALE PENDING
5517 CASA GRANDE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #100711	$399,900
3402 FELDSPAR LANE Janice Murrell 432-349-7242	MLS #101330	$379,900
1007 E. CO. RD. 128 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101746	$360,000
3300 GREENBRIAR DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102030	$350,000
10706 E. CO. RD. 109 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100811	$350,000
3825 IMPERIAL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101435	SALE PENDING
4095 CRESTWOOD Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #101860	$339,000
3403 LIMESTONE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #101537	$339,000
5704 SAN SABA Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #101249	SALE PENDING
5402 LA JOLLA Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #102073	$309,000
4007 ANGELINA DR Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #101641	$299,900
#4 AMHURST Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #102036	$297,500
6302 COLT COURT Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #101400	SALE PENDING
4604 MEADOWOOD COURT Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99453	$295,000
2604 ADONIA ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$295,000
901 CHEYENNE ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101251	$290,000
2805 EMERSON LANE Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #99294	SALE PENDING
2810 DURANT Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99124	$289,900
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4723 SPRINGMEADOW LANE #2 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #101636	$285,000
5001 MELVILLE DR Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #102035	$285,000
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5113 BRIGHTON PL Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #100786	$279,000
5009 WOODHOLLOW DR. Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS100460	SALE PENDING
1500 KANSAS Maria Mallory 352-4021		$275,000
1005 S. CO. RD. 1129 Tracy Farrow 413-4412		1.89 Acres/$275,000
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807 CHEYENNE DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101145	$272,500
4910 FIELDS PLACE Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #100161	$268,000
2512 NOEL Martha Manulik 557-8744		$262,500
2809 MOSS AVE Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS#101016	$259,900
3607 JORDAN AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100834	SALE PENDING
809 CHUKAR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100020	$250,000
5913 WAGNER DRIVE Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #100281	$249,900
4418 LANHAM Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #100337	$249,900
2513 FANNIN Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #101547	SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1128 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS# 986A	SALE PENDING
2310 DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101961	$245,000
2407 TERRACE AVE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #101062	$245,000
2302 SINCLAIR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$242,500
5112 LAVACA Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #101358	$239,900
1003 SINCLAIR Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #101503	$239,500
4907 BROOKDALE DR Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101100	SALE PENDING
2817 W. SHANDON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101404	$235,000
5212 CANADIAN Laura Sales 618-1818		$230,000
3200 BOARDWALK Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #101370	SALE PENDING
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2503 CASTLEFORD RD Darla Davis 432-260-8077	MLS #100391	$225,900
3401 S. CO. RD. 1070 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #987A	1 Acre/$224,900
1505 CASCADE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101530	SALE PENDING
2104 HUGHES DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100663	SALE PENDING
3309 WINDSOR DR Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #100223	SALE PENDING
2502 FRONTIER Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100054	SALE PENDING
4706 NEELY Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99965	$219,000
4903 BROOKDALE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98747	$218,000
2901 AURORA Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100487	SALE PENDING
1716 S. JEFFERSON ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100898	$216,000
3105 WHITTLE WAY Jane Wolf 432-352-4808	MLS #101285	$215,000
3606 SINCLAIR AVE Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #101800	$215,000
3014 CARVER Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99633	$215,000
2411 STOREY Lydia Scudder 853-2200		$212,000
4406 ST. ANDREWS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		SALE PENDING
1201 E. NOBLES-DUPLEX Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #101832	$210,000
3601 W. LOUISIANA Lavonne Johnson 770-3833	MLS #100500	$210,000
6212 SHEA LANE Jennifer Martin 349-2632		$209,900
2414 GODDARD CT Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100745	SALE PENDING
3521 HYDE PARK AVE Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99972	$205,000
5109 LAVACA Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #99409	$205,000
1508 ALCOVE CT Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #101445	$204,900
4907 WYLEA COVE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100816	SALE PENDING
3320 MAXWELL DR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #101045	SALE PENDING
3300 MAXWELL Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #101499	SALE PENDING
1024 GRIFFITH Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS 101368	SALE PENDING
1000 CIMMARON Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #101962	[illegible]
3310 W. MICHIGAN Angie L. McKay 599-0272		[illegible]
10611 E. CO. RD. 104 Tracy Farrow 413-4412		SALE PENDING
3320 SHANDON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101460	SALE PENDING
5102 SUNNYSIDE Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #101369	SALE PENDING
5115 SUNNYSIDE DR Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #100567	SALE PENDING
1500 N AVE. C Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #100249	[illegible]
3325 MAXWELL Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #100390	SALE PENDING
3000 DOUGLAS Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #100098	SALE PENDING
3302 PERRY Angie L. McKay 599-0272	MLS #101950	[illegible]
4318 GREENBRIER Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #101054	[illegible]
4501 CRENSHAW Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #100279	$185,000
111 S. MINEOLA Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100897	[illegible]
3607 CRESTMONT DR Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #99282	[illegible]
705 ALPINE ST Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #101390	SALE PENDING
703 BOYD AVE Debbie Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #102012	$179,900
4321 COUNTRY CLUB DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102040	$175,000
3314 FANNIN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101855	SALE PENDING
4302 PRINCETON Jennifer 349-2632	MLS #101269	SALE PENDING
3121 BARKLEY Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #101069	$165,000
710 MARSHALL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102045	$165,000
105 N. BENTWOOD Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #101408	$165,000
2519 STANOLIND AVE Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #102077	$164,900
111 S. BENTWOOD Laura Sales 432-618-1818	MLS #101310	SALE PENDING
3010 BAUMANN Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #100543	$150,000
118 S. BENTWOOD Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #102059	$149,900
3610 STOREY AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101605	SALE PENDING
4820 SHADY LANE DRIVE Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #99331	SALE PENDING
3105 DELANO Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #100788	$143,000
414 SHANDON AVE Reannah Wyatt 275-9015	MLS #101920	$139,900
4725 LAURA Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #99676	$129,900
4408 ERIE DR Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #101895	$124,900
4207 ANETTA DR Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #95057	$119,900
3314 FANNIN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101855	$175,000
4604 CHEROKEE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101970	SALE PENDING
1210 BURCHILL DR Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #100220	$100,000
1604 W. WASHINGTON Darla Davis 432-260-8077	MLS #100398	$100,000
1506 COLORADO Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101935	SALE PENDING
2007 DELANO Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #100659	$95,000
107 S. MCDONALD Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #99949	SALE PENDING

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

Listing	MLS	Price
3713 W. CO. RD. 1140 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101219	SALE PENDING
1407 W TEXAS AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS# 991A	[illegible]
3100 TEALWOOD PL Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #100882	[illegible]
2100 W. WADLEY #68 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94465	$205,000
3517 BAUMANN AVE Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #101371	$149,900
418 W. PECAN Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #102005	$139,000
1100 HUMBLE Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #101341	SALE PENDING
202 COWDEN Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99110	$119,000
913 HOLLY DR Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS#101354	$89,000
2303 CASTLEFORD RD Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #99006	SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

Listing	MLS	Price
3202 S. CO. RD. 1050 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101019	99.61 Acres/$1,543,955
6814 W. CO. RD. 50 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101406	10 Acres/$1,250,000
1209 CUTHBERT AVE Larry Hatfield 432-349-4788	MLS #99174	$995,000
9706 E. CO. RD. 127 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #98330	25 Acres/$775,000
5312 CHESLEY CT Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100575	$719,000
4009 E CO. RD. 63 Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #100804	2.2 Acres/$679,900
1103 N. CO. RD. 1110 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #100342	40.5 Acres/$630,900
6512 MOCKINGBIRD LANE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100589	$639,900
5702 S. HWY. 349 Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #100135-100131	$599,900
2500 N. CO. RD. 1275 Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #101386	$595,000
4109 E. CO. RD. 63 Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #99043	SALE PENDING
3905 CARDINAL LANE Caleb Matott 432-349-3300	MLS #	3+ Acres/$520,000
5609 CO. RD. 120 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$475,000
2211 S. CO. RD. 1118, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #99851	SALE PENDING
6600 FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96956	3BD/$439,900
3605 W. CO. RD. 145 Josie Alvarez	MLS #98906	$425,000
1113 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100887	$421,400
1201 CO. RD. 1118 Josie Rendon 889-8394		SALE PENDING
5509 SAN CLEMENTE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100586	$409,900
5506 CASA GRANDE Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100587	$409,900
4403 WEST IH 20 Tracy Farrow 413-4412 7 Acres Raw Land	MLS# L102070	[illegible]
7907 S. CO. RD. 1265 Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS# 100728	1.61 Acres/3BD/$372,000
1007 E. CO. RD. 128 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101746	$360,000
1001 E. CO. RD. 129 Wendy Waddell 638-9955		1.1 Acres/3BD/$350,000
10706 E. CO. RD. 109 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #100811	$350,000
2210 S. CO. RD. 1120, GREENWOOD Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS 100999	SALE PENDING
5704 SAN SABA Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #101249	$329,900
306 E. CO. RD. 140 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98742	4BD/$329,000
4700 CO. RD. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101883	4 Acres/$325,000
4201 S. CO. RD. 1185 Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #100444	$325,000
2501 W. CO. RD. 130 Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$325,000
1614 VENTURA AVE Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #100959	[illegible]
12201 W. CO. RD. 54 Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #101833	3BD/$294,900
1005 S. CO. RD. 1129 Tracy Farrow 413-4412		1.89 Acres/$275,000
1200 S. CO. RD. 1120 Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #101751	3BD/$265,000
3605 S. CO. RD. 1184 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #101830	3BD/$250,000
809 E. CO. RD. 123 Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #100660	SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1128 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS# 986A	SALE PENDING
3605 W. CO. RD. 145 Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #98995	4BD/$230,000
5201 S. CO. RD. 1157 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #101852	4BD/$235,000
3713 W. CO. RD. 1140 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101219	SALE PENDING
3105 WHITTLE WAY Jane Wolf 432-352-4808	MLS #101285	$230,000
2816 SHANDON AVE Susan Palmer 432-978-7816	MLS #101316	$225,000
3401 S. CO. RD. 1070 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #987A	1 Acre/$224,900
2901 AURORA Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100487	$217,500
6204 CHICKASAW Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99975	3BD/$215,000
5212 BLUE HAVEN DRIVE Cherith Hamilton 432-556-0306	MLS #100495A	$215,000
10803 E. CO. RD. 108 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #100102	SALE PENDING
3601 W. LOUISIANA Lavonne Johnson 770-3833	MLS #100500	$210,000
10611 E. CO. RD. 104 Tracy Farrow 413-4412		SALE PENDING
7007 E. CO. RD. 90, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS#102051	3BD/$194,900
1401 E. CO. RD. 145 Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98044	$190,000
1210 N. CO. RD. 1081, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS# 101074	2BD/[illegible]
4302 PRINCETON Jennifer 349-2632	MLS #101269	$175,000
3406 S. CO. RD. 1071 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #99377	$139,000
5001 S. CO. RD. 1137 Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97679	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

Listing	MLS	Price
8600 N. CO. RD. 1150 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #99373	HUGE Shop, 208+ Acres $2,495,000
6 INDIAN RIDGE-BIG SPRING Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #101284	$600,000
15192 N. PECAN AVE Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330	MLS #100289	10+ Acres/$425,000
105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #123919	4BD/$399,000
3514 CO. RD. 145 Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #100010	SALE PENDING
5410 LA JOLLA COVE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #99974	SALE PENDING
2306 HUMBLE AVE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100441	4BD/$279,900
1202 S. NELSON, MONAHANS Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95441	3BD/$275,000
5009 WOODHOLLOW Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #100460	3BD/$274,900
2107 PAGEWOOD, ODESSA Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #93222	SALE PENDING
207 SW 12TH, SEMINOLE Danny Norwood 618-5012		$194,900
1210 N. CO. RD. 1081 Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #101074	$188,500
7244 MANFORD LANE, ODESSA Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #381981	SALE PENDING
5327 LONGSHORE RD., BIG SPRING Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #101735	3BD/$172,000
2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89268	3BD/$169,000
4513 CONLEY AVE, ODESSA Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #100833	SALE PENDING
1221 MARY ST., CRANE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	3BD/$150,000
900 NE 2ND, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #90362	3BD/$140,000
309 ST. CHARLES, STANTON Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #101494	2BD/$135,000
1211 NW 4TH ST., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89898	SALE PENDING
708 COLLIE WAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89681	SALE PENDING
109 GRAY ST., STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94344	3BD/$132,000
2102 ALLENDALE, BIG SPRING Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #95681	4BD/$130,000
1107 WHEELER Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101367	3BD/$115,000
711 ST. FRANCIS, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #93473	SALE PENDING
2203 S. JOHNSON AVE., PECOS Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #89618	4BD/$100,000
5613 EL PASO AVE., ODESSA Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #93495	3BD/$79,900
105 E. 21ST., CRANE Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	SALE PENDING
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	SALE PENDING
1712 HACKBERRY ST., PECOS Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88971	SALE PENDING
514 W. 83RD, ODESSA Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92454	3BD/$79,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #86570	3BD/$78,000
1013 STADIUM, BIG SPRING Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #101629	$55,000
1407 NW AVE. B., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89176	2BD/$38,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Listing	MLS	Price
W. CO. RD. 116 Caleb Matott 349-3330		12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
5308 WALL ST Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	[illegible]
5702 S. HWY. 349 Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #100135-100131	$599,900
1002 MARIENFELD Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101869	$580,000
810 W. KENTUCKY Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #101505	$425,000
2700 W. WALL ST Terry Gammage 770-2882	MLS #0101222	$390,000
3207 W. FRONT Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #99573	0.98 Acres/$385,000
1811 ORCHARD LANE Maria Mallory		$299,900
111 N. C Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #100364	[illegible]
1407 W TEXAS AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS# 991A	[illegible]
705 S. BIG SPRING Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #101687	$162,500
3102 CUTHBERT AVE Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #99770	SALE PENDING
110 E. CO. RD. 114 Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #97579	$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100230	2 Lots/$120,000
600 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$95,000
310 ST. PETER, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89966	$95,000
1211 N. LAMESA RD Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #100946	$85,000
503 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89899	$75,000
2825 MERCEDES Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97753	$69,000

LANDS AND LOTS

Listing	MLS	Price
W. CO. RD. 116 Caleb Matott 349-3330		12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY Caleb Matott 349-3330	North Ridge Dev., RV Park, Storage Complex	$20,000,000
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97407	SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
3021 E. I-20 Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96595	31.74 Acres/$2,500,000
CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97403	CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
CO. RD. 1110 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96969	261.045 Acres/$1,435,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97406	SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$968,500
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94070	185 Acres/$925,000
1200 STOKES Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #100781	10+ Acres/$800,000
FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
3201 CYNTHIA DR Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97539	11.4 Acres/$425,000
5401 E. CO. RD. 120 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #95128	SALE PENDING
3700 W. CO. RD. 145 Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96344	10 Acres + a building/$325,000
N. CO. RD. 1150/ELKINS RD Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95384	20 Acres/[illegible]
CO. RD. 1130 Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/[illegible]
807 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #94740	1.75 Acres/[illegible]
903 & 905 S. MAIN ST., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89500	1.08 Acres/$197,500
HWY. 80 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #101970	$190,000
4219 S. HWY. 349 Caleb Matott 345-3330		SALE PENDING
4921 N. CR 1147 Caleb Matott 432-349-3330	MLS #99648	8+ Acres/$175,000
6100 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101143	$175,000
CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott - 432-349330 New Subdivision/ 1available		5 Acres/$150,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
1401 ECR 145, Midland, TX Angie McKay	MLS #101366	3.8 Acres/$120,000
CO. RD. 54 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #100052	$115,000
7408 E. CO. RD. 96 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100047	4.58 Acres/[illegible]
CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330 New Subdivision/1 available		SALE PENDING
CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330 New Subdivision/3 available		3 Acres/[illegible]
7411 E. CO. RD. 96 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100044	1.458 Acres/[illegible]
1202 S. CO. RD. 117 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100043	1.488 Acres/[illegible]
CR 110 GREENWOOD Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 New Subdivision/ 3 available		3+ Acres/[illegible]
3491 E2050 Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #101238	SALE PENDING
7316 E. CO. RD. 96 Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #100046	1.017 Acres/[illegible]
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At [illegible]
LOOP 250 & I-20 Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 Res. Devel.		35+ Acres/[illegible]/Acre
LOOP 250 & I-20 Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 NEW Development/ 2 avail		30+ Acres/[illegible]/Acre
LOOP 250 & I-20 Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 Midland Southwest Crossing		27+ Acres/[illegible]/Acre
LOOP 250 & I-20 Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330 Residential Development		25+ Acres/[illegible]/Acre
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000/Acre
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97405	GREAT Land, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
112 SW 2ND ST., ANDREWS Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89499	SALE PENDING
S. TYLER Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92810	SALE PENDING

FARMS AND RANCHES

Listing	MLS	Price
LAKE ALAN HENRY Caleb Matott - 432-349-3330		HUGE OPPORTUNITY; Water Rights $20,000,000
8600 N. CO. RD. 1150 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #99373	Lush & Beautiful, 208+ Acres $2,495,000
CO. RD. 160 & 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97407	SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97403	CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330		SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$968,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065 Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97406	SUPERB Land - Will Split, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
PECOS COUNTY, FORT STOCKTON Caleb Matott 349-3330 Superb Mule Deer & Bird Hunting		2000+ Acres/$550/Acre
ANDREWS/ECTOR COUNTY Caleb Matott 349-3330 M Bar Ranch - Extremely good cattle/hunting ranch; SWD income		9,039+ Acres/$425/Acre

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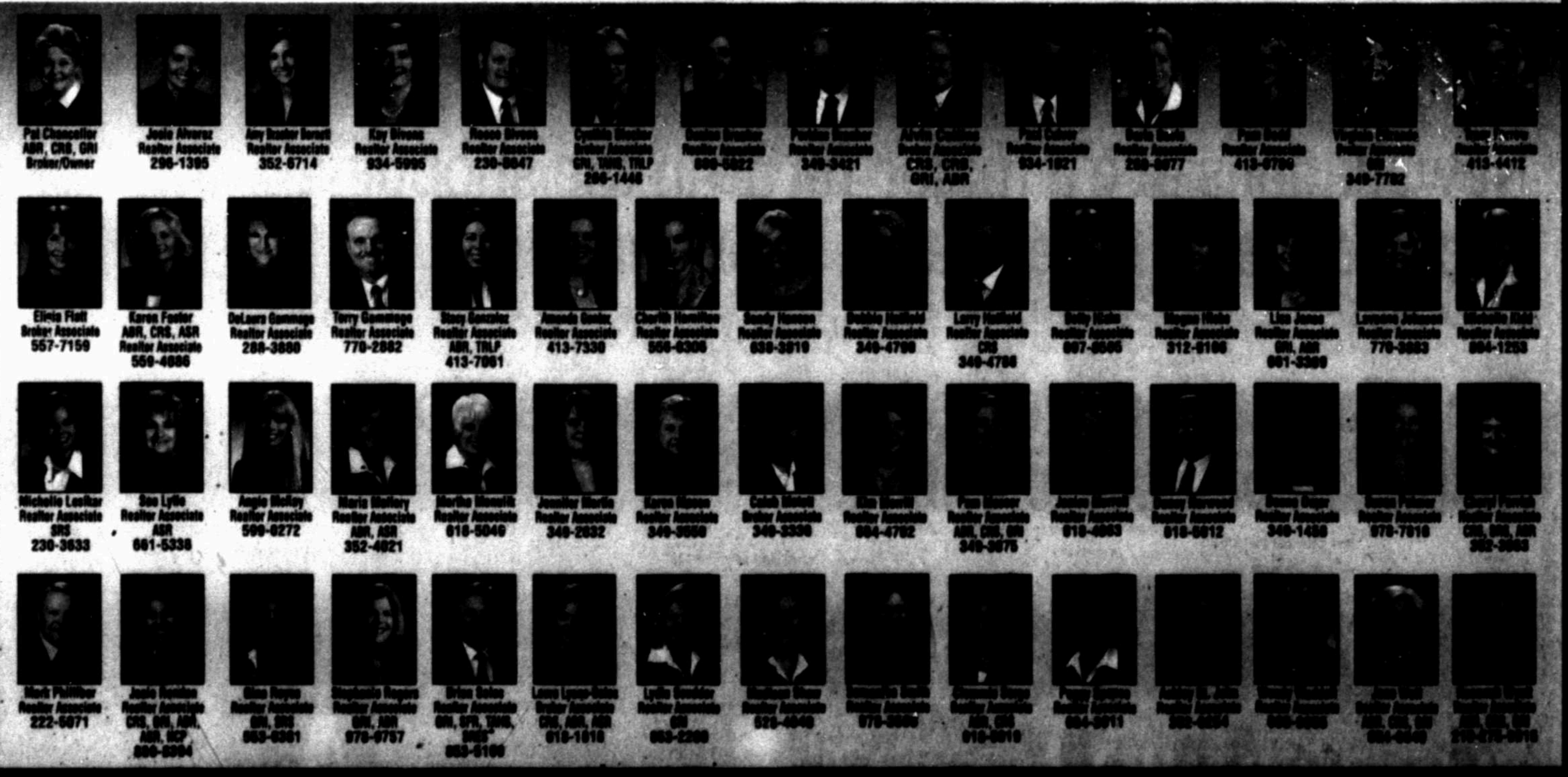
FOR LEASE

Listing	MLS	Price
905 COMISKEY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #101606	[illegible]/MONTH
6202 MILE HIGH Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #102013	[illegible]/MONTH
4505 LASALLE CIR. Brian Sales 618-1818		[illegible]/MONTH
807 BOYD Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #101815	[illegible]/MONTH



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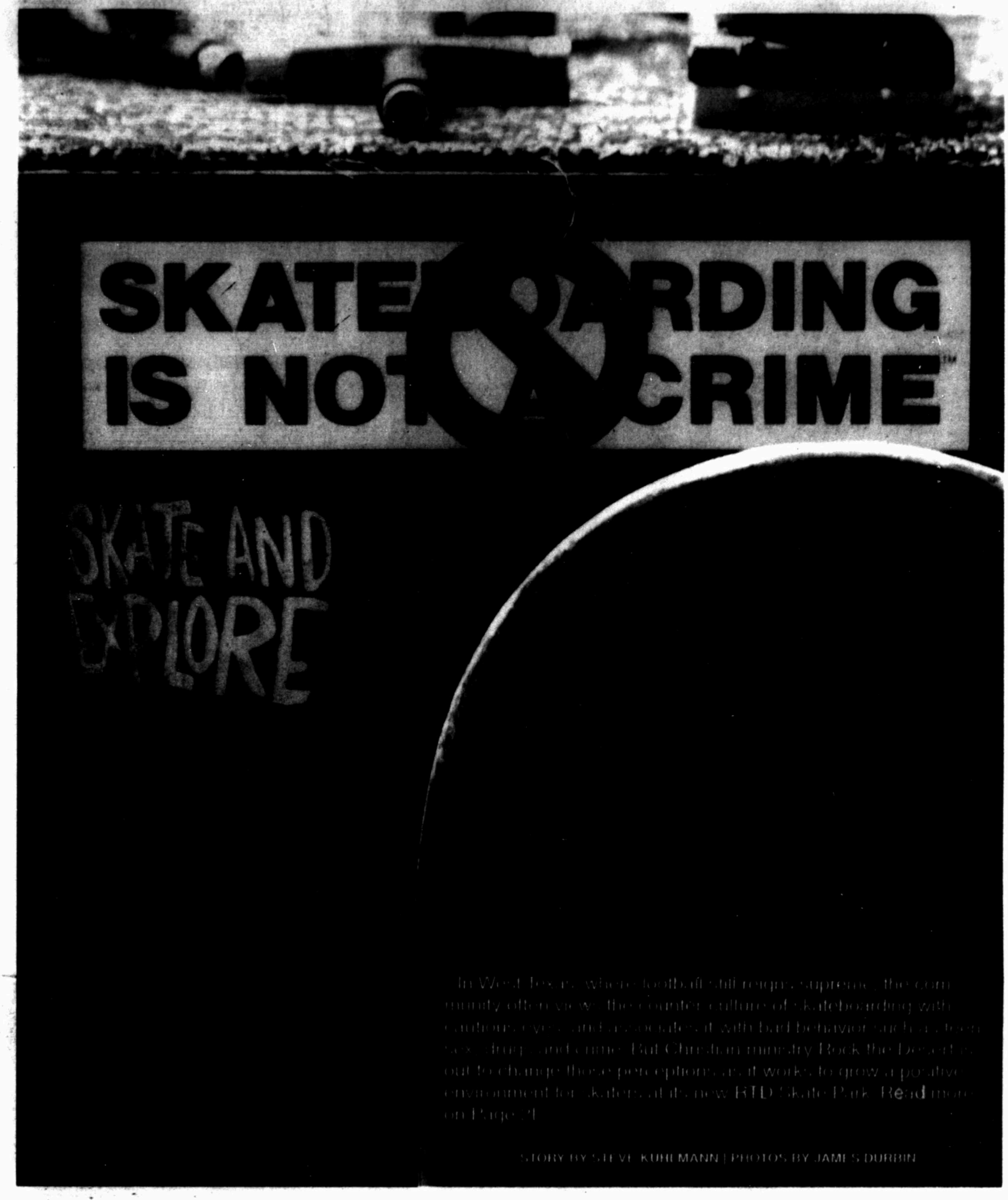

In West Texas, where football still reigns supreme, the community often views the counter-culture of skateboarding with cautious eyes and associates it with bad behavior and boredom. Sex, drugs and crime. But Christian ministry Rock the Desert is out to change those perceptions and works to grow a positive environment for skaters at the new RTD Skate Park. Read more on Page 2E

STORY BY STEVE KUHLMANN | PHOTOS BY JAMES DURBIN

Exhibit gives viewers glimpse into Christmases past

WENDY EARLE
Museum of the Southwest

Santa Claus is a fascinating character in our culture, steeped in mythology and history. He has gone through many incarnations, and been depicted in many ways in different places and times. Our most iconic version of Santa — with a beard, red suit, big belly and jolly demeanor — was created by an artist every bit as fascinating. Thomas Nast first depicted Santa in 1866, and his engravings were reproduced in magazines like Harper's Weekly for many years afterward. He created many iconic images of Christmastime and winter, incorporating current events like the Civil War into his artwork.

Nast was born in Germany in 1840, but early in his life moved with his family to New York. He developed a talent for drawing at a very early age, and studied at the National Academy of Design. He started working for several illustrated newspapers in the late 1850s, working as a draftsman and creating images of sporting events, military campaigns and political issues. When the Civil War broke out he started drawing scenes of battlefields and how the war affected those at home, and his compositions were seen by millions. After the end of the war Nast moved into political cartoons, where he used his biting wit and artistic skill to draw attention to scandals and corruptions. He is often cited as the "founding father of American political cartoons," and his contributions include popularizing the political symbols of Democratic donkeys and Republican elephants.

Nast's illustrations are complex and rich in the iconography and ideas of his day, sometimes making them incomprehensible for viewers now. Far different from his political cartoons, Nast's depictions of Santa Claus became a second legacy for

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With Matthew Nicholson | actor

The actor Matthew Nicholson is currently be[illegible] as The Old Man in the father in Midland Community Theatre's A Christmas Story, The Musical running through Dec. 21. He will play Schroeder in Permian Playhouse's You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown in February. The native Midlander was a Pickwick Player in the mid-1990s and then went to work in the Professional Theatre in Chicago, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, The Mercury Theatre and Gallery X/Center for the Arts. He then quit theatre and worked as a personal training manager for Equinox Fitness Clubs, and currently is a cell phone officer. When not on stage, he enjoys time with family and friends and reading.

MRT: What is your greatest achievement as an actor?

Nicholson: When I moved back to Midland from Chicago, I had no idea how I was going to support myself. My agent had told me I was one of the top 14 actors, but I

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SKATE

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"I think that a lot of parents will discourage their kids from skating because when (they) go and start looking at the magazines, you would have to be kind of crazy to let your kid get involved in that," said Uli Fralliccíardi, director of RTD Skate Park. "(Skateboarding) has a bad rap, but here, when (parents) come to this skate park and they see that it's a clean environment they'll feel better about it."

The skate park made its debut this summer at the annual Rock the Desert music festival and opened on Halloween for year-round skating — Tuesday through Saturday each week.

Located on Farm-to-Market Road 1788 near the airport, the indoor skate park is placed nearly equal distance from Midland and Odessa, making it accessible to skaters from each city.

In addition to the benefits of being an indoor park, skater Ivan Santamaria said the atmosphere is what sets it apart the most from the other parks. He likes "that it's a lot of friendly people."

While each city has its own outdoor skate park, they both have garnered a reputation of criminal activity that not only disrupts the ability of skaters to use the parks for their intended purposes, but also contributes to the negative attitudes skaters face.

Odessa skater Kenny Thompson said he likes the RTD park more than the one located in his hometown.

"(There are) more real skaters here and not just people who sit around like at the Odessa skate park and tag," he said.

While it is true that the darker side of skate culture can play host to some less-than-favorable activity, said Fralliccíardi, that's not the whole story.

"Everything that you need to learn in life you can learn at a skate park," Fralliccíardi said. "You've got to learn confidence if you're going to drop in and you have to learn to follow rules because if you don't you're going to get dealt with. You have to learn direction and balance and perseverance. There is just so much that you can learn."

Fralliccíardi said having the opportunity to leave a constructive impact on a child or young adult is a "privilege" he values highly.

"You can do so much through skateboarding and turn skateboarding into a positive thing instead of a negative thing," Fralliccíardi said. "I think that it can really influence a kid positively."

Although there is already an established skate culture among older youth, Fralliccíardi said he hopes to help facilitate interest in the sport among the children of the community so the culture's presence can continue to grow.

"I don't even know if they think that skateboarding is a sport (here)," Fralliccíardi said. "But, it's one of the only sports where you will see a 40-year-old guy and a 5-year-old all skating at the same time. It's a sport where, if you' (watch) them, they're constantly having to pick themselves off the ground and try again."

The RTD Skate Park is hoping to cultivate a larger community by offering Saturday morning skate classes for $5, after which newbie skaters are welcomed to participate in a free group lesson.

"It's cool because we have one pro and he kind of sits there and talks to them," Fralliccíardi said. "It's funny because sometimes they'll come out there with the helmets on backwards and goofy stuff, but (ultimately) we're there to love them and work with them. With the RTD skate lessons, they can just come out there and learn."

While there is a focus on growing new members of the skate community, Fralliccíardi said there is an equal emphasis on becoming a trusted member of the already-established community.

"Usually skaters are disconnected people," Fralliccíardi said. "We're disconnected or we want to be disconnected. It's almost like a tribe of people and it's kind of like you've got to earn your dues. You can't just come in and have them accept you right away. It's just the way it is."

As an outreach of the Rock the Desert ministry, the RTD Skate Park is seeking to build relationships with its skaters so that, if they're interested, the staff can share their faith and encourage the skaters "to grow spiritually" as well.

"There is something behind it because we're Christians and we want to share Christ's love, but it's not an ulterior motive to just make Christian robots," Fralliccíardi said. "Coming from the skate culture, I can relate to where they're at. (The Bible study) is a place where they can be real, because when we do Bible study it's really unique because you're in a skate park atmosphere and to them, that's what church is. That skate park becomes their church."

Fralliccíardi said because of the outsider status of many skaters, even if they have been interested in religion many of them have "been chased out of youth groups because they just don't fit in."

Ivan Santamaria, above left, and Bradley Cantu, above right, skate Tuesday at RTD Skate Park. BELOW: Uli Fralliccíardi, director of RTD Skate Park, talks during the weekly Bible study at the park.

"I always say you don't have to believe with us to be with us. No matter what you believe you're welcome to come to RTD. The kids that hang out at RTD, because the vibe is there, they really look out for each other. It's a family feel. I just want people to know that's how it works."

Uli Fralliccíardi, director of RTD Skate Park

Offering this alternative to a more traditional church setting has allowed the ministry to reach the skaters in a way they may have never before experienced.

Thompson said for him and his cousin, Bradley Cantu, the Tuesday night Bible studies are one of the "main things that we look forward to" in coming out to the park.

"(My) mom forces us to go to church every Wednesday and every Sunday and (here) it's just like they get more on our level and talk to us about real stuff rather than people looking down on us," said Thompson. "I feel like it's way different than regular church. Here you actually listen to what they say and they actually put it more into our words because they know how we are and they know how to get to us (better) than a regular church would."

For skater Grantham Wash, the park's mission to infuse skate boarding with faith is a marriage of two things he cares greatly about.

"The main thing about this park is that it's all for the love of Jesus and you don't get that at many other skate parks," Wash said. "This place is really great and I'm very happy that they're spreading the love of Jesus while we're skating, it's the perfect combination."

While they are not shy about the importance of the ministry to the RTD Skate Park, Fralliccíardi said being a Christian is far from a requirement to come out to skate at the park.

"I always say you don't have to believe with us to be with us. No matter what you believe you're welcome to come to RTD," Fralliccíardi said. "The kids that hang out at RTD, because the vibe is there, they really look out for each other. It's a family feel. I just want people to know that's how it works."

Although the skate park has a definite youth focus, Fralliccíardi emphasized that parents are just as welcome as their children.

"It's a family-run deal, so families can feel welcomed," Fralliccíardi said. "It's indoors, theres music playing, so there's an environment and it's a healthy environment for them. The response has been really good (because) I don't think that people have really had anything like that here before."

For more information on the RTD Skate Park, visit rtdskatepark.com.

Families struggle to cope with separation during holidays

KRISTI EDWARDS
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It is sometimes difficult, for various reasons, for families to be together during the holiday season. Some families can't afford the cost of airfare or gasoline required to get them to their families. These situations often make people feel guilty, as if they are abandoning or neglecting their families. While it may be painful to disappoint family, no one should be ashamed about being financially realistic.

Other people are afraid to take the time off from work. Many fear it may affect them being in line for a raise or promotion. Some people fear job security if they take time away from work for the holidays.

Adult children may be unable to come home for a variety of reasons. Some have married and are spending time with their spouse's family. It can be hard to realize that other people are going to be important to them.

Military families struggle with being apart daily. I am told the holidays are especially difficult for them, as decisions about being home are made for them — not by them — even when they desperately want to be around family.

Here are some tips for families that must be apart during the holidays:

■ Make a short video for the loved ones you wish you were with. Mail, email or text the video to them.

■ If you have a Web camera, Skype or Face Time, set up a time on the holiday so your loved ones can see you.

■ If you don't have the technology mentioned above, a good old-fashioned phone call will work.

■ Write a letter, putting all the holiday cheer and love on paper.

■ Make a definite plan for when you will be able to be together; having that time to look forward to will help.

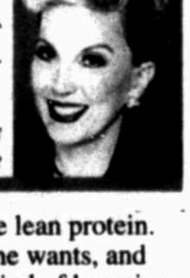
■ If you will be alone, don't isolate or withdraw; instead, accept invitations from friends or coworkers to spend time with them or volunteer with an organization that helps others.

■ Be the one who invites others who may not be able to be with family.

Finally, enjoy the family members you can be with and allow for time to reminisce about past holidays when you were all together. Look at photo albums, pictures on iPhones or iPads and discuss previous holidays with younger family members. Then anticipate future times and what you will do to make them the best holidays ever.

Kristi Edwards is a licensed professional counselor and clinical director at Centers for Children and Families since 1999.

Wife in a pickle packing lunches for choosy husband



DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My husband works, but I do not. I stay very busy, but he expects me to pack him a lunch every day. It must include a breakfast item and a lunch item, as he is starving by the time he arrives at work, even if he ate at home.

My problem is, he has a huge list of "do not pack" preferences because he's so picky. It changes randomly. His list includes "Don't pack so many carbs; I want protein. No sandwiches. No spaghetti leftovers using twisted noodles — only regular noodles. Don't use too many peppers; use more bell peppers and tomatoes." The list goes on and on.

I have told him he needs to eat what I give him because he expects a completely different lunch than our son, but he constantly complains about the lunches. However, if I don't pack his lunch, he refuses to pack one and then overspends on takeout. One man shouldn't spend $20 at Taco Bell in a single meal. I'm getting frustrated and don't know how to get this list to stop expanding. — FRUSTRATED LUNCH PACKER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I know you're hoping I'll say the solution is for him to pack his own darn lunches. But because he works and you are a stay-at-home mother, I'm reluctant to advise that.

Try this: Because your husband's list of preferences is not static and changes often, have him accompany you when you do the marketing on weekends so he can select what fruits and vegetables he would like to eat during the week.

When you get home, pack them in plastic containers labeled Monday, Tuesday, etc., so that when he's on his way to work he can grab one before he's out the door. Along with it include some lean protein. That way he'll have what he wants, and you'll have the peace of mind of knowing it's far healthier — and less expensive — than fast food.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 40s, married with two children. I am always getting invited to someone's bridal or baby shower. I loathe these events. I think they're a total waste of time. There are always stupid games guests have to participate in, and the nonsensical chatter is more than I can take. On top of that, the take-home gifts and door prizes are almost always tacky and cheap.

Am I alone in feeling this way? Do other women hate them, too? Most of the time, if I can, I decline the invitation (and send a gift if it's family). I just want off the invitation lists. Help! — GROUCH IN NEW YORK

DEAR GROUCH: Some people enjoy these parties because they are acquainted with many of the other guests, and it gives them a chance to catch up. Others attend out of a sense of obligation or to support the honoree on a happy occasion. While you can't stop the invitations from being issued, if you continue to be unavailable, I predict eventually you will receive fewer of them.

AP photo

Hugh Jackman plays The Man in "The River," a play by Jez Butterworth, directed by Ian Rickson, at Circle in the Square Theatre in New York. Before Jackman appeared in his current Broadway play "The River," he had to learn his lines, dig deep into his character and do something he's never done before: gut a fish.

Hugh Jackman talks fish, blood and his new show

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Before Hugh Jackman could appear in his current Broadway play, "The River," he had to learn his lines, dig deep into his character and do something he's never done before: gut a fish.

His character is a fisherman who in one scene pulls out a real 3-pound sea trout, cuts it open with a fearsome-looking knife, removes the internal organs, chops a fennel bulb, slips lemon slices into the skin and seasons the flesh before popping the dish in a fake oven.

It's a mesmerizing scene and Jackman — a man who plays a sharp-clawed Wolverine in the movies — seems completely at ease as he unhurriedly prepares the fish like a Food Network veteran.

He wasn't always so calm.

"I was originally a little nervous about it," said Jackman over lunch in Manhattan. "I'd never done it before and I knew it had to look like he'd been doing it his whole life."

So Jackman did what any actor worth his salt does: He consulted chefs and practiced. He originally planned to gut a fish every day for months until it became second nature, but he was told the better route was to gut 40 in a single, fishy session.

He got out his knives and made fish fillets and fish sticks and fish soup. "There are fish cakes still frozen in my freezer," he said, laughing. "No one's having fish at my house for a long time."

The scene comes in the middle of Jez Butterworth's enigmatic play about love and repetition. Various women from the fisherman's past enter and leave his remote fishing cabin, warping time and space.

"I think the more poetically you take the piece, and less literally you take the piece, the deeper you go with it," Jackman said. "Ultimately, I think it's a play that just spoke to me and my heart. I read it and I was like, 'Wow. There's something very true and real and honest about connection, about loss, about the search in life.' That's something that I've always had."

Jackman, who plays the pirate Blackbeard in next year's "Pan" and said he's close to starring in an original movie musical about P.T. Barnum, threw himself into the new play. He spoke to memory experts and read works by psychotherapist Carl Jung.

To nail the fish dish preparation scene, Jackman also consulted with a master — chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, where he has chosen to eat on this afternoon. But Jackman has turned down the lobster tartine and caramelized foie gras for a more modest lunch of raw avocado, toast, peanut butter and marmalade.

"Perfect," he said when his plate arrives. "I really love going to a three-star Michelin restaurant and they say, 'You really must try the marmalade with your peanut butter.'"

"The River," at Circle in the Square Theatre, has been a sellout, in part to Jackman's star power. But even with his comfort in front of an audience, the fish-gutting scene didn't go too smoothly when he first performed it, despite all the practice.

"I'll admit: The first time I did it, I remember thinking, 'My heart rate is about 75 beats a minute,'" said Jackman. Things got worse when he cut off the end of his thumb.

"It was not much but it was enough of a cut and it bled the entire play. I didn't realize it was that bad. I thought it would stop," he said. He could hear the audience murmur about it. "It was not my finest moment."

There were pools of Jackman's blood all over the set and the onstage carpet had to be pulled up and cleaned. "I'm a little slower now but now I've really got it. Now I'm really enjoying it," he said.

He'd better: Jackman is eating fish eight times a week as part of the show. The raw trout he's prepared is quietly swapped out for a roasted one, prepared for each performance from the nearby Emmett O'Lunney's Irish Pub.

Jackman, who also washes his hands and kitchen tools in a working water spigot onstage, had wanted to cook his fish each time, but it turns out it's illegal to have a working oven onstage.

Instead, he now bites into the catered fish at each show — and adores it, insisting it doesn't get old.

"Actors love that: free food," he said.

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the artist, according to his biography by Fiona Deans Halloran. The images Nast created are filled with roaring fires, sleepy children and Santa's visit in the middle of the night. Christmas had not always been a family holiday, but by the 1860s in the United States it became the ultimate family holiday — devoted to home, heart and children. Beginning in 1863 with works like "Santa Claus in Camp" Nast depicted Santa and the Civil War, emphasizing sentimentality and patriotism. Because of the artist's Bavarian heritage, Nast depicted the character as always smiling, with white hair, a beard and a big belly, and bringing children either toys and cakes or switches to punish them. His Christmas scenes have endured in the American consciousness for more than 150 years, and helped soften Nast's image as a scathing political cartoonist.

On view now at the Museum of the Southwest is Christmas at the Mansion, done up in a Black Forest Christmas theme inspired by Thomas Nast's heritage. The Christmas exhibition on display is Thomas Nast's Winter Scenes, made possible by Debra and Fred Westmoreland. The artwork is original newspaper prints from Harper's Weekly and other publications, on loan from Professor Jay Williams, a noted collector and authority on Thomas Nast. These black and white prints give viewers a glimpse into the holiday celebrations of last century. The images are sentimental and cherished portrayals of the character of Santa Claus.

Wendy Earle is curator of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of the Southwest.

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had such a love for that show, I had to audition. I never imagined I'd land my bucket-list role of Marius, but that gave me a huge boost of confidence that has brought me back to Permian Basin stages again and again.

I could find something in every show I've performed in to reflect upon, but one role I'm most proud of was when I portrayed Jesus in the MCT/Midland College collaboration of "Jesus Christ Superstar." To play such a significant figure was an honor, but came with intense pressure and self-doubt but I found an inner strength and peace that carried me through every performance, and despite being physically and emotionally drained each night, I was overflowing spiritually.

MRT: What is your best quality?

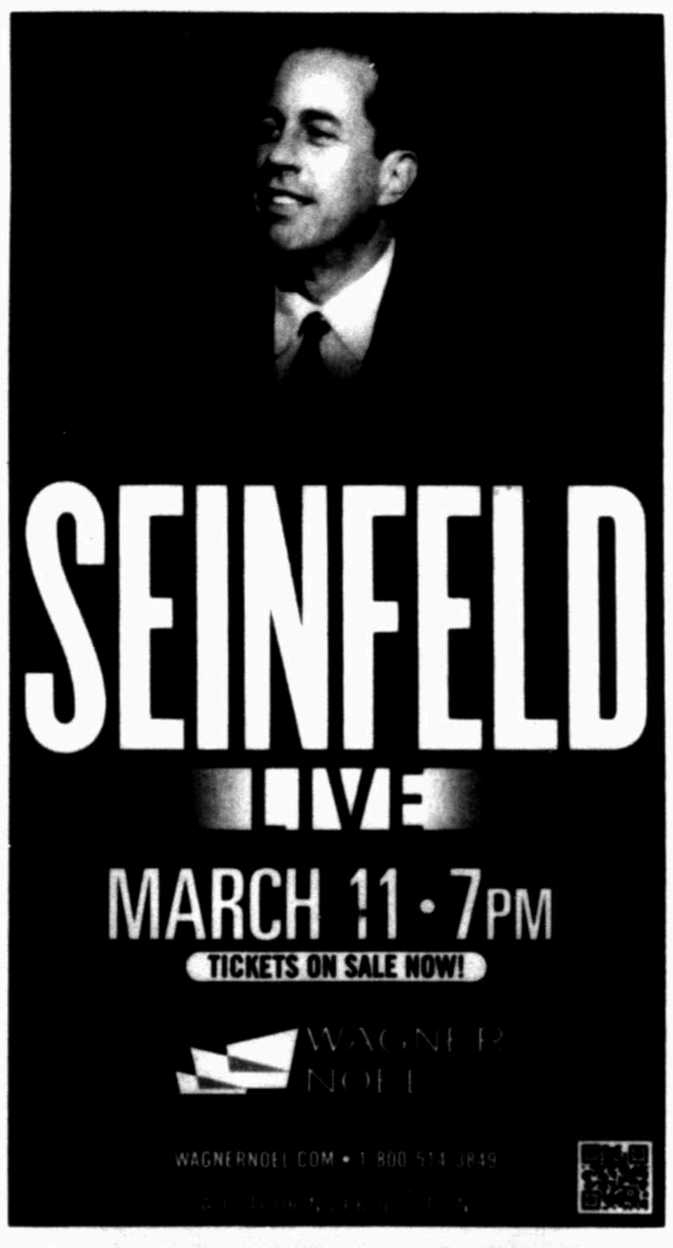
Nicholson: I'd say adaptability is my best quality. I love this quote by Bruce Lee: "You must be shapeless, formless, like water. When you pour water in a cup, it becomes the cup. When you pour water in a bottle, it becomes the bottle. When you pour water in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. Water can drip and it can crash. Become like water, my friend." It is so important to remember that we can accomplish so much if we work ourselves into our surroundings, rather than trying to force everything and everyone around to change in order to accommodate us. I fully believe that this ability to embrace change and learn to adjust my way of thinking and behaving has been the catalyst that has opened many doors, and allowed me to travel down many exciting roads.

MRT: Describe an ideal holiday meal.

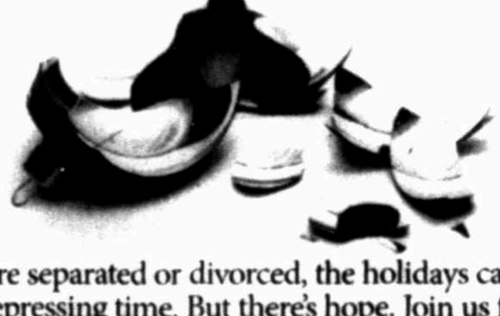
Nicholson: Holiday meals are all about the desserts. It really is the time of the year when everybody just lets go and splurges. Why not have your choice of seven different kinds of pie? Or a cake or two? Perhaps cookies or homemade candies? Around the holidays, the sweets are the star of my meal!

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Nicholson: Anyone who knows me will tell you that I



Surviving the Holidays
Help for the divorced and separated during the holidays



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Paulson - Barnett

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albert Paulson of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Louise Paulson, to Dr. Cary Clayton Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Loel Barnett of Bertram, Texas. A January wedding is planned.

The future bride is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies-Human Relations. Currently she holds a position as Legislative Director for a Texas senator in Austin.

The future groom hails from Burnet, Texas. He is a 2002 graduate of Burnet High School and a 2007 graduate from the University of Texas/Austin with degrees in Human Biology and Business Foundation from the Red McCombs School of Business. He received his Doctorate of Optometry from the University of Houston College of Optometry. In 2011, he was an inductee into the Beta Sigma Kappa Honors Society. Currently Clay is the owner and optometrist of Steiner Eye Care in Austin, Texas.

Welch 60th Anniversary

Eldon and Georgia Welch of Tarzan celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 18, 2014.

On Nov 30, a family lunch and party was hoted by the couple's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to honor the many years of love they have shared.

On the special occasion, cake was served from the same Fostoria cake stand along with the original cake topper used at their reception 60 years earlier.

They are currently the proud grandparents of eight and great-grandparents of seven with one more due in February.

Zagnut candy bars inspire holiday cookies recipe

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Zagnut candy bars are like a crumbly, coconutty Butterfinger, minus the chocolate. These cookies play off that crisp coconut texture, combining both coconut flour (often found with the gluten-free products) and shredded unsweetened coconut. You also can make your own coconut flour by pulsing unsweetened shredded coconut in a food processor until finely ground.

Coconut Wafers

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Makes 3 dozen

1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) melted butter
1 cup finely shredded unsweetened coconut
1/2 cup coconut flour

Heat the oven to 375 F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the brown sugar and eggs. While mixing, add the melted butter, then the coconut, then the coconut flour. Mix until well blended.

Working in batches, drop small mounds of dough by the teaspoon onto the prepared pan, leaving 2 inches between them. The mounds should spread slightly. If not, flatten to 1/8 inch thick. Bake for 10 minutes, or until golden brown. Gently loosen the cookies with a thin spatula and transfer to a cooling rack. Wash, dry and re-coat the pan between batches.

Once cooled, store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.

Cat books: Purrfect holiday gifts for feline fans

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The felines are fighting back — on the bookshelf.

Cats outnumber dogs in the U.S., but in bookstores, dog titles reign, the American Pet Products Association says.

For the cat lovers on your holiday list, several books challenge the notion that pooches get more play. Here are four gift-worthy books where cats shine:

"A Letter to My Cat"

Actress Rosanna Arquette, model Kathy Ireland and animal behaviorist Jackson Galaxy of "My Cat From Hell" are among the celebrities who pen love notes to their cats in this collection.

Dr. Betsy Kennon of Pittsburgh also contributes the story of Scooter, who was almost killed by a car but now brings joy to people also dealing with disabilities.

"The kitten was never going to walk," Kennon said. "I can't tell you why I didn't put him to sleep."

As the cat struggled to pull himself along, one of Kennon's workers stuck a plastic bowl under his rump to help smooth the way. The cat became known as Scooter, and the bowl gave way to a kitty wheelchair.

In the six years since, Kennon and Scooter have visited thousands of patients at hospitals and nursing homes.

"For him, it's not a handicap," Kennon said. "This is the way life is and people take inspiration from him."

"The Grumpy Guide to Life"

Leading the pack of popular cat books is one from down-in-the-dumps Grumpy Cat — "The Grumpy Guide to Life."

The kitty celebrity, whose permanent downturned expression is caused by a medical condition, has another book, wrapped a TV movie called "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever" and has her sad mug plastered on magnets, T-shirts, calendars and a host of other products.

The latest book is full of Grumpy insight such as: "People are like balls of yarn. For the most part, they're boring and useless, but I still get a lot of pleasure out of watching them unravel."

"67 Reasons Why Cats are Better than Dogs"

With a few good reasons and dozens of wacky ones, this book supposedly explains why cats are better than dogs. For example, did you know cats are better companions, surfers and chess players?

Arguments are often deliberately outrageous or puzzling. Take surfing: Pictures show a dog on a longboard and a cat on a keyboard, showing both "surfing."

Author Jack Shepherd of BuzzFeed also claims cats are faster, smarter and take the best self-portraits.

"Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cat Did What?"

The leader in heartwarming stories rounds up 101 anecdotes from cat owners.

The book was published in tandem with "The Dog Did What?" and highlights Chicken Soup for the Soul's work with animals, including donating its brand of dog food to shelters and rescues, publisher and author Amy Newmark said.

Warner Bros. Home Entertainment/AP

This photo provided by Warner Bros. Home Entertainment shows a box set, the 10-disc "Stanley Kubrick: The Masterpiece Collection." It includes a hardcover book of film archive photos, two new documentaries about Kubrick, and eight of his films: "Lolita," "Dr. Strangelove," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "A Clockwork Orange," "Barry Lyndon," "The Shining," "Full Metal Jacket" and "Eyes Wide Shut."

Thinking beyond the box set: Creative gifts for movie lovers

By Sandy Cohen
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — When shopping for the movie lover on your list, why not think outside the box (set)? While DVD or Blu-Ray box sets can still make great gifts, here are other things to consider for your favorite cinephile this season.

Commemorative books

The next best thing to a motion picture might be a collection of still pictures inside one of these new image-filled film books: With an introduction by Martin Scorsese, "Cecil B. DeMille: The Art of the Hollywood Epic" tells the history of film through DeMille's work. Peek behind the scenes with set shots, film stills and personal recollections by one of the authors, DeMille's granddaughter, Cecilia DeMille Presley (from Running Press, $60).

New Zealand-based Weta celebrates its 20th anniversary with a two-volume hardcover set. "Weta Digital: 20 Years of Imagination on Screen" explores the special-effects company's digital work in films such as "Avatar," "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit." "Weta Workshop: Celebrating 20 Years of Creativity" showcases costumes, creatures and other creations by the company's conceptual design and manufacturing studio (from Harper Design, $100).

Projector gadget

Turn your cellphone into a mobile movie house with the simple-yet-genius Smartphone Projector. Made of cardboard and glass, this affordable gadget requires no outside power source to magnify and project a smartphone screen (www.uncommongoods.com/product/smartphone-projector, $27).

Fun stuff

Kids of all ages love toys. If fans of "Transformers," superheroes or "Star Wars" movies are on your list, consider wrapping up Optimus Prime, an Iron Man figurine or a miniature Millennium Falcon for their bookcase or toy box (www.hasbro.com). Superhero fans might also appreciate the happy nostalgia of adult-sized Underoos (http://www.hottopic.com/hottopic/Brands/Underoos).

Do Sundance

If you want to go big, go for a trip to the Sundance Film Festival in January. Held in picturesque Park City, Utah, the 10-day event is open to the public, with celebrity sightings, screenings and filmmaker meet-and-greets in a festive, snowy atmosphere. Festival passes and packages can be pricey, but last-minute, individual screening tickets can be had for $15 to $20 each. The Sundance Institute also sponsors various free activities during the independent film showcase (http://www.sundance.org/festivals/sundance-film-festival).

Goodie bags

It's easy to make a sweet gift for a film fan: Fill a popcorn tub with classic movie candy (or order one here: www.winecountrygiftbaskets.com , $34.95) and top it with tickets for the local cineplex.

Streams come true

Give hundreds of movies for $7.99 a month by springing for a Netflix membership. Easiest gift ever (www.netflix.com).

Inside the Box

If it must be a box set, consider the 10-disc "Stanley Kubrick: The Masterpiece Collection." It includes a hardcover book of film archive photos, two new documentaries about Kubrick, and eight of his films: "Lolita," "Dr. Strangelove," "2001: A Space Odyssey," "A Clockwork Orange," "Barry Lyndon," "The Shining," "Full Metal Jacket" and "Eyes Wide Shut" (www.amazon.com, $179.99).

Photo-transfer projects make easy handmade gifts

By Jennifer Forker
Associated Press

Busy lives may require sacrifices, but forgoing handmade gifts for the holidays doesn't have to be one of them. We only need to plan well to have our crafts and give them away, too.

Photo-transfer projects are perfect for this: They're generally fast, easy and inexpensive. Yes, you could order a tote bag , printed with your pooch's photo, but why not make it yourself?

With products now on the market and some ingenuity, you can customize coffee cups, canvases and wood scraps.

"For our audience — the parents of young children — these are the kinds of gifts that grandparents and other family members love to get," said Laura Fenton, lifestyle director for Parents magazine. "It's a very affordable (way) to personalize gifts."

Nearly any surface can receive a photo transfer, according to Tracy Chou, a designer for Martha Stewart Crafts.

"There's nothing, really, that can't handle a transfer, and it's a great way for memory-keeping," said Chou, who has experimented with fabric, wood, glass, plastic, ceramics and metal.

Martha Stewart Crafts sells several decoupage products to help, but there are as many ways to transfer a photo as there are surfaces for adhering.

Karen Watson of Frederick, Maryland, assembled a dozen methods at her blog, The Graphics Fairy. She also provides hundreds of vintage images for downloading and suggests other do-it-yourself ways to use them.

You can download photos from Instagram, Flickr and other photo-sharing websites to personalize gifts for friends and relatives. Use a photo-editing feature — found on smart phones and on computer programs such as Photoshop — to give photos a vintage or dreamy look, suggests Hannah Milman, editorial director of crafts for Martha Stewart Living. Then print them on an inkjet printer.

One of the simplest projects is using iron-on transfer paper, available at craft stores. Print a digital photo to the transfer paper and then iron it onto a fabric. Muslin or canvas bags are popular options, says Fenton, who suggests washing, drying and ironing the fabric before transferring a photo.

"You want to have a really smooth surface to work on," she said.

Other ways to transfer images to fabric include the Mod Podge method (cover the printing side of card stock with craft glue, allow it to dry, print the image and position it atop Mod Podge thinly brushed onto the fabric). That method also works on wood and ceramics, said Watson.

Or use wax paper to transfer images to fabric or wood. Martha Stewart Crafts' decoupage products include a Phototransfer Clear Finish for transferring an image to glass.

HGTV magazine suggests sizing a photo to fit inside a wood embroidery hoop. Print the photo in black-and-white onto a sheet of printable fabric, peel off the fabric's backing and place the fabric in the hoop, trimming any excess. Embellish with bells, beads or other decorations.

Milman likes using photos in black-and-white or sepia tones, and ticks off a slew of gift ideas:

- Gussy up an apron, tote, pillowcase, T-shirt, Christmas stocking or dish towel with an image or collage of images.
- Transfer a photo of each family member to napkins for use throughout the holiday season.
- Dress up baked goods in metal tins personalized with photo transfers.
- Decorate small or large wooden blocks — available at craft or home-improvement stores — with holiday-themed or family images to give as gifts or use as a table centerpiece.

Quinoa dish can be a side or delicious main

By Melissa D'Arabian
Associated Press

The first time I heard of quinoa was more than 14 years ago. I was at a bustling little restaurant called Le Loup Blanc in Paris. The menu was plug-and-play — pick a meat, then fill out your plate with a selection of sides. Think upscale table-service cafeteria with crammed-quarters, French bistro charm and wine carafes clinking above a smoky din.

Quinoa was one of those side choices. And like many of us, I pronounced it incorrectly. But however I said it, I was glad I tried it. I was immediately hooked on those nutty little grains, and I ordered quinoa every time I ate there. Sometimes I made it the star of a meatless meal. Sometimes it nestled up to whatever meat I opted for.

Eventually, I moved home to the U.S., but quinoa came with me. I loved it because it was so versatile, so easy to cook and so good for me.

One cooked cup of this "pseudo-cereal" (it's actually the seed of a plant in the same family as spinach) offers 5 grams of fiber and 8 grams of protein, along with plenty of iron (a big plus for non-meat eaters) and B vitamins, but no saturated fat or cholesterol.

The exciting protein news on quinoa isn't necessarily the quantity (though that's good, too), but the quality. Quinoa offers all nine essential amino acids in the quantities required to make it a complete protein (unusual for vegetable-based protein sources). Another bonus: It's gluten-free, which makes it a great option for hosting gluten-free guests or for families (like mine) that have gluten-free members.

Winter Quinoa Dressing with Apples and Dried Cranberries

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

1 1/4 cups uncooked quinoa
1 3/4 cups low-sodium broth (chicken or vegetable)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
2 sweet Italian turkey sausages, casings removed
2 small celery stalks (or 1 large), chopped (about 1 cup)
1/2 yellow onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
6 ounces fresh mushrooms, roughly chopped
1 apple, cored and diced
1/2 cup dried cranberries
1/4 cup pine nuts
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
2 teaspoons chopped fresh sage
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

In a large microwave-safe baking dish, combine the quinoa, broth and olive oil. Cover and microwave for 11 minutes, then allow to sit in the microwave for another 2 minutes. Remove the dish from the microwave and stir the quinoa. Depending on the power of your microwave, you may need to adjust the cooking time.

Meanwhile, in a large saute pan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the sausage and cook, breaking up the meat with a spoon, until the meat is golden, about 7 minutes. Add the celery, onion and mushrooms, and cook until the vegetables are tender, another 7 minutes. Add the apple, cranberries, pine nuts, garlic, rosemary and sage, then cook an additional 2 minutes.

Combine the quinoa with the sausage and vegetable mixture and serve immediately.

Go For the Food: NYC deli feeds generations

By Beth J. Harpaz
Associated Press

While the cafe menu is not huge, there's something for every time of day, whether you want breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, drinks, or just, as they say, a nosh.

NEW YORK — Russ & Daughters has been a New York City institution on the Lower East Side for 100 years. The deli sells what's known as "appetizing" — traditional foods like bagels and lox that were brought here from Eastern Europe by Jewish immigrants, but are now standard breakfast and brunch fare around the city and beyond.

Fortunately for tourists who don't have a kitchen to take these goodies home to — and anyone else who'd prefer their chopped liver sitting down rather than to go — Russ & Daughters opened a cafe earlier this year three blocks from the store. It's run by cousins Josh Russ Tupper and Niki Russ Federman, the fourth generation of Russes in the family business. They're the great-grandchildren of the founder, the late Joel Russ, a Polish immigrant who sold food from a pushcart before opening a store in 1914.

Not only does the cafe food stand up to the store's hallowed reputation, but the entire experience of dining there is just a load of fun. There are nods to the original Russ & Daughters, like enormous hunks of salmon in glass display cases and the menu's retro typeface, which echoes the neon sign on the takeout shop. Many menu items are named with a charming wink at Yiddish — combo plates like "Mensch" and "Shtetl." Diners sit beneath lit-up signs for "PICKLES FROM THE BARREL" and "BELLY LOX."

Some menu items are the same as what you get in the store: your chopped liver, your knishes, your pickles and pickled herring. But others take classic flavors and favorites to inspired new levels. Potato latkes, a Hanukkah treat available at the cafe any time of year, are truly outstanding, crispy yet fluffy, served with either wild salmon roe and creme fraiche, or with traditional applesauce and sour cream. The smoked whitefish chowder with dill is a revelation: Everything you love about chowder and everything you love about smoked fish, all in one bowl.

Do not leave the cafe without trying the halvah ice cream, which turns the dense Middle Eastern sesame candy into a creamy, delectable frozen treat, with salted caramel accentuating the dessert's sweet-and-salty flavors. Even folks who don't love halvah will love this ice cream.

While the cafe menu is not huge, there's something for every time of day, whether you want breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, drinks, or just, as they say, a nosh. There are egg dishes, smoked fish platters, open-faced sandwiches, salads, soups and sides. Booze includes wine, beer, Champagne, artisanal cocktails like the Lower East Side — gin, lime juice, dill and cucumber — and bloody marys with four types of infused vodka. Homemade soft drinks include, of course, cream soda, coffee soda and chocolate egg creams, plus a lemon-lime soda bursting with flavor.

The cafe's blend of tradition and trendiness is perfect for its location. The Lower East Side was home to an enormous immigrant population in the early 20th century. Today, the area reflects its roots as one of the city's poorest neighborhoods, but its transformation to a fashionable hotspot is also evident in the profusion of sleek bars, condos and upscale stores. If the old and new flavors at Russ & Daughters' whet your appetite for a closer look at the neighborhood's immigrant history, be sure to visit the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, just a few doors from the cafe.

And if you can't make it here to sample all of this in person, well, the appetizing store will ship. Either way, as they say in the old neighborhood — and on the Russ & Daughters menu — "Ess gezinter hayt." Eat in good health.

Hints from Heloise

King Features Syndicate

Pine nuts are seeds inside pine cones

Dear Heloise: When dining recently, I had a dish with pine nuts. When I looked for them in the grocery store, I noticed how pricey they are. Why are they so expensive, and do they come from actual pine trees? — Charlotte W. in Indiana

Yes, Charlotte, they really come from the pine cones of a pine tree. The seeds (yes, they are seeds, not nuts) are inside the cones. This is why they are not cheap — it takes a lot of effort to get these tasty little nuggets to market. The cones are harvested, dried and processed so the "scales" (sort of like pulling off the leaves of an artichoke) come open and the seeds can be removed.

Pine nuts have a very sweet and nutty flavor. They are used in pesto sauces, added to cookies and other baking items, or tossed in salads. Usually they are heated and roasted to bring out their flavor. Do store them in the refrigerator. — Heloise

Clean sink

Dear Heloise: When washing my face in the evening, I put the stopper in the sink. When done, I add a squirt of soap and wash out the sink. A quick rinse, and it stays clean all the time. — **Deni A., Midland, Texas**

Olive nut dip

Dear Heloise: I am looking for your mother's Olive Nut Dip recipe. How can I get a copy? — Jay D., via email

Hey, Jay, all you had to do was ask. This recipe for Heloise's Olive Nut Dip or Spread is one of the most-asked-for Heloise recipes. I remember as a child sneaking some to put on crackers for an afternoon snack. With the holiday season here, you can make this and keep it in the refrigerator (hidden, if needed!) for quick sandwiches or as a dip for veggies and chips. Gather the following ingredients:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup real mayonnaise
1/2 cup pecans, chopped
1 cup sliced or chopped green salad olives (*see P.S.)
2 tablespoons juice from the olive jar
Dash of pepper

Mix the ingredients until blended and smooth, then refrigerate for at least an hour or two. It is so easy to make, and so yummy. This is just one of many family recipes included in my All-Time Favorite Recipes pamphlet. To order one, please send $5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (70 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Recipes, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. For added flavor, try adding some finely chopped jalapenos, a dash of hot sauce or some garlic black pepper to the recipe. — Heloise

P.S.: Salad olives are bits and pieces of green olives, and they are cheaper than whole or sliced green olives. Oh, you can use black olives if you prefer, but then you might need to add a dash of salt for taste.

Cornbread dressing

Dear Heloise: Bake cornbread dressing in muffin tins without paper liners. More people can enjoy the crust, and the leftovers are easily frozen. — Hazel D., via email

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Christmas book teaches Texas history

GLEN AARON

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Each year at this time, I urge West Texans — and, if I could, I would urge all Texans — to purchase the beautiful book, "Christmas in Texas" by Elizabeth Silverthorne. This book is a production of Clayton Wheat Williams' foundation and published by Texas A&M University Press, College Station. It has a beautiful red cover with a picture of old St. Nicholas.

Anyone interested in Texas history, whether it be West Texas, the pre-settling of Texas or the settling of the state of Texas itself, must have this outstanding historical rendition. Not only that, "Christmas in Texas" brings to the heart the very spirit of the season. It teaches us that many different cultures settled this wonderful state, and it teaches us that each culture, each ethnicity, is as important as our own in uniting to build the greatest state in the nation.

After Texas became a state, Mexico continued to contribute large numbers of immigrants. In 1853, an Irish nun, cloistered in the old Ursuline convent in San Antonio, wrote a letter to her motherhouse in Ireland describing the celebration of Christmas by the San Antonio Mexicans: "Already the Mexicans have begun their preparations for La Noche Buena-Christmas. As soon as night falls, lamps are lighted and raised high above the houses — this is done every night till the Epiphany. This morning, there was a great firing of a canon in honor of our Lady's Expectations. The great feast of the Mexicans is after Midnight Mass on Christmas morning, when they have a grand supper."

German immigrants began coming to Texas in the waning years of Mexican rule and during the days of the Republic. Many Germans were brought in by the Aldersverein, an association of noblemen. The Verein tried to protect the German immigrants until they could manage for themselves after their first crops were harvested. In 1844, the Verein sent a quixotic leader, Prince Carl Solms-Braunfels, to Texas to make preparations for more German immigrants and to help the German settlers already in Texas. The prince secured the services of the first-known German Protestant minister in Texas, the Rev. Louis C. Ervendberg, who had been in Texas since 1839. In 1844, Ervendberg conducted Christmas Eve services in Port Lavaca, using as a Christmas tree a large oak, decorated with candles and presents for the children. The prince furnished the presents and the tree, which was probably the first public Christmas tree in Texas.

All good Texans should learn their history and the history of the state. There seem to be many misconceptions that are seeded in ignorance. "Christmas in Texas" is most likely a far better history book on Texas than the chapter granted to the state in public school history books. Not only is it delightful reading that truly embodies the spirit of Christmas, it tells us how we all came together to settle this beautiful place. It even describes the Christmas heritage of the Windish, the Polish, the Italian, the French, the Scandinavian, the Czech, the British, the African-American and, of course, the Posadas, Pastores and Piñatas of Latin heritage.

Order "Christmas in Texas" through Amazon.com, or from your favorite local bookstore. Merry Christmas to each of you, and may you have a truly Texas Christmas.

BOOKBRIEFS

From wire reports

Passage on assault to be clarified in Dunham book

NEW YORK — A section from Lena Dunham's "Not That Kind of Girl" that recounts an alleged assault while she was in college is being changed to make clear that the assailant's name is a pseudonym.

Random House announced Tuesday that both the digital edition and future print editions of Dunham's best-selling memoir will include the clarification. The book already included a disclaimer saying that some names and details had been changed, but did not say precisely that "Barry" was not the real name of Denham's alleged assailant.

The publisher's announcement comes after an article last week from the conservative news site www.breitbart.com that challenged Dunham's story that she was attacked by a campus Republican. Breitbart reported that Dunham had an Oberlin classmate named "Barry" but neither he nor anyone else fully matched the description Dunham gave in the book.

In a statement issued Tuesday night through Buzzfeed, Dunham apologized for any discomfort the use of the pseudonym may have caused a former classmate.

Former JPMorgan banker gets 6-figure book deal

NEW YORK — A former banker at JPMorgan has a six-figure book deal for a corporate thriller series that began as an online serial.

Penguin Random House units G.P. Putnam's Sons and Penguin Books announced Tuesday they had acquired the first two books of Michelle Miller's planned five-part series.

The first novel is called "The Underwriting" and is scheduled to come out May 26. Putnam is releasing the hardcover. Penguin is releasing the paperback.

Miller's series is billed as "The Social Network" meets "The Wolf of Wall Street." It's based at an online dating startup and takes on Silicon Valley and Wall Street.

Miller received an MBA from Stanford University. She initially self-published "The Underwriting" by releasing 12 weekly installments on theunderwriting.com.

BESTSELLERS

Hardcover fiction

1. "Hope to Die" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
2. "Gray Mountain" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "The Escape" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Revivial" by Stephen King (Scribner)
5. "The World of Ice and Fire" by George R.R. Martin, Elio Garcia and Linda Antonsson (Bantam)
6. "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine)
7. "Flesh and Blood" by Patricia Cornwell (William Morrow) (Little, Brown)
8. "The Burning Room" by Michael Connelly
9. "The Cinderella Murder" by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Job" by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg (Bantam)
11. "The Mistetoe Promise" by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster)
12. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner)
13. "Prince Lestat" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
14. "Pegasus" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
15. "Betrayed" by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Killing Patton" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
2. "41: A Portrait of My Father" by George W. Bush (Crown)
3. "Make It Ahead" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
4. "Money: Master the Game" by Tony Robbins (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Guinness World Records 2015" by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records)
6. "Yes Please" by Amy Poehler (Dey Street Books)
7. "Dreamers and Deceivers" by Glenn Beck (S&S/Threshold)
8. "The Andy Cohen Diaries" by Andy Cohen (Henry Holt & Co.)
9. "What If?" by Randall Munroe (HMH)
10. "You Can't Make This Up" by Al Michaaels (William Morrow)
11. "Ripley's Believe It or Not!" by Ripley's Believe It or Not (Ripley)
12. "Unwrapping the Greatest Gift" by Ann Voskamp (Tyndale)
13. "The Big Book of Minecraft" by Triumph (Triumph)
14. "No Hero" by Mark Owen (Penguin)
15. "Not That Kind of Girl" by Lena Dunham (Random)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "Home in Seattle" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
3. "Wicked Ways" by Jackson/Bush (Kensington/Zebra)
4. "Mistress" by James Patterson and David Ellis (Vision)
5. "Innocence" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
6. "A Country Christmas" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
7. "Starry Night" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
8. "The Darkest Touch" by Gena Showalter (Harlequin)
9. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Dell)
10. "Fear Nothing" by Lisa Gardner (Signet)
11. "The Best of Me" (movie tie-in) by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
12. "Lying in Wait" by Ann Rule (S&S/Pocket)
13. "The Lincoln Myth" by Steve Berry (Ballantine)
14. "Mirage" by Clive Cussler (Berkley)
15. "American Sniper" (movie tie-in) by Chris Kyle (Harper)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Captivated By You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
2. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
3. "Unbroken" (movie tie-in) by Laura Hillenbrand (Random)
4. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
5. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
6. "Blood Magick" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
7. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
8. "Private India: City on Fire" by James Patterson and Ashwin Sanghi (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "Pokemon Omega Ruby & Alpha Sapphire" by Pokemon Company Int'l (Pokemon Company Int'l)
10. "Wild" (movie tie-in) by Cheryl Strayed (Vintage)
11. "American Sniper" (movie tie-in) by Chris Kyle (Morrow)
12. "La Bella Mafia" by Ashley/JaQuavis (Urban Books)
13. "The Martian" by Andy Weir (Broadway)
14. "George Washington's Secret Six" by Brian Kilmeade (Penguin/Sentinel)
15. "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst (Thomas Nelson)

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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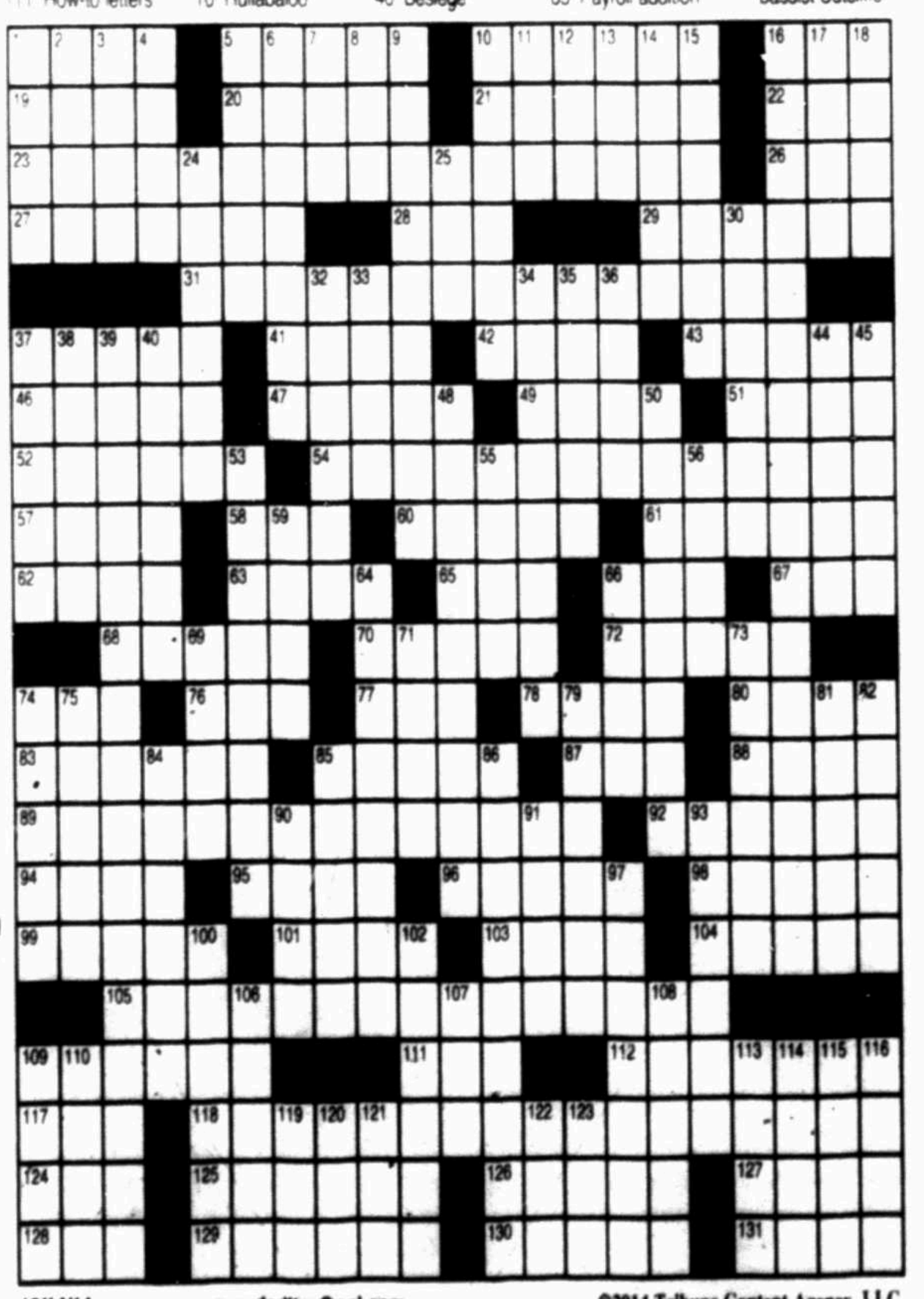
"EUREKA MOMENTS" By PAUL HUNSBERGER

ACROSS

1 Squabble
5 "Dr. Strangelove" subject
10 Packs again, at the checkout
16 Tasseled top
19 Shivering state
20 Lite to the max
21 Sellers of used texts
22 Vientiane local
23 In inventing his elevator, Otis ...
26 Troop-lifting gp.
27 1985, for Marty McFly
28 Producer of steamy fare?
29 Some dorm rooms
31 Nervously testing his new invention, the Aqua-Lung, Cousteau ...
37 Open, as a deadbolt
41 Oscar winner Sorvino
42 Square on a game square
43 Winning the lottery, for most
46 Soft wood
47 Saw logs
49 Periodontist's concern
51 Old Norse poetry collection
52 Black Sea port
54 In inventing the hot air balloon, the Montgolfier brothers ...
57 Old Sony brand
58 GoPro product, briefly
60 New branch
61 Thin plate
62 Enterprise counselor
63 Fonda's title beekeeper
65 Concert finish?
66 Banned bug spray
67 Slew
68 Roadside light
70 Vein locales
72 Hal who produced Laurel and Hardy films
74 Striped-shirt wearer
76 Too easy
77 Emmy winner Arthur
78 Rail vehicle
80 Doing business
83 1970s-'80s FBI bribery sting
85 Firewater
87 Certain screecher
88 Janis' comics husband
89 Tired but pleased to have invented the air conditioner, Carrier ...
92 Attendees of Connecticut's Battell Chapel
94 Orange-nosed Muppet
95 Boomers' kids
96 "___ in Provence": Mayle best-seller
98 Bog flora
99 Take-off programs?
101 Middling grades
103 Deli offering
104 Low pair
105 Proving his invention of the joy buzzer to be a complete success, Adams ...
109 2009 World Series MVP Hideki
111 How-to letters
112 Big memory unit
117 Can
118 Immediately upon inventing the box camera (but not the lens cap), Eastman ...
124 Hot brew
125 Filled pastry
126 Singer John
127 Stink
128 Scary film street
129 Pickup game side
130 Outfielder's "I don't got it!"
131 Additions

DOWN

1 Campsite cover
2 Helper with a hunch
3 Combine
4 Bank statement entries
5 Not allowed
6 Toast starter
7 Scot's "Crikey!"
8 West of "I'm No Angel"
9 Poison carriers
10 Hullabaloo
11 Portuguese pronoun
12 Tour vehicle
13 Burgundy bud
14 "Harry Potter" garden pest
15 Singer O'Connor
16 After inventing the forerunner to the modern toilet, Harrington ...
17 Facility
18 Menageries
24 Pet shop fish
25 Miler Sebastian
30 Transmit continuously, as video
32 Checkers cry
33 Buck back?
34 Where to go whole hog?
35 Spill, with "out"
36 Do followers
37 German sub
38 Low point
39 To celebrate inventing his revolutionary engine, Watt ...
40 Besiege
44 Hersey's bell town
45 Mesoamerican language family
48 Coneflower genus
50 Infrequently, to Dickinson
53 Luxury SUV
55 Tiptop
56 Census info, e.g.
59 Drummer Van Halen
64 Like some seals
66 Tie
69 Latin wings
71 The "I" in I.M. Pei
73 Fossil fuel transport
74 Hustled
75 Carlo Levi's "Christ Stopped at ___"
79 Prayer counter's beads
81 Poetic lament
82 Holders of glasses
84 Cleaning supplies
85 Payroll addition
86 Fat Albert catchphrase
90 "Shucks"
91 Unwelcome look
93 Opposite of ahead
97 Cheer on
100 They're loaded
102 Matzo meals
106 Piece of cake
107 YouTube find, for short
108 Helmut's denials
109 Partner
110 Eponymous skater Paulsen
113 Indian tourist city
114 "Where've you ___?"
115 Inflamed
116 Tut relatives
119 Woodcutter Baba
120 Ryder Cup number
121 Service station of a sort
122 U.N. workers' group
123 Early Beatles bassist Sutcliffe



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Beautiful defense

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ 2
♦ 6 5 2
♣ K 10 7 6 4

WEST
♠ A 9 4 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A Q 10 8 3
♣ 9 3

EAST
♠ K J 7 3
♥ A 9
♦ K J 4
♣ A Q 8 5

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ K Q J 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 7
♣ J 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♠	4♥	Dbl*	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

A six-spade contract, East-West, might have succeeded on a fortunate lie of the cards and some good guesswork. We'll never know.

East won the opening club lead with the queen and shifted to a low diamond. West won with his 10 and cashed the diamond ace. This was followed by the ace of spades and West had to judge how to continue.

The play to trick one provided the solution. East would have won the first trick with the jack of clubs, rather than the queen, if he held that card. West concluded that declarer held the jack of clubs, so he reverted to clubs. East won with his ace and continued clubs. South, picked clean of side suit cards, had to ruff with the jack of trumps and continue with the trump king. East won with ace and persisted with another round of clubs, promoting a second trump trick for the defense. Plus 800! A beauty.

Note that declarer might have saved a trick had he false-carded with the jack of clubs at trick one. At the crucial juncture, West might well have continued with a spade rather than a club and South could have held his losses to -500, a small loss compared to the value of his opponents' game.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014:
This year you express interest in travel and other cultures. You are likely to take frequent trips out of town.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to make calls to loved ones whom you normally don't get to chat with. Find a retreat. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are an understanding sign, even if you are stubborn. Not everyone is as upbeat as you are. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You can try to hide out at home, but you are not likely to be able to maintain that low profile. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll be ready for whatever the day brings. Set the tone by making calls to loved ones. You might want to catch up. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★
Funds continue to be a predominant theme. You might need to cover a lot of bases. Make sure your wallet can go the whole way. Tonight: Dinner and a discussion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You'll achieve exactly what you want. Know that you might be taken aback by your innermost desires. Tonight: Go for a little indulgence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★
Look back before you take off in a new direction. Understand that, when you greet change, you also will be letting go of some of the past. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want today, as you could have a limited amount of time. Someone you admire will give you a compliment. Tonight: Make it early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure builds around a responsibility, and you might not see a way out. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Avoid being controlling with an unpredictable family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A good friend will want to spend quality time with you. Make it your pleasure, as the two of you always have a good time together. Tonight: Dinner, great music and a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A friend means a lot to you, and vice versa. Talk about how you feel. Tonight: A cozy dinner with a special person.

BORN TODAY
Actor Jackson Rathbone (1984), apothecary Nostradamus (1503), actress Patty Duke (1946)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Religion	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		The NFL Today (L)	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	D.Reed	D.Reed	Hunters	Hunters	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Cowboy	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Edition	Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		To Be Announced	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Sqd	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Mickey	Mickey	Handy	Pocoyo	Jungle	Backyard	Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Hometown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	(:40) ★★ The Last Big Thing Dan Zukovic.				★★★ Tender Mercies			(:05) ★★★ Mr. Destiny James Belushi.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ The Ringer			(:45) Boxing HBO After Dark						State of Play		FirstLook
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) Seeking a Friend for the End of the...				★★★ Fantastic Four			(:20) ★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	★★ Great Expectations Ethan Hawke.				Comeback	★★★★ Before Night Falls				(:20) Mama	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) Breakdown		(:00) ★★ Jack the Giant Slayer				★★ Charlie's Angels			(:45) ★★ The Conjuring		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) ★ Epic Movie		★★ Blown Away ('94, Thril) Jeff Bridges.				★★ 300: Rise of an Empire			(:45) ★★ Identity Thief		
PLEX			96			(5:15) Racing Wit...		(:05) ★ Private Valentine			(:45) ★★ Love N' Dancing Amy Smart.				(:25) ★★★ Saint Ralph		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) The Cold Li...		Inside the NFL		Boxing Showtime Championship							
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:35) ★★★ Secrets and Lies				★ The Inkwell ('94, Com/Dra) Larenz Tate.				★★★ The Color of Money			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Dog B.H.	Dog B.H.	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Memoriam"		Criminal Minds		Godfather of Pl.	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men "The Wheel"		Mad Men		Mad Men "Flight 1"		★★★ Splash ('84, Fant) Daryl Hannah, Tom Hanks.					Movie
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Nellyville		Sparkle ('12, Dra) Jordin Sparks.			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Top Chef		Top Chef		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day	Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Gold Rush		Edge of Alaska		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Sofia 1st	Mickey Mouse Club		Jake	Star Wars	PennZero	Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie		Disney	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Heisman Trophy (N)		OLines	Report	Colin's Football (L)		SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Miracle on 34th Street					★★ A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				★★ Jack Frost		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	All-Star Cookies		Barefoot in London		Pioneer	Southern	Barefoot	Giada	Big Bite	Pioneer	Heart (N)	Rules
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Outdoors	Golf Life	DCowboys	Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		Countdown (L)		Game365	Xterra (N)
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Buffy "Flooded"		Buffy "Life Serial"		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★ The Incredible Hulk Edward Norton.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) The Good ...		★★★ A Boyfriend for Christmas				The Most Wonderful Time of the Year				The Nine Lives ...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	How the States Got Their Shapes				You Don't Know Dixie				Alaska "Blazing Trail"		Alaska "River Rage"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★★ An Accidental Christmas				A Christmas Pr...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Premier L	Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Liverpool at Manchester United (L)				Bridge	EPL Soccer Tottenham vs Swansea (L)			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Penguins	Rangers	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	H.Danger	Nicky
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	★★★ Walking Tall			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program				The Twilight Zone		Dungeons & Dragons: The Book of Vil...				In the Name of ...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	★★ My Best Friend's Girl Dane Cook.				Just Like Heaven	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Postma...		★★★★ It's Always Fair Weather				★★★ The Pirate ('48, Mus) Judy Garland.				Bundle of Joy	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Op. Repo	EPL Fútbol Tottenham vs Swansea (L)			
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Say Yes to the Dress		Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Paradigm"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		LawOrder "Gunplay"		The Lord of the...	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Nanny		Nanny	(:35) Nanny	(:10) Nanny	(:50) Feud	(:25) Family Feud		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Covert Affairs		White Collar		NCIS "Cover Story"		NCIS "Family"	
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Moments on Ice				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts Site: Lucas Oil Stadium -- Indianapolis, Ind. (L)								Skiing		FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		The Rockford Files		Hawaii Five-O	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Buffalo Bills (L)						NFL Football San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks (L)					
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	S. Baras	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dew Tour (L)				PGA Golf Father/ Son Challenge Site: The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Fitness	BioCent	Quilt Arts	Beads	Sewing	Islands	E.Smith	Platts	News. (N)	America
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Al punto		Hotel todo incluido		El Chavo Animado		Certified	Cita Con	Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ The Confession Alec Baldwin.				★★ Little City Josh Charles.			★★★ Heathers			(:15) Terminal Ve...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:45) Billy Crystal 700 Sundays			(:45) Grudge Match Sylvester Stallone.				(:45) 42 ('13, Bio) Harrison Ford, Chadwick Boseman.				
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Making	Getting On	The Incredible Burt Wonde...		(:45) ★★★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Hugh Jackman.						WBC Boxing	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(11:20) Mama		(:05) How Stella Got Her Groove Back				(:15) The Newsroom		(:15) ★★ The Sentinel Kiefer Sutherland.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) The Secret Life of Walter Mitty				(:40) ★★★ The Rock ('96, Act) Sean Connery.					★★ The Heat	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:50) ★★ Summer of Sam ('99, Cri) John Leguizamo.					(:15) The Rite ('11, Dra) Colin O'Donoghue.				(:15) The Hobbit:...	
PLEX			96			(:05) ★★ Canadian Bacon			(:45) ★★★ The President's Analyst				★★ Love N' Dancing			(:10) Racing Wit...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Therapy	The Last Exorcism Part II			God's Pocket			Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom ('13, Bio) Idris Elba.				
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	★★ Judge Dredd			(:40) ★★★ The Longest Yard				(:35) The Hunter Willem Dafoe.			(:20) Adult World	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Godfather of Pl. (N)		C. Buck$	C. Buck$	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:30) ★★★ Steel Magnolias Sally Field.				★★ Coach Carter ('05, Dra) Robert Ri'chard, Samuel L. Jackson.						Fantastic 4: Ris...	
BET	58	26		40		(10:00) Sparkle		Hot Chocolate Nutcracker Raven-Symone.				★ Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Ice Cube, Bow Wow.					Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Girlfriends' Guide		Millionaire		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dirty Jobs		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Austin	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Girl	Girl	Girl	Mickey	(:15) Tan...
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling		Basketball		30 for 30 "The U"				30 for 30 "The U"			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	The Fab Five				NCAA Basketball Tennessee vs. Rutgers (L)				Heisman	30 for 30 "Playing for the Mob"		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★ Fred Claus ('07, Com) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.					National Lampoon's Christmas Vacati...				How The Grinch...	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Kitchen "Holiday Time"		Kitchen Inferno		Kitchen Inferno		Kitchen Inferno		Outr. Christmas		Holiday Baking	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Unlimited (N)		NCAA Basketball PVA&M/Tex.Tech (L)				NCAA Basketball Jacksonville vs. Florida (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Anthony Hopkins, Chris Hemsworth.						The Watch ('12, Com) Ben Stiller.				Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) The Nine Li...		Best Christmas Party Ever Torrey DeVitto.				A Bride for Christmas Andrew W. Walker.				Christmas in Co...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	TinyHouseBuild (N)		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	H.Hunt
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	A. Pickers	A. Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) A Christma...		★★★ A Christmas Wedding Dean Cain.				★★ Under the Mistletoe Michael Shanks.				The Santa Con	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Weekends-Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				Goal Zone (L)		Match of the Day (L)		Motorsport Hour (N)		Dew Tour (L)			OceanRace	Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	A Fairly Odd Christmas			Parents	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	H.Danger	Nicky
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★★★ The Rundown ('03, Adv) Dwayne Johnson.					BarRes.	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) In the Na...		★★ Babylon A.D. ('08, Act) Vin Diesel.				★★ The Scorpion King				★★★ Fast Five	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) Just Like ...		★★ Just Married Ashton Kutcher.				★★ Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.				The Librarians	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) Bundle of J...		★★ The Shop Around the Corner				★★★★ In the Good Old Summertime				Swing Time	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Enfoque	Black Dawn Steven Seagal.			Triad Wars ('08, Act) Samo Hung Kam-Bo.				Noticiero	Op. Repo	Videos asombrosos	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Long Island Medium		Favorite Moments		Ext. Cheapskates		Santa/ ER		Invasion Christmas		Crazy Lights	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(11:00) ★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers				(:45) ★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King Viggo Mortensen.							
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Lost and Found"		NCIS "Stakeout"		NCIS "Silent Night"		NCIS "Faith"		NCIS "False Witness"		NCIS "Newborn King"	
WGN	19	18				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		★★★ Casino Royale Daniel Craig.			

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Backstage-Disney (N)		Once Upon "Heroes and Villains" (N)		Barbara Walters "The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2014" (N)				KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Undercover Boss "True Value" (SP) (N)		The Mentalist (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "Dead Rails" (N)		CBS 7 News	The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Black Sheep Squadron		Columbo A seemingly bumbling detective solves murders.			M*A*S*H	The Man From U.N.C.L.E.		Mission: Impossible		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	The OT (L)	The Simpsons	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Family Guy	Bob's Burger (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Texans Weekly	Jack Van Impe
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles Site: Lincoln Financial Field -- Philadelphia, Pa. (L)							(:35) NewsWest	Country Reporter	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Central Japan"		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Austin City Limits "Rodrigo y Gabriela"		Song of the Mountains	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Identidad Sin Fronteras		Sal y pimienta The latest in entertainment news and gossip.				Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		Anger M.	M&M	Office	N'Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Terminal Ve...		An American Werewolf in ...			(:45) The Wicker Man			(:15) ★★★ Jarhead Jake Gyllenhaal.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:55) ★★ 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.				The Newsroom (N)		Comeback	(:40) Get On	(:10) The Newsroom		Comeback	(:50) Get On
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) WBC Boxing			1stLook	★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				★★ Enough Said			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:05) ★★★ The World's End Simon Pegg.				A Good Day to Die Hard			Making	Mama Jessica Chastain.			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★★ The Heat		★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin				★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				(:55) Sexual Wish...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:15) The Hobbit: The Desolation of S...				★★ 16 Blocks Bruce Willis.			(:45) Co-Ed	(:15) Co-Ed	(:45) ★★ Enemy of the State		
PLEX			96			(5:10) Racing Wit...		★★ Canadian Bacon				(:40) ★★★ Saint Ralph		(:20) ★ Private Valentine Jessica Simpson.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Homeland		The Affair		Homeland (N)		The Affair (N)		Homeland		The Affair	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) Adult World		★★★ Four Brothers Mark Wahlberg.				★★★ The Longest Yard Adam Sandler.				★ Dirty Movie	
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BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Millionaire (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Queens	Housewives Atlanta	
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CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Special Report		Dinosaur 13 ('14, Doc) Stan Adelstein.				Dinosaur 13 ('14, Doc) Stan Adelstein.			
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HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Christmas I...		The Christmas Parade				Matchmaker Santa Lacey Chabert.				The Most Wond...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	H.Hunt	H.Hunt	W.H.C'mas'14 (N)		Bargain	Bargain	Free Vacation (N)		H.Hunt	House	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Ax Men "Falling Fast"		Ax Men (N)		(:05) Alaska Warr.		(:05) Amer. Pickers		Ax Men "Falling Fast"	
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NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Catch a Contractor		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Vin Diesel.				★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith.						The Fifth Element	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) The Librarians		★★★ Knocked Up ('07, Com) Seth Rogen.					★★★ Knocked Up ('07, Com) Seth Rogen.				
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Swing Time		★★★★ Great Expectations John Mills.			(:15) ★★★★ David Copperfield W.C. Fields.						Movie
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(2:45) The Lord of...		The Librarians (N)		★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets				The Librarians			Movie
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:05) G.Girls	(:45) G. Girls	(:20) The Golden Girls		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS		★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life ('46, Dra) James Stewart.						Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
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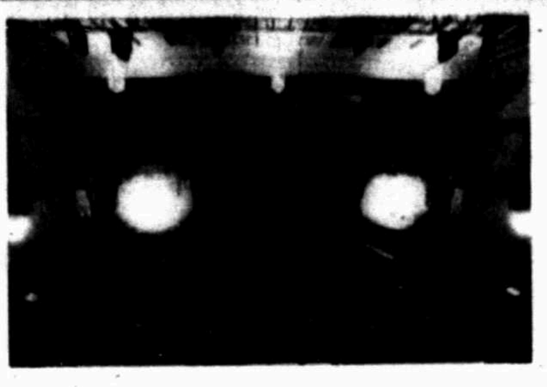

The Yucca Theatre lights up Dec. 5, for Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis' Holiday Shindig. According to cinematreasures.org, the historic downtown theater recently marked the 85th anniversary of its first performance. The theater opened Dec. 5, 1929 with a vaudeville show on stage and "Rio Rita" on screen. The space now is home to MCT's Summer Mummers and a variety of other shows. Catch Bob Schneider and Alpha Rev on Friday at the Yucca. For tickets, go to tailtownes.com.

CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

Yuletide at the Yucca with performances by Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O'Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico, MCT's Pickwick Players, West Texas A&M Dancers, 2 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Little Women: The Musical," 2:30 p.m. at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Christmas Market at the Gardens, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alldredge Gardens. 682-4500.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" film screening, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Monday at Regal Tall City 14. www.fathomevents.com.

Lone Star Brass "A Lone Star Brass Christmas," 3 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

Palette Club's annual pot luck, 11:30 a.m. at Palette Painting Club. 664-3197.

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Holiday Cheer at the Library, 3:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

THURSDAY

Laura Bush Literacy Program reading event, 4:30 p.m. at George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Library Holiday Open House, 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Midland Community Band's free Christmas concert, 7 p.m. at Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

Christmas tea at Christmas at the Mansion, 3-3:45 p.m. or 4:15-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Holiday cassics story time "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Bob Schneider with Alpha Rev, 7 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre. tailtownes.com.

"Miracle on 34th Street" film screening, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Christmastime in the City Hayrides, 6-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday at Stonegate Fellowship Church. stonegatefellowship.com.

"A Christmas Story," through Dec. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

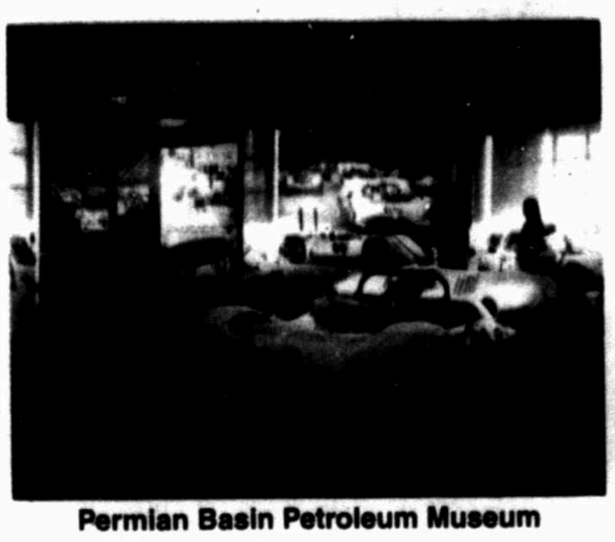
Open house at Christmas at the Mansion, 1-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Hanukah story time "Honeyky Hanukah," 10:30 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

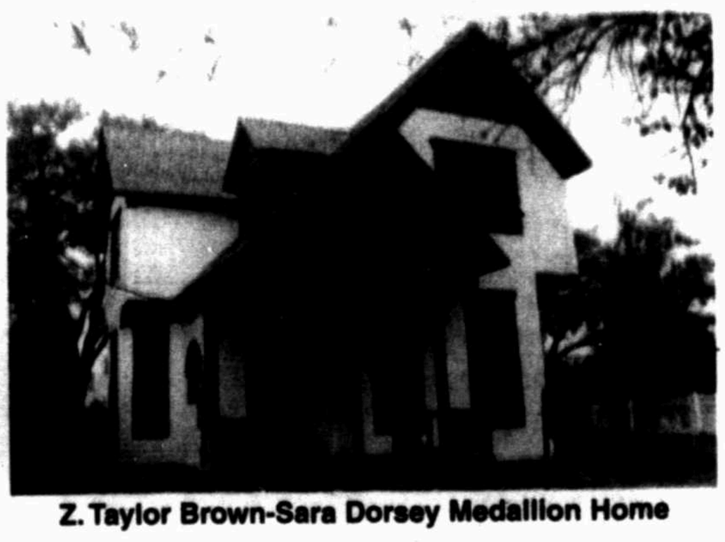
Midland Festival Ballet's "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

ON DISPLAY

George Bush Childhood Home



Permian Basin Petroleum Museum



Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home

ArtiZen Outlet gallery space and co-op. 436 Andrews Highway. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios: Reserved Studio Time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net. 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum's "Spirit of the Mask" through Jan. 12. and "Keys of the Renaissance" through Jan. 4. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Framed: Step Into Art" through Feb. 1. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Scottie Mansfield in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during December.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits Margarita Cabrera through Dec. 30. Christmas at the Mansion through Jan. 4. museumsw.org. Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

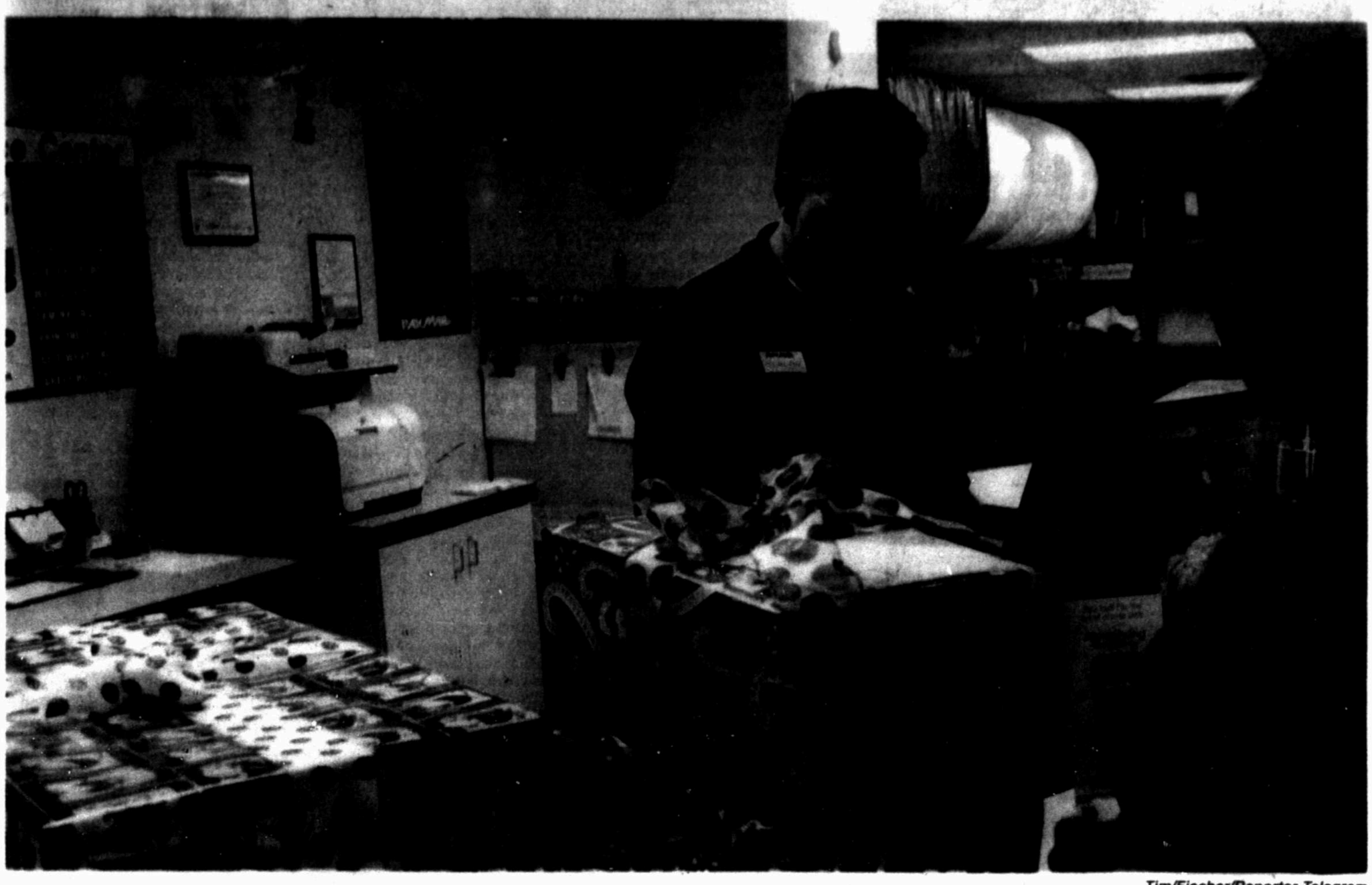
Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Arts Council of Midland is accepting artists' applications for Celebration of the Arts, March 27-28. Applications are due Jan. 20. zapplication.org.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.



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Michelle Standridge brings her Christmas presents to Pak Mail Thursday to ship out as Gordon Daman enters the addresses into the computer for shipping labels

Midland pack-and-mail stores face Christmas rush

By Mella McEwen
mmcewen@mrt.com

Like Santa's elves, several Midland pack-and-mail businesses are wrapping and packing Christmas packages. And like Santa's reindeer, they're making sure those packages get to their final destination.

Christmas shipping tends to begin in late November but business really increases in the two weeks before Christmas, said Courtney Kuykendall, owner of Mail 'N More at 4706 N. Midkiff Road.

"We've been pretty busy but it'll pick up starting next week," she said.

Gordon Damon, owner of Pak Mail of Midland at 3323 N. Midland Drive, said Midlanders have been doing their Christmas shopping and bringing packages to his business to send.

"We're still two weeks out from Christmas and there's still plenty of time, unless there are weather issues," he said.

The sooner customers can bring in packages for shipping the better, said Crystal Kiker, who owns The UPS Store at 3001 W. Loop 250 with her husband Toby. The couple also own The UPS Store in Odessa, and have plans for a second Odessa location soon.

Damon said he has seen a marked increase in business, even though the price of oil has been falling since the summer.

"We're up over last year, which was a good year," he said.

To prepare, Kuykendall orders more supplies and hires more staff, about double the number she usually has working at the business. The staff will work late into the night wrapping packages, she said.

Like Kuykendall, Damon said he hires extra staff and makes sure he has additional supplies, from boxes to packing material, ordered by early November. "I think about Christmas gift wrap in July and August and order it by September to make sure I have it on hand," he said.

Kiker said the couple begins preparing in the summer for the holiday rush. She said they meet with managers and UPS truck drivers to determine whether or not extra trucks may be needed.

Kiker, too, doubles up on supplies and hires more staff.

Still, she finds some fun in the hustle and bustle. "It's a fun time. We're all here together, with the extra employees. We're too busy to go to lunch so it's nice to have lunch together and listen to Christmas music," she said.

Customers may bring in toys, clothing or electronics, but Damon said he has seen his fair share of food being shipped. He said homemade food, like tamales or salsa, are made, frozen and shipped to former residents hungry for familiar dishes.

Kiker said she's shipped off taxidermy items in the past and sees a lot of freight this time of year. But most packages come to her already wrapped. "So I don't enjoy seeing what they are," she said.

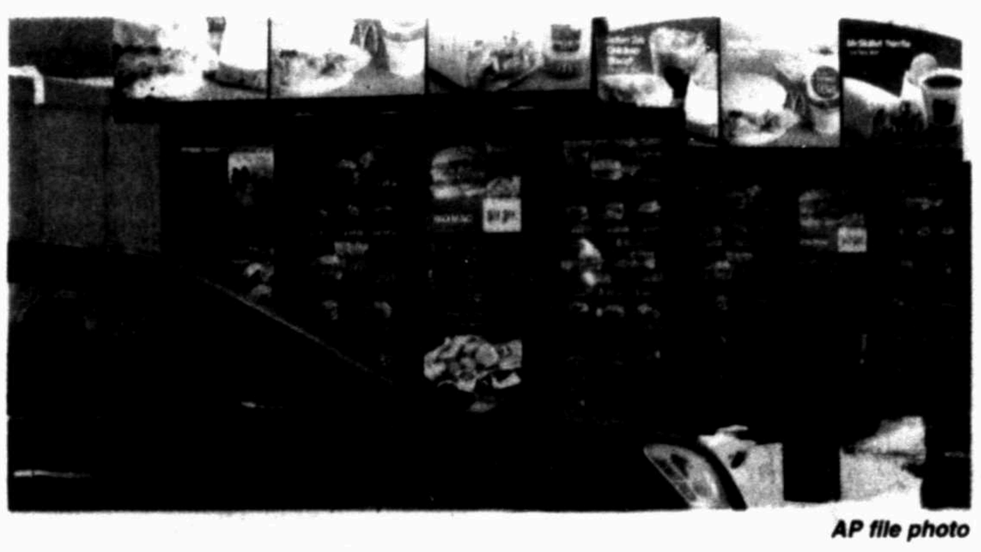
Shipping packages can sometimes carry a high price tag. Kuykendall advises buying small, nonbreakable items to send.

"People buy big toys and when they go to ship them, they find it costs a lot more," she said.

Damon agreed larger items are more expensive to ship. He also urged customers to be prepared when they come into his business.

"Be prepared with all your information. You don't have to have things pre-addressed — we can print out labels. But come in with the name, address, phone number and even an email address. We can send an email to notify the recipient the package is on its way," he said.

Damon noted that, at one time, Christmas could make or break a business. But Midland's economy has been so strong that's not the case. He added that he has managed to diversify his business from shipping smaller packages to shipping large items, crates and even heavy pieces. He recently sent two shipments to Alaska and has shipped large furniture pieces to Minnesota, Florida and California.



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A customer looks at the menu at McDonald's drive-thru in Williamsville, N.Y., in 2009. McDonald's is planning to trim its menu, review its cooking methods and maybe even get rid of some of the ingredients it uses to change perceptions that it serves junk food, CEO Don Thompson said Wednesday

McDonald's to trim menu, examine ingredients

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — McDonald's is planning to trim its menu, review its cooking methods and maybe even get rid of some of the ingredients it uses to change perceptions that it serves junk food.

CEO Don Thompson sought to reassure investors Wednesday that such changes will help strengthen the chain's appeal as it fights to hold onto customers. The discussion in Oak Brook, Illinois, came after the company last week reported yet another monthly decline in U.S. sales. It said the figure fell 4.6 percent at established locations in November.

Thompson has conceded McDonald's Corp. has failed to keep up with changing tastes. One of the problems is that people are increasingly moving toward foods they feel are fresh or wholesome, and the image of fast-food burgers and fries doesn't exactly fit that bill.

Among the changes Thompson and McDonald's USA president Mike Andres touched on were ingredients and how food is prepared and delivered.

Here's a look at what's in store:

Shrinking menu

In just the past decade, McDonald's has added 100 items to its menu, said Andres, who stepped into his role in October. While that has driven up sales, it also complicated the menu and made it harder for people to quickly decide what they want.

So starting next month, he said McDonald's will cut eight items from the menu and reduce the number of Extra Value Meals from 16 to 11. Thompson and Andres didn't say exactly what will get the ax, but favorites like the Big Mac likely won't disappear anytime soon.

Instead, Andres suggested McDonald's is looking at reducing the variations on particular items.

A representative for McDonald's said the company is testing a simplified menu that offers one Quarter Pounder

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Texas has seen success with economic development sales tax

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Some 25 years ago, on the heels of a major economic downturn in the state, the Texas Legislature passed legislation allowing local areas to vote to collect extra sales tax to be used for economic development. Voters in hundreds of communities across the state have since passed measures approving the tax, and the billions of dollars collected have been used for projects enhancing opportunities for Texans in communities large and small.

The hundreds of projects undertaken by economic development corporations across Texas (funded by sales tax for economic development proceeds) have enhanced the performance of the state economy, thereby increasing job opportunities, business investment and tax receipts. We recently measured the economic benefits of projects made possible by the tax and found that they are huge.

The analysis also highlights the fact that economic development incentives are crucial. The highly competitive environment characterizing modern economic development virtually demands that communities and regions seeking continuing success be competitive with incentives and other location requirements. Incentives, marketing efforts, and other enhancements are widely used, and communities need such tools to "level the playing field." In fact, a variety of factors have coalesced in recent years to make them even more significant.

First, labor and capital mobility has greatly increased. Skilled workers in key growth sectors have shown a willingness to relocate in response to enhanced opportunities, and financial markets efficiently move capital and money to their highest and best uses.

Second, the site selection process has become more sophisticated. Firms have come to recognize that they have significant "bargaining power" with state and local governments and are using it to effectively reduce overall costs.

Third, increasing globalization has brought greater attention to all aspects of costs. Firms, particularly in growth-oriented manufacturing sectors, must offer a mix of output, innovation, and profits that is competitive on an international scale. In such an environment, even relatively minor variations in costs across geographic areas can be a key factor in location decisions, and incentives are an important part of the equation when areas are roughly equivalent in other respects (which is the typical situation).

Fourth, firms are now held to higher levels of public scrutiny in debt and equity markets than has been the case historically. In seeking new locations, lower tax levels and specific economic incentive packages bring with them a fiduciary duty to minimize overall outlays and maximize profits; shareholders demand a higher level of accountability. Therefore, it is necessary to be aggressive and creative in structuring attractive packages to compete with other communities.

Fifth, most large firms now employ agents (site selection consultants) to assist in the location process. Because these firms largely compete with one another based on their ability to secure incentives, areas without competitive programs are often shut out of the process entirely (a fate that often befell Texas before to the passage of the economic development sales tax and later legislation for state incentives in the early 2000s).

It must be remembered that economic development is a high-stakes process in which winners receive very significant rewards of jobs, investments and tax revenues; on the other hand, second place (even a very close second place) gets nothing (maybe a fruit basket). The availability of funds to support economic development efforts is essential, and the sales tax for that purpose has enabled communities across the state to improve their ability to compete for new business activity

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Favor Undervalued Buybacks

Q Are stock buybacks good or bad? — *M.M., Fort Wayne, Indiana*

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Since valuable company cash is spent buying back shares, companies should only be doing so when the shares are undervalued. If a company is buying back shares at inflated prices, it's destroying value. That money would be better spent paying out a dividend, paying down debt, being reinvested in the business, or in a number of more profitable ways.

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Q I'm getting tired of hanging on to my loser stocks and waiting for them to recover so that I can get back some of my lost money. What should I do? — *D.C., Las Cruces, New Mexico*

A If a company has some temporary trouble and your research suggests it still has strong prospects, hang on. But if you've lost faith in the company, why try to earn a certain amount in it when you can more reliably earn that same amount or more elsewhere?

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It's admirable to want to do many things yourself, such as change your car's oil or landscape your own yard. But some things are better left to the pros, such as taking out your appendix or removing a rabid raccoon from your garage.

Here are some times when you should consider consulting a financial adviser:

• **When you're getting married.** You'll need to decide how to blend your finances and arrange your accounts. Your new status can even save you money, such as if you get added to your partner's superior health plan.

• **When you're considering buying a complex financial product,** such as disability insurance, long-term care insurance, or another insurance product, such as an annuity.

• **When you're buying or selling a home.** These transactions involve big sums of money. Some guidance can help you save money and make sound decisions. (For example, if you're selling a primary residence, you may be able to save tens of thousands of dollars in taxes.)

• **When you're trying to make sense of employee stock options you've received.**

• **When you're getting divorced.** An adviser can help you answer questions such as whether you can still file taxes jointly this year.

• **When you're saving for college.** You'll want to learn about all the programs and savings tools available to you.

• **When it's time to design your retirement plan.** We all should have one, even if we're in our 20s or 30s, and the earlier you start, the easier it will be.

• **When you want to design an estate plan for yourself, or to help your parents do so.** You'll need to decide whether to set up a trust, and what all your options are.

• **When a parent dies.** You may be the executor of the estate, but you might not understand all the complexities involved.

Ask friends or relatives for recommended advisers, or find a fee-only financial adviser at **napfa.org**.

My Dumbest Investment

'Because We Always Go There'

Years ago, my wife and I decided to put some money to work in the stock market for the long haul. Using "professional" tips from publications and financial TV shows, I picked a few stocks. My wife picked a retailer "because we always go there," and a cement company "because there's construction using concrete everywhere." Well, my stocks sank and hers have been steadily moving upward. — *Mike G., Iowa Park, Texas*

The Fool Responds: Plenty of financial gurus on TV and in print are savvy investors, but they make some bad calls, too. And some aren't that skilled and may be promoting one of their own stock holdings, hoping to give it a boost.

A retailer you frequent isn't necessarily a great buy, but it does help to focus on companies you know well. You may be likely to notice if they start slipping or falling out of favor with other consumers. It's smart to look around you for promising companies and trends. Be sure to consider simple index funds, too — they tend to beat the pros.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

The Big Bang Investment

CBS (NYSE: CBS), with properties such as The CW, Showtime Networks, TVGN, Smithsonian Networks and Simon & Schuster, has great growth opportunities for the future and a fallen stock that seems undervalued now.

CBS is a company in transition, moving toward a stronger business model that's less focused on advertising and more on creating its own content to air and license out. It already has complete ownership of some of the most popular shows on TV and more than 70 percent of its total lineup.

With top-rated TV series such as "NCIS" and "The Big Bang Theory," the company has led broadcast networks in Emmy nominations. Furthermore, CBS recently announced its own stand-alone Web subscription service, giving it even more control over its created shows.

More content creation can fatten the company's bottom line as these series are picked up for lucrative deals not just in the U.S., but internationally. For instance, "NCIS: New Orleans," one of the company's most popular series, already has a large international deal in place, and CBS expects to bank as much as $5 million in revenue per episode.

CBS stock was recently trading with a price-to-earnings ratio of just 10.7, and it's also financially healthy, with relatively low debt and industry-leading gross profit margins. Tune in and see if it's a good fit for your portfolio.

Name That Company

Based in Cleveland, I trace my history back to 1866, when my innovative founders decided to offer ready-to-use paint. Today, with more than 40,000 employees, more than 4,100 locations and more than $10 billion in annual sales, I'm the largest paints and coatings producer in the U.S., and among the largest in the world. I sell to professional, industrial, commercial and retail customers, and my brands include my own name as well as Dutch Boy, Krylon, Minwax and Thompson's Water Seal. My stock has averaged annual gains of 17 percent over the past 20 years. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

A German immigrant established me in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and I'm America's oldest brewery. When the last of the big-name brewers in America became foreign-owned in the past few years, I became America's largest brewery that makes all its beer domestically. I got by during Prohibition by making near beer and by opening an ice cream and dairy plant that remained open until 1985. My name stems from the German word for youth. My main brewery features a bar called the Rathskeller. I'm run by a fifth-generation owner now. Who am I? (Answer: D.G. Yuengling & Son)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. *Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.*

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MENU

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with Cheese instead of four; one Premium Chicken sandwich instead of three; and one Snack Wrap instead of three.

Earlier, McDonald's said the Bacon Clubhouse burger — a premium offering introduced just this year— could be taken off the national menu.

Reading the ingredients

McDonald's is trying to improve the image of its food, especially as people examine labels for artificial ingredients they're not familiar with, and therefore find unappealing.

Andres said McDonald's is looking at different cooking and holding procedures to enhance the appeal of its core items, as well as shrinking the number of ingredients it uses. He noted McDonald's restaurants go through supplies quickly, meaning it may be a relatively easy task.

"Why do we need to have preservatives in our food?" he asked. "We probably don't."

McDonald's also recently launched a marketing campaign that addressed common questions about its food, such as whether the beef has worms (the company's answer: "No. Gross! End of story.").

Having it your way

The company is also making a big push behind a "Create Your Taste" program that lets people pick the buns, cheeses and topping for their burgers. McDonald's says that will be in 2,000 of its more than 14,000 U.S. locations next year.

The rollout is seen as a response to the growing popularity of places like Chipotle, which lets people customize their orders by walking down a line and saying what they want on their bowls and burritos.

At McDonald's, offering such customization may not be that easy; the company has noted that "complicated" orders for "Create Your Taste" could take five to seven minutes, compared with just a couple of minutes for regular items.

Still, Thompson noted Wednesday that people who come to eat made-to-order burgers at the restaurant have a little more time on their hands and are willing to wait longer.

He also noted the "Create Your Taste" program is not just a test, but a program that's in the process of being implemented.

Economists forecast fast growth in 2015

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy, helped by a stronger job market and falling oil prices, should enjoy the fastest economic growth in a decade next year, according to a panel of top business economists.

The National Association for Business Economics said Monday it expects the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, to expand by 3.1 percent next year. That would be the strongest GDP growth since 2005 when the economy grew 3.3 percent.

The 2007-2009 recession was the worst downturn since the 1930s, and the economy has struggled to regain its footing. The U.S. has been stuck with sub-par growth averaging 2.2 percent per year. The NABE forecasters believe growth this year will average an anemic 2.2 percent, matching last year's performance.

But the NABE forecasting panel, composed of 48 economists, believes growth will finally move into higher gear next year, reflecting continued job gains and a boost in consumer spending linked to the recent big drop in energy prices. The 3.1 percent forecast for 2015 is up slightly from a 3 percent projection the NABE panel made in September.

The government reported Dec. 5 that the economy created 321,000 jobs in November, the most in nearly three years. With just one month to go, the country is on track to see the largest annual gain in jobs since 1999. More people working means more incomes and higher consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

NABE President John Silvia, the chief economist at Wells Fargo, said NABE is also forecasting that inflation will remain restrained in 2015 with various measures remaining below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target for price increases. The panel projected that the annual increase in consumer prices will hold steady at 1.7 percent next year, the same as what is expected for this year. The modest inflation means that Fed policymakers will have leeway to keep interest rates lower for longer.

Members of the forecasting panel pushed back their expectation for the first hike in the Fed's key short-term interest rate, which has been near zero for six years.

Now, 46 percent of the NABE panelists think the first Fed rate hike won't happen until the July-September quarter next year, up from 26 percent who targeted that period before. Those who think a rate hike could still occur in the April-June period dropped to 30 percent, down from 43 percent in the previous NABE forecast in September.

When the Fed does start raising rates, the panelists expect gradual increases, putting the short-term rate at just 0.75 percent by the end of 2015.

TAXES

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and retain existing firms.

In many cases, Texas' economic development incentive options are making the difference between being on the short list of potential locations and sealing the deal. The result is a steady inflow of desirable corporate locations. The new commercial and industrial ventures offer jobs for Texans and tax receipts for the state and local governments. Many of the new positions are well-paying, and there is evidence that Texas leads in job gains across all levels of wages.

One objective measure of this success is Site Selection magazine's Governor's Cup, which ranks states by the number of major corporate location and expansion projects. To be counted, a project has to either involve a capital commercial investment of at least $1 million, 50 or more new jobs, or 20,000 square feet of new construction. Last year, Texas had 657 such projects, far outpacing second-place Ohio (which had 480). Others near the top of the list include Illinois (with 383), Pennsylvania (348), and Michigan (312). The win is not a first for Texas; the state also won in 2004, 2005, 2010, 2012, and 2013 and was a close second in several of the intervening years and consistently among the top five.

The state's success is based on building on strengths to develop the kind of business climate that companies find attractive. There are other places with similar resources (such as California) that are unable to retain existing firms, much less expand. The Lone Star State's success increased markedly when funding for economic development became available and incentives were implemented. The economic development sales tax was an early "game-changer" in that process.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

There's a little bit of everything in
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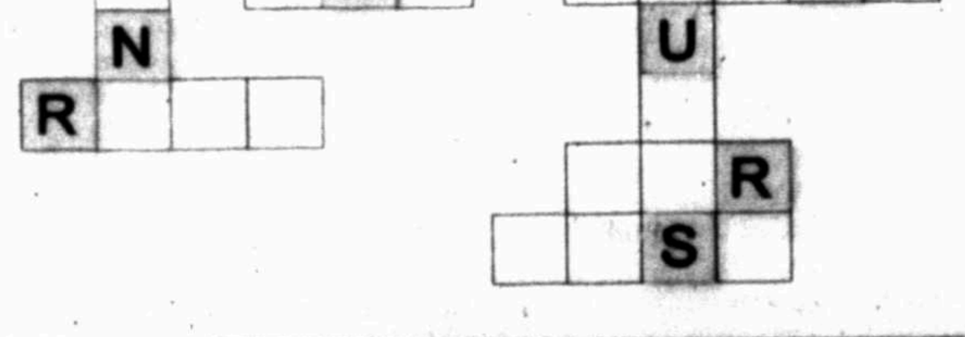

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Create situation where brother can ask for money advice

ASK DAVE
Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: My brother and I recently received an inheritance after our mom died. He's never been very good with money, so I was proud of him when he used his portion to pay off his debts. But then he went out and financed a van that I know he still can't afford. I'm afraid he's falling right back into the same old money problems, but I don't know how to talk to him about it. — Diana

DEAR DIANA: I've learned, after years of writing books, doing a radio show and trying to educate folks about their finances, you can't make people listen to you. Even with what I do for a living I don't throw my opinion around unless someone asks.

I think you're smart for realizing there are some boundaries here. But there's no reason you can't create a situation where he can ask your opinion. You might begin with talking about some of the mistakes you've made in the past. This could help him connect with you, and feel more comfortable opening up about his own situation. Once he realizes you haven't repeated the same mistakes, and have a better life for it, he might just ask how you did it. Then, the door is open!

But you can't become preachy every time someone does something dumb. That will only hurt their feelings and cause them to tune you out completely.

DEAR DAVE: Our daughter wasn't very responsible with money until she read your books. Now, she has really started turning her life around. Recently, she learned she needs to have some expensive dental work done. Since she just started trying to manage her money well, she doesn't have enough saved up for the procedure or dental insurance right now. Do you think we should help by loaning her the money? — Dianne

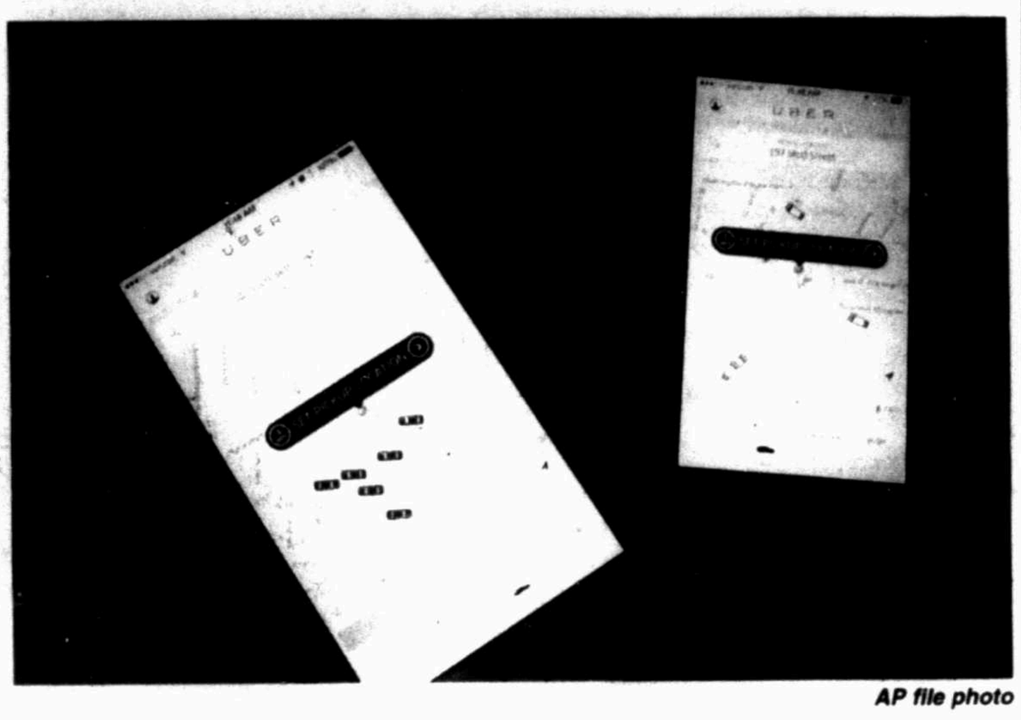
DEAR DIANNE: I like what you've told me about your daughter. She doesn't need to worry about dental insurance though. You almost never get back what you put into those policies. It's the kind of stuff a good emergency fund will cover. If she has invested her time and money into what I teach, I'd say she's pretty serious about getting her finances in order.

If it were me, I'd make the money for dental work a gift, not a loan, for turning her financial life around. In your description you never mentioned anything about your daughter being lazy or unwilling to work. You talked about a young lady who's just starting to build her life, and you're rewarding smart choices. I think that's a great idea and will have a major positive impact!

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Is rider safety the real Achilles heel for Uber and Lyft?

By Barbara Ortutay & Justin Pritchard
Associated Press



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Smartphones are shown displaying Uber car availability in New York, on Nov. 21. With assault cases against their drivers in India and Chicago last week, popular ride-hailing app Uber is in for yet another public relations ordeal that follows ongoing criticisms about its corporate ethics and culture. And yet, neither government nor the taxi industry regulators have been able to curb the company's meteoric growth, one that has spurred an entire industry.

LOS ANGELES — The growth of ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft so far has not been hindered by limits from government regulators and campaigns by taxi cab competitors. A bigger threat to the new industry's impressive start could come from customers — if enough people stop using the services over fears that drivers aren't safe.

Not safe as in the drivers won't get into an accident — safe as in they won't attack passengers.

Uber operates in more than 250 cities in 50 countries, and recently was valued at $40 billion based on $1.2 billion that investors poured into the company in its latest funding round. Lyft, meanwhile, operates in 70 markets in the U.S., up from 30 at the start of the year.

So far, controversies have not seemed to impact the popularity of ride-hailing apps. They boast several advantages over taxis, including no-cash payments and an app that shows how far away a car is and whether the driver received positive reviews from prior riders. Uber ranks 39th in the Apple iTunes store among the most popular free apps, ahead of Gmail and the music streaming service Pandora. Lyft, which is much smaller, is not in the top 100.

But last week, California prosecutors sued both, saying they misrepresent and exaggerate the rigor of their background checks. Police in India questioned an Uber executive about its background checks after a driver was accused of raping a passenger. And Uber removed a driver in Chicago after a customer reported she was sexually assaulted during a ride in the city last month. The company said it is cooperating with police in what it called "an appalling and unacceptable incident."

Last week's incidents follow scattered anecdotes of previous assaults by Uber drivers. They don't prove the services are unsafe alternatives to traditional taxis. But they do present a challenge if riders begin to think they reflect a systemic disregard for passenger safety.

Jeff Brewer, pastor at a church in the Chicago suburbs, wouldn't step into an Uber car. Though he likes the convenience Uber would bring, he sticks with taxis on trips into the city.

"Whether it's right or wrong, there's at least some sort of perception that there's a company that has vetted the person," he said.

As with airlines, if passenger safety becomes an ongoing issue with Uber rather than isolated incidents, it could face long-term consequences, said Alex Stanton, a crisis management and communications specialist.

"At some level, there is a point at which safety does trump convenience," Stanton said.

The safety and regulatory issues "absolutely" affect Uber's valuation, said Sam Hamadeh, CEO of research firm PrivCo. Unlike, say Twitter and WhatsApp, Uber is not a "nice, clean technology company, the type that venture capitalists in Silicon Valley usually invest in — which is software, Web apps" and so on, he said.

"Here you are talking about actually, physically having to transport people," he said. "Uber's work isn't done once the taxi is hailed on their app. That's when all the problems begin."

On its website, Uber says its drivers are "screened through a rigorous process we've developed using constantly improving standards." In a written statement, Uber added that it screens would-be drivers against "federal, multi-state and county criminal background checks spanning the past seven years." The company expects to complete more than 2 million checks this year, according to spokesman Lane Kasselman.

But California prosecutors, who filed lawsuits against Uber in San Francisco Superior Court, say the company's safety checks are not as rigorous as they sound. Unlike with regulated taxis in San Francisco and Los Angeles, Uber's background checks do not require drivers be fingerprinted.

Hirease, the company that performs Uber's background checks, instead relies on "personal identifiers," such as license numbers and Social Security numbers supplied by the applicants. As such, the lawsuit says, there is no way to ensure that the applicants are who they say they are.

As part of a settlement of a similar lawsuit, Uber rival Lyft agreed to drop claims that its background checks are the "best available" and the "gold standard."

Lyft spokeswoman Erin Simpson said in an emailed statement that the company has "pioneered strict safety screening criteria that far exceed what's required for taxis and limos in nearly every municipality across the country."

Regulators at the California Public Utilities Commission are revisiting ride-hailing company rules they put in place last year. Among the questions: "Did we get the criminal background check right, is it exhaustive as it should be," said Marzia Zafar, director of the agency's policy and planning division. That review is likely to take about a year.

She did note that most of the 100 or so phone calls the commission received this year and converted into written complaints against ride-hailing companies had to do with fee charges, not safety.

Cab drivers have seized on the safety issue, however, saying that taxi drivers have to pass government-standard checks which cost more but do a better job screening out bad applicants. The Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association has launched a "Who's Driving You?" campaign targeting Uber and Lyft.

"Once consumers realize Uber and Lyft are cutting costs, they'll begin to shy away," said Dave Sutton, an association spokesman.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits Dec. 1-Dec. 5

3302 W. Illinois Ave	Commercial Alteration	$33,123
604 N. Big Spring St	Commercial Alteration	$39,950
4321 W. Illinois Ave	Fence	$15,000
5701 Starboard Drive	Sign	$6,850
503 E. Interstate 20	New Commercial	$4,000,000
201 E. Kansas	Residential Addition	$3,000
3102 W. Cuthbert Ave	Commercial Alteration	$6,000
5507 Casa Grande Trail	New Residence	$217,800
110 Pavilion Parkway	New Commercial	$25,000,000
6903 Cattleman Drive	New Residence	$195,000
6901 Cattleman Drive	New Residence	$213,000
1101 Buffalo Court	New Residence	$172,000
6907 Cattleman Drive	New Residence	$185,000
1200 Andrews Highway	Sign	$20,000
1004 N. Big Spring St	Sign	$30,000
217 N. Main St	Commercial Addition	$1,600
600 W. Illinois Ave	New Commercial	$33,000,000
5609 Heartland Ave	Swimming Pool	$52,000
5701 Starboard Ave	Commercial Alteration	$180,000
3203 Sage St	Commercial Alteration	$6,500
6905 Cattleman Drive	New Residence	$198,000
112 S. Loraine St	Commercial Addition	$15,000
1406 Chukar Lane	New Residence	$217,080
2901 W. Kentucky Ave	New Commercial	$60,000
100 N. Main St	New Commercial	$110,000
4005 W. Wall St	Sign	$6,000
59 Lafayette Place	New Residence	$314,730
61 Lafayette Place	New Residence	$336,780
411 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$100,000
2000 E. Cuthbert Ave	Temporary Building	$1,000
3500 N. A St	New Commercial	$39,600

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BUSINESSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland native joins multi-state law firm

Austin Williams, a native of Midland, has been admitted to the Texas Bar Association, and joined The Jeff Diamond Law Firm in August. He works out of the firm's Odessa office.

A graduate of Lee High School, he graduated from Texas Tech University Law School this year.

The Jeff Diamond Law Firm has offices in Odessa, El Paso, and Carlsbad, Roswell, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Williams previously served as a clerk for judges and law firms in Utah, West Texas and the Panhandle.

Burleson LLP adds senior counsel in Midland office

Experienced attorney **Brett Arnold** has joined Burleson LLP as senior counsel in its Midland office, where he will focus his practice on litigation and oil and gas title law.

His background includes oil and gas litigation, commercial litigation and major incident defense of energy companies. He spent several years of his career working in-house for exploration and production companies as a landman, and brings a considerable depth of knowledge to matters involving land acquisitions, due diligence, and drilling, division order, and acquisition title opinions.

Before joining Burleson, Arnold worked as a landman representing independent exploration and production companies as well as BP America Production Co.

ExL Petroleum announces new hirings

Senior management at ExL Petroleum announces a series of new hires.

James M. Davis Jr. has been hired as land manager and oil and gas counsel. He is licensed to practice law in Texas and New Mexico, and is Board Certified in oil, gas & mineral law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Prior to joining ExL, he worked at the law firm of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson P.C., serving as a director of the firm from 2008 to 2010.

Kevin Cartwright has joined the company as business development landman. He comes to ExL from Occidental Petroleum Corp., where he served as senior land negotiator in Oxy's Business Development Group. His work will focus on acquisitions and divestitures, as well as traditional landman duties.

Trevor Elza has been hired as engineering tech. He brings more than seven years of experience in the tax and financial industry. His role will focus on assisting the engineering team with economic forecast and modeling.

Security Bank ranked 27th best bank to work for

Security Bank was recently recognized as the 27th Best Bank to Work For 2014 for banks under $3 billion in assets by American Banker.

This project was initiated to identify, recognize, and honor the best banks to work for in the nation. The program was created in 2013 as collaboration between American Banker and Best Companies Group.

"Our employees are the heart of this company," said Jim Smitherman, president and chief executive officer of Security Bank. "Our focus will always remain on our three core values: integrity, relationships and professionalism. We strive to do the best thing for our employees and customers; that's how we have become one of the top ranked institutions in the country."

Determining the Best Banks to Work For involved evaluating each participating bank's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. Additionally, employee surveys assessed the experience and attitudes with respect to the workplace. The combined responses determined the top banks and the final ranking.

Forty banks across the nation achieved "Best Bank" status in this program.

Mutual fund industry may face new regulations

By Peter Eavis
New York Times News Service

Mutual funds are intended to be mom-and-pop financial products whose investments can be sold off quickly. The funds were never meant to pile into markets where trades take weeks to complete.

Some mutual funds, however, have lately been making bets that might be hard to get out of, especially in difficult market conditions.

The stampede into investments that can be difficult to exit has regulators increasingly concerned. On Thursday, Mary Jo White, the chairwoman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, told a conference organized by The New York Times that the agency was undertaking a comprehensive review of the mutual fund sector. One of the review's major objectives is to assess whether some mutual funds are loading up on investments that would take too long to unwind.

"A fund that does not manage liquidity risk in its portfolio could have difficulty meeting redemptions if it came under stress," White said.

On Wall Street, liquidity refers to the ease at which a trade can get done for a reasonable price. An illiquid market is one where trades may be infrequent or take a long time to complete.

Mutual funds face caps on how many illiquid assets they can hold. The fear is that funds that hold hard-to-sell assets might get caught out in times of crisis. Crucially, the funds may not be able to unwind their bets at a quick enough pace to raise the cash that would be needed to make timely payments to withdrawing customers.

White also said Thursday that the agency was considering whether to update its liquidity standards for mutual funds. The current rules that govern mutual funds and illiquid assets, which are more than 20 years old, may need an overhaul after the funds have expanded into new investments and markets.

Certain types of mutual funds might come in for particular scrutiny in the review, like those that deploy hedge fund tactics in their investing.

But White's remarks on liquidity may have significant consequences for a type of mutual fund that has soared in size since the financial crisis of 2008. These are funds that invest mostly in leveraged loans, the Wall Street name for bank loans to companies with low credit ratings.

As interest rates have fallen to record lows, the market for leveraged loans has swelled. The companies like to borrow cheaply with the loans, and investors like the debt because it often has higher yields than other types of investments. Mutual funds and exchanged-traded funds that bet primarily on leveraged loans now have $113 billion of assets, up from around $20 billion before the financial crisis of 2008, according to data from Lipper.

The leveraged loan mutual funds face a big headache when it comes to trading the debt. On average, investors in the debt have to wait two weeks — and sometimes a lot more — to actually collect the cash from selling the loans. For stocks and bonds, that process is usually completed in no more than three days.

"In a very stressed market environment, there exists the possibility that fund managers might not be able to receive the proceeds to pay off investors in their funds," said Stephen Tu, an analyst with Moody's Investors Service who covers mutual fund companies.

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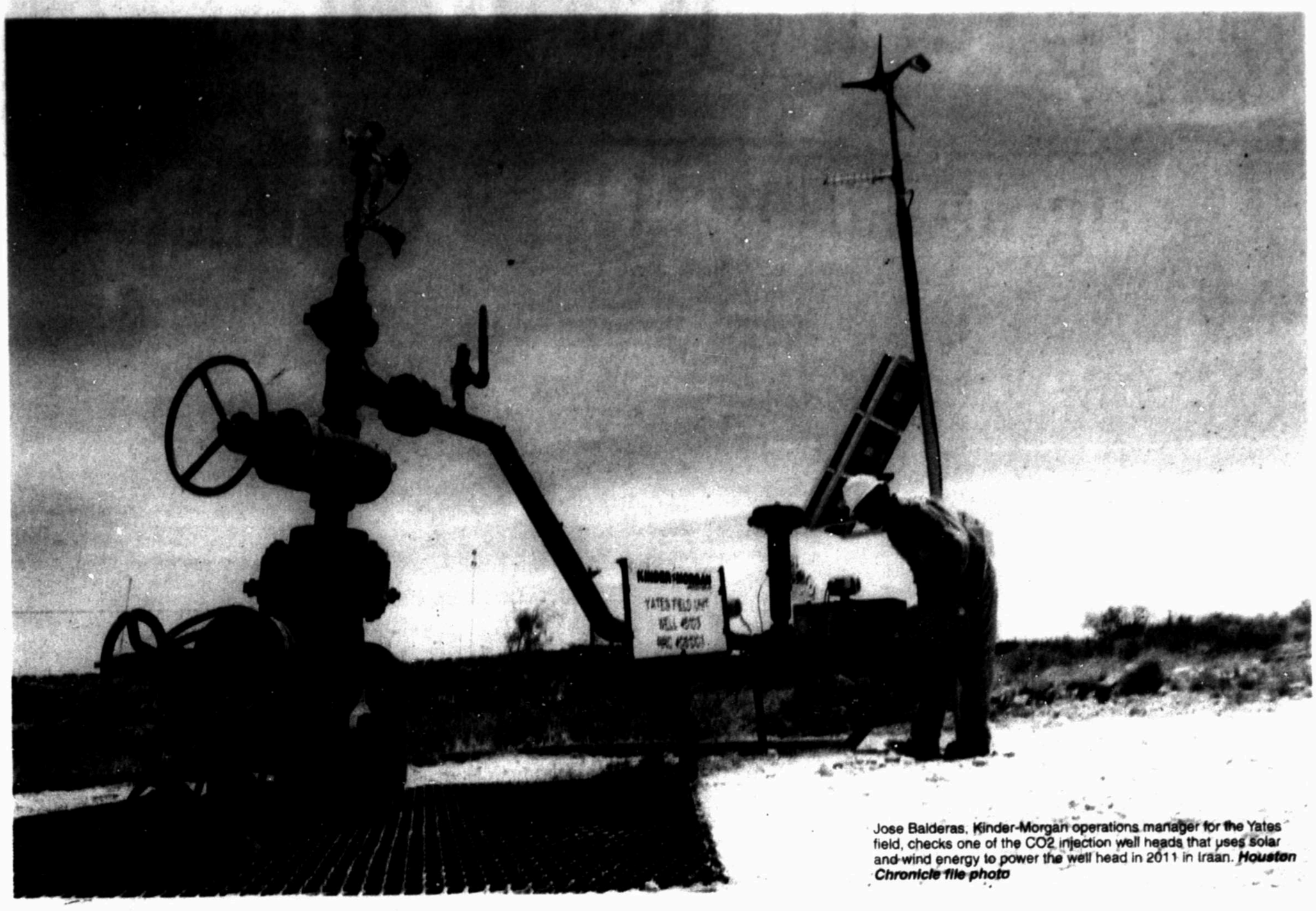

Jose Balderas, Kinder-Morgan operations manager for the Yates field, checks one of the CO2 injection well heads that uses solar and wind energy to power the well head in 2011 in Iraan. *Houston Chronicle file photo*

TECHNOLOGY FINDS MORE OIL

Residual zones in four counties have 107 billion barrels

By Mella McEwen
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Technological advances are rewriting what experts thought they knew about Permian Basin oil fields. None more so than work now being done on residual oil zones, experts say.

"For probably 60 years, we've used 100 billion barrels of oil in place in the Permian Basin, based on existing oil fields," said Robert Trentham, director of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Development. Of that, only a third or about 33 billion barrels has been produced, he said. Work currently being done on ROZs adds another billion barrels, and the Permian Basin's unconventional plays yet another 100 billion barrels.

"We've tripled the size and extended the life of the Permian Basin for decades," Trentham said.

Speaking last week at the 12th annual EOR Carbon Management Workshop, part of the CO2 Conference, Vello Kuuskraa, president and chairman of the board of Advanced Resources International, told his audience a four-county study of residual oil zones found 107 billion barrels of oil in place, of which about 67 billion barrels was higher quality oil.

Robin Petrusak, project manager with Advanced Resources International, said "higher quality" is the key factor in the findings.

The study was funded by a grant from the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America and was conducted by Advanced Resources along with local entities Melzer Consulting, Advanced Petroleum Technology Academy and UTPB.

The four counties the company helped study — Dawson, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum — had what Kuuskraa described as "fairways" underneath or between existing fields. Pays were thick, ranging from 200 to 400 feet in the four counties, he said, though the saturation and porosity varied throughout each county.

Petrusak said an identical study is being designed for Andrews, Crane, Ector, Martin, Midland and Upton counties and a portion of Winkler County.

The study's conclusions could change as additional information is received, Kuuskraa said.

Trentham described residual oil zones as a result of "Mother Nature's waterflood."

He explained that 60 million years ago, the Permian Basin held a lot more oil than it now holds.

"Because of late-state tectonics, there's been a lot of sweeping of that oil out of some of our reservoirs by fluids — water running from the west through the Permian Basin. Call it Mother Nature waterflooding a large portion of our oil reserves, but she didn't get it all out."

He said the only way to produce from those zones is with carbon dioxide. It can't be pumped out or produced through waterfloods.

Pilot projects to determine if the use of CO2 to produce from the zones is economic have only been underway about a dozen years and have proven it is economic under the right conditions, Trentham said.

"Even at today's oil prices, it would be economic," he said. But the stumbling block is supplies of CO2. The industry could help meet the government's goal of capturing and sequestering CO2, considered a contributor to climate change, Trentham said.

That CO2 captured from power plants could be put to use producing more oil from those zones and unconventional reservoirs and sequestered underground rather than being emitted, he said.

"This gives you a sense of how large the unconventional resource remaining. It will take new technology and new understanding to unlock those resources," he said.

That vast amount of resource also creates an emphasis on the need to consider the environmental and climate effects of producing that residual oil and should prompt producers to have a smaller environmental footprint, use less water and produce less emissions.

Tech sectors learn from each other

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

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A video surgery machine is demonstrated during the eighth Pipes and Pumps conference at Houston Methodist Research Institute. The annual conference highlights crossover technologies between the medical, oil and gas, and space industries.

Russ Mascari grips the tip of a long, thin scope, and a nearby monitor springs alive with images of the delicate curves and deep valleys of the fine lines crisscrossing his palm. Slip on a pair of tinted glasses, and the picture becomes three-dimensional, transforming Mascari's folded hand into a landscape of rolling hills and winding ravines.

The tool, still under development, provides obvious benefits for minimally invasive surgeries, allowing doctors to see inside tight spaces and navigate tiny tools around intricate networks of arteries, nerves and organs, said Mascari, who sells medical devices for Karl Storz-Endoskope, a German imaging company with North American headquarters in El Segundo, California.

Less obvious are the benefits to NASA or Exxon Mobil. Yet in the span of an hour and a half, Mascari's booth at the Pumps & Pipes conference at the Texas Medical Center in Houston attracted representatives from several development companies, business cards in hand, eager to set up meetings to discuss how surgical devices can help solve problems plaguing oil companies and the aerospace sector.

"They are in desperate need of this technology," said Mascari, who attended the conference for the first time. "They've been really looking for ways to inspect equipment and pipes that are far away, and actually do them remotely."

In the seven years since a heart surgeon and oil and gas engineer teamed up to spark a dialogue about ways in which the medicine and energy sectors could learn from each other, the Pumps & Pipes conference has matured and expanded.

Organizers from Houston Methodist, Exxon Mobil, Johnson Space Center and the University of Houston are eyeing the next evolution, expanding Pumps & Pipes from its roots as a swap meet for ideas into a catalyst for fostering research opportunities and sparking technological developments for use in the three industries that have traditionally defined Houston's economy: energy, medicine and aerospace.

"This started off as a fun day hanging out with some really smart people," said Dr. Alan Lumsden, medical director of the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center and conference founder. "What it's moving to now is trying to identify very specific opportunities."

More than 200 people gathered Monday at the Houston Methodist Research Institute in the Texas Medical Center to get a sneak peek at the robots, imaging tools and other technological developments — some still in prototype — that have the potential to crack the perennial conundrums affecting all three sectors: How do you see inside the smallest of spaces without being obtrusive? Fight microbial infections? Develop robots that can venture into places where

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Midland firm takes part in test of LNG fracturing engines

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With crude prices tumbling 25 percent over the past several months, oil and gas operators are looking for help to keep more projects economic.

Scott Sheffield, chairman and chief executive officer of Pioneer Natural Resources, estimated operators need to see service companies cut their costs 10 to 20 percent.

Ed Pittinger, SVP and COO of Lynx Production Co. Inc., said his company may have part of that answer.

His company is testing the first hydraulic fracturing job in the Permian Basin using engines fueled by a combination of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and diesel. The job is for a major independent on a three-well horizontal pad site south of Midland and the fracturing is being conducted by a major pressure pumping service company. Up to 1,100 gallons of LNG have been used per stage with half the fracturing fleet using LNG.

Lynx LNG, a subsidiary of Lynx Production Co., is supplying the LNG, which Pittinger said will displace up to 70 percent of the diesel used to fuel the pump engines used for hydraulic fracturing. He said another operator has asked the company to supply LNG to fuel generators on a drilling rig operating on its lease, which can save operators even more money, as up to 100 percent of diesel can be displaced with LNG in drilling rigs when utilizing 100 percent gas-driven engines.

"Natural gas has a huge advantage over diesel when burned as a motor fuel, as LNG is expected to cost the end user approximately $1 less than diesel," said Pittinger.

Will Craine, vice president, business development, commented, "It is our goal to reduce total fuel costs to the pressure pumping and drilling rigs by 25 percent. LNG is less expensive, safer and cleaner than diesel and can reduce truck traffic in the Permian Basin."

For the end user, Pittinger said ordering LNG will be similar to ordering diesel: Lynx LNG will bring the equipment and bring the LNG, and all the operator has to do is connect the gas supply to their engines.

To help ensure the success of the project, Lynx LNG has partnered with Plum Energy, a company that specializes in developing small-scale LNG projects and providing logistical LNG services.

Plum Energy's chief executive officer, Kirt Montague,

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said he believes small-scale LNG projects are the solution for many companies wanting to cut costs by transitioning to locally-produced natural gas.

"Our goal of partnering with Lynx, and bringing LNG to the Permian Basin, is to help drive down expenses for oil and gas operators and service companies," Montague said. "We're excited to work with Lynx LNG to make that happen."

Costs will be contained even further by the end of next year when Lynx LNG, in partnership with Plum, completes construction of a plant in Gaines County that will produce 110,000 gallons of LNG per day with 300,000 gallons of storage capacity, according to Pittinger. The site in Gaines County is currently the home of a nitrogen rejection unit, which processes Yates gas. Much of the infrastructure used in the processing of this gas will be reused for the project.

Bob Craine, president of Lynx, said, "The plant will be located within 100 road miles of 75 percent of the Permian Basin activity, significantly reducing transportation costs and ensuring reliable on-time deliveries to the end user."

Lynx estimates that, on a BTU basis, it will require only one truck to deliver LNG compared to six to deliver compressed natural gas. Drilling rigs and pressure pumping equipment will be Lynx's primary target.

"LNG is a consistent gas source for engines, as it is 96 percent methane, so once you tune your engines the first time, that's it. There's no need to retune as the gas supply composition changes," Pittinger said.

For dual-fuel engines that run on both diesel and LNG, the engines can run twice as long before having to be refueled with diesel.

"It's also safer. LNG won't burn as a liquid. If it spills, it merely evaporates and the vapors can only catch fire under a very narrow range of conditions. Since the LNG is located on location away from the engines, and supplied to the engines through a manifold system, the possibility of a 'hot fueling incident' is greatly reduced with LNG-powered fracturing equipment," Pittinger said.

It may cost to convert engines to LNG, but the payout is less than 12 months when used consistently, he said.

"For decades, we've wanted to use natural gas as a motor fuel; now the technology is available to make that happen," he said.

In addition to the use of LNG in the E&P sector, other industries are also exploring or using LNG to displace diesel in their high horsepower applications. For instance, railroad locomotive engines, mining trucks, OTR trucks and offshore vessels are testing or using natural gas to replace diesel or bunker fuel in their engines.

Lynx LNG and its partners are currently putting together the equipment and logistics to service the Permian Basin with LNG even before the Lynx plant is complete.

Lynx Production Co., the parent company of both Lynx Operating and Lynx LNG, and its predecessor, Stallworth Oil and Gas, have been active in oil and gas exploration, development and operating in the Permian Basin for more than 60 years. Lynx also has extensive experience in the midstream sector of the industry.

Big oil projects will survive slump

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Chevron and partners have begun producing oil from the Jack and St. Malo fields deep in the Gulf of Mexico, in a $7.5 billion project that underscores an economic paradox in the slumping oil market:

Complex, high-dollar projects will survive because companies already have invested heavily and spent years to develop them, but cheaper shale drilling will suffer.

"You just don't stop a development like this," said Terry Marshall, senior vice president at Moody's Investors Service. "It's up and it's producing oil. This is an investment decision that would've been made years ago."

Chevron said Tuesday that the fields, about 25 miles apart, have begun sending oil and gas to a floating production unit moored between them - the largest of its kind in the Gulf of Mexico, deploying surface and subsea infrastructure nearly as wide as Rhode Island.

The facility is about 280 miles south of New Orleans in 7,000 feet of water. The Jack and St. Malo reservoirs are 19,500 feet below the seabed.

Oil prices have tumbled in recent months as rising supply outpaces flat global demand, but long-term projects like deep-water production are more resilient to short-term price volatility because they produce vast amounts of oil and natural gas for years.

"We take a long-term view of prices because our investments last for decades," Chevron spokesman Cam Van Ast said in a statement. "We continue to believe global demand for oil and natural gas will grow, while existing sources of supply will inevitably decline."

The Jack/St. Malo fields are projected to produce 500 million barrels of oil equivalent over the next 30 years.

That much production remains economic unless oil falls below about $40 a barrel, said Imran Khan, a deep-water Gulf of Mexico analyst at energy analyst firm Wood Mackenzie.

Chevron has a 50 percent stake in the Jack field and a 51 percent interest in the St. Malo field. Other partners are Statoil, Maersk, Petrobras, Exxon Mobil and Eni.

International benchmark crude fell to $70.54 per barrel on Tuesday, while domestic benchmark crude settled at $66.88.

That has some onshore producers poised to slash spending and lay down rigs next year - their success in drawing oil from once-inaccessible shale plays having created the supply-demand imbalance that sent crude prices down.

But multibillion-dollar offshore projects already under development chug forward, undeterred by prices that have scared companies away from drilling marginal shale plays.

The deep-water development CLOV off Angola started producing in June, four years after the French oil company Total developed it. It will continue to see increased investment and production growth regardless of current crude prices, according to a report by financial services firm Raymond James.

In October, Hess Corp. announced plans to move forward with plans to develop a deep-water Gulf of Mexico field called Stampede that's expected to cost more than $6 billion, with no production until 2018, Khan said.

"The prices are lower right now, but it's not expecting to come online for another four years," he said. "You're not going to stop that project because your prices are lower right now."

Because multinational oil and gas giants have integrated businesses including pipelines, refining and petrochemicals that buffer them against price swings, their investments in expensive deep-water projects will likely continue, said Rich Eychner, an equity research associate at Raymond James.

But smaller independent operators may take a more cautious approach in water and on land.

"There's not much margin for error for them," Khan said.

Projects that have yet to secure investments, or those early in the exploration and appraisal process, could wind up on the chopping block, Khan said.

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"I think we're just at the beginning of taking advantage of what Houston brings together," said Ellen Ochoa, a conference director, former NASA astronaut and director of Johnson Space Center. "Any one of these industries would be heart of a big city anywhere else. ... The idea is: How can we really get the most out of that synergy? This is a great way of doing it."

As the daylong conference gains steam, attracting more participants than can be accommodated, organizers are working to create a not-for-profit to raise money to jump-start projects that span at least two of the three industries, Lumsden said.

The push comes as the federal government slashes research funding - the National Institutes of Health now funds one in six research proposals, down from one in three a decade ago, NIH Director Francis Collins said earlier this year. But many of the innovations organizers hope to see developed would not have been good candidates for federal funding anyway, Lumsden said.

"There's basic science, and then there's translational science, things you can use," he said. "That's what we're heavily interested in. How do we take a technology that's being refined in somebody else's space and look at the applications?"

Aside from fueling the drive for new technologies, the not-for-profit will also focus on persuading youth to pursue careers in science, technology, math and engineering.

"They can come here and understand that studying physics lets them be an electrical engineer, lets them work at the Johnson Space Center or become a surgeon or become a driller," Lumsden said. "You could do this conference for a whole day just for students."

The conference already is inspiring students like Abhishek Prajapati, a senior at Lamar High School and a member of the robotics team.

As his teammates demonstrated their creation — a robot that flings yoga balls into the air — Parjapati, who immigrated to Houston from India two years ago, talked about how his robotics class helped him decide on a career path.

"My dream job is to invent something that is good for the community, that will help humanity a lot," he said.

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$1,795; Out of State, $1,820
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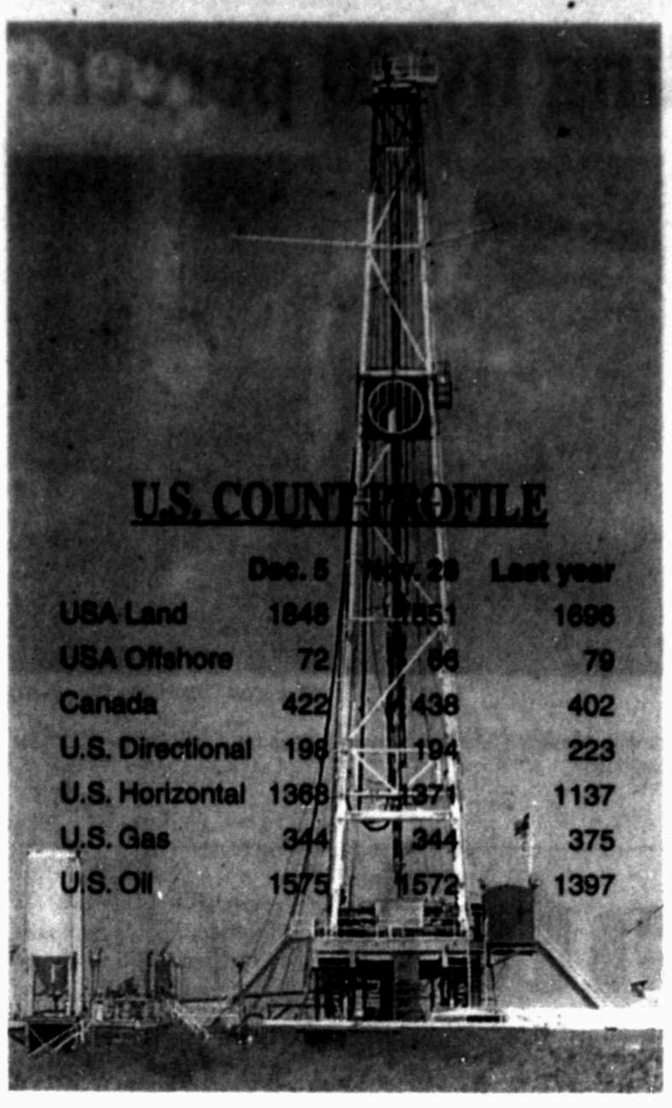

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	Dec. 5	Nov. 28	Last year
USA Land	1849	1851	1698
USA Offshore	72	66	79
Canada	422	436	402
U.S. Directional	196	194	223
U.S. Horizontal	1365	1371	1137
U.S. Gas	344	344	375
U.S. Oil	1575	1572	1397

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	1
Crockett	11
Irion	18
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	25
Runnels	0
Schleicher	1
Sutton	0
Terrell	2
Tom Green	0
Upton	39

DIST. #8

Andrews	26
Brewster	0
Crane	8
Culberson	12
Ector	9
Glasscock	42
Howard	20
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	27
Martin	53
Midland	41
Mitchell	0
Pecos	6
Presidio	0
Reeves	61
Sterling	1
Ward	18
Winkler	9

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	2
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	12
Garza	2
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	4
Terry	2
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 466

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	42
Lea	46
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 89

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$60.60**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$57.50**
Phillips 66	**$57.56**
Plains*	**$57.50**
Shell Trading	**$57.60**
Sun*	**$57.50**
Nymex futures	**$64.09***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Dec. 10

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 12/10/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$4.282**	**$3.706**	**$3.559**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$4.190**	**$3.415**	**$5.805**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$4.176**	**$3.445**	**$7.014**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$4.207**	**$3.425**	**$6.107**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$4.300**	**$3.440**	**$7.095**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$3.863**	**$3.435**	**$4.805**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$4.185**	**$3.548**	**$4.177**

Mexico opens bidding for outsider oil exploration

By E. Eduardo Castillo
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The government announced on Thursday the start of bidding for oil exploration rights in 14 areas of the Gulf of Mexico being opened to domestic and international companies as Mexico ends a seven-decade state monopoly on the petroleum business.

Bidding will continue until July 15. Companies wishing to bid must meet a set of requirements, including showing their participation in at least three exploration projects and oil extraction of at least $1 billion and capital on hand of at least the same amount.

Mexico nationalized its oil industry in 1938. Prior to this year's reforms, the state company Petroleos Mexicanos was the only one allowed to do oil exploration and production.

The parcels up for bid are in shallow water, less than 1,640 feet, off the coasts of Veracruz, Tabasco and Campeche states. The areas will be explored through shared production contracts running for 25 years.

Businesses may bid independently or as part of a consortium, but no company can try for more than five blocks. Interested companies will have access for six months to detailed data about each of the parcels through a website.

"Mexico is betting a lot on this audacious opening," said Energy Secretary Pedro Joaquin Coldwell. "For that reason the Mexican government's commitment to transparency is crucial."

Undersecretary of Energy Lourdes Melgar said every contract will include a clause stating that any corrupt practices will lead to cancellation of the deal.

Corruption has cast a long shadow in Mexico since local police in a southern city, allegedly on orders of the mayor, intercepted 43 students from a rural teachers college and turned them over to gang members in late September. The remains of only one have been confirmed, but the government says testimony from people detained in the case indicate they were all slain and their bodies incinerated.

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Additionally, cries of a conflict of interest have been aimed at President Enrique Pena Nieto since it was revealed that his wife had bought a mansion from a businessman who had received public contracts. An entity of the same company was also awarded a contract to build a high-speed train, which was subsequently cancelled after the outcry and put out again for bid.

Energy officials said all of the oil contracts will be public to avoid corruption.

Mexico's oil and gas production reached a maximum of 3.4 million barrels a day in 2004. Since then, it has fallen to 2.4 million barrels. The government hopes the opening of the industry will entice foreign firms with access to greater exploration technology and help boost daily production to 3 million barrels by 2018 and 3.5 million by 2025.

Analysts have estimated that investment in the sector could reach $15 billion a year.

WHEELING&DEALING

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FORT WORTH

FTS International completes J-W Wireline acquisition

FTS International has completed the acquisition of substantially all the assets of J-W Wireline Co.

The close of this acquisition increases FTSI's wireline capacity more than tenfold and extends wireline service to all locations where the company currently offers hydraulic fracturing services, including the Permian Basin; Eagle Ford; Marcellus; Utica and Haynesville shales; and various mid-continent plays.

The acquisition of substantially all of the assets of J-W Wireline, one of the largest independent cased-hole wireline companies in North America, provides a national wireline footprint to FTSI's North American well stimulation fleet, which has more than 1.6 million hydraulic horsepower. FTSI and J-W Wireline customers can now benefit from a more comprehensive and efficient bundle of well completion services, including vertical and horizontal (pump down) perforating, comprehensive cased-hole logging services including cement bond logs and production logging, slickline, braided line, tubing conveyed perforating (TCP), pipe recovery and mechanical services.

The acquisition includes approximately 70 active wireline units, related district operation locations, a manufacturing facility and a training facility.

With the completion of the transaction, approximately 400 J-W Wireline employees are joining FTSI, including a wireline management team with deep industry experience.

EagleClaw Midstream acquires East Toyah System

EagleClaw Midstream Services LLC of Midland has closed on the purchase of natural gas gathering and processing assets in Reeves County.

These assets include more than 50 miles of gas gathering pipeline, a refrigerated Joule-Thomson plant with the capacity to process 15 million cubic feet of natural gas per day (MMcf/d), a 60 MMcf/d cryogenic processing plant and seven new 1,700-horsepower compressors. These assets form EagleClaw's East Toyah Natural Gas Gathering and Processing System. The system serves producers targeting stacked pay zones in the liquids-rich Delaware Basin, including the Upper and Middle Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon Shale formations.

The East Toyah processing plant is located on an 80-acre site in Reeves County, eight miles northeast of Toyah. The gathering system and the JT plant are in operation now. The cryogenic processing plant is expected to come into service in the second half of 2015. The East Toyah site is large enough to accommodate multiple expansions to processing capacity as customer demand increases.

EagleClaw also announced that the company recently commissioned its Northwest Toyah Natural Gas Gathering and Processing System. Also located in Reeves County and serving production from the Delaware Basin, the North Toyah system includes more than 30 miles of pipeline and a 15 MMcf/d refrigerated JT plant. The Northwest Toyah plant is located six miles northwest of Toyah, within 13 miles of the East Toyah plant. EagleClaw expects to connect the two systems.

EagleClaw's two anchor customers are Silverback Exploration, LLC and Elevation Resources LLC. In support of the East Toyah acquisition, Silverback has dedicated production from 50,000 acres. EagleClaw also has secured a dedication to its Northwest Toyah system of up to 15,000 acres from Elevation. Silverback is supported by private equity commitments from EnCap Investments L.P. Elevation is supported by Pine Brook Partners.

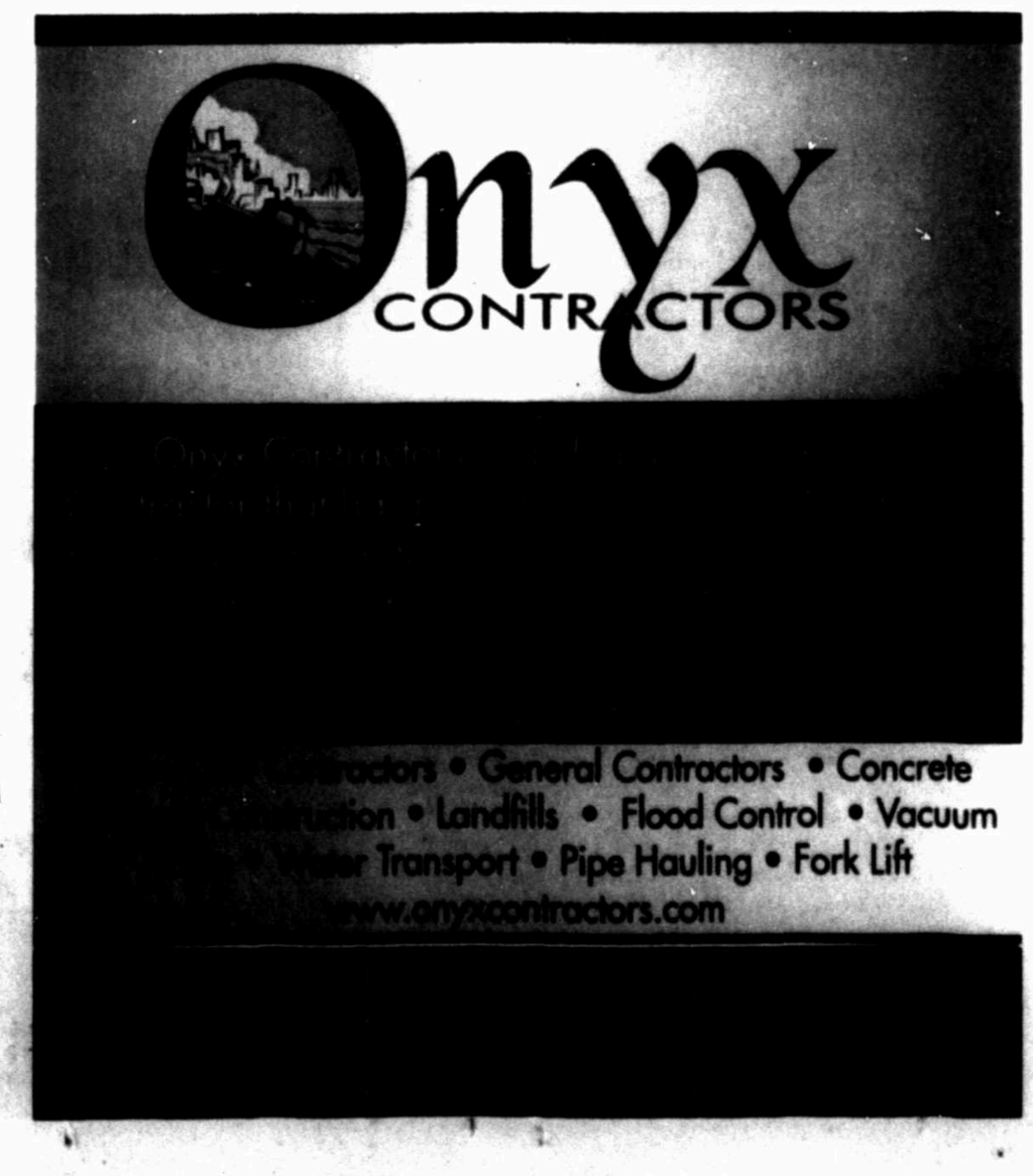
To support EagleClaw's growth, EnCap Flatrock Midstream has increased its total equity commitment to EagleClaw to $200 million.

HOSUTON

Packers Plus acquires ReTek Energy Products

Packers Plus Energy Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Packers Plus Energy Services Inc., has acquired Texas-based ReTek Energy Products, LLC.

Operating out of Conroe, ReTek Energy Products LLC specializes in the manufacturing of mandrel-wrapped products for the oil and gas industry, including swellable packers. ReTek maintains state of the art precision-controlled wrapping, vulcanizing and rubber cutting equipment. With its current equipment profile, the facility can produce products up to 24 inches in diameter and more than 40 feet in length. It is currently capable of delivering more than 1000 units per month. ReTek will be incorporated into the Packers Plus U.S. Manufacturing department and deliver product globally.



ConocoPhillips cutting capital spending by 20 percent

By Laura Goldberg
Houston Chronicle

ConocoPhillips will cut its capital spending budget by 20 percent next year as the largest independent oil and gas producer looks to pare back in response to falling crude prices.

The Houston company said it will spend $13.5 billion producing and looking for oil and gas in 2015, compared to $16.7 billion this year.

Companies have begun announcing that they will curb spending following a steep slide on oil prices.

ConocoPhillips previously indicated it would spend less than its previous goal of $16 billion in capital expenses for 2015. But the new budget was even lower than some analysts were expecting. In a note to investors, energy investment bank Simmons & Co. International said the budget came in "well below our expectations" of $15 billion.

Despite the cut, ConocoPhillips said it expects to produce about 3 percent more in 2015 from operations, excluding Libya. The company's production averaged 1.5 million barrels of oil equivalent per day in nine months that ended Sept. 30, according to ConocoPhillips' figures.

Wells Fargo analysts noted that the 3 percent growth leaves the company short of its projection for 5 percent growth in 2015 but within the wider range of growth range of 3 percept to 5 percent through 2016. In a note to its investors, Wells Fargo said it was "good to see that COP is committed to live within its means even if it results in a lower production growth rate."

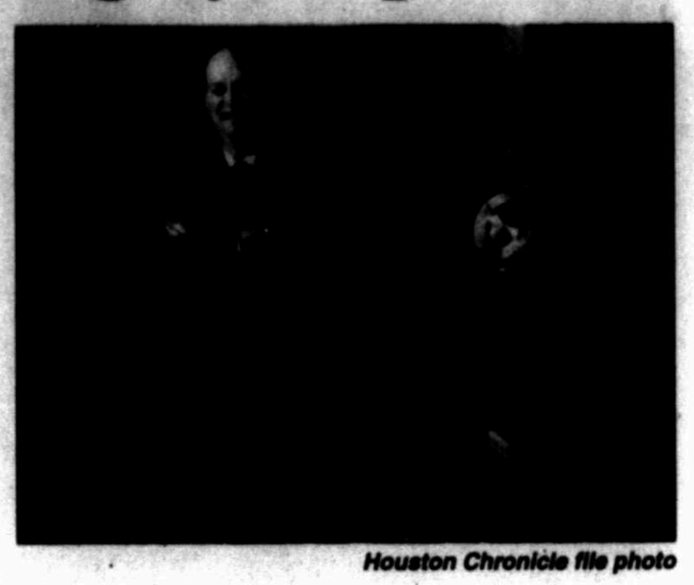
ConocoPhillips said it would commit $5 billion to development drilling programs, down from $6.5 billion in 2014. The cuts will come from the company's North American unconventional plays including the Permian, Niobrara, Montney and Duvernay. The 2015 budget will continue to target the Eagle Ford and the Bakken, according to the company's announcement.

The company said it would cut its major project spending to about $4.8 billion from an estimated $5.8 billion in 2014. In 2014, the company's spending was directed to projects such as a gas joint venture in Australia and the second phase of the Canadian oil sands project at Surmont. The 2015 budget will continue to fund those projects as well as others in Alaska, Europe and Malaysia.

ConocoPhillips also said it would spend about $1.8 billion on exploration and appraisal programs and $1.9 billion on base maintenance and other corporate expenditures.

"We are setting our 2015 capital budget at a level that we believe is prudent given the current environment," said Ryan Lance, chairman and chief executive officer, in a statement.

"This plan demonstrates our focus on cash flow neutrality and a competitive dividend, while maintaining our financial strength. We are fortunate to have significant flexibility in our capital program. Spending on several major projects has peaked and we will get the benefit of production uplift from those projects over the next few years. In addition, we identified inventory in the unconventionals, where we also retain a high degree of capital flexibility."



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ConocoPhillips CEO Ryan Lance poses for a portrait in his office in 2013.

AP file photo

Demonstrators hold a banner that reads in Portuguese: "Dilma out, Impeachment now!," as they take part in a protest march in a Sao Paolo on Nov. 15. They were demanding the impeachment of Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, recently re-elected, over an alleged scheme of corruption that siphoned money from the state-owned oil company Petrobras.

Brazil charges 35 in Petrobras scandal

Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Prosecutors investigating a sprawling kickback scheme at Brazil's state-run oil company Petrobras filed charges Thursday against 35 people, including executives from some of the nation's biggest construction firms.

The formal charges cap a months-long investigation dubbed "Operation Car Wash," which is proving to be one of Brazil's biggest corruption schemes yet uncovered with authorities saying they'll seek the return of nearly $400 million from the accused.

Authorities allege top officials from Petrobras operated the kickback scheme on contracts worth upward of $4 billion, with money from the inflated contracts eventually being fed back to the governing Workers' Party and other top parties for political campaigns.

"These people stole the pride of Brazilians," Prosecutor-General Rodrigo Janot said at a news conference in the southern city of Curitiba, where a top informant in the case is being held. "We're far from being at the end" of the investigation.

Prosecutor Deltan Dallagnol added that "we've begun to destroy the impunity of powerful groups who've acted against the interests of the nation for many years."

Executives charged Thursday include those from the companies OAS, Camargo Correa, UTC, Mendes Jr., Engevix and Galvao Engineering — along with two former executives from Petrobras.

The charges include corruption, money laundering and the formation of a criminal organization. A federal judge now will decide whether to accept all or some of the charges and begin a trial.

Many of the allegations center on what police have heard from Alberto Youssef, a convicted black-market money dealer and among those charged Thursday. He has said that he laundered hundreds of millions in the scheme and that the governing party benefited from it.

Youssef, who is talking to police in exchange for less jail time, claims recently re-elected President Dilma Rousseff and former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva knew about the kickbacks. He has offered no proof, and both leaders deny the allegation.

The case hits hard at some of Brazil's biggest private firms, which consistently are among the top donors to political campaigns via legal contributions.

Two former Petrobras executives are among those charged. Renato Duque, former director of services, was detained last month and Paulo Roberto Costa, a former director of Petrobras' downstream operations, was arrested in March. Costa, who has made a plea bargain, has told prosecutors he accepted bribes from construction firms and other contractors to win bids from the oil producer.

Petrobras, Brazil's biggest company, is in charge of tapping offshore oil fields and creating wealth that leaders hope will propel the country to developed world status. But the debt-plagued firm hasn't met development goals, and the riches remain buried deep under the sea floor.

Polls say Brazilians widely believe their government is corrupt. This case has only added to the suspicions, especially when it comes to big infrastructure works involving public funds.

Anger over corruption added gas to last year's big and spontaneous anti-government protests that rocked city streets across Brazil. Citizens vented frustration about the woeful state of public services in the country, and many linked the siphoning off of their tax dollars via corruption to the poor quality of hospitals, schools, transportation and public security.

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Another operator had a well whose production was calculated at 250 BOPD, 10 BWPD and 8MCF of natural gas per day. Cardinal's TRAC-III log on the well found the downhole calculated rate was 298 BOPD—278 of which was from a leaking collar located over 200' deeper than the completed zone. The wells' CIBP was also leaking, accounting for the 20 BOPD difference. The initial completed zones were producing the natural gas and very little oil.

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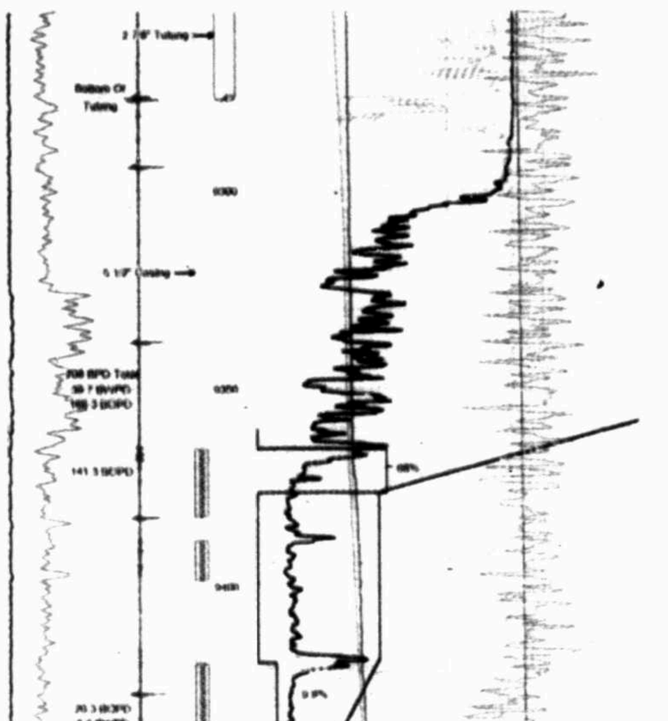

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The Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides even more upstream flexibility

For field personnel charged with connecting miles and miles of pipe, flexibility and portability are two key factors for their equipment. The new Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides that and more.

First, it is important to note the advantages to grooved end joints. They can be installed up to 10 times faster than traditional methods of threading or welding pipe joints. The grooving process is cleaner, simpler and more efficient.

The Victaulic VE206 is the ideal tool for use in preparing grooved end piping systems up to 6"/150mm. This tool is distinguished from other Victaulic grooving tools in that it can be insfalled either on a tripod or on the back of a roustabout truck, allowing it to be moved quickly wherever it needs to go. Previous units were made for stationary field or shop operation.

With this tool the crew can drive their truck, with the tool mounted, to wherever the pipe is located instead of hauling miles of pipe to a fixed location.

In addition to portability, its versatility makes the VE206 even more useful. It can be powered by multiple types of drives such as the Victaulic VPD752, Ridgid drive numbers 300 or 700, or the Rems Amigo II. Since many crews encounter various drives at different jobsites and, sometimes, at one jobsite, this versatility makes the VE206 ready for just about any situation.

The tool can be operated from either the left or right side, based on user preference, as long as the tool is set to have the pipe rotate away from the operator.

This tool is available with designated roll sets to groove pipe for any system requiring carbon steel, stainless steel, light-wall stainless steel, copper and end-seal type pipe material.

It can groove 1-1/4-6"/32-150mm pipe, up to schedule 40. Any roll set used with the Victaulic VE106 grooving tool is also compatible with the VE206.

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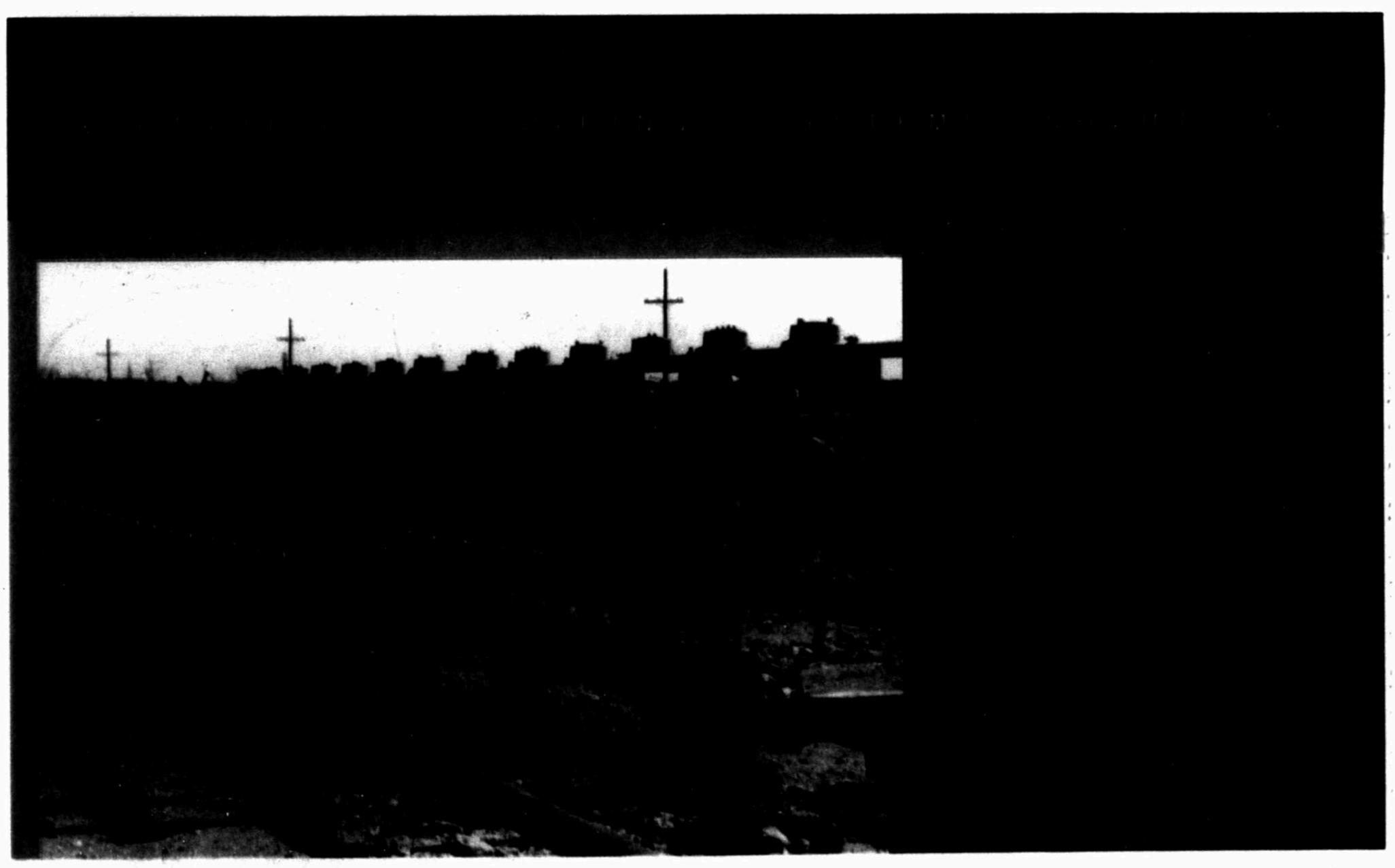
These two views of the Victaulic VE206 show its portability. It can be mounted on a tripod, as shown, or on the back of a roustabout truck, so it can go to where the pipe is rather than requiring pipe to be brought to it. Call Victaulic at 432-332-1480 to learn more about this versatile new machine.



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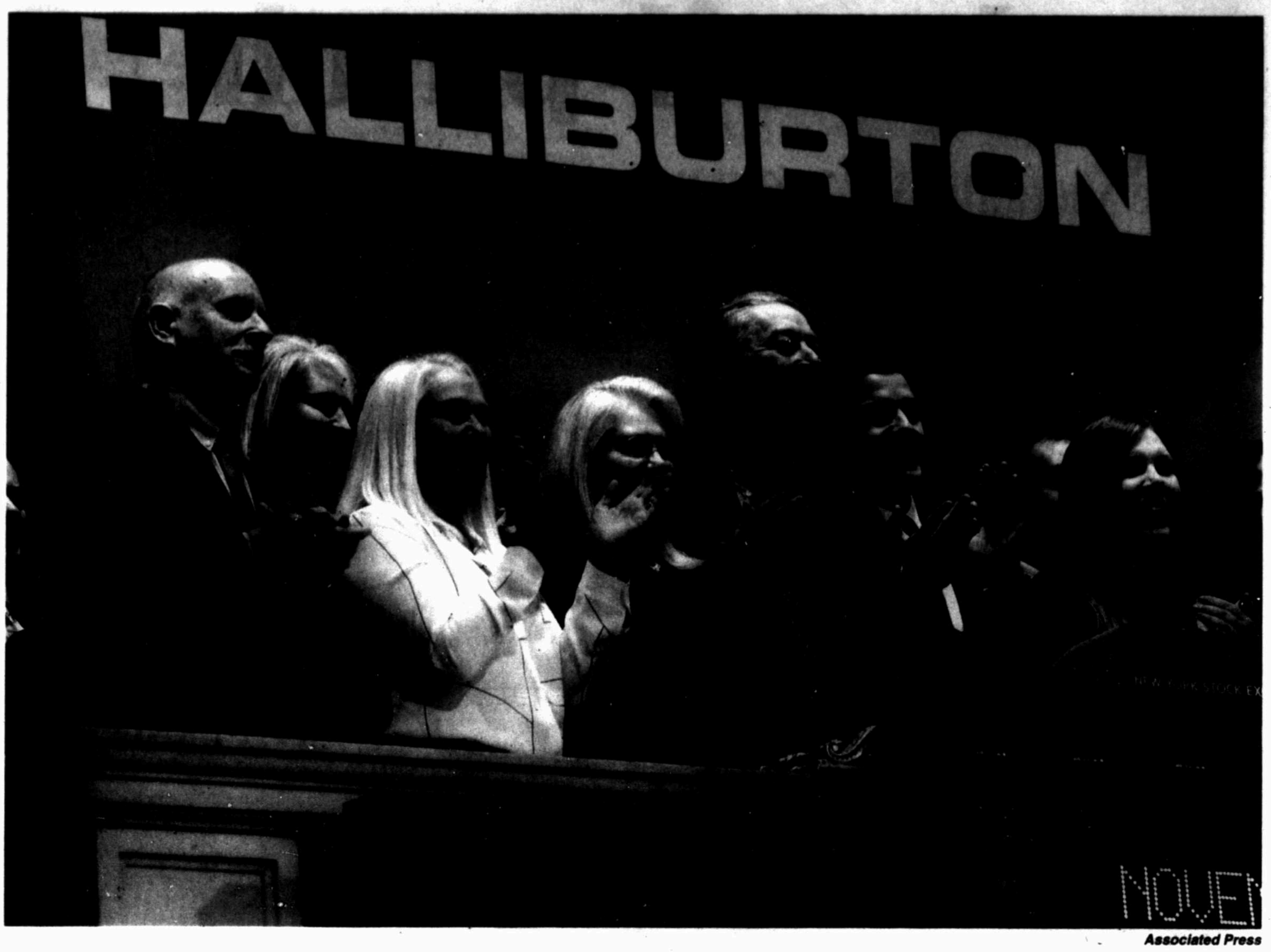


Associated Press

Halliburton Chairman and CEO Dave Lesar, joined by members of the Halliburton executive team, ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Nov. 18 in New York.

'IT'S NOT OUR FIRST RODEO'

Halliburton begins antitrust review over merger

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The executive who will lead the integration of two of the biggest oilfield service companies in the world told investors Wednesday that Halliburton Co. has met with antitrust regulators for the first time this week to hammer out its $35 billion acquisition of Baker Hughes.

Speaking at an investor presentation, Halliburton chief financial officer Mark McCollum said the regulatory review process to clear the deal with U.S. and European Union authorities has begun in earnest.

"We have to be able to get through that regulatory review and any kind of dispositions that are required out of that process before we can get to close," McCollum said, according to regulatory documents filed Wednesday. "There's a fair amount of internal urgency around moving through that process."

According to oilfield services consultant Spears & Associates, a Halliburton-Baker Hughes combo would control more than 49 percent of the $11.4 billion oil well cementing business, 41 percent of the $5.7 billion drill bits market and 45 percent of the $4.5 billion market for tools that collects subterranean data during drilling. Analysts and legal experts said federal trust busters will require Halliburton to sell off billions in revenue-generating assets.

There's an upside, McCollum said: Halliburton's integration teams will have time to develop a plan for each operational part of the business before the deal closes.

The execution of that plan is "where the most difficult heavy lifting will be," he said. "The planning is one thing. The better we plan the better the execution will be, so my goal is to do that well."

The CFO told investors falling oil prices haven't yet affected its North American business, but Halliburton has faced worse results than it expected in international markets.

"In a lower oil price environment there's nowhere to hide; it is going to affect all markets equally, and North America will probably be adjusting as we go into 2015," he said. "There are going to be rigs laid down. We don't yet have a view."

A large number of oil companies have yet to announce their 2015 capital spending budgets. Houston's ConocoPhillips said Monday it will cut its spending 20 percent, to about $13 billion.

Halliburton, he said, is expecting a $75 million restructuring charge in the fourth quarter as it has laid off some employees and curbed some oilfield service activities around the world. That's less than half of the $200 million charge Schlumberger expects to garner from the layoffs associated with retiring eight seismic vessels in the October-December period.

"We've been here before," McCollum said. "It's not our first rodeo."

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Devon Energy CEO to retire next year

Devon Energy Corp. CEO John Richels, 63, will retire next year and likely be replaced by chief operating officer David Hager, the company announced.

Richels will retire effective July 31. After that, he will continue to serve on the board of the Oklahoma-City based company. Devon intends to name him chairman of the board in 2016, the company said.

Hager, 58, joined Devon in 2007 as a board member and then became an employee when he was tapped to head its exploration and production office in 2009. He was named COO last year.

"Dave is a strong, visionary leader, with the business expertise and industry knowledge to guide Devon as we enter the next phase of our company's growth," Richels said in a statement. "Dave has been instrumental in the rebalancing of our portfolio and his focus on creating shareholder value, his integrity and his many other positive attributes will serve all stakeholders well."

Richels has worked for Devon since 1998 and served as chief executive since 2010.

AUSTIN

Effort to rename RRC gathers steam

At the Capitol, certain things come easy. Anyone can glide through security with a licensed handgun. Lawmakers can always find a highly compensated conversation partner in the lobby. And consensus gatherers roundly for resolutions honoring everyone from Merle Haggard to Jared the Subway sandwich guy to Leroy and Jackie Palmer of San Angelo, who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary during the last legislative session.

Other things just sound easy. Among them, few have turned out to be as hard as changing the name of the Texas Railroad Commission.

The commission, which regulates the booming oil and gas industry, has dealt little with railroads over the last century and none at all over the last nine years. For at least three consecutive legislative sessions, which occur in odd-numbered years, lawmakers have filed unsuccessful bills seeking a new name to accurately proclaim the commission's duties.

"All things considered, it shouldn't be that big of a deal to change the name of a state agency so that the public it serves has a better idea of who they are and what they do," said William Keffer, an energy law expert at Texas Tech University. He knows better, though. His brother, Jim Keffer, who serves as chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee, tried without success to advance a name change proposal in the last session.

Though the 84th Legislature will not convene until the middle of January, the latest attempt has already begun. On Nov. 10, the day clerks began accepting pre-filed legislation, Rep. Ryan Guillen formally proposed the name "Texas Energy Resources Commission."

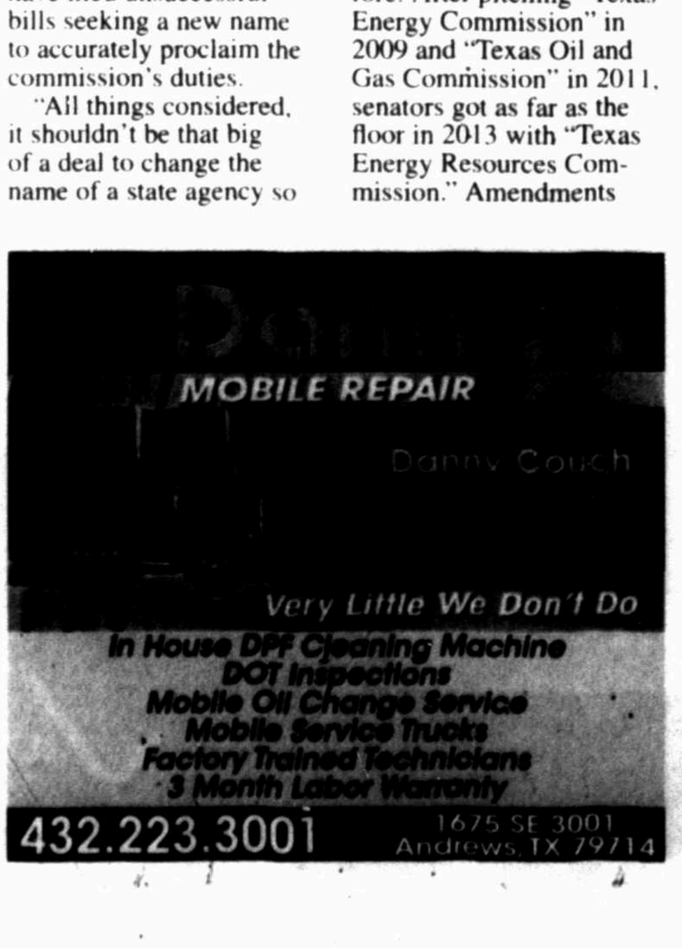
Even this particular suggestion has been tried before. After pitching "Texas Energy Commission" in 2009 and "Texas Oil and Gas Commission" in 2011, senators got as far as the floor in 2013 with "Texas Energy Resources Commission." Amendments were offered, reverting to the previous two suggestions. "Texas Energy Resources Commission" won the day, only to die underground in the chambers of the House Energy Resources Committee.

"I think we should try again," said Jim Keffer, the committee chairman, in an interview. "You've got to look toward the future, and there's so many people from out of the state who don't know what the Railroad Commission does."

The problem has not exactly sneaked up on anyone who follows industry regulation in Austin. Founded during the late 19th-century administration of Gov. Jim Hogg, who won election on a wave of agrarian resentment toward powerful rail barons, the commission soon expanded to regulate another new method of commodity transportation: pipelines.

From there, wrote David F. Prindle, a government professor at the University of Texas, "the actions of the Commissioners in dealing with railroads in the subsequent ninety years are only of limited interest."

Based on its less obvious duties, however, the commission has become a powerful force far beyond the state borders. Operating with just 800 employees monitoring more than 400,000 oil and gas wells across Texas, its policy decisions reverberate from the energy towers of Houston to OPEC headquarters in Austria.



Kinder Morgan COO says he'll take the reins

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Kinder Morgan executive Steve Kean said he will eventually take over as CEO of the nation's largest pipeline company by market value after current CEO Richard Kinder steps back.

Kean, 53, currently serves as the Houston-based company's chief operating officer. Kinder, 70, will move into an executive chairman role and still remain involved in the company's major decisions, Kean said at the Wells Fargo Energy Symposium in New York. The company has not given a schedule for the transition.

Kean said that he and current CFO Kimberly Dang had been helping to handle the pipeline giant's day-to-day operations for some time. He also said that Kinder would remain active after stepping down.

"He's not selling a single share of stock," Kean said. "As executive chairman, he'll be involved in absolutely every single critical decision we make."

Kinder Morgan has not officially announced plans to transition its top role or drawn much attention to the impending retirement of Kinder. Kean discussed the plans in response to an analyst's question at the conclusion of his presentation.

In an emailed statement, Kinder Morgan spokesman Larry Pierce confirmed that Kean would take over and said that a transition would need to be approved by the company's board.

"Rich intends to retain the title of executive chairman and make Steve Kean (our current president) CEO of the company," Pierce wrote. "When this occurs, Rich will remain very involved in the operations and strategic direction of the company. He will not be retiring and does not intend to sell any of his KMI shares."

Richard Kinder founded Kinder Morgan in 1997 when he, William Morgan and other investors purchased Enron Liquids Pipeline. The company has since grown to become one of the largest energy companies by market value and the largest midstream company.

In August, Kinder Morgan closed a $44 billion deal with its related companies that united all of its assets under Kinder Morgan Inc. The deal ended the company's tax-advantaged status as a master limited partnership, a type of corporate structure that Kinder Morgan had helped popularize.

Executives have said that the deal will clear the way for faster growth and allow the company to return more cash to its shareholders. So far, the markets have agreed as investors have bid up Kinder Morgan Inc. stock about 10 percent since the deal was announced, even while other energy stocks have been severely punished by falling oil prices.

Kinder Morgan has made several presentations at industry conferences recently assuring investors that the company is well insulated from the falling price of crude.

About 82 percent of Kinder Morgan's cash flows were fee-based in 2014, according to a recent presentation by Kinder Morgan CFO Dang.

Kinder Morgan's largest exposure to commodity prices comes from its carbon dioxide business segment, which owns a handful of oilfields in the Permian Basin. The division produced about 57,000 barrels per day of oil in the third quarter of 2014. Those barrels were 82 percent hedged at $95 in 2014 and are 64 percent hedged at $91 in 2015 as of the end of September.

In total, the company said it could see about a $7 million impact on its distributable cash flow for each dollar shift in the price of oil, with slightly more exposure in the years where it has not hedged as fully.

Houston Chronicle file photo

Chevron CEO John S. Watson delivers a keynote address during the American Association of Blacks in Energy National Conference in Houston in April.

Chevron to delay announcement on capital spending for next year

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Chevron will postpone releasing its spending plans for next year, the company said Tuesday in the face of low crude prices.

Most oil and gas companies unveil their capital expenditure budgets in December, providing analysts and investors a barometer to measure the overall industry's financial health. But Chevron, the second largest U.S. integrated energy company, said Tuesday its budget won't be made public until early next year.

"Chevron is still in the process of reviewing and evaluating its capital and exploratory expenditure plans and will release its 2015 budget as soon as these plans are final, most likely in early 2015," spokesman Kurt Glaubitz said in an email to Fuel Fix.

The announcement comes a day after ConocoPhillips, the largest domestic independent oil and gas company, said it would spend 20 percent less than it did this year, igniting speculation that other big oil companies would follow suit.

Domestic benchmark crude has plummeted more than 40 percent since June, forcing companies to rethink their exploration and production budgets for next year. Houston-based Apache Corp. announced plans to slash spending by $1.4 billion. Continental Resources, headquartered in Oklahoma City, will cut $600 million from its budget.

Chevron has already been working to pare costs as part of goal to divest $10 billion of its assets by 2016.

In a third quarter earnings call Oct. 31, Chevron executives weren't overly concerned about falling prices, saying the company remains on target to achieve its divestment goal. But officials warned that lower oil prices could curb prospective sales if Chevron can't fetch a good price for its assets.

"In all cases we will only sell if we can capture good value," Pat Yarrington, vice president and chief financial officer told investors.

Pointing to Chevron's extensive experience weathering low price storms, Yarrington said the company was confident in its ability to "allocate capital appropriately" and sustain competitive costs amid falling oil prices.

About half the company's capital budget is tied up in major capital projects already under construction and other non-discretionary spending. Chevron plans to continue investing in those projects even at low prices because they will yield high returns once they become operational, Yarrington told investors.

"After that we prioritize and rank our remaining investments that are more discretionary in nature, only funding those that are most competitive in the portfolio or where deferral can be achieved without economic loss," she said.

Ecuador case against Chevron in court

Associated Press

TORONTO — Lawyers for a group of Ecuadoran villagers asked Canada's high court on Thursday to grant their clients access to Canadian courts to enforce a $9.5-billion Ecuadorian judgment against Chevron Corp for rainforest damage.

Lawyers have fought for years in several countries over who's responsible for pollution in the rain forest. They are arguing that the case should be heard in Canada because Chevron has a Canadian subsidiary.

In February 2011, a judge in Ecuador issued an $18 billion judgment against Chevron in a lawsuit brought on behalf of 30,000 residents. The judgment was for environmental damage caused by Texaco during its operation of an oil consortium in the rainforest from 1972 to 1990. Chevron later bought Texaco.

Ecuador's highest court last year upheld the verdict but reduced the judgment to about $9.5 billion.

Chevron, which now has no assets in Ecuador, argues that a 1998 agreement Texaco signed with Ecuador after a US$40 million cleanup absolves it of liability. It claims Ecuador's state-run oil company is responsible for much of the pollution in the oil patch that Texaco quit more than two decades ago.

The Ecuadorean plaintiffs said the cleanup was a sham and didn't exempt third-party claims.

The lawyer for the Ecuadorians, Steve Donziger, has sought to have the judgment enforced in Canada, Brazil and Argentina. They have not pursued Chevron in the United States where a New York judge ruled in favor of Chevron's counter-suit that argued the judgment from the Ecuador courts was obtained fraudulently by corrupt means. That New York decision is now being appealed.

A year ago, the Ontario Court of Appeal overruled a lower court decision and concluded that Ontario is an "appropriate jurisdiction" to determine whether the Ecuadoran judgment should be enforced. Chevron is now looking for the country's top court to overturn the appeal court.

The international oil giant has argued that its Canadian subsidiary had nothing to do with the underlying lawsuit and that allowing the action to proceed would violate a principle known as the "corporate veil," which says that subsidiaries are separate entities from their corporate parents and are not liable for actions of the parents. It noted the parent company has no assets in Ontario, and Chevron Canada Ltd. has very little business in the province.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLORADO

Drilling task force gets split message in Rifle

RIFLE — Members of Gov. John Hickenlooper's drilling task force got a split message on their last scheduled trip to western Colorado.

The task force wrapped up the second of two days of meetings in Rifle on Thursday. During its visit, oil and gas workers and elected officials from several counties told the panel that local governments are doing a good job of regulating the oil and gas industry and new statewide rules aren't needed.

However others, including residents of Battlement Mesa near Parachute, said more rules were needed to protect water and to separate wells from homes, the Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported.

The creation of the 21-member panel was part of a deal brokered by Hickenlooper to get groups to drop dueling ballot measures that either opposed or supported hydraulic fracturing this year. He's asked them to report back with findings and recommendation by early next year.

KANSAS

KCC, gas companies collaborating on replacing old pipes

TOPEKA — The Kansas Corporation Commission and natural gas companies are working to find a way to replace aging gas pipes in a less-expensive way.

Kansas natural gas companies currently add a fee, called the gas service reliability surcharge, to customers' bills to cover projects required by safety regulations or related public works projects.

But the Legislature-approved charge doesn't cover preventative work like replacing old cast iron and steel pipes before they break. Officials say that kind of work is cheaper and causes less disruption than an emergency pipe repair.

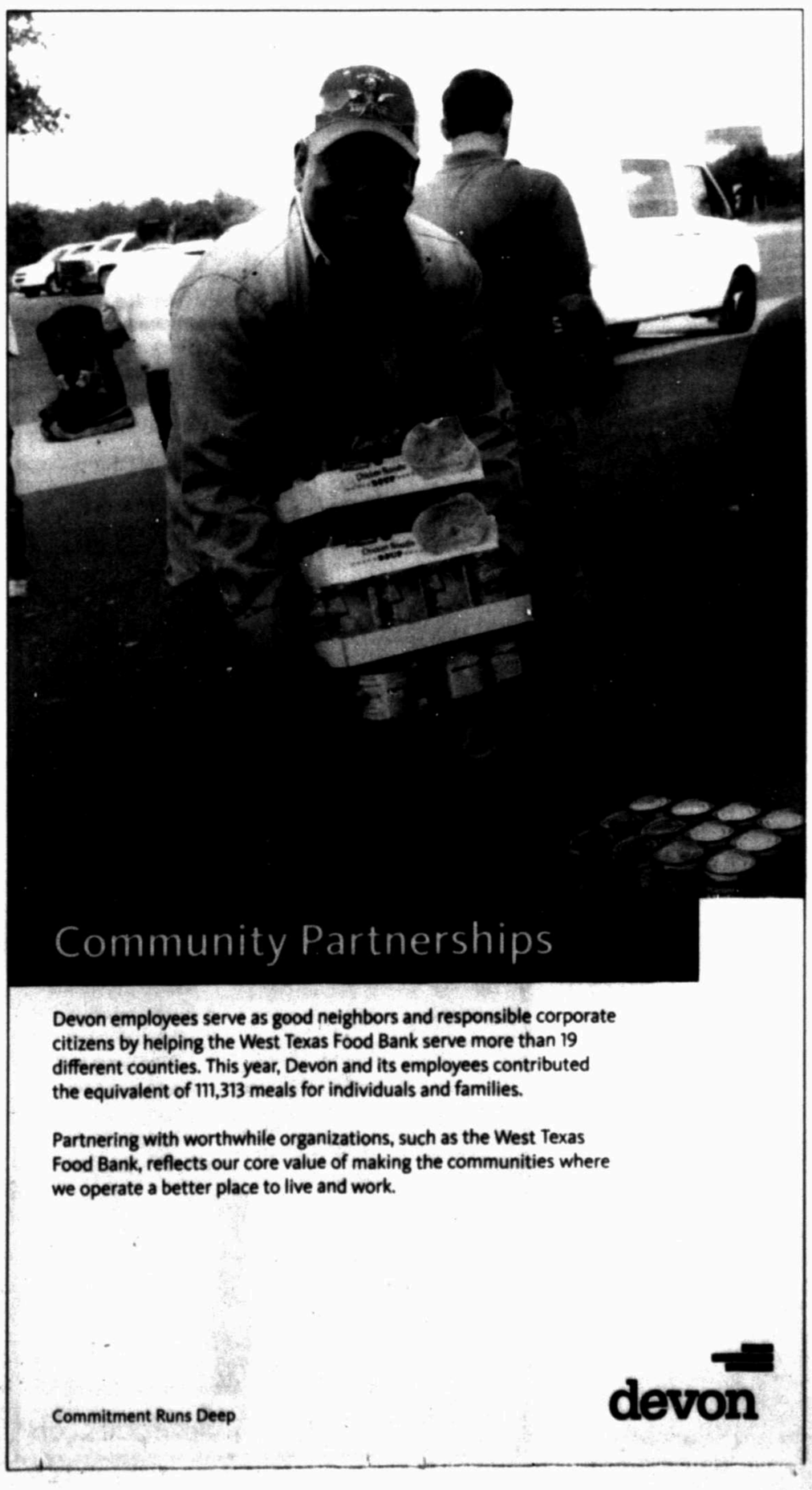
The commission wants to develop a process that would allow it to preapprove spending to replace old pipes over time before they become a hazard, commissioner Pat Apple said. It would allow the commission to steer investment toward high-priority pipes, such as those than run underneath more populated areas.

Apple told The Topeka Capital-Journal that amending the GSRS to pay for pipe-replacement work requires legislative approval. Some commissioners think they can set up a separate process without sending it to the Legislature.

Kansas Gas Service, which serves the Topeka area, already has plans to replace its cast iron pipes over the next five years and its bare steel service lines over the next 10 years.

"When you can be proactive, it will be a much more reasonable cost than if you have to react to it," said Leo Haynos, KCC's chief of energy operations and pipeline safety.

He said older pipes are at a higher risk of failure, but companies check them more frequently for leaks and conduct repairs or replacements if needed.



ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW ORLEANS

Arguments heard on law to kill 'Big Oil' lawsuit

A federal judge was asked Wednesday to determine the constitutionality of a Louisiana law designed to kill a regional flood board's lawsuit against oil and gas companies over wetlands damage.

U.S. District Judge Nanette Jolivette Brown did not say when she would rule but indicated she might wait for the Louisiana Supreme Court to issue its own ruling on the matter in a separate but related case. That court is also expected to rule on the constitutionality of the law.

In 2013 the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East filed a landmark lawsuit against nearly 100 oil and gas companies over damage they allegedly caused to Louisiana's wetlands. The authority is one of two regional boards set up by the state after Hurricane Katrina to better protect the New Orleans area from flooding. The companies face paying billions of dollars in damages if the suit is successful.

The suit argues that the defendant oil companies did not fulfill their obligations to clean up the damage caused by drilling and related activity on Louisiana's coast.

In drilling for oil in Louisiana's marshes and swamps, oil companies dug about 10,000 miles of canals and sucked up enormous amounts of oil and gas. Those actions and others led to tremendous land loss, according to scientists. Louisiana has lost about 2,000 square miles of coastal land and drilling has been blamed for about 36 percent of that loss.

To thwart the suit, legislators and Gov. Bobby Jindal got a law passed this year that prohibits state agencies and local governments from pursuing suits such as the one filed by the flood board.

Questions before the courts now are whether the flood board falls under the law's description and whether the law itself is constitutional.

On Wednesday, James Swanson, a lawyer for the flood board, argued that the law is unconstitutional because it would interfere with a lawsuit well underway in the court system. He said the law, if it is allowed to stand, "would take the place of the courts" by intervening in an ongoing legal process. That, he argued, would violate the state constitution's separation of powers.

He also argued that the law, as written, does not apply to the flood board, which he said doesn't meet the legal definition of a state agency or a local government but is a stand-alone entity.

Russell Keith Jarrett, a lawyer for the oil companies, said the legislation was clear in its intent to kill the suit and that the flood board cannot be considered separate from state government.

"It is the will of the government to kill the lawsuit," Jarrett said. "The rights of the levee district were created by the Legislature, and they can be taken away by the Legislature."

ALASKA

State faces $3.5B deficit amid lower oil prices

JUNEAU — Slumping oil prices have helped push Alaska's potential budget deficit this year to $3.5 billion — an increase of $2.1 billion from what lawmakers expected in April.

The price of oil, forecast at $105 a barrel in the state's spring revenue forecast, is now expected to average about $76 a barrel for the fiscal year that ends June 30. The price is forecast to dip even lower, to $66 a barrel, during fiscal 2016 before rebounding.

The average price last fiscal year was $107 a barrel, according to the fall revenue forecast released Wednesday.

The forecast expects unrestricted general fund revenue of $2.6 billion this year, down from $5.4 billion in 2014. That, combined with about $200 million in anticipated supplemental budget items like oil and gas credits, accounts for the predicted $3.5 billion deficit, said Jerry Burnett, a deputy Revenue commissioner. The revenue forecast itself does not delve into the overall budget.

Unrestricted general fund revenue — money not limited in its use by the constitution, law or something else — is expected to drop to $2.2 billion in 2016.

The state is expected to dip into savings to get by. Gov. Bill Walker, who took office Dec. 1, has warned of lean times ahead.

The Revenue Department said oil prices were the biggest factor in the revenue drop from the previous forecast. It also cited increases in expected lease expenditures by oil and gas companies, which reduce the amount of tax they pay.

In a news release, acting Revenue Commissioner Marcia Davis said while despite lower oil prices and less revenue in the short term, "our long-term view is optimistic."

"Greater investment by the oil and gas industry on the North Slope and solid performance of state investments makes Alaska's overall financial health sound," she said.

Alaska relies heavily on oil revenue to fund the operations of state government. It has ridden this wave before and recovered. One major difference this time, Burnett said, is lower oil production. Production has been on a downward trend since the late 1980s.

Even as prices have fallen, however, oil companies have continued making investments on the North Slope aimed at boosting production, Burnett said. The forecast expects increases in oil production in 2016 and 2017, up from the forecast 509,500 barrels per day for the current fiscal year.

The expected drop in the oil and gas production tax is sharp, from $2.6 billion last year to about $520 million this year. The tax is expected to bring in about $310 million in 2016 and about $1.2 billion the following year.

One of the biggest political debates in recent years was over the state's oil production tax. The tax was overhauled in 2013, a change that critics said amounted to a giveaway to oil companies.

But Burnett said the current situation is a function of price. He said with these low prices, "there's very little production tax revenue, regardless of what system you're under."

When prices are low and companies are investing — incurring expenses they can deduct — they don't pay a lot in taxes, he said. The current tax structure, as well as others in the recent past, allowed for deductibility, he said.

DENVER

Colorado GOP push for payment during fracturing bans

Colorado House Republicans will propose legislation requiring counties that ban hydraulic fracturing to pay mineral owners for losing their ability to develop their property.

The House GOP said Thursday that Rep. Perry Buck of Windsor will be introducing the bill in the session that begins next month.

Hydraulic fracturing is expected to be a heated topic of debate for lawmakers. During the session, they will also be getting recommendations from a task force studying how to resolve land disputes over energy development.

The task force was assembled by Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper as a compromise to get groups to drop competing ballot measures that would support or limit fracturing.

Fracturing opponents have been making a push to give local governments more control over drilling.

MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, DTE plan solar farm at city's airport

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP — Ann Arbor and DTE Energy Co. are making plans for a large solar farm at Ann Arbor Municipal Airport.

The Ann Arbor News reported that city officials last week announced details of the roughly 10-acre, 1-megawatt solar farm that could be expanded in the future.

The city-owned airport is located in Washtenaw County's Pittsfield Township, just south of the Ann Arbor city limits. Mayor Christopher Taylor said "Ann Arbor very much wants to take action on renewable energy" and it's "a great step forward for us."

DTE spokesman Scott Simons said the solar array would be a continuation of the utility's Solar Currents program and would help Detroit-based DTE meet the state's renewable energy standards. Simons said most of its renewable energy is coming from wind power.

Simons said power would go directly to the grid and would produce enough energy to power about 150 homes.

Matt Naud, the city's environmental coordinator, says many details are still being worked out on the plans before they move forward. The project needs approval from City Council, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Naud says the project also would need to go through Pittsfield Township's site plan approval process. He says DTE would pay for the installation and pay the city for use of the land. Ann Arbor currently allows for some farming activities to occur on the land.

Naud says the project would go a "long way to meeting our renewable energy goals for the city."

HELSINKI

Lower oil prices prompt Norway interest rate cut

In a surprise move, Norway's central bank on Thursday cut its key lending rate as it frets over the impact of the sharp fall in oil prices on the country's economy.

In the first adjustment since March 2012, Norges Bank cut the rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.25 percent.

Justifying the move, it said "activity in the petroleum industry is softening, "as the sharp fall in oil prices over the past few months has raised concerns over the Scandinavian country's economy, which is highly dependent on its huge oil and gas reserves — in 2013, oil and gas production accounted for 21 percent of Norway's economy.

Norges Bank said the sharp fall in oil prices "will have spillover effects on the wider economy and unemployment may edge up ahead."

The rate cut surprised analysts, who said it came earlier than anticipated.

"We had expected the central bank to cut the rate but not at (Thursday's) meeting but during the first half of next year," said Kyrre Aamdal at DNB Markets in Oslo. "The bank is a bit worried. It illustrates that they are taking early action to meet lower demands coming from the petroleum sector."

Oil prices have plunged by more than 40 percent since June, in part because of weak global economic growth and a U.S. oil boom that has swelled supply. Last month, OPEC failed to reach agreement on production curbs, mainly because of opposition from Saudi Arabia, and that decision has weighed on prices too.

DNB's Aamdal said falling oil prices have yet to really dent Norway's economy.

"So far, we have not seen any effects on the major part of the Norwegian economy except from oil suppliers which have reported declining activity," he said "Most other industries report a modest growth in activity."

The new interest rate went into force Friday.

WYOMING

Panel OKs plan to cut ozone pollution

PINEDALE — A state advisory panel has endorsed a proposal to reduce emissions from existing gas fields in western Wyoming.

The plan approved Wednesday by a Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality advisory board would reduce ozone pollution from gas fields in the Pinedale area. It also expands leak detection and repair requirements to compressor stations.

Efforts to address air quality in the Upper Green River Basin come two years after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found the region in violation of federal health standards.

The area is home to the Jonah and Pinedale natural gas fields.

The Casper Star-Tribune reported that the proposal now moves to the Environmental Quality Council. If passed by the EQC, the plan would then go to Gov. Matt Mead for final approval.

PENNSYLVANIA

AG charges firm in storage tank blast

NEW CASTLE — The attorney general's office says a western Pennsylvania fuel company violated state environmental protection laws that led to a storage tank explosion that killed a welder last year.

The (Sharon) Herald reports Reed Oil Co. of New Castle has been charged with two counts of violating those regulations at the plant of one of its subsidiaries, Brownies Oil Co. in Pymatuning Township.

Thirty-seven-year-old Brian Krauss, of New Castle, was killed when the tank exploded while he was reattaching a catwalk to the top of a storage tank on Aug. 19, 2013.

The attorney general contends Reed Oil violated the law because Krauss allegedly didn't have the proper certification to work on the tanks and because the tank that exploded and three others hadn't been properly inspected for more than 10 years.

Reed Oil declined comment Thursday.

INDIANA

Landfill gas power project fires up

ARGOS — A waste services company is now generating enough power from the gases belched up by a northern Indiana landfill to light more than 3,200 homes.

Republic Services regional President Mark Watson said Wednesday the company's new six-megawatt project at County Line Landfill has begun generating electricity at the project site about 30 miles south of South Bend.

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Texas RRCD 7C

Irion County

Compass Energy Operating LLC
Sugg "7A" #6
Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 600 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 27, Abst. 180, H&TC RR, 20 nw Mertzon; TD 7830; Comp 11/10/2014; producing from 6887-6902, fracture stimulated; pump 12 BO, 73 MCF, 1 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34346

Runnels County

The Window Operating Co.
Irvin #1
Spike North (Palo Pinto); 467 fsl, 794.8 fel, Sec 10, Abst. 1199, F.M. Townsend, 0.5 s Winters; TD 4721; Comp 11/14/2014; producing from 3726-3732; pump 18 BO, 15 MCF, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-399-35450

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "41-32" #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1780 fel, 1979 fnl, Sec 32, Blk 4, Abst. 103U, ULS, 7.1 ne Andrews; TD 10301; Comp 11/18/2014; producing from 8530-10084, fracture stimulated; pump 41 BO, 274 MCF, 31 BW, 64.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46438

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Fisher "E" #9
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 220 fel, 330 fnl, Sec 16, Blk A-36, Abst. 1959, PSL, 10 nw Andrews; TD 4729; Comp 11/13/2014; producing from 4371-4511, fracture stimulated; pump 61 BO, 2 MCF, 157 BW, 32.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45041

J. Cleo Thompson
West Means Grayburg-San Andres Unit #2928
Means; 6397 fnl, 3372 fwl, Sec 14, Blk A-35, Abst. 915, PSL, 8 nw Andrews; TD 4687; Comp 11/14/2014; producing from 4386-4529, fracture stimulated; pump 68 BO, 126 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46828

J. Cleo Thompson
West Means Grayburg-San andres Unit #509
Means; 797 fnl, 1323 fel, Sec 7, Blk A-35, Abst. 951, PSL, 8 nw Andrews; TD 4710; Comp 11/14/2014; producing from 4414-4571, fracture stimulated; pump 117 BO, 64 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46430

Martin County

Energen Resources Corp.
Campbell #52
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1980 fel, Sec 131, Blk A, Abst. 444, R.E. Montgomery, 3.6 nw Tarzan; TD 11911; Comp 11/19/2014; producing from 8024-11521, fracture stimulated; pump 88 BO, 70 MCF, 420 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-39472

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #757R
Ward-Estes North; 990 fsl, 1650 fwl, Sec 10, Blk O, Abst. 128, G&MMB&A, 7 sw Monahans; TD 2750; Comp 11/10/2014; producing from 2466-2708, fracture stimulated; flow 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW on open choke, FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-11139

Texas RRCD 8A

Lynn County

Reatta Energy Inc.
Rebel "403" #1
Peg's Draw (Mississippian); 554 fsl, 2530 fel, Sec 403, Blk 9, Abst. 33, EL&RR, 6 ne Draw; TD 9217; Comp 11/13/2014; producing from 8985-9075, fracture stimulated; pump 28 BO, 28 MCF, 81 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-305-30553

New Mexico

Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler A #47
Loco Hills; Sec 23 T17S R30E; 1090/N & 330/E; EL 3683 GL, TD 6100, PBTD 6042; Spud 2-9-14, Comp 4-9-14; production is through treated perfs: 5648-6008. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% NEFE acid & 94 BS, Frac w/1,425,060 gals slickwater, 39,400# 100 mesh, 417,640# 100 mesh. IP: 4-21-14 Pump 24 hrs 110 BO, 1141 BW, 80 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 343 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6100 w/1600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5533; API #30-015-41967

Apache Corp.
Crow Federal #16
Fren; Sec 9 T17S R31E; 1745/S & 110/W. BHL: 1741/S & 311/E; EL 3838 GL, TD 9625 MD, 5166 TVD, PBTD 9625; Spud 8-9-13, Comp 2-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 5215-9523. Treat: 2505 gals acid & 2,536,530# sd. IP: 3-28-14 Pump 24 hrs 357 BO, 1155 BW, 512 MCF, GOR 14234, Gty 36.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 475 w/520 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3500 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9625 w/15500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4995; API #30-015-40990

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Abundance AVZ #2
North Seven Rivers; Sec 23 T19S R25E; 250/N & 660/E. BHL: 330/N & 667/E; EL 3425 GL, TD 7480, PBTD 7433; Spud 1-23-14, Comp 4-29-14; production is through treated perfs: 3091-7385, Treat: Acdz w/61,000 gals 20% HCL acid, Frac w/5,544,475# 100 mesh & 40/70 brady sd. IP: 5-19-14 Flow 24 hrs 123 BO, 1428 BW, 107 MCF, TP 210, CP 100. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1010 w/785 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7480 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2276; API #30-015-41782

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Abundance AVZ #3
North Seven Rivers; Sec 23 T19S R25E; 250/N & 1880/E. BHL: 330/N & 1988/E; EL 3447 GL, TD 7499 MD, 2681 TVD, PBTD 7433; Spud 2-3-14, Comp 5-2-14; production is through treated perfs: 3040-7381. Treat: Acdz w/56,900 gals 20% HCL acid, Frac w/5,672,413# 100 Mesh, 40/70 Brady, 40/70 Premium white sd. IP: 6-13-14 Flow 24 hrs 136 BO, 1268 BW, 136 MCF, TP 240, CP 120. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1010 w/560 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7480 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2265; API #30-015-41773

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Southland Royalty APM State #1
Turkey Track; Sec 24 T19S R29E; 200/S & 2080/W. BHL: 230/N & 1981/W; EL 3352 GL, TD 12,762, PBTD 12,670; Spud 1-25-14, Comp 6-10-14; production is through treated perfs: 8511-12,572. Treat: Acdz w/91,000 gals 7.5% HCL acid, Frac w/4,049,442# 16/30 RCS and 20/40 Ottawa sd. IP: 6-28-14 Pump 24 hrs 300 BO, 1726 BW, 324 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 373 w/480 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3718 w/2580 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12,762 w/2370 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7645; API #30-015-39859

BOPCO LP
Big Eddy Unit #257
Williams Sink; Sec 33 T19S R31E; 1670/S & 2630/E. BHL: 698/S & 1380/E; EL 3454 GL, TD 15457 MD, 9227 TVD; Spud 2-2-14, Comp 5-22-14; production is through treated perfs: 9617-15387. Treat: Frac w/56207 bbls fluid, 1579546# sd across 20 stages. IP: 6-11-14 Pump 24 hrs 786 BO, 1221 BW, 580 MCF, GOR 738. Csg: 16 @ 768 w/800 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2614 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4151 w/1700 sx, 7 @ 8910 w/750 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8787-15433, 2 7/8 @ 8297; API #30-015-42006

Cimarex Energy Co.
Cottonwood Hills 32 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 32 T25S R27E; 330/S & 1980/W. BHL: 348/n & 1976/W; EL 3229 GL, TD 11920, PBTD 11917; Spud 1-10-14, Comp 3-16-14; production is through perfs: 7417-11843. IP: 3-28-14 Flow 24 hrs 941 BO, 404 BW, 803 MCF, 25/64" Ch, TP 620. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 497 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11920 w/2270 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6866; API #30-015-41603

Cimarex Energy Co.
Cottonwood Hills 32 State Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 32 T25S R27E; 330/S & 1980/E. BHL: 345/N & 1996/E; EL 3210 GL, TD 11861, PBTD 11835; Spud 2-2-14, Comp 3-15-14; production is through perfs: 7452-11833. IP: 3-26-14 Flow 24 hrs 820 BO, 872 BW, 1139 MCF, 32/64" Ch, TP 480, CP 150. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 460 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2065 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11861 w/2360 sx, 2 3/8 @ 6877; API #30-015-41602

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #42
East Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 660/S & 1650/W; EL 3011 GL, TD 7380, PBTD 7342; Spud 10-23-13, Comp 1-4-14; production is through treated perfs: 5546-6806. Treat: 15% HCL, premium white 16/30, 20# Delta CRC 16/30 TLR = 11,840 bbls total sd + 700,479#. IP: 1-5-14 Pump 24 hrs 486 BO, 1262 BW, 359 MCF, Gty 40.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 695 w/840 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3425 w/930 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7380 w/665 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6700; API #30-015-40643

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #47
Wildcat; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 197/N & 610/W. BHL: 350/S & 916/W; EL 3072 GL, TD 12560 MD, 8096 TVD, PBTD 12466 MD, 8110 TVD; Spud 10-22-13, Comp 12-24-13; production is through treated perfs: 8544-12416. Treat: 15% HCL, 20# linear, 100 mesh, 20# borate, 40/70 white, 20/40 Super total prop = 2,555,011#=73,855 bbls. IP: 1-10-14 Pump 24 hrs 292 BO, 1135 BW, 1111 MCF, Gty 47. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 850 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3516 w/1055 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12757 w/1990 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4200; API #30-015-41581

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #46
West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 330/N & 2310/E; EL 3979 GL, TD 6918, PBTD 6856; Spud 1-1-14, Comp 4-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 5422-5442, 5905-6572. Treat: 14000 gals 15% acid, 652,812# proppants. IP: 4-23-14 Pump 24 hrs 24 BO, 612 BW, 69 MCF, Gty 38.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 761 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6898 w/1145 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6668; API #30-025-41508

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #436
Vacuum; Sec 25 T17S R34E; 600/S & 1100/E; EL 3993 GR, TD 5126, PBTD 5116; Spud 8-23-13, Comp 9-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 4324-4838. Treat: Acdz w/558.5 bbls acid. IP: 9-16-13 Pump 24 hrs 275 BO, 814 BW, 38 MCF, GOR 137. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1553 w/1300 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3208 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5116 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4322; API #30-025-40996

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #438
Vacuum; Sec 25 T17S R34E; 575/S & 1170/W; EL 4007 GR, TD 5120, PBTD 5105; Spud 7-26-13, Comp 8-13-13; production is through treated perfs: 4376-4853. Treat: Acdz w/21,000 gals 15% acid. IP: 8-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 1370 BW, 287 MCF, GOR 3137. Csg: 11 ? @ 1565 w/1035 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3208 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5120 w/865 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4540; API #30-025-40998

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #432
Vacuum; Sec 30 T17S R34E; 740/S & 1445/E; EL 3980 GR, TD 5122, PBTD 5122. Spud 9-4-13, Comp 9-18-13; production is through treated perfs: 4433-4813. Treat: Acdz w/20,000 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 1081 BW, 755 MCF, GOR 11532. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1580 w/1035 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3215 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5088 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4999; API #30-025-40995

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/

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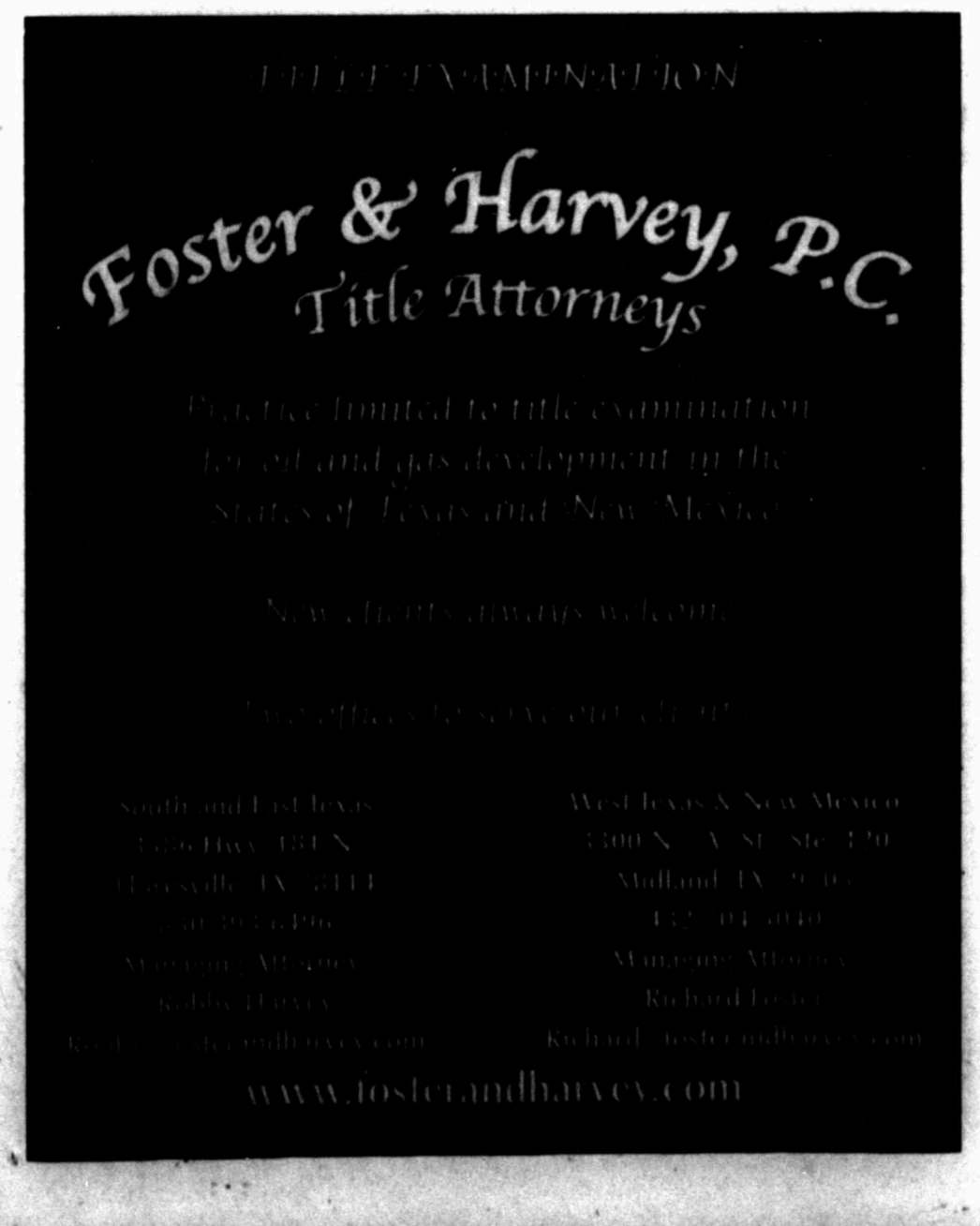

COMPLETIONS

SA Unit #386
Eunice Monument; Sec 20 T19S R37E; 1615/S & 1575/W. BHL: 1352/S & 1286/W; EL 3642 GL, TD 4080, PBTD 4035; Spud 6-1-13, Comp 7-15-13; production is through treated perfs: 3733-3960. Treat: 9764 gals 15% acid. IP: 10-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 3 BO, 23 BW, 5 MCF, GOR 1667, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1333 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4080 w/810 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3989; API #30-025-41038

Apache Corp.
Southland Royalty A #2
Wantz; Sec 9 T21S R37E; 2310/N & 640/E. BHL: 230/S & 656/E; EL 3465 GL, TD 11232 MD, 5926 TVD, PBTD 10,966; Spud 11-28-13, Comp 4-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 7206-10,848. Treat: 4595 bbls acid, 35,23 bbls slickwater, 44,618 bbls crosslink, 5175 bbls gel, 2,101,400# sd. IP: 4-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 488 BW, 55 MCF, GOR 1571, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1304 w/1085 sx, 8 5/8 @ 6204 w/1225 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11229 w/1300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6283; API #30-025-41435

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #536
North Eunice; Sec 15 T21S R37E; 140/N & 475/E. BHL: 155/N & 710/E; EL 3443 GL, TD 6963, PBTD 6904; Spud 2-20-14, Comp 4-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 5576-5821, 6044-6334, 6485-6666. Treat: 19,308 gals acid, 253,968 gals SS-30, 501,139# sd, 13,370 gals gel. IP: 4-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 66 BO, 193 BW, 233 MCF, GOR 3530, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1270 w/430 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6963 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6838; API #30-025-41601

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #637
North Eunice; Sec 15 T21S R37E; 150/N & 2295/W. BHL: 155/N & 2098/W; EL 3457 GL, TD 6950, PBTD 6902; Spud 2-23-14, Comp 4-2-14 ; production is through treated perfs: 5598-5829, 6048-6497, 6523-6708. Treat: 19,128 gals acid, 250,192 gals SS-30, 421,543# sd, 13,288 gals gel. IP: 4-7-14 Pump 24 hrs 66 BO, 193 BW, 233 MCF, GOR 3530, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1270 w/430 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6963 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6836; API #30-025-41598

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #661
North Eunice; Sec 15 T21S R37E; 1240/N & 1930/W; EL 3442 GL, TD 6963, PBTD 6948; Spud 2-2-14, Comp 3-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 5563-5916, 6073-6374, 6468-6662. Treat: 26,570 gals acid, 260,442 gals SS-30, 479,979# sd, 15,414 gals gel. IP: 3-17-14 Pump 24 hrs 28 BO, 253 BW, 39 MCF, GOR 1393, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1264 w/440 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6963 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6710; API #30-025-41583

GMT Exploration Co. LP
Merchant Gap 36 State Com #1
South Ojo; Sec 36 T22S R34E; 40/N & 350/W. BHL: 330/S & 350/W; EL 3416 GL, TD 15974, PBTD 15974; Spud 1-2-14, Comp 4-11-14; production is through perfs: 11718-15783. IP: 4-12-14 Flow 24 hrs 588 BO, 1010 BW, 328 MCF, 14/64" Ch, CP 1450. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1810 w/1150 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5060 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15974 w/1375 sx; API #30-025-41352

Quantum Resources Management LLC
Encore M State #12
Blinebry/Drinkard/ Wantz; Sec 20 T22S R37E; 2264/S & 1702/W; EL 3387 GL, TD 7150, PBTD 7092; Spud 1-29-14, Comp 3-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 6672-6724, 6444-6624. Treat: Acdz w/700 gals15% HCL. IP: 3-31-14 Pump 24 hrs 135 BO, 363 BW, 351 MCF, GOR 2600, Gty 39.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1198 w/1090 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4002 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7150 w/905 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6868; API #30-025-41530

Cimarex Energy Co.
Diamondtail 23 Federal #1
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 600/W. BHL: 354/S & 675/W; EL 3705 GL, TD 14024 MD, 9684 TVD, PBTD 14021 MD; Spud 11-8-13, Comp 3-8-14; production is through treated perfs: 9450-13995. Treat: Frac w/6,986,994 gals total fluid & 6,701,682# sd. IP: 3-25-14 Flow 24 hrs 226 BO, 1319 BW, 392 MCF, 29/64" Ch, TP 756, CP 165, GOR 1735, Gty 42.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1305 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4915 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14024 w/2100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9180; API #30-025-40780

Cimarex Energy Co.
Triste Draw 25 Federal Com #3
Triste Draw; Sec 25 T23S R32E; 330/S & 1980/W. BHL: 330/N & 1944/W; EL 3687 GL, TD 15359 MD, PBTD 15335; Spud 12-21-13, Comp 3-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 10775-15345. Treat: Frac w/1,739,808 gals total fluid & 2,664,681# sd. IP: 3-27-14 Flow 24 hrs 433 BO, 586 BW, 600 MCF, GOR 1386, Gty 43.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1338 w/1265 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5037 w/1530 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15359 w/3065, 2 7/8 @ 10490; API #30-025-41150

DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

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Crockett County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, OZONA (CLEAR FORK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 32 UNION PACIFIC, 1900 FNL 1100 FEL, SEC 2 BLK AAA, TC/WH MONTGOMERY SUR., A-4905 9000', 12 SW OZONA API# 42-105-36313

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 55-8, 200 FNL 1748 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 55, UL SUR., A-U557 6500', 24 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42083

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4108GH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2535 FNL 1018 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U328 8000', 22 N OZONA API# 42-105-42066

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4108HH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FNL 1101 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U328 8000', 22 N OZONA API# 42-105-42067

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4108IH UNIVERSITY EAST, 2534 FNL 1121 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 41, UL SUR., A-U328 8000', 22 N OZONA API# 42-105-42068

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., S CROSSETT (DETRITAL) (O/G) (RECOMP) (ST) Well# 216 SOUTH CROSS UNIT, 258 FNEL 248 FNWL, SEC 21 BLK 31, H&TC SUR., A-406 5600', 5 SW MCCAMEY API# 42-105-38913

Irion County

EOG RESOURCES, INC., LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 102H UNIVERSITY LUCY, 550 FNL 1130 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 40, UL SUR. 7500', 3 SW BARNHART API# 42-235-35872

EOG RESOURCES, INC., LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 705H NOELKE A, 300 FSL 1990 FEL, SEC 7, WC SUR., A-667 7000', 7 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35877

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1866NH ROCK HOLLOW UNIT, 2626 FSL 1404 FEL, SEC 186 BLK 1, T&P/ WT REESE SUR., A-994 7800', 9 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35875

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1865SH ROCK HOLLOW 186 SE UNIT, 1677 FNL 1122 FEL, SEC 186 BLK 1, T&P/ WT REESE SUR., A-994 7800', 9 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35874

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4G SAU 44, 1320 FSL 165 FWL, SEC 44 BLK B, L&SV/SA INGHAM SUR., A-767 8350', 28 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38919

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2E SAU 32-2A, 250 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 32 BLK B, L&SV/F INGHAM SUR., A-765 8450', 25 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38939

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1442HM SRH NORTH, 250 FNL 2015 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A, RW MCGREW SUR., A-366 8300', 20 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38855

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3HM WEATHERBY 2728 UNIT, 225 FSL 1635 FWL, SEC 1227, EL&RR SUR., A-136 8800', 7 N BEST API# 42-383-38865

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HU WEATHERBY 2728 UNIT, 225 FSL 1096 FWL, SEC 1227, EL&RR SUR., A-136 8400', 7 N BEST API# 42-383-38864

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4HU WEATHERBY 2728 UNIT, 225 FSL 2173 FWL, SEC 1227, EL&RR SUR., A-136, 8400', 7 N BEST API# 42-383-38866

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3D SAU 12-3, 2487 FNL 1220 FWL, SEC 12 BLK D, L&SV/ MH ROLLEN SUR., A-897 8350', 31 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38931

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HM WEATHERBY 2728 UNIT, 225 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 1227, EL&RR SUR., A-136 8800', 6 N BEST API# 42-383-38863

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3E SAU 5, 285 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 5 BLK E, L&SV SUR., A-334 8300', 23 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38924

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1101H UNIVERSITY 1, 980 FWL 100 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 1, UL SUR. 9000', 15 SW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38962

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1102H UNIVERSITY 1, 1020 FWL 100 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 1, UL SUR. 9000', 15 SW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38961

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 904H UNIVERSITY 09, 514 FNL 275 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38957

WTG EXPLORATION, ROBLE GRANDE (STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (WDFRD) Well# 1 JOHNED, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 11 BLK O, TC SUR., A-470 11500', 17 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38991

Schleicher County

EAGLE PRODUCTION, INC., ELDORADO (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2R MEADOR-HENGST ET AL, 1548 FSL 1875 FEL, SEC 7 BLK TT, TC SUR., A-544 7000', 10 NW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32943

Tom Green County

COMPASS OPER., LLC, SUSAN PEAK (O/G) DRILL Well# 33 JOHN D ROBERTSON C, 330 FNL 991 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 25, H&TC SUR., A-8562 4900', 15 SE SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32812

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ZPZ FEE 1055, 2640 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 10, GC&SF/ JO LOVE SUR., A-570 12000', 2 SW RANKIN API# 42-461-39578

APACHE CORPORATION, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H KING SOUTH U-0515, 400 FSL 1275 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 3 1/2, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-1155 3700', 11 SE CRANE API# 42-461-39590

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 UNIVERSITY 8, 665 FNL 2213 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U8 8200', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-32418

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERSITY 3-32, 400 FNL 2692 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 4, UL SUR. 10100', 9 E RANKIN API# 42-461-39543

PITTS ENERGY CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERISTY 3-9, 2173 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U9 8500', 9 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39594

PITTS ENERGY CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 3-6, 467 FNL 2023 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 3, UNIV LAND SUR. 8500', 11 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39593

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, MCELROY (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (DETRITAL) Well# 6502 KELLI, 660 FNL 853 FWL, SEC 65 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-43 13000', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39531

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, MCELROY (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (DETRITAL) Well# 6809 KELLI, 660 FNL 853 FEL SEC 68 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/ MRS LA SELF SUR., A-600 13000', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39531

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, MCELROY(STRAWN) (O) DRILL (DETRITAL) Well# 8513 MARY O, 2173 FNL 1915 FEL, SEC 85 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-53 13000', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39528

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, MCELROY (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (DETRITAL) Well# 8506 MARY O, 2173 FNL 1815 FWL, SEC 85 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-53 13000', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39529

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3602H DAVIDSON, 1665 FWL 2078 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-1356 10050', 24 S MIDLAND API# 42-461-39536

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3603H DAVIDSON, 1577 FEL 2056 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-1356 10050', 24 S MIDLAND API# 42-461-39537

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION, THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 116H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 264 FSL 439 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 11, UL SUR. 8200', 19 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46369

APACHE CORPORATION, THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY BAR 36, 300 FSL 380 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 12, UL SUR. 7600', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46371

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 29 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 940 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U247 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46455

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 25 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 2310 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46483

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 21 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 2310 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46482

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 19 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 990 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46481

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 30 UNIVERITY 13-35, 940 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U247 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46456

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 12 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 330 FSL 350 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46478

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 31 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 940 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U247 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46457

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 27 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 990 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46480

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 26 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 2310 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46479

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 20 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 1650 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46425

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 32 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 940 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U247 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46458

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 26 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 2310 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U247 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46454

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 24 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 2310 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U427 5200',

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SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 16 UNIVERSITY 40, 1650 FNL 2310 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U432 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46495

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6236 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 121 FSL 1902 FEL, SEC 8 BLK A32, PSL/JW HARPER SUR., A-590 7700', 17 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46451

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7522 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1507 FNL 508 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U399 7700', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46450

Crane County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, EDWARDS 04 (BEND) (O) DRILL Well# 807 EDWARDS, 467 FNL 1710 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 43 T4S, T&P SUR., A-498 9650', 18 SE CRANE API# 42-103-36405

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, EDWARDS 04 (BEND) (O) DRILL Well# 808 EDWARDS, 1709 FNL 2330 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 43 T4S, T&P/MRS AG CURTIS SUR., A-498 9550', 18 SE CRANE; API# 42-103-36406

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2035 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1380 FNL 670 FEL, SEC 11 BLK B21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1243 6325', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36370

DAKOTA RESOURCES, INC. (I), WADDELL (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL (37) Well# 5 UNIVERSITY KATELYN, 660 FNL 1920 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 30, UL SUR. 9500', 10 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36403

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 3106 UNIV MICHELLE, 2086 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 30, UL SUR., A-U31 12500', 5 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36401

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 3006 UNIV ANGIE, 1800 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 30, UL SUR., A-U30 12500', 6 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36400

LARIO OIL & GAS COMPANY, SAND HILLS (TUBB) (O) DRILL Well# 11 JB TUBB D ACCT #2, 330 FNL 1650 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 32, PSL/JB TUBB SUR., A-1148 5150', 16 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36397

MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 EDWARDS 1, 1980 FSL 1981 FEL, SEC 1 BLK B23, PSL/WK CURTIS SUR., A-860 12000', 19 S CRANE API# 42-103-36404

XTO ENERGY INC., CORDONA LAKE DRILL (INJ) Well# 111 W CORDONA LAKE CONSOLIDATED UNIT, 1735 FNL 400 FWL, J CORDONA SUR., A-1 8200', 14 SW CRANE API# 42-103-36402

Culberson County

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LOONEY BLAIR, 1316 FNL 321 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 97, PSL/WG HOBBS SUR., A-1295 9500', 37 NE VAN HORN API# 42-109-32706

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., DERBY (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H SHUT OUT 9 UNIT, 210 FSL 1595 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2690 8340', 18 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32699

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., DERBY (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H SHUT OUT 9 UNIT, 210 FSL 2130 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2690 8282', 18 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32698

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 408H WETHERBEE D ALLOC, 310 FNL 750 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/JC JENNINGS SUR., A-1437 9000', 52 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32693

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) DRILL (INJ) Well# 20SW DR STATE EAST, 990 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/IJ BELL SUR., A-4755 14500', 60 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32704

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# H151 GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 2245 FSL 1880 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 45 T1N, T&P SUR., A-340 7100', 24 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-43136

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) DRILL (INJ) Well# E111W GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 1814 FSL 494 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 45 T1N, T&P SUR., A-339 7300', 25 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-43138

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# L132 GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 1020 FNL 1015 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ JT MEEKS SUR., A-610 7100', 7 NW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43137

CROSS TIMBERS ENERGY, LLC, PENWELL (GLORIETA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 41 WE CONNELL NCT-1, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B16, PSL/E GRAHAM SUR., A-493 8950', 4 SW PENWELL API# 42-135-01455

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, YORK (ELLENBURGER) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3 RL YORK B, 1974 FSL 1579 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 44, T&P SUR. 12521', 4 SE PENWELL API# 42-135-08380

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SAMANTHA, 415 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-263 7600', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43129

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC , GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 26 CVX 1, 330 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 45 T2S, T&P SUR., A-381 6250', 8 NW PENWELL API# 42-135-43134

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 HIS BLESSING 34, 238 FSL 1168 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/ G JACKSON SUR., A-823 11000', 4 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36589

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 SCHWARTZ 43, 1088 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-333 10600', 12 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36671

QUANTUM RES. MGMNT, LLC, S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 4 TXL 3, 660 FEL 2046 FSL, SEC 3 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-170 9450', 4 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36673

Howard County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3 LONG 13, 1709 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 9730', 6 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37979

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 9 ELLIOTT 31, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-333 12000', 2 S KNOTT API# 42-227-37996

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 21 GO CHALK A, 880 FSL 200 FWL, SEC 95 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-460 4300', 15 SE BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37852

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 M BELL, 475 FEL 475 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/TB HARDIN SUR., A-1620 12000', 10 W ELBOW API# 42-227-38062

HARMONIA PETRO. CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 COLE 12, 467 FNL 2631 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 26, H&TC/SW GREENE SUR., A-1046 9000', 14 NE COAHOMA API# 42-227-38078

HARMONIA PETRO. CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL Well# 1 OLDHAM TRUST 26, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-1114 9000', 10 N COAHOMA API# 42-227-38079

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 GRANTHAM 31, 483 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-373 12000', 9 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38055

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LANGLEY 43, 1255 FNL 1900 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-379 12000', 10 SW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38060

LINN OPERATING, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4B FRYAR 4, 467 FNL 1950 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/ ALLEN & DURINGER SUR., A-1568 10000', 7 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37982

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2821 CONNALLY, 1065 FWL 1900 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ GW WALTHALL SUR., A-694 10750', 1 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-38009

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H APC FEE 6, 680 FWL 599 FSL, SEC 4 BLK C27, PSL/JB MCGUIRE SUR., A-693 14000', 6 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32241

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H APC FEE 6, 1813 FWL 678 FSL, SEC 4 BLK C27, PSL/JB MCGUIRE SUR., A-693 14000', 6 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32240

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H APC FEE 6, 610 FSL 2980 FEL, SEC 4 BLK C27, PSL/JB MCGUIRE SUR., A-693 14000', 6 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32239

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H STATE MAGELLAN 15, 479 FNL 1710 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-51 10000', 19 NW ORLA API# 42-301-32249

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H STATE MAGELLAN 15, 479 FNL 1681 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-51 10000', 19 NW ORLA API# 42-301-32252

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H STATE MAGELLAN 15, 352 FNL 507 FWL SEC 15 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-51 10000', 18 NW ORLA API# 42-301-32254

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H STATE MAGELLAN 15, 355 FNL 2290 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-51 10000', 19 NW ORLA API# 42-301-32253

EOG RESOURCES, INC., SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 9H STATE MAGELLAN 15, 352 FNL 477 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 54 T1, T&P SUR., A-51 10000', 18 NW ORLA API# 42-301-32255

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204H JOHNSON 44-02S-B53 WF, 24 FNL 3525 FSWL, SEC 88 BLK 1, W&NW/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1107 13000', 5 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32248

RKI E&P, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H RED BLUFF 7, 205 FNL 2154 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 56 T1, T&P SUR., A-143 16000', 11 NE ORLA API# 42-301-32247

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BATES 1-63 LOV UNIT, 220 FNEL 2183 FNWL, SEC 63 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-186 12000', 5 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32235

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ALLEN 55-2-44 LOV UNIT, 251 FNL 468 FWL, SEC 44 BLK 55 T2, T&P/Y BELL SUR., A-974 12000', 12 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32244

Martin County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1201 HOLT RANCH B, 417 FNL 1085 FEL, SEC 248, HARTLEY CSL/ LOT 12 SUR., A-600 12250', 8 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39625

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1501H DOROTHY FAYE A320 (ALLOC), 900 FSL 525 FWL, SEC 320, GARZA CSL/LOT 15 SUR., A-999 10050', 6 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39531

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, BIZCO (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 601 HOLT RANCH, 467 FNL 1265 FWL, SEC 320, GARZA CSL/LABOR 6 SUR., A-999 12250', 9 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39626

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 701 HOLT RANCH, 925 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 320, GARZA CSL/LEAGUE 7 SUR., A-999 12280', 9 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39623

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 7 TAS 37, 475 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-230 12000', 7 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39514

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DILLON 27, 467 FSL 1711 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-78 12000', 9 E LENORAH API# 42-317-39581

JM COX RES., LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5 JN WOODY, 2053 FEL 510 FNL, SEC 38 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/ CM HOUSTON SUR., A-885 12000', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39621

JM COX RES., LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4 JN WOODY, 2002 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/ CM HOUSTON SUR., A-885 12000', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39620

OXY USA, INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 507 MABEE 139, 1552 FNL 918 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 39 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-404 13000', 14 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-39470

OXY USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1035H MABEE 139, 1050 FSL 700 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 39 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-380 12500', 15 NW MIDLAND API# 42-317-39562

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ABRAXAS 27A, 660 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-97 10950', 23 N STANTON API# 42-317-39505

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 SLAUGHTER 87A, 660 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 87 BLK B, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-363 11200', 23 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39624

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 ABRAXAS 32, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 32 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/R WARE SUR., A-840 11025', 22 N STANTON API# 42-317-39478

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 ABRAXAS 27B, 1980 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-97 10950', 23 N STANTON API# 42-317-39479

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 RAGLAND 2, 1980 FWL 1680 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/ HM DAVIS SUR., A-719 10500', 6 NE STANTON API# 42-317-39450

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 GLASSCOCK CC, 810 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 37 T1S, T&P SUR., A-258 11650', 9 W STANTON API# 42-317-39454

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 ROBB A, 1089 FWL 1780 FSL, SEC 33 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-122 10785', 5 SE STANTON API# 42-317-39616

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 UNIVERSITY 7-30, 2163 FSL 2037 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 7, UL SUR., A-U30 12500', 22 NE ANDREWS API# 42-317-39612

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1021MS JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 2245 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39576

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1021LS JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 2205 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39575

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1021WA JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 2515 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39577

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1021WB JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 2475 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39578

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1543 THOMAS A, 500 FSL 1730 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 36 T3N, T&P SUR., A-182 12500', 7 SW FLOWER GROVE API# 42-317-39474

Midland County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 TXL N 7-1, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 39 T4S, T&P SUR., A-221 11300', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39381

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 TXL S 35-2, 2173 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-310 11490', 23 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39383

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 15SH KENDRA-ANNIE, 1660 FSL 1145 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-346 9400', 11 SW MIDLAND API# 42-

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CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 2202M SOA SCHARBAUER SE, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ J BABCOCK SUR., A-1115 12000', 8 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39500

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 2206M SOA SCHARBAUER SE, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/ J BABCOCK SUR., A-1115 12000', 8 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39498

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 HAVERCROST 14, 853 FNL 575 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 39 T3S, T&P/ES WALCOTT SUR., A-844 12000', 14 SW SPRABERRY API# 42-329-39525

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 406 TRIPLE HOP, 475 FEL 2100 FNL, SEC 40, L LEECH SUR., A-1036 12000', 3 NW SPRABERRY API# 42-329-39508

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 FR KRYPTON 14, 475 FSL 689 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 37 T3S, T&P/BW FLOYD SUR., A-901 12000', 3 S SPRABERRY API# 42-329-39503

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BRAZOS JONES 8, 475 FNL 1915 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/LF HEARD SUR., A-931 12000', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39521

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BRAZOS JONES 8, 475 FWL 475 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/LF HEARD SUR., A-931 12000', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39523

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BRAZOS JONES 8, 1915 FWL 850 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/LF HEARD SUR., A-931 12000', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39522

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SUPER JENKINS, 850 FNL 600 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 37 T3S, T&P SUR., A-130 12000', 3 SW SPRABERRY API# 42-329-39506

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BRAZOS JONES 8, 850 FNL 590 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/LF HEARD SUR., A-931 12000', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39524

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4405H ST, 1270 FWL 249 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39411

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 701LS ST W, 1138 FWL 281 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 10500', 6 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39440

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 703LS ST W, 1785 FWL 293 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 11000', 6 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39463

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 702LS ST W, 1168 FWL 281 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 10500', 6 W MIDLAND API# 42-329-39444

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4102H ST, 1291 FEL 308 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/W LARGENT SUR., A-800 11000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39459

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4101H ST, 1261 FEL 308 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/W LARGENT SUR., A-800 11000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39458

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 704LS ST W, 1815 FWL 293 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-50 11000', 6 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39464

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1205D COWDEN, 2129 FSL 2262 FEL, SEC 12 BLK X, HP HILLIARD SUR., A-684 12000', 5 N MIDLAND API# 42-329-39435

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 9 DICKENSON 19 B, 1980 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 37 T1S, T&P SUR., A-184 12000', 9 NE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39412

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL, Well# 1 BRAUN 8, 690 FEL 2348 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ B VAN HUSS/AC FRANCES SUR., A-1400 12000', 19 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39490

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1503H DONALD L HUTT FEE, 433 FNL 231 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-94 10200', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39396

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2101H DONALD L HUTT C, 200 FSL 945 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10200', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39360

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1502H DONALD L HUTT FEE, 478 FNL 231 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-94 10200', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39395

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2102H DONALD L HUTT C, 200 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10200', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39361

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2105H DONALD L HUTT C, 100 FSL 1740 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-97 10200', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39366

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CRAWFORD 26, 467 FNL 287 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ MRS SB TULLOUS SUR., A-1098 11900', 8 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39450

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4803H DAVIDSON, 1640 FEL 2449 FNL, SEC 37 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-311 10050', 24 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39462

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2602H PARKS, 1834 FWL 589 FNL, SEC 37 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-377 10200', 7 E ODESSA API# 42-329-39388

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2603H PARKS, 600 FNL 1984 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-377 10200', 8 E ODESSA API# 42-329-39390

XTO ENERGY, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2501H PARKS, 406 FWL 589 FNL, SEC 42, MRS SA HALCOMBE SUR., A-1077 10200', 8 E ODESSA API# 42-329-39389

XTO ENERGY, INC., PEGASUS (FUSSELMAN) (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 115H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3, 661 FNL 662 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/AE ZINN SUR., A-1337 12200', 22 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-01040

XTO ENERGY, INC., PEGASUS (FSLMN) (O/G) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 103H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3, 660 FSL 657 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-302 12200', 23 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-01056

Mitchell County

BASA RESOURCES, INC., IATAN, E HOWARD (O) (RECLASS) Well# 5 BRENNAND, 1660 FWL 1650 FSL, SEC 47 BLK 29 T1N, T&P SUR., A-592 3400', 5 W WESTBROOK API# 42-335-32442

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., WESTBROOK (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2308 WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT, 720 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 28 T1N, T&P/AB HINES SUR., A-1350 3200', 11 W COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-34135