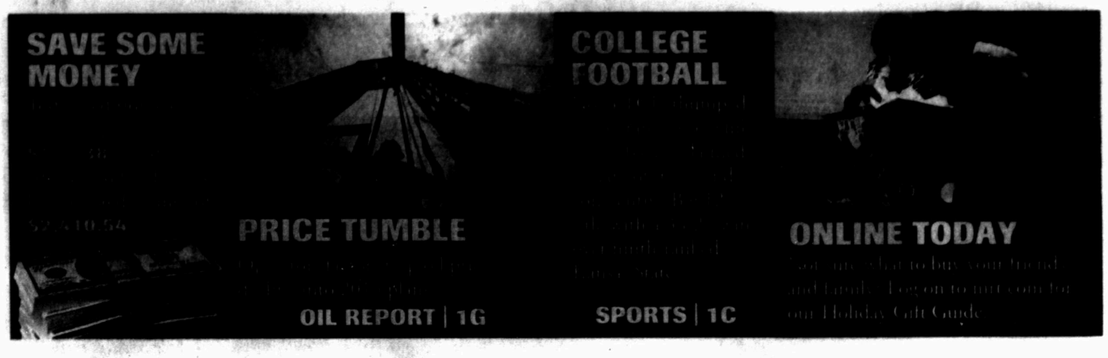

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Industry leader extols US crude exports

American Petroleum Institute chief says price drop strengthens argument

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Plummeting oil prices boost the argument for exporting U.S. crude and slowing the advance of new regulations that will affect the industry, American Petroleum Institute CEO Jack Gerard said Friday.

Oil prices have fallen roughly 35 percent since June, with surging U.S. crude production helping boost supply beyond softening demand worldwide.

Gerard cast that as "a temporary adjustment in the price," with some rebound on the horizon, but told reporters in a conference call Friday that the decline should encourage U.S. policymakers to find ways to keep the domestic drilling boom on track.

"The worst thing for us to do would be to put any hurdles in the path of what we're doing here (by way of) the American energy renaissance," he said.

The industry is bracing for a host of regulations, including possible new controls on methane emissions and coming mandates governing hydraulic fracturing on public land.

The Environmental Protection Agency is set to decide later this month whether it will pursue new regulations to clamp down on methane emissions from oil and gas wells, pneumatic controllers, compressors and other equipment. The Bureau of Land Management is expected to soon unveil its final rule for wells that are drilled and hydraulically fractured on public land.

"It's ironic that here we have an American energy renaissance taking place that is unprecedented in the history of our nation, and yet we continue to see repeated

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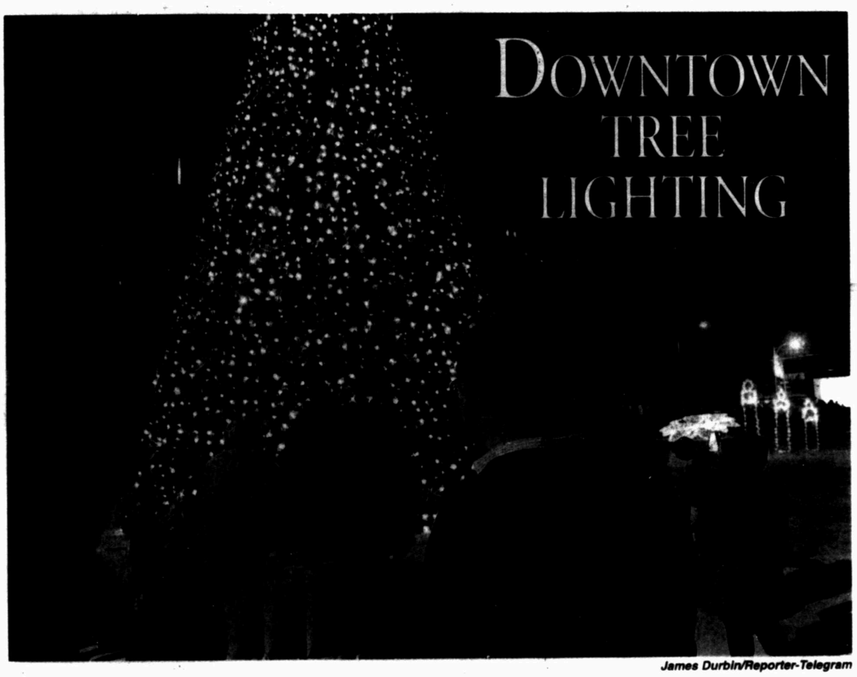

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People gather for the Christmas tree lighting at Centennial Plaza on Saturday. The tree-lighting event included performances by choirs from Midland High School and Community Worship Church. Afterward, "The Santa Clause" with Tim Allen was shown at Centennial Plaza. Santa was in attendance, and door prizes were given away. The city's annual Christmas parade, with a wild west theme, is next Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Midland.

How Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 is avoiding bourgeois dreams

By Joseph Basco
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The boutique Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 — from its development team with Midland roots to its design callbacks to Midland's history — is aiming not to be that other downtown project that angered some Midlanders the past 18 months, or a symbol of the develop-without-fear attitude that was pervasive in 1980s Midland.

The proposed $100 million mixed-use hotel does have worldly, upscale amenities rarely seen in West Texas such as upper-level condominiums, a high-end restaurant with whiskey bar, a public Epicurean market with gourmet food and rooftop bar. The project also includes apartments, office space, a fitness and spa facility, swimming pools, meeting rooms and ballroom space. The Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 is being proposed for the old Midland County Courthouse lot, a place held sacred for those who

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Mentally ill often end up in criminal justice system

By Tessa Duvall
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Law enforcement vehicles streamed into the 2700 block of West Washington Avenue by the dozens Monday morning.

Neighbors were evacuated, the Department of Public Safety's helicopter circled overhead and the Midland Police Department sent in its BearCat armored vehicle.

The situation began just before 10:30 a.m. when mental health deputies from the Midland County Sheriff's Office responded to a request for a welfare check on 49-year-old Rosendo Gino Rodriquez — a man with a known history of mental illness.

Over the course of the next four hours, the incident evolved from a welfare check to a standoff that ended at about 2 p.m. when MPD officers fatally shot Rodriquez after he allegedly swung a machete at the police who had entered the home. Two MPD officers — Sgt. Mitch Russell and Officer Sean Sharp — have been placed on paid administrative leave pending the completion of an investigation.

Today, the mentally ill are increasingly entering the criminal justice system, from initial encounters with police officers to incarceration in local jails and state and federal prisons.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement reported that law enforcement officials are being called to cases with people in "serious mental health crises" in an "increasing frequency."

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The National Institute of Corrections said "an increasing number" of people with mental illness are being incarcerated. A 2006 report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that 705,600 adults with mental illness were in state prisons, another 78,000 in federal prisons and 479,000 more in local jails.

Rodriquez, born and raised in Midland, was a Midland High School graduate and a veteran of the Army National Guard. He had run-ins with police and the sheriff's mental health deputies before Monday. Rodriquez was arrested by MPD for a third-degree felony of assaulting a public servant and two misdemeanor offenses in September, and the arrest affidavit notes Rodriquez had been in contact with the mental health deputies before that arrest. Rodriquez's arrest history in Midland dates back to 1993 and involves several misdemeanor charges, according to the sheriff's records office.

Keith Price, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice at West Texas A&M University, said the 1970s saw two events unfold that led to more mentally ill people in the system: the closure of the majority of the country's mental health institutions and improvements in medications to treat conditions such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. However, the drugs were only effective when taken as prescribed.

"So, you've got these mentally ill people who exhibit bizarre behavior, which becomes deviant and criminal, but we've closed all the mental hospitals," Price said in a phone interview. "The only place left to deal with people who are committing crimes — regardless of why they are committing crimes, and in these particular offenders' cases, it's directly related to their mental illness — the criminal justice system is the only place left to deal with those folks.

"You wind up with a prison system like Texas — or any other system in the United States — where a significant portion of the inmates have mental illness or mental-related problems because there's no other place for society to deal with them."

All law enforcement officers are required to complete a statewide education and training program on de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques in order to facilitate interaction with people with mental impairments, according to the Texas Occupations Code Chapter 1701.

The tactics for crisis intervention are different than those regularly taught to officers to control conflict that, "due to the underlying elements behind the behavior, is usually not of a criminal or malicious intent," according to the training requirements.

The training manual noted that law enforcement is "highly scrutinized" when force is used in cases involving the mentally ill, "even when provocation is evident."

"No matter what the situation, the public views these individuals as ill, not criminal," the training manual states. "If force is used — especially deadly force — the officer's actions will be put under a microscope. The public expects law enforcement personnel to do everything in their power to help, not hurt."

MPD Chief Price Robinson said at a press conference last week that all MPD officers go through the state-required mental health training and the department has negotiators on staff. His department also works with the sheriff's mental health deputies, who are "specially trained deputies who can respond to all crisis calls involving mental health issues" and "divert the mental health consumer from the criminal justice system when appropriate and into the appropriate mental health service provider," according to the sheriff's office website.

Price, a former Texas prison warden, said the overhead cost of providing mental health services inside a prison has gone "sky high." While jails and prisons provide the oversight to make sure incarcerated persons take their medication, the outside world does not and many people end up back behind bars.

"Mental illness is a really, really difficult thing to deal with. It causes lots of problems for people trying to be able to live effectively in society," he said. "The behaviors are not only troublesome but even dangerous. But, if we deal with dangerous behavior that's not caused by mental illness, the answer to that, the prescription for that is incarceration. As far as the criminal justice system is concerned, they're not as interested in what's caused it as what the response for it is. If someone is dangerous, then you want to take away that dangerousness. That's called incapacitation.

"If the major cause of a person's dangerousness is mental illness, if you can control their mental illness with psychiatric intervention, as opposed to incapacitation, then it makes a lot more sense to do it medically, as opposed to the criminal justice system," Price said.

Mental health resources are lacking, both locally and statewide.

The Reporter-Telegram in July reported that a psychiatrist in Midland estimated that fewer than a dozen psychiatrists serve the Midland-Odessa area. At the end of 2013, 81 percent of Texas counties were federally designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

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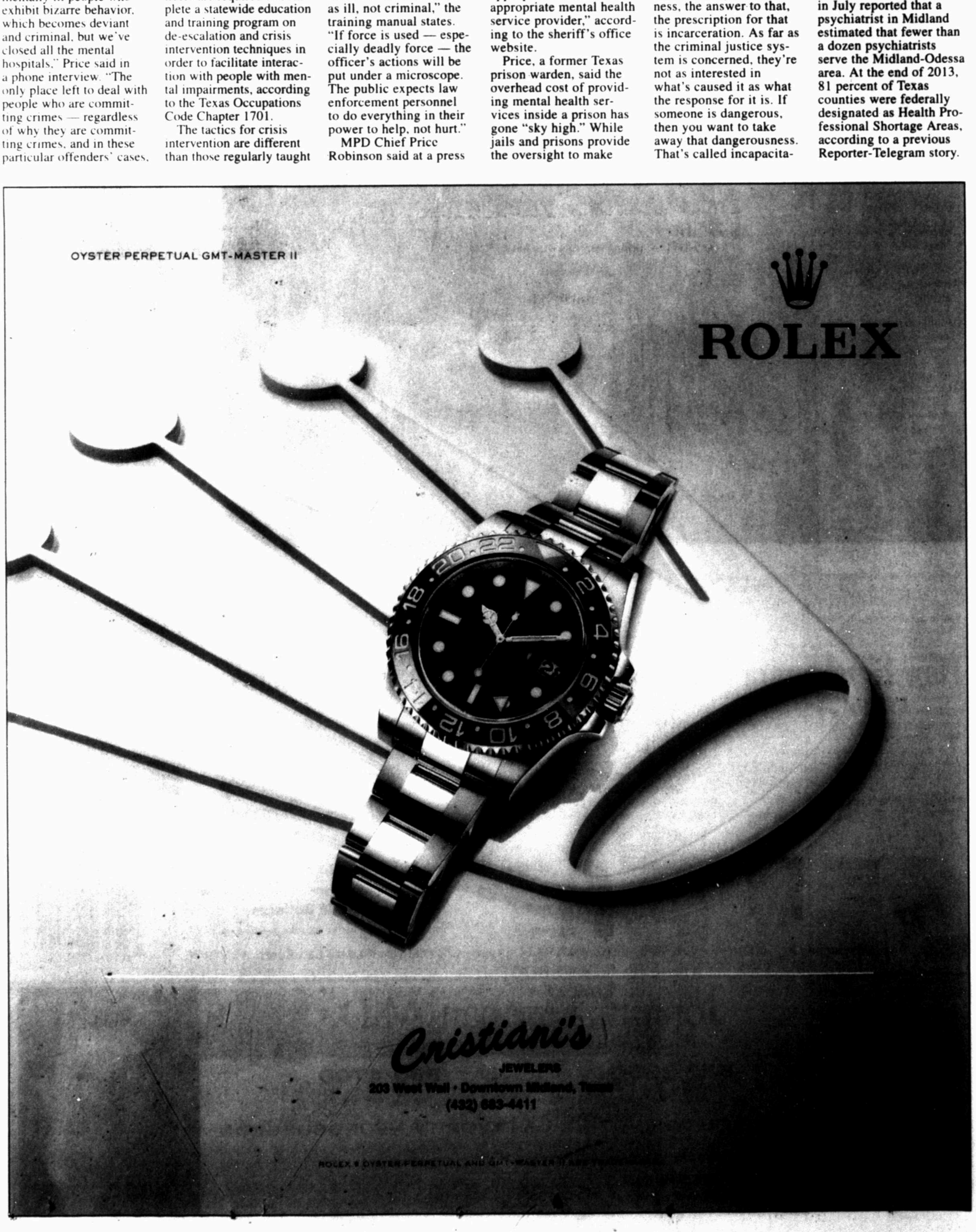
Midland police and SWAT units respond to an armed subject Monday morning in the 2700 block of West Washington Avenue.



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efforts to regulate the very activity that is underlying a lot of the job growth that we see in the country today," Gerard said. "We strongly encourage the administration to take a deep breath and look comprehensively at the chilling effect they're sending to the marketplace with repeated regulatory activities that discourage the very activity that is creating these new well-paying jobs."

Oil industry groups, including API, have argued that new methane controls are unnecessary, especially given data suggesting emissions of that potent greenhouse gas are on the decline, even as crude and gas production climbs.

"We don't think additional regulation is needed at this time," said Howard Feldman, API's director of regulatory and scientific affairs, at a separate event Thursday.

On the flip side, oil producers eager to sell their crude overseas see one silver lining amid the price slide: the decline could help them make the case that exports are needed to help keep rigs running in the United States.

Producers see exports helping to bridge the gap between lower-priced domestic West Texas Intermediate oil and its international counterpart, Brent crude. Although the differential is now modest — much smaller than the double-digit differences posted last year — even a small gain could help insulate domestic producers in a bear oil market.

"Now is the time for the U.S. to look for additional markets for our product," Gerard said. "Now is the time for the Congress and the administration to work together in a bipartisan way and say 'We have got huge resources in the United States and let's make sure the United States is positioned to capture some of those markets not only domestically but globally.'"

Gerard added, "That will benefit us all and continue to allow us to create the jobs associated with energy production."

Some Republicans in Congress — notably Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas — have argued the 39-year-old ban on most crude exports is an outdated policy, out of touch with today's domestic oil production. But many rank-and-file Republicans have been less eager to wade into the politically charged issue, especially leading up to the midterm election in November.

A barometer of the House of Representatives' interest in the issue could be next Thursday's Energy and Power Subcommittee hearing focused on crude exports — the first session of its kind to concentrate on the topic.

Witnesses are set to include Adam Sieminski, head of the government's **Energy Information Administration; Lucian Pugliaresi, president of the Energy Policy Research Foundation; Charles Ebinger, who heads the Energy Security Initiative at the Brookings Institution; and Deborah Gordon, director of the Energy and Climate Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.**

The witness lineup has one notable absence: the very oil executives who want the freedom to sell their crude overseas. The subcommittee's decision to put academics on the witness stand, however, could keep the focus on policy — and avoid the image of oil executives with their hats out to Congress.

Democratic Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu defeated

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Republican Rep. Bill Cassidy has defeated Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu, denying her a fourth term and extending the GOP's domination of the 2014 midterm elections that put Republicans in charge of Capitol Hill for the final two years of President Barack Obama's tenure.

With Cassidy's victory, the GOP will hold 54 seats when the Senate convenes in January, nine more than they have now. Republican victories in two Louisiana House districts Saturday — including the seat Cassidy now holds — ensure at least 246 seats, compared to 188 for Democrats, the largest GOP advantage since the Truman administration after World War II. An Arizona recount leaves one race still outstanding.

In Louisiana, early returns showed Cassidy with a wide lead.

Landrieu had narrowly led a Nov. 4 primary ballot that included eight candidates from all parties. But at 42 percent, she fell well below her marks in previous races, leaving the incumbent scrambling in a one-month runoff campaign that Republicans dominated via the air waves while national Democrats financially abandoned her effort.

Landrieu's defeat is a blow for one of Louisiana's most famous political families, leaving her brother, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, to carry the banner. The GOP sweep also denied former Gov. Edwin Edwards a political comeback; the colorful 87-year-old politician, who had served four terms as governor, sought to regain public office after serving eight years in federal prison on corruption charges.

In the South, Democrats will be left without a single governor or U.S. senator across nine states stretching from the Carolinas to Texas. And the House delegations from the same region are divided almost entirely by race, with white Republicans representing majority-white districts, while majority non-white districts are represented by black or Hispanic Democrats.

The Louisiana Senate race mirrored contests in other states Obama lost in 2012, with Landrieu, 59, joining Alaska Sen. Mark Begich, North Carolina Sen. Kay Hagan and Arkansas Sen. Mark Pryor in defeat. Democrats ceded seats in Montana, South Dakota and West Virginia after incumbents opted not to run again.

Like victorious Republicans in those races, Cassidy, 57, made his bid against Landrieu as more about Obama than about his own vision for the job. An Illinois native, Cassidy made few public appearances during the runoff, seeking to avoid missteps that could change the race.

But in a state where 73 percent of white voters on Nov. 4 told pollsters they "strongly disapproved" of the president, that was enough to prevent Landrieu from finding her footing. Cassidy also enjoyed a prodigious advertising advantage in the runoff: Of every dollar spent by outside groups during the one-month runoff, 97 cents benefited the congressman.

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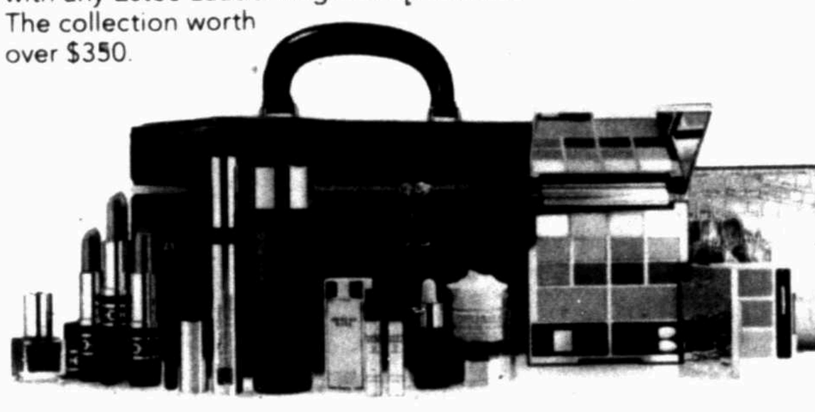

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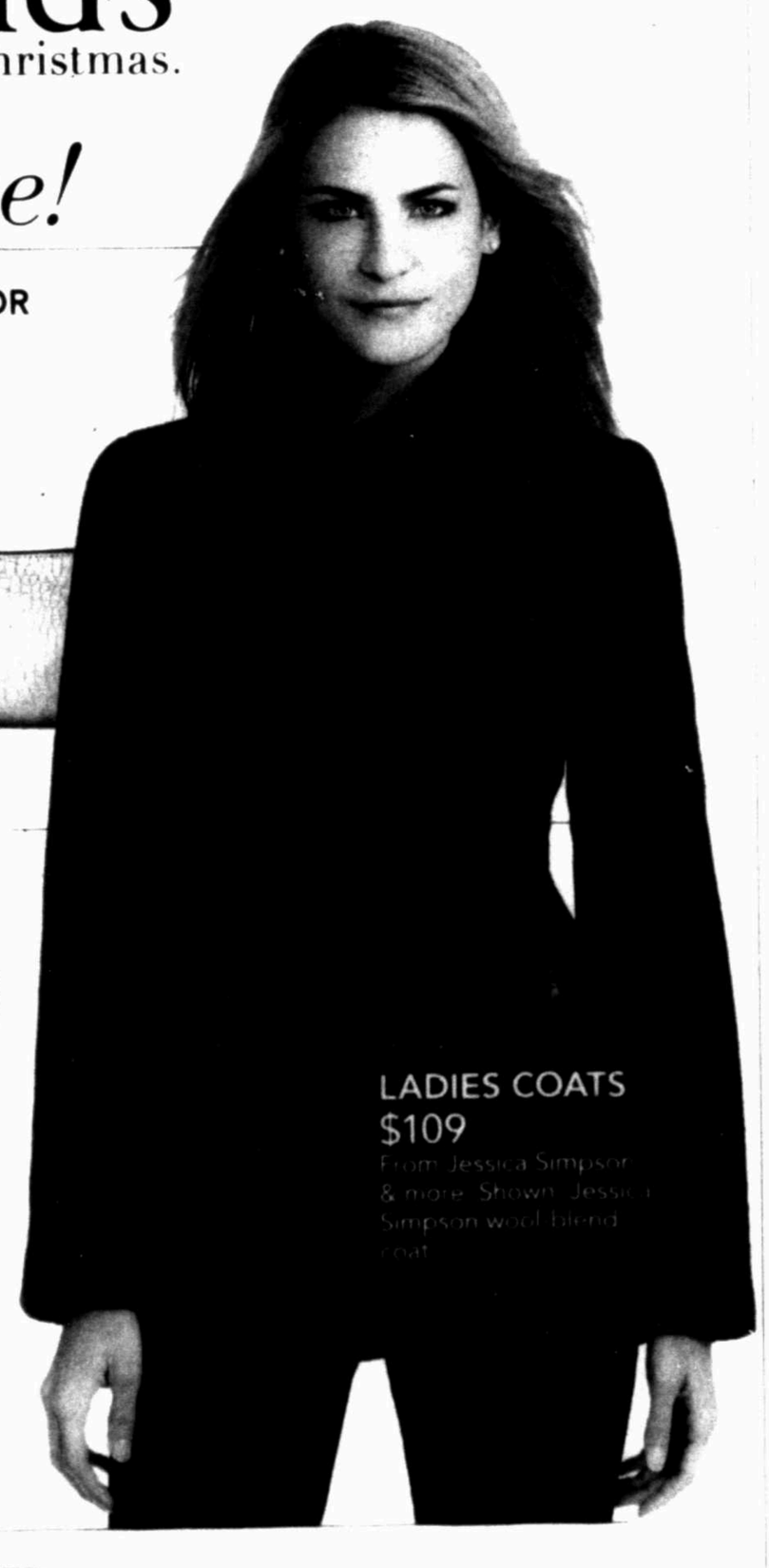

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Things to do

Today

■ TCM presents "A Christmas Carol" and "Christmas in Connecticut," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Regal Tall City 14. fathomevents.com.

■ Travis Tritt with Lee Roy Parnell, 8 p.m., La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Wednesday

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

■ ReinBeer IV at Christmas at the Mansion, 7-10 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

■ "Disney's Beauty and The Beast," 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Thursday

■ Library holiday open house, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Betenbough Homes Annual Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m., Legends Park Model Homes. betenbough.com.

■ Robert Earl Keen Christmas, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ West Texas Jazz Society presents Houston Person on tenor sax with The Brian Piper Trio, 8 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wtjs.org.

Friday and Saturday

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, 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday, Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Saturday

■ Ugly Christmas Sweater Run, 11 a.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

■ Midland Storytelling Festival at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

■ City of Midland's "Wild West Christmas Parade" at downtown Midland. midlandtexas.gov.

Meetings this week

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MISD board of trustees
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■ 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

■ Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop

Midland ISD Head Start program is partnering with Midland Memorial Hospital for a Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday at Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave., room 420.

Registered nurse Jenifer Dumire will give the presentation to family members of Head Start students. Daycare will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Albertsons launches 'Santa Bucks' to benefit food bank

Albertsons Market is generating awareness and financial support for local food banks in the communities it serves leading up to Christmas through the Santa Bucks promotion. Between now and Dec. 16, guests can add a cash donation of $1, $5 or $10 to their grocery purchase during checkout to donate meals to those in need through local food banks in West Texas and New Mexico.

Holiday meal donations to local food banks will be provided in increments of $25, which includes one frozen turkey, two sides and gravy. All money left over from the scan tag promotion that does not provide one full meal will be used to purchase shelf-stable items for the food banks.

Each dollar raised at Midland-Odessa Albertsons Market locations will go directly to the West Texas Food Bank.

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view historic value in the vacant city-owned building.

But to match Midland and appease its residents, the 17-floor hotel is designed with Midland's oil history as a theme and will be situated more eastward so as to not hide the historic Petroleum Building. Some members of the development team were once Midland High School Bulldogs.

Tim Blonkvist of Overland Partners, an architectural firm out of San Antonio, is one such former Bulldog. He has worked on projects in the U.S., Brazil, Mexico, Europe, China, India and Saudi Arabia, but prefaced his introduction to the public at a development presentation on Tuesday and at a meeting with the Reporter-Telegram earlier in the day by saying he is a Midlander.

"I grew up here. I went to Trinity (School) and I'm also a (Midland High School) Bulldog," said Blonkvist, the architectural lead for Hotel Santa Rita No. 1. "I played football there and was the (student council) president, three years in a row."

And investing in the hotel are two partners from local oil operator OGX Resources: Kip Agar and Richard Coats. Agar, speaking before the public meeting on Tuesday, also identified himself as a Midland Bulldog. Agar said he and Coats joined the team after developers came to them about the project, and now they want to see the hotel come to fruition.

Blonkvist, Agar and other team members were enthusiastic Tuesday about making the Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 project a development for Midlanders, not an outward symbol of Midland's status in the oil industry.

"The fact that the people that are doing this project are from Midland, grew up here and have family here shows we're all on the line to do something extraordinary here," Blonkvist said. "It's something the people are going to respond to. And the fact that local people are putting their money into it is great because they're going to bring their friends and they're going to make sure the place is used."

The team said they are aware of the blunders made by the developers of the defunct, $500 million Energy Tower at City Center and the super-sized development dreams in downtown Midland during the 1980s, and they are striving to not make those same mistakes. Reflecting on his past, Blonkvist spoke about the first project he worked on after joining a firm in New York in 1982: MGF Tower, a 50-story mixed-use skyscraper in downtown Midland that was never built because of the oil bust.

After the MGF Tower saga, Blonkvist said he avoided any more Midland projects. But after co-founding Overland Partners in San Antonio in 1987, Blonkvist refocused on downtown, or city center, projects. After his firm was selected to be the architects for Hotel Santa Rita No. 1, and more firms joined the development team, his passion for downtown Midland was reinvigorated.

Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 was originally going to be built west of its current site, on empty lots across Colorado Street. At one point, it was expected that Energy Related Properties' proposed Energy Tower would have dwarfed the neighboring Hotel Santa Rita. When the skyscraper project fell apart, Hotel Santa Rita developers seized the opportunity to move the project to the old courthouse lot.

"I think our attitude is a little bit different," Blonkvist said. "We're trying to come in a little more humble and a little lower. We're not trying to throw the $200,000 party and put a big splash in the paper with 'rah-rah-rah.'"

Blonkvist added that the team is taking a more thoughtful, more conservative approach to doing the project "the right way."

Robert Watson, CEO of Bond Partners and a member of the hotel development team, followed up on Blonkvist's statement by saying the team is focused on creating something that can be funded and is reasonable and realistic to the marketplace.

Joel Rogers, an opponent of recent local downtown development projects for political and moral reasons, admitted there is one positive of Hotel Santa Rita No. 1.

"(Hotel Santa Rita No. 1) is not an ugly building and not nearly as offensive as that phallic symbol of (Energy) Tower," Rogers said.

And of the hotel developers, Rogers said there was "a lot less arrogance" compared to Energy Tower developers.

Other cues the hotel team has taken from the Energy Tower process was the push for community feedback, attention to Centennial Plaza green space and a realistic solution for downtown Midland parking.

The Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 team held a public meeting on Tuesday to introduce the concept, explain some renovations to Centennial Plaza, and also announced there would be two floors of underground parking, as opposed to having a public meeting months after the project announcement and putting parking further underground and possibly being impacted by the water table.

But as with most new downtown developments, public assistance from the city is something that Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 developers will be requesting. A $20 million estimate was mentioned on Tuesday: $15 million for the underground parking and $5 million for infrastructure and green space improvements.

"We never went to the city and said, 'What can you give to help us build our building?'" Blonkvist said. "We're going to take care of that. But parking and fixing up the public park, those are the types of things that I think are more realistic requests for the city putting dollars into a project — not helping us build our building, which is more what the previous thing (Energy Tower) was doing."

At-large Councilman Spencer Robnett, one of the most conservative council members and who in the past had warned about City Council needing to be careful about the future of the courthouse property, was supportive of Hotel Santa Rita No. 1.

"I think this could really be the transformative project we've been looking for downtown," Robnett said. "The money behind it is local and the lead architect was born and raised in Midland. They've taken a lot of care and a lot of time to pay respect to the history of Midland and incorporated that into their design."

TACTICAL TRAINING

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Police Sgt. Jimmy Young, right, engages in an assault scenario with Cynthia Storm, who went on to fight against her aggressor for nearly two minutes, using tactics learned in a Women's Self Defense class Saturday at the Police Department building.

GOP to match Truman-era high with 246 House seats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans will hold at least 246 House seats come January, according to election results Saturday, giving the GOP a commanding majority that matches the party's post-World War II high during Democratic President Harry S. Truman's administration.

The GOP retained control of two seats in runoffs in Louisiana, expanding the advantage for Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who can afford defections from his increasingly conservative caucus and still get legislation passed. Combined with the Republican takeover of the Senate, Congress will be all-GOP for the final two years of President Barack Obama's second term.

The latest count gives the GOP a 246-188 majority. One race, in Arizona, is still outstanding.

In Louisiana's 5th Congressional District, which extends from the state's northeast into parishes bordering Mississippi, physician Ralph Abraham defeated Jamie Mayo, the Democratic mayor of Monroe. The incumbent, Vance McAllister, had failed to advance to the runoff. Elected less than a year ago, the married McAllister saw his career undermined after a video surfaced earlier this year showing him kissing another woman.

In the 6th Congressional District, in the Baton Rouge area, former state coastal restoration chief Garret Graves turned back Democrat Edwin Edwards, a four-term governor and ex-congressman who had to overcome his 2000 corruption conviction and subsequent prison term.

One race still must be decided.

In a Democratic-held district in the Tucson, Arizona-area, an automatic recount will determine whether Rep. Ron Barber keeps his seat or Republican challenger Martha McSally prevails. McSally led by fewer than 200 votes.

If McSally wins, Republicans would have 247 seats, the largest majority since 1929-31 when the GOP controlled 270 seats in President Herbert Hoover's administration.

Mexico: At least 1 of 43 missing students ID'd

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — At least one of 43 college students missing since September has been identified among charred remains found several weeks ago near a southern Mexico garbage dump, two government officials confirmed Saturday.

The two could not provide more details on how many of the students might have been identified. They agreed to speak about the development only if granted anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the press.

A family member of a missing student told The Associated Press that the remains were of Alexander Mora. The families were given that information late Friday by an Argentine team of forensic experts working on behalf of the relatives and with the Attorney General's Office, said the man, who also would speak only on condition of anonymity.

Parents of the students declined comment, addressing a crowd that gathered Saturday afternoon at an already planned protest at the capital's Monument to the Revolution to demand the return of the students alive.

Omar Garcia, a student at the march who attended the same rural teachers college in Ayotzinapa as the missing young men, relayed the reaction of Mora's father when he learned the fate of his son: "He will never give up. He will never get over his pain, but what he wants to tell all of you, and what we all want to say is this: We want justice!"

The students went missing Sept. 26 after confrontations with police in the Guerrero state city of Iguala that killed three students and three bystanders. Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam has said they were attacked by police on orders of Iguala's then mayor, Jose Luis Abarca, who has since been detained after going into hiding. Authorities are holding more than 70 people in the case, which also forced the governor of Guerrero to resign.

Prosecutors say the students were later turned over to a drug gang, which killed them. In announcing the finding of the remains, the attorney general said Nov. 7 that some detainees had told officials that they burned the 43 bodies at a dump site and bagged and threw their ashes in a river.

The attorney general told the parents that the bone fragments left after the burning would be almost impossible to identify, leaving many relatives doubting the government's story. They had kept up the search for their sons, maintaining hope that they were still alive.

Parents participating in Saturday's protest got off buses with sullen faces and were immediately surrounded by people for protection and support.

The bone fragments were sent to the University of Innsbruck in Austria, which was recommended by the Argentine forensic team as having one of the most experienced laboratories for identifying deteriorated remains. The identification came from Austria, said student David Flores, who was at the protest. The Argentine forensic experts couldn't be reached Saturday.

Mora's classmates at the teachers college had dubbed the teen farmer "The Rock," Garcia said.

"He was a classmate who was very strong, very persevering in whatever he had as a goal," Garcias said. "It's a big loss."

Mora's parents received the news Friday night, and members of the school community were with them in their hometown of El Pericon on Saturday. Garcia said they received the news "with a lot of courage, valor, dignity and determination."

The case has ignited citizen indignation across Mexico and abroad for the fact that the students disappeared at the hands of a corrupt local government and that federal authorities took 10 days to intervene.

Tens of thousands have taken to the streets, some calling for President Enrique Pena Nieto to resign. The case has come to signify the abuse of authority and corruption that is engrained in the Mexican system and that all Mexicans experience on a regular basis.

Marching to the protest site Saturday, thousands of people filled streets in central Mexico City shouting, "Justice," "We want them alive," and "Pena out."

"The parents will not rest until we have justice," said Felipe de la Cruz,

Royal visit puts NYC's first lady on world stage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The eyes of the world will follow the Duchess of Cambridge on her first visit to New York when she tours a children's development center in Harlem next week.

And for much of that global audience, that moment will be their introduction to the duchess' companion: Chirlane McCray, New York City's most powerful and divisive first lady in generations.

Mayor Bill de Blasio has repeatedly said that his wife is his closest adviser, one who influences him on staffing and policy and who "is the person with whom I've built everything I've done."

"You could say that I am Bill's conscience, confidant, or adviser — but none of those words are exactly right," McCray told The Associated Press in an email interview. "We are partners in love and work. There is only one Mayor, but when he needs help I'm there for him, and vice versa."

She runs the Mayor's Fund, which raises private money for the mayor's agenda. She shares her views on a website modeled after Eleanor Roosevelt's "My Day" newspaper column. She was one of the lead figures of City Hall's massive universal pre-kindergarten expansion, which she calls the administration's "crowning achievement."

And McCray, who is black, is a beloved figure in New York's communities of color. On a pre-Thanksgiving Day campaign trip to a Brooklyn hair salon, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand went virtually unrecognized while the first lady was greeted like a rock star.

"She doesn't carry herself like royalty. She carries herself like a regular person," said Christina Greer, a political science professor at Fordham University. "A lot of New Yorkers think: 'If anyone in politics can really understand me, it's her.'"

McCray's role has been the center of some debate. She, and the couple's two children, played a big part in de Blasio's mayoral campaign, and her husband has not discouraged comparisons to a "vote for one, get two" mantra like the one that surrounded Bill and Hillary Clinton.

But a Quinnipiac University poll released last month suggested New Yorkers were not so sure. It found that 34 percent of respondents thought a mayor's wife shouldn't be involved at all with shaping public policy, while 37 percent said she should only have a minor role.

Administration officials said McCray's position is misunderstood. They suggested that she is not often in nitty-gritty policy meetings but rather helps shape the administration's big-picture priorities and liberal spirit. The mayor frequently seeks her counsel, whether over the phone, at home or during quiet moments at City Hall.

McCray is now focused on mental health initiatives. Her stop Monday with the former Kate Middleton is at a clinic that provides mental health services for impoverished children. And the administration just launched a $130 million effort to steer those suffering from mental illness away from the criminal justice system.

For McCray, the issue is personal. The couple's daughter, Chiara, opened up about her depression and substance abuse problems last Christmas Eve.

"I don't know anyone who has not been affected personally or by a family member, friend, colleague or neighbor," McCray said in the interview. "And yet society still portrays mental illness as a rare and shocking secret. As a result, far too many of our neighbors are suffering in silence."

McCray's visibility has drawn some critics, particularly in the city's tabloids. Her revelation that she initially struggled as a new mother led to a screaming New York Post headline of "I Was a Bad Mom!" which led to de Blasio demanding an apology from the paper. Another Post front page declared that McCray didn't trust Police Commissioner William Bratton, which City Hall denied.

"We were the focus of some blatant lies, and we had an obligation to set the record straight," McCray told the AP.

A recent flashpoint was over McCray's chief-of-staff, Rachel Noerdlinger. A city investigation found Noerdlinger omitted on her background check that she was living with her boyfriend, who had pleaded guilty to manslaughter and insulted police on his Facebook page. That drew the ire of the police unions, already no fans of de Blasio, who then criticized McCray and Noerdlinger's attendance at a high-level New York Police Department meeting. Noerdlinger eventually took a leave of absence.

"McCray has become a target of sorts," said George Arzt, a political consultant and former press secretary to Mayor Ed Koch. "Some people are uneasy about a person who was not elected appearing to have so much power."

TODAY: Mostly cloudy High: 56 Low: 40

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 62 Low: 45

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 59 Low: 46

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 59 Low: 44

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 45

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 60 Low: 45

Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 56 and northeast winds around 5 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of rain and partly cloudy conditions with a low around 40 and south winds around 5 mph.

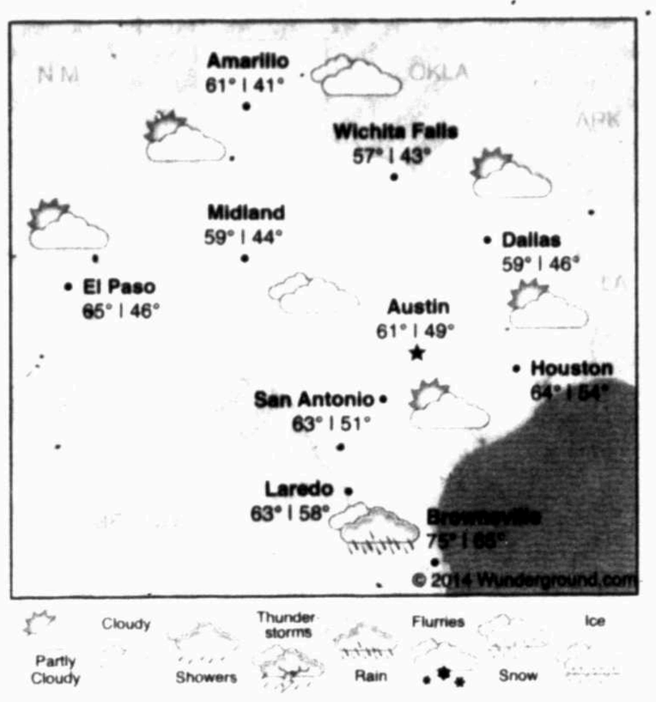
Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 62 and west winds around 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 45.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day with a 20 percent chance of rain, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 59 and a low around 46.

The high on Saturday reached 64, while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Dec. 6 is 81 set in 2012. The record low is 8 set in 1950.

National forecast

Dry, chilly air will push into the Northeast today behind the storm system that brought steady rain to much of the region Saturday. Sunshine will be plentiful across much of the Northeast, with just a few morning clouds along the coast.



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Saturday's temperatures

High	64
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National forecast

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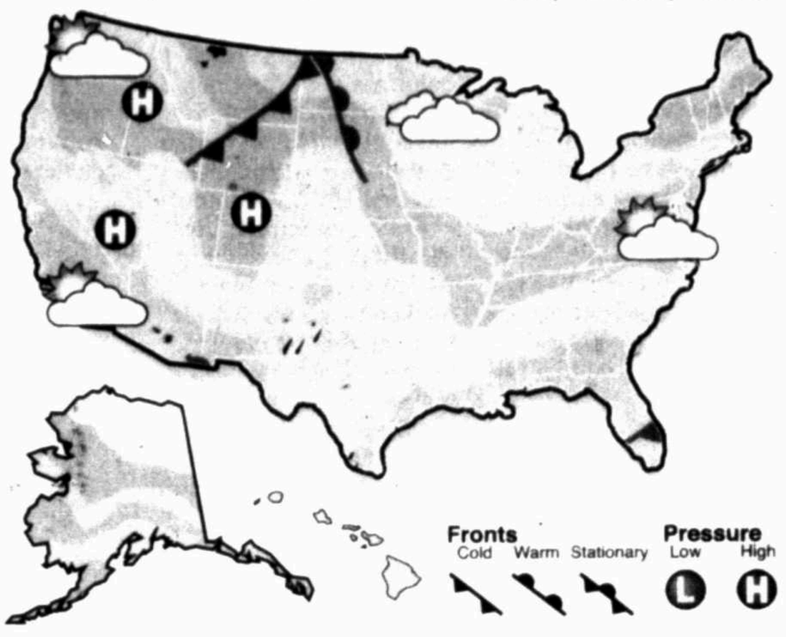

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Powerful typhoon slams into eastern Philippines

Associated Press

LEGAZPI, Philippines — Typhoon Hagupit slammed into the central Philippines' east coast late Saturday, knocking out power and toppling trees in a region where 650,000 people have fled to safety, still haunted by the massive death and destruction wrought by a monster storm last year.

Packing maximum sustained winds of109 miles per hour and gusts of 130 mph, Hagupit made landfall in Dolores, a coastal town facing the Pacific in Eastern Samar province, according to the Philippines' weather agency. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Although it was unlikely to reach the unprecedented strength of Typhoon Haiyan, Hagupit's strong winds and heavy rain were enough to possibly cause major damage to an impoverished region still reeling from the devastating November 2013 storm, which left more than 7,300 people dead or missing.

"There are many trees that have toppled, some of them on the highway," police Senior Inspector Alex Robin said by phone late Saturday from Dolores, hours before Hagupit made landfall. "We are totally in the dark here. The only light comes from flashlights."

From Eastern Samar, Hagupit — Filipino for "smash" or "lash" — was expected to hammer parts of a string of island provinces that was devastated by Haiyan's tsunami-like storm surges and ferocious winds. Hagupit weakened slightly on Saturday, but remained dangerously powerful and erratic.

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Cheap gas sparks fuel tax talk to fix infrastructure

By Elaine S. Povich
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — While consumers rejoice at lower gasoline prices, states with fuel taxes that increase or decrease with the wholesale price of gasoline or the inflation rate are struggling to deal with declining revenues.

Even in states with a per-gallon tax, fuel-efficient cars and reduced driving have combined to lower revenues from gas taxes, which are often dedicated to road maintenance and construction. With infrastructure crumbling across the country, even some tax-averse Republicans are considering raising gas taxes. Cheap gasoline makes such levies more politically palatable, since consumers are less likely to notice the extra burden when they are filling up.

Florida, Maryland and New Hampshire allow gas taxes at the pump to rise or fall with inflation based on the Consumer Price Index. Massachusetts was set to do so this year, but voters last month scrapped that idea. Maine used to adjust for inflation, but that was repealed in 2012. Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia adjust for inflation on the wholesale price of gasoline.

Most states have a separate gasoline tax, so they don't apply regular sales taxes to gasoline. But Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan collect some or all of their gasoline tax revenue with a sales tax on purchases. California applies a partial sales tax on gasoline on the wholesale price and most counties in the state also impose a separate transportation sales tax. In New York, the state collects local sales taxes on gasoline.

Most states and the federal government tax gas by the gallon. But even under that system, inflation erodes the value of the revenue. For example, the federal motor fuels tax, 18.4 cents per gallon, generates one-third fewer dollars in real purchasing terms than when it was last increased in 1993, according to an estimate by the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan research organization.

"At the state and local levels, gas taxes cover less than half of state and local transportation spending," said Tax Foundation economist Joseph Henchman. He said proposals to cut mass transit funding or relax federal salary standards for laborers on public works projects won't solve the underlying problem, which is that "every year we're spending a little more and taking in a little less."

Indexing the tax to inflation was supposed to help ease that problem. And it did, almost every year of the past 20, as gas prices rose. But this year, gasoline prices have dropped precipitously. With that decline, revenues also have gone down in the states where the tax is indexed.

Nowhere is that more apparent than in Kentucky, where fuel tax revenues have declined in four of the last five quarters, according to Chuck Wolfe, public affairs director for the state's Transportation Cabinet.

The biggest single decline was in the first quarter of this year, when the excise tax dropped 1.5 cents per gallon, Wolfe said. But in the quarter that begins New Year's Day it will go down 4.3 cents a gallon.

In December 2013, the excise tax portion of the levy was 25.9 cents a gallon, plus a "supplemental" tax of a nickel a gallon for gasoline and 2 cents a gallon for diesel. With the latest drop in the price of gas, the variable excise tax will go to 21.2 cents a gallon in January.

With the nickel a gallon supplemental tax and an "underground petroleum tank fee" of 1.4 cents a gallon, the total state tax paid by motorists for gasoline will be 27.6 cents a gallon in January, down from the current total of 31.9 cents a gallon.

Last year, Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, proposed that the legislature restore some of that yearâ??s drop in the tax and set a floor, below which the tax could not fall. The Democratically-controlled House approved the bill, but the GOP-led Senate did not.

The issue surfaced in the recent election campaign, with Republican House incumbents touting the fact that they "voted against the $60 million gas tax," adding up what they thought the restoration of the 1.5 cents would mean to motorists. While the ad was powerful, the split in the legislature remained, with Democrats retaining a slim majority in the House.

Despite the current problems, Wolfe said Kentucky transportation officials have considered themselves fortunate to have a motor fuel tax that is indexed. "We're envied by other states for having that," he said. "But when you do have an indexed tax, you do have this other side of the coin, which is something that will have to be dealt with."

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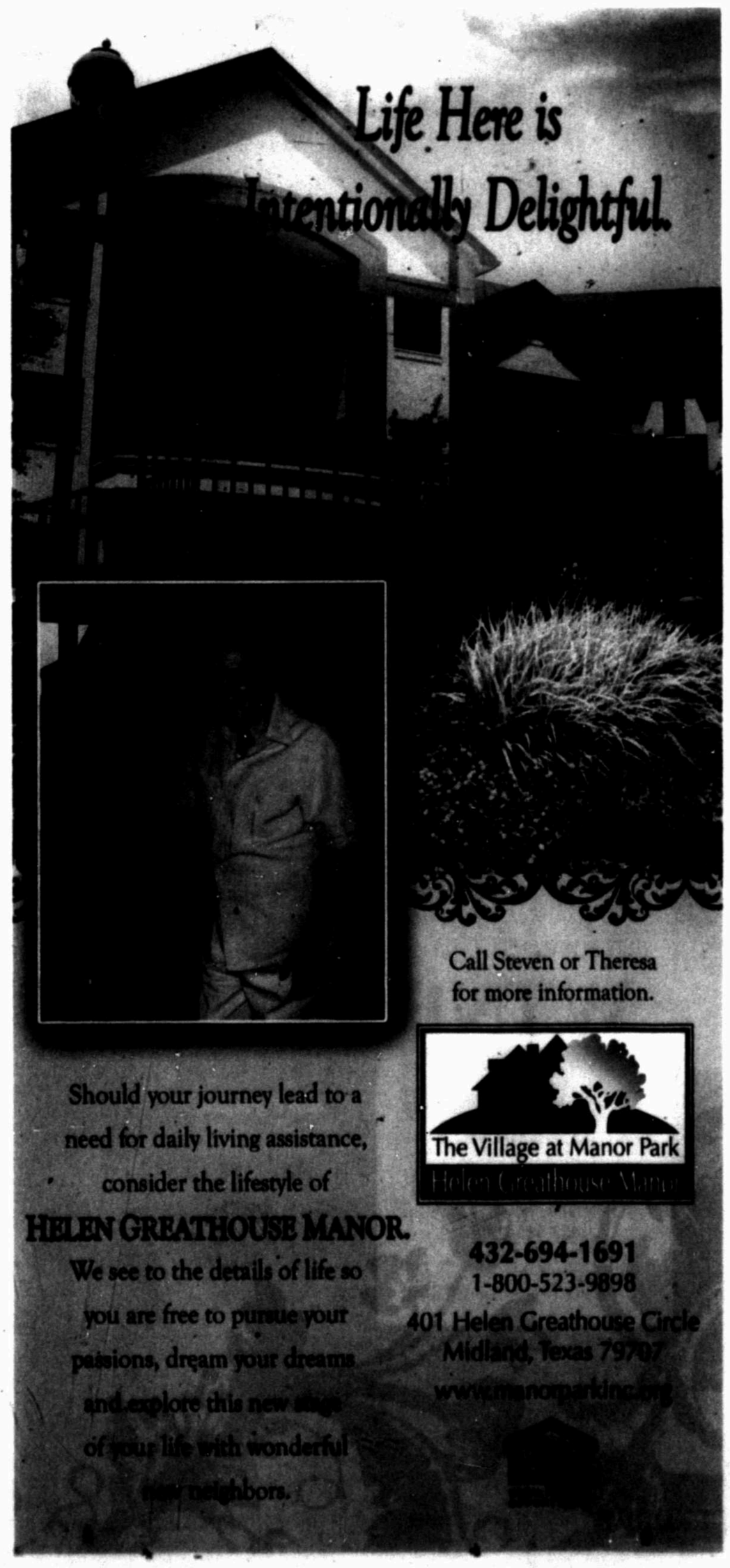

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Good, bad news in military sexual assault report

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New sexual assault data on Thursday delivered both good news and bad news for a U.S. military struggling to overcome what officials have condemned as a serious problem. The number of assault reports filed by military members went up 8 percent, but an anonymous survey showed that fewer troops experienced unwanted sexual contact.

Despite the improvement in some numbers, the survey also revealed that more than 60 percent of the women who said they filed sexual assault complaints said they faced retaliation.

Q: What's the bottom line?

According to the new Pentagon data, there were nearly 6,000 victims of reported assaults in 2014, compared with just over 5,500 last year, or an increase of about 8 percent. The Pentagon changed its method of accounting for the assaults this year, and now each victim counts for one report.

An anonymous survey showed that 19,000 service members said they were victims of unwanted sexual contact, down from 26,000 in 2012.

Q: How accurate are those survey numbers?

The Rand Corp. conducted two main surveys. One was identical to the one the Pentagon sent out two years ago, in order to get comparable data. The other was more detailed and included far more explicit questions.

Altogether, about 560,000 surveys were sent and roughly 145,000 service members responded.

About 29,000 troops responded to the survey that was identical to the 2012 Pentagon questionnaire. Officials took those results, and using statistical extrapolations concluded with 95 percent certainty that between 16,000 and 22,000 people had experienced unwanted sexual contact, and the "best estimate" was 19,000.

Q: How can an increase in reports be a good thing?

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel called the increase "progress." Pentagon leaders argue that the higher number doesn't indicate more crimes. Instead, they say data show that actual assaults are going down but more troops are becoming willing to come forward and report them.

According to the data, about one in four victims came forward this year, compared to about one in 10 in 2012. That's because sexual assault is a vastly under-reported crime, both across society and in the military. And in the military, where loyalty, rank and toughness are stressed and valued, there may be a greater reluctance to report sexual assaults, harassment or any unwanted sexual contact.

To deal with that, the Pentagon has launched dozens of new programs and initiatives to encourage reporting, provide better care for victims, step up prosecutions and urge troops to intervene when they see others in threatening situations.

Q: What's one of the big challenges ahead?

Retaliation is a glaring area where there has been little progress.

According to the survey, 62 percent of the women who said they filed sexual assault reports also said they faced some type of social or professional retaliation from co-workers or peers. It was the same percentage two years ago.

Retaliation numbers were available only for women, because there wasn't enough data on male victims. Men are much less willing to report sexual assault than women.

"We have to get at this, have to do better if our progress is to continue," said Rear Admiral Rick Snyder, who leads the Navy's sexual assault prevention and response effort. "Anything that creates a barrier to reporting or victim recovery is completely counterproductive to our efforts as an organization and must be corrected."

Q: What are the differences between men and women in reporting?

According to the Pentagon survey, 10,500 men and 8,500 women said they experienced unwanted sexual contact. That amounts to nearly 1 percent of the men and 4.3 percent of the women. That represents a slight decrease from 2012, when 6.1 percent of the women and 1.2 percent of the men said they experienced unwanted sexual contact.

Of the 5,983 victims who filed reports of sexual abuse this year, 4,595 were active duty service members at the time of the assault. Others reported incidents that happened prior to joining the military. Of those 4,595: 1,013 were men and 3,582 were women.

Q: What were the crimes?

Some victims choose to file restricted reports, which means they are seeking help, but don't want to file a criminal complaint. Of the 5,983 reports filed, 4,501 were unrestricted. Nearly 40 percent were for abusive sexual contact, 20 percent were for rape, 21 percent for sexual assault.

Q: How many are prosecuted?

About 3,500 investigations were launched in 2014. In the vast majority of the cases, the alleged subject was a male, between the ages of 20-34 and holding a lower enlisted rank. The victims were largely female, between 16 and 24 years old and also of a lower enlisted rank.

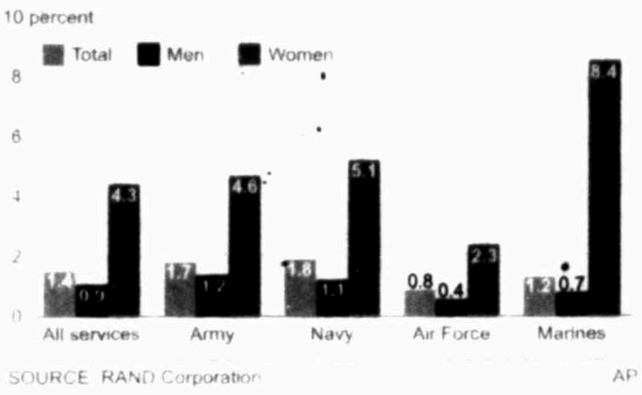
Since it often takes months to complete an investigation, some that were started in 2013 were finished this year. So, of those investigations finished in 2014, the military could not take action against about 1,100 because the charges were unfounded, the subjects were outside the department's legal authority, or other issues..

Some 2,419 service members were investigated. Of those, 910 faced court-martial, 283 received non-judicial punishment; 85 received administrative discharges and 102 received some other administrative action for sex assault charges. In 384 instances, other misconduct charges were lodged.

Military sex assaults

About 1.4 percent of active-duty members of the U.S. armed forces — roughly 19,000 people — said they experienced unwanted sexual contact in the past year, according to a Pentagon-commissioned anonymous survey.

Percentage who experienced unwanted sexual contact in past year:



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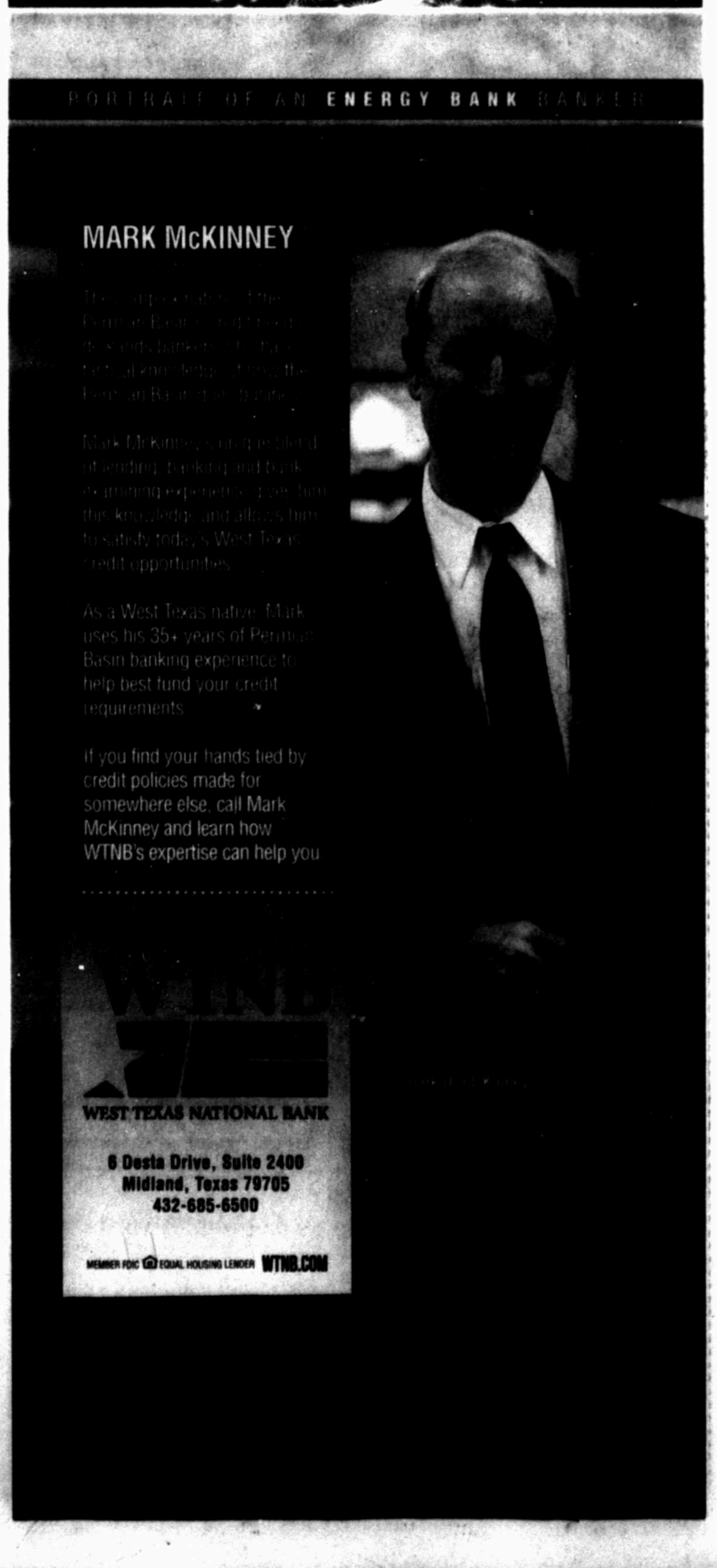

Republicans make final push for school lunch waiver

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans are making a final push this month to give schools a temporary break from healthier school meal standards.

The school meal rules, phased in since 2012 and championed by first lady Michelle Obama, require more fruits, vegetables and whole grains in the lunch line. The standards also limit sodium, sugar and fat.

Some school nutrition directors have lobbied for a break, saying the rules have proven to be costly and restrictive. House Republicans have said they are an overreach, and have pushed a one-year waiver that would allow schools to opt out of the standards for the next school year if they lost money on meal programs over a six-month period.

The waiver language stalled this summer after the first lady lobbied aggressively against it and the White House issued a veto threat. The food and farm spending bill that contained the provision was pulled from the House floor, a move House Republicans attributed to scheduling issues.

But the waiver has new life this month as lawmakers are expected to pass a catchall spending bill to keep government programs running. Republican Rep. Robert Aderholt of Alabama, the chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees the school meal spending, has been pushing to include the waiver in the wide-ranging bill.

Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Republican Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota both said Thursday that there are ongoing negotiations between the House and the Senate over the waiver. A Senate bill approved by a spending committee in May did not include the waiver, but called for further study on sodium and whole grains requirements.

At the time, Hoeven said there was not enough support for the House's one-year waiver in the Senate, even though he was supportive of it himself. But he said this week that could change as lawmakers negotiate the massive year-end spending bill.

"All of these things are part of a negotiation," Hoeven said. "I think we'll get something, but we'll have to see where it ends up."

On Friday, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., listed "lowering standards for school lunches for our children" as one of a few "very destructive riders" that would be unacceptable to Democrats in the spending bill.

White House nutrition policy adviser Sam Kass said the White House is "deeply engaged" on the school meals policy, which has become one of the first lady's signature issues. He said the policy is a top priority for the administration.

"We'll always look to be flexible where appropriate, but what we're not going to do is undermine science and the health of kids in any way," Kass said.

This summer, Mrs. Obama said she would fight "until the bitter end" to make sure kids have good nutrition in schools.

While many schools have implemented the new standards successfully, others have said it's not working for them. The schools pushing for changes say limits on sodium and requirements for more whole grains are particularly challenging, while some school officials say kids are throwing away fruits and vegetables they are required to take.

The changes have been pushed by the School Nutrition Association, a group that counts both school nutrition directors and the food companies that produce many of the school foods among its members.

Advocates for the healthier meal standards say the changes will take time. They predict there will be fewer problems as kids get used to the new foods and the food industry creates more tasty products that follow the standards, like whole grain pastas and tortillas that are now required to be served.

As schools have complained, USDA has shown some flexibility in tweaking the standards. In 2012, just a few months after the first rules went into effect, the department scrapped maximums on proteins and grains after students complained they were hungry. And USDA said earlier this year that schools can put off for two years a requirement that all pastas in schools be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain, if they can demonstrate that they have had "significant challenges" in preparing the pasta.

The year-end spending bill won't be the last time Congress takes on the school meal standards, as the overall law governing child nutrition policy, including school lunches, expires next year. Both the House and the new Republican Senate are expected to consider changes to the meal standards as part of legislation renewing the law.

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Garner case offers Obama moment to seize

■ The nation is unified and in agreement that what happened in New York was inexcusable

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

The words, spoken about the Eric Garner travesty in New York, were righteous and powerful.

"When you look at what they did to this guy and putting him in a chokehold like that, it's inexcusable — absolutely inexcusable and brutal."

"How this cop did not go to jail, was not held responsible, is beyond me."

"This is ridiculous. ... It's obscene. It's grotesque."

"This is the New York police completely out of control. ... Manslaughter absolutely should have been considered."

And who uttered such phrases? The Rev. Al Sharpton? Lawyers for the Garner family?

Actually, these sentiments were voiced Thursday by Glenn Beck, one of the fiercest warriors of the right.

Conservatives, with a few exceptions, have responded with admirable outrage over a grand jury's failure to indict white police officer Daniel Pantaleo, who was caught on video killing Garner, an unarmed African-American. Pantaleo put Garner in a chokehold and ignored Garner's cries that he couldn't breathe — even though the victim's only alleged offense had been selling untaxed cigarettes.

Fox News' Bill O'Reilly said he was "extremely troubled" by the video and Garner "did not deserve what happened to him." His Fox colleague Andrew Napolitano said the "grand jury made a grievous error" because it seemed police "used grossly excessive force on a non-violent, non-threatening person," while Charles Krauthammer called the decision "totally incomprehensible."

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, head of the House Republican Conference, called for the House to hold hearings on the case. "We need to be taking action," she told MSNBC's "Morning Joe." House Speaker John Boehner later referred to Rodgers' remarks in a news conference, agreeing that "the American people deserve more answers about what really happened here."

If it is possible to say that anything good has come from such an obvious miscarriage of justice, it is that the Garner decision has rekindled, if briefly, what Franklin Roosevelt called the "warm courage of national unity."

The Ferguson, Missouri, decision last month, in which a grand jury declined to charge another white police officer who killed another unarmed black man, split the nation along racial and political lines, but this is one of the rare moments since the 9/11 attacks that has united left and right, black and white. It surely won't last long. The question is whether a reluctant president will seize the moment.

The early signs indicate more of the same reticence. Though President Obama has spoken twice about the Garner case since the decision, White House press secretary Josh Earnest on Thursday, asked about a "broader national effort" by the president, suggested people wait to see what Obama's new task force on policing comes up with — in 90 days.

But Obama doesn't have 90 days. If he waits, he will violate Rahm Emanuel's famous rule, expressed after Obama won the presidency in 2008: "You never want a serious crisis to go to waste," because it is "an opportunity to do things that you think you could not do before." The Birmingham church bombing in 1963 helped to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Garner case should produce more than mumbles about a task force and some modest funds for police training and body cameras — items Obama proposed after the Ferguson grand jury decision.

There are any number of bigger things Obama could do, including alternatives to grand juries. This year, Wisconsin's Republican Gov. Scott Walker — no liberal — signed first-in-the-nation legislation requiring an outside investigation whenever anybody dies in police custody, and a public report if charges are not filed. The president could use his pulpit to push for similar laws in the other states. He could at least demand a national count of police killings, which, scandalously, we still don't have. Or he could take a broader approach to racial matters and revive a rewrite of elements of the Voting Rights Act struck down by the Supreme Court; there is already bipartisan support for such action.

In a sense, it matters less what Obama does than that he does something with this moment — particularly because the rest of his agenda, and with it much of his legacy, is moribund on Capitol Hill. A top White House official suggested Thursday that Obama may be coming around. "We agree there is a moment here to have this conversation and make something of this," the official told me.

It would be more than a shame for Obama to squander this moment of national unity. He may never get another one.

GUEST VIEW

The threat posed by drug cartels along border could be hype

Houston Chronicle

If you live in Texas, your chance of being a victim of a crime is 1 in 245, according to the website, NeighborhoodScout, designed for real estate agents and new homeowners.

NeighborhoodScout gets its data from the FBI. Its map reflects some safe and less safe counties along the Texas border as well as all over Texas.

The general agreement is the influx of undocumented immigrants across our border has abated. Yet legislative leaders approved a plan on Monday to spend $86.1 million to hire more than 600 additional Department of Public Safety troopers and to expand surveillance along the Texas borders.

To date, Texas taxpayers have spent more than $800 million on beefed-up security even though it is supposed to be a federal role, as reported by Chronicle reporter Mike Ward.

Why are lawmakers spending so much money on law enforcement along the border? Why not in, say, East Texas? Or Houston could use some money to improve the Harris County Jail.

Legislative officials claim the expenditures are necessary because of criminal activity by Mexican drug cartels. It gave us no confidence to hear from Tony Payan, director of the Mexico Center at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, that the term "drug cartel" is outdated and is no longer used by experts in the security field. The crime that is going on in Mexico right now is much more disorganized than the term "drug cartel" implies, according to Payan. And how does this criminal activity affect our border? "There is no evidence that there is a spill-over of violent crime," states Payan.

It sounds like the threat posed by drug cartels along the border may be hype. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst justified the use of funds, saying the primary responsibility of government is to protect the life and liberty of its people. We agree.

But 106,476 violent crimes were committed around the state in 2012, according to NeighborhoodScout. Our lawmakers have directed an extraordinary amount of resources to one area of the state without sufficient accountability. At a minimum, elected officials should inform residents of the marginal gain for every additional dollar spent for border security, based on hard data.

Gov. Rick Perry has championed the border security surge as an example of his decisive leadership. It certainly will keep him in the spotlight as he continues a possible presidential run. The number of "drug cartels" the border security surge rounds up is more doubtful.

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Immigrants aren't taking jobs

■ If the system is unfair to the American worker, then fix it by passing real immigration reform

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Next year, when folks are looking for a grand marshal for a Labor Day parade, they should skip Rep. Lou Barletta.

The Republican congressman is also the former mayor of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who grabbed headlines in 2006 when he led efforts, later ruled unconstitutional, to deny permits to employers who hire illegal immigrants, fine landlords who rent to illegal immigrants, and declare English the official language of the city.

Barletta doesn't seem to have much respect for American workers. Not when he is portraying them as being at the mercy of lowly illegal immigrants who threaten their livelihoods.

The congressman's solution is to challenge President Obama's executive action to delay some deportations. The way Barletta sees it, the dirty, dangerous and dead-end jobs done by illegal immigrants are the rightful property of the American workers who avoid this sort of employment.

Listen to what Barletta said recently when Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson testified at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing on Obama's executive action.

"Mr. Secretary, some people say that our economic security is national security," Barletta said. "Nearly 20 million Americans woke up this morning, either unemployed or underemployed. Now the president didn't mention these Americans when he announced his plan to grant de facto amnesty and work permits to up to 5 million illegal immigrants. He didn't discuss the competition this would create for them. Or the impact it would have on their pocketbooks."

He went on:

"I don't think it's fair, especially around the holidays, to put illegal immigrants ahead of the American worker. Secretary Johnson, the president keeps saying that his executive action will boost the economy. So tell me, how will adding at least 5 million new competitors to the workforce make it easier for the unemployed Americans to find a job?"

First of all, who promised Americans that government was going to help them find a job? I've had dozens of jobs in my lifetime, and not one of them was ever located for me by the government. I had to find them on my own. And even now, when jobs aren't always available, I do what millions of other Americans do every day — create my own opportunities.

Next, this whole idea of seeing illegal immigrants as "competitors" with U.S. workers is insulting. If you're a U.S. citizen who speaks English and you grew up with the right to a free education and other advantages that come from living in a free society full of opportunity, and you suddenly find yourself competing for a job with an illegal immigrant with a sixth-grade education who doesn't speak the language and can be deported at any time, and you're on the ropes and losing the fight, you shouldn't be rescued. You should be embarrassed.

And who said anything about "adding" people to the workforce? Does Barletta really think that those illegal immigrants who might benefit temporarily from Obama's executive action aren't already on the job? If so, he needs to get out more. Remember, as the mayor of Hazleton, Barletta went after employers who hired illegal immigrants. Now that he's in Washington, he doesn't think anyone is still hiring?

Johnson lives in the real world. This is how he responded to Barletta:

"Congressman, the fact is, as I'm sure you know, that we have lots of undocumented in this country working off the books. And if that's not apparent, then I suggest you spend some time in a restaurant here in the Washington, D.C., area and see it for yourself. What we want to do is encourage those people to get on the books."

Johnson is right. These people are already working. And they're more vulnerable to being exploited now than they would be if they had a work permit. If fear-mongers like Barletta are worried that U.S. workers are at an unfair disadvantage when competing with illegal immigrants, they should wise up and realize that the disadvantage will endure as long as the immigrants remain undocumented.

The goal — for Republicans and Democrats alike — should be to pass comprehensive immigration reform. Then, workers would be on the same level playing field, making the competition fairer. If they really want to show respect for the American worker, that's a good start.

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Seliger deserves top education position

As we prepare for Midland's Legislative Day during the next legislative session, it seems that our community should express strong support for Sen. Kel Seliger to remain the chairman of the Senate's Higher Education Committee or a combined committee on public and higher education.

Seliger has been a leader on education policy issues since his election to the Texas Senate in 2004. He has the knowledge to help address the pressing education issues facing the state, including innovative solutions to public school finance, improved alignment between public and higher education, and negotiating the financing of higher education capital projects. It is important that our new Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick makes decisions that start our state off on the right track for the long term.

We also hope Patrick sees our senator as trustworthy and straightforward; many Midlanders believe Seliger can play a key role on the new leadership team. With almost one-third of the Texas Senate newly elected, Seliger's experience and commitment to good public policy are crucial to the upcoming session.

There have been many occasions in which Texans have counted upon Seliger to address issues facing our communities, and he has done so energetically and effectively. We know that if Seliger maintains his current leadership role in the Texas Senate, Midlanders can count on his loyalty and dedication to honorably serving not only the residents of his Senate district, but Texas as a whole.

As a community, we have several challenges ahead of us in the educational arena and we need Seliger at the forefront as the Education chair to help us at this critical juncture.

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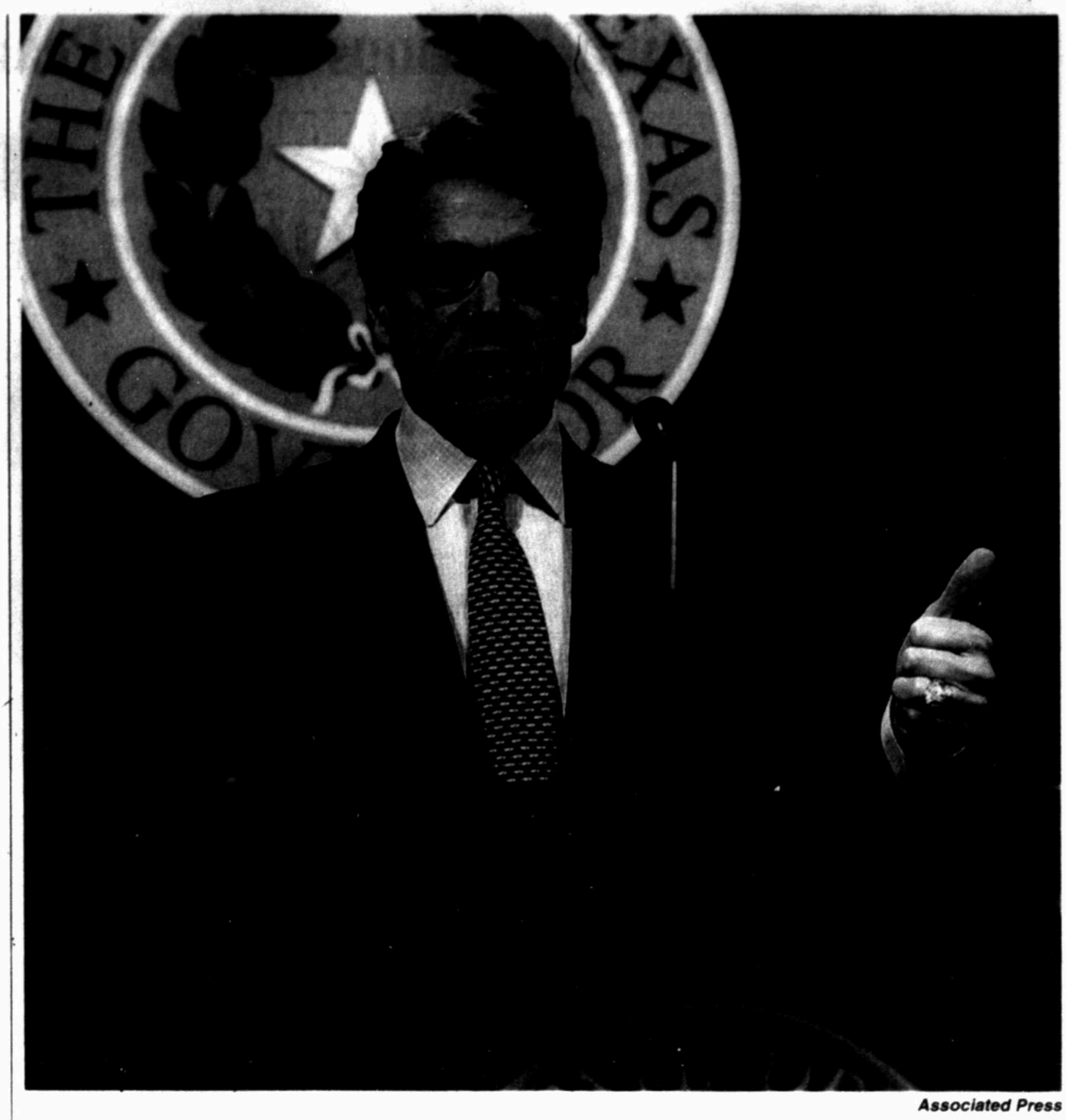


Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry speaks during a news conference Wednesday at the Capitol in Austin. Perry is in his final month as governor of Texas. After 30 years as a politician in Austin, what the future holds for Perry is anyone's guess.

As Perry preps to leave Austin, future uncertain

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Power washers prepped the exterior and power players prepped in the interior this week as your state Capitol got ready for the upcoming 84th Texas Legislature.

But one man inside was prepping to be outside for the first time in 30 years. Outgoing GOP Gov. Rick Perry came here as a Democratic House member in 1985. Now he's leaving under odd circumstances. He's the rare modern Texas governor leaving voluntarily.

His future could be private sector, presidency or prison. How's that for range?

At a Thursday holiday reception for journalists, Perry seemed relaxed and ready for what's next. He's confident the charges against him will be dismissed. On the personal side there's another grandkid on the way, a house (life outside of government housing!) under construction in Round Top and that probable second White House bid.

"It's been fun," he said of Capitol life.

At 64, Perry tracks time through the lens of family: "Some of you got to watch (son) Griffin walk in the chamber when he was 2 years old. And now he is 31 and got his own babies."

It's curious what sticks in a long-serving politician's mind. Perry recounted a 1987 House committee meeting in which a "fairly high-ranking education" official was caught on camera (after a committee member, not Perry, pointed it out to a TV crew) transferring material from nose to mouth.

"It was awesome," Perry recalled.

As he arranged us for a group photo in his second-floor public reception room in the Capitol, he asked me this: "What is the most interesting thing that's ever happened in this room? You know what it is."

I came up with this: "When we had a good laugh when you said you were running for president?"

Perry, ever a good sport about such nonsense, corrected me and noted the laughter about his 2012 presidential bid actually didn't start until later. And then he pinpointed his pick for most interesting thing that's ever happened in the room.

"Lighting the menorah with the Orthodox Jews," he said, recalling the immortal 2010 moment when he danced around the table with Hanukkah celebrants. So classic is the video that David Letterman still finds reason to show it.

I told Perry I noted he's planning to do it again this year and asked if there will be a dance ban.

"No, no, no, man. You gotta do the dancing," he said, twitching into what was either dancing or a cry for help from a man whose shorts were riding up.

Sure enough, Chabad Lubavitch of Austin's invitation to the Dec. 16 Hanukkah menorah lighting at the Capitol lists Perry as guest of honor and promises refreshments and music and dancing. "Bring the whole family," it says. And if Perry is going to reprise his dance, you really should.

Memories of that classic moment inspired Perry to get wistful, sort of, about the upcoming end of his tenure.

"Top 10 interesting things that you did as governor," he said. "That would be an interesting list. Ran for president. That would be on there, yeah. Danced with the Jews. That would be on there."

Perry, amiable and engaging as he always is in this kind of setting, tried to wrap up the reception about three times. Attempt one: "All right, y'all go and have fun. Go and write something good. My understanding is that either after you're gone from office or you die, they write nice stuff about you. Is that right? I'm hoping I'm not going to die."

The final attempt to get us to move on included recommended reading of books by Laurence Gonzales, who writes about how people deal with stress.

Thirty years in the Texas Capitol can be stressful. So can running for president. So can facing 109 years in prison.

The governor felt moved to recount something from Gonzales' "Deep Survival: Who Lives, Who Dies, and Why."

"One of the quotes in the book is, 'S—— happens. If you want to live in a world where s—— doesn't happen, it's going to be really boring,'" Perry said.

Here's something Perry has united us on: The past 30 years have not been boring.

If he runs for president, Perry faces big challenge

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Starting this week, Rick Perry is entertaining an array of top Republican fundraisers, policy experts and political backers at the Governor's Mansion in Austin, using the holiday season and his last month as governor to pave the way for a second White House bid.

After more than a year of extensive public travel and private weekly sessions with policy experts aimed at improving his image and knowledge, Perry is hosting "political and financial leaders from around the country" to help gauge the support he would have if he runs, said political adviser Jeff Miller.

But Miller said in an interview Wednesday that Perry "has not made a firm decision."

By all signs, the 64-year-old Perry faces a daunting challenge. Though two years of study and travel have prepared him better both politically and substantively, the 2016 Republican field will be much stronger, including up to eight current or former governors.

He has responded to his 2012 failure with changes both symbolic and substantive. He made his appearance more professorial than cowboy-like by donning dark-rimmed glasses and shedding his boots. And he studied the kinds of issues that sometimes tripped him up, most notably when he failed in a televised debate to remember the third Cabinet department he proposed to scrap.

His now-famous "oops" came to symbolize a campaign that began with him as a potential favorite but faltered amid his post-surgical back problems and a series of controversial statements and poor appearances.

Miller said this month's sessions are an expanded version of those he has been having, intended in part to show he is comfortable discussing the complex national and international issues with which presidential candidates must cope.

But Perry's biggest problem might be the GOP's far different outlook from four years ago, when a lackluster field vied to present the most conservative positions in their fight to oppose a president favored for re-election.

In 2016, the presidency will be open, and Obama's unpopularity, plus the pattern in which parties generally hold the White House for just two terms, means the GOP nominee will have a real chance to win.

The field could include such prominent figures as Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, the kinder and gentler son of libertarian former Texas Rep. Ron Paul; former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, trying to become the third President Bush; and the governors of such battleground states as New Jersey (Chris Christie), Ohio (John Kasich) and Wisconsin (Scott Walker).

One benefit is that Perry can contrast Texas, with its stronger economy and lower unemployment during his 14-year tenure, with the lagging Rust Belt states.

But two potential aspirants threaten his Texas fundraising base: freshman Sen. Ted Cruz, who led several state Republican polls, and Bush, whose brother and father live in Texas and whose son is about to become Texas land commissioner.

So does the threat of an embarrassing trial after Perry's indictment in Austin on a charge of abusing power for trying to force the resignation of a district attorney investigating potential state corruption after her conviction for drunken driving.

Besides the challenge of raising money, Perry's lingering debate image means his performances on the trail and in high-profile settings such as debates will be closely scrutinized.

Though he's generally solidly conservative, his defense of a Texas law granting lower in-state college tuition to unauthorized immigrants energized opposition from vocal foes of immigration reform.

Finally, Perry is older than most major candidates except likely Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, a possible handicap when the public might be seeking a fresh face.

But with the proper preparation that was lacking last time, Perry's superior retail politicking skills and engaging Reaganesque manner could help him in the months before the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary formally open the race in February 2016.

If he runs, his immediate challenge will be to raise enough money and perform well enough during those months to reach those tests with a chance of winning.

BEN CARSON
Creators Syndicate

Handiwork of agitators, manipulators on display

As a pediatric neurosurgeon, I became more than familiar with situations where parents experience the premature loss of a child. There are few things that can compare to the emotional devastation that accompanies such an event. This makes the varied emotional responses of Michael Brown's family more understandable as the tragic events unfolded in Ferguson, Missouri.

What is difficult to understand, though, is the benefit that the Ferguson community derives from burning and looting business establishments in their own neighborhoods. In the meantime, the outside agitators in many cases are sitting in their hotel rooms sipping wine and watching the carnage on television.

Hopefully, people in communities such as Ferguson, like people all over America, are beginning to awaken and realize that they should be more than pawns in the hands of manipulators who, in reality, could not care less about them.

If the outside agitators and manipulators truly cared about Brown and his family, they would have initiated manifestations of concern long before the political spotlight brought attention and prestige to their cause. They would be outraged about the dozens of young men like Brown who die violent non-police-related deaths in cities throughout America every day. They would be emphasizing education, which is the great divide between the haves and the have-nots in America.

Perhaps it would be useful to highlight the fact that the average American lives to be about 80 years of age. The first 20 to 25 years are spent either preparing oneself through education or not preparing. If you prepare appropriately, you have 55 to 60 years to reap the benefits. If you fail to prepare, you have 55 to 60 years to suffer the consequences.

This is not to say that every component of our society should not be involved in trying to produce good outcomes for all of our young people. But we need to emphasize that the person who has the most to do with what happens to you in life is you. We must resist the victim mentality that is peddled by so many agitators and manipulators. If you believe you are a victim, you are, and you begin to act like a victim. This renders you an easy target for manipulation — even the kind that produces completely irrational and self-injurious behavior.

Is there racism and unfairness in our society? Of course there is, and it will persist as long as there are people with small, selfish minds. I believe it would be wise to encourage our people to focus on the numerous opportunities available to them rather than on the bigotry that exists. As a youngster, I grew up with a mother who said, "If you walk into an auditorium full of racist, bigoted people, you don't have a problem; they have a problem. Because they will all cringe and wonder if you're going to sit next to them; whereas you can sit anywhere you want." In other words, don't let your life be ruined by being sucked into the pathological state of someone else.

We have too many important problems to solve in America today to allow ourselves to be consumed by actual or perceived injustices perpetrated by others. We can solve many of those problems by keeping an open mind and considering things from the viewpoints of others. This can lead to constructive conversations about ways to heal the many rifts in our society.

Mismanagement allegations arise at Pearl Harbor memorial

By Audrey McAvoy
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The USS Arizona is one of the nation's most hallowed sites, an underwater grave for more than 900 sailors and Marines killed when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and sank their ship in 1941.

Now, it's the scene of alleged rampant mismanagement.

An internal report from the National Park Service, which operates a visitors' center for a memorial at the battleship, said tour companies sold tickets with the knowledge of park officials even though tickets are supposed to be free.

Another pointed to substandard maintenance, including scuffed museum walls that languished unrepaired and bird feces that wasn't cleaned.

The revelations in documents released last month come just before crowds gather at Pearl Harbor today for an annual ceremony remembering more than 2,400 sailors, Marines and soldiers killed 73 years ago.

"To watch the desecration of a very sacred, very important place was very disheartening," said John Landrysmith, a former park service guide and 41-year-old Iraq war veteran.

He quit his job earlier this year after feeling his supervisor was punishing him for questioning the ticket policy and believing the park service failed to act on his complaints. He intends to file a whistleblower retaliation lawsuit against the park service.

Park superintendent Paul DePrey said the park service was trying to accommodate the tour companies, which bring busloads of people each day.

"It was not intended for a huge glut of tickets that were going to just the tour companies," he said. "We tried to work that system the best we could. It was not successful."

The practice stopped when they realized it didn't comply with park service policy and wasn't working as intended, he said.

A new ticketing system starting next month, DePrey said, will do a better job laying out the terms and conditions of the permits commercial tour companies operate under. The park service will also start scanning tickets to get data on how they are being used.

The problems outlined in the reports are centered at the visitor's center, which anyone visiting the Arizona and the memorial must pass through. The $56-million complex, rebuilt four years ago, explains events leading up and during the attack with the help of museum exhibits and movie screenings.

Visitors then board boats to the white, open-air memorial that sits atop the Arizona's rusting hull.

There are only 4,350 boat tickets available each day. That amounts to less than 1.6 million tickets a year, even though the park service says 1.8 million people visit Pearl Harbor annually.

A September 2013 park service report said there was "at minimum" no transparency in the way tickets were distributed.

The report, which was obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the nonprofit group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, outlined how park service employees gave walk-in tickets intended for independent visitors to commercial tour companies who then sold them.

Tickets were also given to Pacific Historic Parks, a nonprofit that runs a gift shop and raises money for the memorial. The organization gave some to people spending $7 to rent an audio tour from the nonprofit, and gave others to companies that would lead clients to the audio tours, the report said.

There were rarely enough tickets for independent visitors while this was going on, the report said.

DePrey said visitors pay the companies for the transportation they provide to Pearl Harbor from Waikiki hotels and other places not for the tickets.

Yet the report said uniformed commercial tour drivers were observed standing about 15 feet in front of the park service information desk — in full view of the park ranger — offering tickets to visitors who were already at Pearl Harbor.

Another anecdote said two visitors reported being sold tickets for $39 each by a tour company even though they drove their own rental car to the visitor's center.

A separate internal report listed a slew of maintenance issues. Photos from the report show peeling paint in the museum and accumulated bird droppings.

Some maintenance problems persist. Visitors to the museum today will see silver duct tape securing a black ribbon with the words "Exhibit Temporarily Unavailable" to an empty glass case that once held model of the Arizona. The exhibit's been down for a year.

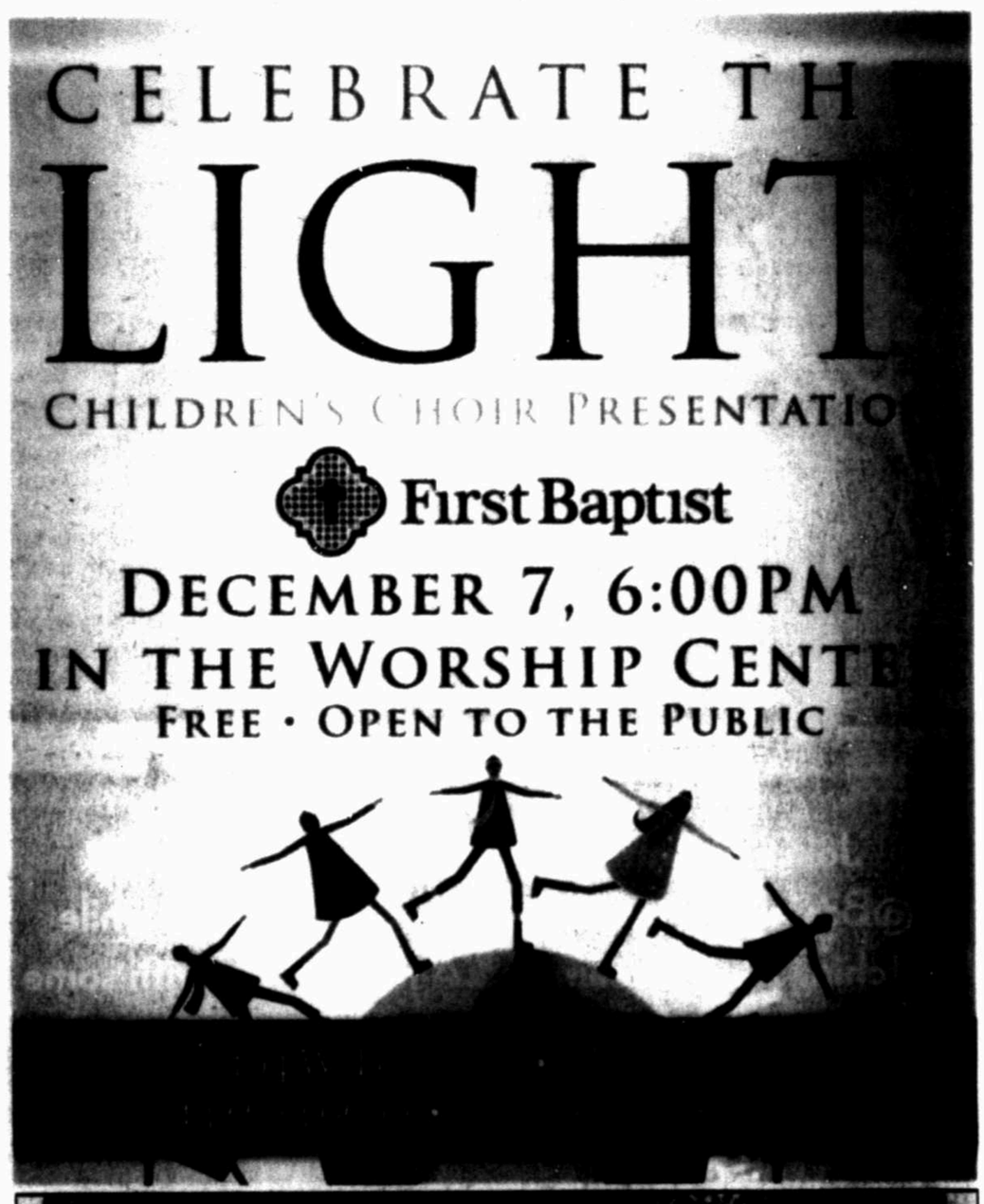
Outside, an orange plastic fence surrounds a muddy spot where a water catchment basin isn't working as intended. The fence has been up since last December, the park service said.

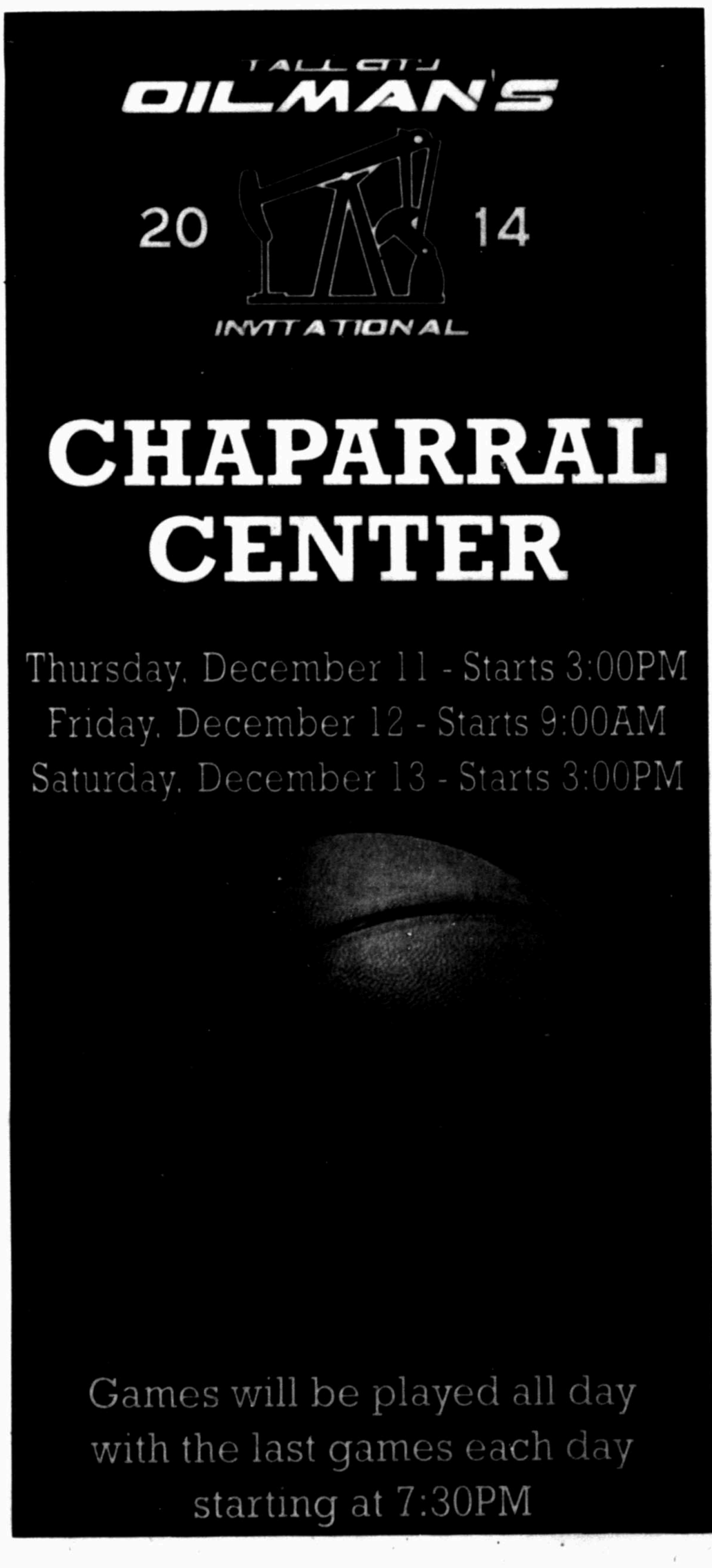
The park service is trying to keep the facility in as good condition as it can, DePrey said.

"I'm not happy when I see aspects of the facility that are in poor condition. It's not something that I or my maintenance or the park rangers are proud of," DePrey said. "But we are realistic that these things will happen from time to time."

Associated Press

On Nov. 21, an orange plastic fence surrounds muddy grass on the grounds of the visitors' center for the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The USS Arizona is one of the nation's most hallowed sites, an underwater grave for more than 900 sailors and Marines killed when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and sank their ship in 1941, but it's now the scene of alleged rampant mismanagement





To Japan, Pearl Harbor just another battle in a decades-long war

By Albert Siegel
McClatchy Foreign Staff

TOKYO — For Americans, today is the 73rd anniversary of the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese sneak attack on the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, the air raid on the Hawaiian base that killed 2,403 Americans and drew the United States into World War II.

But with the exception of a fireworks display to honor the dead in Nagaoka, Honolulu's sister city, the anniversary of the attack, which took place Tokyo time on Dec. 8, will pass largely unremarked in Japan.

For Japanese, the Pearl Harbor attack wasn't the start of war, but the continuation of a Japanese struggle to remain free of outside influence that had been going on since Commodore Matthew C. Perry of the U.S. Navy sailed into Tokyo Bay in 1853 and ordered the Japanese to open their country to trade with the outside world.

Until then, contact with outsiders was a crime punishable by death. Afterward, Japan found itself hardly able to compete with the Western powers that wanted to trade with it.

Without abundant natural resources, Japan imported the vast majority of its oil and raw materials from the United States, Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies. In this telling, fear that it was losing its independence forced Japan to seek its own source of raw materials, expanding into territories under Western control. War with the United States was virtually inevitable as a result of modernization, this version holds.

Current Japanese textbooks have little to say about the Pearl Harbor attack, and Japanese, questioned about the subject, say they know little of what took place. What they do know places the attack, which involved more than 300 aircraft, two bombing waves and six aircraft carriers, in the context of the many wars that were going on at the time.

Mayako Shibata, a university student, said that she can't remember any class where she learned why the attack on Pearl Harbor happened. She did learn, she said, that some in the government opposed it.

Other Japanese, uncomfortable with the topic, declined to talk on the record about Pearl Harbor, including educators.

But a picture of how Japan views the conflict can be found at the Yasukuni Shrine, one of the most controversial sites in Japan. Visits by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to the shrine anger Japan's neighbors, who accuse Abe of trying to beautify and rewrite Japan's war history.

The shrine memorializes among Japan's war dead 14 former Japanese officials who after World War II were found guilty of crimes against peace, including Hideki Tojo, the general-turned-prime minister who approved the attack on Pearl Harbor and was hanged after the war.

But it's the museum to Japan's military history at the shrine that lays out Japanese thinking on why the Pearl Harbor attack took place.

A Mitsubishi A6M Zero Fighter, once the pride of Japan's military, dominates the lobby. Dozens of images decorate the walls showing the Japanese military in heroic form, often shooting down American aircraft.

After sections devoted to earlier centuries of history and military artifacts comes the section devoted to World War II. It's here where you learn Japan's official line on the war.

A timeline leaves the impression that Japan was forced into the Pearl Harbor attack by the United States, which had demanded that Japan either unconditionally withdraw from China and other territories, face severe consequences. After negotiations broke down, the U.S., Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies froze Japanese assets and imposed an oil embargo with the goal of pushing Japan into a corner.

The timeline makes clear the Japanese feel they were manipulated into attacking America.

"At the White House, the President, Secretary of State and Secretaries of War and the Navy meet and discuss war with Japan," the text says. "They explore means to maneuver them (Japan) into the position of firing the first shot without allowing much danger to ourselves."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the explanation goes on, orders his subordinates "to prepare for a surprise attack, which is likely to occur on December 1."

This text is written in English and Japanese so that visitors won't miss the Japanese position on what led to the attack.

Experts on the Japanese view of the war, again speaking on the condition of anonymity, said no Japanese official at the time entertained the idea that Japan could win a war with the United States, whose industrial capacity was far greater.

But they did hope that by crippling the U.S. Pacific Fleet they could buy time to conquer their Asian neighbors, acquire more oil to add to Japan's two-year supply and stockpile other natural resources from other parts of East Asia in hopes of forcing the United States into negotiations on more equal terms.

The strategy failed.

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New Mexico levies $54M in fines for repository mishaps

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico on Saturday levied more than $54 million in penalties against the U.S. Department of Energy for numerous violations that resulted in the indefinite closure of the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository.

The state Environment Department delivered a pair of compliance orders to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, marking the state's largest penalty ever imposed on the agency. Together, the orders outline more than 30 state-permit violations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in southeastern New Mexico and at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The orders and the civil penalties that come with them are just the beginning of possible financial sanctions the Energy Department could face in New Mexico. The state says it's continuing to investigate and more fines are possible.

The focus has been on a canister of waste from Los Alamos that ruptured in one of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's storage rooms in February. More than 20 workers were contaminated, and the facility was forced to close, putting in jeopardy efforts around the country to clean up tons of Cold War-era waste.

The state accuses Los Alamos of mixing incompatible waste, treating hazardous waste without a permit and failing to notify regulators about changes in the way waste was being handled. The penalties for the lab total $36.6 million.

"New Mexico does not need to choose between fulfilling the laboratory's mission and protecting the environment," Ryan Flynn, state environment secretary, said in a letter to Los Alamos officials. "DOE now has an opportunity to learn from these mistakes and implement meaningful corrective actions that will ensure the long-term viability of the Los Alamos National Laboratory."

He wrote a similar letter to officials at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, saying New Mexicans understand the nuclear repository's importance but that it must be operated and maintained with "the highest standards of safety and complete transparency." The nuclear dump's penalties total $17.7 million.

American, South African hostages killed in Yemen

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — An American photojournalist and a South African teacher were killed Saturday during a high-risk, U.S.-led raid to free them from al-Qaida-affiliated militants in Yemen, a turbulent Arab country that is a centerpiece of U.S. counterterrorism efforts in the region.

The predawn raid was the second rescue attempt in as many weeks to free Luke Somers, a 33-year-old freelance photographer and editor kidnapped just over a year ago in Yemen's capital.

South African Pierre Korkie, abducted 18 months ago with his wife in the city of Tazi, also was killed by militants as U.S. forces descended upon the militants' compound in southern Yemen. A South African aid group trying to negotiate Korkie's release said he was a day from freedom after a deal late last month that included a "facilitation fee" to the kidnappers. The relief organization had told Korkie's wife that "the wait is almost over."

President Barack Obama said he ordered the raid because Somers was believed to be in "imminent danger." The president, in a statement, condemned Somers' killing as a "barbaric murder," but did not mention the 56-year-old Korkie by name, offering condolences to the family of "a non-U.S. citizen hostage." The South African government said it was informed that Korkie died during the mission by American special forces.

"It is my highest responsibility to do everything possible to protect American citizens," Obama said. "As this and previous hostage rescue operations demonstrate, the United States will spare no effort to use all of its military, intelligence and diplomatic capabilities to bring Americans home safely, wherever they are located."

About 40 American special operations forces were involved in the rescue attempt, which followed U.S. drone strikes in the area, U.S. officials said. The rescuers, backed by Yemeni ground forces, advanced within 100 meters of the compound in Shabwa province when they were spotted by the militants. A firefight ensued.

AP file photo

On Feb. 11, 2013, Luke Somers, 33, an American photojournalist who was kidnapped over a year ago by al-Qaida, poses for a picture during a parade marking the second anniversary of the revolution in Sanaa, Yemen. Somers has been killed in a failed rescue attempt, his sister said Saturday. Lucy Somers told The Associated Press that she and her father learned from FBI agents about her 33-year-old brother Luke Somers' death Saturday.

Amid the fighting, U.S. forces saw a militant briefly enter a building on the compound. U.S. officials believe it was then that Somers and Korkie were shot. When Americans entered the building, they found both men alive, but gravely wounded.

Officials said that based on the location where Somers and Korkie were being held, there was no possibility that they were struck by American gunfire.

U.S. forces pulled Somers and Korkie onto V-22 Ospreys, and medical teams began performing surgery in midair. One hostage died during the short flight; the second died after the Ospreys landed on the USS Makin Island, a Navy ship in the region.

The raid was over in about 30 minutes.

U.S. officials disclosed details of the mission on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the raid.

Saturday's operation was the second rescue attempt by U.S. and Yemeni forces to bring Somers home alive. On Nov. 25, American special operations forces and Yemeni soldiers raided a remote al-Qaida safe haven in a desert region near the Saudi border.

Eight captives, including Yemenis, a Saudi and an Ethiopian, were freed. Somers was not at that location. He and five other hostages had been moved days earlier, officials later said.

Roughly a dozen people are believed held by al-Qaida militants in Yemen.

On Thursday, al-Qaida militants released a video showing Somers and threatening to kill him in three days if the United States did not meet the group's unspecified demands or if another rescue was attempted.

U.S. officials said that threat prompted Obama to move quickly. Using information obtained during the first raid, U.S. officials believed Somers was being held Shabwa province, a stronghold of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the terrorist group's Yemeni branch. Officials believed a second hostage was there, too, but did not know it was Korkie.

By Thursday evening, the Pentagon had sent the White House a proposed plan, which Obama approved the following day. Officials alerted Yemen's President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, who gave his support.

Hadi has been a critical U.S. partner in seeking to undermine Yemen's dangerous al-Qaida affiliate. With the permission of Yemen's government, the U.S. has for years launched drone strikes against militant targets in the country and provided Yemen with hundreds of millions of dollars in security assistance.

When Obama announced U.S. airstrikes this year against militant targets in Syria and Iraq, he held up the Yemen effort as a comparable model.

Yemen's highest security body, the Supreme Security Committee, issued a rare statement Saturday acknowledging that the country's forces had carried out the raid with "American friends." The committee said all the militants holding the hostages were killed in the operation.

No American forces were killed or sustained serious injuries in the raid. Yemen's government said four of its forces were wounded.

Korkie was abducted in May 2013 along with his wife, Yolande, who was doing relief work. She was released in January without ransom as a result of negotiations by the South African relief group, Gift of the Givers.

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A handful of countries contributes most to climate

By Dina Cappiello
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Six countries produce nearly 60 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions. China and the United States combine for more than two-fifths. The planet's future will be shaped by what these top carbon polluters do about the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming.

How they rank, what they're doing:

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A passenger airliner flies past steam emitted ffom a coal-fired power plant in Beijing on Nov. 13. Six countries produce nearly 60 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions. China and the United States combine for more than two-fifths. The planet's future will be shaped by what these top carbon polluters do about the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming.

China

It emits nearly twice the amount of greenhouse gases as the United States, which it surpassed in 2006 as the top emitter of carbon dioxide. China accounts for about 30 percent of global emissions. U.S. government estimates show China doubling its emissions by 2040, barring major changes. Hugely reliant on fossil fuels for electricity and steel production, China until recently was reluctant to set firm targets for emissions, which continue to rise, although at a slower rate. That changed when Beijing announced last month in a deal with Washington that it would stem greenhouse gas emission' growth by 2030. About a week later, China's Cabinet announced a coal consumption cap by 2020 at about 62 percent of the energy mix. While politically significant, the U.S.-China deal alone is expected to have little effect on the global thermostat.

■ 2013 CO2 emissions: 11 billion tons
■ 2013 population: 1.36 billion

United States

It has never entered into a binding treaty to curb greenhouse gases. Nevertheless, it has cut more carbon pollution than any other nation. It is on pace to meet a 2009 Obama administration pledge to reduce emissions 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020. Carbon emissions are up, though, as the U.S. rebounds from recession. President Barack Obama has largely leaned on existing laws, not Congress, to make progress — boosting automobile fuel economy and proposing to reduce carbon pollution from new and existing power plants. The White House vowed in the China deal to double the pace of emissions reductions, lowering carbon pollution 26 percent to 28 percent from 2005 levels by 2025. Expect resistance when Republicans control Congress in January.

■ 2013 CO2 emissions: 5.8 billion tons
■ 2013 population: 316 million

India

The U.S.-China agreement puts pressure on the Indian government, which could announce new targets during a planned Obama visit in January. Meantime, India plans to double coal production to feed a power grid still suffering blackouts. Its challenge: to curb greenhouse gases as its population and economy grow. In 2010, India voluntarily committed to a 20 percent to 25 percent cut in carbon emissions relative to economic output by 2020 against 2005 levels. It has made recent strides installing solar power, which it is expected to increase fivefold to 100 gigawatts by 2030. Under current policies, its carbon dioxide emissions will double by then, according to the International Energy Agency.

■ 2013 CO2 emissions: 2.6 billion tons
■ 2013 population: 1.2 billion

Russia

It never faced mandatory cuts under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol because its emissions fell so much after the Soviet Union collapsed. A major oil and gas producer, Russia in 2013 adopted a domestic greenhouse gas target that would trim emissions 25 percent from 1990 levels by 2020. Russia's carbon dioxide emissions today average 35 percent lower than 1990 levels. To meet its goal, Russia has set a goal for 2020 of boosting energy efficiency 40 percent and expanding renewable energy 4.5 percent. The state-owned gas company Gazprom has energy conservation plans, as has the federal housing program. But in 2006, Russia announced a move to more coal- and nuclear-fired electricity to export more oil and natural gas.

■ 2013 CO2 emissions: 2 billion tons
■ 2013 population: 143.5 million

Japan

The shuttering of its nuclear power plants after the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster forced a drastic change in plans to curb carbon pollution. In November, Japanese officials said they would now reduce greenhouse gases 3.8 percent from 2005 levels by 2020. With more fossil fuels in the mix, Japan's emissions will be up 3 percent from 1990 levels. its benchmark for its pledge at a 2009 United Nations summit in Copenhagen to reduce emissions 25 percent. Beginning in 2012, Japan placed a carbon tax based on emissions of fossil fuels, with the proceeds going to renewable energy and energy-saving projects.

■ 2013 CO2 emissions: 1.4 billion tons
■ 2013 population: 127 million

Germany

It has outperformed the 21 percent reduction in greenhouse gases it agreed to in 1997. Emissions are down 25 percent against 1990 levels. To comply with 2020 European Union-set goals, Germany must reduce greenhouse gases 40 percent by 2020. On Wednesday, it boosted subsidies for energy efficiency to help it get there. Germany has in recent years seen back-to-back emissions increases due to higher demand for electricity and a switch to coal after Fukushima, which prompted a nuclear power phase-out. Coal use is down this year, and renewables continue to gain electricity market share. Renewables already account for a quarter of Germany's electrical production. The country plans to boost that share to 80 percent by 2050 — and put a million electric cars on the road by 2020.

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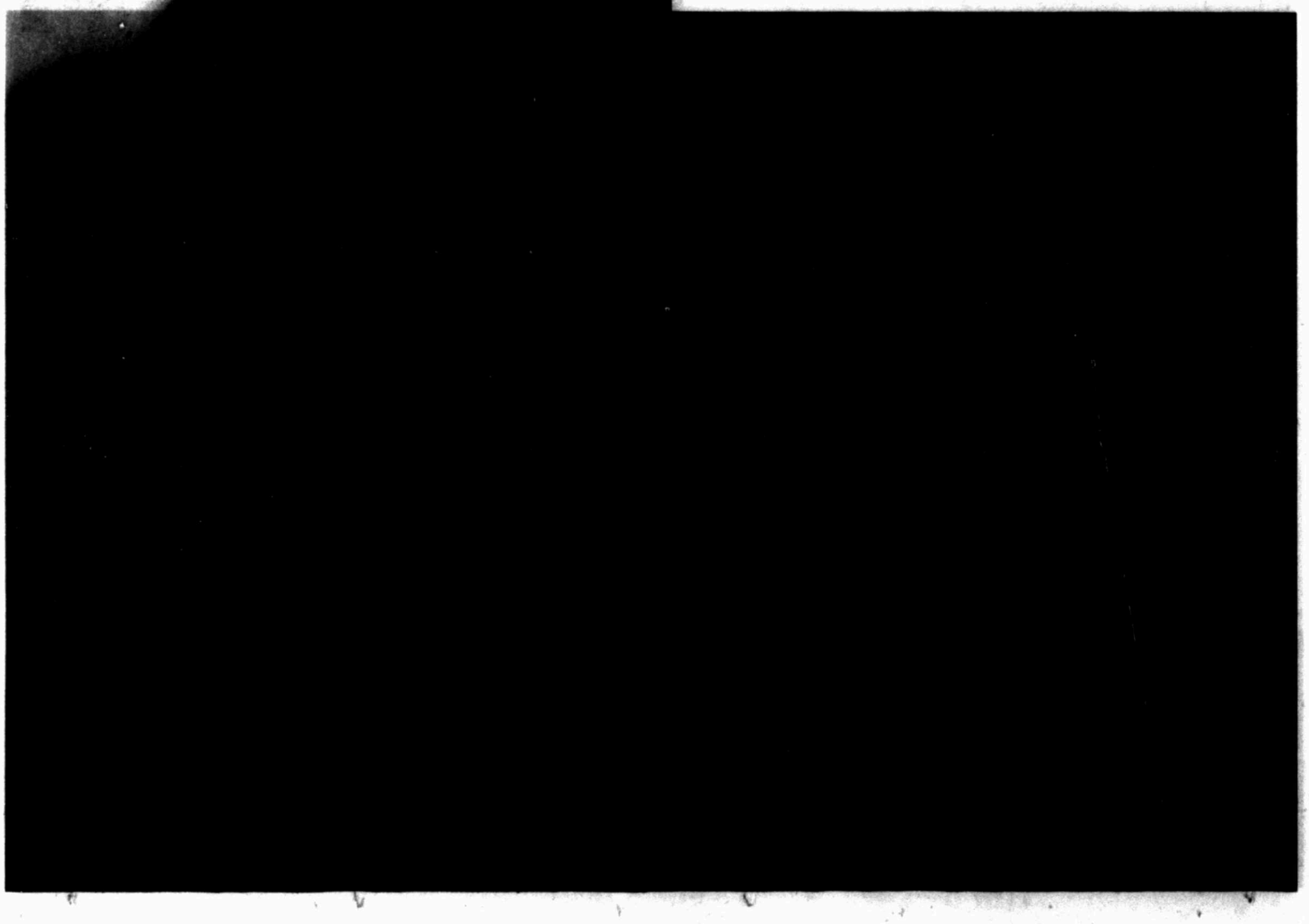

Business association faces tough fights in Legislature

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

The last thing the Texas Association of Business wants from the 2015 Texas Legislature is a cut in the business tax.

Long before lawmakers provide tax relief, the organization's president Bill Hammond explained, the TAB's 4,000 businesses and 200 chambers of commerce would prefer to see some responsible governing, including more transportation spending, health insurance for the poor, full funding for public schools, more funding for medical students and better graduation rates from state universities.

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Only after those priorities are met and there's money left over, "then we would like to reduce the rate on the franchise tax," Hammond told me and the Chronicle's editorial board during a recent visit. "We're not for cutting the budget, we're for making some investments in the future, and we're for accountability."

Undoubtedly, many tea party activists will declare Hammond a liberal or a Republican In Name Only, despite serving as a pioneering Republican at the Legislature in the early 1980s. But name-calling is a price he's willing to pay for legislation that will keep the Texas economy growing and marginalize the ideologues who are more interested in political posturing than pragmatic leadership.

"We are more or less the establishment, and we want things like roads and water," Hammond, who's been in his present job since 1998, said.

There are also things the TAB wants Texas lawmakers to leave alone, such as immigration.

"It's not a state issue, it's a federal issue, and we support comprehensive immigration reform," Hammond said. "We oppose immigration legislation at the state level, so we are strongly in favor of in-state tuition for undocumented kids ... it's the right thing to do."

Good roads essential

I know many business people will disagree with Hammond, and there are plenty who write checks to tea party groups instead of the TAB. But the positions Hammond supports make sense for Texas businesses that care about their balance sheets, workforces and customers.

For example, every business relies on good roads. If your employees can't quickly and inexpensively get to work, if your raw materials and finished product are damaged by potholes, or your customers would rather stay home than visit your shop, you can't do business.

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New Mexico struggles despite federal largess

By Jeri Clausing & Susan Montoya Bryan
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LOS ALAMOS, N.M. — Tucked in the mountains of one of the poorest states is one of the nation's wealthiest counties: Los Alamos, which, except for its landscapes, looks decidedly unlike the rest of New Mexico.

On a recent day in the county, which is dependent on the federal dollars that run Los Alamos National Laboratory, nannies, young mothers and children enjoyed the shade at Ashley Pond Park near a new county building and a renovated community center. A mega-grocery store bore "help wanted" signs. And Melanie Bennett of Bennett's Fine Jewelry and Gifts lamented that it's hard to find good help because "the lab sucks everybody."

Just to the north is Rio Arriba County, home to drug-and crime-plagued Espanola, whose main drag is a mix of fast-food restaurants, boarded-up businesses, a casino-hotel and a Wal-Mart.

"There's more workers than there are jobs," said Dennis Salazar, who owns a liquor store. Average per-capita income in Rio Arriba: $20,000, well below half Los Alamos County's average of $50,740.

The contrast highlights an unusual wealth gap in New Mexico. Unlike other states, the richest residents of New Mexico work mainly in the public sector, while almost everyone else is employed in the private sector.

That dynamic is both a blessing and a curse. Federal dollars, along with the energy industry in southeastern New Mexico, have fueled the state's economy for decades.

Besides Los Alamos, where the atomic bomb was developed, the state is home to Sandia National Laboratories, three Air Force bases, the Army's White Sands Missile Range and several national forests and parks. In all, according to a study by the Pew Charitable Trust's Fiscal Federalism Initiative, about 35 percent of New Mexico's economy comes from the federal government — the highest such figure for any state.

But critics said an inability to diversify the economy has exacerbated income disparities. They said that at a time of tight federal budgets, the state can no longer afford to stake its economic future on government spending.

Unless New Mexico can attract new industries, workers will have to settle for whatever lower-paying government jobs are available or for low-wage work in the service industry, according to political leaders and experts on the state's economy.

"The rest of the nation is subsidizing New Mexico," said Jake Arnold, a political consultant and longtime New Mexican. "It's like the Third World. ...

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Writing about athletes doesn't earn the big bucks

The wife was reading the newspaper the other day when she suddenly lowered one corner and glowered at me with her eyes peering up and just over the top of her glasses. I always know that I'm going to get a lecture when she settles in with this pose.

"It says right here in the paper that Midland had a per capita personal income of $86,574 in 2013," she said. "You didn't get your share, did you?"

Well, she knows the answer to that question. She's the one who keeps track of our finances. I don't know why she had to be so rude about it.

"I guess that means we are below average as far as Midlanders are concerned," I said. "How come you didn't mention the fact that you didn't make over $86,000 last year either."

"Oh, you're going to blame me, huh? I slaved raising your two kids. You were the one that was supposed to provide the income. If we go by that, you should have been making close to $180,000 to make up the difference."

I replied, "Well, you have to remember that it's those people in the oil business

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Trip to grandma's house reveals Christmas treasures

My mom retired and moved to a lake community about 10 years ago. And since retiring, she has given up a lot of her grown-up burdens: high heels, suits, daily make-up, hair dye. She traded them in for a pick-up, fluffy dogs, big windows, water and yard work. She also stopped accumulating stuff — knickknacks, jewelry and furniture. She loves the simplicity of her "less is more" lifestyle.

She even stopped doing some of those things we feel like we have to do, including putting up a Christmas tree. Since she usually came to my house for the holidays, I don't think she missed the hassle — my house generally looks like Christmas threw up on it. And since I am always tired by the end of the season, she

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Obituaries

Barbara Clayton Anderson

Barbara Clayton Anderson was born January 30, 1929, in Lubbock, Texas, to Jerry Bernard Clayton and Mary Dickinson Clayton. She died Saturday, December 6, 2014 at her home on the Muleshoe Ranch.

Memorial services will be 10 AM Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 North Midkiff Road, Midland, Texas 79705.

Barbara was raised on the Mimbres Ranch in southwest New Mexico. Her father sold the ranch and moved the family to Roswell, NM, where Barbara graduated from Roswell High School. She attended and earned an Associate's degree from Penn Hall in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She continued her studies in Interior Design and graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX in January 1951. Barbara was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Barbara married John Richard Anderson on March 26, 1951, in Hobbs, NM. They lived for a short time on the W.A. "Bill" Anderson ranch west of Lovington, NM, before moving to Borden County, TX, to the Muleshoe Ranch. The ranch is where they made their home for 62 years and raised their family. Barbara and Rich have four children, Sally Anderson Bland, Mary Anderson Hutto, John Robert Anderson (Kevva), and Martha Anderson Wristen (Bert). Barbara and Rich have been blessed with ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Barbara was the Proverbs 31 woman. She made a beautiful home, designed and sewed clothes for her children, cooked for "neighboring" cowboys or social gatherings with ease and grace. She was a creative party planner from children's birthdays, church events, and barn dances for political events. During summers spent in Angel Fire, NM, Barbara and Rich held annual fish fries with their friends of 30 years. Barbara was always called upon to help with activities at Borden School where her children attended. She was a perennial cheerleader and band chaperone. Barbara bought into the "The Borden Star" and was its editor for many years. She built up the subscription base, and the paper is still in circulation. Barbara enjoyed needlepointing and was active in the National Needlepoint Guild and served as the New Mexico's Needlepoint Guild's president. She, along with Tootsie Grantham, Dorothy Dennis, Modesta Stokes each needlepointed a portion of a screen that hung in the state capitol in Santa Fe, NM, but now is on display in the Lea County Cowboy Hall of Fame in Hobbs, NM. These ladies also were responsible for needlepointing Christmas ornaments representing their home counties which hang on the Christmas tree in the Texas Governor's mansion. Barbara was responsible for the completion of the needlepoint kneelers' project at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Barbara sang in the choir at St. Mary's for many years with Rich joining her in the choir loft. In the last several years they found a church home at Christ's Church in Midland, TX, until her health declined.

Barbara was married to the love of her life, Rich for 63 years. They traveled extensively around the world. Barbara was Rich's sounding board during the drought in the '50s; his backbone on the campaign trail in the '60s, and stood beside him during the downturn of the economy in the '70s. Barbara loved our nation and the principles on which it was founded. Barbara's life impacted all those who knew her. Even though she was a petite 5'2", her absence will leave a large hole in those lives left behind - A true example of a Proverbs 31 woman-a true lady.

Memorials may be sent to: National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 4th Street, Lubbock, TX 79409, or Christ's Church Midland, 5501 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland, TX 79705.

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

Bill "Billy Joe" Waller

Bill "Billy Joe" Waller passed away on November 23, 2014 at the age of 87. He was married 61 years to Valerie Stout Waller, until her death in 2009.

A longtime resident of Midland, Bill was the Father to Roberta Wilson and Lalah Ash, the Grandfather to Lindsay, Leslie, Morgan, Elliott, Ryan and Emily and the Great-Grandfather to Jackson, Andrew, Macey and Crosby. Bill was born on June 16, 1927, and was raised as a proud West Texan in Crane, Texas. He was the son of Sanders and Lalah Mae Waller and brother to Frank. Bill was a Navy veteran and worked until retirement as a jet mechanic for Continental Airlines.

He was an avid rock hound and an active member of the Midland Gem and Mineral Society for many years. Bill was a creative jewelry designer, an artist, a golfer, a hunter, a bee keeper and a country and classical music lover. He was a man of many talents and interests and a good friend to many. Bill's passing will leave a void, but also many memories for those who knew and loved him.

Funeral services for Bill Waller will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will be available to receive friends a half hour prior to the service to meet and share memories of Bill's remarkable life.

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Claude Erwin Roberts

Claude Erwin Roberts was born on July 29th, 1929 in Vernon, Texas and joined his maker on December 6, 2014 in Round Rock, Texas after a brief illness. He will be laid to rest in Vernon, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-two years, Billie Holley Roberts, son Don Erwin Roberts and parents Claude H. and Jewell Cato Roberts.

He is survived by his daughters, Shirley Choate and Debbie Harris and son-in-laws Jim Choate and Terry Harris of Midland, Texas and daughter Nancy Martinez of Grandview, Texas. Seven Grandchildren: Jamie Bynum, Brent Harris, Shelby Pyle, Justin Harris, Chad Martinez, Brandon Harris and Matthew Martinez. 12 Great Grandchildren: Shawn, Kelsey, Clayton, Haley, Meredith, Joey, Holley, Brandon, Dade, Carson, Kiylie and Emma. One brother, Gerald Wayne Roberts, and brothers and sister-in-laws, Jimmy and Peggy Holley, Pat and Herb Bell and nephews Mike and Mark Roberts.

Claude started his career as an apprentice brick mason under his father and continued as owner of Roberts Construction Company in Midland, Texas. They specialized in custom brick, tile and stone work. In 1987 he retired as a postal Tour 3 Supervisor after over 20 years of service in the United States Postal Service.

He served in the National Guard from 1947 to 1968 and retired as a Captain. He also served as a Deacon at Calvary Baptist Church before attending North Side and Fannin Terrace Baptist Church. Claude was a member of the Downtown Lions Club of Midland and enjoyed his years of companionship and volunteer work. He was a proud "PaPa" and attended as many football, basketball, baseball and soccer games as he could. He also loved watching dance recitals and competitions.

He was an avid Dallas Cowboy Fan and didn't miss an opportunity to watch a game on TV or in person. He was there when the Cowboys played Divisional and NFC Championship games in the old Texas Stadium. He really enjoyed tailgating at the new Cowboys Stadium.

Claude enjoyed traveling with his brother Wayne in his motor home in recent years. They traveled to Branson and Conroe for GMC Rally's.

Our Dad and PaPa will be missed but we know we will meet again.

Services will be held December 8, 2014 at 1p.m. graveside at Wilbarger Cemetery in Vernon, Texas.

Myrtle I. Brown

Myrtle Imogene Brown, 93 of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, December 1st, 2014 at her residence. She was born on October 19, 1921 in Boyd, Texas to the late Virgil and Cora Russell.

Myrtle was reared and educated in Oklahoma and later settled in Decatur, Texas. She married Gerald Brown, and then moved to Midland. She loved visiting with people and was very outgoing and vibrant. She was a member of the Eastern Stars.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Brown; a brother, Robert Leo Russell and a sister, Doratta Morell. She is survived by her daughter, Emily Joan Taylor of Midland; a stepdaughter, Ula Caroline Saunders & husband Jerry of Aubrey, Texas; 1 nephew, 2 nieces and numerous cousins.

Funeral service for Mrs. Brown will be Monday, December 8, 2014 at 11:00 am at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pastor Jeff Franklin will officiate.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

William Elder III

William Elder III, or Tracy as he was known to many, lost his fight against cancer December 5, 2014. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Tracy was born on October 15, 1979 to Janelle Buchanan and William Elder, Jr., in Grand Prairie, TX. He graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Bedford, TX in 1998 and then went on to serve our Country in the United States Army. He married Tessa Lanning on March 20, 2010 in Midland, TX. Tracy was a journeyman electrician at Corey Sly Electric.

Tracy was an unbelievably funny and clever man that had passion for the Longhorns, the Dallas Cowboys, trucks, hunting, his friends, and most importantly, his family. He leaves behind four beautiful children, Hannah, Kyler, Dakota, and Emme, each possessing a bit of Tracy's snarky personality and mischievous spirit. His wife, Tessa, will only have to look as far as her childrens' eyes to see that a force as big as Tracy is far too big to fit into Heaven; thus, pieces of him will live on with his childrens' sarcastic remarks and witty quips.

He is survived by his wife, Tessa Lanning Elder of Midland, TX; four children, Hannah Elizabeth Elder of Bedford, TX; Kyler Lee Wagaman, Dakota Rea Elder, and Emme June Elder, all of Midland; mother, Janelle and husband, Don Buchanan of Haslet, TX; father, Bill and wife, Honey Elder of Lexington, KY; grandmother, Wynelle Edwards of Grand Prairie, TX; grandparents, Darlene and Ron Buchanan of Houston, TX; and two sisters, Cecilia and Madison Elder of Lexington, KY.

Tracy was loved by many, as has become evident by many friends and family members that have shown infinite love and support during the last year of his life.

The family wants to thank Corey and Dawn Sly for their generous support during Tracy's battle with cancer, M.D. Andserson, Dr. Karen Carr and all of the Oncology Staff at Allison Cancer Center, and also Hospice of Midland for their wonderful care of Tracy.

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

William Evan "Bill" Trimble

As a member of The Greatest Generation, our beloved, father and Dado, William Evan (Bill) Trimble was born on June 28, 1923 and passed to his eternal rest on December 5, 2014 at the age of 91 years, 5 months and 5 days. He was born in Goree, Texas to Elmer Ewing and Cora Eva Trimble, the oldest son of their 10 children together. There were also 7 half brothers and sisters in his large family.

Bill proudly served as a member of the US Army during WWII in the Pacific theater. He was gravely wounded on a remote island and left for dead. Since, his dog tags had been removed by enemy soldiers, his family back home in Texas was informed that he was missing and presumed dead. They waited for news as he lay comatose for months in a Hawaiian Island hospital.

After his recovery, he returned home to Slaton, Texas and civilian life. It was there he met and married the love of his life and wife of 42 years, Mary Pauline Hutchinson in 1946. She preceded him in death on November 16, 1993. They are now gloriously reunited and he is gliding across the dance floor, on feet that feel no pain, with his sweet "Polly" once again.

Bill's main focus in his life was two-fold, working hard, which he did six days a week, 11 hours a day, up until less than three weeks before his passing, but most importantly, he made a point of loving his family well. Those who knew Bill knew that he was a Trimble through and through and as stubborn as the day was long, but also, just that loyal and loving too. It was either Bill's way, or the wrong way and there was little discussion on the subject. Those left to cherish is memory are his sons, Randall Evan Trimble, wife Mickey, and William Danny Trimble. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Beverley Joy, and an infant son, Ricky Dale.

Bill loved children and his crowning glory-- his pride and joy, were his six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, which all lovingly referred to him as their DADO. They are: Jerry Wayne Trimble, wife Raquelle, and their children Chance and Chasidee; James Robert Trimble, and his children Dylan and Tabitha; Tammie Michelle Trimble, and her child Deanna Hebert; Aaron William Trimble, and Kimberly Trimble Crisp, husband Taylor, and their child Evan. Dado was preceded in death by his first great-grandson, Tammie's son, Adan Trimble in February, 2012. Rest assured they have already begun to have a great reunion, which someday all of us will join.

Bill is also survived by siblings, Bobby Jack Trimble, J.H. Trimble (wife, Pat), Joy Lester, Loy Mercer, and JoAnne Smith.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in Slaton, Texas. The family respectfully requests that in lieu of flowers you please make a donation in Bill's name to an organization of your choice during this Christmas season to either give help to a family or a current or past service member within your area.

As he would want, we who remain to cherish his memory will do our best to carry on his legacy and the values he modeled for us. We will work hard and love each other well, until we meet again.

Millard Jerome "Mike" Kingery

Millard Jerome "Mike" Kingery passed away December 4, 2014. He was 55.

Mile lived in Midland since 1978, working in the oil business and later as a computer tech.

He is survived by his son, Patrick; his parents of Colbran, CO; his brother, Jim and wife Denisa Kingery; and aunts, Sharon Chase and Katherine Fields of Albuquerque, NM.

Mike was an avid Denver Broncos fan and golf fanatic. He will be missed by his family and many friends.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Midland.

Charles D. Collier

Charles D. "Chuck" Collier, 92, of Midland, Texas passed away on December 4, 2014. Chuck was born on February 8, 1922 in Palestine, Texas.

Chuck graduated from Elkhart High School in 1940. He was married to Marzell Raines on May 25 1946 in Palestine, Texas.

At the outbreak of World War II, Chuck joined the Navy as a Seabee. He saw extensive action in the Pacific to include Guam and Okinawa. He was extremely proud of his Military service in the Navy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy he began his career with Oilwell Division of U.S. Steel as a purchasing agent in Dallas.

He eventually moved his family to Midland in 1964 where he continued his career with Oilwell as a salesman until his retirement in 1986.

Chuck was an active member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church for 50 years, serving as a deacon for many years. He enjoyed sharing his love of hunting, fishing and bowling with his son, grandsons, great grandchildren, as well as other family and friends.

Chuck was preceded in death by his wife Marzell in August of 2003. He is survived by one son Gary Collier and his wife Julia of Odessa; two grandsons, Ryan Collier and wife Amanda of Odessa, Mark Collier and his wife Nicole of Stanton; two great grandsons, Luke and Jaxson Collier of Odessa, Texas; great granddaughter, Cooper Collier; brother, Duane Collier; sister, Doris Wortham of Van Buren, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, with Jeff Franklin officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers for the service are; Gary McQuerry, Kevin Suggs, Guinn Burks, Mark Walters, Kevin McCalman, and Jon Hendricks.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Donald M. Hellinghausen

Donald M. Hellinghausen, 86, died quietly at home on December 3, 2014.

He was born April 24, 1928, to Kathleen Belkey and William George ("Peck") Hellinghausen, in Breckenridge, Texas, the youngest of three children. He graduated from Breckenridge High School, where he played football for the Buckaroos. He enjoyed golf and scouting, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He attended the University of Notre Dame from 1946-1950, during which his beloved Fighting Irish never lost a football game. After graduating cum laude with a BS in Business Administration, he served two years in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1952, and returned to Breckenridge to work for his father's oil field supply company, Centex.

In June of 1953, Don met Marjorie Fiehrer in Victoria, Texas, at the wedding of college classmates. He and Marge married in 1954, and settled in Breckenridge, raising a family of 8 children. Don became president of the company upon his father's death in 1962. In 1969, he relocated his family to Midland, Texas, and established an independent sales agency, the Brecko Corporation.

Don was a very gregarious and caring person. Virtually everyone who knew him considered him a friend. He considered it his personal responsibility to respond to the needs of the poor and homeless. Don was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Parish for over 30 years and helped found the Midland chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was involved with many civic and non-profit organizations, including the Texas Homeless Coalition, Midland Habitat for Humanity, Midland County Housing Finance Corporation, Midland Housing Association, Neighborhood Housing Services, and Casa de Amigos. March 20, 1998 was proclaimed "Don Hellinghausen Day" by the City of Midland. In 2007, he received the Jefferson Award for Public Service in recognition of his tireless work to address housing issues.

Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marjorie; seven of his eight children and their spouses, Mary Schlecht and husband Jim, of Ninnekah, Oklahoma, Michael Hellinghausen and wife Linda, of Dallas, Ann Rusnak and husband Joe, of Midland, Jane Hellinghausen and husband Glen Aaron, of Midland, Elizabeth Zenteno and husband Blas, of Midland, Sara Welch and husband Pat, of Midland, and John Hellinghausen and fiancée Shannon Walker, of Houston; and his 12 grandchildren, Sara Jane Schlecht, Mathilde Hellinghausen, Paul Hellinghausen, Adam Hellinghausen, Michael Zenteno and wife Meghann, Tomas Zenteno, Isabella Zenteno, Elaine Welch, Diana Welch, Luke Welch, Amanda Hellinghausen, and Erich Hellinghausen. He was preceded in death in 2011 by his youngest daughter, Nancy Hellinghausen Brown.

A rosary will take place at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Friday December 5th at 6:00 p.m. A Catholic funeral Mass will follow on Saturday, December 6th at 11:00 a.m., at St. Ann's. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery on Monday December 8th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Saint

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Manek Rustom Panthaky

Manek Panthaky of Midland passed away from an apparent stroke at the age of 74.

He is survived by his sisters and their families: Arnavaz & Jimmy Havewalla and Zenobia & Berham Havewalla of India; and Dinoo & Piloo Medhora of London, England; and his son Scott Panthaky & wife Kelli, his grandchildren Holden and Jonathan of Midland, as well as multiple nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that he has influenced and enjoyed life with throughout the world.

Manek had said, "When your mind wants to do it, you can do it. There's no two ways about it. You have to say 'I will do a better job, and I can do it.'" Beginning in the small village of Nargol in India, to operating the Rolls Royce dealership in Midland, and even when starting successful businesses in Dallas; he kept this philosophy while living life to the fullest. He also earned an MD from St. Xavier's in Mumbai, practiced medicine in London, and earned two Eagles for sales at IBM along the way. Manek was always a man interested in people, life, love, and the stories and lives connecting it all. Manek will be missed for his resilient happiness, his brilliance, and his always joyful wisdom.

The family will receive friends at 2102 North N St. in Midland from 2 until 6, Saturday, December 6, 2014. In lieu of flowers his family requests donations be made to help feed hungry children at www.feedthechildren.org.

Death Notices

Dora F. Duran

Dora F. Duran, 65 of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

Prayer services will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7th and Monday, Dec. 8th at 7:00 pm both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. A Funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Dora is survived by her two daughters, Angeia Melendez and Catrina Alford; one son, Torivio Melendez; seven sisters; five brothers.

Leo Merle Denny, Jr.

Leo Merle Denny, Jr., 82, of Midland died December 4, 2014. A memorial service has been set for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 13, 2014 at First Christian Church in Midland.

Survivors include his three sons, Kevin Denny, Mike Denny and Mark Denny; and one sister.

Mary Palmares Flores

Funeral Services For Mary Palmares Flores, 66, of Brownfield will be held Tuesday December 9,2014 in the First Assembly of God in Denver City, at 2pm. Interment will follow in the Denver City Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mary was born on December 19, 1947 to Francisco Palmares and Seferina Munoz.

She leaves behind her husband Joe C. Flores, three sons, Joe R. Flores, Richard P. Flores, and Jimmy Lee Flores. Six daughters, Diane Torres, Betty Flores, Josie Lozano, Isabel Luna, Jennifer Flores, and Danielle Ybarra. One brother Moses Palmares; two sisters, Ernestina Avalos and Josie Hernandez.

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Queen Fabiola, widow of former Belgian king, dies

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Queen Fabiola, who was inseparable from her husband, the late King Baudouin, and popular across much of Belgium, died on Friday. She was 86.

The royal palace said she died at her Stuyvenberg castle in Brussels, and no cause of death was given. However, she had used a wheelchair, was increasingly frail looking and limited her public appearances more and more.

King Philippe said he was left with "great sadness" when he heard of the death of his aunt.

Spanish-born Fabiola was very close with King Baudouin, and they shared a deep belief in Roman Catholic values. The couple was reclusive and remained childless following several miscarriages.

Still, Queen Fabiola was popular and often referred to as the "Queen of all Belgians." After the king died in 1993, she served as Belgium's dowager queen.

King Baudouin was enveloped in a major controversy in 1990, when he refused to give a parliament-approved bill legalizing abortion his royal assent, one of his constitutional duties.

Some partly blamed Fabiola's strong Catholicism for Baudouin's opposition to a law he was required to sign. He stepped down for one day to allow the government to pass the law before he was reinstated as king.

Even after his death, Fabiola's devotion to Baudouin continued.

Los Alamos

From 1B

All these people are fighting over crumbs."

The issue was a key topic in this fall's governor's race, with Republican Gov. Susana Martinez insisting in one debate that "we have to diversify ... and make sure that there are jobs of all kinds." Martinez said she cut business taxes to spark the creation of more private-sector jobs.

But so far, large-scale job-creation efforts have faltered. In September, the state lost out to Nevada for a Tesla battery factory that officials said could have created 22,000 jobs over the next two decades and pump billions into that state's economy.

Then there's Spaceport America in southern Sierra County, the venture of entrepreneur Richard Branson that was supposed to lure both jobs and tourism dollars. Instead, like much of New Mexico, Sierra County is losing rather than gaining private-sector jobs, according to data from the state Labor Department. The futuristic building and runway sit nearly empty, waiting for Virgin Galactic to make good on what have been annual projections since 2010 to launch its $250,000-per-person space tourism flights "by the end of the year."

The breakup Oct. 31 of its experimental rocket-powered spaceship over the California desert has raised new doubts about whether the space-tourism flights will ever happen. Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides has said that the company could resume test flights as early as next summer if it can finish building a replacement craft.

"I think we gave up on all that a long time ago," said Stephanie Ontiveros, who works at the Butte General Store and Marine in Sierra County, which raised its taxes to help support Spaceport. It's now among the New Mexico counties with the lowest average wages, and, like Rio Arriba, it is plagued by empty buildings and businesses for sale.

New Mexico ranked last among states for job growth from January 2011 through 2013. It is second, behind Mississippi, in the percentage of its residents living in poverty — a percentage that increased from 20.8 percent in 2012 to 21.9 percent in 2013, Census figures show. It also consistently ranks at or near the bottom of national rankings for education and child welfare.

"What this state really needs to advance economically is workforce training and education that is at least as good as what the surrounding states have," New Mexico State University economist Jeff Peach said.

Economists and activists said New Mexico has trouble attracting new industries for two major reasons: widespread poverty and low education levels. A study released in mid-November by the Annie E. Casey Foundation found that more than half of New Mexico families with children under the age of 8 are low-income, about one-third of the families are headed by a single parent and more than 10 percent of the families include parents who don't have high school diplomas.

Family advocacy groups in New Mexico have long said that breaking the cycle of poverty is nearly impossible when families and children are confronted with economic burdens, barriers to educational success and few prospects for high-paying jobs. While Los Alamos and a few other parts of New Mexico have some of the highest percentages in the nation of doctoral-degree holders in science and engineering, U.S. Census data show the state is below the national average in the percentage of its adult population that holds a bachelor's degree.

The private sector did add about 8,000 jobs in the 12-month period that ended in September, according to state labor reports. More than half the jobs were in education or health services. Government jobs declined by 1,800 over the same period, with 300 of those losses in the federal sector.

Even in Los Alamos, the number of lucrative lab jobs is shrinking along with the federal budget. And yet in a sea of struggling New Mexicans, Los Alamos, with nearly 18,000 residents, remains an island of prosperity. Of those ages 25 and above, 63 percent hold at least a bachelor's degree, compared with 25 percent statewide. More people own homes than the statewide average. And the median home value is far higher: $285,800, compared with $161,500 statewide.

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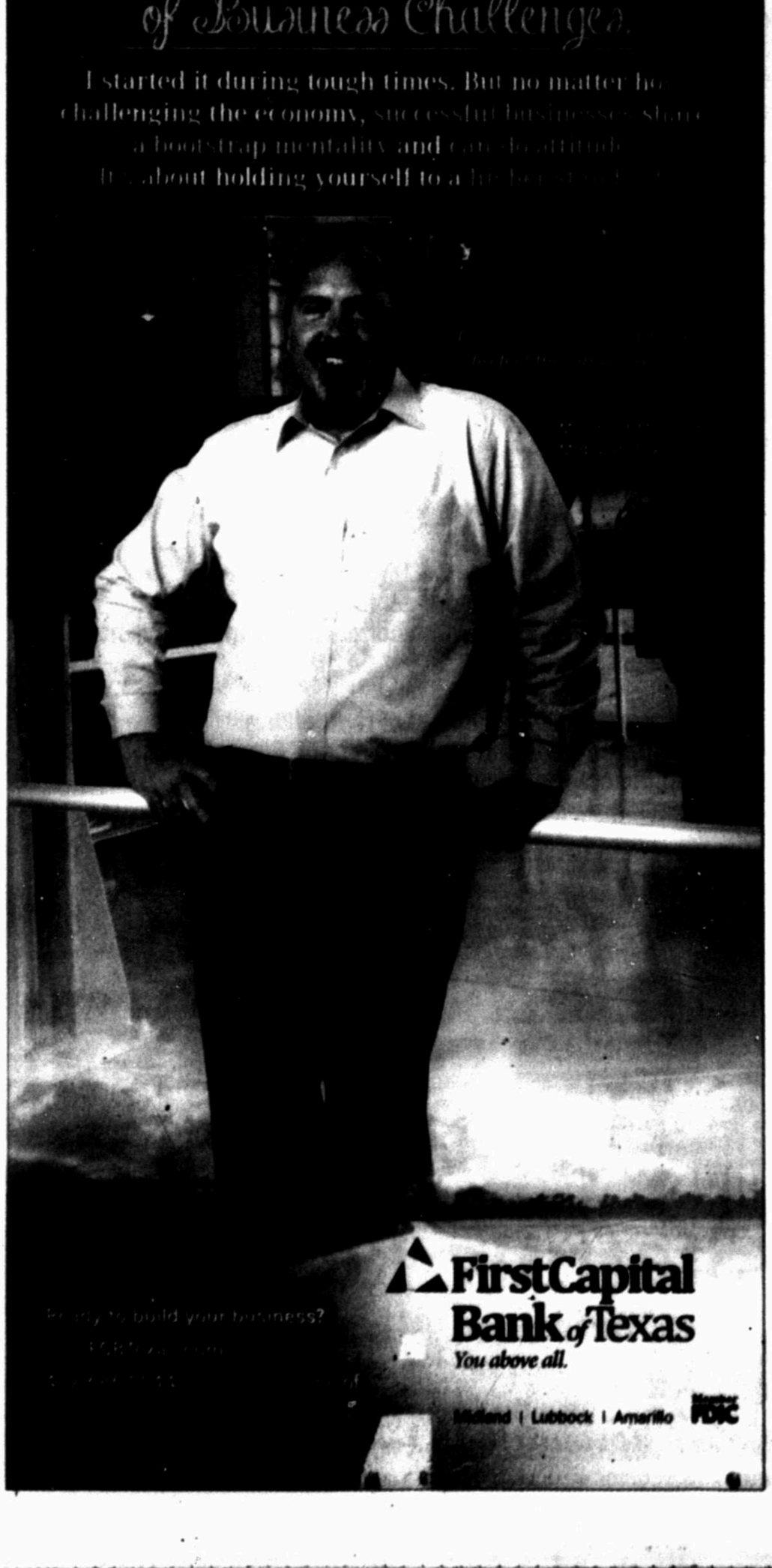

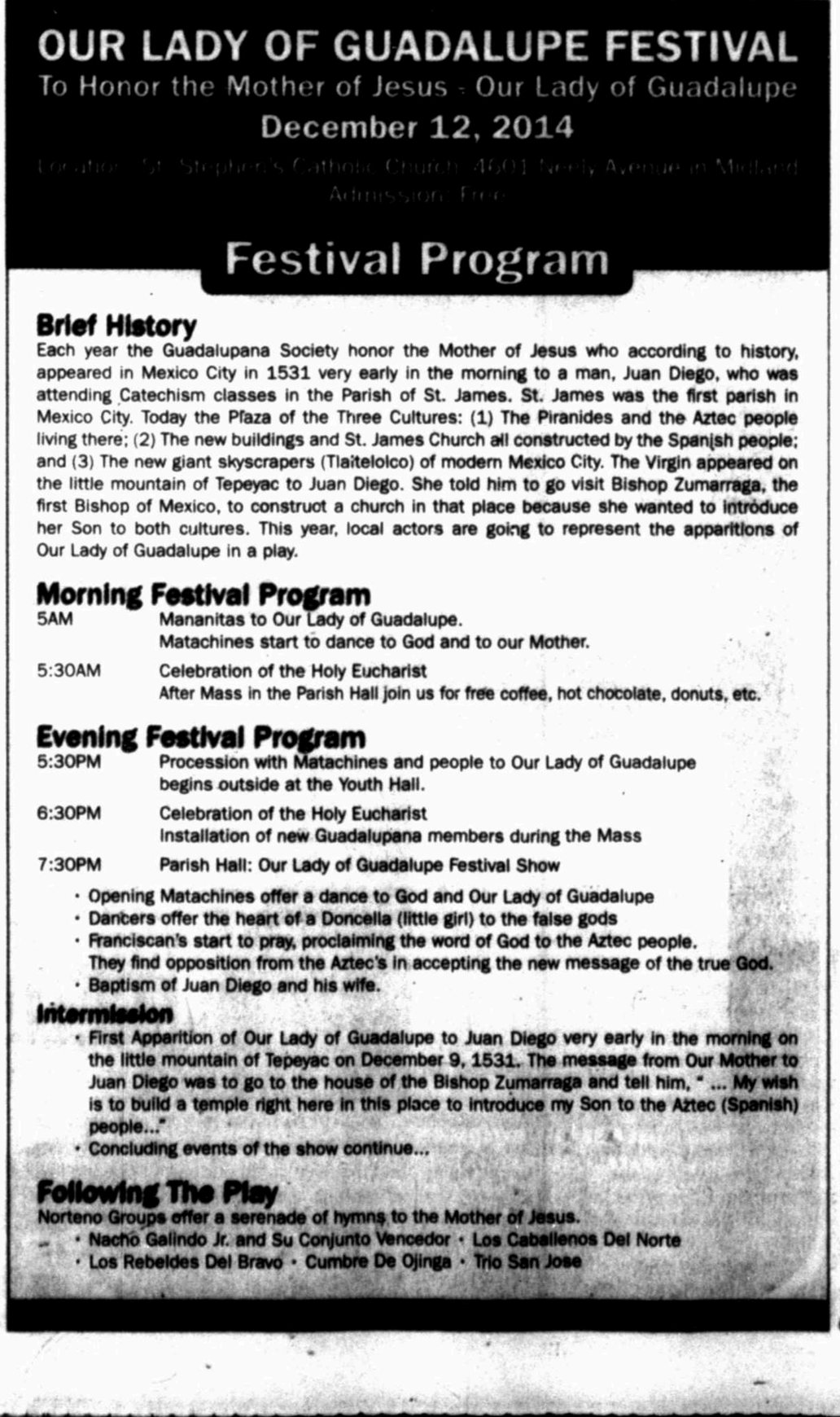

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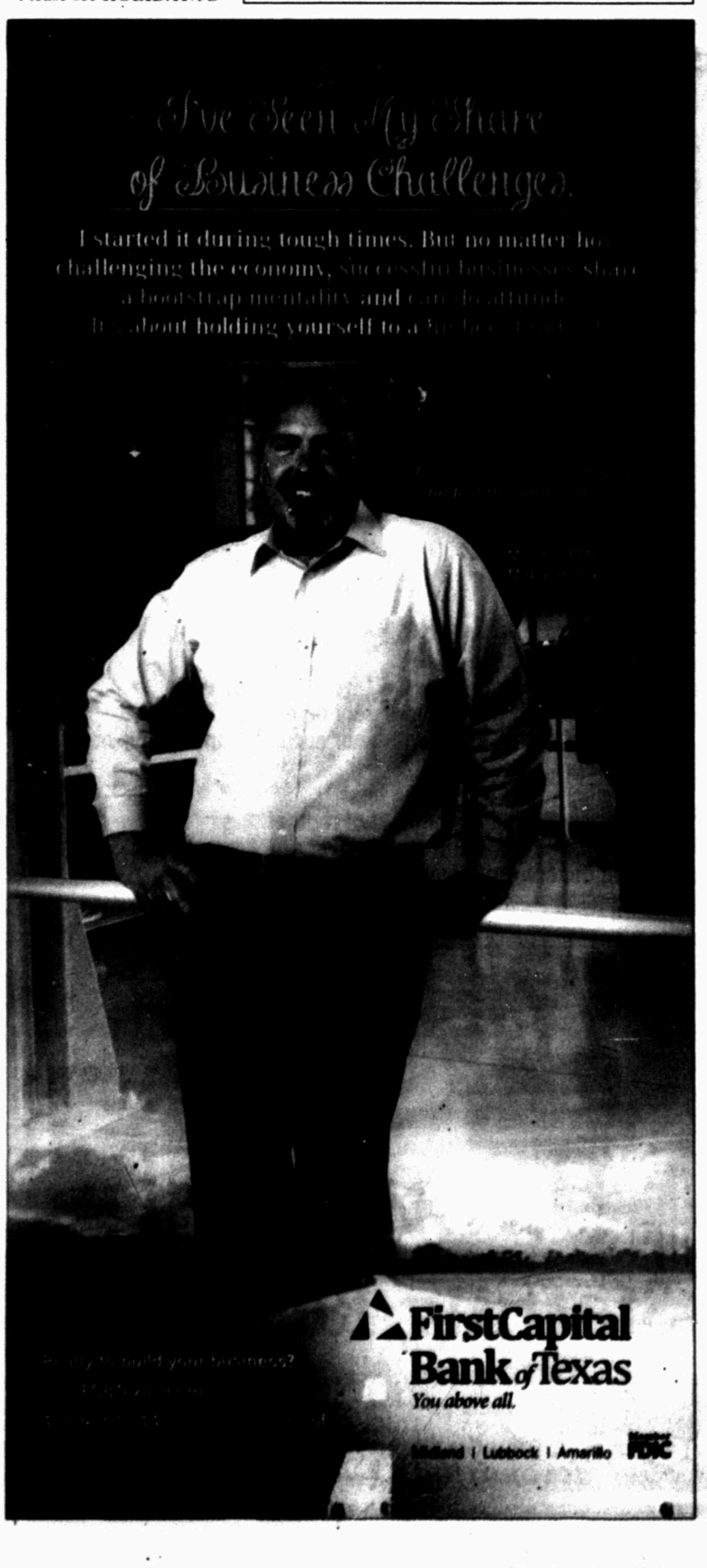

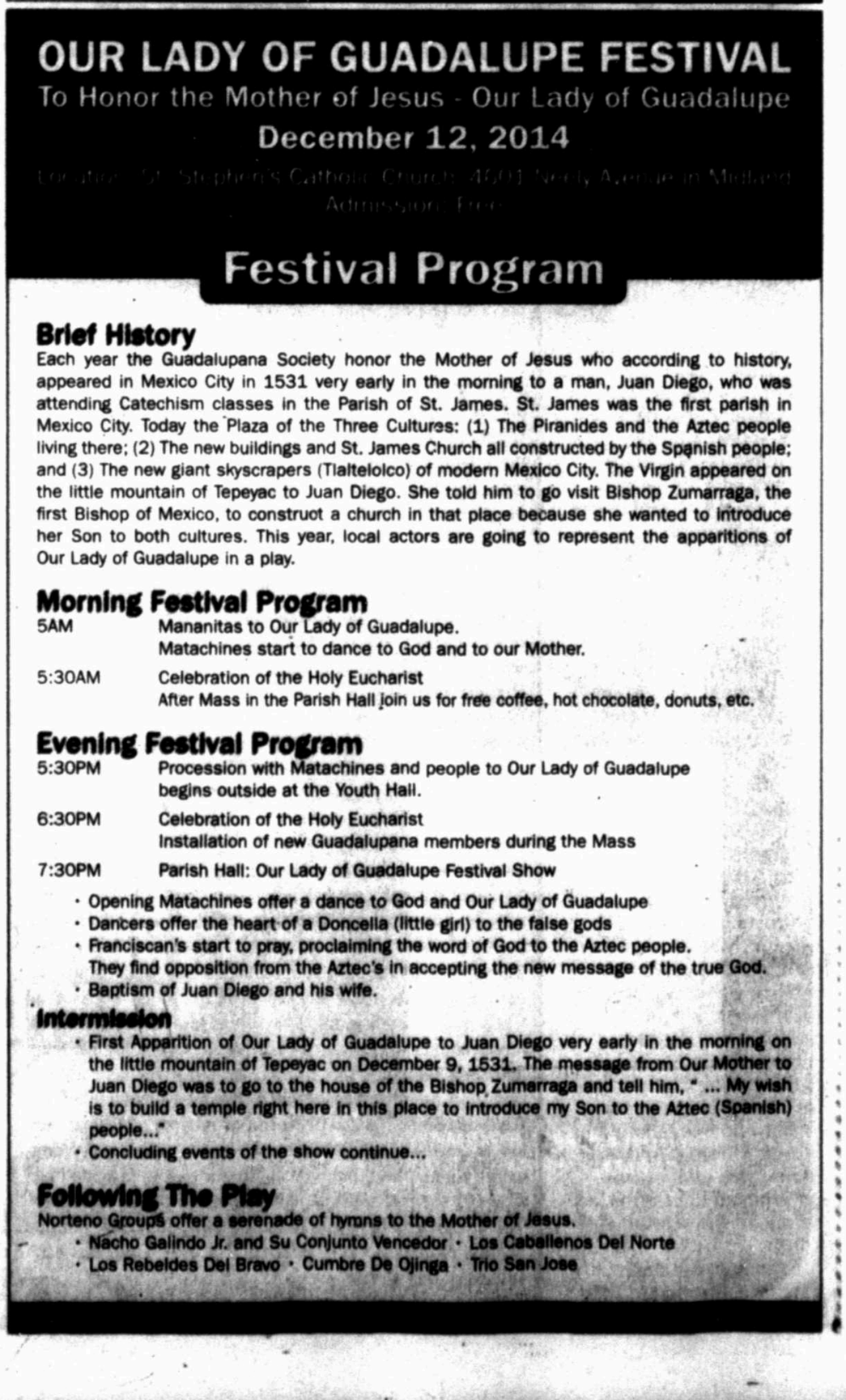

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Water woes among topics for 8 governors in Vegas

By Ken Ritter
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Facing dwindling water supplies, Western states are struggling to capture every drop with dam and diversion projects that some think could erode regional cooperation crucial to managing the scarce resource.

Against that backdrop, eight Western governors meeting in Las Vegas this weekend will address regional water issues, and water managers from seven states arrive next week to work on ways to ensure 40 million people in the parched Colorado River basin don't go thirsty.

Gary Wockner, a conservationist with the Denver-based advocacy group Save the Colorado, said there's already jostling amid the fear of empty buckets. "Everyone is trying to get the last legal drop of water," he said.

Colorado River Water Users Association representatives deny there's discord at their table.

"Fifteen years of drought has tightened everything. But I don't see this as people are getting ready to fight," said Jeff Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. That agency is dealing with a double-whammy — drought on the Colorado River and in the Sierra Nevada and Northern California.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval will host Western Governors' Association counterparts from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming this weekend to consider several issues, including water. Two days of drought workshops follow.

"The motto is: We save the system as a whole," said Pat Mulroy, longtime general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority in Las Vegas and now a senior policy fellow with the Brookings Institution.

"If we get into, 'I'm going to win,' and, 'You're going to lose,' there won't be a winner," Mulroy said.

But Wockner said Colorado, Wyoming and Utah are considering dams and diversions in the mountains to capture water they're entitled to before it reaches the Colorado and flows to the deserts.

New Mexico has plans to divert and store water from the Gila River for cities and farms before it flows into Arizona and empties into the Colorado River near the Mexico border.

"Diversions extract water from the system," said Jack Schmidt, professor of watershed sciences at Utah State University. He just completed three years studying the Grand Canyon for the U.S. Geological Survey. "More water use and more water retention in the upper basin means less water flowing through the Grand Canyon to the lower basin."

Schmidt referred to the Colorado River Compact of 1922 and agreements with Mexico that promise about 16.5 million acre-feet of water annually from a river system that has historically taken in about 15 million acre-feet from rainfall and snowmelt. But that amount has diminished during almost 15 years of drought. One acre-foot of water is about enough to serve two average Las Vegas homes for a year.

"You could say that we decided how to divide the pie, but the pie is smaller than anybody thought," Schmidt said. "With climate change, it is even smaller than that."

In Las Vegas, which virtually relies on water from Lake Mead, officials are making plans to add a $650 million pumping facility to draw from the reservoir even if levels drop below 1,000 feet above sea level. That's the line at which Hoover Dam's hydroelectric turbines would be idled.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority already is drilling an $800 million tunnel to tap water from the bottom of the lake, at 860 feet above sea level.

At 900 feet — so-called "dead pool" — the river would end at Hoover Dam. Nothing would flow downstream.

The lake reached its high water mark in 1983 at 1,225 feet.

The Metropolitan Water District's Kightlinger said the seven basin states — Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico upstream and California, Arizona and Nevada downstream — have a history of cooperating, and they have forged several landmark agreements.

A 2012 amendment to a 70-year-old treaty between the U.S. and Mexico has the river flowing south of the border again.

Last summer, water agencies in Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix began an $11 million pilot program with the federal government to pay farmers, cities and industries to cut use of Colorado River water.

The goal is to prop up Lake Mead, which stood Friday at 1,084 feet above sea level — just 9 feet above the crucial 1,075 level that would trigger cuts to Arizona, Nevada and California.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation this week projected a better than 50 percent chance that it will declare such a shortage in January 2017.

The Central Arizona Project would face the first cutbacks, and farmers would be hit hardest, agency chief David Modeer said.

"Hoping for snowpack is not sufficient to solve this," Modeer said. "It's going to take cooperation and sacrifice among all of us to stave off disaster in the river."

AP file photo

The Colorado River's Horseshoe Bend, near Page, Ariz., in 2008. Fearing ongoing drought and dwindling water supplies, Western states are struggling to capture every last drop with projects like dams and diversions that some think could threaten the cooperation that experts say is crucial to managing the scarce resource. Against the backdrop of what could be a looming turf war, eight Western governors meeting in Las Vegas will talk this weekend about drought, and water managers from seven states will meet a couple of days later to talk about ways to make sure 40 million customers in the parched Colorado River basin don't go thirsty.

Browns Canyon national monument measure debated

Associated Press

SALIDA, Colo. — About 400 people turned out for a public meeting on a proposed national monument in Browns Canyon in the southwestern Colorado mountains.

Supporters say a national monument designation would resolve conflicting jurisdictions, while opponents expressed concern about grazing and access.

Sens. Mark Udall has proposed designating 16 square miles of federal land as a monument and wilderness.

The rugged and scenic canyon is near the Sawatch mountains, seven miles northwest of Salida and 100 miles southwest of Denver.

Udall's bill discussed on Saturday would exclude the nearby Arkansas River from the monument and would allow existing livestock grazing to continue.

The bill would also allow efforts to control wildfires, insects, noxious weeds and non-native plants.

What's happinging in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

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Texas biologists warm chilled sea turtles

Associated Press

GALVESTON — Marine biologists have flown dozens of endangered sea turtles from Cape Cod to Galveston for treatment of hypothermia.

The 50 Kemp's ridley sea turtles, a critically endangered species, were shocked by recent cold temperatures in the waters off New England and were rescued from the beaches of Cape Cod over the past few weeks, the Galveston County Daily News reported.

The group arrived Friday at the Galveston Sea Turtle Facility operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. There, the turtles will be slowly warmed to a safe temperature and treated for infections, frostbite and other health problems, program manager Ben Higgins said.

"They're not in great shape," he said.

Cold-stunned turtles don't drown, but they do stop moving and eating. Eventually, they're washed ashore where they often die. The beaching is an annual event, but more turtles have washed ashore this year than in previous years, Higgins said.

Since Nov. 3, more than 1,000 turtles have been beached in Massachusetts, more than half of them still alive when rescued. That has overwhelmed the resources of the New England Aquarium in Boston, which usually treats the beached turtles.

Besides Galveston, the aquarium has sent turtles to more than a dozen other U.S. rehabilitation centers, including some in Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., and Orlando, Florida.

"We're always here and available and always have space to deal with large sea turtle events," Higgins said.

This is not the first time the NOAA sea turtle center in Galveston has rendered aid to hypothermic turtles. It also has treated turtles brought in from Louisiana after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Once the turtles recover at the Galveston center, they will be released offshore next spring, Higgins said.

Efforts to protect the Kemp's ridley sea turtle had boosted their population by 12 percent to 17 percent a year. But in 2010, the year of the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the turtle's numbers began to fall precipitously.

Scientists at a recent symposium in Brownsville reported the number of nests made by the endangered sea turtle in Mexico has fallen by 40 percent to 50 percent, with a similar dropoff in Texas.

Author starts online petition to get Cole diploma

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The author of a book about a wrongfully convicted Texas man who died in prison is pushing anew for a posthumous university degree for the U.S. Army veteran.

Fred B. McKinley, who wrote "A Plea for Justice: The Timothy Cole Story," has launched an online petition to persuade Texas Tech University officials to confer an honorary degree on Cole, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal has reported.

Cole, a student at the university, was asked to leave after his 1985 arrest on rape charges. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison but maintained his innocence, even though a confession could have brought him a parole. He died of complications of asthma in 1999. DNA evidence later cleared him, and Gov. Rick Perry pardoned Cole in 2010.

McKinley had urged Tech to confer the degree in 2011, but was told the university's standards require that most course work be completed.

"The posthumous award of a degree is done only in cases where a student had completed most of the coursework required for the degree but passed (died) before completing the remaining few courses needed to graduate. That was not the case with Mr. Cole," Ben Lock, then-executive assistant to the Texas Tech University System chancellor, wrote to McKinley in reply.

Furthermore, "a candidate for an honorary degree must be evaluated on that person's scholarly, creative, professional service or occupational achievements," Lock wrote.

AP file photo

Members of the Timothy Cole's family stand with his mother, Ruby Session, center, at his grave site at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas after receiving pardon documents from Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in 2010. The author Fred B. McKinley has started an online petition to persuade Texas Tech University to confer an honorary degree on Cole, who was asked to leave the university after his 1985 arrest on rape charges. DNA evidence cleared him in 2009.

The rape victim has embraced Cole's family, a historical maker has been placed at Cole's grave, Lubbock has erected a statue of Cole in a park named in his honor, and the university presented Cole's family with a graduation stole and certificates for the courses he completed. In 2009, Perry signed the Timothy Cole Act, under which Texas increased the compensation it pays to those wrongfully convicted from $50,000 to $80,000 for each year they spend in prison.

It is that service that McKinley said qualifies Cole for an honorary degree.

Cole's brother, Cory Session, said the absence of a diploma is a painful void.

There's a little bit of everything in
Culture
Look for it in today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

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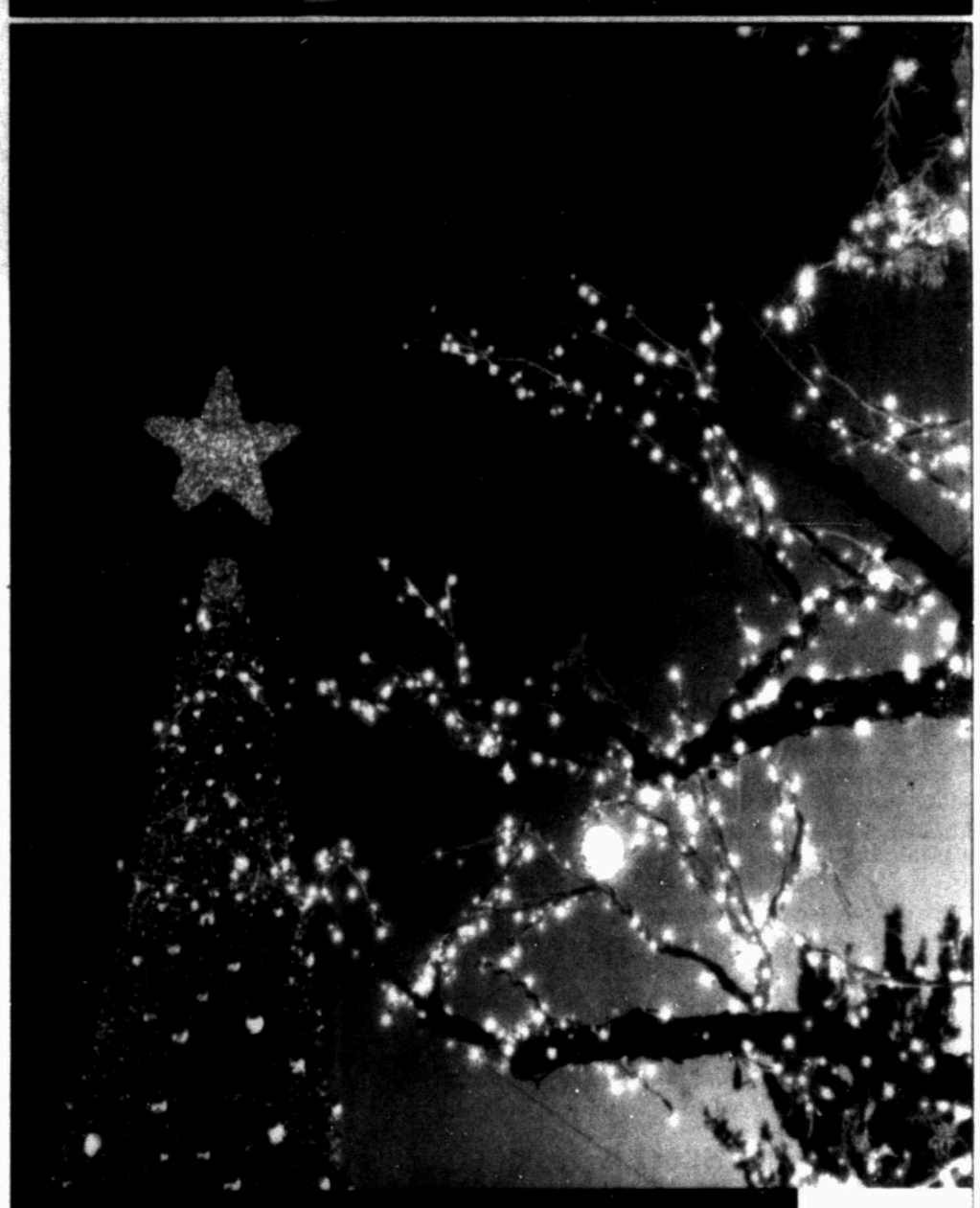
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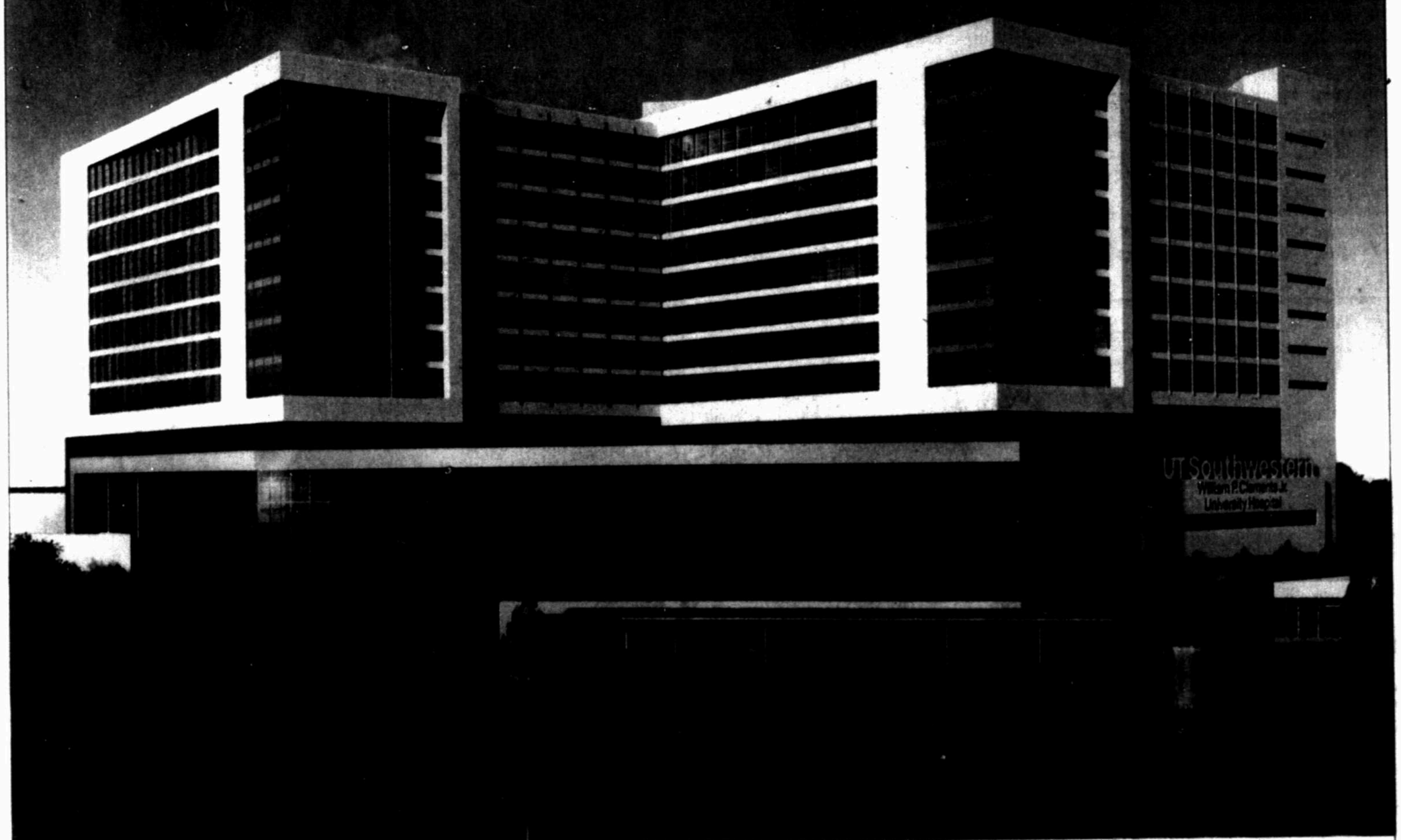

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SPORTS

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Chaps take dominating win against Clarendon

Midland College's Maurice O'Field (5) takes a shot during Saturday's game against Clarendon College at Chaparral Center.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College men's basketball team did not want a repeat of their second half performance against Howard College. And they certainly didn't want that to carry over into Saturday's home game against Clarendon College.

The Chaparrals desperately wanted to get the bad taste out of their mouths from their 87-79 loss to the Hawks as they didn't defend very well, didn't rebound well enough and didn't play as a team at times.

Clarendon College was just the unfortunate team standing in the way of MC's goal to take out its frustration in a dominating 104-69 victory Saturday afternoon at Chaparral Center.

Chaparrals	104
Bulldogs	69

Unlike Wednesday, the Chaparrals (9-3, 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) not only jumped out to a big first-half lead but played together, and were solid on the defensive end.

The Chaps also had four players in double figures, led by a game-high 21 points from Dontay Caruthers. Maurice O'Field and Quay King each added 20 points, and William Tchiengang added 12 in his return from an ankle injury that kept him out since the preseason.

Unlike the other night, the Chaparrals could crack a smile, knowing that this is the way they should play basketball.

"I think Wednesday, we didn't play as a team, we didn't play tough and we were outmanned," said O'Field, a sophomore guard. "I think we're a better team. I know it's Clarendon but we executed better, we defended better. Usually when we play a team like Clarendon, the score is like 100 to 90. This time we defended and we won by a nice margin."

MC coach Jordan Dreiling said he liked what he saw on Saturday after being disappointed in Wednesday's effort.

"It was a much better effort," he said. "That game the other night was uncharacteristic for us but tonight we played as a team, we rebounded the ball better and we defended. We gave

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Making its case

No. 4 TCU takes care of business vs. Cyclones

No. 4 Horned Frogs	55
Cyclones	3

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU coach Gary Patterson fired a football into the stands at Amon G. Carter Stadium, toward the Horned Frogs fans waving Big 12 championship towels and chanting, "Gary! Gary!"

The players sported their Big 12 champion baseball caps and conference commissioner Bob Bowlsby gave the Frogs a trophy.

"TCU is the Big 12 co-champion," Patterson, soaked from a Gatorade bath, yelled to the crowd.

Whether the Frogs get to play for another championship — a national title — remains to be seen.

Trevone Boykin passed for a career-high 460 yards and caught a touchdown pass as No. 4 TCU earned a share of the conference title and kept its playoff bid alive with a 55-3 victory against lowly Iowa State on Saturday.

The Horned Frogs (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) came into championship weekend ranked third in the College Football Playoff selection committee's rankings. TCU was the only playoff contender not playing a ranked team this weekend.

There wasn't much the Frogs could do help themselves against the Cyclones (2-10, 0-9), but they avoided the type of clunker that could have caused the committee to downgrade them.

"Now we'll just wait. We'll watch," Patterson said.

The final rankings come out Sunday.

Aaron Green scored two touchdowns for TCU, which is in just its third season in the Big 12 after conference hopping for nearly two decades.

Derrick Kindred returned an interception 44 yards for a score in the third quarter to put the Frogs up 34-3.

Iowa State finished winless in the Big 12 for the first time since 2008, and the first time under sixth-year coach Paul Rhoads.

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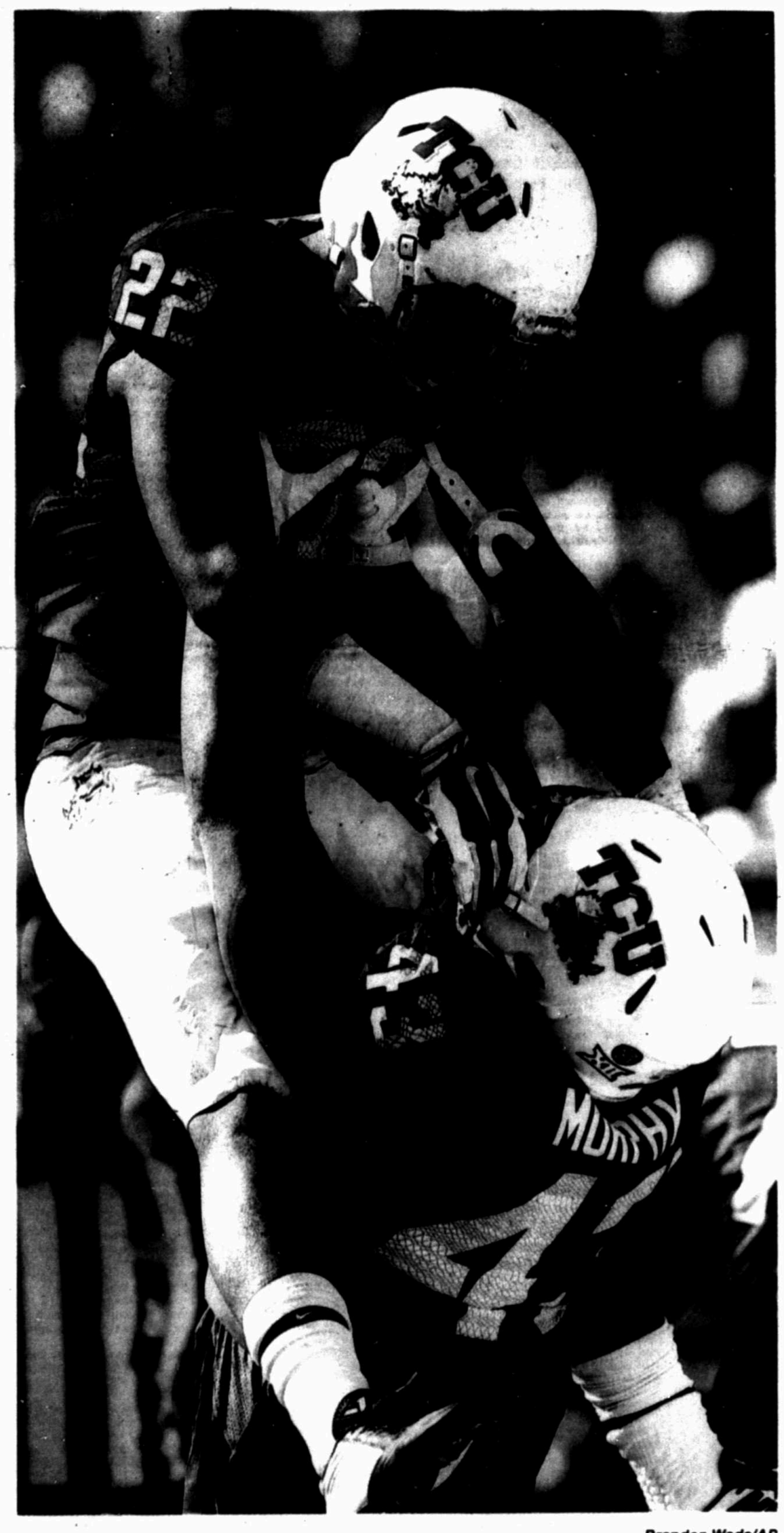

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TCU running back Aaron Green (22) is congratulated by tight end Cliff Murphy (43) after scoring a touchdown during Saturday's game against Iowa State at Amon G. Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Tanjanay Veiga takes the ball down the court in Saturday's game against Clarendon College at Chaparral Center.

Defense paces Lady Chaps in blow out win

Lady Chaparrals	83
Lady Bulldogs	58

By Oscar LeRoy
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As long as the Midland College women's basketball team plays good defense, the success on the offensive end tends to follow.

The Lady Chaparrals did a better job of containing Clarendon College's 3-point shooters in the second half, and for the second consecutive game, MC pulled away for a dominating 83-58 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action on Saturday afternoon at Chaparral Center.

Midland College (10-5, 2-0) had a 38-31 halftime lead, but at one point in the first half, Clarendon (8-6, 0-2) hit four 3-pointers in a row to take a 30-28 advantage.

"In the first half, (the Lady Bulldogs) got 21 3-point attempts, the second half they got 11," MC coach Ron Jones said. "Because we were running into screens and our help was late in the first half, they're going to shoot threes. We were trying to limit the number of 3-point attempts, and I'm glad we got that solved."

The Lady Bulldogs, coached by former Lady Chap Addie Lees, continued to hang around early in the second half but when their shots started to miss, MC took advantage. A 21-10 spurt by the Lady Chaps midway through the period pushed the lead to 68-49.

"The first half, (the Lady Bulldogs) actually had rhythm where they were making shot after shot," MC freshman guard Sierra Dixon said. "Coming into halftime, coach came to us and basically picked our heads up a little and told us that we have to do better and we have to separate from them. We came together, talked about

Please see LADY CHAPS/3C

Petty helps No. 5 Baylor past No. 9 Kansas State

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — No. 5 Baylor did what it had to do keep alive its chance for a spot in the College Football Playoff. Bryce Petty and company grabbed a share of a second consecutive Big 12 title.

Up next for the Bears is wait and see.

Petty threw for 412 yards, Johnny Jefferson had two touchdown runs and Baylor beat No. 9 Kansas State 38-27 on Saturday night.

Baylor (11-1, 8-1, No. 6 CFP) and TCU (11-1, 8-1, No. 3 CFP) tied

No. 5 Bears	38
No. 9 Wildcats	27

for the top spot in the Big 12. The Horned Frogs were ranked higher in the most recent committee poll, but they lost to the Bears 61-58 on Oct. 11.

"There's one true champion and it's the Baylor Bears," coach Art Briles screamed to the celebratory crowd after the victory over the Wildcats.

The Bears became the only team with consecutive Big 12 titles other than Oklahoma from 2006-08. They are a sure thing for one of the top six New Year's bowls, but the new four-team playoff appears to be a long shot.

TCU has won seven in a row since its loss at Baylor. The Frogs, who beat Kansas State (9-3, 7-2) by 21 points last month, earned their share of the Big 12 title with a 55-3 win over Iowa State on Saturday.

Petty completed 34 of 40 passes with a touchdown and an interception a week after getting knocked out of the Bears' last game with a concussion.

Not medically cleared to play until Friday, Petty showed no ill effects of the concussion. He put his head

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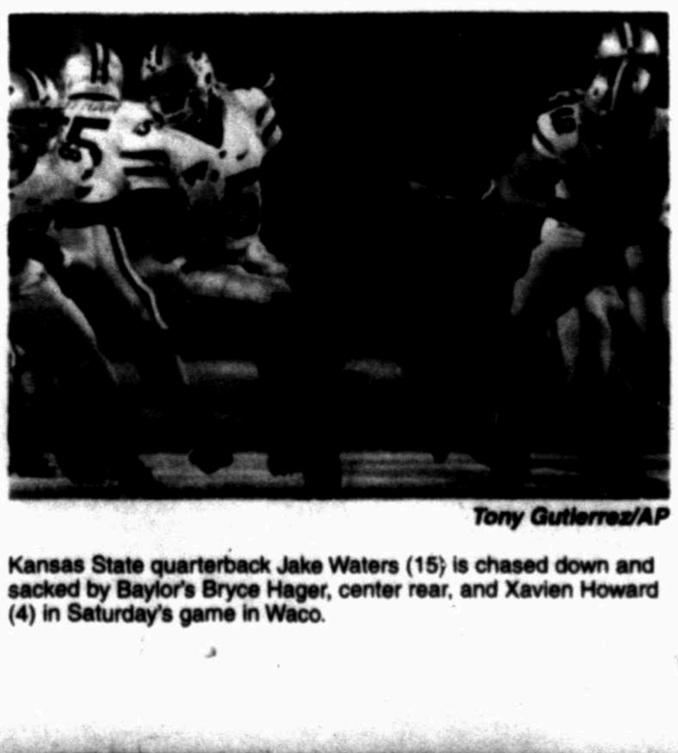

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Kansas State quarterback Jake Waters (15) is chased down and sacked by Baylor's Bryce Hager, center rear, and Xavien Howard (4) in Saturday's game in Waco.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE WRESTLING
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State, 2 p.m., FSSWP/FCSA
GOLF
PGA, Hero World Challenge, Final Round, 11 a.m., GOLF
PGA, Hero World Challenge, Final Round, 1:30 p.m., NBC
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Towson at Georgetown, 11 a.m., FS1
Colorado at Georgia, 11 a.m., SEC
Milwaukee at DePaul, 1 p.m., FS1
Northern Colorado at Colorado State, 1 p.m., ROOT
East Carolina at North Carolina, 2 p.m., ESPNU
Ole Miss at Oregon, 3 p.m., FS1
Cal at Nevada, 3 p.m., CBSSN
Arkansas at Clemson, 4 p.m., ESPNU
Utah State at USC, 4 p.m., P12
Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky, 5 p.m., SEC
Creighton at Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN
San Diego at UCLA, 6 p.m., P12
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FA Cup Rd 2, Warrington at Gateshead, 6 a.m., FOXSOCCP
English Premier, Swansea City at Westham United, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN
Italian Serie A, Milan at Genoa, 7:55 a.m., beIN
Italian Serie A, Lazio at Parma, 7:55 a.m., beIN2
FA Cup Rd 2, Worcester City at Scunthrope United, 8 a.m., FOXSOCP
Bundesliga, Mainz 05 at Hamburger SV, 8:30 a.m., GolTV
La Liga, RCD Espanyol at Barcelona, 9:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2
English Premier, Leicester City at Aston Villa, 10 a.m., NBCSN
FA Cup Rd 2, Peterborough at Colchester, 10:30 a.m., FOXSOCP
Bundesliga, Werder Bremen at Eintracht Frankfurt, 10:30 a.m., GolTV
La Liga, Real Sociedad at Villarreal, 11:55 a.m., beIN2
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South Carolina at Duke, Noon, ESPN2
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College Cup Championship, Noon, ESPNU
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MLS PLAYOFFS

KNOCKOUT ROUND
Eastern Conference
Thursday, Oct. 30: New York 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Western Conference
Wednesday, Oct. 29: FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Eastern Conference
New England 7, Columbus 3
Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov. 1: New England 4, Columbus 2
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 9: New England 3, Columbus 1
New York 3, D.C. United 2
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 2: New York 2, D.C. United 1
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 8: D.C. United 2, New York 1
LA Galaxy 5, Real Salt Lake 0
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 1: LA Galaxy 2, Real Salt Lake 0
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 2: LA Galaxy 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Western Conference
Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 2: Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1
Leg 2 — Monday, Nov. 10: FC Dallas 0, Seattle 0. Seattle advances on away goals
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Eastern Conference
New England 4, New York 3
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23: New England 2, New York 1
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 29: New York 2, New England 2. Western Conference
LA Galaxy 2, Seattle 2
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23: LA Galaxy 1, Seattle 0
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 30: Seattle 2, LA Galaxy 1. LA Galaxy advances on away goals
MLS Cup
Today: New England at LA Galaxy, 2 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with LHP Miguel Batista on a minor league contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Assigned F Mike Muscala to Fort Wayne (NBADL). Recalled F Adreian Payne from Fort Wayne.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed TE Phillip Supernaw from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed PK Brandon McManus to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed RB Jerick McKinnon on injured reserve. Signed DE Justin Trattou to the practice squad and S Ahmad Dixon from practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Activated DL Chris Slade from injured reserve.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed LB Jarvis Jones on injured reserve. Signed TE Sean Spence from the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed LB Brian Mondeaux on injured reserve. Released WR Ethan Pocic from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Reassigned D Mat Clark, RW Jakub Kindl and F Rickard Rakell from Norfolk (AHL). Assigned F Garrett Meurs from Lake Erie (AHL) to Fort Wayne (ECHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled D Jonathan Diaby from Cincinnati (ECHL) to Milwaukee (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned F Josh Nicholls from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned F Caleb Herbert from Hershey (AHL) to South Carolina (ECHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Binghamton LW Darren Kramer one game.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled F Shawn O'Donnell from Greenville (ECHL). ECHL — Suspended Quad City F Peyton Jerrous six games. Quad City F Antti Pusa three games. Rapid City F Jesse Schultz two games and Colorado coach Chris Stewart one game and fined the Rapid City Rush and Quad City Mallards undisclosed amounts for their actions during Friday's games.
CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Released D Tyler Amburgey.
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Claimed G Andy Iles off waivers from Alaska.
ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released F Francis Drolet.
COLLEGE
GEORGIA TECH — Agreed to terms with football coach Paul Johnson on a four-year contract extension through 2020.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	24	14	7	3	31	48	42
Tampa Bay	24	14	8	2	30	65	59
Detroit	24	13	8	3	29	58	54
Ottawa	24	13	8	3	29	54	54
Boston	24	12	9	3	27	52	52
Toronto	24	11	9	4	26	54	54
Florida	24	11	10	3	25	56	64
Buffalo	24	10	11	3	23	56	60
Montreal	24	9	12	3	21	47	61

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	25	16	8	1	33	85	70
Washington	24	15	7	2	32	86	74
N.Y. Islanders	24	12	10	2	26	74	71
N.Y. Rangers	23	11	9	3	25	73	73
Philadelphia	24	11	11	2	24	64	73
Columbus	24	9	13	2	20	58	82
New Jersey	24	8	13	3	19	57	77
Carolina	24	8	13	3	19	57	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	27	18	8	1	37	85	53
Nashville	27	16	7	4	36	70	54
St. Louis	25	15	9	1	31	76	63
Winnipeg	25	13	9	3	29	71	67
Minnesota	26	14	10	1	29	71	67
Dallas	27	11	12	3	25	79	94
Colorado	27	9	12	6	24	72	89

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	28	17	6	5	39	81	76
Vancouver	27	18	8	1	37	84	74
Calgary	27	17	8	2	36	87	69
Los Angeles	27	14	8	5	33	72	59
San Jose	27	13	10	4	30	77	75
Arizona	28	10	15	3	23	66	90
Edmonton	26	7	15	4	18	58	90

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

Pittsburgh 3, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
Philadelphia 2, Los Angeles 1
Toronto 5, Vancouver 2
Detroit 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 1
Florida 3, Buffalo 2
Washington 4, New Jersey 1
Chicago 3, Nashville 1
Dallas 4, Montreal 1
Boston 5, Arizona 2
San Jose at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Anaheim at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

FAVORITE	OPEN	NFL Today TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Miami	3	3	(45 1/2)	Baltimore
at Cincinnati	3	3	(47)	Pittsburgh
Indianapolis	3	3 1/2	(50)	at Cleveland
Houston	3 1/2	6	(42)	at Jacksonville
at Tennessee	Pk	Pk	(46)	N.Y. Giants
at New Orleans	9 1/2	10	(49 1/2)	Carolina
at Detroit	9 1/2	9	(41 1/2)	Tampa Bay
St. Louis	1 1/2	3	(45)	at Washington
at Minnesota	4 1/2	5 1/2	(40)	N.Y. Jets
at Denver	9	10	(48)	Buffalo
Kansas City	+ 1 1/2	1	(48)	at Arizona
San Francisco	7 1/2	8	(41)	at Oakland
at Philadelphia	1	1	(48)	Seattle
New England	3	4	(52)	at San Diego

SKI REPORT

-Fri: 7a-10p Sat/Sun: 7a-10p New Mexico
Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/12
Red River — Sat 8/26 pm packed powder machine groomed 15-20 base 7 of 57 trails, 13% open 75 acres, 4 of 7 lifts, sm Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Wed-Sun.
Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/20
Sipapu — Sat 5:31 am packed powder machine groomed 13-20 base 16 of 41 trails, 40% open 3 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ski Apache — Fri 10:10 pm MG machine groomed 18-24 base 2 of 55 trails 4% open, 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe — Sat 9/06 am variable 15-20 base 10 of 77 trails 13% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p
Taos — Sat 10:05 am MG machine groomed 30-30 base 8 of 113 trails, 8% open 7 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open: Thu-Sun Dec 8-11: Not open.

Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
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This and that as the Gaylord Texan Resort might be picketed by Baylor fans today:

■ Late Friday morning, I received a phone call that brought somewhat surprising news.

Rinny Johnson called me to say that he and his wife Jeri were no longer going to be a part of the ASCO Midland Football Madness, and that leaves the future of a first-week football festival in Midland in doubt.

Johnson's news left me in shock, but he said that August's event was the final year they were going to be involved, citing it was time for a change and both are hoping that someone in the future will pick up and do a similar event.

ASCO Midland Football Madness was a great event, and the Johnsons were it's heart.

They did everything from making sure teams were in their proper locker rooms to handing out trophies. Plus, Johnson's annual devotional to the scholarship recipients during the event's spring banquet was always a highlight. And ASCO gave out scholarships over the years totaling in the six figures.

What the news did was put the future of the event in doubt. Will there be someone that can pick up and provide the scholarship opportunities that were available for the players, and will both Midland Class 6A teams still play at home the first week of the season?

It's all valid questions and it was an event that added value to the sports complex. Hopefully when the annual scholarship luncheon is held in April, we will find out some answers.

But this is a loss for the Midland high school sports community, and those are some shoes that will be tough to fill.

■ I don't envy the College Football Playoff committee. But as fellow scribe Oscar LeRoy pointed out in his column Saturday, someone is going to be mad no matter how many teams are in a tournament or playoff.

The TCU-Baylor argument has been interesting to listen to, especially considering Baylor beat TCU. The committee has consistently said they are looking at a body of work, and it's been one of the few consistent things Jeff Long has said every Tuesday. But head-to-head has to matter, but who knows how much it matters to the committee?

Plus, Ohio State's pasting of Wisconsin will certainly catch the eye of many committee members. Don't underestimate the Buckeyes slipping in as the fourth team and the possibility of an Ohio State-Alabama semifinal in the Sugar Bowl.

Either way, someone will not be happy. But like my parents and grandparents always use to say, life isn't fair.

■ So, apparently that's why they call it Bedlam?

■ The Cowboys got their ninth win on Thursday and are in a position to make the playoffs. But it is December and who knows what can happen.

But DeMarco Murray has certainly made a difference and the Cowboys are committed to running the football, much to the emotional chagrin of Dez Bryant.

■ And finally, congrats to Canutillo for its historic win on Saturday. They will be carrying the banner not only for El Paso next week but for all of West Texas.

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Canutillo tops Everman to reach semifinals

Felix Chavez
El Paso Times

The Canutillo Eagles are headed to the Class 5A, Division II semifinals.

Frank Avila kicked a 22-yard field with 27 seconds left to lift the Eagles to a thrilling 17-14 win vs. Everman in a quarterfinal matchup at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Eagles, who beat El Paso Ysleta, San Angelo Lake View and Azle in the first three rounds, win the Region I championship in the process and advance to face Ennis on Friday in Lubbock at Plains Capital Park at a time to be determined. Ennis beat South Oak Cliff, 31-14, on Friday night.

Canutillo, which becomes the first El Paso area team to reach the state semifinals in 11-man football, is 13-1 and has won 13 straight games, while Everman ends its season at 9-5.

STATEWIDE HS FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Allen 30, Euless Trinity 27
Dallas Skyline 38, Klein Oak 20
Cypress Ranch 31, Dickinson 28
Converse Judson 34, SA Reagan 24
State Semifinals
Allen (14-0) vs. Dallas Skyline (14-0); time TBD Saturday, Dallas Ford Stadium
Cypress Ranch (12-2) vs. Converse Judson (10-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Cedar Hill 62, Southlake Carroll 42
Spring Westfield 24, Spring 19
Katy 45, Marvel 17
Cibolo Steele 31, SA Northside Brandes 28
State Semifinals
Cedar Hill (12-2) vs. Spring Westfield (13-1), TBD
Katy (13-1) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Aledo 47, Canyon Randall 29
Tyler 64, McKinney North 40
Temple 28, Richmond George Ranch 14
Austin Vandegrift 40, Austin LBJ 35
State Semifinals
Aledo (13-1) vs. Tyler (12-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium
Temple (12-1) vs. Austin Vandegrift (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Canutillo 17, Everman 14
Ennis 31, Dallas South Oak Cliff 14
Crosby 31, Hutto 25
Cedar Park 45, Kerrville Tivy 21
State Semifinals
Canutillo (13-1) vs. Ennis (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Crosby (13-1) vs. Cedar Park (11-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Austin's Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Graham 35, Stephenville 24
Argyle 45, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 42
Navasota 34, Henderson 14
Liberty Hill 23, Burnet 17
State Semifinals
Graham (12-2) vs. Argyle (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo
Navasota (14-0) vs. Liberty Hill (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Celina 41, Sweetwater 34
Gilmer 64, Atlanta 25
West Orange-Stark 42, La Grange 7
Sinton 35, Yoakum 21
State Semifinals
Celina (12-2) vs. Gilmer (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium
West Orange-Stark (12-2) vs. Sinton (11-3), TBD

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Shallowater 22, Brock 21
Mineola 14, Pottsboro 7
Cameron Yoe 44, Rockdale 25
Edna 28, Hallettsville 21
State Semifinals
Shallowater (13-1) vs. Mineola (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Cameron Yoe (10-4) vs. Edna (9-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Sonora 36, Cisco 35
Waskom 49, Gunter 15
Newton 22, Rogers 7
Blanco 55, Odem 34
State Semifinals
Sonora (11-2) vs. Waskom (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose
Newton (11-3) vs. Blanco (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waller

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Canadian 62, Abernathy 14
Mart 50, Hico 15
Centerville 23, Alto 20
Mason 24, Refugio 20
State Semifinals
Canadian (13-0) vs. Mart (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Centerville (10-3) vs. Mason (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Georgetown ISD Stadium
DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Seagraves 49, Crosbyton 21
Albany 49, Hamlin 35
Tenaha 35, Iola 28
Bremond 46, Bruni 7
State Semifinals
Seagraves (13-0) vs. Albany (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Tenaha (11-1) vs. Bremond (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches' Brice Stadium

CLASS A
DIVISION I
State Semifinals
Crowell 100, Turkey Valley 50
May 60, Blum 38
State Championship
Crowell (13-0) vs. May (12-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Groom 72, Lorsine 54
Throckmorton 76, Calvert 72
State Championship
Groom (13-1) vs. Throckmorton (13-0), noon Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Friday
At Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
Second Round

Bareback riding—1: Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., 89 points on New West Rodeo Productions' Right Spur, $19,002. 2 (tie) Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb.; Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta, and Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla., 83, $11,442 each. 5: Bobby Mote, 82.5, $4,904. 6: Tilden Hooper, Carthage, 81.5, $3,065. 7: Winn Ratliff, Lewisville, La., 81. 8: Will Lowe, Canyon, 80.5. 9: Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, 79.5. 10 (tie) Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., and J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo., 78 each. 12: Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah, 77.5. 13: Jessy Davis, Power, Mont., 76. 14: Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah, 71. 15: Tim O'Connell, NS.

World standings—1: Kaycee Field, $191,386. 2: Steven Peebles, $145,932. 3: Austin Foss, $125,782. 4: Will Lowe, $108,668. 5: Tim O'Connell, $102,890. 6: Bobby Mote, $100,213. 7: Justin McDaniel, $91,639. 8: Richmond Champion, $89,935. 9: Steven Dent, $85,664. 10: Caleb Bennett, $84,225. 11: Jake Vold, $84,132. 12: Winn Ratliff, $73,039. 13: J.R. Vezain, $70,208. 14: Tilden Hooper, $68,844. 15: Jessy Davis, $67,686.

Steer wrestling—1 (tie): Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., and Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala., 3.6 seconds, $17,010 each. 3: Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., 3.7, $11,340. 4: Bray Armes, Ponder, 3.9, $7,969. 5: Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 4.1, $4,904. 6: Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., 4.4, $3,065. 7: K.C. Jones, Decatur, 4.5. 8: Clayton Hass, Terrell, 4.6. 9: Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., 4.9. 10: Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont., 5.2. 11: Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb., 7.2. 12: Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, 9.5. 13: Cole Edge, Durant, Okla., 14.8. 14 (tie): Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho, and Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., NT.

World standings—1: Nick Guy, $108,097. 2: Trevor Knowles, $96,707. 3: Casey Martin, $96,522. 4: Luke Branquinho, $96,181. 5: K.C. Jones, $82,055. 6: Kyle Irwin, $81,650. 7: Bray Armes, $80,249. 8: Clayton Hass, $76,576. 9: Dru Melvin, $67,832. 10: Dakota Eldridge, $63,015. 11: Ty Erickson, $60,439. 12: Curtis Cassidy, $57,449. 13: Cole Edge, $57,406. 14: Wyatt Smith, $57,188. 15: Seth Brockman, $52,933.

Team roping—1: Turtle Powell, Stephenville, Texas/Dakota Kirchenschlager, Morgan Mill, 3.8 seconds, $19,002. 2: Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla./Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 4.5, $15,018. 3: Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore./Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M., 4.6, $11,340. 4: Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 9.4, $7,969. 5: Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga./Patrick Smith, Lipan, $7,84,904. 6: Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz./Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz., 10.1, $3,065. 7: Tom Richards Humboldt, Ariz./Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz., 10.9. 8: Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., 12.7. 9: Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont./Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., 19.1. 10: Aaron Tsingine, Tuba City, Ariz./Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., 19.7. 11: (tie) Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas/Travis Graves, Jay, Okla./Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash./Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash.; Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla./Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas; Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas/Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla., and Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore./Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo., NT.

World standings (headers)—1: Clay Tryan, $129,490. 2: Turtle Powell, $107,314. 3: Trevor Brazile, $106,303. 4: Erich Rogers, $104,486. 5: Brandon Beers, $90,831. 6: Coleman Proctor, $90,728. 7: Dustin Bird, $90,643. 8: Charly Crawford, $86,577. 9: Kaleb Driggers, $86,374. 10: Jake Barnes, $83,375. 11: Riley Minor, $82,886. 12: Nick Sartain, $76,993. 13: Luke Brown, $73,062. 14: Aaron Tsingine, $68,074. 15: Tom Richards, $66,744.

World standings (heelers)—1: Jade Corkill, $129,490. 2: Travis Graves, $106,303. 3: Cory Petska, $104,834. 4: Dakota Kirchenschlager, $103,954. 5: Paul Eaves, $93,735. 6: Jake Long, $91,728. 7: Jim Ross Cooper, $90,831. 8: Shay Carroll, $87,636. 9: Patrick Smith, $86,374. 10: Brady Minor, $82,886. 11: Rich Skelton, $76,963. 12: Junior Nogueira, $73,367. 13: Kollin VonAhn, $70,062. 14: Clay O'Brien Cooper, $60,255. 15: Cesar de la Cruz, $58,515.

Saddle bronc riding—1: Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, 82.5 points on Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Spade. $19,002. 2: Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 82.0, $15,018. 3: Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta, 81.0, $11,340. 4: Jake Wright, Milford, Utah, 80.5, $7,969. 5: Cole Elsherif, Faith, S.D., 76.5. 6: Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah, 75.0, $3,065. 7: Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, 74.5. 8: (tie) Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M.; Heith DeMoss, Hatton, La.; Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa; Bradley Harter, Loranger, La.; Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn., Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah; Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D., and Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., NS.

World standings—1: Taos Muncy, $136,533. 2: Cort Scheer, $136,434. 3: Jacobs Crawley, $117,385. 4: Cody Wright, $111,085. 5: Heith DeMoss, $107,592. 6: Wade Sundell, $86,940. 7: Tyler Corrington $77,694. 8: Jesse Wright, $77,495. 9: Cole Elsherif, $76,013. 10: Bradley Harter, $74,836. 11: Chad Ferley, $73,705. 12: Dustin Flundra, $70,697. 13: Spencer Wright, $68,234. 14: Jake Wright, $67,784. 15: Cody DeMoss, $66,683.

Tie-down roping—1: Cade Swor, Winnie, 7.7 seconds, $19,002. 2: Trevor Brazile, Decatur, 7.9, $15,018. 3: Clint Cooper, Decatur, 8.0, $11,340. 4: Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash., 8.1, $7,969. 5: Matt Roozeek, Chubbuck, Idaho, 8.2, $4,904. 6: Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., 8.5, $3,065. 7: Tuf Cooper, Decatur, 8.7. 8: Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, 9.8. 9: Ryan Watkins, Bluff Dale, 10.8. 10: Reese Riemer, Stinnett, 11.7. 11: Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 13.3. 12 (tie) Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas; Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas; Adam Gray, Seymour, and Cody Ohl, Hico, NT.

World standings—1: Tuf Cooper, $153,822. 2: Trevor Brazile, $123,865. 3: Matt Shiozawa, $121,886. 4: Marty Yates, $102,190. 5: Cade Swor, $100,225. 6: Clint Robinson, $97,233. 7: Hunter Herrin, $86,130. 8: Clint Cooper, $80,936. 9: Shane Hanchey, $79,687. 10: Timber Moore, $75,817. 11: Cody Ohl, $73,251. 12: Tyson Durfey, $72,209. 13: Adam Gray, $69,401. 14: Ryan Watkins, $68,197. 15: Reese Riemer, $66,317.

Barrel racing—1: Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 14.29 seconds, $19,002. 2: Kassidy Dennison, Tohatchi, N.M., 14.31, $15,018. 3: Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.35, $11,340. 4: Jana Bean, Fort Hancock, 14.59, $7,969. 5: Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla., 14.66, $4,904. 6: Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, 14.81, $3,065. 7: Samantha Lyne, Cotulla, 14.96. 8: Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb., 18.99. 9: Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 19.07. 10: Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo., 19.15. 11: Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, 19.27. 12: Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo., 19.29. 13: Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, 19.43. 14: Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D., 19.45. 15: Mary Walker, Ennis, 24.11.

World standings—1: Kaley Bass, $160,183. 2: Fallon Taylor, $150,474. 3: Lisa Lockhart, $140,619. 4: Michele McLeod, $111,985. 5: Sherry Cervi, $109,292. 6: Nancy Hunter, $107,354. 7: Kassidy Dennison, $107,069. 8: Britany Diaz, $102,947. 9: Carlee Pierce, $101,464. 10: Mary Walker, $99,712. 11: Christine Laughlin, $93,135. 12: Christy Loflin, $91,736. 13: Trula Churchill, $90,892. 14: Jana Bean, $78,384. 15: Samantha Lyne, $70,577.

Bull riding—1: Aaron Pass, Dallas, 89.5 points on Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Seeing Red, $19,002. 2: Cody Teel, Kountze, 85.5, $15,018. 3: Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., 80.5, $11,340. 4: Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah, 74, $7,969. 5: (tie) Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas; J.W. Harris, Mullin, Texas; Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah; Beau Hill, West Glacier, Mont.; Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo.; Reid Barker, Comfort, Texas; Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla.; Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, Texas; Ty Wallace, Colbran, Colo.; Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo., and Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif., NS.

World standings—1: Sage Kimzey, $154,505. 2: Trey Benton III, $125,547. 3: Cody Teel, $117,607. 4: Tim Bingham, $100,652. 5: Joe Frost, $96,529. 6: Aaron Pass, $85,548. 7: J.W. Harris, $85,275. 8: Beau Hill, $78,498. 9: Brennon Eldred, $77,830. 10: Reid Barker, $76,227. 11: Josh Koschel, $72,837. 12: Jordan Spears, $72,139. 13: Tyler Smith, $70,040. 14: Ty Wallace, $67,577. 15: Elliot Jacoby, $65,039.

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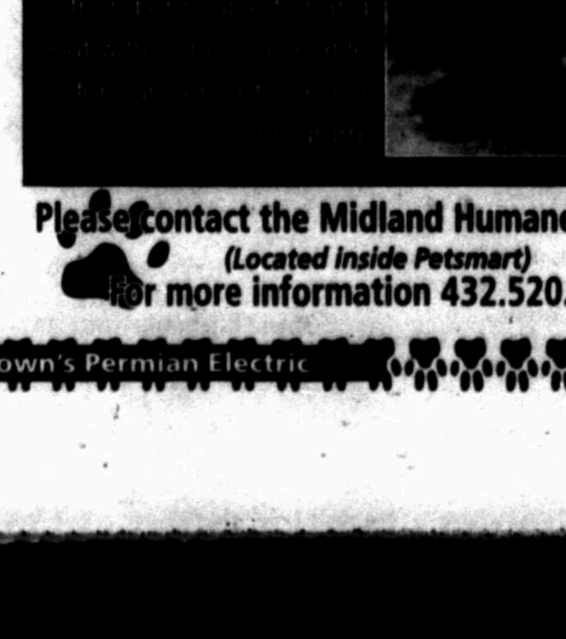

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Midland College basketball players react on the bench during Saturday's game against Clarendon College at Chaparral Center.

CHAPS

From 1C

up 16 quick points to start the game, but they didn't score much after that the rest of the half."

MC held a slim 17-16 advantage early, but O'Field said the Chaps used Wednesday's performance as fuel to spark a 29-13 run that pushed the lead to 21 points (46-27). MC took a 51-31 lead into the locker room.

"If we need to we're going to refer to that game against Howard in the future" Dreiling said. "The way we played against Howard, that's not the kind of team we want to be, and we showed that tonight. We need to use that as motivation going forward."

Clarendon, which dropped to 3-12, 0-2, was led by D'Tavian Walker and Nick Hammink with 13 points each, while Khalil Newton added 11.

The Chaps will take a break until Dec. 27 when they travel to Mesa, Arizona, for the Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout as they will open play against No. 19 Central Arizona College.

"That's one of best eight-team tournaments in the country and I told the guys I want to come back with a trophy," Dreiling said.

O'Field said this win should give his team some momentum going into the break.

"This helps with confidence," O'Field said. "It shows us what we can do. We got a couple of guys back off injuries — William Tchiengang, who had good game today, and Sajae Pryor — and that's just going to help our confidence."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 104, CLARENDON COLLEGE 69
Clarendon College (3-12, 0-2) — Marcus Ellison 2-9 4-5 8, Brandon Lucas 1-5 0-0 3, Bryce Pace 0-0 1-2 1, Falmata Tule 0-1 0-0 0, D'Tavian Walker 6-13 1-4 13, Nick Hammink 5-10 3-3 13, Quandre Lollis 2-6 1-2 7, Dashun Dixon 0-0 0-0 0, Dominic Obunaika 1-1 0-0 2, Dorson Hill 1-3 3-6 5, Johnnie Brown 2-11 1-2 6. Totals 24-70 15-26 69

Midland College (9-3, 1-1) — Torren Jones 3-6 3-4 9, Quay King 6-14 4-4 20, Maurice O'Field 8-16 3-5 20, Bryce Ervin 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Miller 2-5 1-2 5, Jamal Evans 2-3 1-2 6, Dontay Caruthers 9-9 0-0 21, Tyler Herron 0-0 0-0 0, Sajae Pryor 3-7 2-3 8, William Tchiengang 5-7 0-2 12. Totals 39-70 14-22 104

Halftime — MC 51, CC 31. 3-point goals — CC 6-27 (Lollis 2-7, Newton 2-6, Lucas 1-5, Brown 1-9, Ellison 0-3, Hammink 0-2), MC 12-26 (King 4-11, Caruthers 3-3, Tchiengang 2-2, Cham 1-2, O'Field 1-4, Evans 1-2, Pryor 0-2). Total fouls — CC 23, MC 22. Fouled out — Obunaika. Technical fouls — Caruthers. Rebounds — CC 37 (Walker 6), MC 51 (Jones 7). Assists — CC 6 (Ellison 4), MC 14 (Caruthers 4). Turnovers — CC 22, MC 18

Next: Midland College vs Central Arizona College at Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout Dec. 27. Mesa, Ariz.

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Midland College women's basketball head coach Ron Jones talks to his team during a timeout against Clarendon College on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

LADY CHAPS

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the mistakes we did have and fixed them. Once we started to separate, we started to execute and we were more patient with the ball. That's how we started to get off smarter shots."

Mary Savoy led MC with a game-high 20 points in less than 19 minutes of action, Sierra Dixon and Walnatia Wright each had 16, and Tajanay Veiga chipped in with 13. Marielka Garate added 10 rebounds.

Clarendon was led by Ja'lee Carver with 14 points, while Amber Dubois added 11.

Midland College is now off until Jan. 2 when it travels to Arizona to play three games in four days. Jones said the break comes at a good time for his team.

"We got two more people today that kind of got dinged up," Jones said. "I'm not making excuses but we need this break. Our numbers are low right now. Hopefully by middle of January, we'll get Morgan Ashton back and add one more person at the semester. That will help during a game."

Dixon said getting two key wins to start conference will not only give her team confidence going into January but should give them added focus on improving even more.

"We go into the second semester knowing that instead of just being a good team we need to be a great team," she said. "We go into the second semester knowing that we have a good record and have an opportunity to move to 3-0 (in conference)."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 83, CLARENDON COLLEGE 58
Clarendon College (8-6, 0-2) — Tierra Robenson 1-2 0-0 2, Jaylee Mayo 3-6 0-0 7, Britni Parker 2-10 0-0 6, Nicoshia Nelms 0-0 2-2 2, Ja'lee Carver 4-13 2-4 14, Esther Vandijk 1-2 0-0 2, Amy Alfeld 2-11 2-4 7, Alesha Higgins 1-2 1-2 3, Key-Alla Waller 1-2 0-0 2, Tampa Gillim-Morrissette 1-2 0-0 2, Amber Dubois 4-11 0-0 11. Totals 20-61 7-12 58

Midland College (10-5, 2-0) — Tajanay Veiga 5-8 3-3 13, Sierra Dixon 7-21 0-0 16, Tatiana Randle 0-0 0-0 0, Valentine Zambelli 3-6 0-0 8, Mary Savoy 7-10 5-7 20, Walnatia Wright 7-12 2-3 16, Julie Zarth 1-3 0-0 2, Quinique Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, Marielka Garate 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 34-70 10-15 83

Halftime — MC 38, CC 31. 3-point goals — CC 11-32 (Carver 4-12, Dubois 3-8, Nelms 2-4, Mayo 1-3, Alfeld 1-5), MC 5-17 (Dixon 2-11, Zambelli 2-3, Savoy 1-1, Veiga 0-2). Total fouls — CC 17, MC 15. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — CC 37 (Parker 7), MC 47 (Garate 10). Assists — CC (Carver 5, Alfeld 3), MC 11 (Dixon 4). Turnovers — CC 19, MC 13.

Next: Midland College at South Mountain (Ariz.) CC, Jan. 2

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GIRLS MHS TAKES 3RD IN BURLESON

BURLESON — All five Midland High starters scored in double figures as the Lady Bulldogs beat Mansfield Legacy 65-60 in overtime in the third-place game of the Burleson Lady Elk Tournament.

The Lady Broncos hit a shot at the buzzer to tie the game and send it into overtime. But MHS (12-4) outscored Legacy 9-4 in overtime for the victory.

Miranda Mast led the Lady Dawgs with 17 points, Alexandrea Washington scored 12, Alexis Washington and Kaylyn Evans each had 11, and Aubrie Elliott had 10.

MHS will take on Amarillo Palo Duro in a non-district game at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo.

MIDLAND HIGH 65, MANSFIELD LEGACY 60, OT
Mansfield Legacy (10-4) — Hearne 4, Hutson 6, Ross 26, Paruth 6, Daniels 1, Stubble 6, Jones 11

Midland High (12-4) — Miranda Mast 17, Marli Martin 2, Aubrie Elliott 10, Alexis Washington 11, Alexandrea Washington 12, Claire Lancaster 2, Kaylyn Evans 11

Mansfield Legacy	**14**	**12**	**12**	**18**	**4—60**
MHS	**18**	**10**	**14**	**14**	**9—65**

Free throws — Legacy 5-11; MHS 21-26. 3-point goals — Legacy 5 (Hutson 2, Ross 2, Stubble); MHS 2 (Elliott, Alexis Washington) Total fouls — Legacy 24, MHS 12. Fouled out — Legacy, Hutson, Paruth, Jones

Next: Midland High at Amarillo Palo Duro, 6 p.m. Tuesday

MCS WINS MONAHANS SANDHILLS TOURNEY TITLE

MONAHANS — Midland Christian held off a second-half rally by Class 2A No. 1 Plains to win 38-29 and take the Monahans Sandhills Tournament title on Saturday at the Jerry Larned Sports Complex.

Midland Christian jumped out to a 21-7 lead after two quarters but the Cowgirls outscored the Lady Mustangs 22-17 in the second half.

Bailey Wright led Midland Christian with 13 points and Megan Ashton added 11 in the victory.

Caroline Hammond, who scored 20 points in a 51-29 victory against Monahans in a semifinal earlier on Saturday, was the named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Megan Ashton also earned all-tournament honors.

Midland Christian (13-2) will take on Odessa Permian at 5 p.m. Thursday during the first day of the Kristen Corbin Classic in Andrews.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 38, PLAINS 29
Plains — S. Sosa 8, Bronm 15, Davis 4, Earnest 2

Midland Christian (13-2) — Megan Ashton 11, Blaire Neatherlin 6, Bailey Wright 13, Caroline Hammond 8

Plains	**6**	**1**	**15**	**7—29**
MCS	**8**	**13**	**10**	**7—38**

Free throws — Plains 5-8; MCS 6-12. 3-point goals — Plains 2 (Brown 2); MCS 0. Total fouls — Plains 13, MCS 9. Fouled out — none

Next: Midland Christian vs. Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Thursday, Kristen Corbin Classic, Andrews

GREENWOOD WINS CONSOLATION AT KENNEDALE

KENNEDALE — Greenwood won a pair of games to win the consolation title at the Kennedale Invitational on Saturday.

The Rangerettes (8-8) beat Lake Worth 63-28 to begin the day and then beat Keller Central 49-39 in the consolation final.

Amanda Bell led Greenwood in scoring in both games, scoring 16 against Lake Worth and then scoring 23 in the victory against Keller Central.

Callie Gilbert scored 11 in the victory against Lake Worth, and Natalee Karcher had 10 in the win against Keller Central.

Greenwood was 4-2 in the tournament and will take on Snyder in a non-district game at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday at home.

GREENWOOD 63, LAKE WORTH 28
Greenwood (7-8) — Cally Payne 2, Brooke Greenwood 2, Regan Shockly 6, Natalee Karcher 9, Layne Banks 8, Amanda Bell 16, Cylie Mebane 9, Callie Gilbert 11

Lake Worth — Marshall 10, Ura 2, Morales 3, Massey 8, Pickett 5

Greenwood	**14**	**17**	**19**	**13**	**—63**
Lake Worth	**8**	**8**	**2**	**10**	**—28**

Free throws — Greenwood 11-22; Lake Worth 5-12. 3-point goals — Greenwood 2 (Mebane, Gilbert), Lake Worth 1 (Marshall). Total fouls — Greenwood 15, Lake Worth 17. Fouled out — Lake Worth, Ura.

GREENWOOD 49, KELLER CENTRAL 39
Greenwood (9-8) — Cally Payne 5, Regan Shockley 2, Natalee Karcher 10, Layne Banks 2, Amanda Bell 23, Cylie Mebane 4, Callie Gilbert 3

Keller Central — Coss 4, Wilson 5, Yarborough 6, Costarado 8, Bates 4, Cory 10

Greenwood	**18**	**13**	**13**	**5**	**—49**
Keller Central	**13**	**7**	**7**	**12**	**—39**

Free throws — Greenwood 5-8, Keller Central 5-16. 3-point goals — Greenwood 4 (Payne, Bell 3), Keller Central 4 (Wilson, Yarborough, Costarado 2). Total fouls — Greenwood 11, Keller Central 12. Fouled out — Keller Central, Cory

Next: Snyder at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday

MCCAMEY 57 TRINITY 22

RANKIN — The Trinity girls basketball team couldn't keep up with McCamey in a loss in the championship game of the Rankin Red Devil Classic on Saturday at Rankin High School.

The Lady Badgers jumped out to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter and were never challenged the rest of the way. Trinity was held to single digit scoring in all four quarters.

Macy Essman led Trinity (6-4) with 12 points. The Lady Chargers will take on Grandfalls-Royalty at 6 p.m. Tuesday on the road.

MCCAMEY 57, TRINITY 22
McCamey — Ford 2, Velasquez 37, Ramirez 6, Falcon 4, Velasquez 8, Armendariz 2

Trinity (6-4) — Macy Essman 12, Katie Pack 3, Reagan Long 3, Ashley Stroup 1, Rebecca Young 3

McCamey	**17**	**14**	**9**	**17**	**—57**
Trinity	**3**	**4**	**6**	**9**	**—22**

Free throws — McCamey 8-12, Trinity 3-13. 3-point goals — McCamey 7 (Velasquez 5, Ramirez 2), Trinity 3 (Pack, Long, Young). Total fouls — McCamey 17, Trinity 14. Fouled out — none

Next: Trinity at Grandfalls-Royalty, 6 p.m. Tuesday

ANDREWS LOSES 2 IN DENVER CITY

DENVER CITY — Andrews lost to Brownfield and Abernathy during the final day of the Yoakum County Shootout on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs (6-5) began the day with a 60-51 loss to Brownfield as Mikyia Alvidrez led Andrews with 15 points. Rebekah Hall scored 13 for Andrews in the loss.

Hall led the Lady Mustangs with 17 points against Abernathy and Mikyia Alvidrez added 10.

BROWNFIELD 60, ANDREWS 51
Andrews (6-4) — Zoe Aguirre 5, Taylor Bailey 4, Daisy Galindo 2, Lexi DeLaCruz 7, Rebekah Hall 13, Rylee Diaz 4, Mikyia Alvidrez 15

Brownfield — Ellis 18, Hope 9, Holt 2, Weips 15, Cruz 2, Williams 2, Fields 12

Andrews	**10**	**14**	**12**	**15—51**
Brownfield	**15**	**16**	**14**	**15—60**

Free throws — Andrews 15-27, Brownfield 6-11. 3-point goals — Brownfield 8 (Ellis 2, Hope 1, Weips 3, Fields 2). Total Fouls — Andrews 12, Brownfield 18. Fouled Out — None

ABERNATHY 56, ANDREWS 46
Andrews (6-5) — Zoe Aguirre 3, Taylor Bailey 8, Daisy Galindo 2, Lexi DeLaCruz 7, Rebekah Hall 17, Rylee Diaz 2, Mikyia Alvidrez 10, Janey Leach 2

Abernathy — May 4, Havens 3, Tanner 22, Perez 4, Houston 18, Sullins 5

Andrews	**10**	**12**	**11**	**13—46**
Abernathy	**16**	**14**	**20**	**6—56**

Free throws — Andrews 7-15, Abernathy 10-17. 3 Point Goals — Andrews 1 (Aguirre), Abernathy 6 (Tanner 4, Pifraz 1, Sullins 1). Total Fouls — Andrews 17, Abernathy 11. Fouled Out — None

Next: Andrews at Kristen Corbin Classic, Thursday

BIG SPRING GOES 2-4 AT MONAHANS TOURNEY

MONAHANS — Big Spring was 2-4 after the three days of the Monahans Sandhills Tournament this weekend.

The Lady Steers lost a pair of games on Thursday, falling to El Paso Austin (48-39) and Midland Christian (44-40), and then split two games on Friday, beating Pecos 44-32 and losing to El Paso Austin 39-35.

On Saturday, the Lady Steers (6-6) beat Fort Stockton 39-29 and lost to San Angelo Lake View 48-45.

BOYS MHS TAKES 3RD IN WEATHERFORD

WEATHERFORD — Four different Midland High players scored in double figures as the Bulldogs beat Midlothian 72-63 to win third place at the Kangaroo Klassic at Weatherford High School on Saturday.

Shawn Rivers led Midland High (4-4) with 18 points as Gary Ringo scored 15, Justin LeClear 14 and A.D. Johnson had 11.

LeClear was named to the all-tournament team.

Midland High will next take the court on Thursday when they take on Canutillo at 7:30 p.m. during the first day of the Tall City Oilman's Tournament at Chaparral Center.

MIDLAND HIGH 72, MIDLOTHIAN 63
Midlothian — Dobson 5, Tipton 14, Klor 16, Archie 2, Muhammad 4, Wallace 2, Marshall 2, Smith 8, Wilson 10

MHS (4-4) — Shawn Rivers 18, A.D. Johnson 11, Gary Ringo 15, Brandon Sanchez 9, Justin LeClear 14, Andrew Norwood 4, Dawsone Bass 1

Midlothian	**15**	**6**	**19**	**23—63**
MHS	**13**	**20**	**18**	**21—72**

Free throws — Midlothian 14-22, Midland High 10-15. 3-point goals — Midlothian 5 (Klor 2, Wilson 1, Tipton 2), MHS 6 (Johnson, Sanchez, Rivers 2, Ringo, LeClear). Total fouls — Midlothian 18, Midland High 17

Next: Midland High vs. Canutillo at Tall City Oilman's Classic, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 88 PLAINVIEW 84, OT

LEVELLAND — Daniel Parkhurst's 3-pointer early in overtime set the tone for the Mustangs in a wild 88-84 victory against Plainview on Saturday at the Levelland Tournament.

Midland Christian (4-3) tied the game in the fourth quarter by outscoring the Bulldogs 20-15 in the fourth quarter. Then in overtime, Mustang coach Marks Lanham said Parkhurst hit his 3-pointer and MCS outscored the Bulldogs 16-12 in the extra period.

Grant Little, who was 18 of 21 at the free-throw line, scored a game-high 37 points and Daniel Venzant added 23. Bryce Waters had 14 and Parkhurst had 10.

Midland Christian will host Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 88, PLAINVIEW 84, OT
Plainview — Ben McGee 21, Jayton Ellis 19, Trenton Jackson 4, Carlton Searey 4, Braxton Ridley 5, Kevin Crunk 2, Khalin Riggins 7, Austin Deberry 7, Ben Benner 6

Midland Christian (4-3) — Daniel Venzant 23, Sam Gilbert 1, Bryce Waters 14, Daniel Parkhurst 10, Grant Little 37, Luke McComic 3

Plainview	**21**	**18**	**19**	**15**	**12—84**	
MCS	**15**	**13**	**21**	**20**	**16—88**	

Free throws — PHS 22-35, MCS 30-36. 3-point goals — PHS 5 (Ellis 2, Searey, Ridley 2), MCS 6 (Venzant, Waters 2, Parkhurst 2, Little). Total fouls — PHS 24, MCS 25. Fouled out — Mcgee, Ridley, MCS, Venzant, Garry Powell

Next game: Monahans at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

WEST MESQUITE 81 LEE 69

GARLAND — Lee played possibly its best game of the season but fell short in a loss to West Mesquite during the final game of the Curtis Culwell Invitational.

The Rebels were down by three at the end of the first quarter but the Wranglers outscored Lee 29-12 in the second quarter to take control of the game. The Rebels outscored West Mesquite 23-18 in the fourth quarter.

Daniel Nelson led Lee with 21 points, and James Lydia added 18 in the loss and Juwon Packer had 11.

WEST MESQUITE 81, LEE 69
Lee (3-8) — Serna 2, Davis 2, Ray Anders 6, Taye Britt 2, Juwon Packer 11, James Lydia 18, Daniel Nelson 21

West Mesquite — K. Tolliver 12, D. Haynes 7, T. Hampson 8, D. Wheeler 17, C. Campbell 31, P. Nweke 6

Lee	**14**	**12**	**18**	**23—69**
W. Mesquite	**17**	**29**	**17**	**18—81**

Free throws — Lee 3-3, W. Mesquite 12-16. 3-point goals — Lee 2 (Britt, Packer), W. Mesquite 9 (Wheeler 5, Campbell 4). Total fouls — Lee 16, W. Mesquite 14. Fouled out — none

Next: Lee at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

MCA BEATS CRANE FOR RANKIN TITLE

RANKIN — Midland Classical's Garrett Sparks and Heath Gladson combined for 29 points as the Knights beat Crane 49-44 to win the Rankin Red Devil Classic championship on Saturday at Rankin High School.

The Knights (9-1) were up 36-33 at the end of the first half and then held on in the second, outscoring Crane 13-11 for the victory.

Midland Classical will begin play in the Crane Tournament on Thursday.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 49, CRANE 44
Crane — Jake Morgan 3, Alex Montes 7, Oscar Nuno 8, Carlos Montes 24, Anthony Marinelarena 2

Midland Classical (9-1) — Garrett Sparks 15, Heath Gladson 14, Blake Gladson 6, Marshall McCoy 5, Cade Miller 2, Kevin Griffin 4, Josh Rabe 3

Crane	**18**	**15**	**4**	**7—44**
Midland Classical	**23**	**13**	**4**	**9—49**

Free throws — Crane 9-15, MCA 4-9. 3-point goals — Crane 4 (Morgan, Nuno 2, C. Montes), MCA 5 (H. Gladson 2, B. Gladson 2, McCray). Total fouls — Crane 12, MCA 19

Next: Midland Classical at Crane Tournament, Thursday

GARDEN CITY 46 MUNDAY 34

MILES — Garden City jumped out to an early lead and held off Munday for the consolation championship at the Miles Tournament on Saturday.

The Bearkats (2-1) were ahead 24-16 at halftime and extended the lead in the second half. Tanner Davis led Garden City with 19 points and Ethan Goodwin added 10.

Garden City will take on Grady at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in a non-district game in Lenorah.

GARDEN CITY 46, MUNDAY 34
Garden City (2-1) — Tanner Davis 19, Ethan Goodwin 10, Kadden Kothmann 6, Bailey Matschek 6, Riley Eggemeyer 5

Munday — NA

Garden City	**14**	**10**	**12**	**10—46**	
Munday	**6**	**10**	**6**	**12—34**	

Free throws — GC 11-17, Munday 1-3. 3-point goals — GC 5 (Davis 4, Eggemeyer), Munday 5. Total fouls — GC 5, Munday 16. Fouled out — Munday

Next: Garden City at Grady, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

TRINITY 36, RANKIN 31

RANKIN — Trinity beat Rankin 36-31 to win the consolation bracket at the Rankin Red Devil Classic on Saturday.

The Chargers are now 4-4 on the season and will continue non-district play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday against Grandfalls-Royalty.

LAMESA FINISHES WITH 2 WINS AT TOURNEY

LAMESA — Lamesa won its final two games of the OW Follis Tournament on Saturday defeating Pecos 50-39 and Andrews 65-58.

The Golden Tornadoes (5-1) didn't have a player score in double figures in the victory against the Eagles as Heath Derrington led Lamesa with nine points.

Against Andrews, Tyquail Maxwell scored 20 points, and K.J. Hunter had 11. Dre'Smiley and Jaleel Edwards each added 10.

LAMESA 50, PECOS 39
Pecos — Mendoza 7, Carrasco 4, Nichols 4, Sandoval 5, Perez 12

Lamesa — [illegible], Hunter 4, Heath Derrington 9, Budds, Williams 6, Isaiah Hood 2, Jaleel Edwards 7, Tyquail Maxwell 8, KaShawn Hunter 6, Ryan Sanchez 2, Adrian Cruz 1, Darius Jackson

Pecos	**9**	**10**	**7**	**13—39**
Lamesa	**15**	**15**	**10**	**10—50**

Free throws — Pecos 12-20, Lamesa 2-4. 3-point goals — Pecos 3, Carrasco, Nichols, Lamesa 4, Derrington 3, Edwards. Total fouls — Pecos 14, Lamesa 21. Fouled out — none

LAMESA 65, ANDREWS 58
Andrews — Vinyard 4, Flores 2, O'Connor 6, Durant, Cordell, Robertson 17, Alvidrez 4, Teal 12

Lamesa — Dre'Smiley, [illegible] Hunter, Heath Derrington, Jaleel Edwards, Tyquail Maxwell 20, KaShawn Hunter 8, Darius Jackson

Andrews	**11**	**15**	**15**	**17—58**
Lamesa	**13**	**15**	**17**	**25—65**

Free throws — Andrews 16-31, Lamesa 7-9. 3-point goals — Andrews 7 (Durant, Robertson 3, Derrington, Maxwell 2, Teal), Lamesa 5 (Maxwell 2, Derrington, Jackson, Edwards). Total fouls — Andrews 21, Lamesa 17. Fouled out — Lamesa, Maxwell, Hunter. Technical fouls — Lamesa, Derrington

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX SCORES

MIDLAND HIGH 73 WEATHERFORD 45
Weatherford — Banks 3, Wells 3, Scoggin, Young, Shaylor 8, Burden, Reese 4, Robinson 7

Midland — Jamie Jones 4, Shawn Rivers 18, A.D. Johnson 7, Gary Ringo 7, Brandon Sanchez 7, Justin LeClear 8, Kamron Turner, Andrew Norwood 4, Kendrick Nash, Rogers, Adrian Reyes 2

Weatherford	**13**	**14**	**8**	**10—45**
MHS	**18**	**13**	**23**	**19—73**

Free throws — Weatherford — MHS — 3-point goals — Weatherford 4 (Banks 3, Scoggin), MHS 6 (Rivers 3, Jones, Ringo, Sanchez). Total fouls — Weatherford — MHS 21. Weatherford — Young, Shaylor, Burden, Robinson. MHS — Rivers, A.D. Johnson, Ringo, Sanchez, LeClear, Norwood, Nash, Rogers, Reyes

CONROE 54, MIDLAND HIGH 48
Conroe — Jackson 5, Juarez, Johnson, Diamond 4, Phillips 4, McGee, Fitzgerald

MHS — Shawn Rivers 4, A.J. Johnson, Jake Ringo 4, Justin LeClear, Kamron Turner, Andrew Norwood 4, Kendrick Nash, Rogers, Adrian Reyes 2

Conroe	**14**	**15**	**18**	**—54**
MHS	**19**	**5**	**8**	**16—48**

Free throws — Conroe — MHS — 3-point goals — Conroe 1 (Jackson), MHS 4 (Johnson, Ringo, Sanchez, LeClear). Total fouls — Conroe — MHS 19. Conroe — Jackson, Juarez, Johnson, Diamond, Phillips, McGee, Fitzgerald. MHS — Rivers, A.J. Johnson, Ringo, Sanchez, LeClear, Turner, Norwood, Nash, Rogers, Reyes

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McCamey def. Iraan
Trinity 30, Rankin 27
Consolation Bracket
Semifinals
Iraan 53, Crane 25
Lee JV def. Reagan County
Ninth-place Bracket
Semifinals
Balmorhea 47, Sanderson 40
Wink 57, Buena Vista 31
Saturday's Scores
Championship Bracket
Third-Place game
Iraan 54, Rankin 32
Championship
McCamey 57, Trinity 22
Consolation Bracket
7th Place Game
Reagan County 56, Crane 28
Consolation Final
Iraan 37, Lee JV 36
Ninth-place Bracket
11th Place Game
Buena Vista 37, Sanderson 29
9th Place Game
Wink 70, Balmorhea 24

Seguin scores 2 as Stars beat Canadiens

Associated Press

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin kept up his scoring surge for the Dallas Stars on Saturday night. This time, his teammates gave him more help.

Seguin had two goals and an assist to help Dallas beat the slumping Montreal Canadiens 4-1 Saturday night, ending the Stars' four-game losing streak (0-3-1).

Cody Eakin and Ryan Garbutt also scored for the Stars, who had goals during a 5-on-4 power play, a 5-on-3 advantage, while skating 4-on-4 and into an empty net. Kari Lehtonen finished with 16 saves to earn his first victory since Nov. 25.

When asked what he liked about the game, Dallas head coach Lindy Ruff said, "I liked pretty well everything.

NJCAC Standings

	MEN			WOMEN	
	Conference	Overall		Conference	Overall
Team	W L	W L	Team	W L	W L
Odessa College	1 0	12 3	Odessa College	2 0	12 2
Midland College	1 0	10 3	Midland College	2 0	10 3
New Mexico JC	1 0	9 3	New Mexico JC	1 0	11 2
South Plains	1 0	8 3	South Plains	1 0	11 2
Howard College	1 1	11 4	Western Texas	0 1	6 6
Frank Phillips	1 1	11 4	Howard College	0 1	5 8
Western Texas	1 1	9 4	Frank Phillips	0 2	6 6
New Mexico Military	0 2	7 4	Clarendon College	0 2	2 9
New Mexico JC	0 2	9 4			
Clarendon College	0 2	3 12			

Wednesday's Scores
Howard College 67, Midland College 79; Odessa College 70, Clarendon College 52; Frank Phillips College 74, New Mexico Junior College 71; Western Texas College 63, New Mexico Military Institute 55; South Plains College was open

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 104, Clarendon 69; Odessa College 70, Frank Phillips College 69; South Plains College 63, Western Texas College 49; New Mexico Military Institute 70, New Mexico JC 64; Howard College is open

Wednesday's Scores
Midland College 77, Howard College 53; Odessa College 74, Clarendon College 36; New Mexico Junior College 59, Frank Phillips College 54; Western Texas College and South Plains College were open

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 83, Clarendon College 58; Odessa College 79, Frank Phillips College 55; South Plains College 62, Western Texas 59, 2 OT; Howard College and New Mexico JC are open

Edward A. Ornelas/San Antonio Express-News

San Antonio's Cory Joseph looks to pass between Minnesota Timberwolves defenders during Saturday's game at the AT&T Center.

Unproven vet Young draws tough test vs. Watt

By Mark Long
Associated Press

The game

HOUSTON AT JACKSONVILLE

When: Noon today
Location: EverBank Field, Jacksonville
TV: CBS
Radio: KCRS (550 AM)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — After losing starting right tackle Austin Pasztor to a season-ending hamstring injury, the Jacksonville Jaguars had to decide whether to try to block all-everything defensive end J.J. Watt with an unproven veteran or an undrafted rookie.

Coach Gus Bradley went with experience, choosing Sam Young over Josh Wells.

Now, Young will have one of the most daunting matchups of his career today when the Jaguars (2-10) host the Houston Texans (6-6).

"It's a great opportunity, it'll be a challenge," Young said. "He's an extremely talented player, probably the best defensive player in the game right now. Like any game, there will be ups and downs, but I'm looking forward to it."

Watt probably is, too.

The 6-foot-5 Watt is tied for fifth in the NFL with 11 1/2 sacks. He also is the first defensive linemen since 1944 with five touchdowns in a season, and the fourth player in NFL history with an interception return for a touchdown, a fumble return for a touchdown and a receiving touchdown in the same season.

Now, he'll be lined up against Young, who has six starts over six NFL seasons with Jacksonville, Buffalo and Dallas. Young started two games this season and fared pretty well.

But those weren't against Watt, who has been one of the NFL's most disruptive defender the past two seasons. And in recent weeks, Watt has been mentioned as a potential MVP candidate.

"I can't control the way anybody votes or anybody's opinion or how they write or what they think," Watt said. "The only thing I can control is what I can control and that is going to practice every day and playing as hard as I can, studying as much film as possible, going to the weight room and working out and then going out there on game day and making as many plays as I can."

The Jaguars have allowed an NFL-high 50 sacks, which is 11 more than second-place Washington. Jacksonville has two rookies on the line in addition to second-year pro Luke Joeckel at left tackle. Each of them is likely to face Watt at some point in the game since he lines up all across the line.

"When we break the huddle, he's a guy you definitely have to have an answer for," Joeckel said.

Jacksonville hasn't in the past. Watt has 37 tackles, 5 1/2 sacks and five passes defended in six games against the Jaguars.

"He's a great football player," Jaguars offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch said. "Not just a good football player, he's a great football player. So he's going to be a challenge to go against, and we know that. Who's on the front cover of Sports Illustrated and ESPN the Magazine the same week? The guy is a dude, and we know that."

BANGED-UP BORTLES: All those sacks seem to be taking a toll on rookie quarterback Blake Bortles, who is dealing with injuries to his left ankle and right shoulder. Tests on his shoulder after Sunday's game revealed tendinitis, but nothing that's going to prevent him from playing. "I know he had some soreness in there, but nothing that affects him in practice or in games," Bradley said.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 123 TIMBERWOLVES 101

SAN ANTONIO — Marco Belinelli scored 20 points, Tim Duncan had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 123-101 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday night.

San Antonio had seven players in double figures, including 18 points each from Kawhi Leonard and Cory Joseph, and 17 from Boris Diaw.

The Spurs (15-5) had a season-high 30 assists in winning their 10th in the past 11 games and fifth straight at home.

Zach LaVine had 22 points and Shabazz Muhammad added 20 for Minnesota (4-15), which has lost five straight.

Thaddeus Young's 18-footer on the game's opening possession gave the injury-depleted Timberwolves their only lead of the game.

ROCKETS 100 SUNS 95

HOUSTON — Trevor Ariza and Pat Beverley scored 19 points apiece to lead the Houston Rockets to their fourth straight victory, 100-95 over the Phoenix Suns on Saturday night.

Houston improved to 16-4 by winning for the seventh time in the nine games All-Star center Dwight Howard (knee strain) has missed.

The Rockets never trailed and led by as many as 22 points. The Suns used an 8-2 run, capped by a tip-in by PJ Tucker, to cut the lead to 97-93 with 21 seconds remaining.

But Beverley made three free throws after that to make it 100-93 and Houston held on for the win.

Beverley returned after missing six games with a hamstring injury, providing a spark off the bench. He didn't start as coach Kevin McHale limited him to 26 minutes.

Eric Bledsoe led the Suns with 23 points.

76ERS 108 PISTONS 101, OT

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Hollis Thompson's 3-pointer in the final seconds sent the game to overtime, and the Philadelphia 76ers outlasted the Detroit Pistons 108-101 on Saturday night in a matchup of the teams with the NBA's two worst records.

Detroit (3-17) dropped its 11th straight and now leads the 76ers (2-18) by only a game in the standings. Philadelphia has won two of three since starting the season 0-17.

Thompson tied it at 100 when he sank a fadeaway from the right corner with 13.4 seconds left in regulation. The Pistons managed only one point in overtime.

The teams entered with a combined record of 4-34, the second-worst in NBA history for teams about to play each other — with a minimum of 38 combined games. The 76ers and Buffalo Braves were 4-35 entering their meeting Nov. 24, 1972, according to STATS.

WARRIORS 112 BULLS 102

CHICAGO — Draymond Green scored a career-high 31 points and the Golden State Warriors beat the Chicago Bulls 112-102 on Saturday night to set a franchise record with their 12th straight victory.

Klay Thompson added 24 points for the Warriors, who extended their league-best record to 17-2.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	378	253
Miami	7	5	0	.583	301	232
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	264	217
N.Y. Jets	2	10	0	.167	190	319
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	382	283
Houston	6	6	0	.500	287	247
Tennessee	2	10	0	.167	213	338
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	186	329
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	3	1	.708	260	247
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	328	242
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	320	298
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	252	245
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	9	3	0	.750	361	276
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	279	249
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	277	224
Oakland	1	11	0	.083	176	337

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	375	285
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	343	301
N.Y. Giants	3	9	0	.250	257	319
Washington	3	9	0	.250	244	322
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	291	299
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	323	318
Carolina	3	8	1	.292	228	331
Tampa Bay	2	10	0	.167	220	314
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	3	0	.750	380	267
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	231	207
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	233	257
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	3	0	.750	258	224
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	298	221
San Francisco	7	5	0	.583	231	244
St. Louis	3	9	0	.417	261	285

Thursday's Score
Dallas 41, Chicago 28

Today's Games
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, Noon
Carolina at New Orleans, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Minnesota, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Noon
St. Louis at Washington, Noon
Baltimore at Miami, Noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, Noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit, Noon
Houston at Jacksonville, Noon
Buffalo at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
New England at San Diego, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
Atlanta at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	5	.750	
Brooklyn	8	10	.444	6
Boston	8	10	.353	7 1/2
New York	4	12	.190	11 1/2
Philadelphia	2	18	.100	13

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	5	.722	
Atlanta	11	6	.647	
Miami	9	10	.474	4 1/2
Orlando	8	14	.364	7
Charlotte	7	15	.250	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	3	.850	
Indiana	12	7	.632	4 1/2
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	5 1/2
Detroit	9	10	.474	7 1/2
Cleveland	7	12	.368	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	5	.750	
Memphis	13	7	.650	2
Houston	12	8	.600	3
Dallas	11	8	.579	3 1/2
New Orleans	7	13	.350	8

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	14	5	.737	
Denver	12	7	.632	2
Oklahoma City	11	8	.579	3
Utah	11	8	.579	3
Minnesota	4	15	.211	10

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	17	2	.895	
L.A. Clippers	13	7	.650	4 1/2
Phoenix	12	8	.600	5
Sacramento	8	12	.400	9
L.A. Lakers	5	15	.250	12 1/2

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 108, Detroit 101, OT
Golden State 112, Chicago 102
Houston 100, Phoenix 95
San Antonio 123, Minnesota 101
Orlando at Sacramento, late
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Washington at Boston, Noon
Denver at Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
Miami at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

SPURS 123, TIMBERWOLVES 101

MINNESOTA (101): Wiggins 3-13 0-0 6, Young 5-8 4-6 14, Dieng 1-4 6-6 8, LaVine 8-15 4-5 22, Brewer 3-10 0-0 7, Budinger 1-5 0-0 3, Muhammad 7-12 5-9 20, Bennett 6-11 2-2 14, Adrien 0-0 0-0 0, Hummel 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson III 1-4 4-4 7. Totals 35-83 25-32 101.

SAN ANTONIO (123): Leonard 7-12 4-5 18, Duncan 5-11 3-3 13, Bonner 4-6 0-0 10, Joseph 7-10 4-4 18, Green 4-9 2-2 11, Belinelli 7-12 2-2 20, Baynes 2-2 1-1 5, Diaw 6-10 5-6 17, Anderson 1-3 1-2 3, Ayres 3-4 0-0 6, Daye 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 47-82 22-25 123.

Minnesota	**23**	**28**	**25**	**25**	**— 101**
San Antonio	**31**	**37**	**28**	**27**	**— 123**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-16 (LaVine 2-4, Muhammad 1-2, Robinson III 1-2, Budinger 1-3, Brewer 1-4, Bennett 0-1), San Antonio 7-18 (Belinelli 4-6, Bonner 2-3, Green 1-4, Daye 0-1, Diaw 0-2, Leonard 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 41 (Bennett 10), San Antonio 52 (Duncan 10). Assists—Minnesota 20 (LaVine 10), San Antonio 30 (Belinelli 6). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22, San Antonio 24. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 100, SUNS 95

PHOENIX (95): Tucker 6-12 2-2 15, Mark Morris 2-14 0-0 4, Plumlee 2-3 0-0 4, Bledsoe 7-18 1-2 23, G.Dragic 5-14 3-4 13, Len 2-4 4-6 8, Marc Morris 2-9 1-2 6, Green 6-14 2-2 16, Warren 2-5 0-0 5, Tolliver 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-93 20-26 95.

HOUSTON (100): Ariza 5-15 7-8 19, Motiejunas 7-12 2-4 16, Black 3-5 0-0 6, Terry 5-9 0-0 13, Harden 5-21 4-5 15, Dorsey 2-2 0-0 4, Beverley 5-12 4-6 15, Garcia 1-1 0-0 2, Johnson 4-6 8-8 8. Totals 33-81 23-31 100.

Phoenix	**18**	**23**	**26**	**28**	**— 95**
Houston	**25**	**25**	**20**	**20**	**— 100**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 7-28 (Green 2-4, Len 1-1, Warren 1-2, Marc Morris 1-3, Tucker 1-4, Bledsoe 1-6, Tolliver 0-1, Mark Morris 0-2, G.Dragic 0-5), Houston 11-27 (Beverley 5-8, Terry 3-3, Ariza 2-6, Harden 1-9, Garcia 0-1). Fouled Out—Mark Morris, Rebounds—Phoenix 54 (Tucker 8), Houston 67 (Harden 12). Assists—Phoenix 16 (G.Dragic 6), Houston 16 (Harden 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 20, Houston 23. Technicals—G.Dragic, A—18,060 (18,023).

76ERS 108, PISTONS 101, OT

PHILADELPHIA (108): Mbah a Moute 3-12 8-12 14, Noel 3-7 3-4 9, Sims 4-10 0-0 9, Carter-Williams 8-12 4-5 20, Thompson 5-9 0-2 13, Grant 1-4 2-2 4, Covington 9-14 4-4 25, McDaniels 3-10 0-0 6, Davies 3-7 0-0 6, Sampson 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 40-87 21-30 108.

DETROIT (101): Singler 8-14 2-2 21, Smith 9-18 4-6 23, Drummond 3-6 1-2 7, Jennings 2-10 4-4 8, Caldwell-Pope 2-10 5-7 9, Monroe 4-12 7-9 15, Martin 4-7 0-0 9, Augustin 1-7 4-5 6, Butler 1-2 0-0 3, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Jerebko 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-87 27-35 101.

Philadelphia	**30**	**24**	**23**	**23**	**8 — 108**
Detroit	**28**	**23**	**31**	**18**	**1 — 101**

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 7-23 (Covington 3-5, Thompson 3-6, Sims 1-3, Davies 0-1, Grant 0-1, Sampson 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-3, McDaniels 0-3), Detroit 6-23 (Singler 3-5, Butler 1-2, Smith 1-2, Martin 1-4, Jerebko 0-1, Jennings 0-2, Caldwell-Pope 0-3, Augustin 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 63 (Mbah a Moute 11), Detroit 54 (Monroe 9). Assists—Philadelphia 27 (Carter-Williams 15), Detroit 22 (Smith 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 27, Detroit 24. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second A—16,514 (22,076).

WARRIORS 112, BULLS 102

GOLDEN STATE (112): Barnes 3-3 3-4 11, Green 11-20 2-2 31, Bogut 2-7 0-1 4, Curry 5-14 8-9 19, Thompson 9-23 4-4 24, Iguodala 3-6 0-0 6, Barbosa 0-1 0-0 0, Speights 4-10 3-5 11, Livingston 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 40-89 20-25 112.

CHICAGO (102): Dunleavy 2-6 1-2 6, Gasol 10-19 2-2 22, Noah 7-8 2-2 16, Rose 2-11 4-4 9, Butler 8-17 5-7 24, Hinrich 3-8 3-4 10, Gibson 3-7 6-6 12, Mirotic 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 1-2 0-0 3, Snell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-83 23-27 102.

Golden State	**28**	**33**	**18**	**33**	**— 112**
Chicago	**22**	**27**	**31**	**22**	**— 102**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 12-30 (Green 7-13, Barnes 2-2, Thompson 2-8, Curry 1-5, Iguodala 0-1, Barbosa 0-1), Chicago 7-21 (Butler 3-6, Dunleavy 1-2, Brooks 1-2, Hinrich 1-4, Rose 1-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 46 (Bogut 12), Chicago 59 (Gasol 20). Assists—Golden State 27 (Curry 7), Chicago 24 (Rose 6). Total Fouls—Golden State 21, Chicago 23. Technicals—Golden State Coach Kerr. A—22,353 (20,917).

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TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS A&M 72, ARIZONA ST. 71

COLLEGE STATION — Alex Caruso scored a season-high 23 points as Texas A&M overcame a 13-point deficit to defeat Arizona State 72-71 on Saturday in Reed Arena.

A&M senior forward Kourtney Roberson made the second-of-two free throws with 5.1 seconds remaining to lift the Aggies (6-1) to the one-point lead, and Arizona State's Tra Holder missed a hurried 3-pointer as time expired.

HOUSTON 71 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 59

HOUSTON — Jherrod Stiggers scored a career-high 23 points and had five assists, Devonta Pollard scored a career-high 22 and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Houston beat Abilene Christian 71-59 on Saturday night.

Eric Weary Jr. scored 15 points and Houston (4-1) hit 10 of 22 shots from beyond the arc.

Parker Wentz led Abilene Christian (3-4) with 18 points, LaDarrien Williams had 15 and Christian Albright grabbed 10 rebounds.

WASHINGTON STATE 91 UTSA 71

PULLMAN, Wash. — Da-Vonte Lacy scored 21 of his 31 points in the first 10 minutes of the game to lead Washington State to a 91-71 win over Texas-San Antonio on Saturday.

The Cougars (4-4) led 52-26 at the half. Washington State failed to score 52 points in an entire game six times last season, when the Cougars finished 10-21.

TEXAS ST. 81 PRAIRIE VIEW 65

SAN MARCOS — Emani Gant scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and tied a career-high with four assists to lead Texas State to an 81-65 victory over Prairie View on Saturday night.

SAM HOUSTON 78 TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 59

HUNTSVILLE — DeMarcus Gatlin and Dakarai Henderson combined for 29 points to lead Sam Houston State to a 78-59 victory over Texas-Pan American on Saturday night.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 63 WEBER ST 56

ARLINGTON — Johnny Hill scored 12 points and dished out six assists to lead Texas-Arlington to a 63-56 win over Weber State on Saturday.

DENVER 64 TEXAS A&M-CC 48

CORPUS CHRISTI — Cam Griffin and Nate Engesser combined for 29 points to lead Denver to a 64-48 victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Saturday.

UTPB ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Women

FALCONS OUTLAST TWU

DENTON — Trailing by 14 at the half, the University of Texas of Permian Basin women's basketball team (5-2) used a dominant 37-point second half to squeak out a 58-54 win over Texas Woman's University (4-4) on Saturday in Denton.

The Falcons shot the ball horribly in the first 20 minutes, connecting on six of their 25 shots and only one of their seven attempts from beyond the 3-point arc.

But in the second half, the two teams reversed roles. The Falcons hit a whopping 61.9 percent of their shots, while TWU shot a paltry 22.7 percent.

Giselle Loya paced the Falcons with 15 points. Danielle Wilson was a force on the boards, pulling down 11 rebounds to go with her 10 points.

Men

FALCONS FALTER IN 2ND HALF AGAINST ANGELO STATE

SAN ANGELO — The University of Texas of Permian Basin men's basketball team nursed a five-point lead against the Angelo State (6-1) on Saturday, but wasn't able to hang on, falling 91-79. With the loss, UTPB dropped to 5-2 on the season.

Angelo State's Demario Mayfield dominated the night, tallying 23 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists to lead a 46-28 second half surge that helped the Rams pull away late.

Four different UTPB players scored in double figures, led by Madison Turner's 20 points. Stephen Thompson added 19 points and seven boards for the Falcons.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Men

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 95, Belhaven 68
Denver 64, Texas A&M-CC 48
Houston 71, Abilene Christian 59
Rice 54, St. Edward's 49
Sam Houston St. 78, Texas-Pan American 59
Texas A&M 72, Arizona St. 71
Texas St. 81, Prairie View 65
Texas-Arlington 63, Weber St. 56
SOUTH
Alabama St. 80, Jacksonville St. 55
Bethune-Cookman 52, Jacksonville 47
Davidson 90, Stetson 59
Florida St. 96, UCF 73
Furman 74, Samford 64
Gardner-Webb 82, Thomas (Ga.) 66
Green Bay 68, Miami 55
Hampton 71, Coppin St. 52
High Point 66, William & Mary 63
Howard 54, NC A&T 47
Kent St. 58, Kennesaw St. 46
Lipscomb 77, Tennessee St. 68
Louisiana Tech 65, Jackson St. 52
Louisiana-Monroe 83, Louisiana College 55
Maryland 82, Winthrop 62
McNeese St. 80, Louisiana-Lafayette 70
Mercer 90, VMI 81
Middle Tennessee 68, South Alabama 67, OT
Murray St. 93, W. Kentucky 81
NC State 78, Wake Forest 65
New Orleans 100, Crowley's Ridge 85
Nicholls St. 89, Loyola NO 60
Norfolk St. 85, Morgan St. 65
Oakland 70, Morehead St. 68, OT
Penn St. 73, Marshall 69
Rhode Island 75, Southern Miss. 43
SC State 70, Florida A&M 61
SC-Upstate 59, Georgia Tech 54
South Carolina 75, Oklahoma St. 49
St. Francis (NY) 65, Liberty 54
Tennessee 65, Kansas St. 64
The Citadel 67, Navy 60
Troy 85, Cent. Arkansas 73
Tulane 59, Mississippi St. 54
UNC Greensboro 85, Presbyterian 53
UTA-Martin 77, Longwood 67
Virginia 74, VCU 57
Wofford 88, Florida National 57
MIDWEST
Ball St. 70, Indiana St. 63
Bowling Green 64, Alabama A&M 47
Butler 65, Northwestern 56
Cent. Michigan 94, SIU-Edwardsville 61
Dayton 73, E. Michigan 64
Detroit 67, South Florida 57
IPFW 86, Miami (Ohio) 78
Illinois 70, American U. 55
Indiana 95, Savannah St. 49
Iowa 77, UMBC 47
Loyola of Chicago 77, Ill.-Chicago 67
Michigan St. 85, Ark.-Pine Bluff 52
NJIT 72, Michigan 70
North Dakota 63, Drake 62
North Florida 73, Purdue 70
Notre Dame 75, Fairleigh Dickinson 57
Ohio St. 70, Colgate 50
S. Dakota St. 81, UMKC 61
SE Missouri 63, SE Louisiana 59
St. Bonaventure 80, Ohio 70
Toledo 87, Chicago St. 59
Wichita St. 81, Saint Louis 52
Wisconsin 49, Marquette 38
FAR WEST
Arizona 66, Gonzaga 63, OT
BYU 90, Hawaii 70
Idaho 79, UC Davis 71
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Richmond at James Madison, 1 p.m.
Limestone at UNC Asheville, 1 p.m.
East Carolina at North Carolina, 2 p.m.
Hiwassee at Tennessee Tech, 2 p.m.
Illinois St. at UAB, 2 p.m.
Radford at Virginia Tech, 2 p.m.
Arkansas at Clemson, 4 p.m.
E. Kentucky at Kentucky, 5 p.m.
West Virginia at N. Kentucky, 5 p.m.
MIDWEST
W. Illinois at Cleveland St. Noon
Milwaukee at DePaul, 1 p.m.
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N. Colorado at Colorado St., 1 p.m.
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Regis at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
Houston Baptist at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Utah St. at Southern Cal, 4 p.m.
San Diego at UCLA, 6 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at Montana, 8 p.m.
San Diego St. at Washington, 8 p.m.
EAST
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Towson at Georgetown, 11 a.m.
Fairfield at Quinnipiac, Noon
Buffalo at Robert Morris, Noon
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Charlotte vs. George Washington at the Verizon Center, 1:30 p.m.
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SOUTH
South Carolina at Duke, Noon
Arizona at Wake Forest, Noon
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Xavier at Middle Tennessee, 2 p.m.
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MIDWEST
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Spieth opens up 7-shot lead at Isleworth

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

WINDERMERE, Fla. — Jordan Spieth rolled in a 50-foot birdie putt on the last hole to cap off a Saturday at Isleworth that was close to perfect.

Spieth opened with three straight birdies and wound up with a 9-under 63. That gave the 21-year-old Texan a seven-shot lead over Keegan Bradley and Henrik Stenson going into the final round of the Hero World Challenge.

Spieth is coming off a six-shot victory last week in the Australian Open, so his game travels well.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Hero World Challenge Scores
Saturday
At Isleworth Golf and Country Club
Windermere, Fla.
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,354; Par: 72
Third Round

Jordan Spieth	66-67-63—196
Keegan Bradley	72-66-65—203
Henrik Stenson	67-68-68—203
Patrick Reed	73-63-69—205
Justin Rose	72-64-70—206
Jason Day	71-67-70—208
Graeme McDowell	68-73-68—209
Matt Kuchar	69-70-70—209
Rickie Fowler	67-70-72—209
Bubba Watson	69-68-72—209
Zach Johnson	67-71-72—210
Billy Horschel	73-72-67—212
Hideki Matsuyama	68-73-71—212
Chris Kirk	70-68-74—212
Jimmy Walker	68-69-75—212
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Tiger Woods	77-70-69—216

PGA European

Nedbank Challenge Scores
Saturday
At Gary Player Country Club
Sun City, South Africa
Purse: $6.5 million
Yardage: 7,831; Par: 72
Third Round

Luke Donald, England	71-63-69—203
Danny Willett, England	71-68-65—204
Ross Fisher, England	66-70-70—206
Marcel Siem, Germany	68-72-71—211
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	71-70-71—212
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	70-73-69—212
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	72-73-68—213
Tim Clark, South Africa	70-71-72—213
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	70-74-69—213
Jonas Blixt, Sweden	71-73-70—214
Alexander Levy, France	68-70-76—214
Dawie Van der Walt, South Africa	73-72-69—214
Tommy Fleetwood, England	74-67-74—215
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland	70-73-72—215
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Brendon Todd, United States	73-68-75—216
George Coetzee, South Africa	68-74-76—218
Brooks Koepka, United States	70-74-75—219
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	72-74-73—219
Jaco Ahlers, South Africa	74-73-70—217
Marc Warner, Scotland	74-73-71—218
Martin Kaymer, Germany	74-75-71—220
Lee Westwood, England	72-70-78—220
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	70-72-68—220
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Oklahoma State rallies to upset rival Oklahoma

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Cowboys.....38
No. 18 Sooners.....35 (OT)

NORMAN, Okla. — With one dynamic burst of speed, Tyreek Hill saved Oklahoma State's season.

With about a minute to play and the Cowboys trailing rival Oklahoma 35-28, Hill fielded a punt at the Oklahoma State 8-yard line.

The track sprinter cut toward the left sideline, beat two defenders, picked up a block at the Oklahoma State 45 and was gone to the end zone. His 92-yard touchdown tied the score with 45 seconds remaining and forced overtime.

"At the time, it didn't feel real, because I was crying while I was running, so it didn't feel real at all," he said. "Tears of joy."

Ben Grogan's 21-yard field goal completed the comeback, and Oklahoma State upset the 18th-ranked Sooners 38-35 on Saturday to become bowl-eligible.

Perhaps the most disappointing thing about Hill's punt return for the Sooners is that Oklahoma re-kicked after Oklahoma State was called for roughing the kicker, giving Hill a chance.

"In hindsight, you don't kick it again," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "I thought we could cover 35 yards in positive territory where we've pooch-punted it. That didn't happen. We always pooch it left and it went right. You saw the rest of it — he made a great play. Credit him for that."

On the first overtime possession, Oklahoma's Michael Hunnicutt missed a 44-yard field goal attempt. Oklahoma State took over and pounded the ball with Desmond Roland to set up the winning kick.

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy, who entered the game with a 1-8 record against Stoops in the series, got just the boost he needed. The Cowboys had lost five in a row after opening the season with a close loss to Florida State and five straight wins.

"I'm happy for our seniors — an opportunity to stay together for another month or however long it will be, to play in a bowl game," Gundy said. "I'm happy for our seniors who couldn't play because they were injured, (Josh) Furman and (Daniel) Koenig, that get an opportunity to play again."

Sue Ogrocki/AP

Oklahoma State kicker Ben Grogan points to fans as he walks off the field after kicking the game-winning field goal against Oklahoma in overtime Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Tech defensive line coach resigns

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech announced on Saturday that defensive line coach John Scott has resigned.

This comes after the Red Raiders finished 4-8 overall on the season.

"I appreciate the opportunity that I was given to be a part of the staff here at Texas Tech," Scott said in a release from the school. "I have enjoyed my time in Lubbock, but look forward to what the future holds. I have no doubt that Coach Kingsbury and his staff will be very successful in the near future."

Scott joned Kliff Kingsbury's staff in 2013 after three years at Georgia Southern.

"We appreciate what Coach Scott has done during his tenure here at Tech. We wish he and his family all the best moving forward," Kingsbury said.

TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SMU 27
UCONN 20

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — SMU quarterback Matt Davis ran for 191 yards and a touchdown and threw for another 145 yards to lead the Mustangs to their only win of the season, 27-20 over UConn.

Prescott Line added 90 yards rushing and two second-half touchdowns as SMU (1-11, 1-7 American Athletic Conference) snapped a 13-game losing streak.

Freshman Ron Johnson ran for 101 yard and a touchdown for UConn (2-10, 1-7), which finishes tied with SMU for last place in the conference.

UConn led 20-6 at the half, but SMU scored 21 unanswered points after the Huskies fumbled the second half kickoff, one of five UConn turnovers.

Line scored on a 4-yard run four plays later. His 12-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter was the game winner, capping an 8-play 70 yard drive that included a 48-yard run by Davis.

CINCINNATI 38
HOUSTON 31

CINCINNATI — Gunner Kiel threw for a pair of touchdowns before leaving again, and Mike Boone ran for three touchdowns as Cincinnati held on for a 38-31 victory over Houston on Saturday that that clinched a share of the American Athletic Conference championship.

Cincinnati (9-3, 7-1) finished in a three-way tie for the title. Memphis clinched part of the title last weekend, and Central Florida made it a split by beating East Carolina 32-30 on Thursday night with a 51-yard desperation pass at the end.

The Bearcats won their last seven games to earn a share of the title for the sixth time in the last eight seasons. Their previous ones came in the Big East.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 37
JACKSONVILLE STATE 26

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Jared Johnson threw three touchdown passes and ran for another to lead Sam Houston State to a 37-26 victory over Jacksonville State in a second-round FCS playoff game Saturday.

Johnson connected on a 49-yard score with LaDarius Brown with 8:03 left in the third quarter for a 30-26 lead. Jalen Overstreet added an insurance score with a 33-yard run four minutes later.

Johnson completed 13 of 19 passes for 161 yards, also throwing another touchdown pass to Brown plus one to Keshawn Hill. Johnson also rushed for 85 yards and had a 10-yard scoring run for the Bearkats (10-4).

'Bama wins SEC

Tide routs Tigers

No. 1 Crimson Tide.....42
No. 16 Tigers.....13

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Blake Sims went out for one more snap, then trotted off the field to a standing ovation from the Alabama fans.

When he got to the sideline, there was a long embrace with offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin.

The wait was sure worth it.

Sims, the fifth-year senior who finally got a chance to start this season, threw a pair of touchdown passes in an MVP performance that carried top-ranked Alabama to a spot in college football's inaugural playoff. The Crimson Tide routed No. 14 Missouri 42-13 to win its 24th Southeastern Conference championship on Saturday.

"You love to see a guy who's gone through what he's gone through, who's worked so hard and always persevered, then have success," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "It's a credit to his character and work ethic."

In a sense, it's like Sims is trying to make up for lost time, running Kiffin's fast-paced offense to perfection.

They turned out to be the perfect match, Sims' versatility allowing the Tide to speed things up.

"I've never seen a guy work so hard," Saban said.

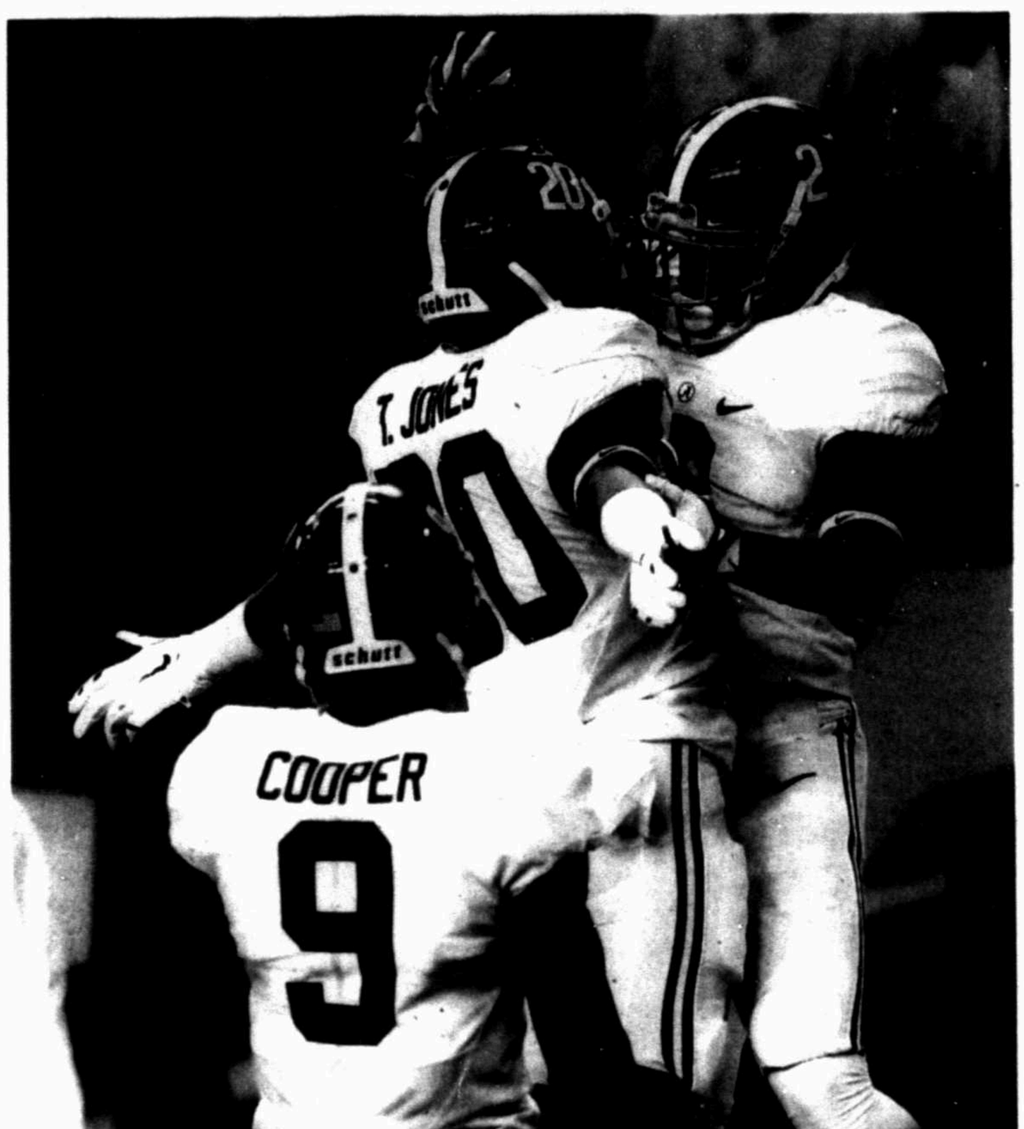
This has also been a season of redemption for Kiffin, the guy who rubbed so many people the wrong way during stints as a head coach. His record never matched his bravado, but Saban picked him to run the Alabama offense.

Some scoffed at the choice.

As usual, Saban had the last laugh.

Wearing a white windbreaker, a play card in hand, Kiffin made the calls that helped Alabama pile up a commanding 504-313 edge in total yards.

Sims was brilliant, completing 23 of 27 for 262 yards as Alabama pulled away with a 21-point fourth quarter. T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry each had a couple of touchdown runs.



John Bazemore/AP

Alabama wide receiver DeAndrew White, left, celebrates his touchdown with teammate Tyren Jones (20) during the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday in Atlanta.

BAYLOR

From 1C

down and plunged in for a 1-yard TD run only 1:35 in, capping an opening 81-yard drive that put Baylor ahead to stay.

While Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby presented Baylor its championship trophy — after giving one to TCU about 90 miles away more than seven hours earlier — Florida State was wrapping up its win in the ACC championship game and Ohio State was in firm control in the Big Ten title game. Those are the two teams between TCU and Baylor in the playoff rankings.

Baylor fans booed the commissioner, voicing their displeasure of having to share a title even with the head-to-head victory.

The Big 12 is the only of the power-five conferences without a championship game, but the 10-team league has a round-robin schedule and is the only one in which everybody plays each other during the regular season.

For the fourth year in a row since the Big 12 went to 10 teams, the title wasn't decided until finishing the regular season on the first weekend in December when other leagues play championship games.

And for the second year in a row, the Bears won at home in a finale, this time in their new campus stadium on the banks of the Brazos River after beating Texas 30-7 last year at Floyd Casey Stadium to earn a spot in the Fiesta Bowl.

Jake Waters was 22 of 27 for 300 yards and two touchdowns for Kansas State, which was trying for its second Big 12 title in three years.

The Wildcats had to share their 2012 championship because of a miserable night their last visit to Waco two years ago. They were 10-0 and ranked No. 1 in the BCS standings before a 52-24 loss.

TCU

From 1C

For TCU the question was not if the team would win, but by how much? The Horned Frogs were 34-point favorites against the worst team in the Big 12. The Cyclones have been crushed by injuries and no team in the league has allowed more yards per play.

To complete their resume and make sure they stay ahead of Ohio State and Baylor when the final playoff rankings are revealed Sunday, the Frogs needed to exert some serious game control.

"We knew we had to make a statement," Patterson said.

Despite losing 61-58 at Baylor in October, the Horned Frogs will be able to put conference champion on their resume no matter what the Bears do tonight, 85 miles south of Fort Worth in Waco, against Kansas State, Patterson's alma mater.

"I feel like we did everything we needed to do on our end to be one of those top four teams," Boykin said.

The Big 12 won't designate a champion through a tiebreaker. Instead, the conference will let the committee sort it out. The selection protocol states that championships won and head-to-head outcomes are supposed to be used as determining factors when choosing between similar teams.

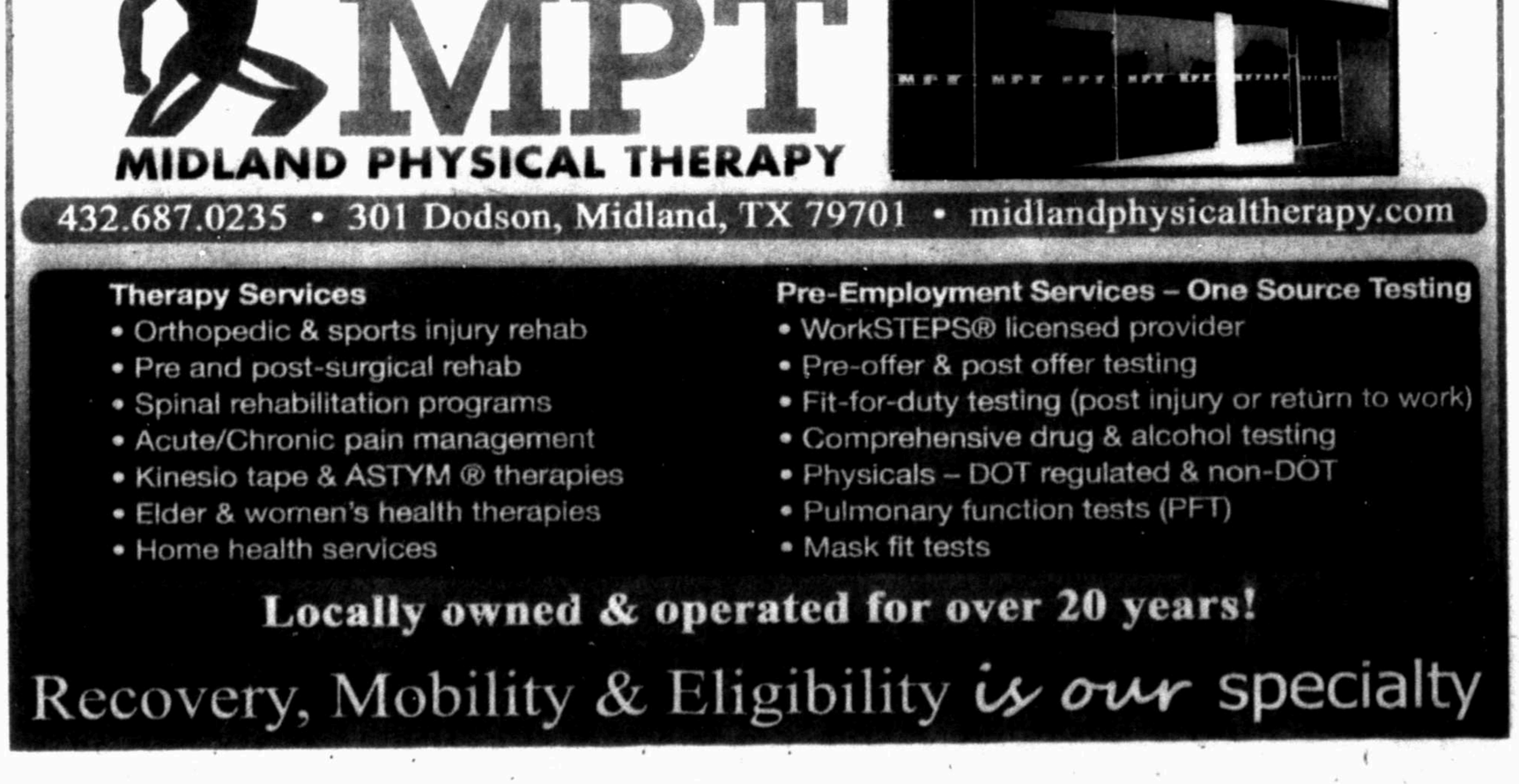
Committee chairman Jeff Long said again on ESPN on Saturday morning that the head-to-head matchup between TCU and Baylor hasn't "come into play yet."

The Frogs and Bears play 10 common opponents. The biggest difference is Baylor played at Buffalo, a mediocre Mid-American Conference team, and TCU played Minnesota, a good Big Ten team.

Big 12 standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Baylor	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
TCU	8	1	.889	11	1	.917
Kansas St.	7	2	.778	9	3	.750
Oklahoma	5	4	.556	8	4	.667
West Virginia	5	4	.556	8	4	.667
Texas	4	4	.500	8	5	.615
Oklahoma St.	4	5	.444	6	6	.500
Texas Tech	2	7	.222	5	7	.417
Kansas	1	8	.111	3	9	.250
Iowa St.	0	9	.000	2	10	.167

Saturday's Scores
TCU 55, Iowa State 3
Oklahoma State 38, Oklahoma 35, OT
Baylor 38, Kansas State 27



Buckeyes capture Big 10 title, bolstering playoff hopes

By Tim Rohan
N.Y. Times

No. 6 Buckeyes.....59
No. 11 Badgers.....0

INDIANAPOLIS — Cardale Jones paced the Ohio State sideline, smiling and slapping hands with his teammates. Moments earlier, he faced a defender barreling down on him as he delivered a 44-yard arcing touchdown pass that his receiver caught in stride.

It was the type of throw that required a combination of great arm strength, the right amount of touch, and enough guts - a play expected of Braxton Miller or even J.T. Barrett, but not of Jones, the Buckeyes' third-string quarterback.

Ohio State lost Miller, its starting quarterback and a Heisman Trophy contender, to injury just before the season. It then lost Barrett, his replacement and another Heisman contender, to a broken ankle in the regular-season finale. So it was left to Jones, in his first career start, to lead the Buckeyes in the Big Ten Championship game Saturday night, and that beautiful, long throw essentially announced that the game was over when Devin Smith caught the pass for a touchdown and the Buckeyes extended their lead to 24 points.

There were more than 11 minutes left in the second quarter.

If the College Football Playoff selection committee harbored any doubts about the absence of Barrett on Ohio State, ranked fifth by the committee, Jones answered them loud and clear with a 59-0 drubbing of 13th-ranked Wisconsin.

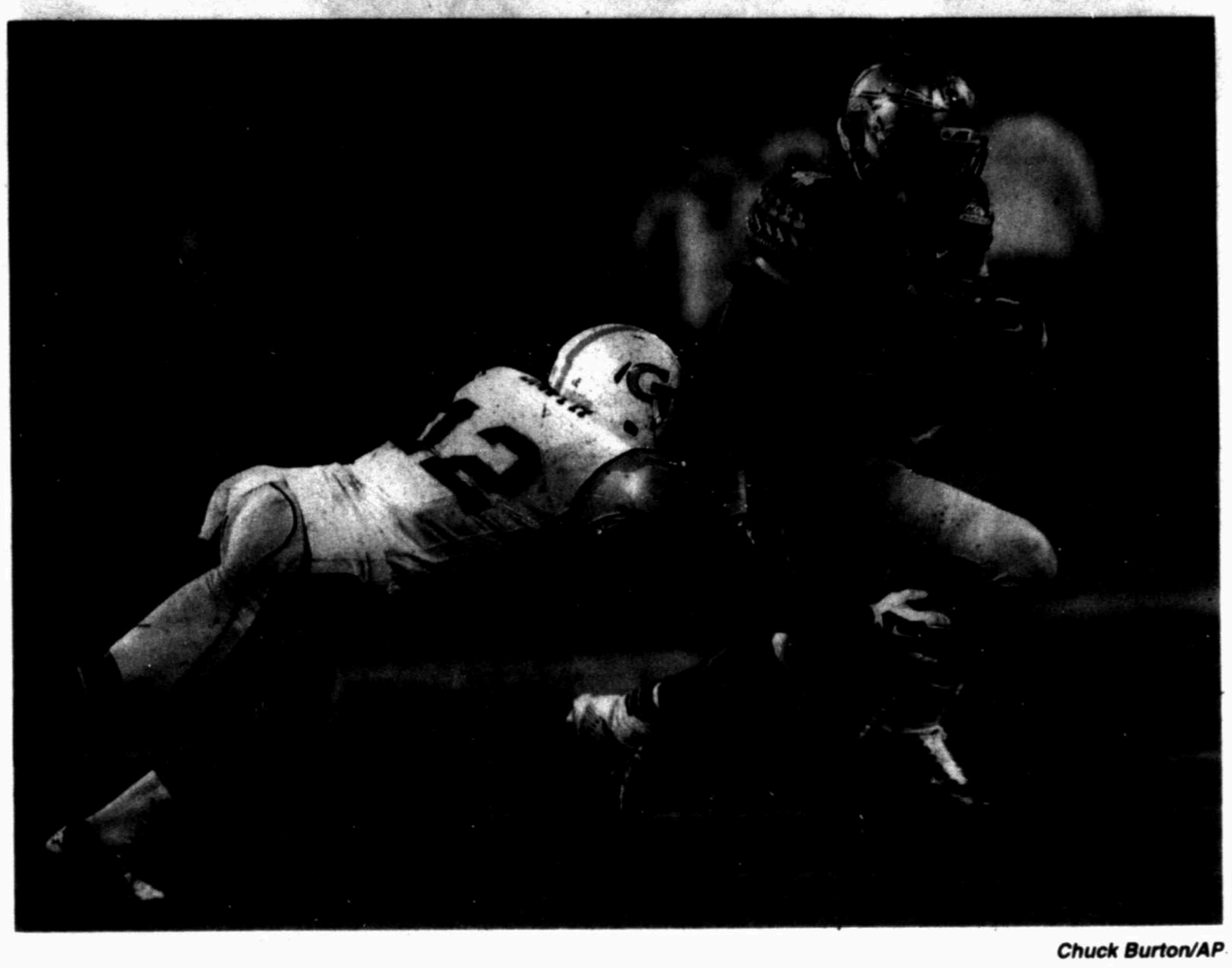
Jones was 12 of 17 passing for 257 yards and three touchdowns.

The committee must decide how much stock to place in this win and where to slot the Buckeyes in the postseason picture. Consider the Buckeyes' résumé: they won the Big Ten with a 12-1 record; they beat two ranked teams on the road (Michigan State and Minnesota); and they dominated Wisconsin here in thorough and exhausting fashion. Their lone blemish was a loss to Virginia Tech in September, when Barrett was still getting his bearings.

Darron Cummings/AP

Wisconsin running back Melvin Gordon (25) struggles for yardage as he is stopped by Ohio State defensive lineman Joey Bosa and defensive lineman Tommy Schutt (90) Saturday in Indianapolis.

'Noles sink Jackets



Chuck Burton/AP

Florida State's Dalvin Cook (4) runs past Georgia Tech defensive back Demond Smith (12) Saturday in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game in Charlotte, N.C.

No. 2 Seminoles.....37
No. 12 Yellow Jackets.....35

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Florida State has made its case to play for a second straight national championship.

Jameis Winston threw for 309 yards and three touchdowns, and second-ranked Seminoles held off No. 12 Georgia Tech 37-35 Saturday night to win their third consecutive ACC championship.

The Seminoles (13-0, 9-0 ACC, No. 4 CFP) will find out Sunday if it's enough to earn them a berth in the first ever College Football Playoff. All four of the top-ranked teams in the playoff rankings were victorious over the weekend.

Rashad Greene had seven catches for 123 yards and two scores and freshman Dalvin Cook had 220 yards from scrimmage and a touchdown in his first college start to help extend the Seminoles' winning streak to 29 games.

Nick O'Leary added three catches for 97 yards and a touchdown.

Synjyn Days ran for 67 yards and three touchdowns and Justin Thomas ran for 104 yards threw for a score for Georgia Tech (10-3, 6-3, No. 11 CFP), which rushed for 331 yards.

Winston, who threw four interceptions in a win over Florida last Saturday, was near perfect against the Yellow Jackets.

He completed 21 of 30 passes, didn't turn the ball over and seemed in total command throughout most of the game as Florida State scored on its final seven possessions.

The turning point came with 7:47 left in the game when Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson went for it on fourth and 5 near midfield.

The gamble failed when Thomas' pass to Darren Waller was underthrown. Until then, the Yellow Jackets had run the ball 58 times and thrown it just five.

Florida State quickly took advantage, moving into field goal range for Roberto Aguayo. He converted his third field goal the second half from 28 yards to make it a two-possession game at 37-28 with 4:28 left.

PLAYOFFSPECULATION

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

It all comes down today. The College Football Playoff Committee will make its final decision on who will be the four teams today, and oh boy do they have a decision to make.

One conference champion, and possibly two co-champions may be left out of the playoff all together. But with five conferences and four spots, somebody will be in another bowl on New Year's Day and not in a playoff semifinal.

Plus, what makes it even tougher is that the teams that needed style points got them.

I hope Jeff Long is ready for the questions that will come today.

Who's in?

Alabama: The Crimson Tide made their own statement by handling Missouri in the SEC Championship in Atlanta. Alabama is playing well right now and will be a tough team to stop and scorer against in the playoff. They are the champs of what many consider the toughest conference in the country.

Oregon: Like Alabama, the Ducks made quick work of their championship game opponent on Friday night. Oregon has made sure to keep winning since that loss to Arizona. Now, they have to prove they can win the big one when given the chance and will have the chance to play on the West Coast in the Rose Bowl in their semifinal.

Florida State: The Seminoles won a nail-biter against Georgia Tech in what was possibly the best game of the day on Saturday. Florida State just keeps winning, and I don't know what else they need to prove to the committee to get in. The question will be whether they jump Oregon by being undefeated.

And now, the fourth team.

We won't even begin to try to figure out who the commitee will pick as a the fourth team. But here's a case for each one of the three that have a shot at it.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes whipping of Wisconsin in the Big 10 championship may be enough to convince some commitee members to have them leap frog TCU and stay ahead of Baylor. The Virginia Tech loss was huge early in the year, but the Buckeyes won with their third-string quarterback on Saturday. It's something that the former coaches on the committee will take note of. Plus, the committee may not want to reward a co-champion and not an outright conference champion, even if it's a weaker conference.

TCU: The Horned Frogs were a victim of scheduling, and even their whipping of Iowa State on Saturday may not give them the style points needed to overcome Ohio State's performance. TCU has hung around the top four to six all this time, and being No 3 last week could be big in helping them get one of those four spots. Plus, TCU's win against Minnesota has helped them get this far and it may help them again. If TCU does not get in, it will be disappointing for the Horned Frogs and their fans.

Baylor: The Bears did what they needed to do on Saturday by beating Kansas State but their non-conference schedule has been a thorn in their side ever since the first rankings were announced. Baylor has kept winning since its loss to West Virginia, but their win against TCU has to be played into account.

Compiled by Len Hayward

AP'S TAKE

Alabama is in. So is Oregon. That we know for sure about the College Football Playoff after the top two teams in the selection committee's rankings romped in their conference championship games.

The contenders didn't make it easy on the selection committee Saturday, ensuring some drama and bickering Sunday after the field for the first playoff is revealed.

Florida State? The Seminoles are far from perfect, but they are still unbeaten.

TCU? The Horned Frogs were third last week and certainly did nothing to hurt that on Championship Saturday. Baylor and Ohio State presented winning final arguments, too.

The Buckeyes were so good against Wisconsin in the Big Ten championship game — with a third-string quarterback — that they might have helped the selection committee solve its Big 12 problem.

Instead of choosing between the Big 12's co-champions, the 12-member panel could pass on both and go with the Big Ten's best team.

Figuring out who takes the No. 3 and No. 4 spots is going to take some work. As for No. 1 and No. 2, it's just a matter of what order to put Alabama and Oregon.

The Crimson Tide followed the Ducks' lead on Saturday in Atlanta, walloping Missouri 42-13 to win the Southeastern Conference championship. Oregon beat Arizona 51-13 to win the Pac-12 championship Friday night.

No need to worry, SEC fans. The conference that dominated the BCS era will be represented in the playoff. Maybe underrepresented in the minds of many in the Deep South, but that's another debate.

Both the Tide and Ducks made a case to be No. 1, but it might not matter much. Expect Alabama to be in the semifinal held at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans and Oregon to be at the one held at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

Who they'll play is still up in the air.

The Horned Frogs (11-1) were the only contender not playing a ranked team Saturday. The Frogs did what was expected to Iowa State, burying the Big 12's worst team 55-3. TCU earned a share of the conference title but couldn't feel totally comfortable in a sure playoff spot.

The committee has said it would start with a clean slate when it ranks teams each week. Could it really demote the Frogs this late in the game?

"You just go to have patience," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "The committee's made of a lot of good people. You just kind of watch and see how it goes."

Patterson said the Frogs would be keeping a keen eye on the rest of the days' action. There was plenty to take in.

The Buckeyes were fifth in the playoff rankings heading into the Big Ten championship game, and didn't miss Heisman Trophy candidate J.T. Barrett one bit. Cardale Jones was spectacular and the Buckeyes smothered Wisconsin star Melvin Gordon.

The Bears (11-1), sixth in the rankings, now can call themselves Big 12 champs, too, after beating Kansas State 38-27. They're co-champions, but with a victory against TCU back in October.

"There's one true champion and it's the Baylor Bears," coach Art Briles shouted to a horde of Baylor fans covering the field at McLane Stadium.

That 61-58 comeback win in Waco hasn't been enough to convince the committee that the Bears are better than the Frogs nor is it being used as a tiebreaker in the Big 12. The conference that doesn't have a title game held two trophy ceremonies Saturday — one in Fort Worth and the other in Waco. It's up to the 12-member selection committee to figure out which team is better.

As committee chairman Jeff Long has said, the resumes between TCU and Baylor haven't been close enough for the head-to-head to come into play. But now the Bears and Frogs have played 10 common opponents. The only real difference will be that Baylor played Buffalo and TCU played Minnesota.

As for Florida State (13-0), the defending national champions have done nothing but win and fall in the rankings.

Yet again, the Seminoles had to fight and claw. But they extended their winning streak, this time with a 37-35 victory against Georgia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. Make it 29 in a row for the Noles.

The first playoff has only increased the intensity of the debate about who is best in college football.

Compiled by Ralph D. Russo

SATURDAY'S SCORES AND BOXES

AP Top 25

No. 1 Alabama (12-1) beat No. 14 Missouri 42-13, SEC championship. Next: TBA
No. 2 Florida State (13-0) beat No. 12 Georgia Tech 37-35, ACC championship. Next: TBA
No. 3 Oregon (12-1) beat No. 8 Arizona 51-13, Pac-12 championship, Friday. Next: TBA
No. 4 TCU (11-1) beat Iowa State 55-3. Next: TBA.
No. 5 Baylor (11-1) beat No. 9 Kansas State 38-27. Next: TBA.
No. 6 Ohio State (12-1) beat No. 11 Wisconsin 59-0, Big Ten championship. Next: TBA
No. 7 Michigan State (10-2) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 8 Arizona (10-3) lost to No. 3 Oregon 51-13, Pac-12 championship, Friday. Next: TBA
No. 9 Kansas State (9-3) lost to No. 5 Baylor 38-27. Next: TBA
No. 10 Mississippi State (10-2) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 11 Wisconsin (10-3) lost to No. 6 Ohio State 59-0, Big Ten championship. Next: TBA
No. 12 Georgia Tech (10-3) lost to No. 2 Florida State 37-35, ACC championship. Next: TBA
No. 13 Mississippi (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 14 Missouri (10-3) lost to No. 1 Alabama 42-13, SEC championship. Next: TBA.
No. 15 Georgia (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
No. 16 UCLA (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
No. 17 Arizona State (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
No. 18 Oklahoma (8-4) lost to Oklahoma State 38-35, OT. Next: TBA
No. 19 Clemson (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 20 Auburn (8-4) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 21 Louisville (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 22 Boise State (10-2) vs. Fresno State.
MWC championship. Next: TBA.
No. 23 LSU (8-4) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 24 Utah (8-4) did not play. Next: TBA
No. 25 Nebraska (9-3) did not play. Next: TBA

MAJOR SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 38, Kansas St. 27
Oklahoma St. 38, Oklahoma 35, OT
TCU 55, Iowa St. 3
SOUTH
Alcorn St. 38, Southern U. 24
Chattanooga 35, Indiana St. 14
Coastal Carolina 26, Richmond 15
Florida St. 37, Georgia Tech 35
Marshall 28, Louisiana Tech 23
Sam Houston St. 37, Jacksonville St. 26
Temple 10, Tulane 3
West Georgia 31, Valdosta St. 17
MIDWEST
Alabama 42, Missouri 13
Cincinnati 38, Houston 31
Illinois St. 41, N. Iowa 21
Marian (Ind.) 41, Morningside 21
Minn. St.-Mankato 44, Minn. Duluth 17
Mount Union 36, John Carroll 28
N. Dakota St. 27, S. Dakota St. 24
Ohio State 59, Wisconsin 0
S. Oregon 62, St. Xavier 37
Wis.-Whitewater 37, Wartburg 33
FAR WEST
CSU-Pueblo 31, Ohio Dominican 28
E. Washington 37, Montana 20
EAST
Concord 32, Bloomsburg 26
Linfield 45, Widener 7
New Hampshire 44, Fordham 19
SMU 27, UConn 20
Villanova 29, Liberty 22
Wesley 41, Hobart 13

NCAA Division II Football Playoff Glance
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
Concord (W.Va.) (13-0) vs. Minnesota State-(Mankato) (13-0), TBA
West Georgia (12-2) vs. Colorado State-Pueblo (12-1), TBA Championship
Saturday, Dec. 20
At Sporting Park
Kansas City, Kan.
Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

NCAA Division III Football Playoff Glance
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 58, 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 58, 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 38, John Carroll 28
Wisconsin-Whitewater 37, Wartburg 33
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 13
Wisconsin-Whitewater (13-0) vs. Linfield (11-1), TBA
Wesley (12-1) vs. Mount Union (13-0), TBA
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Friday, Dec. 19
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

NAIA Football Playoff Glance
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) 58, Missouri Valley 28
Marian (Ind.) 34, Grand View (Iowa) 6
Southern Oregon 45, Carroll (Mont.) 42
Saint Xavier (Ill.) 30, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) 17
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.

TEXAS BOXES
NO. 4 TCU 55, IOWA ST. 3

Iowa St.	0	3	0	0	—3
TCU	14	3	31	7	—55

First Quarter
TCU—Boykin 58 pass from D.Porter (Oberkrom kick), 9:30.
TCU—Green 3 run (Oberkrom kick), 3:18.
Second Quarter
ISU—FG Netten 28, 12:47.
TCU—FG Oberkrom 39, 7:57.
Third Quarter
TCU—Green 54 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 13:54.
TCU—FG Oberkrom 23, 8:36.
TCU—Kinghorn 44 interception return (Oberkrom kick), 6:41.
TCU—Doctson 18 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 1:42.
TCU—Gray 45 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), :42.
Fourth Quarter
TCU—Story 14 pass from Boykin (Oberkrom kick), 12:34.
A—45,242.

	ISU	TCU
First downs	13	33
Rushes-yards	32-84	38-197
Passing	152	525
Comp-Att-Int	16-41-2	33-45-1
Return Yards	0	46
Punts-Avg	10-36.5	3-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-19	5-50
Time of Possession	28:35	31:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Iowa St: Wimberly 17-73, Brown 6-18, Syria 2-6, Nealy 3-1, Sam.B Richardson 4-(minus 14), TCU: Green 13-104, T.Johnson 6-49, Boykin 8-44, D.White 1-6, Gray 1-5, Murphy 2-4, Kohlhausen 1-(minus 1), Team 4-(minus 4). Hicks 2-(minus 10).
PASSING—Iowa St: Sam.B.Richardson 16-40-1-152, J.West 0-1-1-0. TCU: Boykin 30-41-460, Kohlhausen 2-3-0-10, D.Porter 1-1-0-55.
RECEIVING—Iowa St: J.West 5-63, Montgomery 4-42, Wimberly 4-21, Al.Lazard 2-16, Eddy 1-10. TCU: Doctson 9-151, Green 6-67, Gray 4-65, Story 3-37, Hicks 3-32, Listenbee 2-56, D.Porter 2-14, Boykin 1-55, E.Porter 1-38, Taylor 1-5, D.White 1-5

NO. 5 BAYLOR 38, NO. 9 KANSAS ST. 27

Kansas St.	0	14	6	7	—27
Baylor	14	10	14	0	—38

First Quarter
Bay—Petty 1 run (Callahan kick), 13:25.
Bay—Linwood 1 run (Callahan kick), 1:12.
Second Quarter
KSt—C.Jones 1 run (McCrane kick), 10:47.
Bay—Jefferson 2 run (Callahan kick), 7:43.
KSt—Trujillo 36 pass from Waters (McCrane kick), 4:08.
Bay—FG Callahan 46, :00.
Third Quarter
KSt—FG McCrane 24, 11:36.
Bay—Goodley 58 pass from Petty (Callahan kick), 11:16.
KSt—FG McCrane 47, 7:30.
Bay—Jefferson 3 run (Callahan kick), 4:56.
Fourth Quarter
KSt—Lockett 8 pass from Waters (McCrane kick), 12:41.
A—47,894.

	KSt	Bay
First downs	27	34
Rushes-yards	40-103	37-172
Passing	300	412
Comp-Att-Int	22-27-1	34-41-1
Return Yards	4	0
Punts-Avg	3-43.3	2-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	7-70
Time of Possession	34:47	25:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas St: C.Jones 13-45, Waters 20-31, Robinson 5-26, Lockett 1-4, Gronowski 1-(minus 3), Baylor: Linwood 16-91, Jefferson 8-46, Goodley 1-33, Petty 7-6, Coleman 1-0, Team 2-(minus 4).
PASSING—Kansas St.: Waters 22-27-1-300. Baylor: Petty 34-40-1-412, Team 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—Kansas St.: Lockett 14-158, Trujillo 3-68, Cook 3-39, Cu.Sexton 2-15, Baylor, Goodley 9-116, Norwood 7-62, Lee 6-57, C.Fuller 4-74, Coleman 4-41, Cannon 3-33, Armstead 1-29.

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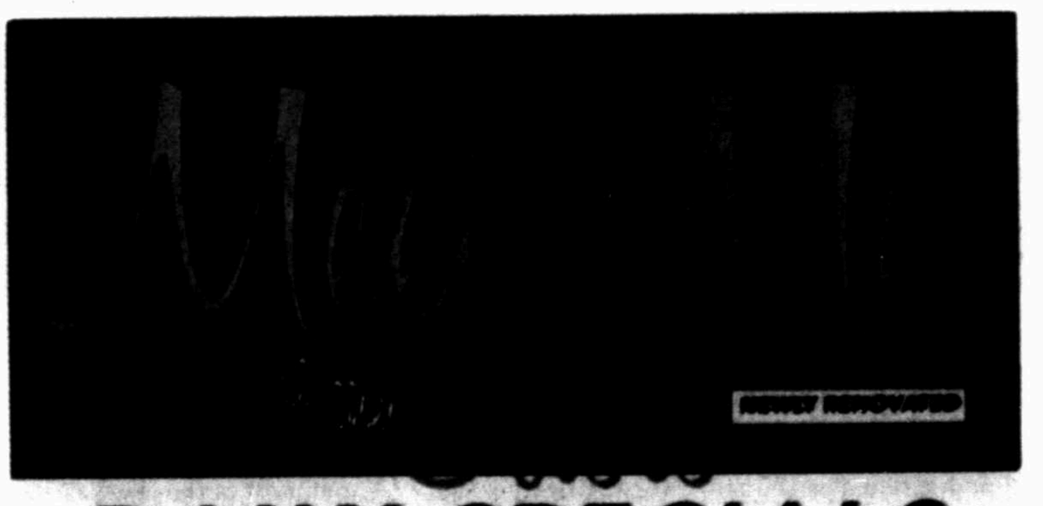

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DATED this 4th day of December, 2014.

GARY ALAN McCRIGHT, Independent Executor of the Estate of William Hoyle McCright, Deceased

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CAUSE NO. FM57603

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF
JONATHAN HOWARD MADISON
AND
SHANNON SHARI REISH-MADISON

AND IN THE INTEREST OF ALEXSYS ELIZABETH MADISON, A CHILD

IN THE 318th DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

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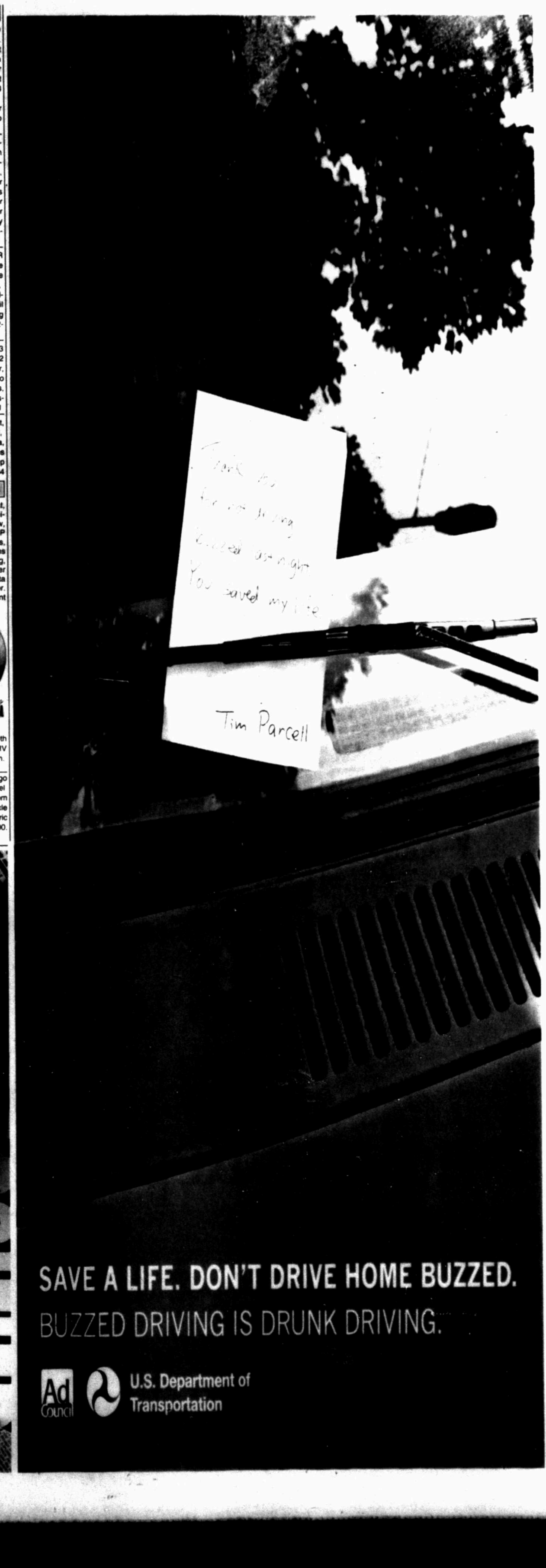

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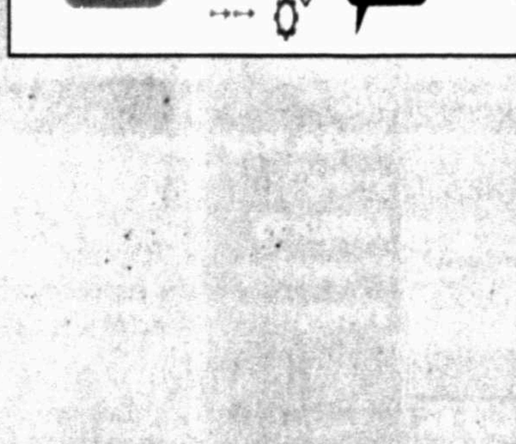

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FIND YOUR COWBELL

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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People find inspiration in the strangest places. Marketing consultant Brian Carter found his in a Saturday Night Live sketch that taught him a fundamental principle of career success.

"You must find out what people have a fever for – their cowbell – and then give them more of it," says Carter, a marketing strategist from Charleston, S.C. and co-author of "The Cowbell Principle: Career Advice on How to Get Your Dream Job and Make More Money" (CreateSpace Independent, 2014). He wrote the book with Houston motivational speaker Garrison Wynn based on an SNL sketch with Will Ferrell known as "More Cowbell."

Beyond the traditional definition of the notorious clanks worn by livestock, Carter describes cowbells as a unique, profitable talent or offering. When you discover it and share it, he says, you gain success and happiness for both yourself and others.

The experience becomes very uplifting particularly for those who need an edge to advance in their careers.

"The job with the greatest security is the one that only you can do," he says. "It's your job to do what you love but also to make sure it helps somebody."

Sometimes a cowbell is more specific than a talent, Carter adds. Being analytical can be a talent, but maybe the particular way you use Excel pivot tables on research data is your niche.

Other times a cowbell might be best defined relative to the competition you face. Your cowbell can also change with the situation.

Carter and Wynn offer a few examples that represent the diversity of cowbells:

- A speaker who models his behavior on how rock stars perform.
- A startup entrepreneur who focuses with OCD-like, laser-level obliviousness to solve problems.
- A PR professional who addresses the biggest PR problem that PR itself has.
- An author who forecasts trends, simplifies complex topics and draw out people's stories by listening.

Drawing on another analogy, Carter notes that a cowbell is also like the icing on a cake.

"Employees with no icing don't stand out. They don't have an advantage. They can be fired and easily replaced," he notes.

To pinpoint your cowbell – or figure out your icing – Carter suggests making a list with two columns.

The first column is the cake: things you have to do that a lot of other people could do. The second column is the icing: the unique things you do that are irreplaceable.

Once you've determined your gift, start to own it.

"When you're playing your cowbell with passion, your efforts will create influence," Carter adds. "If you choose to not to develop your advantages, you run the risk of being mired in mediocrity."

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GIVE THANKS FOR COMPLAINTS

DON'T THINK OF THEM AS THOUGHTLESS CRITICISMS – COMPLAINTS FROM COLLEAGUES CAN BE A USEFUL TOOL FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL IN THE WORKPLACE

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

Nobody likes a habitual complainer. But everyone should learn to appreciate complaints, legitimate or otherwise, in all areas of life – including work.

That's because when people complain, "They're making you an offer – an opportunity to make their relationship with you better," says Ron Kaufman, who teaches companies how to handle customer service complaints through his consultancy, UP! Your Service, located in New York and Singapore. "If they didn't care, they wouldn't bother."

Instead, they've made the decision to invest energy in airing their real or perceived grievance. "That's a great gift," Kaufman says, "even if it comes poorly wrapped in anger and frustration."

As a bonus, a complaint from a colleague sometimes lets an employee know how he or she is perceived at work because a single complainer often represents many others who feel the same way but either keep quiet or grouse to everyone else behind the employee's back, Kaufman says. Provided it's handled well, a complaint gives an employee the opportunity to improve his or her attitude, performance and work reputation, along with the relationship.

So what's the proper way to handle a complaint?

When folks complain, "The first thing they want to happen is to feel as if they are being heard," says business etiquette consultant Diane Gottsman of the Protocol School of Texas. "Allow the person to speak their mind, listen carefully and ask thoughtful follow-up questions. If they are agitated, do not take on their defensive tone of voice."

Hearing the person out without becoming defensive is "how you keep the conversation moving in a positive direction," says Kaufman, author of the New York Times bestseller "Uplifting Service: The Proven Path to Delighting Your Customers, Colleagues, and Everyone Else You Meet" (Evolve Publishing, 2012).

Even when a complaint stings or lacks validity, thank the person for expressing it directly. After all, a complaining customer can simply take his or her business elsewhere instead of providing an opportunity to keep it. And a complaining colleague could just as easily badmouth the person or company amongst coworkers or on social media. Keep all of this in mind and show appreciation for the complainer's time, feedback and suggestions, Kaufman advises.

Then, acknowledge what's important to that person. "Even if you think the complaint is unfair, there is something they value that you didn't deliver on," Kaufman says. "When you validate what the person values, you aren't agreeing that you failed in that area; you're saying, 'I agree with you on what you find important and what you value.'"

This also provides an opening to "show them things you do to perform well in that area," he says.

Of course, "You should take responsibility for your actions if you were inappropriate or at fault," Kaufman says. "Commit to being better in the future and offer some sort of compensatory action: Clean up the mess, refund the money, stay late and finish a project – whatever is appropriate."

While it helps to make amends in a timely manner, "If you aren't prepared to fix the issue, tell the person you have to do some research and you will get back with them within a certain amount of time," says Gottsman, adding that it's instructive to ask what he or she would like to come out of the situation.

Keep in mind that, fair or not complainers pipe up because they feel wronged in some way; therefore, an apology is in order. Apologizing "is not automatically saying you're to blame," Kaufman says. At times it's a powerful act "that says you are committed to the wellbeing of the relationship in the future and to create something better together."

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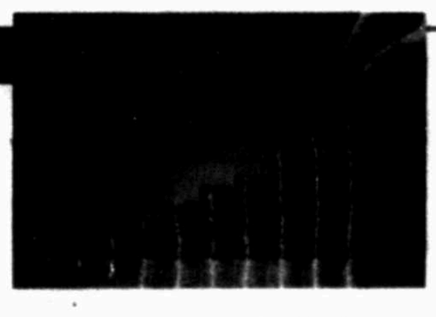
ADVANCE IDEA

"Can I borrow some money until payday?"

It's a difficult request to make, especially of your employer. "The employee has to be at wit's end to ask," says Frank Dombroski, president of FlexWage.



Yet, a recent survey conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management and commissioned by Elevate, an online credit firm, finds that 53 percent of workers had approached a representative of their firm for a payroll advance in the last year.

In addition, thirty-seven percent of human resources professionals polled reported that employees missed work in the last year due to a financial emergency.

But even when employers would like to advance money, "it's difficult to administer," says Dombroski. Loaning money involves setting payback terms – essentially entering the lending business – and following banking regulations.

In accordance, several new firms are popping up to serve as third-party loan administrators to employees in need of financial assistance. Nineteen percent of respondents to the SHRM-Elevate survey reported using an outside firm.

The terms of payroll advances vary according to the third-party firm hired by the employer.

FlexWage, for instance, accesses the employer's payroll data. Advances are determined by how much in wages are already earned.

Elevate has an Elastic line of credit, available to some seven million workers, reports Kathy Boden Holland, EVP of Elevate. Employees can choose to pay back the advance in one to five payments.

The payroll advance firms say these loans are less expensive than other payday loan options, available from Internet sites or neighborhood institutions.

SHRM has issued suggested guidelines for companies offering payday advances, among them: Repayment terms should be clear, advances should not be approved if a worker has another advance outstanding and requests that exceed one week's net pay should have the approval of the vice president of human resources and the chief financial officer.

– Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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Manor Park, Inc. is a financially sound Continuing Care Retirement Community with more than 600 residents located on 65 acres in Midland, Texas. We are seeking a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to develop a $24,000,000 budget, produce monthly and annual financial statements, ensure debt relations compliance, and present reports to the Board of Trustees. The CFO will provide strategic leadership as we implement our new Strategic Plan and initiate a Master Plan for our campus. Will oversee corporate investments, audit procedures, and insurance needs. Also will provide leadership to our Continuing Care Retirement Community's service departments including Maintenance, Dining Services, and Independent Living. The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and at least 10 years progressive experience in a senior-level finance or accounting position with demonstrated leadership skills and excellent interpersonal skills. CPA certification or Masters' degree preferred.

We offer the following benefits:
Time off with pay, 401K plan, health insurance, supplemental insurance, and free life insurance.

Applications may be completed at or mail resumes to:
Human Resources Department
Manor Park, Inc.
2208 N Loop 250 Wt
Midland, TX 79705
Fax (432) 697-0577
Email to: hrdept@manorparkinc.org
Background checks and drug screening will be conducted on qualified candidates.
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O&G Excellent Pay. Will be responsible for all Accounts Payable as well as assisting in other accounting responsibilities. Oil & Gas experience required. **Call 432-684-5900 or e-mail resumes to ronae@preferred-personnel.com.**

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Endeavor Energy Resources, LP is looking for **entry level accountants** with an Accounting Degree. We will train! Excellent benefits include free medical insurance, access to the Endeavor Energy Family Clinic, 401(K) plan and more! Apply online through our careers page at www.endeavorenergylp.com

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Please send resume and salary requirements to: jtarry@petroplex.com and/or rcantu@petroplex.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

Editorial

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Midland, Texas
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- Ability to Multi-task

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- Experience proven in the management of employees of management level and general staff level.
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midland memorial hospital

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Central Supply Technician – "Inventory Control" experience wanted. Helps the hospital and Materials Management distribute products and supplies to support patient care areas. Counts, replenishes and maintains supplies in Central Supply and the Bulk Warehouse. Must demonstrate and promote strong customer service skills.

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Institutional Effectiveness/Research Secretary
Kinesiology Lecture Instructor
Maintenance Technician
Payroll Manager
Police Officer
Set-Up Custodian
Secretary to the Dean of Continuing Education
Spanish Instructor
Student Success Program Chair
Transportation Training Instructor
Vehicle Make Ready/Driver
WFCE Open Enrollment Coordinator

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12 a.m. Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 1am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

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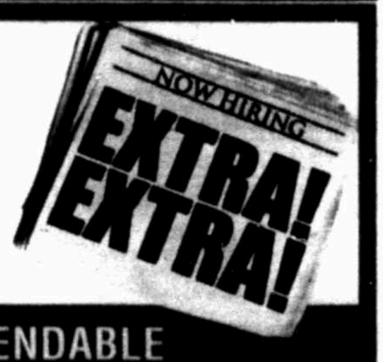
Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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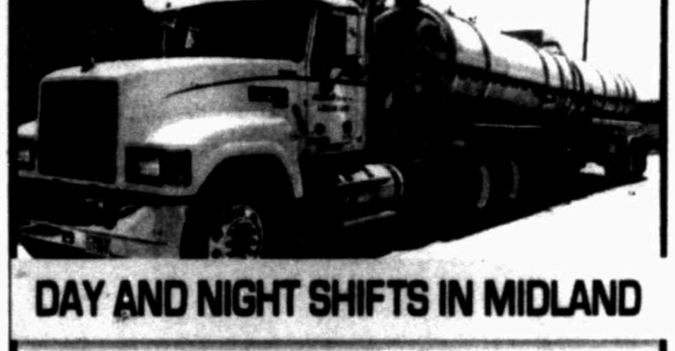

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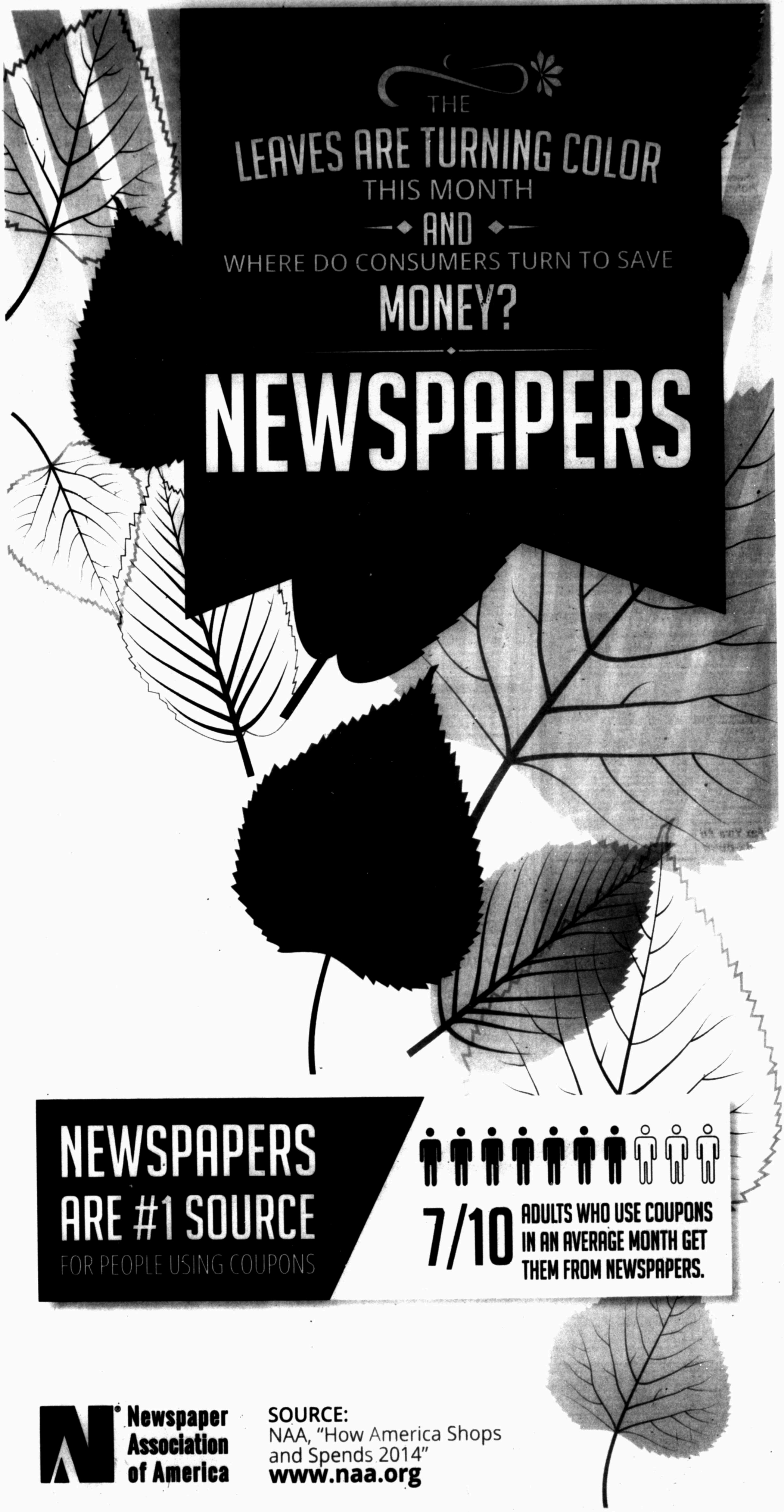

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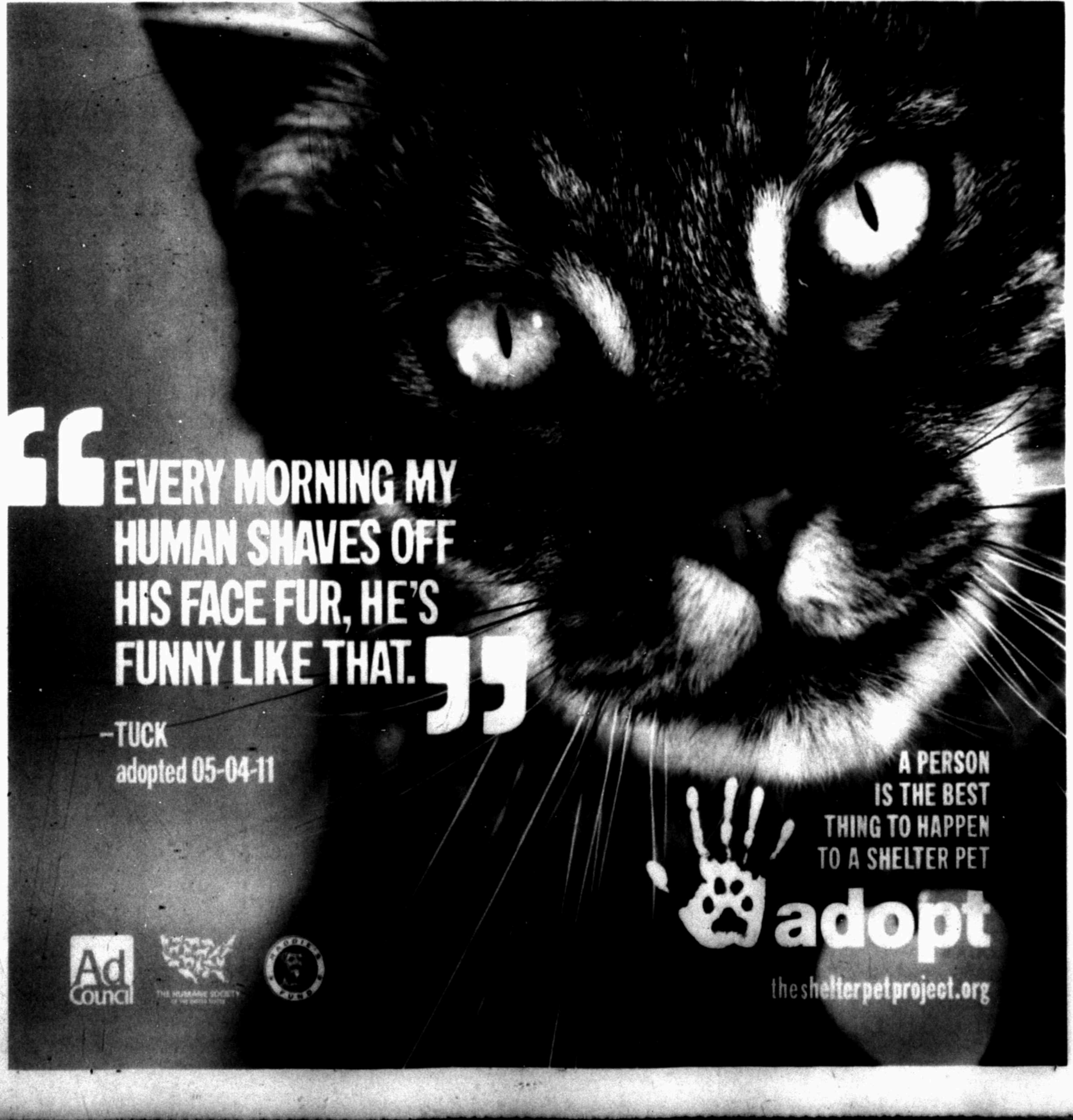

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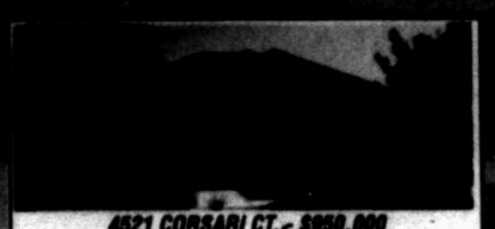

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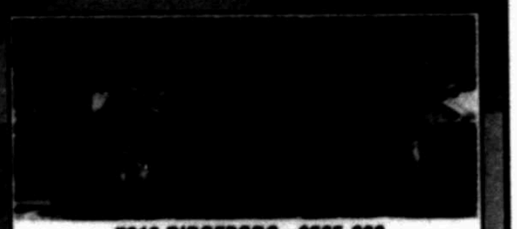

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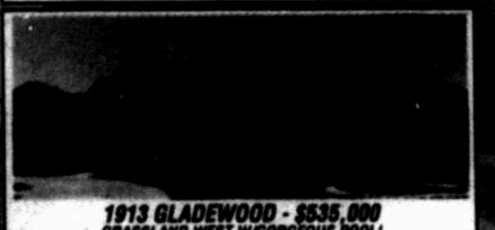
Formal dining! Formal living w/views of pool! Cozy den w/fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast bar! Glass sunroom! 2 Rooomy bedrooms w/hall bath downstairs! Master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 2 Great bedrooms & hall bath on upper level! Soooooooo much storage in this one! Pool w/diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!

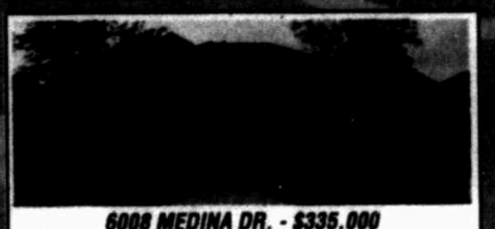


1913 GLADEWOOD - $535,000
GRASSLAND WEST W/GORGEOUS POOL!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counter space plus pantry! Sec master w/nice bath & closest space! Sec in-law plan! Live outdoors too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&Jill bath! Recent carpet & wood flooring! Awesome-utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!

5609 ECR 120 - $475,000
GREAT HOME IN GREYWOOD OR 4+ACRES W/POOL!
3 large bedrooms with their own bathrooms!!! ½ bath for guests!!! open floor plan !!! huge living area with fireplace !!! fabulous kitchen great for entertaining!! outside offers nearly 5 acres ..inviting pool ..fire pit area and covered patio!! circle drive 2 car garage!!!

1007 ECR 128 - $360,000
WOW! WONDERFUL COUNTRY PROPERTY W/WORKSHOP!
One owner immaculately maintained home w/tons to offer! Living area w/high ceilings, fireplace, skylights; offers room for formal dining! Kitchen w/pretty oak cabinetry & breakfast bar! Sunroom is a perfect den or office! Spacious master w/private bath & nice closets! Covers patio! Large workshop w/hall bath; tons of storage upstairs & 2 garage doors! 2 Cg+3 car detached garage w/rv space! Pens! Gates! Fab!

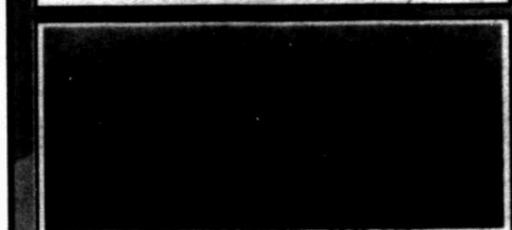
10709 ECR 100 - $350,000
GREENWOOD SCHOOLS! WONDERFUL WORKSHOP!
Gameroom! Man-cave/workshop! This one has something for everyone! Large living rm w/fireplace is open to the dining area & kitchen! Breakfast bar! Pantry! Sec master suite w/huge bath & closet! Spacious bedrooms! Nice utility rm! 2 Car garage attached + parking in workshop! Carport too! Covered patio! Huge yard plus storage space behind fence! Gray water system for yard! Neat!



6008 MEDINA DR. - $335,000
FABULOUS MARK PAYNE RESALE!
Open concept w/no wasted space! Open kitchen offers granite countertops,breakfast bar & nook! Spacious living rm w/corner fireplace! Big windows! Sequestered master suite w/gorgeous bath boasts granite countertops, oil rubbed bronze fixtures! soaking tub, step shower & large closet! Roomy bedrooms w/great closets! Hall bath has dual sinks, granite & tub/shower! Stained concrete! Wow!

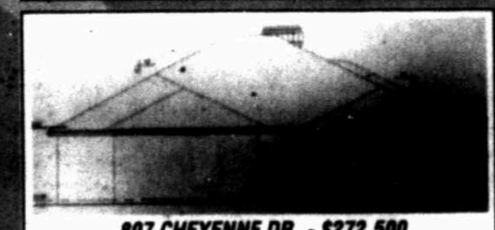
4700 ECR 140 - $325,000
ONE OWNER CUSTOM HOME OF 4 ACRES OF QUIET COUNTRY LIVING
Living room w/fireplace & beamed, vaulted ceiling! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! Sequestered master suite w/private bath offers 2 closets, dual sinks & sep shower & tub! 4Th bedroom is converted garage & could be office/playroom/home gym! Bedrooms are spacious w/ great closets! Fenced backyard! 3 Cg/workshop has huge storage closet! Horse barn!

2210 WHITNEY DR. - $325,000
READY TO BE CHARMED?
Just walk inside to see this fabulous home w/pool! This beauty offers hardwood flooring,brick fireplace,tons of windows & a round formal dining room! Kitchen w/island & corner window sink has tons of cabinets! Formal living w/bay window! Large utility room w/desk! 4 Roomy bedrooms! Spacious master w/updated bathroom! Circle drive! Entertainers backyard w/patio pool & trees! Impressive!



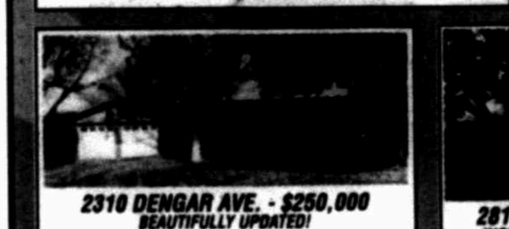
2004 AGUILA ST. - $325,000
EXQUISITE NEW CONSTRUCTION BY MASTER BUILDERS!
Open concept w/great living room & fireplace! Gorgeous kitchen w/island, granite countertops, pantry & tons of cabinetry! Formal dining space too! Sequestered master suite offers large bedrooms w/spa ceilings, beautiful bathroom w/his & her vanities, jetted tub, separate shower & two huge closets! Covered patio! Spacious bedrooms w/nice closets! 2 Cg!

901 CHEYENNE ST. - $290,000
WONDERFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION IN A BRAND NEW SUBDIVISION!
Gorgeous home loaded with upgrades! Formal dining area! Large living room w/high ceilings! Fireplace! Gourmet kitchen with tons of cabinetry & granite countertop, pantry & big island/breakfast bar! Spacious sequestered master suite w/beautiful bath offers jetted tub, 2 vanities & 2 closets! Covered patio! 2 Car garage!



807 CHEYENNE DR. - $272,500
WONDERFUL NEW CONSTRUCTION BY TROY HUNT!
Upgrades thru-out! Granite countertops! Beautiful cabinetry! Carpet & tile flooring! Fireplace in living w/high ceilings! Open kitchen w/breakfast bar & dining area! Sequestered master suite w/ tray ceiling & beautiful bathroom offers dual vanities, large shower, jetted tub & great closet! Spacious bedrooms w/walk-in closets! Covered patio! 2 Car garage!

809 CHUKAR - $250,000
SPEND YOUR EVENINGS ON THIS PORCH!
Wonderfully updated home on huge lot! ¼ 259 Acre lot with fencing & close to downtown! Wood floors, Granite countertops,! Crown moulding! Tons of windows! Roomy bedrooms & great baths! Garage has been converted for a wonderful gameroom/2nd living room! High efficiency windows & heater;ac ;Low-e vinyl insulated windows! City utilities ;Land w/city convenience



2310 DENGAR AVE. - $250,000
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED!
Wood flooring! Formal living & dining! Wonderful kitchen w/ big window & breakfast bar is open to cozy den! Hall bathroom is gorgeous w/granite! Master bathroom remodel completed 2013! Spacious master w/2 closets! Roomy bedrooms w/great closets! Plantation shutters thru-out! Recent windows! Covered patio! Nice backyard w/cinder block fence! 2 Car garage! Close to fannin school!

2017 SHANDON AVE. - $235,000
WONDERFUL HOME W/HUGE OAK TREES!
Large formal living/formal dining area! Den w/audio/ tile & fireplace! Kitchen w/abundant storage has breakfast bar! Breakfast nook w/bay windows! Large utility room w/half bath! Master suite offers 2 closets plus bath w/tub/shower combo! Hall bath has extra large walk-in shower! Roomy bedrooms! Great storage thru-out! Covered patio! Nice yards! Block fence! Fannin great! Nice!!

2302 SINCLAIR - $242,500
WONDERFUL CLASSIC HOME ON TREE LINED STREET CLOSE TO PARK!
Formal living & dining w/large windows! Cozy den w/fireplace! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! Large utility room! Spacious master bedroom w/private bath! Roomy bedrooms w/nice closets! Wonderful backyard w/fenced patio that extends larger w/cinder block fence! 2 Cg! With some updates this one could be fabulous!

3916 MONTY DR. - $165,000
NICE FAMILY HOME WITH GREAT ENTERTAINING LIVING ROOM!
Cozy den with fireplace greets you & opens to beautiful kitchen with breakfast bar & nook! Spacious family room is perfect for media room or large family gatherings! Master suite downstairs plus one bedroom! Two bedrooms & full bath upstairs! Utility room! Nice patio & big backyard! Storage building

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4817 YEARWOOD DRIVE
$338,000
Roomy with 2 living areas. Large kitchen with granite, beautiful cabinets and stainless appliances. Sequestered master has large closet, dual vanities with granite and a garden tub. Includes a study/bonus room, large cover patio, generous yard, and a wonderful 3-car garage.
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6 Steps to Turn Your Home into A Personal Retreat

We all love the feeling of a relaxing vacation retreat. Well, there's no reason we can't translate some of our favorite luxurious amenities into our very own home. Below are six tips for giving your home that home-away vibe.

1. Update your linens. What do top-notch spas and retreats always have? High quality bedding and towels. To give a little spa feeling to your bed and bathroom, splurge on the good stuff when it comes to linens.

2. Create a luxury zone. Whether it's a pillow-lined reading nook in the kitchen or a garden patio blooming with your favorite flowers, create a space in your home that reads vacation. With your own relaxation station, vacation is only a few steps away.

3. Let in the light. A well-lit space always feels a bit more luxurious. Consider upgrading to larger windows, or add a skylight. If you can't afford to update your windows, keep your space feeling light with light-colored paint, furniture and accessories.

4. Get a handle on clutter. It's hard to feel at ease when your home is a mess. Creating a zen-like atmosphere requires more than a one-time cleaning plan. Sit down with your family to discuss de-cluttering and cleaning responsibilities. Having a family cleaning day can really help take your (neat, organized) home to the bed-and-breakfast level.

5. Make sure your front hallway is welcoming. Coming home to a cluttered entryway immediately sets the mood of the house. Create an inviting, appealing entryway by storing all shoes, jackets, umbrellas and bags out of sight. Add some interesting art to the wall, or make the space seem bigger with a mirror.

6. Turn your bedroom into a zen room. High-end hotels always have beds you never want to leave. Grant your own bedroom the same feeling with extra pillows, a cozy comforter and fresh flowers.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Looking at homes for sale? Avoid these mistakes

If you're looking for a reason not to buy a home, you'll probably find one. Maybe the den is painted in the school colors of your most-despised college team. Or the granite counter in the kitchen has a foot-long crack. Perhaps the otherwise fantastic house has only two and a half baths rather than three full bathrooms you desire. Before you decide undesirable features like these are deal killers, take a moment to consider them. Not every shortcoming in a property should disqualify it.

How big a deal is it?

Take the den with the rival college's colors on the wall; it's not hard or expensive to repaint it a more agreeable color. Turning that half bath into a full bath takes considerably more time and money. The crack in the counter may warrant further investigation. Is it the result of dropped object … or a shifting foundation? The point is to figure out whether an objectionable aspect of the property is a minor annoyance or a serious deficiency that means you should move on to the next house for sale. A local REALTOR® can assist you in assessing these situations and help you sort through your options.

What about stuff you can't see?

There's more to a property than meets the eye. That's why most people pay for a professional inspection of a home they're considering buying before proceeding with the purchase. An inspector will almost certainly find at least a few items – perhaps more than a few – to call to your attention. Like the negative features you noted in your own observations, these unwanted surprises will range in degree of seriousness. Installing a new electrical outlet is often cheap; fixing a chimney pulling away from the house usually is not. You may decide to hire an expert to further investigate problems identified in the inspection report. For example, a structural engineer can offer a more detailed opinion of a foundation's condition. You also can get repair quotes on conditions you think must be fixed. That knowledge will help you make an informed decision on how to proceed.

Is there any problem that can't be fixed?

While it's not helpful to use a hair trigger to disqualify properties, the opposite attitude – that no obstacle is insurmountable – can also put you in a bind. If you've decided to buy a property where you can "age in place," you should probably pass on the multilevel house that's amazing in every other respect. A REALTOR® can help you make sense of all this, pointing out important timing issues of inspections and option periods, helping you with negotiations and sifting through all the information you receive on a property.

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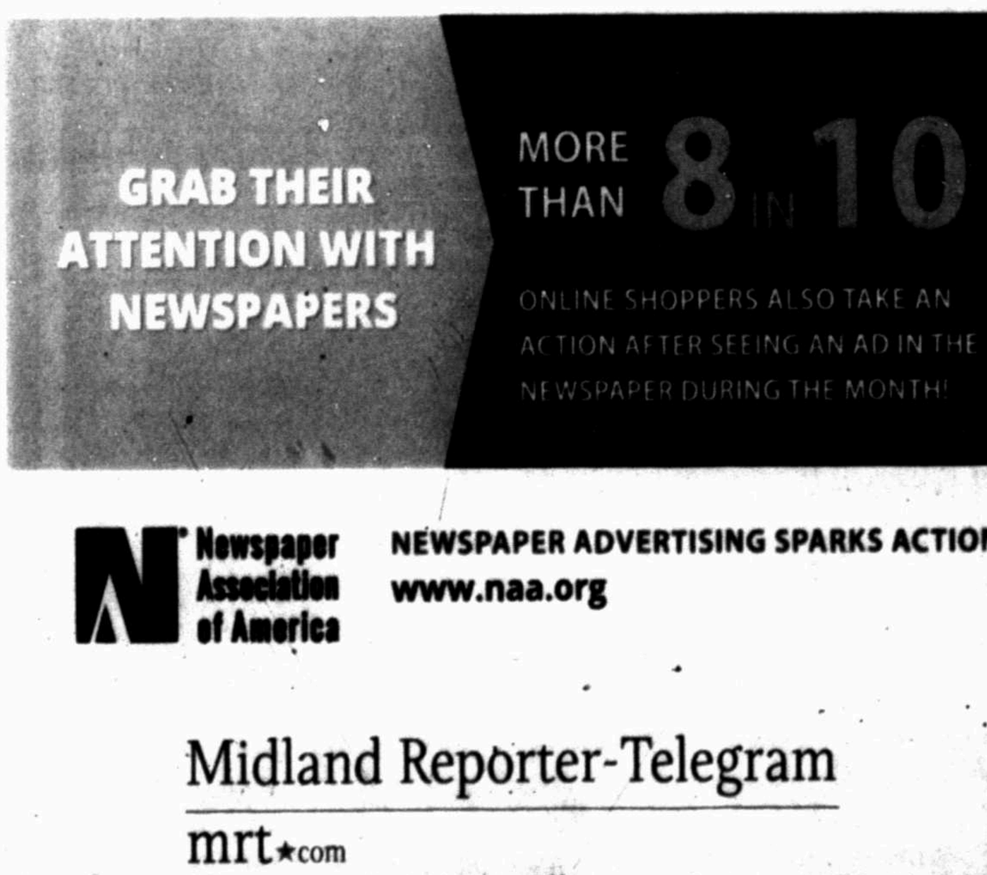

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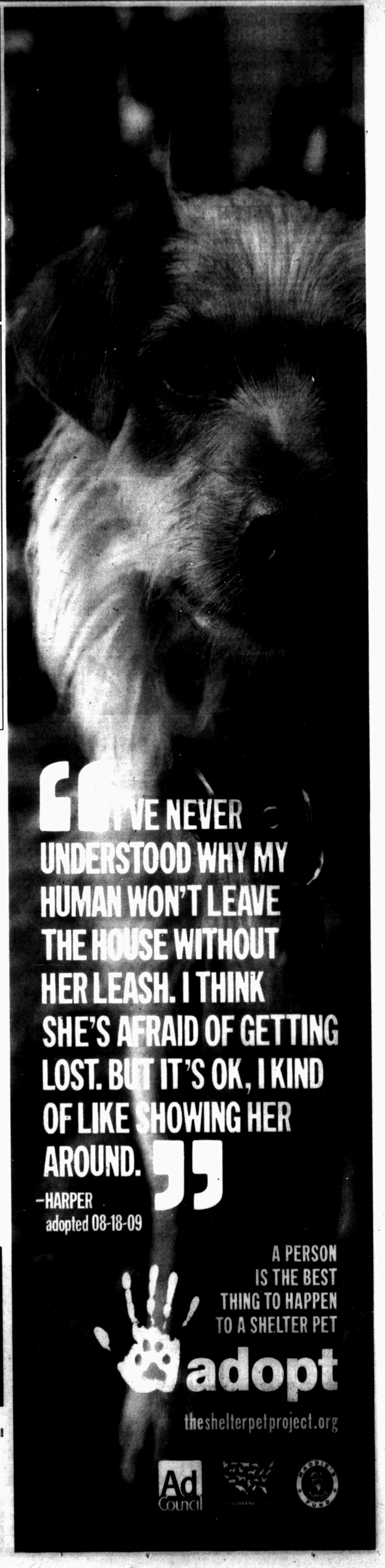

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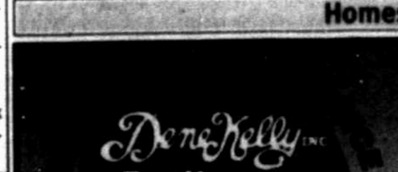

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- Nolan County
*646 ac, over 1 mile SOLD d creek, blinds, feeders direction change, oak/mesquite $3,550/ac
*565 ac, Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres planted for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $3,500/ac
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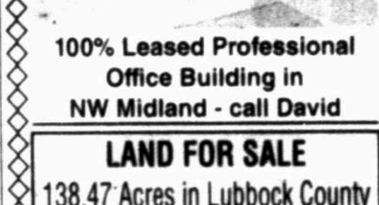

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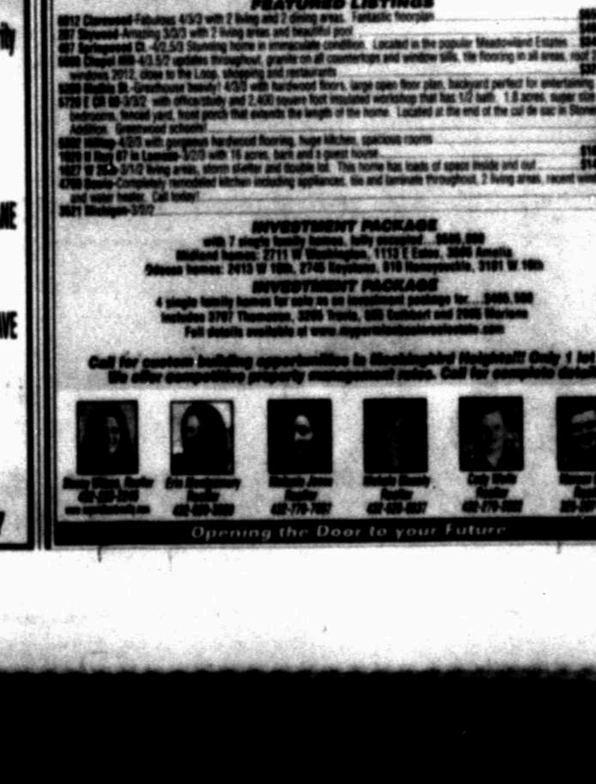

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$119,900 Big Spring – Golf Big Spring Homes #58-4258
Quality family home with 3 bedroom/1 bathroom, 1 bath & double car garage. Open floor plan, 1 master suite, wood burner fireplace.

$124,900 Midland – Golf Mill Lanier #52-4149 Rob Lansbrough 557-4149
Cute and spacious updated 4 bedroom/2 bath home w/workshop! Fireplace, updated kitchen w/granite, large backyard, lots of landscaping.

$129,900 Midland – Golf Bent E. Jones #57-4256
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$139,900 Midland – Golf Cedar Ridge #58-4255
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4 Bedrooms

$139,900 Midland – Golf Glendale Dallas #57-3789
4br, 2ba large home, great floorplan for entertaining! Hardwood floors, tile flooring, open concept living/dining/kitchen. 4+4ba plan. Ch/H/ac w/whole house generator. Sprinkler system and storage shed.

$149,900 Midland – Golf Bent Jones #57-4260
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$159,900 Midland – Golf Dallas #58-4262
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$164,900 Midland – Golf Bent Jones #58-4263
Completely updated Ranch Style! Quartz counter tops and stainless steel app. 2 living & dining, 2 master suites! Great location w/pool etc. Garage parking!

$169,900 Midland – Golf Bent Jones #58-4264
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$169,900 Midland – Golf Mills Lanier #57-4257
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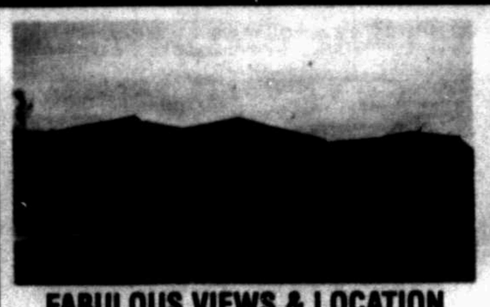

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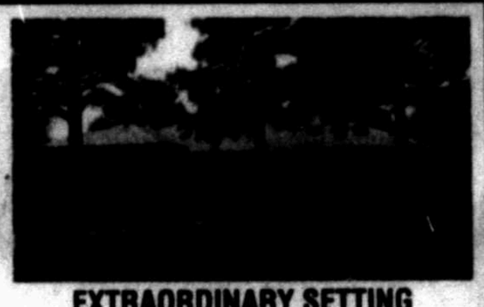

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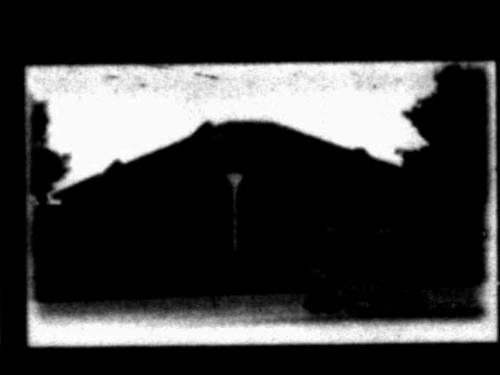

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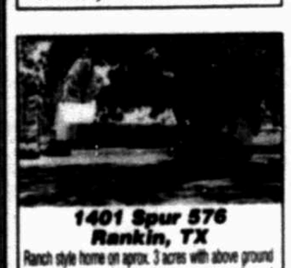

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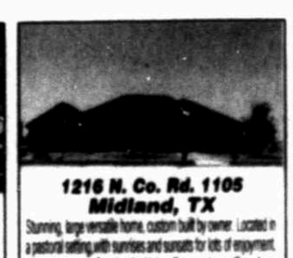

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STUCK IN MORTGAGE LIMBO

QUESTION:

I recently applied for a home loan but my application was denied because I had a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure less than four years ago. Just how long must I wait before I can get a new mortgage?

ANSWER:

In basic terms a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure can be seen as a situation where a borrower can no longer make payments and offers the lender the opportunity to take back title to the property. However, rather than simply mail back the keys – what is known as "jingle mail" – borrowers are likely better off participating in the government's Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program. With HAFA a borrower may receive a move-out allowance of as much as $3,000 in relocation assistance.

However, a potentially more important reason to use HAFA is this: It ends any lender claims against the borrower. As the government explains, "unlike conventional short sales, a HAFA short sale completely releases you from your mortgage debt after selling the property. This means you will no longer be responsible for the amount that falls 'short' of the amount you still owe. The deficiency is guaranteed to be waived by the servicer."

While HAFA can help with move-out cash and potential deficiency judgments three big problems remain.

First, a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure has the same impact on a credit score as a short sale or a foreclosure. According to credit score pioneer Fair Isaac, "the common alternatives to foreclosure, such as short sales, and deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure are all not paid as agreed' accounts, and considered the same by your FICO score. This is not to say that these may not be better options for you from a financial perspective, just that they will be considered no better or worse for your FICO score."

Second, the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act expired on December 31, 2013. This law said unpaid mortgage debt was not viewed as taxable "income" by the government. Congress has failed to reinstate the legislation as of this writing, so unpaid mortgage debt – money not received by the borrower in the form of cash – may now be regarded as taxable. Speak with a tax pro for specifics.

Third, lenders are not thrilled about originating new loans for folks who previously defaulted. When the foreclosure crisis first became obvious in 2006 and 2007, lenders often talked in terms of a seven-year wait before a new loan would be considered.

Now, however, there are faster alternatives.

• If you had an adverse "economic event" that lead to financial difficulties, look into the FHA's "Back to Work" program. In as little as a year you may be able to borrow with 3.5 percent down.

• Fannie Mae says if "extenuating circumstances" were the cause of your foreclosure, short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, you may be able to get a conventional loan in as little as 24 months. Conventional lenders can provide specific information.

• The VA has no formal wait time for borrowers who have defaulted on a mortgage. Instead, the VA says the decision is up the lender.

However, a VA lender will surely want to establish that the mortgage loss was not deliberate and that the VA-qualified borrower has fully re-established credit. Speak with VA lenders for details.

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HOW TO PREPARE FOR INHERITING REAL ESTATE AFTER A LOVED ONE'S DEATH

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Inheriting a house doesn't just put a new property in your possession. It also may bring along a few headaches.

If you're due to inherit a home after the death of a partner, parent or relative, be prepared for what could be a complicated and lengthy process, whether you plan to sell the property or take residency there yourself. But knowing what to expect before or immediately after your loved one's passing can help ease this transition.

First, whether you're due to inherit the property of a person who dies without a will or trust, or a beneficiary named in the late person's will or trust to receive all or part of the estate property, your goal is to avoid probate – the legal process establishing validity of a will, which can take many months. The home should automatically pass to you without probate if you're already listed on the deed as a joint owner, if you have joint tenancy or community property with right of survivorship (typically the case for surviving spouses), or if the property has been legally given away as a gift to you prior to the death.

When it comes to taxes owed on an inherited property, the good news is that estates valued at less than $5.34 million currently don't have to pay federal estate taxes; however, several states require that state estate taxes and inheritance taxes be paid (consult an accountant or tax attorney for details).

In the case of surviving children, usually all are named as heirs to the property, which will require a selling of the home to pay off all the heirs. James Boyd, a real estate broker with Orange County Probate-Realtors in Orange, California, adds that if all parties agree, the home can be rented or one of the heirs can buy out the others.

"There are also certain situations where the real estate may have to be sold to satisfy creditors of the estate," says Shirley M. Diefenbach, attorney/partner with Walker Lambe Rhudy Costley and Gill in Durham, North Carolina. "On the other hand, it may be advisable to retain the [home] rather than sell it if there is an existing mortgage on the house and the heir or beneficiary has poor credit."

Diefenbach says inheriting a home that still has an unpaid mortgage attached to it can get tricky. Many mortgages include a "due on sale" clause that requires the full payment of the loan's outstanding balance before the property can be transferred. However, when relatives inherit certain types of real estate, the Garn-St. Germain Act stipulates that the lender cannot force them to sell and must maintain the terms of the loan, even if the beneficiary would not have qualified for it originally. Under certain circumstances, this act permits ownership of real estate in a trust without activating the due-on-sale clause. Another option for heirs who want to keep the home is to refinance into a new mortgage, if they qualify.

For those determined to sell the home, expect the matter to take more work and time than you might expect. Once listed for sale, the inherited residence may or may not take longer than average to sell.

"We've had (inherited) properties sell quickly while other sit on the market for a long time. It really comes down to the seller and the price point they set relative to the market," says Christopher Dziak, attorney with Findlay and Dziak in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Bijan Golkar, CEO of FPC Investment Advisory in San Francisco, says finding a buyer can take longer if the person selling the home has limited knowledge of the property.

"I have found that buyers in this case will do a lot more inspections of the property, and you might not get as many offers," says Golkar.

In general, many inherited homes take longer to sell when the deceased was elderly and the home was neglected or outdated.

"It's always best to hire a qualified, experienced real estate agent, who can better advise as to how to optimize the sale," Diefenbach says.

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As Americans embark on another shopping season, more are showing a focus on saving and improving their financial situation

Holiday saving season?

For the third year in a row, Americans' top financial priority is catching up on bills or keeping current on their living expenses, according to a recent Bankrate.com report. The percentage of Americans who claimed their top concern is getting a handle on their bills increased to 41 percent this year, up from 36 percent in 2013 and 32 in 2012.

Catching up on bills was the top priority among all age groups and highest among those ages 50 to 64. Adults age 65+, on the other hand, were the most likely to say their top financial priority was providing financial assistance to family members or friends, with 15 percent claiming so.

Other top financial concerns cited by the Bankrate report:

• 22 percent of American say paying down debt is a top concern, up from 20 percent in 2013 and just below 23 percent in 2012.

• 17 percent say saving is their top priority, down slightly from 2013 (18 percent) and 2012 (20 percent).

Overall, savings remain a needs-improvement category for Americans, with nearly a third saying they're less comfortable with savings now compared to a year ago, while 20 percent said they were more comfortable. Overall, 29 percent of American adults said the need to save more was the main reason for not increasing monthly spending.

About half (51 percent) of Americans say their overall financial situation is about the same as it was a year ago, and more than a quarter (26 percent) say it is better than 12 months ago.

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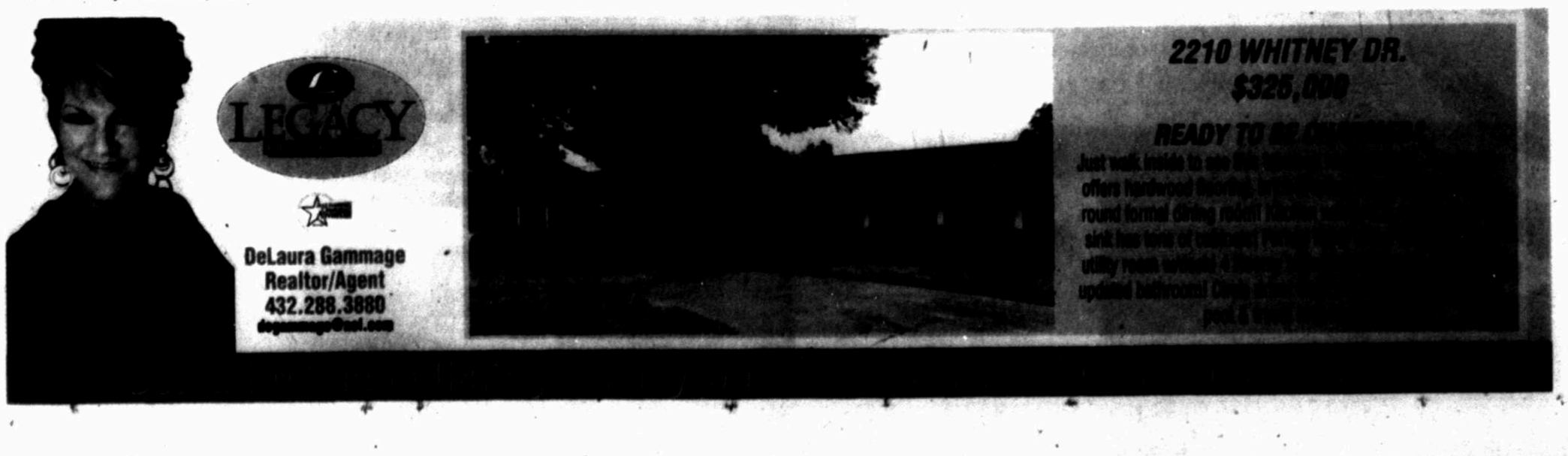

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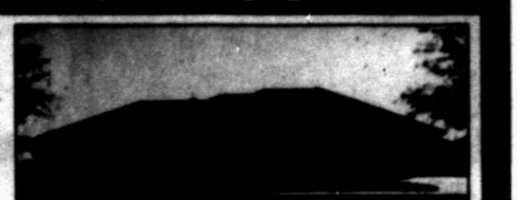

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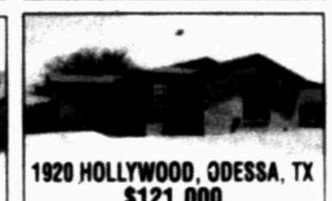

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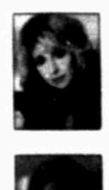
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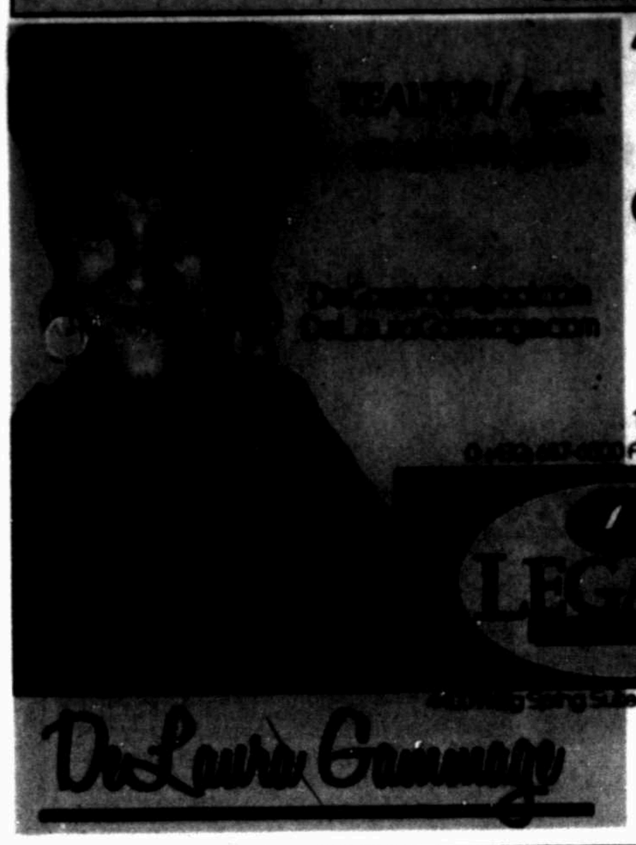

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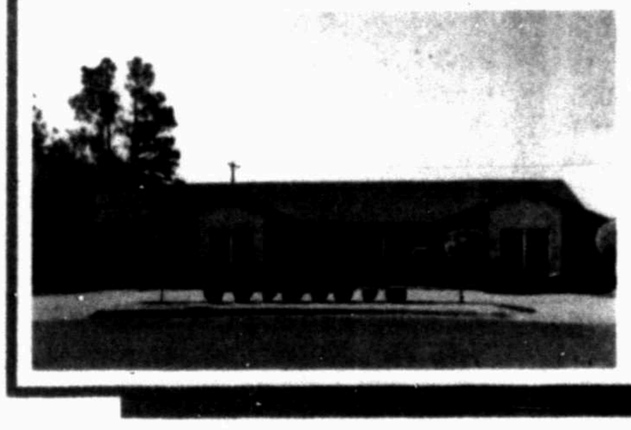

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3 Tips to Un-Stuff for the Holidays

As Christmas approaches and your home is about to gain a few new gifts, clear the already existing clutter with a three-pronged approach

By Cathy Cassata | CTW Features

Decluttering isn't for the feint of heart, especially for those who've accumulated a lot of stuff. Sorting and organizing may ease the mess, but a color-coordinated bookshelf of junk is still a bookshelf of junk.

The decluttering process forces people to edit down their possessions, choose what's really necessary and get rid of the rest.

It sounds daunting, but don't get overwhelmed, says Jeffrey Phillip, New York City organizer and designer.

"Even if it's a ton of stuff, you can work through it if you break it down into smaller pieces," says Phillip, who has appeared on nationally "Good Morning America." "Just make up your mind that I'm going to start here. Here might be just one table. I'm going to clear off this table. But that's a start."

Stick to a three-pronged approach to tackle clutter from every angle.

1. No More Impulse Buys

Stores are designed to lure customers into such buys. With that said, there are strategies for stopping the accumulation of junk before it starts.

When shopping for specific items, make a list and stick to it, Phillip says. For even better control, bring only enough money for the items on the shopping list.

Before buying something, consider why the purchase is necessary, says Joshua Zerkel, San Francisco-based certified professional organizer and owner of Custom Living Solutions.

"Are you putting too much value on it because you need it for self esteem?" he asks. "Or are you getting it because you're bored or in a bad mood and you're shopping just to shop? Is it really, truly something you don't already have, something you need?"

Also, set up "road blocks" at home so it's obvious when things get out of hand. For instance, to keep magazines from piling up, put them in a basket or bowl. When it's overflowing, it's time to purge, says Christopher Lowell, a designer, author and television personality.

2. Plan Ahead

Zerkel suggests beginning "with the place that's driving you the most crazy," and then rotating around the room clockwise.

"If you say you're going to do the whole house, it's hard to see progress at first, and you might get discouraged and give up. If you focus on one place, there's immediate gratification. You feel better, and you keep going," he says.

For larger projects, divide everything into piles, Zerkel says. One pile each for things to keep, things to throw away, things to recycle and another for things to donate.

Do research ahead of time on the ultimate destination for everything, Zerkel adds. Otherwise, it's easy to get stuck midway through the process, unsure where to take unwanted things. That also deters last-minute surprises and getting stuck with a pile that was supposed to be banished from the house.

It'd be a shame to do all the sorting and then discover, too late, that the landfill won't accept toxic chemicals – or that the dog-chewed chair won't be gone from the curb for weeks because the monthly heavy trash pick-up day already passed.

Research the pick-up schedules and rules for trash disposal from the local solid waste management division. Environmental groups are usually well-versed on who will take items for recycling and how much can be diverted from landfills. Metal recyclers often will take large appliances and even cars for free or a nominal fee, for instance.

Social service organizations and houses of worship usually know places in need of donated clothes, furniture and household goods.

3. Don't Contain – Edit!

Resist the trap of buying bins for junk that really ought to go, Lowell says. "That's what people want to do, hide it all in decorative containers and create your own landfill."

Better to face the music and make tough choices.

"Do I really need seven spatulas when I only use two, and am I ever going to wake up with the body of a 12-year-old and fit in these clothes again?" Lowell says.

Decide what to pitch and what to keep by "ransacking" the house mentally, he says. Go through it with a fresh eye and realistically assess what is used and what isn't.

Then ransack the place again, for real this time.

Be merciless with anything that's damaged. "If it's chipped or broken, throw it away. Thanks to the global economy, you can usually get a brand new set of something you really love for a fourth of the price of fixing it," Lowell says.

Think of storage areas and the rooms of the home like real estate, he added. Your most expensive real estate – eye-level cabinets and drawers that are easy to reach – should be reserved for daily-use items. Higher cabinets and places that are harder to get to should contain things used only occasionally.

Seasonal items should go in remote locations such as basements, attics and garages.

If it's never used, it needs to go.

"Be honest with yourself," Lowell says. "If you can't remember the last time you needed it, you probably won't need it again."

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Five Solution for the Kitchen

Make sure the kitchen pulls its weight with five space-saving ideas

By Jeff Schnaufer | CTW Features

Do your kitchen countertops feel hopelessly cluttered? Do you have to paw through drawers to find the whisk?

Don't despair. Your kitchen has more usefulness and practicality in its future. Make your kitchen work for you by employing some space-considerate tips from two of the creative minds behind kitchen design – Ellen Dickson, of Bailey Edward Design in Chicago, and Barry Tuttle, who owns Absolute Kitchen and Bath Marketplace in Surry, Maine.

1 A knife/utensil-drawer insert keeps knives sharper and the whole drawer better organized. Access cutlery more easily with a two-layered cutlery drawer, where the top layer slides back to reveal less commonly used items, Tuttle suggests. Or use a hanging magnetic utensil tool for easy access.

2 Rather than hanging dish towels on the oven handle, Dickson recommends putting a towel rod around the island. Towels then become easy to grab from any place in the kitchen, saving you steps and time when your hands are dripping or someone spills a glass of wine.

3 Save your countertops by installing a stove surface next to the range, Tuttle says. Granite, slate and some marbles work well and have another advantage: Apply ice to the surface before rolling out dough so it won't stick.

4 Mount your garbage can on a roll-out drawer under the sink. Take the swinging door and retrofit it as a full-height drawer face, Dickson says.

5 Make your hood more attractive and less noisy, Tuttle says. Instead of using standard metal, install a metal liner with a custom outer shell, and mount a remote blower to make it quieter.

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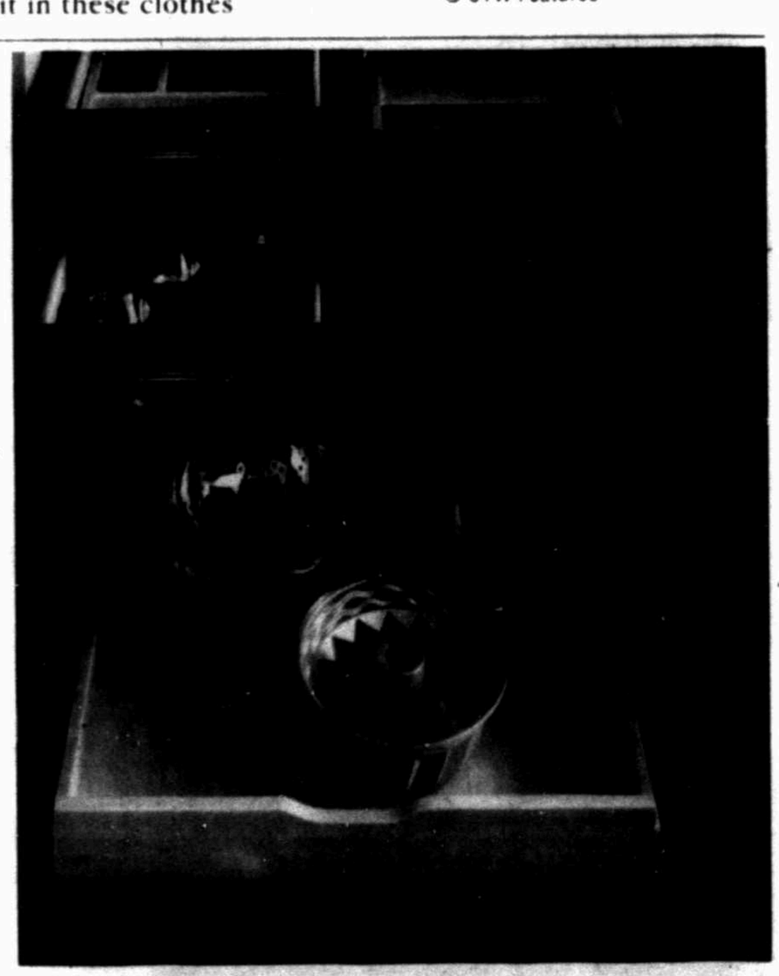

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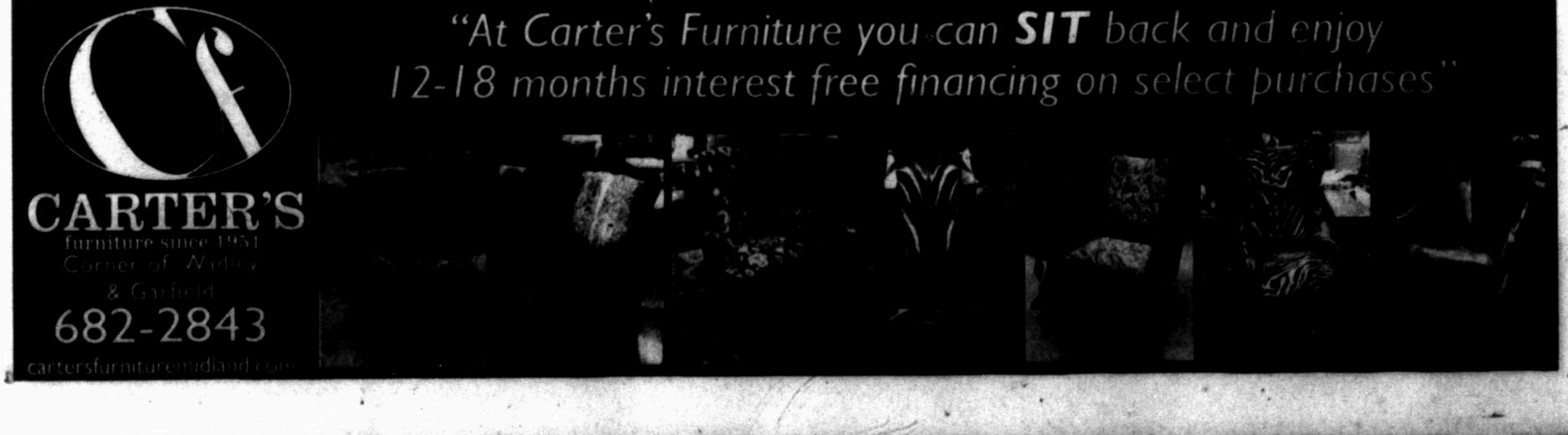

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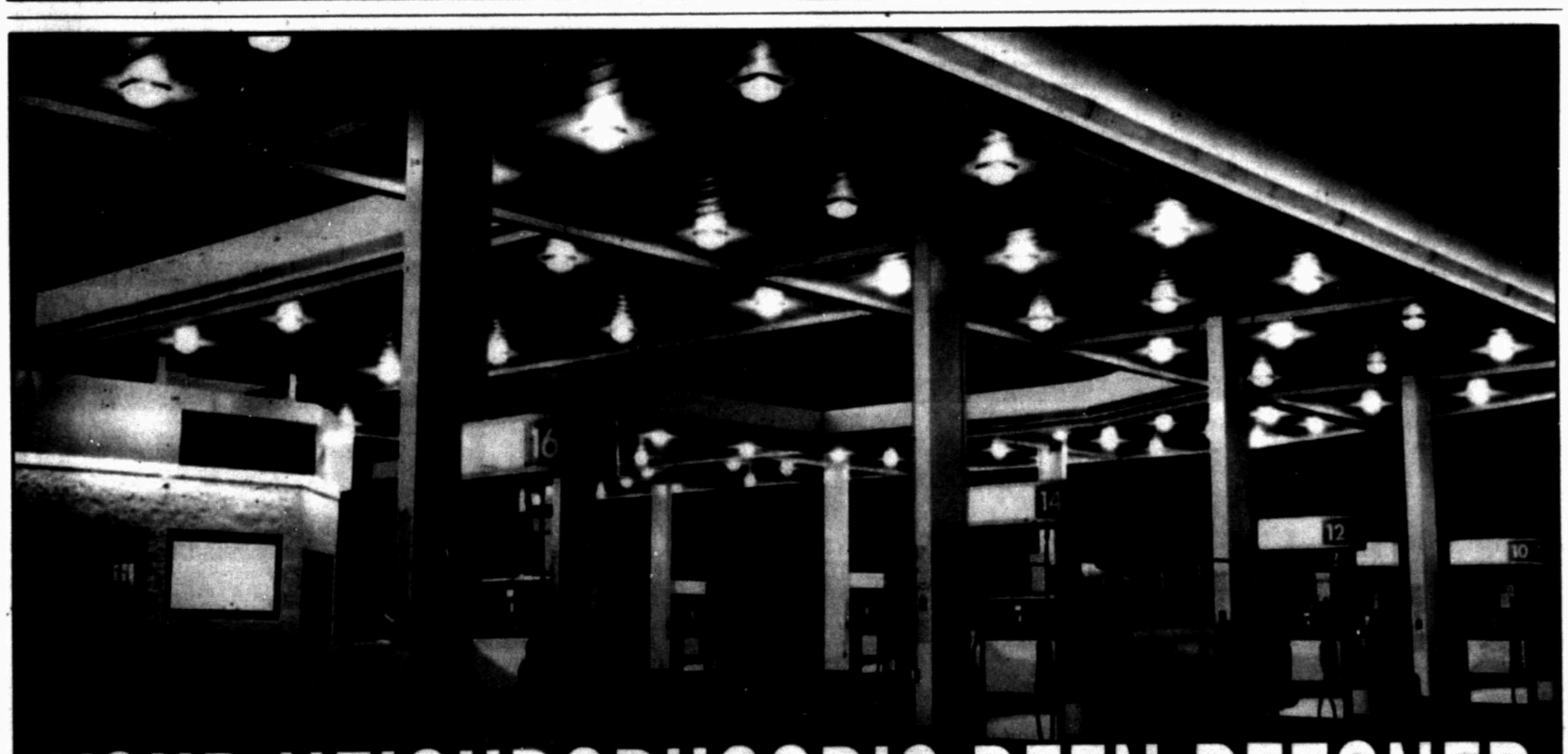

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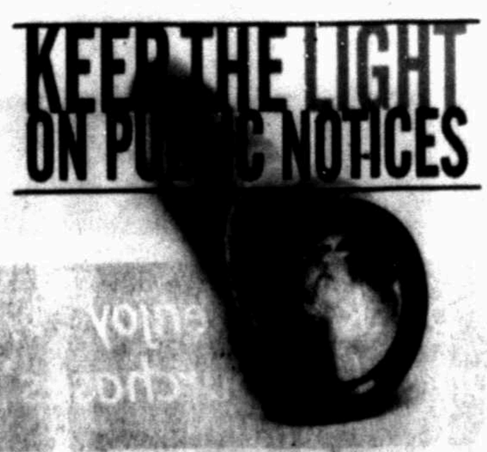

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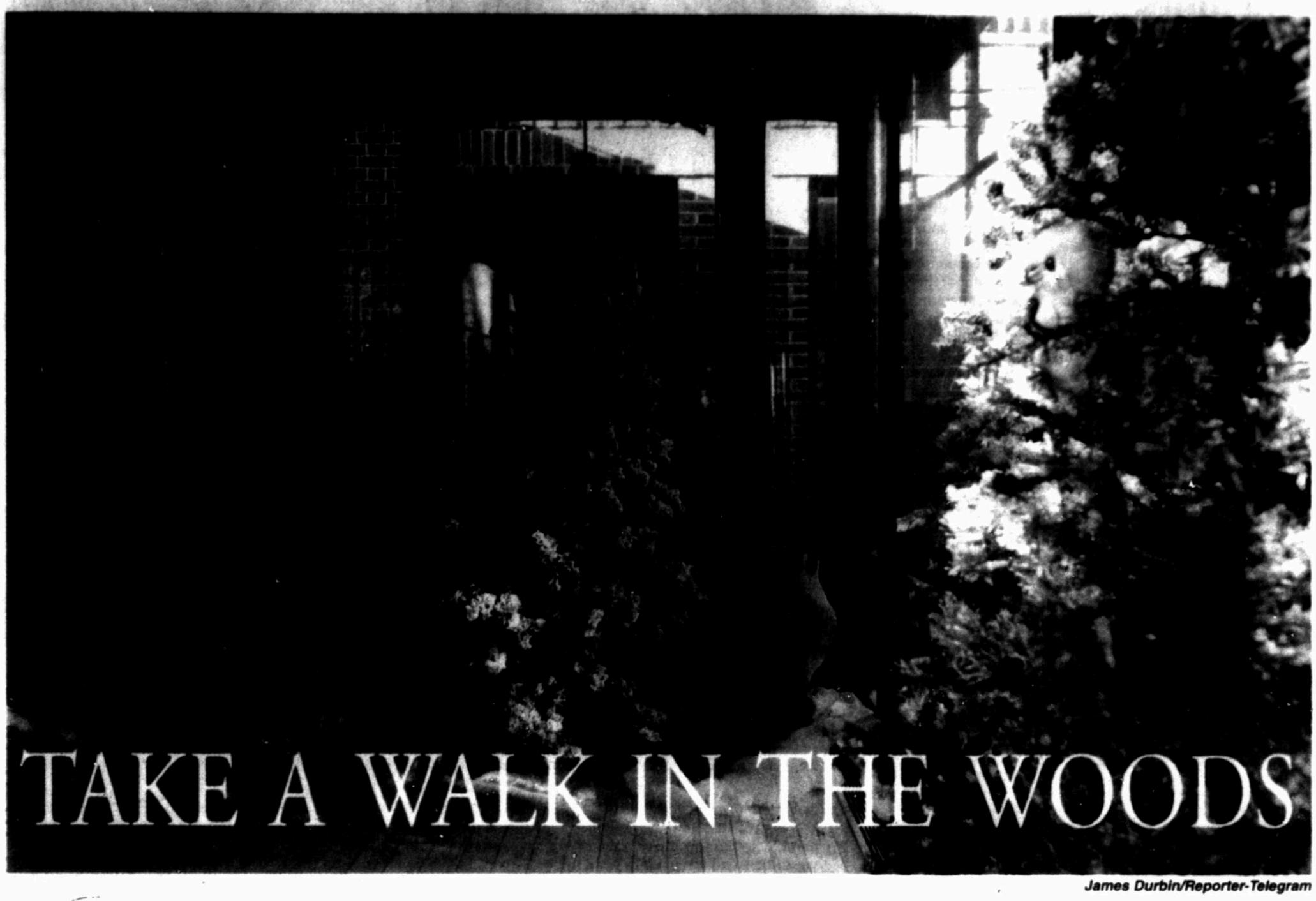

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Christmas decorations in the Museum of the Southwest.

Christmas at the Mansion brings in the outdoors

By Rich Lopez
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Six weeks of decorating. Four weeks of events. Christmas at the Mansion is underway at Museum of the Southwest.

The plan for this year's Christmas at the Mansion was to transport visitors to a different place. With extensive decorations, museum board, staff and volunteers have done just that. In "A Black Forest Christmas," the inside of the Turner Mansion has become a German village.

"We started several years ago incorporating events with an exhibition. This year's 'Black Forest Christmas' will coincide with the Thomas Nast works," board president Jaime Alexander said. "He's a German-American artist who created our current version of Santa Claus."

Last year it was Downton Abbey. This year, the museum wanted to go a different route.

Also, it didn't hurt that event co-chair Catherine Hyde once lived in Germany.

"I thought, 'Why don't we go with a black forest?' And you'll see the half-timbered look create the village square and the beer garden."

Remaining events at Christmas at the Mansion

- **Open House at Christmas at the Mansion**
  1-3 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 20
- **Christmas Luncheons**
  noon Tuesday through Thursday
  noon Dec. 16-17
- **ReinBeer IV**
  Wednesday (sold out)
- **Christmas Teas**
  3-3:45 p.m. or 4-4:55 p.m. Friday
  Dec. 19 (sold out)
- **Ugly Christmas Sweater Run**
  11 a.m. Saturday

For more information, visit museumsw.org/Christmas.

The effect is rather magical. With the vast number of trees and displays of vintage gowns by The Cat's Meow's Steven Porterfield, the shop windows, cuckoo clocks and more, the Turner Mansion has become a different world.

"Anyone who's been here in the Thomas Gallery knows that this was the porch, and so that adds to this whole idea of bringing the outside in," Alexander said. "Our friend, Jim Painter, did a fabulous job with the half-timbering that even people from our board of governors said looked like it belonged here. But I think that really sets the intention of our black forest."

"We really enjoy being a part of community holiday's traditions. We put a lot of energy and organizational capacity, and it feels like it's appreciated by the community, and it's a great introduction to the museum."

Brian Lee Whisenhunt, executive director of Museum of the Southwest

The solarium features the shop windows and community Christmas trees. Move on to the library, and Porterfield's delicate feather tree is a focal point. Made to look like pine tree limbs, the tree is vintage and dates back to the 1800s.

Other German traditions the museum will feature are the Advent calendar that plays on the "12 Days of Christmas;" wooden pyramid centerpieces in which heat from candles activate propellers that animate the scene; scroll-like signage; and of course, the Christmas Pickle.

"Yes, the pickle," Alexander said, smiling. "If people look closely at each tree, they'll find the Christmas Pickle, which is also a German tradition."

While both Alexander and Hyde work to top themselves each year, the main goal is to always provide a beautiful experience for guests and ultimately, for Midland.

"We do often ask ourselves how to make it better when we start planning," Hyde said.

"This is very dear to our board of governors' hearts. And Lissa Noel Wagner, who is on the board, said that it's important that we have these events and that many are free to the community," Alexander said. "So we embrace that."

In a span of 17 days the museum will be hosting 20 events — luncheons, teas, workshops and Santa, and will bring back an old favorite: the trains.

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Escape route: The top destinations for winter traveling

By Rich Lopez
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The temperatures are dropping as winter sets in, and travelers are clamoring for warmer climates to get away from the chill or colder climates for recreation.

But the sun beat out the slopes in WalletHub's recent list of top destinations for this winter season.

By using survey results from the American Society of Travel Agents, WalletHub then ranked the destinations based on the costs and hassles of arriving at said destination and costs and attractions at each destination. Nine additional metrics were identified including flight costs, hotel costs and number of connections.

For those with proclivities to the cold, popular travel destinations are typical.

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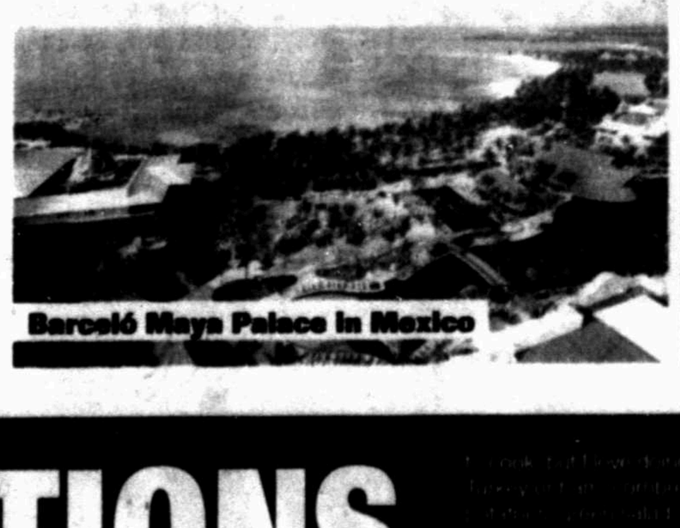
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Christmas tree decor includes many options

Associated Press

For generations, the choice was simple:

1. Strap a live Christmas tree to the roof of your car, wrestle it into a tree stand at home and hope it wouldn't fall over. Or,

2. Put up an artificial tree that was unmistakably fake.

Fortunately, the options have expanded dramatically, from realistic fake trees pre-lit with softly glowing LED lights to environmentally friendly, abstract "trees" made from reclaimed shipping pallets. Options for a real, live tree include "white glove" service that includes delivery and professional set-up.

Here, three interior designers help sort out some options and share advice on stylishly decorating with holiday trees and branches, even in households where Christmas isn't celebrated.

Exquisitely artificial

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of Flynnside Out Productions, loves the look and scent of real trees. But he is "hands down, 100 percent on Team Artificial," thanks to the convenience and range of today's fake trees.

White trees are "excellent for more elegant, sophisticated spaces," Flynn says. He layers on ornaments in shades of white and metallics "for a less-is-more, tone-on-tone look."

Designer Lee Kleinhelter, founder of the Pieces home decor store in Atlanta, agrees. She uses a high-quality, fake white tree in her home because "it feels a little modern, and is a clean slate where I can use interesting objects to accessorize."

If you can't quite imagine your handmade or hand-me-down ornaments on a sleek, white tree, consider getting a real tree for keepsake ornaments and putting a white tree in another location, perhaps near the front door, decked out in monochromatic ornaments. Sarah Fishburne, director of trend and design for The Home Depot, says many Americans now use one fake tree and one real one.

If white isn't your style, Flynn recommends realistic fake green trees with a "woodsy, rustic" look, or fake green trees coated with fake white snow, which are called "flocked" trees.

"Flocked trees add amazing texture and can really tone down the overall greenness of an artificial tree, making it a little softer," he says.

He has created flat, abstract trees out of plywood, covering them with festive fabric secured with brass nail heads.

Really easy

Beginning this year, Home Depot is making it simpler to bring home a full-size real tree with "white glove" delivery service, says Fishburne. Choose a tree online and the company will bring it to your home and set it up for you.

Another way to make real trees more manageable is to buy several small, potted trees in varying sizes, rather than one large one.

"Groupings of trees really make an impact in any space," Flynn says, "and if you're going the untraditional route, or don't have lots of windows to dress up or have an actual fireplace mantel, I think a grouping of trees in one spot creates enough of a focal point and it can stand on its own."

Simple and safe

Pre-lit LED trees save you the time and effort of stringing lights. Some models also resolve any arguments over whether to use white lights or colored ones, says Fishburne; you can buy LED-lit trees that let you switch between them.

LED lights also don't burn as hot as traditional bulbs, so they may be a safer option.

Modern wreaths: new twists on a holiday symbol

By Kimberly Cook
Associated Press

Say "wreath," and the beloved evergreen standard comes to mind — unadorned or dressed for the holiday season with lights, bows, fruit or ornaments.

Each year, however, brings more and more inventive versions of wreaths.

Regional variations have become common, often in unexpected materials: driftwood wreaths with shells and starfish, for example, or fiery circles of Southeastern chili peppers.

Today's wreath might be a square, star or rectangle. Traditional holiday colors might cede ground to vibrant limes, deep indigo, pale pink or soft cream.

Retailers are offering more modern choices than ever. Alternatively, let your inner elf loose and craft your own holiday creation.

Crate & Barrel has a pretty wreath made of silver-painted magnolia leaves that would work in both traditional and contemporary homes. Another is made of rolled paper and twigs to create a swirl of texture that taps the rustic trend. (www.crateandbarrel.com)

White felt leaves or balls make elegant, monochromatic winter wreaths at West Elm. (www.westelm.com)

At One King's Lane, find a reindeer moss wreath in festive and chic chartreuse. (www.onekingslane.com)

If you'd like to try your hand at wreath design, crafts stores have wire, foam and wood bases. Heat up the glue gun and let your imagination go.

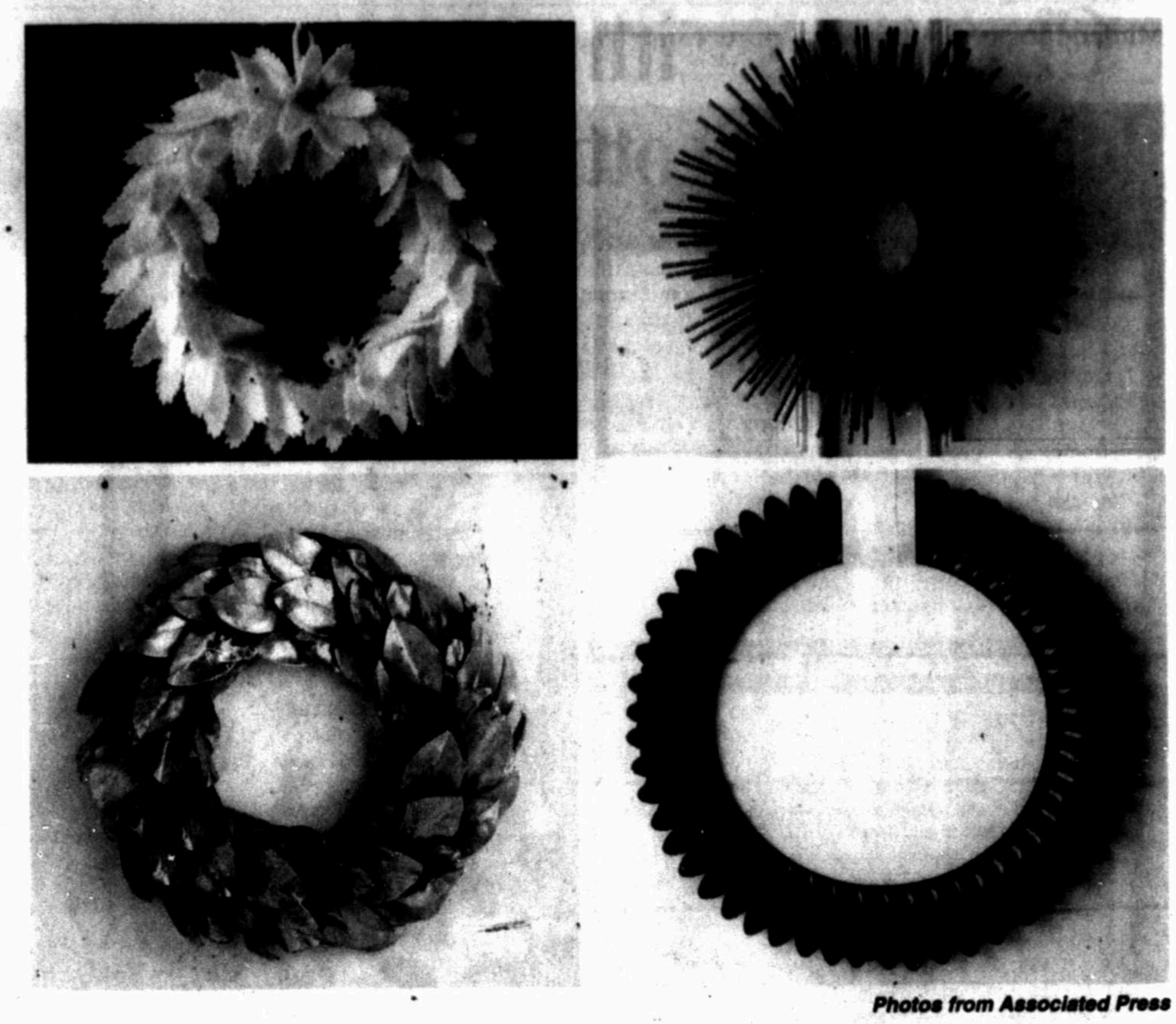
You might find inspiration in designer Stephanie Hung, known for creative holiday craft ideas in Style at Home magazine. She's found some unexpected uses for common household items this season. Red plastic spoons, striped paper straws, patterned clothespins and even white Styrofoam cups can be used to make wreaths that are as much sculptural art as decor. An ornate ceiling medallion is given a coat of bright green paint. Clothespins are covered in washi tape and arranged in rows in a wreath frame. Instructions are in the magazine's November issue. (www.styleathome.com)

Battery-operated, miniature LED fairy lights can be threaded through a wire wreath frame to be hung anywhere or put on a mantle. Look for warm white lights on silvery or copper wire, or go with all crimson or midnight blue. (www.save-on-crafts.com)

If you can get your hands on a bucketful of acorns, glue them in rows on a wreath form. You can leave them in their natural caramel hue and tie on a plaid or gingham flannel bow, or consider spray-painting the whole thing in a favorite color and add a coordinating tie. The 3-D symmetry of the rows looks great no matter what you do.

Another option: Wrap a wreath frame in bold black and white ribbon. Or swathe it in tufts of navy tulle and tie with a red silk ribbon. Cover the frame with white paper doilies, adding fairy lights for white winter magic.

No matter what your wreath's made of, the message is one of welcome, comfort and holiday cheer.



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CLOCKWISE: Felt feathers in warm winter white give a sculptural quality to a soft wreath. Besides the beloved evergreen standard, each year sees more and more inventive versions of the wreath. There are regional variations in unexpected materials; square wreaths and star-shaped wreaths; wreaths in indigo, pale pink and other non-traditional colors — and more. A wreath by Style at Home designer Stephanie Hung has dozens of colored straws encircling a wreath frame making a graphic statement piece for a holiday display and can be used well past Christmas. A spoon wreath created by Hung makes use of utensils for a unique design. Silvery magnolia leaves create an elegant, textural holiday wreath that transcends décor styles.

MANSION

From 1E

The schedule is scaled back from past years, but the miniature trains are officially back at Christmas at the Mansion.

"So many people missed it so it's nice to bring them back," Hyde said.

Many events, such as the Mother-Daughter Brunch and Reinbeer IV (featuring beers from 16 different breweries), are sold out. And Santa Claus will make appearances throughout the month. If children miss him there, a mailbox is onsite for letters to be dropped into. Also, runners can participate in the Ugly Sweater Run on Saturday.

The festivities aren't limited to the mansion. The Thomas Nast exhibition will be on display as well as children-decorated trees in the Children's Museum, and the film "Star of Bethlehem" will play in the planetarium. The film discusses the phenomenon from an astronomical perspective while tying together both the season and the museum's mission toward science.

Alexander, Hyde and executive director Brian Lee Whisenhunt are gratified with the crowds the event is expected to attract.

"We really enjoy being a part of community holiday's traditions," Whisenhunt said. "We put a lot of energy and organizational capacity and it feels like it's appreciated by the community, and it's a great introduction to the museum."

For Hyde and Alexander, with that gratification comes a little bit of pressure.

"We still have to live up to it so there's some pressure but it's wonderful and encouraging with all the support and we thank our boards and the community and the volunteers," Alexander said.

"And the staff," Hyde said. "Without them, we couldn't do this."

With all the preparations done, a sigh of relief seems in order.

"Well, our husbands are ready for Christmas to be over," Alexander said, laughing. "We have practically been living up here the last month."

"I haven't even gotten our tree up," Hyde said.

Photo courtesy of Julian Mancha

From left, Jaime Alexander, Brian Lee Whisenhunt and Catherine Hyde pose in front of a Christmas tree.

TRAVEL

From 1E

"There is lots of skiing all over the country so many people will head to Colorado, Utah, the Dakotas to ski resorts or they'll go east to Maine or Vermont," said C.W. Porter, president of Amera Travel Network, a Midland-based agency that has had many recent bookings to the warmer destinations for the winter season.

"I have clients who are leaving on cruises in the Caribbean here soon, and a couple I worked with just took off to Australia," he said.

But off the beaten path is never a bad thing, either. If island weather is preferred over the cold, Porter recommended heading to this not-so-obvious destination.

"Isla Mujeres is this beautiful small island with a few resorts in the Caribbean sea north of Cancun," he said. "That's a nice place that's not a typical destination."

For the full report of winter travel destinations, visit wallethub.com and visit Amera Travel Network at atninternational.com.

Winter travel

Top 10 Domestic Destinations	Top 10 International destinations
1. New York City	1. Riviera Maya, Mexico
2. Las Vegas Valley	2. Cancun, Mexico
3. Greater Orlando, Florida	3. London
4. Greater Los Angeles/ Southland	4. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
5. San Francisco	5. Paris
6. San Diego	6. Rome
7. Fort Myers, Florida	7. Montego Bay, Jamaica
8. Miami	8. Barcelona, Spain
9. Honolulu	9. Cape Town, South Africa
10. Maui, Hawaii	10. Sydney

Source: WalletHub

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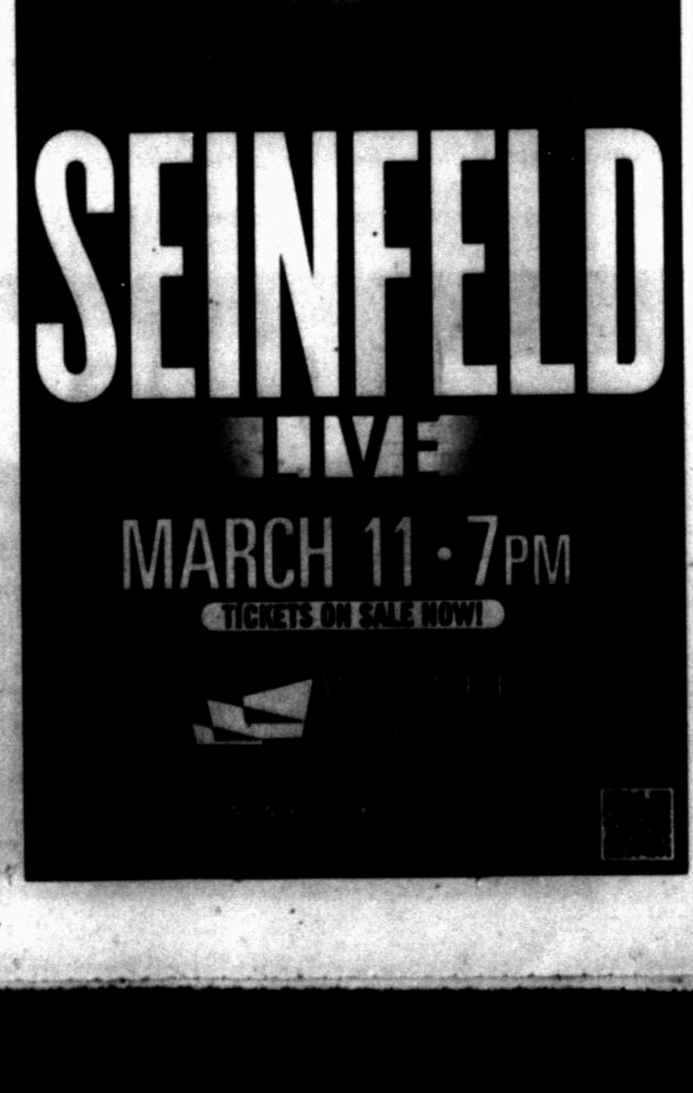


Go Italian this Christmas with lobster manicotti

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

A robust Italian dinner feels just about right for Christmas. It's rich and comforting and — particularly in the case of our lobster manicotti — decadent without being fussy.

We start our manicotti with a lobster and ricotta cheese filling, but if lobster is too much trouble (or not in the budget) just substitute cooked and peeled shrimp. You also could make this dish vegetarian by skipping the seafood entirely and using well-drained chopped and cooked spinach. Whatever you use, a zippy — but not scorching — fra diavolo sauce ties everything together wonderfully.

And to help keep your holiday running smoothly, this dish can be prepared the night before and refrigerated until ready to bake.

Lobster Manicotti Fra Diavolo

Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 5

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium yellow onions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes (more or less, to taste)
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 28-ounce can crushed fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 7 ounces cooked lobster meat, drained, patted dry and roughly chopped (about 1 mounded cup)
- 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil, plus extra for garnish
- 8-ounce box wide lasagna noodle sheets (10 sheets)
- Grated romano cheese (optional)

In a medium saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion and cook until tender and beginning to brown, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer half of the onions to a medium bowl. Add the red pepper flakes and garlic to the saucepan and continue to cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cover. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Add the lobster, ricotta and basil to the bowl of onion. Stir to combine, then season with salt and pepper.

Heat the oven to 400 F. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Spread 1/2 cup of the sauce over the bottom of a 9-by-9-inch baking dish.

Cook the pasta in the boiling water according to package directions, then drain well. Working quickly and carefully with one sheet of pasta at a time, lay a pasta sheet flat in front of you. Spoon 1/4 cup of the lobster-ricotta filling across the bottom edge of the pasta sheet. Roll the pasta away from you, forming a tube around the filling. Lay the rolled and filled pasta (manicotti) on the sauce in the baking dish.

Repeat with the remaining pasta sheets, filling and lining the manicotti in a row in the prepared pan. Spoon the remaining sauce over the tops of the manicotti. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbling and browning around the edges. Serve topped with basil and grated romano, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories; 120 calories from fat (29 percent of total calories); 13 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 85 mg cholesterol; 53 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 10 g sugar; 22 g protein; 730 mg sodium.

Make healthy pork roast for the holidays

Associated Press

Winter calls for savory roasts that fill our homes with luscious aromas that promise a comforting meal to bring the family together. The problem for the healthy eater is that most roasts get their flavor from silky (and so very saturated) fat marbling. Yes, we can roast chickens and turkeys, but sometimes we crave thick slices of pork or beef.

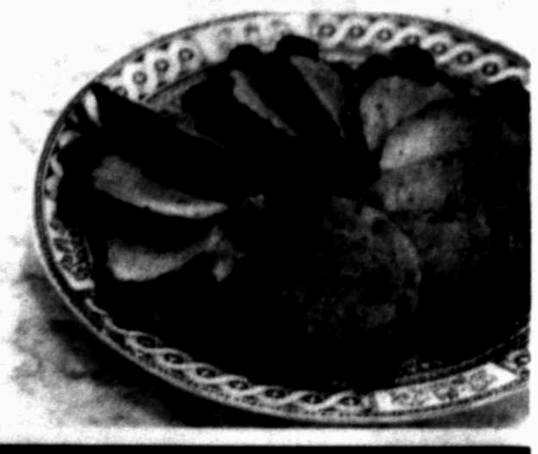
I have a solution: the pork tenderloin (not to be confused with a simple pork loin). As the name suggests, this is one of the most tender cuts of pork, making it perfect for roasted slice-and-serve bliss.

The pork tenderloin is a small roast (about 1 to 2 pounds per roast), which also means it cooks quickly, adding to its weekday convenience. As a bonus, the pork tenderloin is incredibly low in fat, making it comparable to a boneless, skinless chicken breast. A 4-ounce serving of pork tenderloin offers up over 20 grams of protein and less than 3 grams of fat! That's the good news.

The bad news is that this lowered fat can make the tenderloin extremely mild in flavor (read as bland) and prone to overcooking (read as dry). But I have solutions for both of these problems, and as long as you follow my two tips you will be on your way to mastering this healthy comfort meal.

First, let the roast sit in a dry or wet rub in the refrigerator for a day or two. Two days in a mustard and herb mixture works magic on the tenderloin's flavor! Try my 48-hour mustard-marinated pork tenderloin roast as proof. Second, don't overcook the roast. Many of us grew up thinking pork should been cooked until the pink is gone. Nope!

Bring the pink back! A light shade of pink says that the roast is cooked, but still juicy. Aim for an internal temperature of 150 F, then allow the roast to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. The result will be a perfectly-cooked and flavorful roast worthy of company and a holiday meal.



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This Nov. 17 photo shows 48 hour mustard marinated pork tenderloin roast in Concord, N.H.

Mustard-marinated pork tenderloin roast

Start to finish: 35 minutes, plus marinating
Servings: 6

- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pork tenderloin roasts (about 1 1/2 pounds each)

In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard, orange zest, paprika, thyme, rosemary, cumin, olive oil, salt and pepper. Rub into the flesh of both pork tenderloins. Place the tenderloins in a large zip-close plastic bag, pressing to remove excess air before closing. Refrigerate for 48 hours.

When ready to cook, heat the oven to 400 F. Let the tenderloin rest at room temperature for 30 minutes.

After 30 minutes, arrange the roasts on a rack set into a rimmed baking sheet or roasting pan. Roast until the pork reaches 155 F to 160 F, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove the roasts from the oven, cover with foil, and let rest for 10 minutes. Slice and serve.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Cook mistakes catfood for tuna in casserole

Dear Readers: As promised, here are more kitchen mishap stories, and boy, are some of them a hoot:

■ Connie F. in Texas wrote: "I made tuna casserole many times. One day, we sat down to eat, and the casserole was horrible. I checked the tuna can and discovered that I had used cat food — one of the smelliest-fish cat foods ever. P.S.: Even the cat wouldn't eat it."

■ Stephanie R., via email, said: "I was married only two weeks and cooking my first Thanksgiving dinner. I had many dishes to prepare. When it came time for dessert, I cut the pecan pie. It seemed very oozy, but my husband said it was wonderful anyway. Later that day, I realized I had forgotten to bake the pie! It looked done, since I had prebaked the crust!"

■ Diana C., via email, said: "My mom was visiting and decided to make monkey bread. She let it do a quick rise in the dishwasher, which had just run and was still warm. We watched TV, forgot about the bread, and in the morning found sloppy, gloppy dough dripping everywhere in the dishwasher."

Readers, keep them coming! We've all had a cooking/baking bummer! — Heloise

Save money

Dear Heloise: I like to have a few plain almonds, walnuts or pecans each day because it is healthy. The ones from the produce section of the grocery store are much cheaper than ones in the baking aisle. With Christmas baking season coming up, this could be a way for all those bakers to save a little dough. — Jeanette M., via email

Yes it is! Remember this all year long, too! — Heloise

Opening jars

Dear Readers: Wow! So many of you wrote about how you open glass jars, after reader Olga had asked in a previous column. Here are some of your hints:

■ Pia H., via email, said: "Use the round end of a can opener to lift the lower edge of the jar lid. This breaks the suction, and the lid unscrews easily."

■ Lois S., via email, said: "Hold the jar firmly and give one hard pop on the lid with the palm or heel of your hand. Sometimes it takes a second pop, but I've never had it fail."

■ Margaret S. in Arkansas wrote: "Insert a spoon handle backward under the edge of the lid. Then press down on the spoon, and you will hear a pop. That is the vacuum seal being broken. The lid will easily twist off."

■ Shirley W. in Oklahoma wrote: "Simply put on ... rubber dishwashing gloves! I read your column in the (Wichita Falls, Texas) Times Record News."

There is more than one way to open a jar! — Heloise

Colored frosting

Dear Heloise: I enjoy baking, especially cupcakes. When making a large batch of different-colored cupcakes, I split the white/vanilla frosting into several bowls, then add different colors in each. No fear of mixing colors. — Carol W. in Wyoming

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES

McLaughlin - Statton

Claire Augusta McLaughlin and Monty Cale Statton were united in marriage at half past five o'clock in the evening on May 24, 2014 at El Monte Sagrado Resort in Taos, New Mexico. Mr. Bob Hopkins of Midland officiated the ceremony. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed dinner and dancing with music provided by In10City at a reception hosted by the bride's parents. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner in honor of the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thomas McLaughlin of Midland and the granddaughter of John Mark McLaughlin and the late Amy McLaughlin of San Angelo, and Nancy and Lon Slaughter of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robert Statton of Midland and the grandson of Mrs. Tom Claycomb, Jr. and the late Mr. Tom Claycomb, Jr. of Sherman, Texas, and Mrs. Billie Statton and the late Mr. Robert Earl Statton of Plano, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Brian T. McLaughlin, the bride wore the Slaughter family wedding gown first worn by the bride's grandmother, Nancy Slaughter, in 1956 and her mother, Cynthia McLaughlin, in 1986, as well as several aunts and cousins. The bride also wore the McLaughlin family veil purchased by her great-grandmother in Belgium in 1954. The bride's bouquet was lovingly wrapped with a piece of the wedding veil belonging to her late grandmother, Amy McLaughlin.

Annie McLaughlin of Midland, sister of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Emily Smith, sister of the groom, Jacci Statton, sister-in-law of the groom, Carrie Hawkins, Michelle Harris, Molly Musselman and Sara Davis, all of Midland; Adele Pitzer and Bailey Ross of Dallas; Cile Scott, Lindsay Nichols and Megan Altman of Houston; Allison Ellis, Anna Paulson, Julia Davis and Molly Bell of Austin; Carter Goree of Fort Worth; Libby Nichols of Farwell; and Haley Ford of Denver, Colorado. Junior bridesmaids were Emily McLaughlin and Sarah McLaughlin of Fort Worth; Nancy Prickett of Austin; and Sarah Grafa of San Angelo.

Tom Statton, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Blake McLaughlin, brother of the bride, Cody Statton, brother of the groom, Will Statton, brother of the groom, Stuart Smith, brother-in-law of the groom, AJ Ferguson, Ben Rogers, Drew Bergman, Drew Harris, Kyle Davis, Matthew Wright, Taylor Scribner, Tyler Duncan and Trevor Stoltz, all of Midland; Reed Stevens of Dallas; Justin Whittenberg and Scott Pegram of Houston; Alex Edwards of San Angelo; and Bert Brunner and Josh Crook of Los Angeles, California.

Hattie Fikes and Leslie Musselman of Midland served as flower girls.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University in 2010 and is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. Monty is currently employed with Chisos Oil & Gas in Midland.

The bride is also a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. She graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and in 2013 with a Juris Doctorate degree from The University of Texas School of Law. Claire is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and is employed as an oil and gas attorney at Davis, Gerald and Cremer in Midland.

The couple resides in Midland after a honeymoon in Punta Islita, Costa Rica.

Lucas - Petro

Jeff and Andrea Petro of Midland, Texas and Sam and Kikumi Lucas of Abilene, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of Corey Petro and April Lucas.

April is a 2009 graduate of Abilene Cooper High School and a 2013 graduate of Texas State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing. She is employed with Diamondback Energy, Inc. in Midland, Texas.

Corey is a 2008 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a 2013 graduate of Texas State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He is employed with Performance Chemical Company in Midland, Texas.

The couple will be married in Kyle, Texas in February 2015.

Guthrie - Casco

Steve and Eileen Guthrie are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Anne, to Jason Casco, son of Richard and Carrie Casco of Wailuku, Maui.

Stephanie is a 2009 graduate of Midland Christian High School, a 2013 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Public Relations and was a member of Raider Sisters for Christ sorority. She works for Texas Tech University as an admissions counselor and West Texas recruiter.

Jason is a 2008 graduate of Cedar Park High School and will graduate from Texas Tech University in December 2014. He was a member of Brothers Under Christ fraternity.

Stephanie and Jason will be married January 3, 2015 at the Four Seasons Resort in Las Colinas.

Brides show short wedding gowns more of the love

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Helen Bradley isn't one of those women who fantasized about her wedding as a girl, so when the time came to tie the knot on the 10th tee of a golf course, she wanted to be relaxed, comfortable and economical.

A short gown was just right for her September nuptials, said the 27-year-old bank worker in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I had tried on a few long dresses and none of them felt like me. I'm a very practical person. My mom picked out the short dress from a sale rack and it's rare that I would like anything that my mom picks out," she said with a laugh.

Once the domain of older or remarrying brides, short gowns are enjoying a little more of the love, from luxury brands like Monique Lhuillier, Oscar de la Renta and Marchesa to more affordable offerings at David's Bridal, which has a bustling retail website and about 300 stores around the country.

The short looks aren't just stand-in dresses originally intended for bridesmaids or cocktail parties. Designers are offering a greater range of shorter styles as more brides break from tradition and personalize their weddings.

"A lot of people are doing more intimate settings, so a shorter dress just feels more appropriate. If they do the big wedding, some change into a shorter dress so they can dance and have a good time," Lhuillier said.

Exactly how short is up to the bride. There are minis, high-low hemlines (high in the front and lower in the back), knee lengths, tea lengths below the knee and so-called "transformers," where a long train or sheer skirt detaches to show off a short dress underneath.

Designer Zac Posen put his own sister in one of the convertibles — in red — for her 2004 wedding.

"Her huge train came off to become a mini and she took it off to Judy Garland's 'Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart,'" he said. "It covered the grandeur of the ceremony and the fun of the party."

Long gowns remain the clear majority of the $2.6 billion-a-year bridal gown market, noted Darcy Miller, editorial director for Martha Stewart's bridal site, Marthastewartweddings.com. But "more and more brides seem to be seeking no-fuss, lightweight and easier silhouettes," she said. Some "want a dress they can run on the beach in or travel with to their destination wedding."

At David's Bridal, 26 of the 75 gowns launched for spring 2015 are short, said Anne Acierno, executive vice president for design, merchandising and product development.

Posen creates luxury short looks but also includes a few in his Truly Zac Posen collection at David's Bridal. He said red-carpet trends influence some brides, and these days they're seeing more short, fancy dresses.

Among high-profile brides to go short recently were fashion "it" girl Olivia Palermo and actress Cheryl Hines, who married Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last August in a strapless, white, tea-length creation by Romona Keveza.

Vera Wang makes short gowns too, in a range of pricepoints that include her White collection for David's Bridal.

"I think you should wear what you feel most beautiful and most comfortable in, and also what is most you, most individual," Wang said.

Shorter dresses can be less expensive — a huge factor for Bradley at her country club wedding before 125 guests. The reception was in a cozy room with a big fireplace, wood floors and sconces all around.

Her dress cost $400. She spent another $100 on a chunky glass statement necklace with matching earrings, and $99 for a pair of 4-inch Calvin Klein heels in dusty gold with a T-strap and side buckle.

"I'm an accessory person, so I knew when I saw the dress it was a blank canvas," Bradley said.

Got kids? Make your wedding a family affair

By Sarah Wolfe
Associated Press

When Angelina Jolie wed Brad Pitt in one of the most publicized nuptials of the 21st century, she wore a jaw-dropping silk and satin gown designed by Donatella Versace. Embroidered on her floor-length veil were colorful drawings by the couple's six children. One even read "Buttock Fatock."

Eldest sons Maddox and Pax walked Jolie down the aisle, daughters Zahara and Vivienne tossed flower petals, and daughter Shiloh and son Knox were ring-bearers. Pax baked the wedding cake.

It all sounds very Hollywood. But it's not just Brangelina.

Many brides and grooms have children from previous relationships, and are going beyond the traditional to find ways to incorporate them into their weddings.

Yes, the kids add cuteness. But it's often more about blending families.

"The need to create a family bond early is vital to stepparents' success," says Stacey James Wheeler, a California-based family dynamics researcher and author, whose wife had two daughters when they married more than 12 years ago. "Involving the children in our marriage was a great way to do that."

The girls were flower girls, and received an engraved locket and a verbal commitment from Wheeler after he proposed to their mother.

"I let them know I was committing to be there as a parent and to raise them as my own," he says.

Like Jolie and Pitt's brood, many children take part in the ceremony as flower girls, ring bearers and readers, while others walk their mother down the aisle.

Children also can help light a "unity candle" or participate in what's become known as a "sand ceremony," in which the bride, groom and children pour different-colored sand into a container to symbolize a new union.

San Francisco physician Kyra Bobinet and her fiance, Josh Leichter, designed wedding bands with a diamond for each of their four children.

"Our kids will be our only bridesmaids and groomsmen, setting them apart as special attendants to the wedding," Bobinet says. "We're inviting them to offer words of support for our partnership, so it gives them a voice and a choice in the matter."

Instead of having a traditional processional, event planner Sandy Sloane and her husband, Bob Czworka, danced down the aisle with their four children to the song "Love is Strange." All four kids stood with them under the Jewish chupah, or canopy, during their ceremony in Sunrise, Florida, and at the reception sang a song written by two of them.

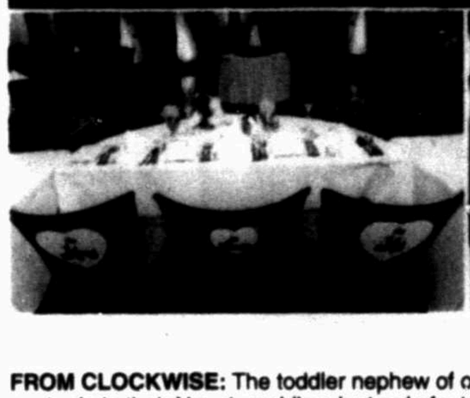
"I gave my daughter and two 'bonus daughters' necklaces that said 'daughter,' and my son a commemorative keepsake box," Sloane says.

Chicago-area event planner Amanda Morris created a semi-sweetheart table for a newly married couple and their 4-year-old daughter. The little girl sat between her mom and dad at the reception, and each sat in a chair with signs that read, "I'm his," "I'm hers" or "I'm theirs."

Morris also created a "favorite things" station instead of a traditional dessert table.

Cupcake stations are another kid-friendly dessert idea. The children of the bride and groom can play "host" and help other kids decorate cupcakes during the reception.

And then there's the first dance. Not between bride and groom, but between each of them and their children and/or stepchildren.



Photos from Associated Press

FROM CLOCKWISE: The toddler nephew of one Chicago-area couple played a prominent role in their Nov. 1 wedding. Instead of a traditional garter toss, he popped out of the bride's gown dressed as the "Incredible Hulk" when the groom approached to find her garter. Wedding planner Amanda Morris incorporated the 4-year-old daughter of a Chicago-area couple into their wedding a variety of ways. Here, a special flower girl box reads "Daddy here comes Mommy. Morris also incorporated the 4-year-old daughter of a Chicago-area couple into their wedding a variety of ways. One was this semi-sweetheart table, in which the little girl sat between her mother and father during the reception. Signs reading "I'm hers, " "I'm theirs" and "I'm his" decorated the chair backs.

Barbers offer groomsmen some wedding-day bonding

Associated Press

Ben Thompson was having trouble thinking of a way to thank the groomsmen in his wedding.

"I didn't want to buy something tacky or cliche," said Thompson, of Charleston, West Virginia.

Then he discovered that his local barbershop offered a package geared to grooms and their attendants, and he decided to treat his friends to a hot shave on the day of the wedding, earlier this year. The morning at Topps Off was a great success, he said, giving the men an opportunity to hang out.

"It was a good chance for them to bond," said Thompson.

Grooms and their wedding parties have created a niche business for many barbershops, said Connie Skaggs, who owns a barbershop in Columbus, Ohio, and is first vice president of the National Association of Barber Boards of America.

In addition to a shave with a straight razor and hot towels, the groomsmen packages may include a neck massage, facial and haircut. Some barbershops serve food, drinks and cigars.

Brent Nelsen added groom packages at his shop, Barbers of the Low Country in Bluffton, South Carolina, about three years ago.

"There was nothing out there for the guys," said Nelsen, a former wedding video producer. "I thought, we have an awesome service. We can package it up and create a great experience for the guys the day of the wedding."

During wedding season (spring and summer), Gino's Classic Barber Shoppe in Atlanta will do two to three groomsmen parties a month, said Alex Teyf, who handles marketing for the shop.

"It's a way for groomsmen to spend some time together doing something men do every day — shave," he said.

BOOKBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

New Toni Morrison novel coming in April

Nobel laureate Toni Morrison has a new novel coming next spring.

"God Help the Child" will be released April 30, publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Tuesday. It's the 11th novel by Morrison, who turns 84 in February.

Knopf Doubleday Chairman and Editor-in-Chief Sonny Mehta said "God Help the Child" is a contemporary story about the consequences of a student's allegation against a teacher. The new book is a "compact, fierce work," he said in a statement.

Morrison is known for such historical fiction as "Beloved" and "Jazz." Morrison's most recent novel, "Home," was set in the 1950s and told of a black Korean War veteran's return to the U.S.

NEW YORK

Whole30 lifestyle creators have diet book deal

Melissa and Dallas Hartwig, best-selling authors and managers of the popular Whole30.com lifestyle site, have a new book coming out in April.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt announced Thursday that "The Whole30: The 30-Day Guide to Total Health and Food Freedom" is scheduled for April 21. The publisher is calling the book a step-by-step guide to losing weight and improving health.

NEW YORK

Ayn Rand novel 'Ideal' to be published in July

An Ayn Rand novel written, temporary shelved and later published as a play is finally being released in its original form.

The New American Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House, announced Thursday that Rand's "Ideal" would be published July 7. Rand had worked on the novel, about a Garbo-like actress and the fans she confronts, in the mid-1930s. Unhappy with the result, she turned it into a play, which came out in 2005. Next summer's publication will include both the novel and the play.

Rand, who died in 1982, is still widely read by conservatives and libertarians and is known for the million-selling novels "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead."

NEW YORK

J.K. Rowling commencement speech to be issued as book

A new book from J.K. Rowling will offer no magic — only words of wisdom.

Publisher Little, Brown and Company announced Tuesday that Rowling's 2008 Harvard University commencement speech will be released in April as the book "Very Good Lives." Proceeds will be donated to Lumos, a charity for disadvantaged children that Rowling founded, and to a financial aid program at Harvard.

In her speech, the "Harry Potter" author spoke of her early struggles as a writer and the importance of failure as a "stripping away of the inessential."

NAPERVILLE

43rd president's book signing sparks controversy

Illinois — Officials of a Chicago suburb are questioning who should pay the cost of the security provided for a book signing this week by former President George W. Bush.

Naperville City Council member Doug Krause says he's heard from downtown businesses that lost customers after a street was closed for hours around Bush's Monday visit to Anderson's Bookshop. The 43rd president was promoting the biography he wrote about his father, former President George H. W. Bush.

Police Chief Robert Marshall hasn't specified the cost of Bush's visit. However, Krause said perhaps the bookstore should be responsible for additional costs.

Bookstore owner Becky Anderson said she paid for three Naperville police officers to be present during the event. She said road and parking lot closures were at the discretion of the Secret Service.

BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. "The Escape" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
2. "Revivial" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "Gray Mountain" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
4. "The Mistetoe Promise" by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Flesh and Blood" by Patricia Cornwell (William Morrow)
6. "The Cinderella Murder" by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke (Simon & Schuster)
7. "The Burning Room" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
8. "The Job" by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg (Bantam)
9. "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine)
10. "Prince Lestat" by Anne Rice (Knopf)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Money: Master the Game" by Tony Robbins (Simon & Schuster)
2. "41: A Portrait of My Father" by George W. Bush (Crown)
3. "Killing Patton" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
4. "Make It Ahead" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
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. "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande (Metropolitan)
9. "No Hero" by Mark Owen (Penguin)
10. "The Andy Cohen Diaries" by Andy Cohen (Henry Holt & Co.)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "Mistress" by James Patterson and David Ellis (Vision)
3. "A Country Christmas" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
4. "Fear Nothing" by Lisa Gardner (Signet)
5. "Starry Night" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
6. "Mirage" by Clive Cussler (Berkley)
7. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Dell)
8. "The Chase" by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg (Bantam)
9. "The Gods of Guilt" by Michael Connelly (Vision)
10. "The Best of Me" (movie tie-in) by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Captivated By You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
2. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
3. "Blood Magick" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
4. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
5. "Private India: City on Fire" by James Patterson and Ashwin Sanghi (Grand Central Publishing)
6. "Gone Girl" (movie tie-in) by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
7. "Unbroken" (movie tie-in) by Laura Hillenbrand (Random)
8. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
9. "George Washington's Secret Six" by Brian Kilmeade (Penguin/Sentinel)
10. "The Big Book of Easy Baking with Refrigerated Dough" by Pillsbury Editors (Pillsbury)

MIDLANDREADS

FROM THE MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Midland County Public Library's top circulations for November.

Adult fiction

1. "Top Secret Twenty-one: A Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich
2. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn
3. "Invisible" by James Patterson
4. "Mr. Miracle: A Christmas Novel" by Debbie Macomber
5. "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult
6. "Bones Never Lie" by Kathy Reichs
7. "Paris Match" by Stuart Woods
8. "Mean Streak" by Sandra Brown
9. "Some Luck" by Jane Smiley
10. "Cut and Thrust" by Stuart Woods

Adult nonfiction

1. "Attack on Pearl Harbor" by Roger Parkinson
2. "Spiritwalker: Messages from the Future" by Henry Barnard Wesselman
3. "Financial Peace Revisited" by Dave Ramsey
4. "The Death of Money: The Coming Collapse of the International Monetary System" by James Rickards
5. "Spanish for Dummies" by Susana Wald
6. "The Good Son: JFK Jr. and the Mother he Loved" by Christopher P. Andersen
7. "Yes Please" by Amy Poehler
8. "The Woman I Wanted To Be" by Diane Von Furstenberg
9. "Lone Star Nation: How Texas Will Transform America" by Richard Parker
10. "Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General" by Bill O'Reilly

Good intentions cause offense after senior discount is offered

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I was at the hairdresser yesterday, and when I went to the register to pay, the receptionist asked me if I was over 65 "so I could get the senior discount." Abby, I am only 55! I found her question insulting, and several of my friends have had this same experience. I appreciate the young woman trying to save me a couple of dollars, but I'd rather pay full price than be asked if I want the discount.

Why don't businesses that offer senior citizen discounts just post a notice near the register? That way, if a customer is entitled to it, she or he can ask for it when they check out rather than have to hear that they look older than they are. — INSULTED IN PEORIA, ARIZ.

DEAR INSULTED: Many businesses DO post notices such as the one you suggest. What happened should be discussed privately with the owner or manager of the salon. While I am certain the cashier did not intend to offend you, that's what happened, and "helpful" employees like her have been known to discourage patrons from returning. You will be doing everyone a favor if you speak up.

DEAR ABBY: Do you have any advice for coping with a child who is incarcerated during the holidays? My son, who has never been in trouble in his life, made a foolish mistake. He ran with the wrong crowd and is now in prison. Every day is a torment, and I don't know how to handle my emotions. I can't enjoy anything at all, much less prepare a holiday meal and put up a Christmas tree. It feels like all the joy in my life has been sucked out. — FEELING HOPELESS

DEAR FEELING HOPELESS: You have my sympathy. When a loved one is incarcerated, in a sense, his or her family is serving a sentence, too.

All I can offer is to remind you that your son is paying for his mistakes, and that making yourself sick isn't going to help him. Right now he needs your emotional support, and in order for you to give it to him, you must take care of your health and stay strong.

If you're preparing holiday meals and decorating a tree, then there must be other family members who need you. Exercise can help people cope with depression, and so can the support of other mothers who have children in prison. If you can affiliate with some of them, it may help you, too, because if anyone can relate to what you are feeling, they should be able to.

DEAR ABBY: I run a local chapter of an online fan group. We are getting T-shirts made and I asked everyone to vote on the colors for the shirts. After most of the group members agreed on two colors, one of them said her son, who has Asperger's syndrome, does not allow those colors in their house and asked if we could use different ones.

I'm sympathetic to her child's needs, but at the same time, I told the group that the majority vote wins. What should I do? I don't want to offend her, but I also don't want to go back on what I told the group. — MEREDITH IN GEORGIA

DEAR MEREDITH: I assume that these T-shirts are not meant to be worn all the time. Suggest to the woman that she not wear the T-shirt when she's at home, but only when she's involved in fan group outings. That should solve the problem.

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Study: Too many infants still sleep with blankets

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Too many U.S. infants sleep with blankets, pillows or other unsafe bedding that may lead to suffocation or sudden infant death syndrome, despite guidelines recommending against the practice. That's according to researchers who say 17 years of national data show parents need to be better informed.

The study

Researchers from the National Institutes of Health and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed annual telephone surveys involving a total of nearly 20,000 parents. Almost 7 out of 8 used blankets or other soft bedding for their infants in 1993. That dropped sharply over the years but by 2010, more than half still were doing so. The practice was most common among young mothers, blacks and Hispanics. The study was published Monday in Pediatrics.

The issue

Accidental suffocation in bed, though uncommon, is the leading cause of injury-related deaths in infants. The rate doubled from 2000 to 2010, when about 640 infants died from accidental sleep-related suffocation, government data show. While SIDS deaths have declined in recent years, they still totaled about 2,000 in 2010. For more than a decade, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the NIH and safety experts have warned parents against using soft bedding in infants' cribs, either over or under the baby. That includes blankets, quilts, cushiony crib bumpers, pillows and soft toys.

That doesn't mean letting babies freeze; safe sleepwear is advised, including one-piece sleepers, and keeping the room at a comfortable temperature.

Parents should teach children about money, budgeting

MARIE ALMOND

Centers for Children and Families

Where does financial knowledge come from? In our current economy that would be hard to answer. Ask a child where money comes from, and the reply may be "Mommy" or "Daddy." One of the biggest challenges facing any parent is how to teach your children about money. If you can teach your child the difference between needs and wants, how to budget and how to save, your child will know more than many adults. But if they get the wrong message, your child is likely to join the millions of people who rack up huge credit card debt.

Currently our country is facing one of its most difficult financial challenges since the Great Depression. Recently on the news in Phoenix, a man and his two sons, age 12 and 8, were on the streets begging for money. The man had lost his job as a truck driver and was in need of rent money and food. This is not a time for sugar-coating your household budget with your kids. In fact this is a great time for parents to role model the necessity to scale back on the household budget and again reiterate the difference between wants and needs.

What brought us to the place where teenagers feel entitled to cell phones, expensive brand-name clothing and the newest, high-priced electronics? According to one national survey, the average American teenager spent more than $104 per week in 2001. In a more recent survey, young adults under the age of 25 were identified as the most rapidly growing group of bankruptcy filers.

Guilt on the part of parents is a big reason why some big bucks are doled out to our adolescents. About half of our marriages end in divorce. Almost one-third of us are single parents. We are overwhelmed trying to balance our work and family lives. It's "I'm sorry that I'm not home more" money, "Sorry that we don't eat dinner as a family" money. We feel just plain sorry and guilty. Studies have shown teens want more of you, not more money from you.

So as parents what do we do? Role modeling is the first thing in your arsenal. It's not enough to talk the talk; you've got to walk the walk. So, do kids need a budget? Absolutely!

■ An allowance is a good first step in teaching your child how to manage money.

■ Use cash, in both bills and coins.

■ Teach them the Ramsey Envelope method: divide cash into clothes, gas, insurance, savings or entertainment.

■ If you are dealing with an older child who may be working, have them use a financial journal. Assets or income on one side and expenditures on the other.

■ Take your children to the grocery store with you. Make a list and don't deviate even when your child wants cookies added to the cart. A colleague remarked that her daughter got in the habit of asking if cookies were on the list. It is OK to show your children that choices have to be made. My mother always told my sister and I that "money didn't grow on trees."

One very important consideration is that many children do not understand the concept of money when they use debit cards or credit cards. Using plastic is just too easy and over-spending is often the end result.

And remember parents, role-modeling and positive reinforcement are powerful motivators. When your teenager has set a money goal — like saving enough for his own television or video game — and then has earned the money, saved it, then bought his prize, you should congratulate him on his good work.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

DOUBLE SHIFT
By ALAN OLSCHWANG

ACROSS

1 Shore
5 Some banks
10 Model maker's buy
15 Stock figure
19 Former Wall Street actor Sheen
20 Philosopher Louis Bérgson
21 Friend of Pooh
22 Up to no good
23 Harmony
24 ___ it
25 Member of a homecoming family?
26 Valley
27 Brazen
28 Pride of a pride collector
30 Party planner briefly
31 Electric grandpa
34 Made a mean-ie-ner sweater?
37 Shoe
38 Second part of a "Jeff" conjugation
39 Bone in Bern's
41 Curved fastening bar
43 Designer sportswear label
45 Volcanic feature
47 High-ranking NCO
53 Vent with vehemence
55 Stopped producing
57 Draws out
58 Organized effort to get a different judge?
62 Andalusian address
63 Unaligned, Abbr.
64 Vent with vehemence
65 Common odds ending
66 Ashes?
71 L.A.'s ___ Center
73 ___ test
74 Slips into
75 Throughout
78 Contest in which tires are hurled?
82 Colorful bird
83 Bobby's "Dallas" wife
84 Mfg.
85 William the pirate
86 Singer Peeples
87 Score symbols
88 Cutting-edge company
91 ___ Jackawanna Railway
93 Like some trees
94 Braver group?
96 Makes meticulous "duster moves"?
100 Old-style street show
102 Traveler's insurance
103 Really got into it
104 Precious river stone
109 Nearly wipes out
110 Arabian Peninsula nation
115 One way to stand
116 How to eat lots of food?
118 Atonement ones
119 Spanish castle, e.g.
120 Smartphone function
121 ___ balls chocolaty snacks
122 1979 disco classic
123 Teutonic town
124 Aladdin's helper
125 Serve tributary

DOWN

1 Some power producers
2 Asian nurse
3 Sweater after Les off the hook
5 Okay to proceed?
6 Point on a mail map?
7 Writing supplies
8 Car radio features
9 Spot order?
10 Cabo locale
11 East of Eden son
12 Office phone button
13 Is omniscient
14 Staff members, Abbr.
15 Makes new plans for
16 Visual layer
17 Take in
18 Swell pair?
24 Callico call
28 Animated TV barkeep
29 Man on the Moon group
32 Reinforce
34 Peddled stuff
35 Hockey Hall of Famer Francis
36 Singing?
37 Clothes
38 Only pres. born in Missouri
39 Japanese putterfish for risk-taking eaters
40 U.K. decorations
42 Antenna pickup
43 Company infamous for shredding
44 "Funny Girl" composer
48 Port-of-Spain's island
51 Airport city near Montreal
52 Paycheck reduction for most
54 Joined the cast of
56 Shock
58 One of two N.T. books
59 Harrison of the stage
60 History course topics
61 Pin cushion?
63 Just around the corner
67 Old verb ending
68 Talk about sin in a way
69 Star Trek spinoff, briefly
70 Gun lobby gp.
71 Watchdog org.?
72 Whitish gems
76 Sam of "The Plano"
77 Six Days of the Condor" author James
79 Some ballot items
80 Twice tetra-
81 Oak or elm
82 Top ___ best
85 Optima e.g.
89 Got really ful
90 Aptly named coffee lightener
92 Colts' former home
93 Bete noire
95 Unfortunate
97 Itinerary entry, Abbr.
98 P for consumption
99 Vaporous
101 Musical money
104 More than curious
105 Sunni leader
106 Of the flock
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110 Actor McGregor
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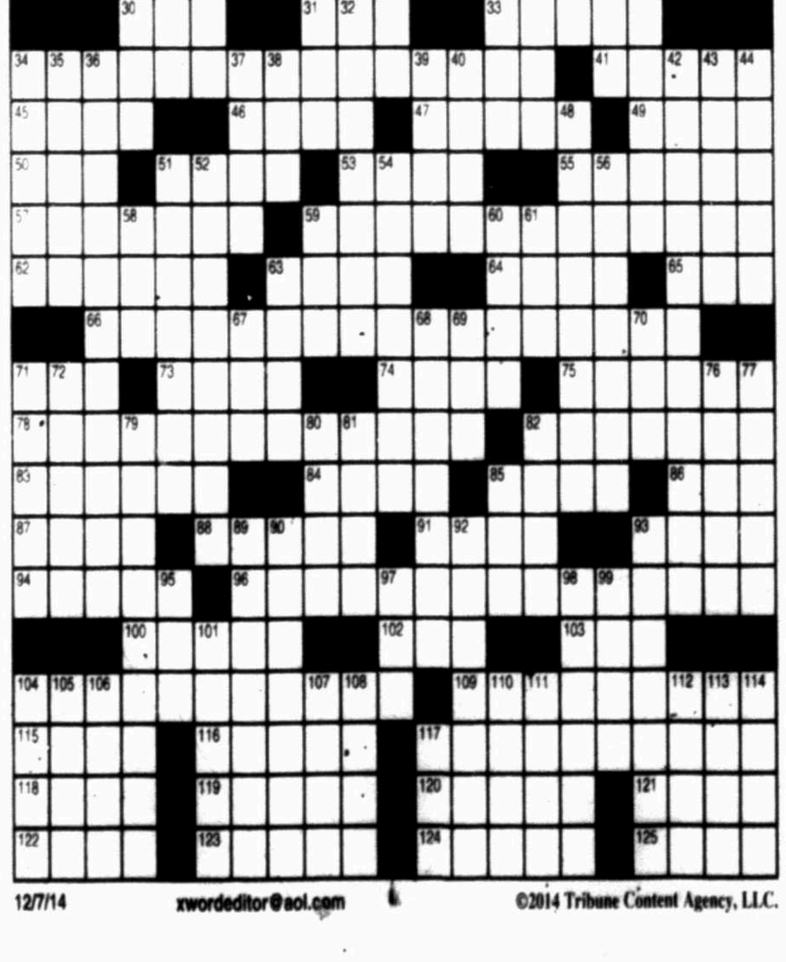
112 Spelling on TV
113 Wooly moms
114 Wild plum
117 Spot order?



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

English talent

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 5 3
♡ A J 9
◇ A K 3
♣ A Q 6 4

WEST
♠ 7 4 2
♡ K 10 6 4
◇ 10 9 7 6
♣ 10 2

EAST
♠ 6
♡ 8 7 5 3 2
◇ Q 8 5 4
♣ K J 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 8
♡ Q
◇ J 2
♣ 9 8 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣*	Pass
4NT	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Gerber, asking for aces

Opening lead: 10 of ♣

The English ladies team has been a force in European competitions for a long time.

Nevena Senior, South in today's deal, has been a member of that team for many years.

She won the opening diamond lead in dummy, led a trump to her hand, and then led the queen of hearts.

West would not have covered had she known the queen was singleton, but how could she know that?

She covered and Senior won with the ace, cashed the jack, discarding a club, and ruffed the nine of hearts.

She cashed one more trump before leading a diamond to the king and ruffing a diamond, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ 10
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ A Q 6 4

WEST
♠ 7
♡ 10
◇ 9
♣ 10 2

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 8
◇ Q
♣ K J 7

SOUTH
♠ K 9
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ 9 8 5

Senior led the eight of clubs and passed it to East's jack. East had to lead a club into the board's ace-queen or yield a ruff-sluff. Either way, declarer's club loser disappeared and she could draw the outstanding trump later.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014:

This year you often feel conflicted. You will be a lot happier if you refuse to get so uptight. Understand different perspectives.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You have the ability to see beyond the obvious, and your perceptions will give you a broader vision of what is happening around you. Tonight: Happily at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be overly concerned about your holiday budget. Do whatever you need to do to relax. Tonight: Catch up on news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might have a certain idea for how you want to indulge a loved one. Express your caring in a meaningful way. Tonight: Time for family affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Make it OK for you to be unavailable, at least in the morning; detailed explanations won't be necessary. Tonight: Follow your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want to do as opposed to what you think you should do. Your mood will be more upbeat as a result. Tonight: Keep it private and personal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Plans in the afternoon might need to involve friends. Whether you are at an informal gathering or out playing racquetball, it is the company that makes the difference. Tonight: Among crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to a distant friend. Consider meeting each other halfway. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow's schedule.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You have a naughty side that tends to emerge around one particular person. Tonight: Continue as you have all day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Like or not, you'll need to continue deferring to a partner and/or friends. If you do, you will feel better. Tonight: Time to be a duo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself. You might need to free up some time to be with your friends. Tonight: Have a merry good time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You can't seem to contain yourself in your present mood. Is there really a reason to? Tonight: The fun continues.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might want to stay close to home, especially in the morning. Your afternoon plans could involve a dear friend. Tonight: Hang some mistletoe.

BORN TODAY
Musician Joni Mitchell (1943), revolutionary Leon Trotsky (1879), author Albert Camus (1913)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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						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	Rain	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	Brady8.	Brady8.
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		Havas	Swimming
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Odd Squ	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Al punto		Republica deportiva			Fútbol
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX		340	65		165		Home	Homeward Bound II: Lost in...			½ A Night at the Roxbury		½ Possession				(:15) Dangerous...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:50)	½ Big Daddy		Real Sports		Boxing HBO After Dark					Making	Movie
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:40)	The Sisterhood of the T...	(:40)	The Legend of Hercules	(:20)	GetOn	(:50)	That Awkward Moment	Zac Efron.		Movie	
HBOS		304	70	16	102		(5:30)	½ Top Gun	(:25)	The Perfect Man	(:15)	½		Escape Plan	Sylvester Stallone.		Comeback	Newsroom
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:30)	½ Pleasantville	(:35)	½ Mrs. Doubtfire	Robin Williams.	(:45)	½	We're the Millers			Movie	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		Movie	(:25)	½ Red Dragon		½	Kick-Ass 2			(:15)	½	Ender's Game	Asa Butterfield.
PLEX				96			(5:20)	Gleason	(:55)	Hercules in the Unde...	½	Eye of the Hurricane			(:20)	½	Clean Slate	Dana Carvey.
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:10)	½ Venus & Se...	Inside the NFL		60 Minutes	Sports	½	Star Trek: Insurrection		(:45)	Broadway Idiot	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	½	The Associate Whoopi Goldberg.			½	Quiz Show	Ralph Fiennes.			(:15)	The Chaperone	Paul Lovesque.
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		½	The School of Rock	('03, Com)	Jack Black.
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men			Mad Men			½	The School of Rock	('03, Com)	Jack Black.	½	Footloose
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	Lift Voice	Nelly "Party Crasher"		½	Meet the Browns
BRAVO		65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Atlanta "Bury the Ratchet"		Bravo (N)		Millionaire	
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	Rush "Gold Blooded"		Edge of Alaska		Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Mickey Mouse Club		Stuffins	Sofia 1st	Dog Blog	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	Jessie		Jessie	Jessie
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC.	(:45)	Sunday NFL Countdown (L)				(:45)	Playoff
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(5:00)	Football Final	OLines	Report	Colin's Football (L)		SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	½	A Dennis the Menace Christmas			DrumBoy	Rudolph and Frosty's Christmas in July			½	Arthur Christmas		
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(5:00)	FOX & Friends Sunday					Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Ray's...	"Wintry Mix"	Barefoot	Table	Pioneer	Southern	Barefoot	Giada (N)	Big Bite	Pioneer	Heart (N)	Rules (N)
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Outdoors	Big 12 Live		Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		Countdown (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	Buffy "Bargaining"		Buffy "Bargaining"		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	½	Battleship
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00)	½ Christmas...	½	Help for the Holidays	Summer Glau.		½	Debbie Macomber's Call Me Mrs. Mir...			½	One Christmas...
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pacific "Pearl Harbor"		Tora, Tora, Tora		Pearl Harbor "24 Hours After"						3rdReich	The Rise"
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Unsolved Mysteries		½	A Country Christmas Story	Desiree Ross.	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends: Alex Witt	
NBCSN		38	39				Matchday	League Live (L)			EPL Soccer	Swansea vs West Ham U. (L)			Bridge		EPL Soccer	Leicester City at Aston Villa (L)
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	Parents	Parents
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Program	Paid	Program	Power	Power	Power	Power	½	I Am Legend	Will Smith.	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:00)	Paid Program			½	Let Me In ('10, Dra)	Kodi Smit-McPhee.				½	Cirque Du Freak: The Vam...
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	½	American Wedding		(:45)	½	The Heartbreak Kid
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00)	½ A Night at t...	½	The Lady Vanishes			½	The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm				Movie
TELE		20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque	Movie
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder	"Darwinian"	LawOrder	"Payback"	Law & Order		LawOrder	"City Hall"	Law & Order		½	The Librarian: Q...
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) Nanny	(:25) The Nanny		Nanny	(:35) Nanny	(:10) Nanny	(:50) Feud	(:25) Family Feud		Fam.Feud	(:35) Feud
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Covert Affairs		W.Collar	"All's Fair"	SVU "Abuse"		SVU	"Hooked"
WGN		19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		Heat Night	"Odessa"	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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						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	X Games		World of X Games		Family Skating Tribute		News	Paid
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football	Houston Texans at Jacksonville Jaguars			Site: EverBank Field - Jacksonville, Fla. (L)				Snocross (N)		FaceNat.	News
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		S.Frisco "Jacob's Boy"		The Rockford Files		Hawaii Five-O	
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football	Indianapolis Colts at Cleveland Browns (L)							NFL Football	Seattle Seahawks at Philadelphia Eagles (L)		
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	S. Baras	Sal.			Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Swimming	PGA Golf	Hero World Challenge	Site: Isleworth Country Club -- Windermere, Fla. (L)					USSA Skiing		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Fitness	BioCent	Quilt Arts	Beads	Sewing	Islands	E.Smith	The Candy	Bomber	Abbey
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol (L)				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		(11:15)	Dangerous...	½	A Walk on the Moon			½	The House of Yes		½	Passion Fish	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(11:30)	Ice Age: Th...	State Play	Making	½	Hello Ladies: The Movie		½	Hidalgo ('04, Dra)	Viggo Mortensen.	1stLook	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(11:30)	½ Oblivion	(:35)	½ The Place Beyond the Pines	Ryan Gosling.		Newsroom	Boston"	Newsroom	Run"		
HBOS		304	70	16	102		Newsroom	(:50)	½ Rush ('13, Act)	Chris Hemsworth, Daniel Brühl.			½	Die Another Day	Pierce Brosnan.	(:15)	Boxing (L)	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(11:40)	½ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey			(:35)	½	True Lies ('94, Act)	Jamie Lee Curtis.		½	12 Years a Slave	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:10)	½ Walk the Line ('05, Bio)	Joaquin Phoenix.		½	Con Air ('97, Act)	Nicolas Cage.				Ace Ventura: Pet Detective	
PLEX				96			(:10)	½ We're No Angels	Robert De Niro.		½	Gleason	Brad Garrett.	(:35)	½	Eye of the Hurricane	Nicola Peltz.	Movie
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(:15)	½ Lord of War	Nicolas Cage.		(:15)	½	The Double	Richard Gere.	(:55)	½	Silver Linings Playbook	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	½	Knife Fight ('12, Dra)	Rob Lowe.	(:40)	½	The First Grader	Oliver Litondo.		(:25)	½	The New Daughter	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	(11:00)	½ Goodfellas			½	Black Hawk Down ('01, Act)	Eric Bana, Josh Hartnett.			C. Buck$	C. Buck$	Ship War
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(11:30)	½ Footloose			½	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button ('08, Dra)	Cate Blanchett.			½	The Sorcerer's Apprentice	
BET		58	26		40		(11:00)	½ Meet the Browns			½	Holiday Heart ('00, Dra)	Ving Rhames.			½	The Preacher's Wife	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire		Housewives Atlanta		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		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Girl	Girl	Girl	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Jessie	
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(11:45)	Football Playoff "Selection Show" (L)			MLS Soccer (L)						SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball	South Carolina vs. Duke (L)			Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		Poker World Series	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Movie	½	Jack Frost ('98, Fam)	Michael Keaton.			½	The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause		½	Toy Story 3	
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	The Kitchen		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Holiday Baking	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	(11:00)	NCAA Basketball	Texas A&M vs. TCU (L)				Texas Wrap (L)		Game365	Xterra (N)	Words (N)	Mavricks
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(11:00)	½ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi)	Taylor Kitsch.				½	Looper ('12, Act)	Joseph Gordon Levitt.		½	Hancock
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(11:00)	½ One Chris...	½	Debbie Macomber's Mr. Miracle			½	Christmas Under Wraps			½	Royal Christmas
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	(11:00)	The Third Reich	The Third Reich	"The Fall"			Alaska "Blazing Trail"		American Pickers		Restore	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	½	Kristin's Christmas	Past Shirl Appleby.		½	Love at the Christmas Table			½	Home by Christmas	Linda Hamilton.	
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				GoalZone	Match of the Day (L)		Ski Grand Prix		OceanRce	Polo		Motorsport Hour (N)		Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Fairly Odd Parents		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	H.Danger	H.Danger	Nicky	Nicky
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Movie	...	½	Jumper Hayden Christensen.		Bar Res.	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Movie		½	Shutter Island ('09, Mys)	Mark Ruffalo, Leonardo DiCaprio.		½	The Cabin in the Woods			Movie	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	(11:45)	½ The Hearth...	½	Ghosts of Girlfriends Past			½	The Change-Up	Jason Bateman.		½	Four Christmases
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(11:30)	½ The Man Who Came t...	½	It Happened on Fifth Avenue			½	Scrooge ('70, Mus)	Albert Finney.		Movie	
TELE		20	8	10	20		(11:30)	½ Mas Rapido Mas Fur...	½	The Italian Job ('03, Act)	Mark Wahlberg.		Noticiero	Op. Repo	Suelta la sopa			
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(11:00)	½ The Librar...	½	The Librarian: Return to King Solomon...			½	The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Cha...			½	Red
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	(:10)	Rose.	(:50)	Rose.	(:25)	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU	"Mercy"	SVU	"Totem"	SVU	"Conscience"	SVU	"Blood Brothers"	Law&O: SVU	"Beef"	SVU	"Personal Fouls"
WGN		19	18				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Shattered Sight" (N)		Resurrection "Aftermath" (N)		Revenge "Atonement" (N)		KMID News	(:35)	White Collar	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The 1 Love Lucy Christmas Special		The Mentalist "The Greybar Hotel" (N)		CSI: Crime Scene "Let's Make a Deal" (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)	TheSimpsons (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Family Guy (N)	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 New England Patriots at San Diego Chargers Site: Qualcomm Stadium -- San Diego, Calif. (L)							(:35) NewsWest	Country Reporter	Whacked Out
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	(5:30) Downton Abbey Rediscovered		Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey Season 4: Part One"				Masterpiece Classic		Austin City Limits "Jason Isbell/ Neko Case"		Song of the Mountains	
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Va por tí (5/F)					Sal y pimienta	Familia P Luche	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal		The Closer		Anger M.	M&M	Office	NameGame
FLIX		340	65		165		(6:30)	Passion Fish	½	A Night at the Roxbury	½	National Lampoon's Van ...			(:05)	½	Dangerous Minds	Movie
HBO		300	68	14	14		½	Grudge Match ('13, Act)	Sylvester Stallone.		The Newsroom (N)		Comeback	(:35)	Get On	(:05)	The Newsroom	Comeback
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	The Newsroom		The Newsroom		½	That Awkward Moment			(:40)	½	The Place Beyond the Pines	Ryan Gosling.
HBOS		304	70	16	102		(5:15)	Boxing (L)			½	Escape Plan	Sylvester Stallone.			½	Changeling	Angelina Jolie.
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00)	½ 12 Years a...	(:15)	½ R.I.P.D. ('13, Act)	Ryan Reynolds.	½	Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act)	Vin Diesel.		(:15)	½	Wild Women
MAX2		382	72	18	122		½	There's Something About Mary			½	X-Men: The Last Stand			(:45)	Sex Chronicles	'Passion'	Man of Steel
PLEX				96			(5:25)	½ Harvey	½	We're No Angels			(:50)	½	Clean Slate	Dana Carvey.	(:40)	½ Hercules in the Unde...
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Homeland		The Affair		Homeland (N)		The Affair (N)		Homeland		Anger M.	M&M
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15)	½ Java Heat	½	Django Unchained ('12, West)	Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.				½	Waiting	Ryan Reynolds.	Movie
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	Dogs of War	"Run"	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30)	½ The Sorcere...	Blake Shelton		½	101 Dalmatians ('97, Fam)	Glenn Close.		Blake Shelton		Blake Shelton	
BET		58	26		40		(4:30)	½ The Preache...	½	Hot Chocolate Nutcracker	Raven-Symone.	C.Rock	Nelly "Party Crasher"		(:35)	Comic	BET	Inspiration
BRAVO		65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Friend or Faux" (N)		Millionaire (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Queens		Watch (N)	Atlanta
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Car	Money	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		American Greed		American Greed		The Profit	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	Spotlight	Spotlight	CNN Heroes: An All Star Tribute (N)				CNN Heroes: An All Star Tribute				Spotlight	Spotlight
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked	(:45) Naked	Eaten Alive (P)	(N)			DNews	Eaten Alive		
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Girl	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Austin	Girl	Jessie	Dog Blog	Jessie	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		Championship Drive		"Who's In?"	N			SportsCenter		SportsC.	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		ESPN FC	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(6:30)	½ Toy Story 3	ToySory	½	Elf ('03, Com)	Will Ferrell.		Toy Story	Year Without Santa		J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting		Stossel		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Holiday Baking (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Holiday Baking	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball	Milwaukee Bucks at Dallas Mavericks (L)				Maverick	Poker L.A. Classic		School (N)	NBDL Basketball	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	(6:00)	½ Hancock	½	Men in Black 3 ('12, Act)	Will Smith.			½	Men in Black 3 ('12, Act)	Will Smith.		
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(6:00)	½ Royal Chris...	½	Christmas at Cartwright's	Alicia Witt.		½	Meet the Santas	Steve Guttenberg.		½	Christmas Magic
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Hawaii	Hawaii	Bargain	Bargain	Free Vacation (N)		H.Hunt	House	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Ax Men		Ax Men (N)		(:05) Alaska Warr. (N)		(:05) Lost Giants		Ax Men	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Women of the Bible				The Red Tent "Part One"		1/2 cont'd Dec 8 (N)		Women of the Bible			
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Pot Barons		Pot Barons		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN		38	39				PLW Outdoors		Hunter	Deer TV	Babe W.	Deer TV	Tract.Pull	Match of the Day		Sports Report		Soccer
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)	½ Insidious: Chapter 2	½	The Scorpion King			½	Shutter Island	Leonardo DiCaprio.			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	(6:00)	½ Four Chris...	½	The Hangover Part II	Bradley Cooper.		½	The Hangover Part II	Bradley Cooper.		Ground	Ground
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(6:30)	½ December 7th	½	From Here to Eternity			(:15)	½	Separate Tables	Deborah Kerr.	Van Beuren	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Yo soy el artista (S)				Colombiana ('11, Act)	Zoe Saldana.			Titulares	Op. Repo	½	Empire of Asse...
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Long Island Medium		L.I. Medium (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		My Five Wives (N)		90 Day Fiancé		My Five Wives	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(6:00)	½ Red	The Librarians (N)				(:05) The Librarians				(:10) ½	Whiteout
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Ridicule"		SVU "Serendipity"		SVU "Outsider"		SVU "Scorched Earth"		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN		19	18				In Heat of Night		½	Bad Santa Billy Bob Thornton.			Bones		Bones		½	The Princess Die...

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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY

"TCM presents: 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Christmas in Connecticut,'" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Regal Tall City 14. fathomevents.com.

Adventures in Art: Ceramics, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Travis Tritt with Lee Roy Parnell, 8 p.m. at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.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

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Holiday Open House and Toy Drive, 4-7 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

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

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

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

ReinBeer IV at Christmas at the Mansion, 7-10 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. Sold out. museumsw.org.

Disney's "Beauty and The Beast," 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Sold out. wagnernoel.com.

THURSDAY

Christmas luncheon at Christmas at the Mansion, noon at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Library holiday open house, 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Betenbough Homes Annual Christmas Event, 6-8 p.m. at Legends Park Model Homes. betenbough.com.

Robert Earl Keen Christmas, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Jazz Society presents Houston Person on tenor sax with The Brian Piper Trio, 8 p.m. Dec. 11 at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wtjs.org.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.1

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.

"The Elf on the Shelf" story time, 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

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, 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Midland Storytelling Festival, 7 p.m. at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

"A Christmas Story" film screening, 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

"Little Women: The Musical," through Dec. 14 at Permian Playhouse in Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

"A Christmas Story," through Dec. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

"Mr. Grumpy Lizard Meets the Giggling Girls" with special guest Joyce Shaughnessy, 10:30 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Run, 11 a.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Open house at Christmas at the Mansion, 1-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Unabashedly Bookish Club, 2-4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 698-0158.

City of Midland's "Wild West Christmas Parade," 6:30 p.m. at downtown Midland. midlandtexas.gov.

Big Spring Symphony Orchestra's annual Christmas program, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. bigspringsymphony.com.

Margarita Cabrera @ Museum of the Southwest

Keys of the Renaissance @ Ellen Noel Art Museum

Beth Meyerson @ Artizen Outlet

ON DISPLAY

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.

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TOUGH TIMES

These retailers could use some holiday cheer

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The holiday shopping season is always a make-or-break period for struggling retailers.

But this year, the fight to grab shoppers has intensified, making it difficult for stores to use the season that accounts for about 20 percent of the retail industry's annual sales to bounce back.

Stores face cautious shoppers who are juggling stagnant wages and higher costs for food and health care. And Web-savvy customers are using information easily available on their smartphones to hold out for ever-better deals. All of that means stores have had to discount more — and earlier — this holiday shopping season.

"If you're a retailer on the edge, it's harder to maintain your viability and return to profitability because of the intense promotional environment," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC., a retail research firm.

He expects fourth-quarter earnings for the 123 retailers he tracks will rise 7.7 percent, down from a projected 16 percent increase in June.

Here are four retailers with years of sales declines that could use a good holiday season:

Sears Holding Corp.

The problems: The Hoffman, Illinois-based company, which operates Kmart and Sears, has been struggling for years as it faces increasingly stiff competition from Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot. Critics say Sears has failed to update shabby and tired stores.

Billionaire hedge fund manager Edward Lampert, now chairman and CEO, combined Sears and Kmart in 2005, about two years after he helped bring Kmart out of bankruptcy. But that merger hasn't been successful, and the company's financial results keep worsening.

The company on Thursday said its revenue fell 13 percent in the third quarter. In the first three quarters of the year, Sears has lost $1.6 billion.

It's on track to lose money for four straight years and record eight straight years of falling revenue when it reports its annual results early next year.

The fix: To raise money, Lampert is closing weak stores, cutting inventory and selling assets to raise cash to keep the company afloat. Year-to-date, the company has closed 129 stores, and for the full year it expects to close a total of 235 stores. That's resulting in several thousand job cuts. At the same time, Sears says it is shifting its focus from running a store network to operating an online and offline business tied together by its Shop Your Way loyalty program

The prospects: Brian Sozzi, CEO and chief equities strategies at Belus Capital Advisors, says crowds at both chains were thin over the Thanksgiving weekend. And the latest third-quarter results will likely make it critical for Sears to keep selling assets and stores to prop up its operations.

Sozzi believes that by 2017, the company will operate about 900 stores, half its current size.

The financial maneuvers "are

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For the holidays, seasonal flavors bring sales boon

On Nov. 24, barista Jay Rapp prepares an Eggnog Latte at a Starbucks store in Seattle. Starbucks is one of many businesses that roll out a number of limited-time flavors around the holidays.

Associated Press

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lisa Hanock-Jasie turns into coffee fiend during the holidays, mainly because she loves the peppermint lattes.

"I love the warmth of the cup in my hand, the aroma just makes me feel happy and calm and good," said Hanock-Jasie, a 59-year-old resident of New York City. "It makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside."

Those kinds of emotions have turned the last few months of the year into a flavor derby, with companies putting ever-expanding variations of cinnamon, gingerbread and peppermint in everything from pumpkin pie ChapStick to peppermint Pringles.

It's not just snacks and drinks, either. Candles, lip balms and lotions let you literally bathe in holiday spirit — or at least smell like you did.

Consider the proliferation of pumpkin spice products, now as much a sign of fall as college football and the leaves turning color. According to the industry tracker Technomic, there were 199 pumpkin-flavored items at the country's 500 biggest restaurant and coffee chains this fall. That's up 58 percent from the 126 just two years ago.

Limited-time flavors are a proven way to attract customers throughout the year, of course; the McRib likely wouldn't have its mythical status if it were a fixture on McDonald's menu. But flavors like candy cane and gingerbread are particularly popular because of the power scents and flavors have to evoke time spent with loved ones.

"It's about the emotions it triggers," said Tawana Burnett, senior marketing director for ChapStick, which this year introduced a pumpkin pie flavor for the holidays, in addition to its candy cane variety.

Companies don't disclose exactly how much seasonal offerings drive sales, but the proliferation is an indicator of how indispensable they've become to stay competitive. For some shoppers, that peppermint mocha (don't forget the red cup) or gingerbread cake can become its own tradition.

Starbucks, for instance, planned to make its eggnog latte, which was introduced in 1986, available only in the Northwest this year. But after an outpouring of complaints by customers in other parts of the country, the coffee chain decided to make it available

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Ask the Fool

Stock Price Matters

Q Does a company's stock price matter much to it? — *M.S., Westport, Connecticut*

A It does, but perhaps not how you expect. Companies collect their money when they first sell their shares to the public (via an initial public offering, or IPO). Then those shares are traded between investors in the stock market.

When you buy shares of Clorox through your brokerage, you're buying them from an investor who wants to sell them. It's like baseball cards: The companies that print them get their money when the cards are sold, and after that, they're traded between owners, with their value rising or falling.

If Clorox's stock price falls significantly, so will its total market value. A competitor might look into buying the company, whether Clorox likes that or not. Also, low prices limit a company's flexibility. When Clorox's price is high, if it tries to buy another company with its stock, the acquisition will require fewer shares. And if Clorox wants to issue a few more new shares to generate more money, it will get more for each share when the price is high.

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Q How can I track my portfolio online? — *T.L., Tracyton, Washington*

A Your brokerage's website is a good place to start. But many online services, such as Yahoo! Finance and AOL, also offer portfolio tracking. At such sites you can enter the various stocks and funds you own, the prices at which you bought them and the purchase dates. From then on, you can check in at any time to see the latest value of your individual holdings, as well as your overall portfolio.

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With taxable bonds and bond funds, you'll do well to invest in them through a tax-deferred or tax-free account. That's because their interest payments to you are taxed as ordinary income, which means your tax hit could be 25 percent or even more. In a traditional IRA or 401(k), the tax will be delayed until withdrawal in retirement, when you may be in a lower bracket. In a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), your entire withdrawal is likely to be tax-free.

If you're someone who trades in and out of stocks frequently, consider doing so in a tax-deferred or tax-free retirement account. Otherwise, your gains will be short-term ones, taxable at your ordinary income rate.

Gains on stocks you've held for more than a year are considered long-term, with a capital gains rate for most of us currently at 15 percent. (Regardless of tax considerations, think twice before trading frequently. Studies suggest that frequent traders fare worse than long-term investors.) Stocks that you think might soar can do so tax-free in a Roth IRA.

Municipal bonds, which pay you tax-free income, are perfect residents of regular, taxable investment accounts. Individual stocks that you own and that you plan to hang on to for a long time are also good candidates for your regular, taxable accounts. They'll tend to qualify for the preferable long-term capital gains tax rate, and you control when you sell them and realize the gains.

Less in your control are managed stock mutual funds, which distribute taxable dividends and capital gains each year. Still, even among these you can choose more tax-efficient ones. At **Morningstar.com**, for example, you can check out a fund's tax efficiency.

Be strategic with your investments, and you may be able to significantly lower your tax bill.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name That Company

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?

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!

My Dumbest Investment

Bowled Over

In the late 1990s, when AMF Bowling had an initial public offering, I bought 100 shares at $19 for my wife. I watched it rise to $31 per share and decided to hang on. Well, they became worthless. — *Roy, Richmond, Virginia*

The Fool Responds: People get excited when companies issue fresh shares via an IPO, but many IPOs end up disappointing their investors. That's because insiders tend to get the shares at their initial, relatively low price, while others can snap up shares only after they've been bid up. Many IPO shares surge in their first days, but then fall by the end of the year. It's often best to wait and watch while you learn more.

In this case, it would have been worth researching bowling, where league memberships had been falling, boding poorly for AMF Bowling's future. Sadly, league memberships have still been falling, and the number of U.S. bowling centers dropped from close to 5,500 in 1998 to a bit more than 4,000 in 2012.

Bowling isn't doomed, but it's a challenging industry for companies and investors. AMF Bowling is now part of Bowlmor AMF.

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The Motley Fool Take

Much More Than a Search Engine

Google (Nasdaq: GOOG) (Nasdaq: GOOGL) is a long-term buy-and-hold stock for two simple reasons — the company controls 58 percent of the world's Internet searches, and its mobile operating system Android dominates 85 percent of the mobile market. (With Android, the company is trouncing Apple's smartphone sales volume on a global level.)

Google knows how to leverage those strengths. For example, it offers many products for free (Gmail, YouTube, etc.), which funnel users back to its real moneymakers — search and display advertising.

But Google's long-term ambitions go far beyond advertising. It spends more on research and development than almost any other tech giant — about 13 percent of its revenue. It has also invested in a wide range of businesses, such as driverless cars, artificial intelligence, military robots, biotechnology and smart homes. Some of these efforts might not pan out, but each piece of the puzzle offers us a glimpse at Google's dreams of ubiquitous computing.

Between fiscal 2005 and 2013, Google's annual revenue soared 875 percent. If Google continues to leverage its core strengths to expand into other markets, its top line will keep rising over the next few decades. Google's business is much larger than a simple search engine. Its stock is appealingly priced, too. (The Motley Fool recommends and owns shares of Google.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1863's National Union Life and Limb Insurance Co., which aimed to insure Civil War sailors and soldiers against wartime-related disabilities. My history features vigorous public health campaigns, such as against tuberculosis, and for decades I offered free nursing care to millions. I helped fund the building of Rockefeller Center and the Empire State Building. Today I'm one of the world's largest life insurance companies, also offering annuities, employee benefits and asset management. My roughly 65,000 employees serve about 100 million customers in more than 50 nations. My brand icon sleeps on a doghouse. Who am I? (Answer: MetLife)

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High-speed Internet access impacts quality of life, business

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

About 8 of every 10 Americans have high-speed Internet at home. Specifically, over 78 percent of people in U.S. households had a high-speed Internet connection last year, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau report. Almost 84 percent had a computer.

Some 30 years ago (1984), only 8 percent of households had a computer. It wasn't until the mid-1990s that even a third of houses had them, but the numbers rose rapidly thereafter. In just three years (between 1997 and 2000), the proportion with computers jumped from 37 percent to 51 percent. Today's 84 percent reflects households with a laptop or desktop as well as handheld (such as smart phone) or tablet devices. I realize that I'm dating myself, but it's rather amazing how quickly the adoption of these technologies occurred, much faster than many other breakthroughs over time.

The Census Bureau data indicates that (not surprisingly) computer ownership is more common in younger households, but a full 65 percent of those aged 65 or older had a computer. More than 58 percent of those 65+ also had an Internet subscription, and virtually all of those were high speed. This remarkable penetration speaks not only to the willingness of Americans to learn to use this new tool and means of communication, but also to the efforts of engineering, development, and design teams over the past several decades. In the early days, using a computer or the Internet required extensive knowledge of a fairly technical sort. Now, the hardware and software has advanced to the point that it's typically quick and easy to get up and running and has taken "user-friendly" to a whole new level.

Computer ownership and Internet use are also more common in households with higher incomes. Over 98 percent of households making $150,000 or more had a computer, and 95 percent used the Internet. In households with less than $25,000 in income, 62 percent had computers and 48 percent had Internet. Higher education levels also correlate with higher computer and Internet use.

Geography is another factor. Households in metropolitan areas are significantly more likely to have computers (at 85 percent) than households in nonmetropolitan areas (77 percent). They're also more likely to be online, with 76 percent of households in metropolitan areas having an Internet subscription compared to 65 percent of nonmetropolitan areas.

Looking at a map of computer ownership and Internet use by state reveals that southern states tend to have rates statistically lower than the national averages. While more than 88 percent of people in the United States live in a household with a computer, only 87 percent of Texans do so. In Utah, nearly 95 percent of people live in households with computers; in Mississippi, only 80 percent do so. However, within Texas there are notable differences across areas. Only three metropolitan areas in the United States had rates of household computer ownership lower than 75 percent, and two of them are in Texas (Brownsville and Laredo). In addition, there are several other metro areas in the Lone Star State which have lower penetration rates than the national average by 5 percent or more. At the same time, some Texas population centers (including the Metroplex and Austin) are at or higher levels than the nation as a whole.

From a corporate perspective, computers and high-speed Internet are essential, and insufficiencies in broadband infrastructure can literally-eliminate an area from consideration in location and expansion decisions. Studies have also linked investments in improving broadband to economic development. The instant access to information that individuals now have has changed the way businesses and customers connect, with online interaction increasingly crucial.

For individuals, computer ownership and home Internet use clearly has an entertainment component. Movie streaming, keeping up with friends and family through email and social media, gaming, and other similar activities are among the primary uses of computers/Internet in some households. Household business is also conducted, such as paying bills, shopping online, or researching purchases. Students use the Internet to complete assignments. In some cases, computer use and high-speed Internet at home are essential for work purposes. I fall into this category, as I spend far more days working on the road or at home than I do sitting in my office, and interactions throughout the globe make me strive for 24/7/365 connectivity. In my firm, I also have employees who are offsite, relying on high-speed internet connections to do their jobs.

From a community perspective, the availability of quality and affordable high-speed Internet can provide opportunities and enhance quality of life. The fact that there are parts of Texas ranking among the lowest for computer ownership and Internet use is problematic, negatively affecting the ability of communities to provide certain services, reducing possibilities for innovations in health care delivery, impairing capabilities for technology-based solutions to other problems, and constraining economic development potential. However, with ongoing improvement in high-speed Internet infrastructure and ever falling prices for computers, smart phones, and other methods of access, we should continue to see the number of households not connected diminish — which is of benefit to individuals, their communities, and society.

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Building permits Nov. 24-Nov. 28

4907 Wylea Cove	Residential Addition	$30,000
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1031 Andrews Highway	Commercial Alteration	$10,150
4511 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
7402 Briarwood Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
6300 Highway 349	Commercial Alteration	$15,000
300 E. Estes Ave.	Residential Addition	$1,000
409 E. Scharbauer Drive	Sign	$400
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902 Gallantry Lane	New Residence	$181,080
904 Gallantry Lane	New Residence	$270,000
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For each of the words below, replace one letter with the letter after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a Marvel comic film hero.

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Yesterday's Answer: OATMEAL, BELABOR, CONGEAL, ORGANIC

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Properly budgeted Christmas makes holiday jollier

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are still paying off debt, so we didn't budget anything for Christmas. How much do you think we should spend on close friends and family members? — Dan

DEAR DAN: Not having a budget for Christmas probably isn't a great idea if you want to have a happy marriage! It's really not that difficult. I don't know if there's a certain amount that works for everyone, because everybody's circumstances are different. But you must have a plan when holidays or other special occasions come along — especially when you're trying to get out of debt.

If you have kids, you certainly need to budget for them. They may not get everything they want, but there's no reason there can't be something from Santa under the tree. You also need to budget a little something for your spouse. The good thing is you can have a little fun with these gifts and make them more from the heart than the wallet.

What if you gave your wife a coupon that says you'll cook a real dinner for her and the kids once a week for the next three months? Or perhaps it's a voucher for a free back rub any time she's feeling stressed and tired. Maybe you could find a nice but inexpensive frame and put a favorite picture of the two of you inside. Things that come from the heart, or that include little acts of kindness or serving the other person, can go a long way. Those kinds of things are especially meaningful to most folks during the holiday season.

Trust me, Dan. You can have a wonderful, loving, quality Christmas without spending a lot of money. You'll have to spend a little here and there, but just make sure it's an amount that's appropriate for your financial situation. If you're making $200,000 and trying to get out of debt, that's one thing. But if you're making $20,000 a year and trying to get out of debt, you need to do things that are creative and don't require a lot of cash!

DEAR DAVE: My husband and I are looking at getting a second vehicle. We found one we like, and it's in great shape, but they're asking more than we can afford to pay. How do you make a low offer without making someone angry or insulting them? — Angela

DEAR ANGELA: It's always a smart move to try and stay on the seller's good side. You want to be classy and diplomatic, and never point out the bad things about an item someone's selling just to drive down the price. If you insult their merchandise or insinuate the price is unfair, you're likely to blow the whole deal right off the bat.

How about this? Tell them it's a fine vehicle, and their price is fair, but the amount they're asking is outside your budget. Let them know how much you want to work out a deal, but, in order for it to fit into your lifestyle, you can only pay a certain amount. You might throw in that a lot of people are selling things right now because of the economy, and you're just looking for the very best deal.

Maybe that, and letting them know you're standing there with money in hand, will help swing this thing in your favor. Good luck, Angela!

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Dunkin' Donuts VS Starbucks

From left, snikcerdoodle latte, sugar cookie latte and iced peppermint mocha coffee.

Clockwise from left, gingerbread latte, eggnog latte, peppermint mocha and chestnut praline patte

FLAVORS

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nationally.

A drawback of that kind of success is the imitation it invites. Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz has noted the popularity of the chain's Pumpkin Spice Latte since its introduction in 2003 has helped spawn a new category. Last year, even McDonald's joined the ranks of chains offering a pumpkin spice drink.

As such, companies are trying to stand out with new flavors or twists on traditional offerings.

This year, Starbucks introduced a Chestnut Praline latte, bringing its number of holiday drinks up to five — the most ever. IHOP is introducing Pumpkin Cheesecake and Caramel Bon Bon pancakes, as well as bringing back its Raspberry White Chocolate Chip pancakes.

Dunkin' Donuts is offering Sugar Cookie and Snickerdoodle Cookie lattes, in addition to Peppermint Mocha. John Costello, president of global marketing and innovation at Dunkin' Brands, said it's a way to keep the chain "top of mind during a hectic holiday season."

The need to come up with new flavors also speaks to the seemingly endless appetite for different tastes.

"It's an overall trend around the sophistication of palates. (People) are more accepting of different flavors and different flavor combinations," said Mark Miller, who heads the Pringles business at Kellogg.

It's why Pringles introduced three seasonal flavors in 2012, including White Chocolate Peppermint. They were so popular Pringles expanded to five flavors this year, including Milk Chocolate and Tortilla Cinnamon Sugar. The thought of such flavors on chips might make some gag, but Miller said they're meant in part to be a conversation piece.

"Especially around the holidays, consumers are expecting a whole lot of fun," he said.

RETAILERS

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basically enabling (Sears) to tread water on the operating losses," said Everscore ISI's Greg Melich.

RadioShack Corp.

The problems: Long known as a destination for batteries and obscure electronic parts, RadioShack's problem has been that the functions of so many products it sold have been taken up by smartphones.

So it sought to remake itself as a specialist in wireless devices and accessories. But growth in that business is slowing because more people have smartphones and see fewer reasons to upgrade.

RadioShack's shares are now trading below $1. It warned in September that it might need to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which wasn't unexpected. It bought some more time soon after by restructuring part of its debt with lenders.

The fix: RadioShack's turnaround efforts have included cutting costs, renovating and closing stores, and shuffling management. The Fort Worth-based company has tried to update its image and work on adding new products, including private brands and exclusive items.

RadioShack disclosed plans in March that it intended to close 1,100 stores, or about a fifth of its U.S. locations. It didn't specify the number of job cuts.

The prospects: RadioShack has been fighting with its lenders during the holidays, which is hampering its efforts to restructure the business and close some of its stores to help raise cash. This past week the lenders notified RadioShack of alleged breaches to a $250 million loan and want the company to prepay some of its debt, along with other fees. RadioShack says that is unreasonable.

"I think they're going to close, but it's about doing it on an orderly basis," says David Tawil, co-founder and portfolio manager of Maglan Capital, which follows distressed companies.

Aeropostale Inc.

The problems: Teen retailer Aeropostale reported a widening loss and falling sales on Thursday, and its forecast for the holiday quarter mostly fell short of analysts' predictions.

Aeropostale, like many traditional teen destinations including Abercrombie & Fitch and American Eagle Outfitters, has struggled with changing fashion tastes among teens. Those chains face intense competition from fast-fashion retailers like Forever 21 and H&M, which offer a wide and quickly changing array of clothing at low prices.

Aeropostale thrived during the depths of the recession because of its affordable logoed T-shirts and pants. But fashions with brand logos have lost their appeal, and the trendier items that have replaced them have not excited shoppers.

The fix: In August, Aeropostale reinstated its former CEO Julian Geiger. But Geiger told investors this week that the chain went too far to try to be trendy in its quest to rival fast fashion chains. "I still believe that while (teens) strive for individuality ... there's still a uniform that they wear that makes them cool and fit in," he said.

In May, Aeropostale announced it would close 125 of its mall-based P.S. from Aeropostale stores by the end of its fiscal year. It didn't specify how many job cuts are associated with the closures, but it's also cutting 100 corporate jobs.

The prospects: Aeropostale's "path to reclaiming relevance among teens continues to be an uphill battle," said Randal J. Konik, a Jefferies analyst.

J.C. Penney Co.

The problems: J.C. Penney is still trying to recover from a botched transformation plan spearheaded by former CEO Ron Johnson that sent its sales in a freefall and resulted in mounting losses.

Mike Ullman returned to the CEO job in April 2013 and has stabilized the business by restoring discounts and basic merchandise. But it's now up to Marvin Ellison, who will take over Ullman's job in August, to remake it as a shopping destination.

The fix: In October, Ullman laid out a strategy to improve productivity, expand e-commerce and spruce up some departments that it said would boost sales to $14.5 billion by fiscal 2017. That's still well below the $17.23 billion it generated before the sales plunge. It remains to be seen whether it will further pare down its fleet, which totals about 1,100 stores. In its latest round of layoffs in January, it closed 33 underperforming stores and laid off 2,000 employees.

The prospects: Analysts are closely watching how Penney fares this holiday season after growth has slowed in an important sales measurement. A slow holiday season would make investors less confident in their business.

"It calls into question their turnaround strategy and whether it's gaining traction or not," Perkins said.

2015 bond outlook: low expectations

By Stan Choe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't expect much from your bond mutual fund next year.

The bond market will likely produce modest returns, if they're positive at all, according to many bond-fund managers. It's a matter of math: Bonds are offering very low interest rates following a decades-long drop in yields. That means they're producing less income.

It also means bonds have less protection from rising interest rates. When rates climb, the price for existing bonds falls because their yields suddenly look less attractive than those of newly issued bonds.

Here are some questions set to shape the bond market in 2015:

Rates are rising, right?

Nearly everyone is planning for the Fed to raise rates next year because the economy may have finally caught enough momentum. The unemployment rate hasn't been this low since 2008, and the economy just delivered its strongest back-to-back quarterly growth since 2003.

Many fund managers forecast the Fed will begin raising rates in mid- to late-2015. It has kept the federal funds rate at a range of zero to 0.25 percent since 2008.

But maybe not too much?

Even though the economy is improving, it's still fragile. That could lead the Fed to move more slowly in raising interest rates than many investors expect, says USAA's Freund.

Inflation also remains low, with the price of oil close to a four-year low and the dollar at its strongest level in years. That gives the Fed more leeway to take its time in raising rates.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury could be around 2.5 percent at the end of 2015, says Joe Davis, Vanguard's global chief economist. That's only a little higher than its current yield, and Davis expects the taxable bond market to return 2 percent to 3.5 percent annually over the next several years.

Aren't short-term bonds safe?

Long-term bonds lock investors into yields for a longer time period, so rate increases can hurt them more than short-term bonds. That's pushed many investors to pile into short-term funds, hoping to reduce their risk.

The $22 billion that they put into short-term bond funds over the last year is 10 times what they put into intermediate- and long-term bond funds, combined, according to Morningstar.

But short-term bond investors aren't getting a free lunch, says Karl Dasher, co-head of fixed income at Schroders. Yields are so low that they're in danger of losses when the Fed begins raising short-term rates.

Longer-term bonds may actually be in a better position, Dasher says. Long-term rates may not rise as much for several reasons. Pension funds and other big institutional investors will continue to buy long-term bonds to cover their liabilities, for example, and that demand should help to support prices for longer-term bonds.

What about credit risk?

Interest rates have been so low that investors searching for yield have reached into areas they may have avoided before.

Junk bonds, for example, are issued by companies with poor credit ratings. They pay higher yields to attract investors, but they're riskier. Default rates have been low recently and are expected to remain so.

But prices for junk bonds can swing more widely than others, and volatility looks set to rise with interest rates. The fear is that many of the newbies in the junk-bond market will rush to sell at once, which could cause even sharper price declines.

Mobile payment services offer holiday deals this year

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — PayPal and Google Wallet are offering deals and discounts to entice customers to use their services. Shoppers need to pay for goods in stores using a smartphone or online. The deals are available at major stores, including Toys R Us, Sephora and Home Depot.

Shoppers need to open an account at either service's website by linking a credit card or debit card. Having an account at PayPal or Google Wallet can mean faster checkouts online. Whether shoppers are on a computer or using a smartphone app, they can click on the button for each service and their credit card information and address displays automatically. At stores, there's no need to swipe a credit card or take out cash, just a few taps on a smartphone app or hovering the smartphone over a register, and the transaction is done.

PayPal is offering email alerts for deals throughout the holiday season. Shoppers who use PayPal at Toys R Us, Home Depot, Famous Footwear and teen retailer Aeropostale, can get $5 off when they spend $25 in the stores through Dec. 15.

Deals also can be found on PayPal's website, shopping.paypal.com/index. Recent deals include 15 percent off at JCPenney.com, which ends in April. To take advantage of an advertised discount, users must click on the offer to save it to their PayPal account. Then, when the purchase is made, the discount will automatically be subtracted.

Shoppers who use Google Wallet to buy a gift card for someone else at select retailers' websites, will receive a $5 gift card for themselves. The retailers include makeup seller Sephora, office supply retailer Staples, natural foods grocer Whole Foods and movie theater chain Regal Cinemas. That deal ends Dec. 26. Buyers get the $5 gift emailed to them, and then have to save it to their Google Wallet account.

Google Wallet also offers additional deals if users click the "pay with Google" button in certain apps on Android devices.

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University Choir performs with Susan Boyle

Iris Foster
Communication and Special Projects

UTPB's University Choir is composed of a gifted group of musicians under the direction of newcomer Dr. Frank Eychaner and accompanied by Debbie Butler. Adding to the choir's cachet is its performance hall the award-winning Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Just last year, the three-year-old Wagner Noël was named first among university venues with fewer than 5,000 seats (Venues Today), and it was also ranked 67 in Pollstar's top 100 Theatre Venues (Midland Reporter-Telegram 11/2/14).

The choir performs concerts several times per year, and on Oct 19, they had the distinct honor of joining Susan Boyle on the Wagner Noël stage. The middle-aged Scottish singer catapulted to fame when she appeared on Britain's Got Talent in 2009. The UTPB University Choir was featured on crowd favorites including O Happy Day, You Raise Me Up, and I Dreamed a Dream, her famous competition number.

Freshman voice major Gabriel Sanchez actually saw Ms. Boyle on screen in 2009, and said, "From the beginning of her audition, I had a feeling this was going to be one of those acts that will literally blow you away."

"After seeing her in person, I came to realize how awesome she is," Sanchez continued. "She is really down to earth, and the way she performs just leaves a huge impact. She is well put together musically and has a way of singing from the heart. I consider myself very blessed to have been on stage with Susan Boyle."

Junior music education major Allison Bryant added, "I remember watching her performance on Britain's Got Talent with my family years ago. I was judgmental of her before I even heard her sing a note. When she began to sing, I remember crying. It was beautiful, and I felt terrible for judging a book by its cover."

"Performing with her at the Wagner Noël was absolutely astounding. She cracked jokes and made everyone feel at ease. When asked if I would sing the optional 1st soprano 'solo' for the performance, I was beyond nervous. But it was amazing to push myself to be a stronger musician."

Madison Welch, another music major who plays violin, enjoyed "performing as a backup singer for her." She said, "It was so inspiring to witness the energy pouring from her as she sang, and her audience responded with the same energy."

Jamison Joiner, a freshman classical guitar major, was uplifted when he discovered Ms. Boyle has Asperger Syndrome. "To see someone with that gives me no excuse not to do my best in [my] musical journey."

Additional performances of the University Choir will occur on December 4 when it will join with the University Wind Ensemble and Philharmonic to present the

Holiday Celebration on the main stage of the Wagner Noël. Choirs from Andrews, Permian, and Odessa High Schools will also be on hand to perform holiday favorites. Featured on the programs will be Hallelujah from Handel's Soulful Celebration, For Unto Us a Child is born from The Messiah, and favorite carols.

Dr. Eychaner joined the faculty this year after serving as director of choral studies and music education at Christian University since 2006. He earned a bachelor's in music education and a master's in choral conducting from Central Washington University and his DMA in choral conducting from the University of Kentucky.

Ms. Butler grew up in Big Spring where she won numerous awards in choral and church music. She received her bachelor's degree in piano performance from Hardin Simmons University.

Degrees in Music Education are now available at UTPB which is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). For more information about the University Choir, please e-mail eychaner_f@utpb.edu. For more information about other musical opportunities, e-mail music@utpb.edu.

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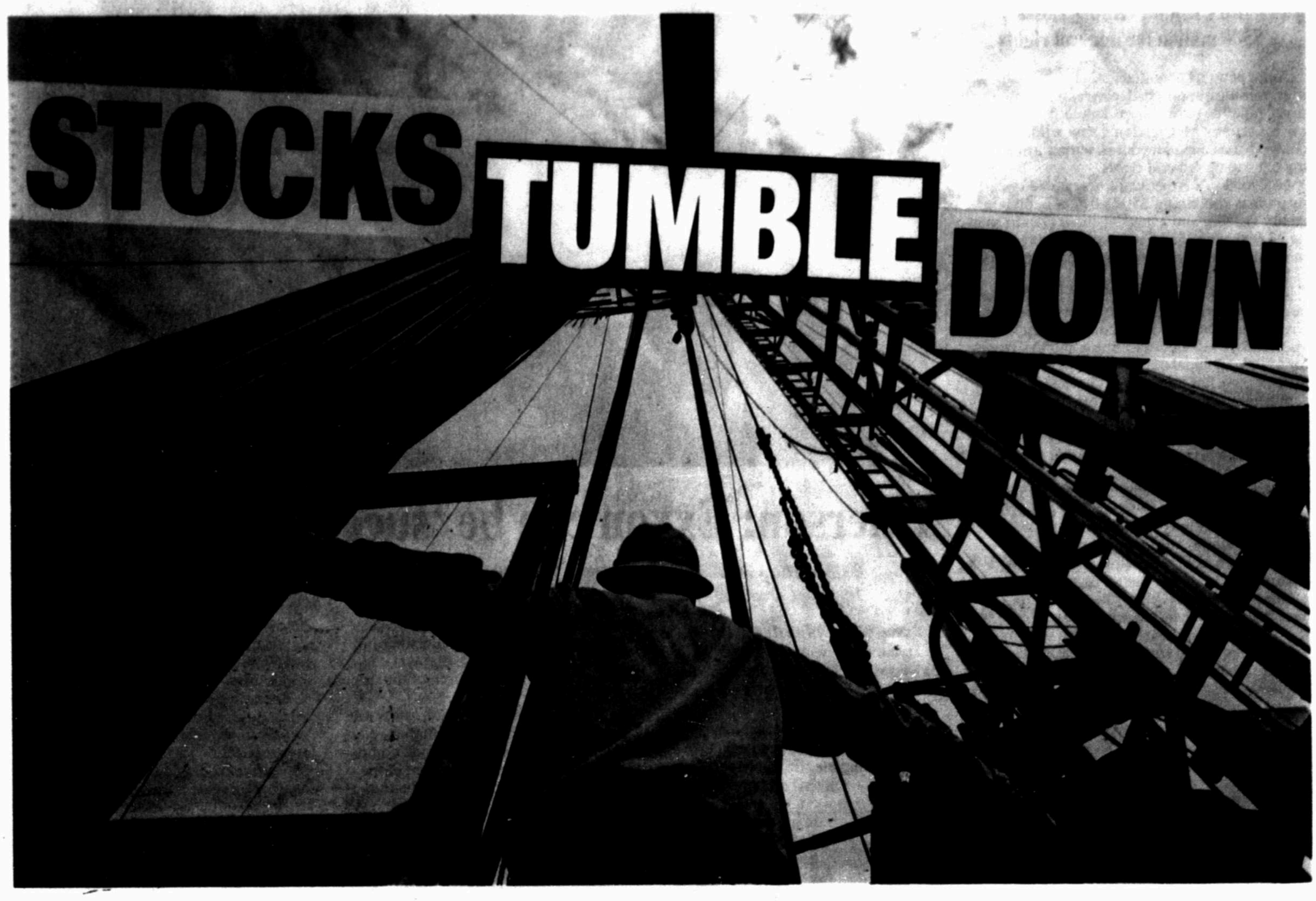

Operators factor steep oil price decline into 2015 plans

By Mella McEwen
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A $40 decline in crude prices since their summer peak above $100 has injected some uncertainty into oil gas producers' activity plans for 2015.

Apache Corp. recently announced it has cut its 2015 budget to $4 billion. But the company has increased the portion earmarked for its Permian Basin operations to 55 percent.

Concho Resources said it is monitoring commodity prices and has a flexible program in place to accommodate lower prices. At the same time, the company is prioritizing balance sheet strength. But company executives told investors Concho remains well positioned to continue delivering growth, with program efficiencies and completions improvements maximizing productivity and returns.

Clayton Williams noted that in the 1980s, his employee count fell from 1,200 to about 300. This time, he said he thinks the industry is strong enough to avoid layoffs, though they could come if oil remains low.

Scott Sheffield, president and chief executive officer of Pioneer Natural Resources, said terms are still good for Spraberry-Wolfcamp wells. He said the company will still grow, but perhaps not as much.

"Pioneer Natural Resources is going into this downturn with little to no debt for the first time in our history. We've learned from past down cycles," he said, noting the company had a $4.1 billion budget for the Permian Basin in 2014.

"This is still a great asset; we'll just have less cash flow" at lower prices, Sheffield said. Pioneer's Midland and Delaware Basin assets "are economic at $60 oil, $70 oil, at $80 oil."

"With tough markets comes great opportunities," said Dan Westcott, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Legacy Reserves. But tough markets also require strong balance sheets and flexibility, he added.

Adam Lawlis, investor relations specialist with Diamondback Energy, agreed that, while the low price environment presents challenges, it also presents opportunities for companies who have practiced capital discipline.

Westcott predicted that, given the dramatic downturn in prices, drilling activity is certain to slow.

"From what I've read, a 25 percent reduction is not out of the realm of possibility," he said.

Lawlis said Diamondback has plans to operate five horizontal drilling rigs in 2015 with the option to lay down a couple of them if prices remain low. The company will be focusing on a prudent allocation of its capital, migrating towards projects that offer the best returns, he said.

"We have options to hunker down and defer acceleration until prices improve. We'll be active, but maybe not as active," he said.

An important piece of the puzzle is service-cost inflation, Lawlis said. "A lot of (service) companies are still living in a $100 world," he said. Cost relief or concessions will make the economics of some fringe projects look better and will be required to keep activity going forward, he added.

Diamondback is holding a board of directors meeting this month to discuss its next capital budget and in January or February will have a plan for 2015, he said.

The current price environment has Legacy sorting the projects it plans to drill to make sure wells to be drilled will generate the needed returns.

The Midland-based master limited partnership is in the process of establishing its 2015 budget and, as in past years, is mapping out a variety of price scenarios. As a publicly traded company, he said those figures will be presented to its board of directors, who will approve the budget figures and activity plans.

"We look at the New York Mercantile Exchange forward price curve to see what they think prices will be and evaluate what we think they will be going forward. We also evaluate sensitivity, what happens if oil prices go up $5 or down," he said. Westcott noted that Legacy is more focused on producing its wells and acquiring assets than drilling wells. It spent $130 million on drilling this year, compared to $500 million on acquisitions.

Legacy's declining stock price, impacted by commodity prices, has an impact on planned acquisitions, he said.

"The price we pay for assets is dictated by the market evaluation of our company," he said. "When we buy assets, we need to issue more units and get additional investors into the company so we can pay for those acquisitions. The worse our stock price is, the more difficult it is to make the math work on acquisitions."

He added that if Legacy's stock price falls 25 percent, the company has to issue 25 percent more units. As an MLP, the company pays cash dividends to unitholders each quarter and having to issue more units means more cash must be paid to unitholders. That makes some assets look less attractive, he said.

Said Lawlis, "Companies that exercise capital discipline, have a low expense structure and debt metrics will be able to weather the price downturn and then accelerate as things improve."

The decades of drilling locations found throughout the Permian Basin aren't going anywhere following the drop in oil prices, said Westcott. "The pace of developing them may slow."

Photo: An active pumping rig on Highway 385 south of Odessa operates on Sept. 24. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Study: Permian operators cut methane emissions 9 percent

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The nation's oil and gas operators have sent domestic production up more than 70 percent in recent years, adding about 3.5 million barrels of crude production to the nation's output.

While that has raised concerns about the impact on the nation's environment, a study released this week found methane emissions have actually declined significantly among most of the nation's major producing regions.

Using data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, Energy In Depth said Permian Basin emissions fell 9 percent from 4.6 million tons in 2011 to 4.2 million tons in 2013.

Declines were even sharper in other producing areas. In the Utica and Marcellus shales, emissions fell by 55 percent and 10 percent, respectively. The San Juan Basin saw emissions drop 6 percent, while emissions in the Anadarko Basin fell 34 percent. The Gulf Coast Basin, which includes the Eagle Ford shale play, saw emissions fall 18 percent.

"I think it's outstanding news for our industry and our country," said Larry Richards, president and chief executive officer of Hy-Bon Engineering, in an email.

"For non-industry folks, methane emissions equal vented natural gas. Methane is the cleanest burning energy source on the planet when we get it into a pipeline but creates real greenhouse gas concerns — it has 23 times the impact of carbon dioxide emissions when vented," he said.

Richards continued, "It takes Mother Nature millions of years to create those hydrocarbon molecules, and the fact we've been able to reduce methane emissions here in the Permian while dramatically increasing overall oil production is a real feat. It shows the real, tangible results of many oil companies placing a focus on capturing these gas streams since 2011 and putting them into a pipeline where they can create energy for the country. Vapor recovery units, low bleed pneumatics and other technologies all play a part, but it's the focus and dedication of the oil companies targeting the capture of this gas that really made the impact. It's an accomplishment as an industry and a community that we should be proud of."

Like Richards, officials at Energy In Demand attributed the reduced emissions to steps being taken by the industry to use "green completion" technology and capture more methane and put it in pipelines. EID cited comments by the EPA itself crediting the industry for its "voluntary reductions" in methane, specifically through the use of new technologies, quoting the EPA as saying, "The decrease in production emissions is due to increased voluntary reductions, from activities such as replacing high bleed pneumatic devices, regulatory reductions, and the increased use of plunger lifts for liquids unloading."

Pam Percival, director of corporate communications for Fort Worth-based FTS International, said the company has ongoing research into cleaner, greener technology.

"As the largest independent well completion service company in North America, FTS International is committed to environmentally conscious operations. For example, FTSI's Corporate Technology Center experts have an ongoing initiative to enhance fracturing chemistries and processes to facilitate reuse of produced water, thereby reducing overall water consumption," she said in an email.

"In addition, our dual fuel-powered hydraulic fracturing equipment allows us to use clean-burning natural gas to displace up to 65 percent of the diesel fuel traditionally used to operate pumping equipment for hydraulic fracturing. Natural gas burns cleaner than diesel, so less diesel means reduced air emissions for a cleaner environment," Percival added.

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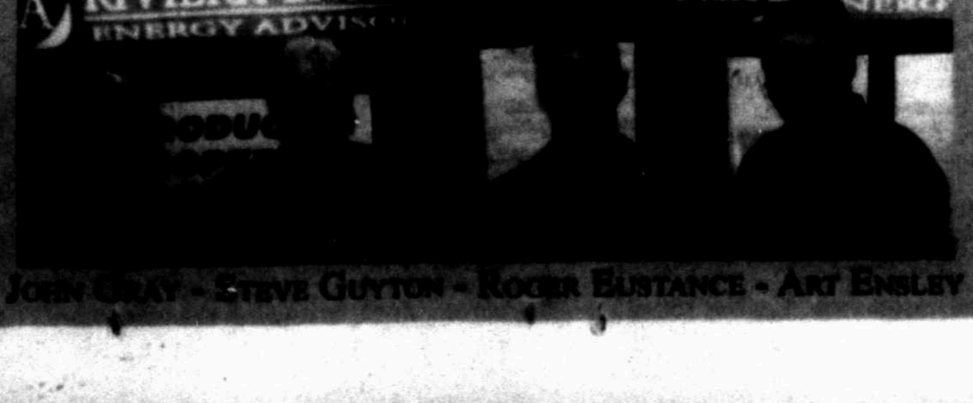

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WHEELING &DEALING

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

McClendon venture raises $500 million for mineral rights

Amid news of potential initial public offerings, millions in oil-producing asset acquisitions, pipeline partnerships and large capital raises, Aubrey McClendon's new wildcatting company has announced it is setting aside funding to snap up mineral rights.

McClendon's American Energy said one of its units is combining $500 million in private equity funding and a new business plan to snap up 28,000 net mineral acres and 29,000 acres in royalty interests in some of the most prolific U.S. onshore plays.

The ex-CEO of Chesapeake Energy will be targeting mineral and royalty interests in Ohio's Utica Shale, the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania, West Texas' Permian Basin and the Woodford Shale in Oklahoma — oil patches where his company has already put down stakes with acquisitions of oil and gas-pumping wells.

The Oklahoma company is again leaning on The Energy & Minerals Group, Houston-based $17.1 billion private equity firm that is betting big on the American Energy.

McClendon, whose aggressive investing pushed Chesapeake to become one of the biggest players in the U.S. shale energy surge, doesn't appear to be slowing down his new venture, even as oil prices have sunk below $75 a barrel.

Lately, American Energy has turned its attention to West Texas, looking to exploit three stacked shale formations in Reagan County with a dozen rigs by the end of next year. It has spent $720 million on acreage with an estimated 49 million barrels of oil equivalent in proved reserves. American Energy's West Texas unit may be among the first of McClendon's companies to go public.

HOUSTON

Southwestern Energy to pay $300M for gas-rich land in Pennsylvania

Southwestern Energy Co. is planning to pay $300 million for thousands of acres in a natural gas-rich region of Pennsylvania, little more than six weeks after its multibillion-dollar deal to buy gas land nearby.

In addition to 46,700 net acres in northeast Pennsylvania, the deal with seller WPX Energy includes energy transportation capacity on a pipeline. The land itself is currently producing 50 million net cubic feet of gas equivalent a day from 63 horizontal wells, and the company will be able to move up to 260 million cubic feet of gas a day on the pipe, the company said Tuesday.

"The immediate availability of this firm transportation provides the pathway for ongoing growth in production over the next three years and the added acreage solidifies future value through a growing well inventory," Southwestern CEO Steve Mueller said in a written statement.

Mueller added the land would complement the company's existing acreage in northern Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, where it is already drilling into the gas-soaked Marcellus shale formation. He said for one well, the company has drilled nearly a mile sideways and is producing 4.7 million cubic feet a day. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of next year, pending approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Houston oil and gas explorer in October had agreed to pay Chesapeake Energy $5.4 billion for gas land in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, Southwestern's biggest deal ever and a $13,000-per-acre bet on natural gas.

HOUSTON

Battlecat snags $220 million in equity for South Texas drilling

Houston-based exploration and production company Battlecat Oil & Gas has secured up to $220 million in equity funding, and plans to start drilling in South Texas by early next year.

Battlecat Managing Director Kurt von Plonski said in a news release that the company has leases in the Eagle Ford Shale and will focus development there. Chief financial officer Jamie Liang told Fuel Fix that the company could expand to other formations in South Texas through acquisitions of leasehold and existing production assets.

Battlecat's managers, who according to the company website have engaged in South Texas oil ventures since the late 1980s, are making the new move amid a drop in oil prices that has led to concerns about the economic viability of some production.

Mark Semmelbeck, Battlecat's other managing director, said in a press release that its new projects will "navigate competitive pressures and market challenges to create value" in the shale play.

Liang added that falling oil could be a good thing for the company, as commodity pressures should edge out competitors and open up acquisition opportunities for Battlecat.

Houston Chronicle file photo

Tillerson: Exxon can be 'successful' at $40 oil

By Joshua Cain
Houston Chronicle

Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson said in an interview with CNBC on Wednesday that the oil and gas giant could remain "successful" even if oil prices continued to plummet.

Tillerson said that because many of the company's biggest projects take years to complete, Exxon Mobil tests its investment across a range of prices between $120 and $40 per barrel.

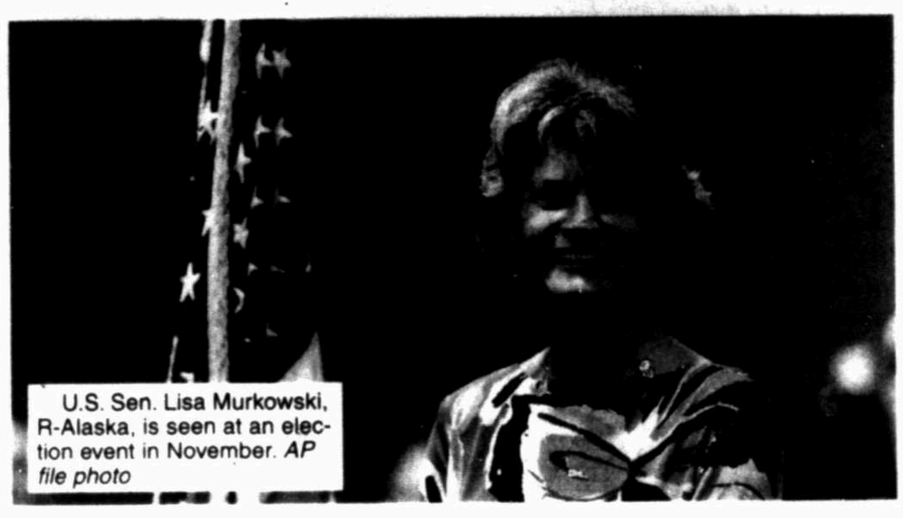
"All of the investment decisions we take have been tested across a range of pricing that accommodates these types of price swings," Tillerson said. "What you do is ensure that you can be successful at the bottom of the price swing."

Tillerson also noted that a lower oil price might "sort out" the market, edging out smaller unconventional companies that have taken advantage of the low barrier to entering the industry.

Analysts have reported that most U.S. producers may not have hit their break even points, even with crude oil priced below $70.

West Texas Intermediate was priced at $67.38 on Wednesday, according to Bloomberg.

According to the International Energy Agency, just 4 percent of U.S. shale-oil producers would become unprofitable at prices below $80. In some U.S. shale plays, like the Eagle Ford Shale, the break even price is closer to $40.



U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is seen at an election event in November. *AP file photo*

Congress set to renew drilling permit program

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — A program accelerating government processing of drilling permits on federal land could get new life if Congress passes a sweeping defense authorization bill next week.

A measure buried in the defense bill would permanently broaden a Bureau of Land Management pilot project that is designed to streamline permits to drill oil and gas wells on public land. While the initiative was initially limited to a handful of Rocky Mountain states — Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — the legislation inserted in the defense bill would give the Interior secretary the freedom to start similar programs in other locations.

The oil permitting legislation was folded into the defense bill along with a host of measures to create new parks, wilderness and other federally protected lands. Leaders on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee negotiated the deal, which also won the blessing of top members on the armed service panels that crafted the underlying legislation.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the deal to advance the energy measures and the public lands bills came "after weeks of negotiations."

"We have worked hard to develop a balanced package that will increase resource production and provide new economic opportunities for western communities," she said.

But the tactic was proving controversial Wednesday, as Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and other Republicans derided the effort as a massive land grab. Even beyond the controversy around the public lands package, the defense bill has an uncertain future in the Senate, where it could attract controversial amendments over the military's handling of sexual assault cases.

The American Petroleum Institute and the Independent Petroleum Association of America have been pressing the lame duck Congress to renew the permitting program, which is otherwise set to expire next year.

"Extending the BLM pilot office project has been one of IPAA's highest priorities this year and is essential to independent producers' continued operations on federal lands," said group spokesman Neal Kirby. "Especially in these uncertain times with price volatility, it would be encouraging to have some certainty in an expedited permitting process."

The legislation also would hike the fee for applying for drilling permits to $9,500, with 15 percent of that revenue staying with the field offices that collected the money and 85 percent going to a fund designed to accelerate permit processing.

A separate provision included in the defense bill would allow the Bureau of Land Management to hold lease sales through online auctions. Supporters say the modernization effort would help ensure the best return to the federal taxpayer, opening up auctions to would-be drillers nationwide.

Kinder Morgan optimistic at $70 oil

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Kinder Morgan doesn't expect lower oil prices to have a major impact on its pipelines and storage business, the company said Wednesday.

Houston-based Kinder Morgan, the pipeline and midstream giant, said it expects to invest $4.4 billion in expansions and small acquisitions next year as well as generate $8.2 billion in earnings across its multiple segments. In 2014, the company said it expected to invest $3.6 billion in similar projects and so far this year expects to generate $8 billion across its businesses.

Kinder Morgan also said it had revised its 2015 average U.S. oil price expectation to $70 a barrel, but that it would see little negative effect from the slide in oil prices that has worried producers since this summer. The majority of its revenue comes from shipment and storage fees paid by producers and don't directly depend on commodity prices, the company stressed. It often describes itself as a giant "toll road."

About 82 percent of Kinder Morgan's cash flows were fee-based in 2014, according to a presentation by the company's CFO given on Tuesday.

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.

In a Dec. 2 presentation at the CitiGroup Global Markets 2014 Basic Materials Conference, Kinder Morgan Chief Financial Officer Kimberly Dang said that the company had about $400 million in excess coverage that would be able to absorb oil price swings without affecting the reserve of cash to be paid to shareholders as dividends.

If nothing else changed, the company could withstand an about $44 dollar swing in oil prices — leaving a barrel going for $55 — and still have its dividend fully covered, Dang said.

Kinder Morgan's board of directors expects to approve a comprehensive 2015 budget at its January meeting.

On Nov. 26, Kinder Morgan closed a $44 billion merger to bring its several related companies under Kinder Morgan Inc.

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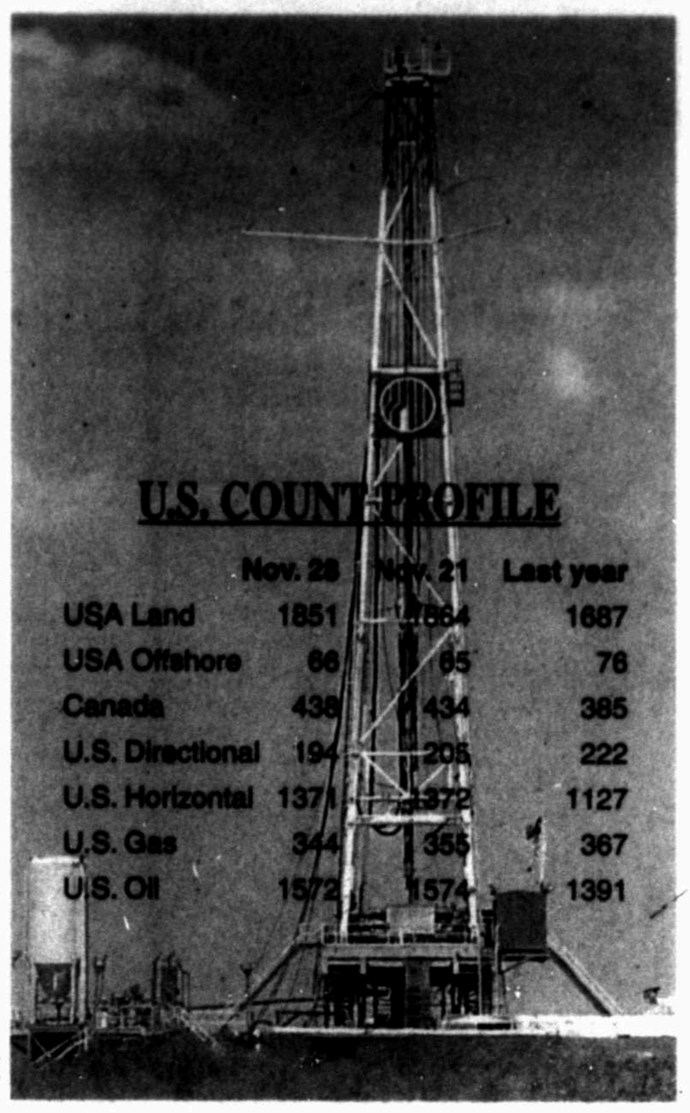

U.S. COUNT PROFILE

	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Last year
USA Land	1851	1864	1687
USA Offshore	66	65	76
Canada	438	434	385
U.S. Directional	194	205	222
U.S. Horizontal	1371	1372	1127
U.S. Gas	344	355	367
U.S. Oil	1572	1574	1391

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	1
Crockett	9
Irion	15
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	29
Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	2
Tom Green	0
Upton	43

DIST. #8

Andrews	26
Brewster	0
Crane	9
Culberson	12
Ector	10
Glasscock	41
Howard	22
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	27
Martin	52
Midland	36
Mitchell	1
Pecos	5
Presidio	0
Reeves	62
Sterling	1
Ward	18
Winkler	9

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	4
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	3
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	12
Garza	3
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	5
Terry	1
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 466

New Mexico

Chaves	1
Eddy	42
Lea	45
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 89

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$65.96**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$63.75**
Phillips 66	**$64.00**
Plains*	**$64.00**
Shell Trading	**$64.00**
Sun*	**$63.75**
Nymex futures	**$69.46***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Dec. 3

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 12/3/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$3.728**	**$3.805**	**$3.976**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$3.390**	**$3.670**	**$3.680**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$3.569**	**$3.740**	**$3.764**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$3.393**	**$3.700**	**$3.718**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$3.410**	**$3.690**	**$3.730**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$3.435**	**$3.678**	**$3.620**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$3.673**	**$3.619**	**$3.743**

BLM considers oil pipeline proposal by Saddle Butte

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — As the national debate over increased oil and gas development wears on, an area in the Four Corners region long known for its natural gas deposits stands to be the next flashpoint as a Colorado company moves forward with plans to build a 140-mile pipeline across northwestern New Mexico that would be capable of moving 50,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

The Bureau of Land Management is considering whether to permit the project by Saddle Butte Pipeline LLC. A public meeting was set for Thursday evening in Lybrook, but it could be early next year before the agency makes a final decision.

The San Juan Basin — an area that straddles the New Mexico-Colorado border — is on the verge of a shale-oil boom, according to industry experts. They say a new pipeline would ensure the oil developed as a result gets to market.

Saddle Butte's project would be made up of dozens of miles of smaller pipelines that would be used to gather crude oil at well pads and other points. A larger pipeline would then move the oil south to a distribution center near Interstate 40 in western New Mexico.

The pipeline would cross a checkerboard of federal, state, private and tribal land. The company would also have to get approval from other land owners.

"Saddle Butte is confident that this pipeline solution will dramtatically improve the safety and reliability of moving crude oil out of the area by substantially decreasing the truck traffic associated with regional production," David Wait, the company's chief operating officer, said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Maureen Joe, assistant field manager for lands and renewable resources in the BLM's Farmington office, said Thursday that the main complaints of residents in the area have been the truck traffic and dust.

Environmental groups are concerned that approval of the pipeline would open the door to at least a five-fold increase in production in the San Juan Basin.

"This is unprecedented," said Mike Eisenfeld of the San Juan Citizens Alliance.

Eisenfeld and others are accusing federal regulators of fast-tracking the pipeline without considering how best to manage the impending boom, a claim the BLM disputes.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," Eisenfeld said. "They're talking about an enormous amount of pipeline capacity. We, like everybody else, want more information and we want it scientifically analyzed, not just a boilerplate environmental assessment."

Concerns over environmental impacts have stalled major projects such as the Keystone XL pipeline. But as development ramps up around the country thanks to hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, more pipeline projects are being designed.

On Wednesday, federal regulators approved a $700 million pipeline to bring Marcellus Shale natural gas from Pennsylvania into high-priced markets in New England and New York.

In New Mexico, critics want the Bureau of Land Management to weigh the effects of increased drilling on air quality, water resources, wildlife habitat and public health before giving the green light to Saddle Butte's proposal.

The agency is in the process of updating the resource management plan for the area that includes the San Juan Basin, but it could be more than a year before that plan is finalized.

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

PBGS to hold December luncheon

Members of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Center.

Weizhong Wang with GeoTomo LLC will present "Near Surface Solutions in Seismic Processing."

Cost is $15, including lunch. Pre-pay online at http://pbgs.seg.org, or call 682-3685 for more information.

Legacy Reserves announces leadership changes

Legacy Reserves LP announces that Cary D. Brown, chairman, chief executive officer and president of the general partner of Legacy, intends to resign from his position as CEO and president in the first half of 2015.

Brown plans to remain actively involved with the company by continuing to serve as chairman of the board.

Upon his resignation, the board of directors of Legacy's general partner intends to appoint Paul T. Horne, currently executive vice president and chief operating officer, as the new CEO and president.

Additionally, the board has increased the number of directors from seven to eight, and has appointed Horne as a director to immediately fill that additional seat.

Horne has been part of Legacy's executive management team and has led its operations since the company was founded in 2005. In those capacities, he has not only managed Legacy's daily operations, but has also been actively involved in determining the company's business strategies and worked closely with Brown in many aspects of Legacy's executive management.

KANSAS

Supreme Court to hear lawsuit over price gouging

A lawsuit against an Oklahoma-based company claiming it and other natural gas companies gouged the Topeka, Kansas, school district and Learjet is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

More than a dozen other businesses and schools are the part of the lawsuit, which says ONEOK and other natural gas companies illegally fixed prices between 2000 and 2002.

Oral arguments before the Supreme Court are scheduled for next month, The Topeka Capital-Journal reported.

ONEOK denies manipulating natural gas prices. Spokeswoman Stephanie Higgins said placing interstate natural gas markets under state laws could create confusion and contradictions.

"Federal statutes give (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) exclusive authority to govern various aspects of the interstate natural gas market," she said.

ONEOK used to own Kansas Gas Service, but the companies split in 2013. KGS and natural gas distribution companies in Oklahoma and Texas formed a new company called ONE Gas. Kansas Gas Service spokeswoman Dawn Ewing said neither KGS nor ONE Gas is involved in the lawsuit.

The school district and Learjet initially filed separate cases under state-level antitrust laws in 2005, but they were eventually combined into one.

In 2011, a district court ruled that a federal law pre-empted the state laws that the plaintiffs cited so the lawsuit couldn't continue. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overruled last year, allowing the suit to proceed after plaintiffs appealed.

If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the defendants, no compensation will be given to the plaintiffs unless the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission penalizes ONEOK. If justices rule in favor the plaintiffs, the case would need to return to district court for trial. It's unclear how much money could be at stake.

ALBERTA

Christie says oil pipeline should've been approved

CALGARY — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie says the controversial Keystone XL pipeline should have been approved a long time ago and the regulatory process has gone overboard.

Christie made the remarks in Calgary, Alberta, while on his second foreign trip in recent months, which has given him the chance to build a foreign policy platform and demonstrate his policy chops as he considers a run for president in 2016.

Christie, in the corporate headquarters of Canada's oil boom, says the long stalled pipeline from Alberta to U.S. Gulf Coast refineries should be approved on its merits.

President Barack Obama's initial rejection of the pipeline went over badly in Canada, which relies on the U.S. for 97 percent of its energy exports. Alberta has the world's third largest oil reserves.

CALIFORNIA

Feds sued over Santa Barbara fracturing permits

SANTA BARBARA — An environmental group sued the federal government on Wednesday for approving the use of hydraulic fracturing on oil platforms off the Southern California coast.

The federal lawsuit by the Environmental Defense Center alleges the U.S. Department of the Interior and two of its subsidiary agencies approved 51 permits to drill from oil and gas platforms in the Santa Barbara Channel without properly conducting environmental studies or permitting public comment.

The permits, issued mainly within the past two years, allow the use of fracturing or acid well stimulation at six platforms off the coasts of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

The procedures involve injecting large amounts of water, acid and other chemicals into the ground to fracture or dissolve rock.

"The use of these highly corrosive and hazardous industrial chemicals and acids poses significant risks to water and air quality and the many endangered species within the Santa Barbara Channel, including blue, fin and humpback whales, and the southern sea otter," the lawsuit contends.

HOUSTON

T. Boone Pickens' son demands $15.6M in lawsuit

The son of billionaire businessman T. Boone Pickens is suing his father for $15.6 million, most of that in interest for one company in the oil tycoon's empire, according to court documents filed Monday.

Michael O. Pickens claimed in the complaint filed to the Dallas County District Court that his father agreed to compensate him for taking a position with oil and gas production company Primexx Energy Partners Ltd. with interest in Primexx and another company, Mesa Prime Partners, and a $50,000 salary. Pickens estimated the interest to be worth $13.6 million.

Pickens also claimed he was promised $1.5 million in interest of Neofirma, a drilling software firm, for "watching over the comapny," and $500,000 in exchange for performing "due diligence" on FLW Outdoors, an organizer of fishing tournaments that his father wanted to buy.

Pickens is represented by Thomas Bowers of Dallas, who recently gained attention for representing the woman who filed a sexual assault and conspiracy lawsuit against billionaire Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. A Dallas County district judge dismissed the lawsuit in October.

This isn't the first time Michael Pickens has battled the rest of his family in court — in 2013, T. Boone Pickens, along with his daughter Pamela Pickens and stepdaughter Elizabeth Cordia, sued his son over claims he made in a blog post about his childhood.

Eagle Ford produces its billionth barrel of oil

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The Eagle Ford shale formation produced its billionth barrel some time last month, analysts at research firm Wood Mackenzie said Thursday.

That production figure includes crude oil and condensate, and more than 70 percent of that production has occurred in the last two years, according to the firm.

The milestone comes at a time when many in the industry have discussed plans to pull back on U.S. shale production, as plummeting crude oil prices is prompting a new period of financial restraint for some producers.

Ratings agency Moody's, for example, said last month it expects exploration and production companies to cut capital spending budgets by about 20 percent in 2015.

The good news for the Eagle Ford is that many speculate that break-even price for production to remain profitable is around $50 in much of the play.

Wood Mackenzie projects exploration and production spending of $139.3 billion onshore in the U.S. next year. More money will be directed towards the Eagle Ford — about $30.8 billion — than any other play, according to the firm's forecasts.

The region has had more than 10,000 completed wells and now accounts for 16 percent of the total U.S. oil production.

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Summit ESP redesigns pump to handle sand in unconventional wells

Completion techniques in unconventional wells involves the injection of thousands of pounds of sand into the wellbore as proppant, which allows oil and gas to flow into the production area of the well. If all this sand stayed in place, it would cause no problems for the pumps that push the oil to the surface.

But some of it gets loose and gets into the lift system, where the sand's abrasion and tendency to clog up can have devastating and costly results. Summit ESP has redesigned its pumps to deal with this issue.

One of the biggest sand-related problems for a electric submersible pump is in the area of the seal. The seal's general purpose is to protect the motor from well fluid ingress while allowing for motor oil expansion during operation.

When sand enters the pump along with the produced fluid, the sand's abrasiveness wears down the gas separator and pump, but, while flowing, it does not harm the seal. During a shutdown, however, gravity will pull the sand down through the pump and its intake. Shutdowns in today's well are common, necessitated when a high volume of natural gas slugs into the pump, creating an underload fault due to the lack of liquid during the presence of the gas slug. The sand that falls down it accumulates at the top of the seal section, which contains a mechanical seal and a vent port.

At the pump's startup, sand remains at the top of the seal. Over time, accumulated sand plugs the vent port, preventing well fluid from making proper contact with the mechanical seal faces. Without proper fluid contact, the fluid cannot cool the seal faces, which leads to overheating and, consequently, seal failure.

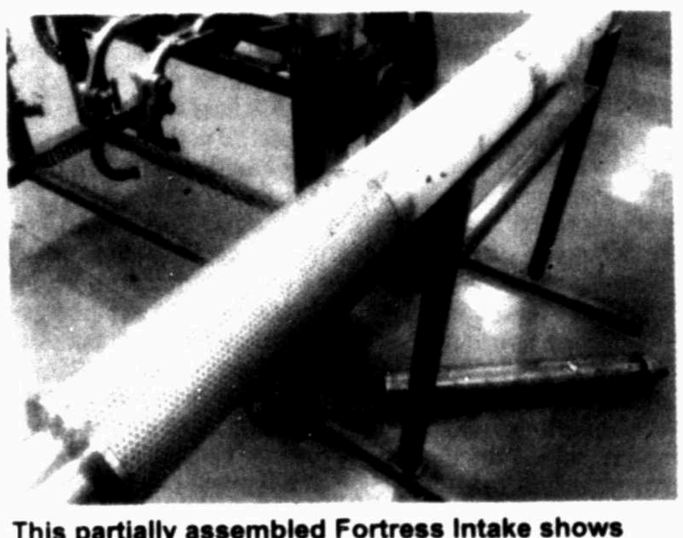
When the seal fails, sand and well fluid enter the clean oil section of the seal, which will allow the sand to rapidly destroy the bronze bushing, which will cause a major pump failure. Shaft buckling and other failures soon follow.

Summit has redesigned the seal, eliminating these concerns. Summit's patent pending design on the Defender Super Sand Seal has added sand exclusion technology just above the mechanical seal. This prevents sand from falling into the mechanical seal, eliminating the precursor of the problems that lead to shaft buckling.

Also, Summit has added a well fluid thrust bearing, as well as an improved head design, which allow for increased well fluid lubrication to cool the bearing. And because the company has relocated the thrust bearing to the top of the seal, concerns about shaft buckling are greatly reduced.

Summit has improved the intake as well. The Fortress Intake uses a media filter in a modular design to remove and particles and trash 20 microns and above in size. The intake can be used along with gas separators and or gas handlers.

To learn more about Summit ESP's Defender Super Sand Seal and Fortress Intake, call Summit at 432-563-7040 or see their web page at www.summitesp.com.



This partially assembled Fortress Intake shows some of the components of the design. The intake base is a perforated housing designed for support of the ESP components below the intake and to provide burst strength for the intake. The media (porous) 316 SS filter is installed over the perforated housing in modules.

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The Victaulic roll grooving system speeds preparation for pipe joining

Joining pipe by traditional methods—welding, threading or flanging—all are challenging methods for rapidly joining pipe. In the field, where pipe must be moved regularly, these problems multiply—especially the time lost factor.

The Victaulic pipe joining system solves all those problems and more, saving time and money.

One problem with typical threading is that the threading process removes a substantial amount of the thickness of the pipe, reducing the wall at the joint. The process is also messy, leaving piles of cuttings to be cleaned up—and it requires copious amounts of messy cutting oils.

Roll grooving is the method of choice for preparing pipe made of standard or light wall carbon steel, stainless steel, aluminum, PVC, copper and other materials. With more and more companies coating pipe to extend its life in harsh oilfield conditions, it is important to note that the Victaulic system works very well with coated pipe.

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Victaulic makes available not only the couplings, but the tools needed to prepare the pipe to joint with those couplings. The system's distinguishing feature is the groove made where the pipe and fitting engage to form a self-restraining joint. The position, depth and cross-section of this groove combine with the coupling housing in an optimal strength-to-weight relationship. The result is a permanent connection capable of withstanding thrust loads up to the maximum rated pressure.

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All Victaulic cut groovers are designed to be driven around a stationary pipe to machine away material, providing a groove. The design of the tool assures a groove that is concentric with the pipe's O. D., even if the pipe is out-of-round. Cut grooving is basically designed for standard weight or heavier wall thicknesses of pipe. A square cut groove is used for steel and other metallic IPS pipe. This provides maximum coupling or gripping efficiency and the fullest pipe movement capabilities.

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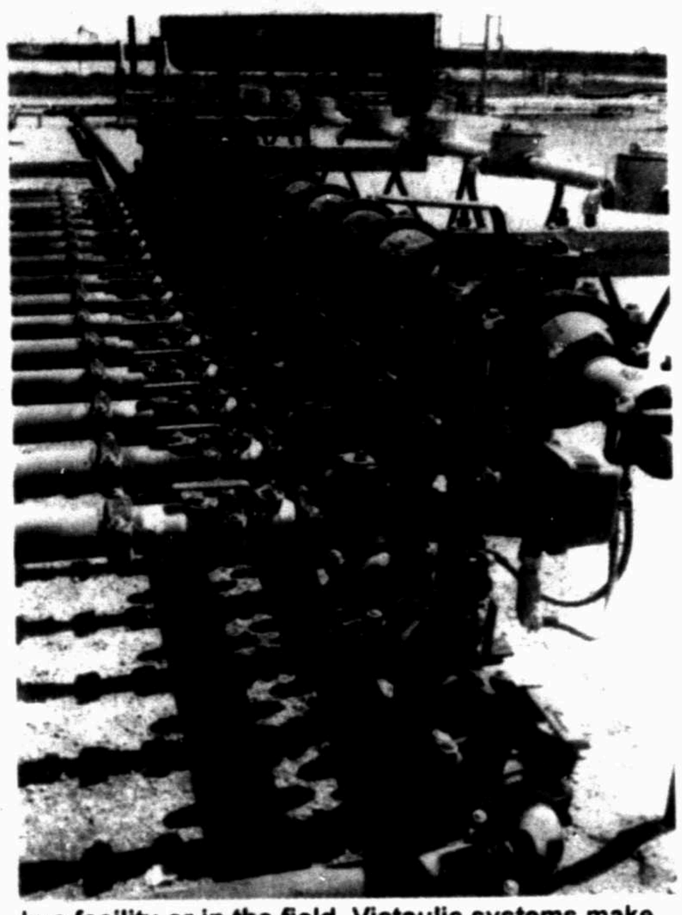

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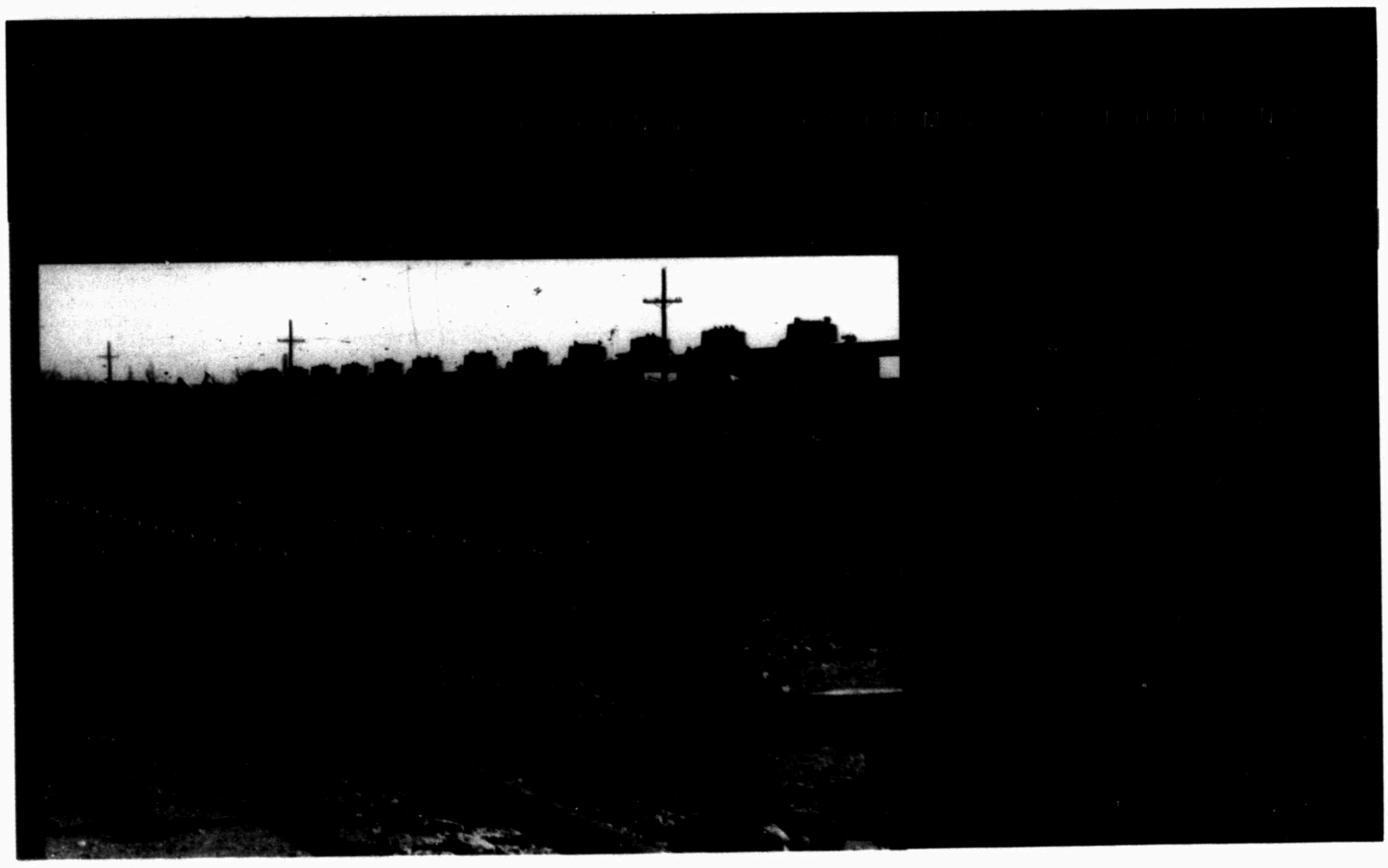

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US oil reserves ride production to 38-year high

By Robert Grattan
Hearst Newspapers

HOUSTON — U.S. proved reserves of crude oil and condensate increased for a fifth consecutive year in 2013 and hit their highest level since 1975, according to a new report U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Proved reserves are resources that companies believe are reachable and make economic sense to produce. Estimates change from year to year as companies discover more oil and gas, remove existing reserves from the ground, make use of new technologies and change production levels in response to market prices.

The EIA report shows reserves based on an average, year-long price for oil of $97.28 per barrel in 2013. Since then, the oil price has fallen significantly. Low prices will likely lead producers to revise downward the amount of oil they believe will be make financial sense to pull from the ground — through that movement downward is expected to be offset by an increase in drilling efficiency.

In 2013, however, the news was good for both crude oil and natural gas.

U.S. crude oil and condensate proved reserves rose by 3.1 billion barrels. During the year, producers pumped about 2.73 billion barrels from the ground while adding 5.84 billion new barrels to proved reserves.

The biggest addition to proved reserves of nearly 5 billion barrels came from extensions to existing oilfields. Extensions are tallied when a producer updates reserves estimates as new wells provide a deeper understanding of the geology of a formation. New field discoveries accounted for 190 million barrels and new reservoirs found in old oilfields accounted for 340 million barrels.

In terms of total discoveries, a statistic that includes extensions, new field discoveries and new reservoirs found in old fields, most of the oil found in 2013 was in Texas. The state's producers found 2 billion barrels, while North Dakota added 1.6 billion barrels. Producers in the Gulf of Mexico found about 500 million barrels, mostly from discovering entirely new fields.

Not surprisingly, much of the new oil was found in unconventional plays that often require hydraulic fracturing to produce commercially. As of December 31, 2013, those plays accounted for about 28 percent of all U.S. crude oil and lease condensate proved reserves, according to the analysis.

On the natural gas side, 2013 saw natural gas reserves increase by 10 percent to a new record high of 354 trillion cubic feet. During the year, 26.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas was produced.

Drillers in Pennsylvania and West Virginia saw the largest increases in natural gas proved reserves in 2013, noting respective increases of 13.5 trillion cubic feet and 8.3 trillion cubic feet, according to EIA data.

The majority of new natural gas reserves also came from extensions to existing natural gas fields. The EIA estimated that those discoveries accounted for 51.1 trillion cubic feet of new proved reserves additions, or about 96 percent of new discoveries.

Natural gas proved reserves may be affected positively in the future by rising prices for the gas. Since the EIA report was released, the benchmark spot price for natural gas set at the Henry Hub hasn't seen the same slide as oil prices.

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Richard Rotfi at work on Big 6 Drilling's rig No. 2 just west of Houston.

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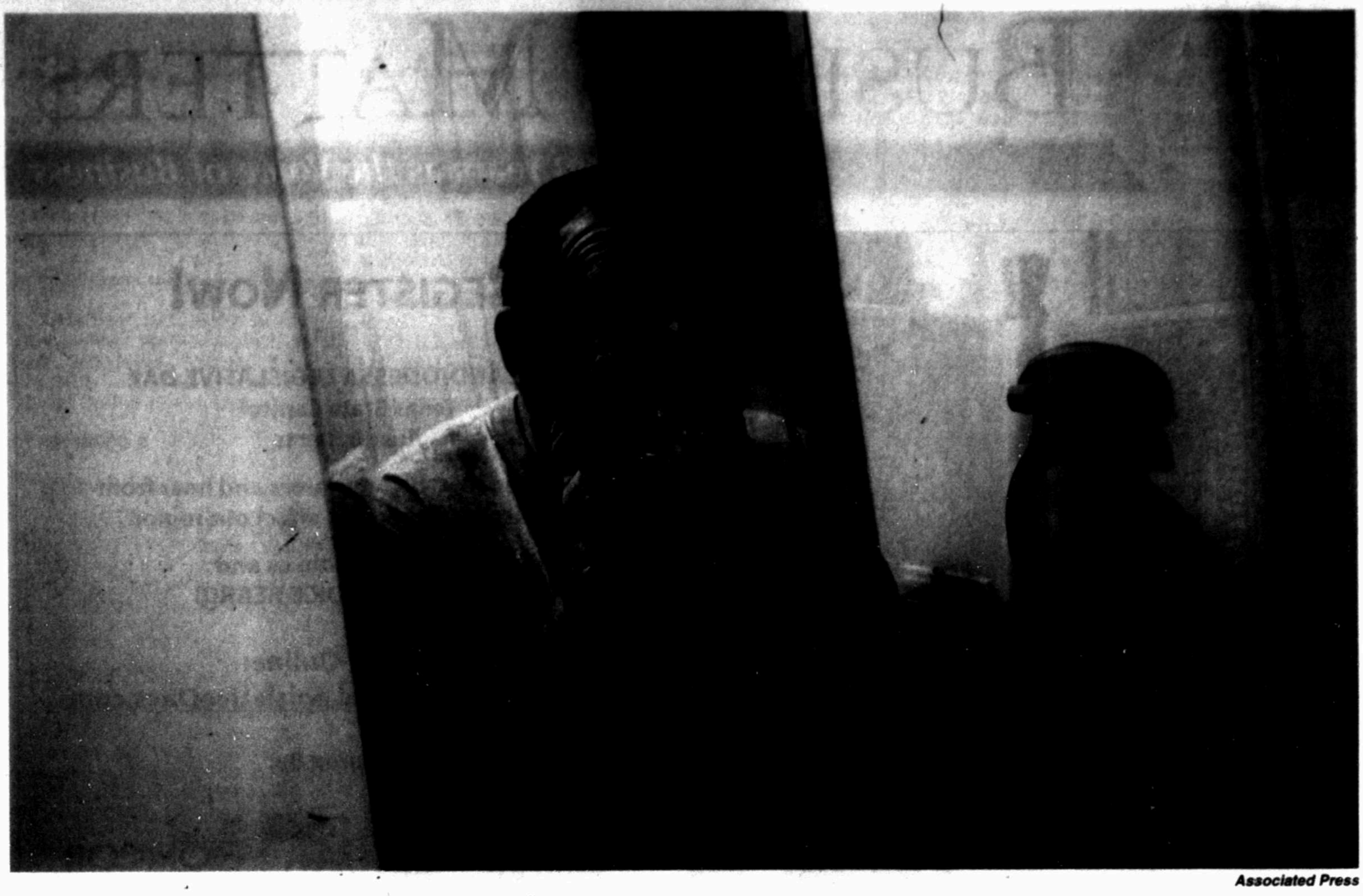


Associated Press

On Oct. 20, third-generation coal miner Keith Johnson washes coal dust off his face in his bathroom after he arrives home after working the graveyard shift underground in a coal mine in Evarts, Ky. Johnson, 43, is paying on a $20,000 hospital bill incurred while working at a company that offered no insurance. He's spent about $40,000 from his retirement fund to stay in Harlan. "A few years ago, I would have said we had it made and we was gong to live a long life and retire here. But it's dim right now," Johnson says. "There's no jobs, and what jobs are there are dwindling out. It's a bleak outlook for sure for the coalfields in eastern Kentucky."

WHEN COAL IS OVER

Deep in coal country, pondering future without it

By Allen G. Breed
Associated Press

HARLAN, Ky. — The rest of the house is just waking as Scottie Sizemore plops down in a rocking chair on his front porch with a cup of coffee. The sun has yet to crest the ridge above, where mist clings like clouds that couldn't quite make it over.

Sizemore is the fourth generation of his family to mine coal in Harlan County. He knows he'll probably be the last.

For over a century, life in Central Appalachia has been largely defined by the ups and downs of the coal industry. Through all the bust years, there was always the promise of another boom.

Until now.

There is a growing sense in these mountains that this downturn is different, deeper. That for a variety of reasons — economic, environmental, political — coal mining will not rebound this time.

State and federal initiatives are exploring everything from ecotourism and small farmer loans to regional tax incentives for job creators. Some here pray for a regulatory climate change that would breathe new life into the region's mines.

For Sizemore and his wife, Madonna, the answer is simple, if painful. They're leaving.

"I feel in my heart that there is no hope for Harlan. There's no hope for our children in the future here," Madonna Sizemore says, tears filling her eyes.

"And I hate that."

In the 1930s, the hollows and bottoms around here echoed with gunfire as union organizers and company "thugs" warred over who had the right to mine coal. The county earned an enduring nickname: "Bloody Harlan."

Now, miner and operator alike are struggling to survive.

The Energy Information Administration estimates that there are about 30 billion minable tons of coal left in Kentucky. Nearly a third of those "recoverable reserves" are in the eastern coalfields.

But mining it comes at great cost — both financial and environmental.

The geological conditions in the Appalachians produced a coal that burned hotter and was lower in sulfur than mineral from other regions. But those same mountainous conditions now make it harder to get to under current regulations, and much more expensive to ship.

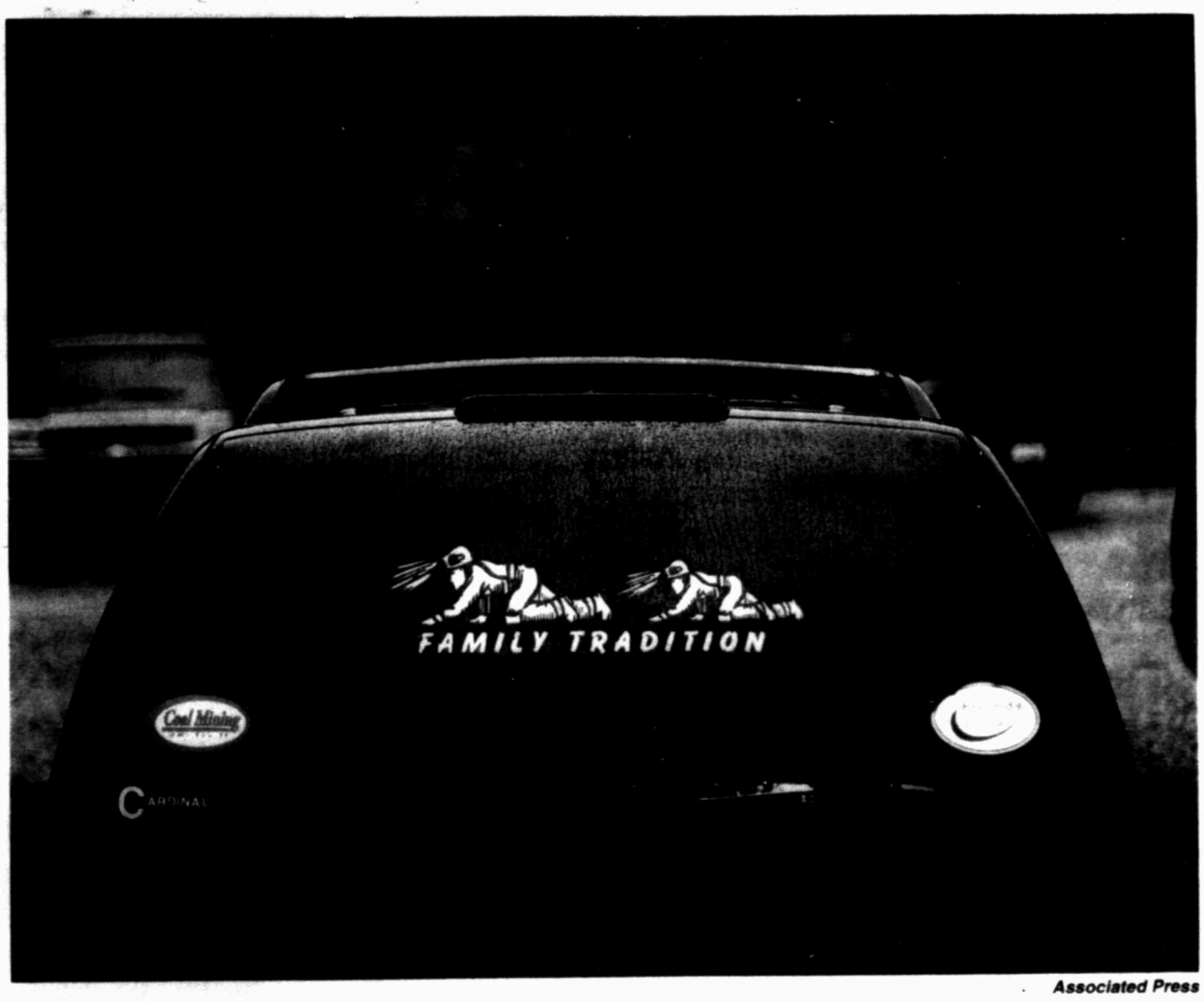
In late November, the spot-market price for Central Appalachian coal was $56.10 per ton, according to the EIA. That's nearly $45 higher than coal from the Powder River Basin out West.

According to the EIA, most of what's left in eastern Kentucky — 9.1 billion tons — can only be realistically gotten by surface or "strip" mining. But stricter interpretation of clean water and other regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency and the courts in recent years has all but ended the most cost-effective ways of extracting it.

In the past five years, half of the coal jobs in eastern Kentucky have vanished.

When Steven Fields was laid off five years ago, he was making $25.50 an hour. His last job, printing T-shirts, earned $10 an hour.

Despite lungs choked with coal dust, Fields, 49, yearns to go back underground.



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A sticker is fixed to a rear view window on a coal miner's vehicle Oct. 15 at the Perkins Branch coal mine in Cumberland, Ky. Since 1980, the county has lost nearly half of its under-35 population.

"It's a hard pill to swallow when you're laying at home and your wife's supporting you, instead of you supporting your wife," Fields says, huffing and coughing as he climbs the hills above the coal camp of Verda.

His older brother went to Alabama looking for work in the mines. Fields is contemplating following him.

Many face that same difficult choice.

Madonna Sizemore balances the baby on her hip as daughter Bryannah walks by with an armful of freshly laundered coveralls, their reflective strips shining, and tosses them into the back seat of the idling pickup truck.

"I've got to go," Scottie Sizemore says, leaning in to kiss 10-month-old Anastyn. "You all be careful."

"YOU be careful," his wife says.

In September 2013, he took a job as safety specialist with Patriot Coal in the newly booming mines of western Kentucky.

For more than a century, eastern Kentucky outproduced the state's western coalfields. But in the past year, the balance has shifted to the west, where seams are shallower and thicker, but higher in sulfur.

Smokestack scrubbers allow modern power plants to burn the dirtier coal. With easy access to river barge networks, western Kentucky mines are selling their product for about $12 less per ton than their Appalachian competitors.

The company Sizemore was working for had cut salaries 7½ percent and was preparing to take another 7 percent. With a mortgage and five children to support, his choice was clear.

"You can sit here and take the cuts," he says. "Or you can choose to move and continue making the money you're used to making."

Since last year, the Harlan County Community Action Agency says it has given 75 workers up to $5,000 each in relocation grants.

To Donnie Reeves, leaving Harlan County felt like "just giving up."

When he was laid off last year, Reeves applied for federal study grants and entered an industrial maintenance course. The 41-year-old is now paid well in his new job maintaining heavy equipment at one of the many parts manufacturers around Toyota's sprawling auto plant in Georgetown.

Reeves says life is pretty good in the Bluegrass. But he misses being able to step out his back door and hike up into the hills.

"It makes you a little bit bitter," he says, "that you can't stay where you want to be."

Between 1900 and the outbreak of World War II, Harlan County's population grew nearly eight-fold, to a peak of 75,275. Today, it's around 28,000.

For those who have chosen to stay behind, it has been a struggle.

In the past two years, Keith Johnson was laid off from one coal company, then moved to another, only to have it close. At 43, he's gone from being a foreman making about $100,000 a year to a common miner at $20 an hour.

"I had four W-2's last year," he says with a laugh.

Johnson is paying on a $20,000 hospital bill incurred while working at a company that offered no insurance. He's spent about $40,000 from his retirement fund to stay in Harlan, at least until his son graduates from high school this spring.

Harlan County is included in one of President Obama's "Promise Zones," giving the region priority to access federal money to create jobs and improve educational opportunities. There is also a federal-state development initiative, SOAR — Shaping our Appalachian Region.

Many feel they can't afford to wait and see if these efforts bear fruit.

For the past year, Scottie Sizemore has shared an apartment with another transplanted Harlan Countian. But if all goes well, Madonna and the children will join him soon.

His wife blinks back tears as she contemplates saying goodbye to her parents, who are elderly and sick. She hates the idea of having to leave her beloved mountains.

"It's just like a piece of the Lord's hands is here," she says, her voice breaking.

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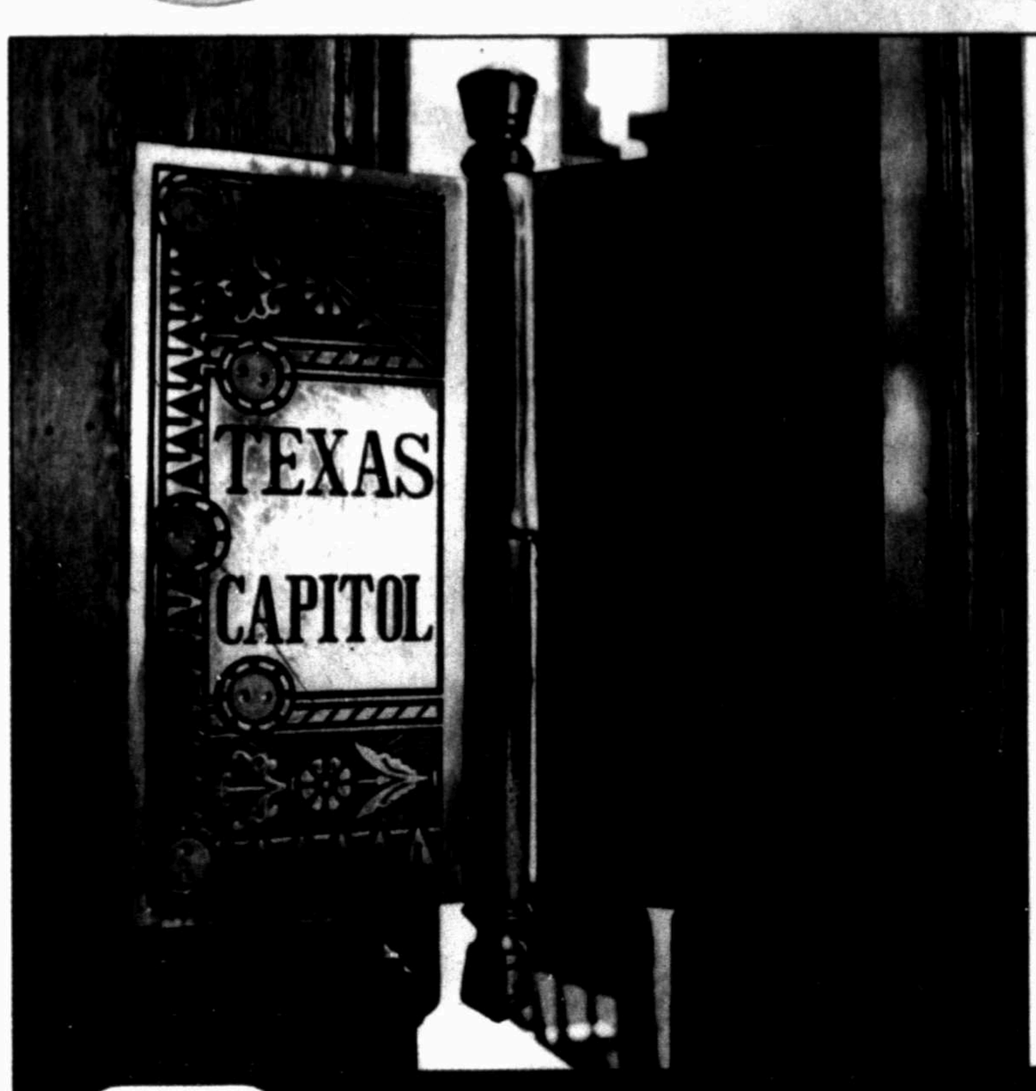

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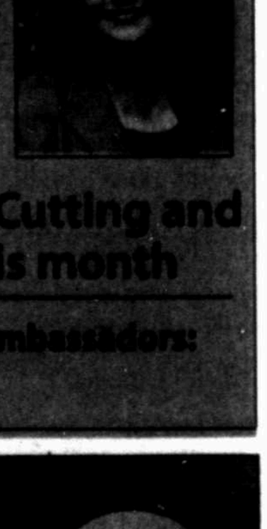

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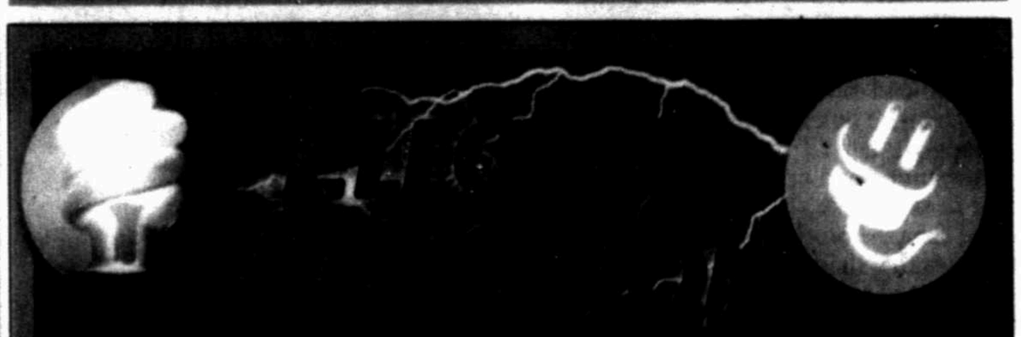

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REATTA ENERGY INC., WILDCAT (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 BRAZOS 2, 1167 FEL 979 FNL, SEC 2, JASPER HAYS SUR., A-1518 5100', 9 NE DRAW API# 42-305-30526

RAW O&G, INC, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WISHBONE 419, 2019 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 419 BLK 9, EL&RR SUR., A-242 12000', 11 SE TAHOKA API# 42-305-30554

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Mosquito State #2
Wildcat; Sec 8 T14S R29E; 990/N & 2310/E; 17 mi NE Hagerman; Rot 3100 San Andres; API #30-005-64210

Eddy County

Chevron USA Inc.
Hayhurst 16 25 27 St #3
Wildcat; Sec 16 T25S R27E; 175/N & 660/W; 6 mi SE Black River; Rot 12320 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42491

COG Operating LLC
Horned Owl Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R26E; 20/N & 330/W; 13 mi S Black River; Rot 12100 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42484

COG Operating LLC
Horned Owl Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R26E; 190/N & 1870/W; 13 mi S Black River; Rot 11990 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42485

COG Operating LLC
Horned Owl Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R26E; 190/N & 1810/E; 13 mi S Black Rivers; Rot 12127 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42502

COG Operating LLC
Horned Owl Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 25 T26S R26E; 390/S & 590/E; 13 mi S Black River; Rot 12750 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42486

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Owl Draw W1AP Fed Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 15 T24S R27E; 230/S & 660/E; 12 mi SE Black River; Rot 13584 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42475

COG Operating LLC
Craig State #5
Wildcat; Sec 36 T25S R26E; 190/N & 660/E; 8 mi S Black River; Rot 11694 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42497

Lea County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Gaucho Unit #20
Wildcat; Sec 29 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1500/W; 13 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17738 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41978

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Gaucho Unit #21
Wildcat; Sec 29 T22S R34E; 200/S & 1450/W; 13 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15117 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41979

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New Mexico

Eddy County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Unit #19
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 1830/S & 1590/W; EL 3630 GL, TD 4900, PBTD 4856; Spud 4-9-14, Comp 6-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 4072-4760. Treat: 956,714 gals slickwater, 6000 gals 15% HCL, 30,140# 100 mesh, 245,280# 40 sd. IP: 5-11-14 Pump 24 hrs 15 BO, 1368 BO, 100 MCF, GOR 6667, Gty 39. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 395 w/200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4900 w/800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4788; API #30-015-41332

COG Operating LLC
Hobgoblin 7 Federal Com UBB #4
Loco Hills; Sec 7 T17S R30E; 2310/N & 150/E. BHL: 2297/N & 392/W; EL 3671 GL, TD 9529 MD, 5025 TVD, PBTD 9480; Spud 3-25-14, Comp 5-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 5280-9445. Treat: Acdz w/38,586 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,805,468 gals gel, 205,009 gals wtr frac w/1,805,468 gals gel, 205,000 gals wtr frac, 209,688 trt wtr, 2,513,284# 20/40 brown, 436,164# 16/30 CRC, 106,787# 100 mesh. IP: 6-1-14 Pump 24 hrs 311 BO, 2077 BW, 132 MCF, GOR 424, Gty 37.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 260 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1244 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9522 w/1550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4603; API #30-015-41815

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #87
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 330/S & 990/W; EL 3638 GL, TD 6397, PBTD 6350; Spud 2-6-14, Comp 5-1-14; production is through treated perfs: 4760-5349, 5414-62700. Treat: 435,330 gals 20#, 568,071 sd, 8538 gals acid, 8904 gals gel. IP: 7-1-14 Pump 24 hrs 13 BO, 12 BW, 279 MCF, GOR 923, Gty 37.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 427 w/640 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3512 w/1660 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6397 w/960 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6339; API #30-015-41842

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Savannah State Com #3
North Seven Rivers; Sec 32 T19S R25E; 2260/N & 150/E. BHL: 2261/N & 330/W; EL 3490 GL, TD 7020 MD, 2422 TVD, PBTD 6973; Spud 1-12-14, Comp 6-23-14; production is through perfs: 2817-6885. IP: 7-7-14 Flow 24 hrs 38 BO, 1094 BW, 94 MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 220. Csg: 20 @ 60 w/6 sx, 9 5/8 @ 843 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7020 w/1190 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2107; API #30-015-41754

COG Operating LLC
Patton "5" State #3
Atoka; Sec 5 T19S R26E; 1410/N & 230/W. BHL: 1438.N & 352/E; EL 3250 GL, TD 7304 MD, 2880 TVD, PBTD 7209; Spud 1-9-14, Comp 5-30-14; production is through perfs: 3382-7204. IP: Pump 24 hrs 210 BO, 493 BW, 145 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1195 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7277 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2359; API #30-015-41723

COG Operating LLC
Shoeless Joe 32 State #2
Parkway; Sec 32 T19S R30E; 2310/N & 190/W. BHL: 1991/N & 399/E; EL 3318 GL, TD 12890, PBTD 12887; Spud 3-25-14, Comp 6-13-14; production is through perfs: 8588-12800. IP: 6-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 762 BO, 977 BW, 475 MCF. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 395 w/675 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3599 w/2250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12890 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7801; API #30-015-41238

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Perazzi 9 DA Federal #1
Parkway; Sec 8 T20S R29E; 920/N & 150/E. BHL: 334/S & 2129/E; EL 3287 GR, TD 12456 MD, 7979 TVD, PBTD 12375 MD, 7978 TVD; Spud 4-30-14, Comp 6-6-14; production is through treated perfs: 8360-12370. Treat: Frac w/301,523 gals SW, 323,258 gals 20# linear gel, 801,683 XL gel carrying 78100# 100 mesh, 1670780# 20/40 white sd, 373,160# SB excel sd. IP: 6-8-14 Flow 24 hrs 759 BO, 746 BW, 1542 MCF, CP 800, GOR 2032, Gty 43.7. Csg: 20 @ 289 w/450 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1001 850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3133 w/1090 sx, 7 @ 8295 w/330 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8011-12385; API #30-015-42090

COG Operating LLC
Buena Vista 2 State #4
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 2 T20S R30E; 280/S & 2000/W. BHL: 614/N & 426/W; EL 3222 GL, TD 13205, PBTD 13202; Spud 4-11-14, Comp 6-24-14; production is through perfs: 8864-13112. IP: 7-1-14 Pump 24 hrs 655 BO, 1231 BW, 805 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 435 w/475 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3690 w/2350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13205 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8007; API #30-015-41829

Oxy USA Inc.
FNR 26 Federal #4
SW Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 26 T23S R30E; 690/S & 373/W. BHL: 743/S & 269/E; EL 3381 GL, TD 12020 MD, 7770 TVD, PBTD 11860 MD, 7769 TVD; Spud 8-23-13, Comp 5-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 8250-11730. Treat: 14000 gals 15% HCL acid + 584094 gals 18# BXL + 369146 gals 15# BXL + 58237 gals Trt wtr w/1633937# sd. IP: 6-2-14 Pump 24 hrs 112 BO, 961 BW, 300 MCF, GOR 2679. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 555 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3120 w/1360 sx, 7 @ 8160 w/880 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6921-12019 w/420 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6828; API #30-015-41012

BOPCO LP
Poke Lake Unit #421
South Corral Canyon; Sec 27 T25S R30E; 660/S & 950/E. BHL: 684/S & 660/W; EL 3273 GL, TD 14184 MD, 7772 TVD; Spud 2-5-14, Comp 5-9-14;

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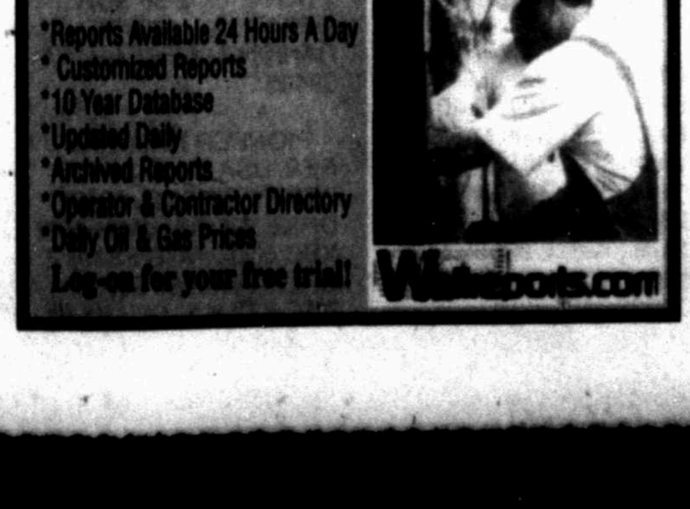

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production is through perfs: 7988-14184. IP: 5-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 271 BO, 2896 BW, 317 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1000 w/1150 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3890 w/1300 sx, 7 @ 7835 w/620 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7646-14165, 2 7/8 @ 7107; API #30-015-41033

COG Operating LLC
MYOX 8 State #3
Hay Hollow; Sec 8 T26S R28E; 190/S & 1980/W. BHL: 341/S & 2032/W; EL 3102 GL, TD 17761 MD, 7897 TVD, PBTD 17761; Spud 3-3-14, Comp 6-2-14; production is through perfs: 8103-17585. IP: 7-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 787 BO, 3790 BW, 1492 MCF, TP 240, CP 1060. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 359 w/365 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2348 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17718 w/3785 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8071; API #30-015-41923

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 28 #13
East Ross Draw; Sec 28 T26S R30E; 660/N & 1980/E; EL 3002 GL, TD 7414, PBTD 7338; Spud 3-31-14, Comp 4-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 5642-7192. Treat: 15% HCL, 20# Borate, premium white 16/30, 16/30 Super 20# linear #2/ LTR 7987 bbl total prop 462,778. IP: 4-29-14 Pump 24 hrs 338 BO, 973 BW, 279 MCF, Gty 41.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 925 w/785 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3290 w/1500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7359 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5636; API #30-015-41984

Lea County

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #663
North Eunice; Sec 15 T21S R37E; 1295/N & 745/E; EL 3444 GL, TD 6965, PBTD 6916; Spud 2-9-14, Comp 2-18-14; production is through treated perfs: 5575-6009, 6045-6460, 6471-6654. Treat: 28,198 gals acid, 274,106 gals SS-30, 560,226# sd, 22,319 gals gel. IP: 3-21-14 Pump 24 hrs 86 BO, 162 BW, 137 MCF, GOR 1593, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1267 w/440 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6965 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6785; API #30-025-41585

Cimarex Energy Co.
Triste Draw 25 Federal #2
Triste Draw; Sec 25 T23S R32E; 330/S & 1980/E. BHL: 335/N & 2013/E; EL 3702 GL, TD 15300 MD, 10990 TVD, PBTD 15297 MD; Spud 9-25-13, Comp 11-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 10900-15270. Treat: Frac w/1,613,235 gals total fluid & 2,686,567# sd. IP: 11-18=13 Flow 24 hrs 614 BO, 599 BW, 1027 MCF, 2/64" Ch, TP 1025, CP 180, GOR 1623, Gty 43.7. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1342 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4993 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15300 w/1925 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10455; API #30-025-41149

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #57
Triple X; Sec 22 T23S R33E; 150/S & 2150/E. BHL: 328/S & 2004/W; EL 3689 GL, TD16135 MD, 11301 TVD, PBTD 16089; Spud 11-16-13, Comp 3-19-14; production is through treated perfs: 11550-16002. Treat: Frac w/40,000 gals 15% HCL acid, 803,976# 100 mesh, 2,006,934# white 30/50, 574,251# CRC 20/40. IP: 3-30-14 Flow 24 hrs 731 BO, 1220 BW, 1076 MCF, TP 1425, GOR 1471.95. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1428 w/1390 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5240 w/1464 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16135 w/2490 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4609; API #30-025-41341

Cimarex Energy Co.
Triste Draw 30 Federal #2
West Triple X; Sec 30 T23S R33E; 330/S & 1980/W. BHL: 340/N & 1970/W; EL 3696 GL, TD 15562 MD, 11076 TVD, PBTD 15548 MD; Spud 11-20-13, Comp 1-9-14; production is through treated perfs: 10795-15530. Treat: Frac w/1,825,682 gals fluid, 2,809,087# sd. IP: 1-19-14 Flow 24 hrs 373 BO, 637 BW, 305 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 1100, CP 180, GOR 617, Gty 43.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1348 w/1295 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5025 w/1525 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15562 w/2425 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10571; API #30-025-41175

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Yarrow BHY State #4
Triple X; Sec 32 T23S R33E; 475/N & 2043/E. BHL: 330/S & 1986/E; EL 3667 GL, TD 15,394, PBTD 15,326; Spud 11-30-13, Comp 4-4-14; production is through treated perfs: 11,623-15;322. Treat: Acdz w/59,994 gals 15% NEFE HCL, Frac w/3,918,145# Econoprop 30/50 & Super DC 20/40 sd. IP: 4-7-14 Flow 24 hrs 307 BO, 902 BW, 483 MCF, 18/64" Ch, CP 2250. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1301 w/930 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5222 w/1390 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15350 w/1910 sx; API #30-025-41054

Endurance Resources LLC
Stratocaster 20 Federal #3
West Antelope Ridge; Sec 20 T23S R34E; 330/S & 1980/E; EL 3512 GL, TD 14851 MD, 10526 TVD; Spud 2-23-14, Comp 4-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 11000-14802. Treat: Frac w/39,000 gals 15% HCL + 70,480 bbls gel wtr + 726,980# 30/50 Carbolite + 2,666,220# 20/40 carbolite proppant. IP: 4-12-14 Flow 24 hrs 1796 BO, 2080 BW, 2232 MCF, 44/64 Ch, CP 1420, GOR 1243, Gty 45. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 1102 w/1065 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5120 w/1615 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14851 w/2270 sx; API #30-025-41447

COG Operating LLC
Roy Batty Federal Com #2
North Red Hills; Sec 11 T24S R33E; 190/S & 1887/W. BHL: 362/N & 1883/W; EL 3604 GL, TD 15660 MD, 11101 TVD, PBTD 15612 MD, 11162 TVD; Spud 11-1-13, Comp 2-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 11274-15460, 15579-15589. Treat: 65982 gals 7.5% acid, 3320912# sd, 2492448 gals fluid. IP: 3-2-14 Flow 24 hrs 846 BO, 905 BW, 1292 MCF, TP 250. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1400 w/1150 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5188 w/1600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15660 w/2625 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10595; API #30-025-41332

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #16
West Triple X; Sec 15 T24S R33E; 200/N & 2485/E. BHL: 330/S & 2221/E; EL 3611 GL, TD 15,875; Spud 1-30-14, Comp 3-27-14; production is through treated perfs: 11400-15800. Treat: 3,845,565# sd, 81,933 bbls trt wtr, 968 bbls acid. IP: 4-8-14 Flow 24 hrs 1007 BO, 2779 BW, 963 MCF, 33/64" Ch, CP 1100, GOR 956, Gty 43.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1328 w/680 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5260 w/1600 sx, 7 @ 10642 w/1045 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10537-15875 w/420 sx; API #30-025-41167

Oxy USA Inc.
Copperhead 18 State #2
West Triple X; Sec 18 T24S R33E; 340/N & 660/W. BHL: 199/S & 679/W; EL 3570 GL, TD 15415 MD, 11060 TVD, PBTD 15270 MD, 11066 TVD; Spud 2-6-14, Comp 4-18-14; production is through treated perfs: 11468-15238. Treat: 137789 gals trt wtr + 34500 gals 15% HCL acid, 1460060 gals 15# BXL + 318552 gals 18# BXL w/2642070# sd. IP: 4-21-14 Flow 24 hrs 558 BO, 585 BW, 864 MCF, 15/64" Ch, TP 2075, GOR 1548. Csg: 11 ? @ 1210 w/750 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5060 w/1760 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15381 w/1460 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10080; API #30-025-41460

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #21
West Triple X; Sec 21 T24S R33E; 200/S & 970/E. BHL: 290/N & 969/E; EL 3534 GR, TD 15,730; Spud 1-29-14, Comp 3-21-14; production is through treated perfs: 11330-15650. Treat: 3,857,915# sd, 78,415 bbls trt wtr & 975 bbls acid. IP: 4-7-14 Flow 24 hrs 1058 BO, 1573 BW, 1506 MCF, GOR 1423, Gty 43. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1257 w/665 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5184 w/1700 sx, 7 @ 10643 w/1090 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10493-15720 w/415 sx; API #30-025-41140

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Crockett County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, OZONA (CLEAR FORK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 7 CLEGG 83, 1719 FEL, 1876 FNL, SEC 83 BLK Q2, TC SUR., A-3412 7200', 27 SW OZONA API# 42-105-40807

EOG RESOURCES, INC., LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1402H UNIVERSITY 38 OR, 485 FSL 800 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 38, UL SUR., 7000', 26 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42065

Irion County

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 23M SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 2012 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35863

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 41U SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 691 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35866

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 31U SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 1712 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35870

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 11U SUGG STRIP, 250 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 8, HH DUFF/LW WARD SUR., A-1161 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35870

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) DRILL EXPL TEST) Well# 2 SUGG 31, 190 FNL 2645 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 14, H&TC SUR., A-370 9999', 8 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35888

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 33M SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 1652 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35865

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 43M SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 631 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35867

APACHE CORPORATION, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 21U SUGG 0807, 250 FSL 1952 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 14, H&TC/LW WARD SUR., A-1162 9999', 10 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35869

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4110 SCHLINKE A, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 10, SP SUR., A-562 6700', 12 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-35868

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 24H CORTES (AW), 200 FNL 2224 FWL, SEC 1, CT&MC SUR., A-62 9000', 13 SW MERTZON API# 42-235-35856

FORELAND OPER., LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H ELMIRA 34, 2350 FNL 720 FEL, SEC 34, WC/EL RUCKER SUR., A-1239 9000', 3 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35879

TXP, INC., HANEY (STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 OSTRANDER, 3073 FNL 297 FEL, SEC 859, P MOSEL SUR., A-475 7100', 15 NE MERTZON API# 42-235-35880

Menard County

BOB HUGHES OIL CO., LLC, CLEAR FORK (CISCO) (O) DRILL Well# 2 DAVIS, 990 FEL 330 FNL, SEC 1525, H HASSE SUR., A-351 1800', 6 NW MENARD API# 42-327-31224

NORDAN OIL & GAS CORP., W MENARD (CADDO) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MCALLISTER 10, 2593 FNL 1784 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A, GH&SA/GM JENKINS SUR., A-1832 3500', 12 SW MENARD API# 42-327-31223

Reagan County

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 921H UNIVERSITY 09, 199 FNL 3010 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38937

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1807H HAM, 411 FWL 646 FNL, SEC 18 BLK L, D&P/WH MIX SUR., A-937 8600', 17 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38930

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 919H UNIVERSITY 09, 199 FNL 2576 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38921

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1835H HAM B, 379 FSL 335 FEL, SEC 18 BLK L, D&P/CE HAM SUR., A-983 8601', 16 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38918

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1824H HAM B, 379 FSL 300 FEL, SEC 18 BLK L, D&P/CE HAM SUR., A-983 8600', 16 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38917

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 912H UNIVERSITY 09, 269 FNL 3011 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38928

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 911H UNIVERSITY 09, 235 FNL 2611 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38922

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1806H UNIVERSITY 47-48, 1725 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 48, UL SUR., A-U330 8600', 9 SE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38934

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 920H UNIVERSITY 09, 200 FNL 2611 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 9, UL SUR., A-U179 8600', 11 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38923

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1HG MUSTANG DRAW, 554 FSL 2267 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A, SL HARRIS SUR., A-191 10000', 21 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38946

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1HC MUSTANG DRAW, 5647 FNL 2527 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A, SL HARRIS SUR., A-191 10000', 22 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38949

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 131P SUGG -B131, 760 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 131 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-636 12000', 27 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38963

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 157B SUGG A, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 157 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-584 12000', 29 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38960

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 160M VON GONTEN-, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 160 BLK 2, T&P/JM TEAGARDEN SUR., A-441 12000', 25 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38944

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 128H BODINE A, 1967 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 128 BLK 2, T&P/JR BARTON SUR., A-728 12000', 30 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38915

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H CHAR HUGHES, 558 FSL 2135 FWL, SEC 8, M DARBOSON/EW WALKER SUR., A-677 9000', 12 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38942

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CHAR HUGHES, 1148 FWL 590 FNL, SEC 28, TT/WA THOMPSON SUR., A-818 9600', 11 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38932

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 151D SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT, 2443 FWL 831 FSL, SEC 33 BLK 37 T5S, T&P SUR., A-859 5400', 28 NE RANKIN API# 42-383-38954

Runnels County

SDB O&G, LLC, N MOTLEY (PALO PINTO) (O) DRILL Well# 1 EVANS, 1911 FSL 795 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 64, H&GN/W BRANDT SUR., A-755 5000', 10 NW BALLINGER API# 42-399-35437

Upton County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8LS JANEY, 1120 FEL 831 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A, EL&RR/ WT RANKIN SUR., A-876 9500', 5 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39517

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7LS JANEY, 1091 FEL 839 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A, EL&RR/ WT RANKIN SUR., A-876 9500', 5 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39516

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, J HERBERT (STRWN PENN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9403 CORDES, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 94 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/ P HAMILTON SUR., A-812 12000', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39514

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 18H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE C, 215 FNL 1027 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 1, GC&SF/M SANSOM JR SUR., A-769 10500', 17 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39410

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 21H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE C, 50 FSL 1698 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 1, GC&SF SUR., A-224 9500', 17 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39405

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 16H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE C, 215 FNL 967 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 1, GC&SF/M SANSON JR SUR., A-769 10500', 17 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39408

SM ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3736H BRENDA, 575 FEL 850 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ J WARDLAW SUR., A-783 9600', 24 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39560

SM ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4231H DORCUS, 535 FEL 850 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/J WARDLAW SUR., A-783 9600', 24 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39561

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 6505 LUNDEN, 1980 FNL 567 FEL, SEC 65 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-43 13000', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39512

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Andrews County

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MAGUTEX (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 SAMSON UNIVERSITY 18, 1890 FNL 2000 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 8, UL SUR., A-U236 11800', 11 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46416

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MAGUTEX (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 ANDREWS UNIVERSITY 37, 666 FNL 586 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 4, UL SUR. 11800', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46376

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 KOLB 31-5, 1980 FNL 1847 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 3, PSL/ WD MCCARLEY SUR., A-2006 11300', 7 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46382

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC., MAGUTEX (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 9 KOLB 31-5, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 3, PSL/ WD MCCARLEY SUR., A-2006 12000', 7 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-46373

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3001HL UNIVER-

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SITY ANDREWS, 2168 FNL 262 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 10, UL SUR. 7000', 17 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46370

FORGE ENERGY, LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2421H UL 14 CONWAY, 200 FSL 1380 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 14, UL SUR., A-U461 4900', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46360

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 13 UNIVERSITY 13-39, 1650 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U431 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46476

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 10 UNIVERSITY 13-39, 1650 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U431 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46475

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 8454 MEANS /SAN ANDRES/ UNIT, 6 FSL 2033 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A45, PSL/ W PURCELL SUR., A-534 4800', 5 N ANDREWS API# 42-003-34438

XTO ENERGY, INC., FULLERTON (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 2245H FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2564 FSL 587 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U395 6250', 20 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-30665

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2636BH NORTH MCELROY UNIT, 2290 FSL 2514 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 30, UL SUR. 3800', 7 NE CRANE API# 42-103-36383

APACHE CORPORATION, SAND HILLS (TUBB) (O/G) (RECLASS) Well# 63 JUDKINS GAS UNIT #2, 2200 FSL 1800 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 32, PSL/JB TUBB SUR., A-1150 4900',18 NW CRANE API# 42-103-02827

APACHE CORPORATION, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2804BH NORTH MCELROY UNIT, 350 FNL 2640 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 30, UL SUR. 3800', 7 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36387

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2913C FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1923 FNL 2039 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-173 11200', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-103-36384

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2912C FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 2045 FSL 657 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-173 11200', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-103-36385

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2905C FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1974 FNL 639 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR. 11200', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-103-36381

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2904C FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 2060 FSL 2050 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-173 11200', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-103-36380

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1312 FAYE, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 13 BLK 32, PSL/JL SAWYER SUR., A-626 12500', 14 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36392

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2409 FAYE, 660 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 24 BLK 32, PSL/JL SAWYER SUR., A-627 12500', 12 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36393

Culberson County

ARRIS OPER. CO. LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H HW PHILLIPS STATE, 500 FNL 1200 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 110, PSL/CM CALDWELL SUR., A-6419 12925', 55 NE VAN HORN API# 42-109-32692

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., DERBY (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H SHUT OUT 9 UNIT, 210 FSL 2150 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2690 8360', 18 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32697

Ector County

CROSS TIMBERS ENERGY, LLC, PENWELL (GLORIETA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 40 WE CONNELL NCT-1, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B16, PSL/E GRAHAM SUR., A-493 8950', 4 SW PENWELL API# 42-135-01456

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4812H PARKER MINERALS LTD ET AL, 22 FSL 1006 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/ RD PROFFITT SUR., A-780 7000', 16 W ODESSA API# 42-135-43127

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4205H BALLENGER, 206 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR. 9700', 3 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36641

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H RED SNAPPER-NEAL 14 EAST UNIT, 200 FNL 2028 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/J CURRIE SUR., A-881 9600', 9 NE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36650

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 COOPER 34, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ DW BRUNSON SUR., A-932 10680', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36661

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 COOPER B 35, 1788 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-310 10600', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36670

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 POE, 467 FNL 1709 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/SC HOUSTON SUR., A-1008 10430', 19 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36664

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 FOWLER 22, 467 FNL 2161 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ AL HOUSTON SUR., A-1145 10519', 16 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36662

COG OPERATING, LLC, S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4307 CURRIE, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 32 T4S, T&P SUR., A-83 9400', 9 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36660

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 205 BERRY A, 475 FSL 900 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-1146 12000', 17 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36680

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 TERESA 6, 475 FNL 1915 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T2S, WADE SUR., A-526 12000', 16 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36679

HUNT OIL COMPANY, FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 BA HARRIS, 660 FEL 660 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T4S, T&P/EP TEELE SUR., A-1197 11500', 16 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36644

HUNT OIL COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HB BOONE-COFFEE (PSA), 2538 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/NW JORDAN SUR., A-1018 16260', 18 SE MIDLAND API# 42-173-36634

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., JAILHOUSE (FSLMN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 AERMOTOR 27, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-182 12000', 12 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36645

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2SC NEUMANN 2-LAREDO 11 (ALLOC), 250 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 33 T4S, T&P/JF PIKE SUR., A-899 12000', 5 NE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36624

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1NU LACY CREEK 34-AERMOTOR 27 ALLOC, 250 FSL 537 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ LE CRUTCHER SUR., A-960 12000', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36620

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1NC LACY CREEK 34-AERMOTOR 27 ALLOC, 250 FSL 462 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ LE CRUTCHER SUR., A-960 12000', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36616

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1NL LACY CREEK 34-AERMOTOR 27 ALLOC, 250 FSL 512 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ LE CRUTCHER SUR., A-960 12000', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36625

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1NP LACY CREEK 34-AERMOTOR 27 ALLOC, 250 FSL 487 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ LE CRUTCHER SUR., A-960 12000', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36618

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 WITT 24, 1980 FEL 1780 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ GB CHAMBERS SUR., A-1092 10875', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36667

Howard County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 WARD 17B, 467 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-310 10040', 5 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38054

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, BIG SPRING (FSLMN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BRONCO 11, 2330 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-133 9850', 7 N BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38027

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CLINE UNIT 32B, 2150 FWL 2100 FSL, SEC 32 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ JJ COFFEE SUR., A-1260 12000', 3 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38024

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 ROBB 13, 475 FEL 1850 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-517 12000', 10 W ELBOW API# 42-227-38071

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 DAWSON 6, 1915 FWL 1730 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/ JT DAWSON SUR., A-1619 12000', 6 S KNOTT API# 42-227-38072

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 ROBB 13, 475 FSL 2165 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-517 12000', 10 W ELBOW API# 42-227-38070

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 VIRGINIA UNIT 23, 1800 FNL 475 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-392 12000', 7 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-38067

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BOSQUE UNIT 6, 475 FNL 2165 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/ JS TIMMONS SUR., A-1528 12000', 10 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-38069

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H BLACKTIP STATE 42, 1935 FWL 387 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 29, PSL/ WD NELSON SUR., A-1194 14000', 7 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32229

COG OPERATING, LLC, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 803H BRUNSON A, 350 FNL 2200 FWL, SEC 7 BLK C26, PSL/AJ PETERS SUR., A-1215 12500', 18 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32245

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BRUNSON TRUST 9, 200 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 9 BLK C26, PSL/GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1011 12500', 20 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32238

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 11-19, 370 FNWL 600 FNEL, SEC 11 BLK 19, UL SUR., A-U11 11500', 13 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32236

SHELL WESTERN E&P, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H JOHNSON 1-76, 361 FSWL 700 FSEL, SEC 76 BLK 1, W&NW/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1105 12200', 4 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32232

SILVER HILL ENERGY PRTNRS LLC, DIMMITT (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 RUDD DRAW 29-3, 990 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 29, PSL/L DRIVER SUR., A-1032 9000', 12 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32243

Martin County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 201 HOLT RANCH, 467 FNL 1000 FEL, HARTLEY CSL/ LG 248/LT 2 SUR., A-600 12160', 9 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39554

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1901H HOLT RANCH B, 150 FSL 1088 FWL, HARTLEY CSL/LGE 248 LAB 19 SUR., A-600 9960', 8 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39573

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4004H MABEE BREEDLOVE, 256 FSL 815 FEL, SEC 256, BRISCOE CSL/TRACT 40 SUR., A-595 11000', 14 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39565

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H WOLCOTT 253, 6843 FSL 3053 FEL, SEC 253, WARD CSL SUR., A-608 10000', 11 N TARZAN API# 42-317-39569

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H WOLCOTT 253, 2202 FEL 6843 FSL, SEC 253, WARD CSL SUR., A-608 10000', 11 N TARZAN API# 42-317-39568

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC API# 42-317-39566, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 2603H NAIL RANCH, 600 FEL 210 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/DE GOSNEY SUR., A-75110000', 12 NW STANTON

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, ROSE PETAL (LO MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 GREEMAN 14A, 467 FWL 2196 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/ M ROBERTSON SUR., A-805 12100', 5 SE LENORAH API# 42-317-39545

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ABRAXAS 28E, 660 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/ HG RUSHING SUR., A-811 11100', 22 N STANTON API# 42-317-39604

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 GLASS L, 1879 FWL 749 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-309 10225', 19 W STANTON API# 42-317-39586

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H SALE RANCH 15C, 100 FSL 1606 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-219 10640', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39574

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 2WB UNIVERSITY 7-27, 2583 FNL 1114 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 7, UL SUR., A-U27 10101', 13 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39618

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 MABEE X, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 39 T3N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-407 12500', 14 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39590

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 MABEE H MRT, 684 FSL 1984 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-371 12500', 13 SW TARZAN API# 42-317-39553

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 16 MABEE K, 500 FSL 1856 FWL, SEC 1 BLK H A, HA MOORE SUR., A-916 12500', 13 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39591

Midland County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 BRAUN 10, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/ SP CROSS SUR., A-769 12300', 14 E ODESSA API# 42-329-39338

COG OPERATING, LLC, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 99H ROY PARKS, 250 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 40 T3S, T&P/HG PURCELL SUR., A-815 12000', 13 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39449

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2D KING D, 769 FEL 327 FNL, HF TAYLOR SUR., A-656 4600', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39477

Mitchell County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, R ALBAUGH (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 4 SPADE RANCH 17, 660 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 17 BLK 18, SP SUR., A-273 9500', 14 S WESTBROOK API# 42-335-35904

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, R ALBAUGH (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SPADE RANCH 5, 1981 FWL 780 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 18, SP SUR., A-283 9500', 13 S WESTBROOK API# 42-335-35905

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, R ALBAUGH (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SPADE RANCH 18, 684 FSL 2024 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 18, SP/JL DOSS SUR., A-870 9500', 14 S WESTBROOK API# 42-335-35907

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, R ALBAUGH (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SPADE RANCH 1, 633 FEL 1900 FNL, SEC 1, DH SNYDER SUR., A-763 9500', 14 S WESTBROOK API# 42-335-35906

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H STRAIN, 528 FNL 2400 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 26, H&TC/JW MILLER SUR., A-1447 9000', 17 NW COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-35901

Pecos County

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H PHIPPS STATE 13-24, 250 FNL 1245 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/ CA DICKSON SUR., A-5711 21000', 26 NW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39212

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCINTYRE 34-33, 1245 FSL 2335 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 48 T8, T&P/AM MOR CO & 1ST REAL EST & INV C SUR., A-8329 21000', 20 NW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39213

XTO ENERGY, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 V GILMORE, 2650 FNL 6300 FWL, TITUS CSL SUR., A-3175 10450', 12 N FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-31194

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BIG HORN 56-2-9, 890 FEL 310 FSL, SEC 9 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-580 14000', 4 NE ORLA API# 42-389-34324

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE ROBERTA REGAN 57-T2-36, 375 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 57 T2, T&P SUR., A-636 14000', 2 SW ORLA API# 42-389-34329

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BIGHORN NORTH UNIT 1-31, 200 FSWL 440 FNWL, SEC 31 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-358 11700', 13 W MENTONE API# 42-389-34333

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GALLATIN STATE 55-8, 200 FNL 2375 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 55 T4S, T&P/EC EVANS SUR., A-2098 12950', 21 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34331

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GREENHORN SOUTH UNIT 1-35, 200 FSWL 467 FSEL, SEC 35 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-359 13050', 11 W MENTONE API# 42-389-34327

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HR BAYER 13, 2131 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 13 BLK C5, PSL/O BLACK SUR., A-5714 12000', 16 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34330

HENDERSON & ERICKSON, INC., JESS BURNER (DEL) (REENTER) (INJ) Well# 1 COVINGTON, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 57 T1, T&P- CC CONLEY SUR., A-5885 15846', 5 N ORLA API# 42-389-31043

JAGGED PEAK ENERGY LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H EILAND 8-33, 990 FWL 775 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 33, H&GN SUR. 15000', 12 S PYOTE API# 42-389-34388

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL Well# 22 COLLIE A, 7331 FSWL 1350 FSEL, SEC 1 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-422 6600', 3 E PECOS API# 42-389-34242

OXY USA, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2207H BETTY LOU, 527 FSL 1348 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 51 T8S, T&P/ JA SCOTT SUR., A-2448 12000', 21 S PECOS API# 42-389-34334

PRIMEXX OPER.

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DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

From 11G

CORP., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H CAPPS 214 A, 222 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 214 BLK 13, H&GN/ JJ BUSH SUR., A-2567 16000', 19 S PECOS API# 42-389-34370

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Borden County

CHOLLA PETR., INC., ROUGHNECK (SPRA) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MUSHAWAY, 1386 FEL 2634 FNL, SEC 165 BLK 25, H&TC SUR., A-554 6499', 14 SE GAIL API# 42-033-32342

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 9 CANON RANCH UNIT, 2195 FNL 272 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/WA BEDELL SUR., A-1550 8500', 15 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32350

Crosby County

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC., HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 17 GP, 990 FWL 1651 FNL, SEC 1150, TT/K AYCOCK SUR., A-497 5000', 17 S RALLS API# 42-107-31863

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC., HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 15 GP, 990 FWL 330 FSL, SEC 1150, TT/K AYCOCK SUR., A-497 5000', 18 S RALLS API# 42-107-31861

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC., HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 14 GP, 1595 FEL 882 FSL, SEC 1150, TT/K AYCOCK SUR., A-497 5000', 18 S RALLS API# 42-107-31860

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC., HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 13 GP, 2310 FWL 990 FSL, SEC 1150, TT/K AYCOCK SUR., A-497 5000', 18 S RALLS API# 42-107-31859

CUSTER & WRIGHT OPER., INC., HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 12 GP, 990 FWL 990 FSL, SEC 1150, TT/K AYCOCK SUR., A-497 5000', 18 S RALLS API# 42-107-31858

Dawson County

ROFF OPER. CO., LLC, BREEDLOVE (SPRA) (O) DRILL Well# 2403 EAST MILAGRO UNIT, 1224 FWL 749 FNL, BORDEN CSL LGE 262 LAB 24 SUR., A-399 8500', 2 SW PATRICIA API# 42-115-33679

Dickens County

BUCK WHEAT RESOURCES, LP, CHRISTOPHER (LO TANN) (O) DRILL Well# 1801 BEGGS 5B, 467 FNL 843 FEL, SEC 18 BLK H, HT&B/FN JOHNSON SUR., A-1097 4500', 19 SE SPUR API# 42-125-31335

Gaines County

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 9 HOSKINS A, 2407 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 11 BLK A12, PSL/RO COOK SUR., A-412 8200', 23 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38116

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 7 PS DUNBAR 25, 2040 FSL 600 FEL, SEC 25 BLK A12, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-360 5200', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38119

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H DUNBAR D, 190 FSL 340 FWL, SEC 25 BLK A12, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-360 9500', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38114

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 10 COOK UNIT, 972 FNL 1705 FWL, SEC 20 BLK A-11, PSL/ RO COOK SUR., A-409 8200', 22 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38121

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ROACH HEIRS, 3195 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 17 BLK AX, PSL/AE VEST SUR., A-1158 8200', 21 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38115

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 1 FERGUSON A, 362 FEL 1678 FNL, SEC 19 BLK A11, PSL/RO COOK SUR., A-410 8100', 22 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38122

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 5 PS DUNBAR 25, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 25 BLK A12, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-360 5200', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38117

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 4 PS DUNBAR 25, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 25 BLK A12, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-360 5200', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38120

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 6 PS DUNBAR 25, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 25 BLK A12, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-360 5200', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38118

THREE SPAN O&G INC., ADAIR (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 1H ASHMORE, 1670 FEL 2310 FSL, SEC 4 BLK C31, PSL/A GRAVES SUR., A-1074 4932', 26 NE SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37895

Hockley County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, ANITA (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 5 DENNIS, 572 FNL 803 FEL, A TAYLOR LABOR 8 LEAGUE 722 SUR., A-231 7150', 2 S WITHARRAL API# 42-219-37336

Kent County

HGN OPERATING I, LLC, HOT SPRNGS (LO TANN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MATTHEWS 242, 519 FEL 2165 FNL, SEC 242 BLK F, H&TC/ GP PURSLEY SUR., A-1293 4300', 9 NE JAYTON API# 42-263-32092

Lynn County

MCDONALD PROD., LLC, ODONNELL (MISS) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 2D GLF, 649 FWL 661 FNL, SEC 459 BLK 1, EL&RR SUR., A-48 2500', 8 SE TAHOKA API# 42-305-00033

YATES ENERGY CORP., W WILSON (GLORIETA) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2 LCU, 2883 FNL 1044 FWL, SEC 4, WILSON CSL SUR., A-113 6000', 3/4 NW WILSON API# 42-305-30555

New Mexico

Eddy County

Ray Westall Operating Inc.
Two Forks St SWD #1
SWD-Re-entry Legacy PA, Orig TD 10985; Sec 2 T18S R28E; 660/N & 2090/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 10080 Wolfcamp/ Penn; API #30-015-24655

COG Producing LLC
Cabo Wabo 25 Fed Com #3
SW Willow Lake; Sec 25 T25S R29E; 540/S & 1650/E; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 17459 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42507

EOG Resources Inc.
Ramblin Rose 23 Fed #2
W Jennings; Sec 23 T26S R31E; 450/N & 380/W; 21 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14048 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42508

EOG Resources Inc.
Ramblin Rose 23 Fed #3
W Jennings; Sec 23 T26S R31E; 450/N & 410/W; 21 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13778 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42509

EOG Resources Inc.
Ramblin Rose 23 Fed #4
W Jennings; Sec 23 T26S R31E; 450/N & 915/W; 21 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13750 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42510

EOG Resources Inc.
Ramblin Rose 23 Fed #5
W Jennings; Sec 23 T26S R31E; 450/N & 945/W; 21 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14241 Bone Spring; API #39-015-42511

Lea County

V-F Petroleum Inc.
State 11 #2
W Midway; Sec 11 T17S R35E; 660/S & 2150/E; 9 mi NE Buckeye; Rot 11500 Pennsylvanian; API #30-025-41969

COG Operating LLC
Magnum Pronto St #6
S Lusk; Sec 32 T19S R32E; 190/N & 330/W; 6 mi SW Halfway; Rot 13831 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41977

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Cranberry BSU St Com #6
N Berry; Sec 11 T21S R33E; 15/S & 2150/E; 11 1/2 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15807 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41970

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Date BTB State Com #7
N Berry; Sec 14 T21S R33E; 15/N & 2150/E; 12 mi SW Halfway; Rot 15810 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41971

Caza Operating LLC
Gramma 27 State #3
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 27 T21S R34E; 420/S & 2310/E; 12 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 10375 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41980

Cimarex Energy Co.
West Grama Ridge 6 Fed #3
W Grama Ridge; Sec 6 T22S R34E; 330/N & 1980/W; 20 mi SW Eunice; Rot 15365 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41974

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Hognose Viper 23 Fed #1
N Bell Lake; Sec 23 T23S R33E; 200/S & 850/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16892 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41975

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Hognose Viper 23 Fed #2
N Bell Lake; Sec 23 T23S R33E; 200/S & 900/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15942 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41976

BTA Oil Producers
State 2 8016 JV-P #1
SWD-Re-entry PA, Orig TD 13380; Sec 2 T23S R34E; 660/S & 1980/W; 9 1/2 mi N Ochoa; Rot 13380 Delaware; API #30-025-27486

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Trucker BRK State #2
Bell Lake; Sec 2 T24S R33E; 575/S & 200/W; 7 mi SE Ochoa; Rot 15979 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41972

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
MOGI 9 St Com #10
W Triple X; Sec 9 T24S R33E; 50/S & 1455/E; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41973