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2017: THE YEAR OF BUILDING

As the community is celebrating the arrival of 2017, we look at what that year might bring: an election to continue a quarter-cent sales tax addition, a new superintendent of Midland ISD and a new aquatic center at Washington Park.

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Construction has begun on the Washington Aquatic Center at Washington Park. The water park's opening this summer is among things Midlanders can look for in 2017.

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LEFT: Fans gather for the Midland RockHounds season home opener against the Arkansas Travelers on April 14 at Security Bank Ballpark. City leaders are planning to call an election in May to continue a quarter-cent sales tax addition that currently is being collected to help pay off the debt from building the Scharbauer Sports Complex. **RIGHT:** Customers walk past the Chick-fil-A drive-through window to collect a free lunch during the "First 100" event on March 6, 2013, in advance of the opening of the restaurant at Wall Street and Andrews Highway. Will construction of a fourth Chick-fil-A location begin this year?

Business

■ Mergers & acquisitions to continue

Oil companies have spent billions of dollars buying Permian Basin acreage in the second half of 2016, and as oil prices continue to improve, we expect to see the trend continue in 2017. Long gone are the days, it seems, when companies capped spending at $1,000 an acre. Per-acre prices of $30,000 or more seems the norm, though companies now have better access to multiple pay zones from a single well.

The high prices tell us that oil companies believe the Permian Basin will be dominant for years to come, and that bodes well for Midland.

■ Anadarko to open regional office

Anadarko Petroleum, which has been active in West Texas oil fields for more than 30 years, is expected to open a regional office in Midland in 2017.

While the company is still early in the process of establishing the office — determining a location and the number of workers the office will house — officials say the move comes as Anadarko plans to increase its focus on the burgeoning Delaware subbasin.

■ New restaurants coming to town

Last year, more than two dozen restaurants opened in Midland, and we're interested to see if the momentum continues in 2017. Many restaurants opened on or near Loop 250, such as Wiener-schnitzel, Carl's Jr., Bubba's 33, Volcano, Oishii and True Texas BBQ inside the new H-E-B.

Available real estate on the western portion of the loop is running out, but there's room for one more highly rumored eatery that is a Midland favorite. We're curious if Chick-fil-A will open its fourth location in the Tall City at Loop 250 and Andrews Highway.

We know that the restaurant business is tough. We saw Double Dave's and Pizzeria Venti close their doors this year, and we're wondering will other local eateries follow suit?

■ Fate of Hotel Santa Rita should be known early on

When it comes to downtown, the question on many people's minds is "will the Hotel Santa Rita project happen?" City officials and HSR officials seem as optimistic as ever, and for those wanting an answer, late January or February could be when we have that answer.

In 2016, the council voted to move a proof of financing deadline and construction drawings deadline to Jan. 31, 2017. The commencement of construction deadline is nearly one month later (Feb. 28).

City business

■ Can Midland snap sales tax streak

It appears Midland's consecutive month streak — currently at 22 months — of declining sales tax collections will come to an end this year. It is just a matter of when. In December, a 15-month streak of double-digit percentage declines came to end as the city reported that month's collection decreased just 0.52 percent from

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Did you know?
Drunken driving rates have fallen to a new low, according to a new survey. Read the results on Page 12A.

The big number
After a 13-month absence, Ronda Rousey lasted only 48 seconds, losing to bantamweight champion Amanda Nunes. More on Page 4C.

Word of the Day: concessionaire
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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Texas' resilient economy poised for growth

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

The resilience of the Texas economy with the end of the oil surge has surprised many, and prospects for continued expansion are encouraging. For the first 11 months of 2016, the state added 164,000 positions, exceeding the pace of 2015 (with 140,400 net new jobs over the first 11 months). In September, Texas experienced the strongest employment gain in more than two years (up by 38,300), with hiring continuing since that time and 20,900 net new jobs added, according to the latest data release (November). Expansion has occurred in most industry segments.

During the height of the oil surge, people talked about the "Texas miracle," with economic growth at a rapid pace. However, it's even more impressive to me that we've been able to create about 400,000 jobs over the past two years with our largest export industry firmly in the doldrums.

Targeted economic development efforts have been ongoing for decades and are a major reason for the state's success even in the face of dropping oil prices. Technology and advanced industries, biosciences and research, and other emerging industries are part of the story. Stability and growth in cornerstone industries like higher education and health care are also contributing factors. The greater presence of Texas in the global economy has also played a role.

Looking ahead, the Texas economy is likely to continue to diversify away from dependence on oil, though clearly energy will remain an important driver of business activity. With OPEC and other nations moving away from their former strategy of pushing down prices to drive higher-cost producers (such as U.S. and Canadian shale) out of the market, things in the energy segment are looking up. Although I don't see $100 oil any time soon, there's a good chance we will stay in the mid-$50s per barrel and upward range. Activity in the Permian Basin already has been picking up (as well as, to a lesser extent, the Eagle Ford in South Texas), and that price range is sufficient to keep things moving.

Expansion in Texas is projected to outpace the nation over the next five years. Real gross product is forecast to grow from a 2016 level of $1.5 trillion to about $1.8 trillion in 2021, representing a 4.11 percent annual rate of expansion. All major industry groups are projected to expand through 2021, with the services, mining, and wholesale and retail trade segments likely to experience the largest growth in annual real gross product.

An estimated 1.4 million net new jobs are projected for the Texas economy by 2021, representing a 2.16 percent annual rate of growth over the period. Services industries will drive job gains, with wholesale and retail trade businesses also likely to see notable hiring. The largest numbers of net new jobs in Texas through 2021 are projected to be added in the following industries: food services and drinking places (up 133,380 jobs); ambulatory health care services (up 128,577); administrative and support services (up 122,848); professional, scientific, and technical services (up 121,191); and local government (up 78,053).

The Texas population is forecast to grow by 2.3 million over the next five years, reaching about 29.9 million in 2021. I am projecting that housing permits will trend modestly upward over the period (though cycles may occur in intervening years). Real personal income is forecast to rise at a 4.63 percent annual pace, resulting in a gain of about $304.1 billion over the next five years.

These growth expectations assume certain things about the business environment, such as that the necessary infrastructure and regulatory structure will be in place. The upcoming Texas legislative session will provide opportunities to enhance the pace of expansion (such as through greater investment in education and fixing social services, infrastructure improvementsand economic development commitments). There will also be the potential for negative fallout. I suspect that a lot of us will be keeping a close eye on Austin (and Washington) in the months to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family great happiness and prosperity in the coming year. I think the economy of Texas will provide an assist, with growth across all of the major industry groups, some recovery for the energy sector, and ongoing opportunities for innovation in a supportive environment.

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IRS/tax scam topped BBB's list in 2016

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

With the help of consumers and the more than 30,000 scam reports they filed, Better Business Bureau has compiled a list of the top scams of 2016. BBB Scam Tracker confirmed that the IRS/tax scam continues to be the top scam of the year.

These were the top 10 scams of 2016:

1. IRS/tax scam

This scam topped the list with your local BBB and BBB nationally. How this scam works: An imposter, someone claiming to be with the IRS, will call you and tell you that you owe money to the government and if you don't pay now, you will be arrested. Scammers threaten you to send them money via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer, and many people pay out of fear. BBB advises you to hang up — the IRS and other government agencies won't call you to collect money or ask you to make a payment via a prepaid card or wire transfer.

2. Debt collections scam

You receive a phone call from someone claiming that you have an unpaid debt. You are threatened with garnishments, lawsuits and even jail time if you don't pay right now. The scammer will often use Caller ID spoofing and pretend to be a government agency or law enforcement in order to further invoke fear and make you send money.

3. Sweepstakes/ prizes/gifts scam

With this scam, you receive a phone call, email or letter claiming that you've won a prize in a sweepstakes, perhaps that you've never entered. In order to receive the prize, you're instructed to send a fee to cover expenses associated with processing, insurance or delivery. However, this prize is not real. If you've really won, you should never have to pay money to claim a prize.

4. Online purchase scam

This scam occurs when consumers pay for an item they never receive. While many online shopping sites are legitimate, there are scammers that set up fraudulent sites in order to steal personal or financial information or your money. Do your research and make sure you're shopping on a legitimate secure site or from a reputable seller.

5. Employment scam

Scammers may say they have a job opening or can guarantee job placement if you first pay a fee to cover the cost it takes to place you in a job. However, after you pay, the job doesn't materialize. If a potential employer asks you to pay the company to cover the costs of testing, training or background checks, consider it a red flag.

6. Government grant scam

This scam comes in the form of a phone call, email or letter informing you that you qualify for a government grant. In order to receive the grant you must first send a processing or delivery fee, usually by wire transfer or a prepaid debit card. BBB advises you to never send money by wire transfer or a prepaid card to someone you don't know or haven't met in person. It's almost impossible to trace this type of payment once it's gone.

7. Tech support scam

You get a call or a pop-up on your computer claiming to be from Microsoft (or Norton, or Apple) about a problem on your computer. They say if you give "tech support" access to your hard drive, they can fix it. Instead, they install malware on your computer and start stealing your personal information.

8. Advance fee loan scam

An advance fee loan may seem like an easy way to get cash fast, but may end up being a burden because of high interest rates and unaffordable payment terms. Advance fee lenders charge an upfront fee and will "guarantee" you a loan despite your credit history, and chances are, you won't get your money back. Also, real lenders, like banks or credit unions, will check your credit history — even if your credit history is good. A lender who isn't interested in your credit history is an immediate red flag.

9. Fake check or money order scam

This scam can happen any time someone is paying you for goods or services, even when you are selling something online. You receive a check in the mail that is larger than the amount owed and you are asked to deposit the check and wire the difference. However, the check ends up being a fake and when it bounces, you are the one out of the money.

10. Phishing scam

Phishing is an attempt to acquire personal information, such as usernames, passwords and credit card numbers by claiming to be a trustworthy person or business. You may receive an email telling you that you've won a contest or that a business needs to verify your personal information. However, links in the email can take you to a site that downloads malware on your computer to search for your sensitive data. BBB advises you to never open emails or click on links from sources you don't know. Keep in mind that legitimate businesses won't ask you to confirm your personal information through email.

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US stocks end modestly lower on final trading day of 2016

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

Investors capped a year of solid gains on Wall Street Friday in a selling mood, sending the major U.S. stock indexes modestly lower on the final trading day of 2016.

Technology and consumer-focused stocks led the broad slide, while real estate companies and banks eked out small gains. As it had been for much of the week, trading was subdued ahead of the New Year's Day holiday.

Despite riding out the last week of the year with losses, halting the Dow Jones industrial average's momentum as it neared the 20,000 mark, 2016 delivered a much better finish for stock investors than most would have anticipated.

All told, the Dow ended the year with a 13.4 percent gain, while the Nasdaq composite gained 7.5 percent.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index, the broadest measure of the stock market, gained 9.5 percent after an essentially flat finish in 2015. Including dividends, the total return was 11.96 percent.

Small-company stocks fared the best, especially since the election. The Russell 2000 index closed out 2016 with a gain of 19.5 percent.

"This was not just a market that did well, it did extremely well," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The stock market weathered repeated slumps in 2016, including the worst start to any year for stocks, the second correction for the market in five months

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6904 Cotton Tail Court	New Residence
6918 Yellow Rose Court	New Residence
5311 George Yard Court	New Residence
1300 Rattler Lane	New Residence
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Long gas lines, price hike mar holiday season in Mexico

By Maria Verza
Associated Press

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Drivers wait Monday in line to fill up their gas tanks in Charcas in Mexico's San Luis Potosi state. Ahead of a price deregulation that takes effect today, gasoline shortages in many parts of Mexico have forced customers to contend with hours-long lines. Officials say it's time for Mexicans to pay market prices for gasoline and longtime subsidies are not sustainable.

MEXICO CITY — The holiday season has been a little less merry for car owners in Mexico as gasoline shortages in many parts of the country have forced grumbling customers to contend with hours-long lines.

In hard-hit parts like Leon, in Guanajuato state, filling up your tank often means driving around from one station to the next just to find one that has fuel.

"It's chaos," said Guadalupe Lopez, a customer service worker in Leon who visited eight stations on a recent day before she finally found a pump that wasn't dry. "One worker told me they had gone a day and a half without supply."

Rumors are swirling of gas station owners purportedly hoarding fuel ahead of a price deregulation that takes effect today, and will let them sell it for as much as 20 percent more. Stories abound of Mexicans stocking up as much as they can before the hike kicks in.

Officials are largely downplaying the problems, citing factors such as pipeline theft, increased holiday demand and unforeseen shipping delays and have sought to reassure consumers that they're working hard to get the fuel flowing. But even with conditions improved somewhat since Christmas, analysts say a neglected fuel infrastructure is finally catching up with the country, and there's no quick fix in sight.

Jorge Pinon, an energy expert at the University of Texas, Austin, said Mexico is refining fewer than 1 million barrels of crude per day this year, down from 1.65 million per day last year. The country is importing more of its gasoline — about half its current consumption — but state oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, lacks adequate distribution and storage capacity.

"We are up against a total collapse of the refining system of Pemex," Pinon said.

As examples, he pointed to tankers backed up in the Gulf of Mexico because the port of Veracruz is a bottleneck for offloading. He said pipelines that carry gasoline to central parts of the country are in poor shape and vulnerable to illegal taps.

Fuel theft is big business for organized crime groups such as the Zetas drug cartel, which has a strong presence in the oil-producing Gulf coast region, and officials estimate it accounts for $1.4 billion in losses per year.

In mid-December the Mexican Gas Station Owners' Association warned that refineries were not operating at full capacity and imported gasoline was not being offloaded from ships because of delayed payments.

"The entire system of refining and distribution is rotten," said Miriam Grunstein, an energy analyst at Rice University.

Pemex has acknowledged supply deficiencies in four central and western states, though Mexican media reported problems in 13 of the country's 31 states.

That includes San Luis Potosi, where Mexico City resident Ignacio Lanzagorta shot a widely seen video of dozens of vehicles and people with jerry cans on the side of a highway, waiting for their turn at a Pemex station in the town of Salinas de Hidalgo. Lanzagorta told the AP he made the video Monday while driving from the capital to the central state of Zacatecas.

Pemex says tankers have been stranded in the Gulf by bad weather and unable to unload their shipments on time. It also cited the fuel thefts, which force pipelines offline, and said consumer stockpiling and panic-buying only exacerbated the shortages.

The federal consumer protection agency announced on Wednesday that it was investigating whether some stations may be hoarding fuel until January, as is widely rumored.

"The problem is that there has not been enough investment in infrastructure for the storage and transportation of fuels, which has increased the risk of shortages," the Mexican government said in a statement debunking "myths" about gasoline that was also retweeted by Pemex. "Going forward, the government will be obligated to increase minimum storage capacity to 15 days of total national consumption."

Pemex executive Carlos Murriet said in recent days that the country currently has six days' worth in storage.

Grunstein called that "ridiculously low" and a sign of short-term thinking by the company.

"With Pemex there is no planning ... and simply fixing small holes ends up being more expensive," she said.

The 2017 price deregulation — part of a broader energy reform passed two years ago under President Enrique Pena Nieto allowing some private investment and ending more than seven decades of state monopoly over the sector — establishes 90 different tariff zones where prices will be allowed to fluctuate.

Officials say it's time for Mexicans to pay market prices for gasoline and longtime subsidies are not sustainable especially with the peso's dramatic fall against the U.S. dollar. Earlier this year, the first gas stations run by companies other than Pemex began operating as part of the reform, on the theory that injecting competition will level the field for consumers. They are still far outnumbered by Pemex stations, however.

In a second phase in 2017, other companies will be allowed to import and distribute gasoline instead of Pemex handling the entire supply chain.

Pricing will no longer be a government decision but rather "a result of what happens in the market," Treasury Secretary Jose Antonio Meade told Radio Formula on Thursday.

But many Mexicans are skeptical that a dose of capitalism is a good thing for the energy sector, which was nationalized in 1938 and has long been considered part of the national patrimony. Opposition politicians on the left have lent support to calls for protests against the deregulation.

One message that circulated on social media called on people to fill their tanks before New Year's and boycott gas purchases the first three days of the year as a "peaceful revolution."

Pinon said as long as the country suffers from its logistical limitations, Mexicans will be paying "an internal overpricing" at the pumps. "I don't see a near-term solution," he said.

MARKETS

From 2A

and plummeting oil prices. A steadily improving U.S. economy and job market, as well as more stable oil prices and better company earnings growth helped turn the market around. More recently, investor optimism following the Republican election sweep in November kicked off a rally that sent the market to new heights.

Some of that enthusiasm evaporated in the final week of the year, as traders seized on the quiet period between the Christmas and New Year's holidays to do some selling to lock in profits.

"So many times we look for a rally at the end of the year, particularly between Christmas and New Year's," said J.J. Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief strategist. "But with the incredible up move we've had since the election, people are either hesitant to buy things heading into the new year or are taking a little bit of profit."

On Friday, the Dow slid 57.18 points, or 0.3 percent, to 19,762.60. The S&P 500 index fell 10.43 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,238.83. The Nasdaq composite gave up 48.97 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,383.12.

The Russell 2000 lost 6.05 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,357.13.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.44 percent from 2.48 percent late Thursday.

Global stocks mostly rose on the year's last day of trading.

Britain's index rallied to hit another all-time high. The FTSE 100, which was trading for only a half day, rose 0.3 percent. That left the index 14.4 percent higher over 2016.

Elsewhere in Europe, Germany's DAX rose 0.3 percent, while France's CAC 40 gained 0.5 percent. Earlier in Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.2 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 1 percent.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell 5 cents to close at $53.72 a barrel in New York. That translates into a 45 percent gain for the year. Brent crude, used to price international oils, slipped 3 cents to close at $56.82 a barrel in London.

In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline dropped 2 cents to $1.67 a gallon and heating oil held steady at $1.70 a gallon. Natural gas futures fell 7.8 cents, or 2.1 percent, to $3.72 per 1,000 cubic feet.

The price of gold fell $6.40 to $1,151.70 an ounce. Silver slid 23 cents to $15.99 an ounce. Copper rose 2 cents to $2.51 a pound.

In currency trading, the dollar strengthened to 116.78 yen from 116.65 yen late Thursday. The euro rose to $1.0531 from $1.0485.

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Today is New Year's Day

New Year's Day falls on Jan. 1 and marks the start of a new year according to the Gregorian calendar. It marks the end of New Year's Eve celebrations in the United States and gives many Americans a chance to remember the previous year.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

New Year's Day weather history

- Average high: 57
- Average low: 30
- Warmest high: 76 in 2000 and 2006
- Coldest low: 5 in 1979
- Most precipitation: 0.28 of an inch in 1944 and 1983
- Most snow: 2.8 inches in 1983

Today's forecast

- High: 65
- Low: 41
- Note: There is a chance of showers tonight

Source: National Weather Service

Fireworks

Fireworks can be sold through today.

Source: State of Texas

Things to do

Friday

- Michael Carbonaro Livel, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Saturday

- Vince Neil, Great White, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$75. Wagnernoel.com.

Happening this month

- Travis Tritt, Little Texas, Jan. 8 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- The Temptations and The Four Tops, Jan. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- Tenore, Jan. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- MOSC Masterworks: Beethoven, Jan. 21 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- The Oak Ridge Boys, The Gatlin Brothers, Jan 23 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- An Evening with Kristin Chenoweth: Celebrating the Art of Elegance, Jan. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- Ron White, Jan. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- Naughty By Nature, Coolio, Tone Loc, Jan 28 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
- Trout Fishing in America, Jan. 29 and 30 at The Yucca

Meeting schedule

Planning and Zoning Commission

- 3:30 p.m. Tuesday
- City Council Chambers, City Hall
- 300 N. Loraine Ave.

Lake levels

	Last Month	This week
Thomas	66.13	64.63
Spence	13.52	13.52
Ivie	23.19	23.49
Totals	26.03	25.92

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery numbers

Because of an early deadline, lottery numbers were not available. Please see Monday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram for Saturday's numbers.

Happening in January

- Epiphany, Jan. 6
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16
- Chinese New Year, Jan. 28

How to submit

- Engagement, wedding anniversary or quinceanera announcements: email write-up and photo to weddings@mrt.com. For more information, call 682-6222.
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Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 1, the first day of 2017. There are 364 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states shall be "forever free."

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, West Virginia, while he was being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

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the same month the previous year. So it appears this economic indicator is hitting the bottom. It remains to be seen how many months it will take to end the streak and reverse the community's fortunes.

■ City prepares for 4B sales tax election

City leaders have been adamant there will be an election in May to continue a quarter-cent sales tax addition. Currently the tax — known as the 4B — is being collected to raise money to help pay off the debt from building the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

City leaders want to change the purpose of the tax, so the city can undertake a tournament fields project that would mean tens of millions spent on new baseball, soccer and volleyball/basketball facilities. That 4B would also be used to upgrade/maintain/operate the stadiums and fields at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. A quarter-cent increases the cost of goods by a quarter for every $100 spent. Over the course of a year, it can raise as much as $11 million.

■ Could there be a roads bond in November?

The short answer to that question is we don't know right now. During last year's budget meetings, Councilman J.Ross Lacy said he would like to see Midland voters decide the fate of a $125 million roads bond that will be used in the rehabilitation of streets across the community.

Council presentations have shown 30 percent of Midland's streets have a paving index score of less than 50, and those streets need to be reconstructed — possibly at a cost of $112 million. As other roads get closer to that index number, the total cost Midland taxpayers face for road maintenance could double.

If a bond election takes place, November would be the likely month.

Education

■ Campus carry to take effect at Midland College

The law permitting concealed handgun license holders to bring weapons into campus buildings at Midland College will go into effect in August. The so-called "campus carry" law was implemented at Texas public universities in 2016. Community colleges were given an extra year to enact rules that allow for concealed handguns in campus buildings.

■ Midland ISD to hire a new superintendent

Arguably the most important hire in our community in some time will take place this year as the Midland board of trustees will hire its next superintendent of schools.

It will be a test for a board with three new board members and a district in transition from a nearly 10-year period when performance and achievement metrics spiraled downward. There is no announced timetable for when the board would like to have someone in place.

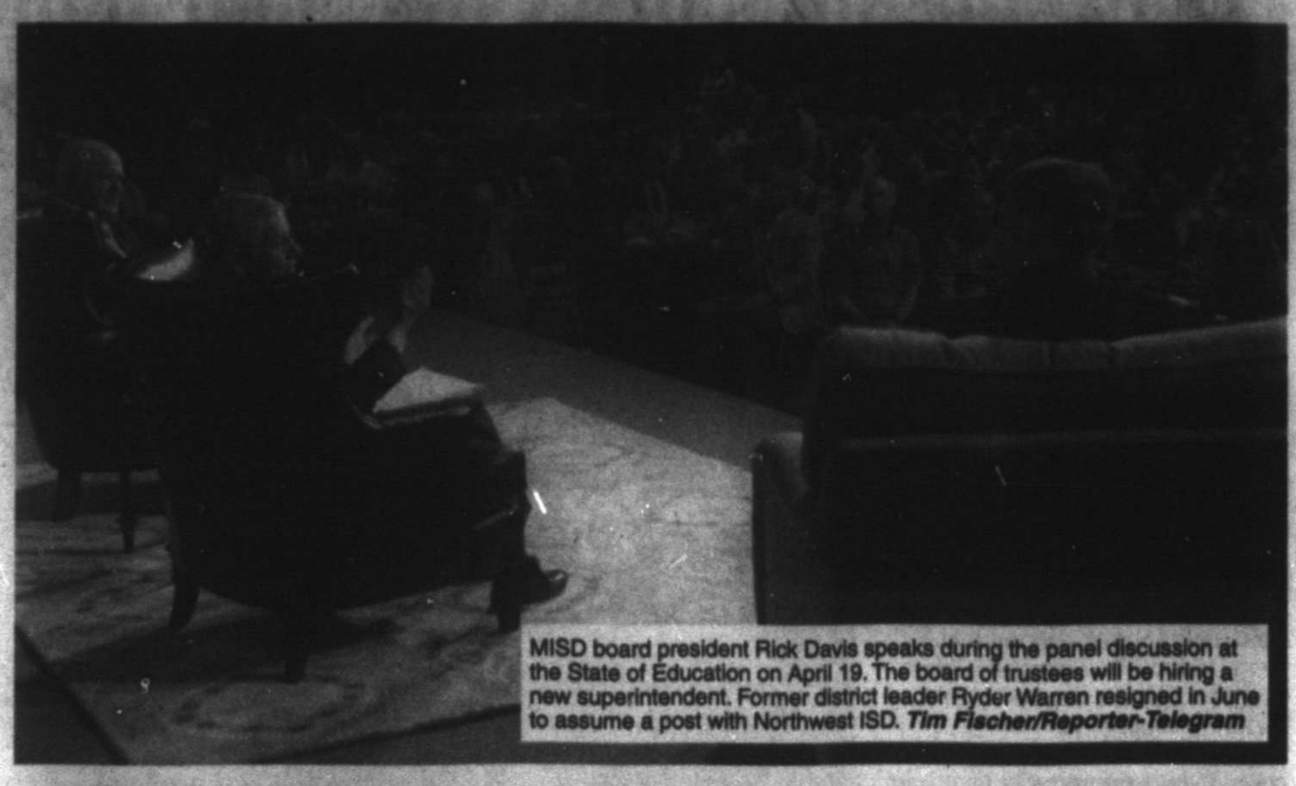
Economic development

■ Space industry to see growth?

This community is investing heavily to develop the space industry, and while suborbital shuttles have yet to launch from Midland International Air & Space Port, the seeds have been planted. We look forward to seeing the Spaceport Business Park come together and are confident that tenancy will grow beyond XCOR and Orbital Outfitters.

The Midland Development Corp. has worked diligently to draw space industry business to Midland, and we're sure 2017 will be busier than ever for MDC staff in the hunt to draw companies here.

We also look forward to the Midland Altitude Chamber Complex seeing its first clients in 2017. It's been touted as the only one of its kind outside of NASA and is critical for testing all manner of outer space cargo — human and otherwise.



MISD board president Rick Davis speaks during the panel discussion at the State of Education on April 19. The board of trustees will be hiring a new superintendent. Former district leader Ryder Warren resigned in June to assume a post with Northwest ISD. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Representative Tom Craddick mingles with guests during a reception honoring Concho Resources at a meeting of the Midland Wildcat Committee on Oct. 25 at the Petroleum Club. Craddick soon will begin his 49th year as a legislator. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Entertainment

■ Classic rock to take stage at Wagner Noel

The Wagner Noel should have a concert series with the bands coming through this year. Starting Saturday, classic rock will begin its 2017 onslaught at the Wagner Noel. Motley Crue frontman Vince Neil and heavy metal cohorts Great White kick off the year with their double bill on Saturday. February then overflows with rock 'n' roll bands Foreigner, Styx, Yes and America. Chicago will stop by in March and Alice Cooper headlines in May.

■ Premiers are on the playbill at MCT

With a season of firsts, Midland Community Theatre's season looks to be both bold and refreshing. Each show this year will be a Midland premiere, starting with the opening musical "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" based on the animated Disney film. The two shows to look forward to are April's "The Awesome '80s Prom" and Pickwick Players' "School of Rock: The Musical" in July.

■ New Washington pool to be ready for summer

It actually will be a complex like the Doug Russell complex across town. The Midland City Council approved the $4 million-plus project this past summer, and construction has already started.

Features will include a "lazy river and lagoon," "two body flume drop slides," "children's activity pool" and "bath house building." City officials are hoping the new Washington Aquatic Center will be ready this summer.

Nonprofits

Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, the Salvation Army and The Way Retreat Center will all be in the middle of construction on their new buildings throughout 2017. The Way is shooting for a December opening.

With its new Midland facility, the public should look to West Texas Food Bank's offerings for classes and demonstrations on nutrition and gardening. With a test kitchen, greenhouses and more, the facility looks to educate the community on not just helping to battle hunger, but to be self-sustaining and health conscious.

For those looking to add or increase their volunteering efforts, start withmidlandvolunteerconnections.org as a resource for area needs.

■ PBS in its new home

Basin PBS officials said that 2017 should be the year when they move into their new home — the former Ritz Theater in downtown Midland. In a 2014 report, Basin PBS officials said they planned to spend at least $1.6 million on renovations. The downtown theater has reportedly been vacant since 2003.

■ 17 in 17 for United Way

Should the United Way of Midland reach $3 million in its annual campaign, it will mark the 17th straight year that the organization has hit that lofty number.

Representatives

■ Tom Craddick will start his 49th year in the Legislature

The dean of state legislators is closing in on 50 years as the representative of a West Texas district that has included Midland. The Republican and former speaker of the House is ready for his next session and will make his fourth attempt at passing a statewide ban on texting while driving.

■ Peeler is dean of local board members

Ken Peeler is going into his 45th year as a member of Midland College's board.

■ Nodolf to take over as DA

Laura Noldof takes over as Midland County's district attorney, replacing the retiring Teresa Clingman.

Sports

■ Tech baseball to Midland

Texas Tech baseball will return to Midland this year. The Red Raiders will play New Mexico State University at Security Bank Ballpark on April 18.

■ RockHounds to go for four

The Midland RockHounds will chase its fourth-consecutive Texas League championship in 2017. Last year, the RockHounds became the first team since the 1920s (Fort Worth) to win more than two in a row as they captured their third-straight and fifth crown since 2005.

Transportation

■ PBMPO studies to be finished

The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization is set to release two major transportation studies this year. Due early in 2017 is the Interstate 20 Corridor Study, which is examining where improvements should be made on the 43-mile stretch of Interstate 20 between Midland and Odessa. It was revealed at December's policy board meeting that there likely will be a push to convert bi-directional frontage roads to one-way, but only after other improvements such as "Texas turnarounds" are in place.

In the summer, the much-anticipated travel demand model should be complete. This study will complement other studies, such as the recently completed Northeast Midland Corridor Feasibility Study, to determine just where transportation dollars should be spent. Considering that there are significant congestion points throughout the city and infrastructure not built to handle such urbanization, this study is expected to play a large role in determining which areas of town will be improved.

AP New Year's poll: Americans ready to bid farewell to 2016

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Emotionally wrenching politics, foreign conflicts and shootings at home took a toll on Americans in 2016, but they are entering 2017 on an optimistic note, according to a new poll that found that a majority believes things are going to get better for the country.

A look at the key findings of the Associated Press-Times Square Alliance poll:

So how was 2016?

Americans weren't thrilled with the year. Only 18 percent said things for the country got better, 33 percent said things got worse, and 47 percent said it was unchanged from 2015.

On a personal level, they were optimistic about 2017.

Fifty-five percent said they believe things will be better for them in the coming year than in the year that just concluded. That's a 12-point improvement from last year's poll.

Americans interviewed about the poll's results expressed some of that optimism.

"Next year will be better than this year, because people will have more jobs and they'll have more money to spend," said Bourema Tamboura, a Harlem resident who works for a New York car service.

"I'm hoping 2017 will be better," said Elizabeth Flynn, 62, an elementary schoolteacher from Peabody, Massachusetts. "You've got to be optimistic, and I'm going to try."

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say 2016 was worse for the country than 2015. And Republicans are especially likely to feel that 2017 will be even better for them personally.

University of Miami professor Benjamin Alsup said he needed only three words to explain why 2016 felt worse for him: "Trump, Trump, Trump!"

Robert Greenstone, a New York commercial real estate broker, said the political discourse leading up to Republican Donald Trump's election as president played havoc with people's emotions.

"The amount of disinformation made people suspect of everything and everyone, even their neighbors," he said.

The U.S. elections top Americans' list of 10 top news events in 2016. Three-quarters called the presidential election and Trump's victory very or extremely important. Sixty-three percent ranked mass shootings and bombings in Orlando, Florida, and in Belgium, Turkey, Pakistan and France as personally important news stories of the year.

Fifty-one percent said they found news stories about the deaths of people at the hands of police officers, or news about ambush attacks on police in three states, to be among the year's most important news events.

Fourth on the list are 43 percent who described the spread of the Zika virus as important.

The three events described by the largest percentages of Americans as not too important included the death of Muhammad Ali (50 percent), approval of recreational marijuana use in four states (43 percent), and the death of Fidel Castro (40 percent).

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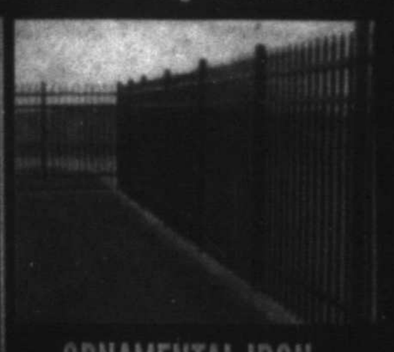
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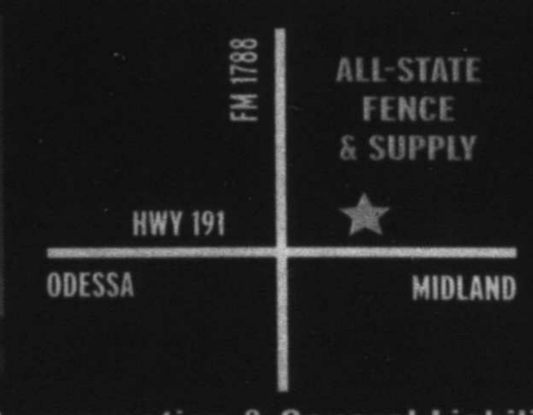

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LEFT: President-elect Donald Trump speaks Dec. 15 during a rally at the Giant Center, in Hershey, Pa. **RIGHT:** Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks Monday at a meeting in St.Petersburg, Russia. President Vladimir Putin said Friday that Russia will not be expelling US diplomats in response to a new round of U.S. sanctions.

Trump's praise of Putin could signal a new day for US policy

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

"Great move on delay (by V. Putin). I always knew he was very smart!"

President-elect Donald Trump via Twitter

HONOLULU — Moscow is hoping Donald Trump will reconsider the sanctions the U.S. is levying in response to its finding of election hacking, a wait-and-see strategy bolstered by the American president-elect's own approving words for Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Putin has essentially put relations with the U.S. on hold until Trump replaces President Barack Obama on Jan. 20. Though his foreign minister encouraged him to slap back at Washington for the sanctions imposed by Obama, Putin decided that Russia wouldn't immediately retaliate.

"Great move on delay (by V. Putin)," Trump wrote Friday on Twitter. "I always knew he was very smart!"

Praise for a longtime adversary at odds with a sitting American president is remarkable for a president-elect — and the latest signal that U.S.-Russia relations, among other policies, could be getting a makeover from Trump.

Whether he steers the U.S. toward or away from Russia is shaping up as the first major test of his foreign policy disposition and his willingness to buck fellow Republicans, who for years have argued Obama wasn't being tough enough on Russia.

Russia denies the U.S. intelligence community's assessment that in an attempt to help Trump win the presidency, Moscow orchestrated cyber breaches in which tens of thousands of Democrats' emails were stolen and later made public. Trump, too, has refused to accept that conclusion and insisted the country should just "move on," though he has agreed to meet next week with intelligence leaders to learn more.

Notably, after the U.S. on Thursday issued a report it said exposed Russia's cyber tactics, Putin's aides didn't offer any specific rebuttal. The report included detailed technical information like IP addresses and samples of malware code the U.S. said Russia uses.

One utility company, Burlington Electric Department in Vermont, reported Friday that it had detected the malware on a company laptop that was not connected to its grid systems. Burlington said, "We took immediate action to isolate the laptop and alerted federal officials of this finding."

There's little certainty about how Trump will actually act on Russia as president. Though he's praised Putin as a strong leader and said it would be ideal for the two countries to stop fighting, he also suggested this month the U.S. might mount a new nuclear arms race, triggering fresh anxieties about a return to Cold War-style tensions.

Ambassador Michael McFaul, Obama's former envoy to Russia, said while Trump has defined his top objective as "getting along

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Trump may be challenged to slice defense pork

By James Rosen
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Pentagon leaders and thousands of military contractors across the country might be wondering just what President-elect Donald Trump has in store for them.

In two tweets last month that sent shockwaves through defense companies and their lobbying firms, Trump criticized the spiraling costs of building a new Air Force One and a fleet of F-35 fighter jets.

That criticism triggered meetings with the heads of those two projects' main manufacturers, Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp., at the billionaire's Mar-A-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida. Trump said afterward that he'd extracted promises to cut costs.

But it remains to be seen whether Trump will be able to stay on top of Pentagon excess after he becomes president Jan. 20. The day after Trump met with the leaders of the two defense contractors, the Pentagon announced a long list of spending projects that totaled nearly $550 million.

Trump will have a difficult time focusing on that wide range of spending and carrying out his pledge to pay for expanded military operations by trimming Pentagon waste, say experts on the way the Pentagon oversees its contracts. He won't find many friends in the process, they said.

"He's going to encounter a Pentagon bureaucracy that will instinctively say 'no' to most reforms he proposes," said Todd Harrison, a former defense lobbyist and retired Air Force Reserves captain who's now an analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "He's certainly not the first president to come in saying we can cut waste and abuse within the Pentagon budget. Very few have had much success."

William Hartung, who in 2011 wrote a book about the clout F-35 contractor Lockheed-Martin wields. Congress, made a similar observation about the Pentagon.

"They don't scrutinize the original bids carefully enough, so contractors come in with a low bid while understanding that they're not going to meet it," Hartung said. "And then the Pentagon will add requirements and new features along the way. Eventually the costs get out of control."

By the time that's evident, however, inertia keeps the program going. "Once they put a certain amount of money on the table, they're reluctant to end or dramatically scale it back," Hartung said.

Whether Trump will be able to change that culture is what experts in Pentagon

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Obama sanctions on Russian hacking leaves Trump with a tough choice

By Nick Wadhams and Justin Sink
Bloomberg

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is forcing his successor Donald Trump into a difficult choice: reverse the sanctions the departing president just imposed on Russia for hacking the U.S. election or put at risk his campaign vow to improve relations with Vladimir Putin.

Hours after Obama imposed penalties on Russian agencies, individuals and companies and ordered the expulsion of 35 Russian operatives Thursday, Trump issued a terse statement far milder than his previous assertions that Democratic emails may well have been stolen and leaked by "somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds."

"It's time for our country to move on to bigger and better things," the president-elect said. "Nevertheless, in the interest of our country and its great people, I will meet with leaders of the intelligence community next week in order to be updated on the facts of this situation."

While the sanctions and expulsions, imposed by executive order, can be undone with the stroke of a pen, Trump may find it politically difficult to do so as key Republicans in Congress expressed support for Obama's move. U.S. intelligence agencies also issued a report Thursday on their evidence that Russia was behind the hacking that produced a stream of leaks damaging his campaign opponent Hillary Clinton. Russia reaffirmed its denial of any role in the cyberattacks.

"This likely will box in the Trump administration, if not legally then certainly politically, because it's going to be hard for the administration to come in and say on Day One all the reports were untrue, the FBI was wrong, the CIA was wrong," said Eric Lorber, a senior adviser at the Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "It will be difficult for the incoming administration to make that argument to the American people and say the sanctions should be completely done away with."

Obama aides were quick to point out how awkward such a reversal would be.

"If a future president wants to welcome a large tranche of Russian intelligence officials into the United States, he could do so, but we don't think that makes much sense," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said in a statement. "If a future administration wants to lift sanctions against senior Russian intelligence units to make it easier for them to engage in malicious cyberactivity, they could do so, but we don't think that would make much sense."

Equally significant, top Republican lawmakers expressed as much determination as Democrats to investigate Russia's role in the hacking, and some called for even tougher sanctions against Putin's government.

"The Russians are not our friends," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement. "Sanctions against the Russian intelligence services are a good initial step, however

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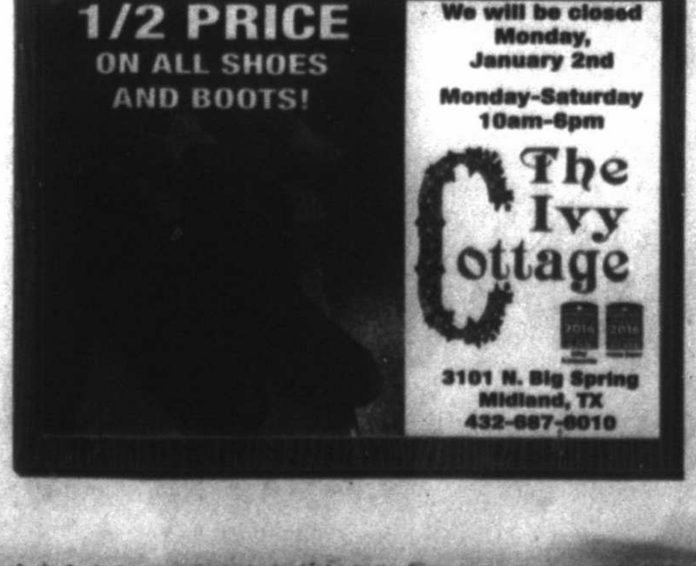

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with the Kremlin," Putin has higher goals, including the lifting of economic sanctions and, ideally, U.S. recognition of Russia's annexation of Crimea.

"Obviously, Putin's not responding because he's waiting for Jan. 20," McFaul said in an interview. "He's got these much more important objectives to him than getting into a tit-for-tat response with the outgoing administration."

Trump's warm outreach to Putin, combined with picks for secretary of state and national security adviser who are seen as friendly to Russia, have left hawkish Republicans with a particularly unpleasant choice: look hypocritical for backtracking on their own tough talk, or risk a public rift with their party's new president.

In the House, many Republicans who have long called for tougher sanctions have been silent or vague about Obama's penalties and Trump's positions. But a handful of GOP senators have shown they have no intention of letting up pressure on the Kremlin.

"We intend to lead the effort in the new Congress to impose stronger sanctions on Russia," Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said in a statement. McCain, who chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee, scheduled a hearing next week on "foreign cyber threats" in an attempt to further spotlight Russia's actions.

Even if Trump opts to pull back Obama's sanctions and overlook hacking allegations, he may find rapprochement with Russia isn't that simple. The past two presidents both tried to reach out to Russia early in their terms but left office with relations in no better shape.

Though Trump has suggested the U.S. and Russia should align strategies in Syria by focusing on their mutual enemy, the Islamic State group, Russia's military campaign has almost exclusively targeted American-backed Syrian rebels, the U.S. has said. Nor is it clear whether Trump and Putin share a common approach to Europe's security issues.

And if Trump follows through on his vow to renegotiate the Iran nuclear deal, he won't find a receptive audience in Moscow. Putin's government brokered the deal with the U.S., Iran and other world powers and has no intention of slapping sanctions back on Iran.

Tennis, sailing or spying? US shuts 2 Russian compounds

By Brian Witte and Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

CENTREVILLE, Md. — Two luxury retreats in New York and Maryland where Russian diplomats have gone for decades to play tennis, sail and swim were shut down by the Obama administration Friday in retaliation for Moscow's cyber-meddling in the presidential election.

The U.S. said the two Cold War-era estates were being used for intelligence activities.

About a half-hour before the noon eviction deadline, caravans of diplomatic vehicles, some carrying boxes, left both Russian compounds under the watch of U.S. State Department agents.

The 45-acre Maryland retreat boasts a brick mansion along the Corsica River in the bucolic Eastern Shore region. It was bought by the Soviet Union in 1972 and served as a getaway for its diplomats in nearby Washington.

In New York, Russian diplomatic staff members were evicted from a mansion on Long Island's Gold Coast. The estate, once called Elmcroft, is in the town of Oyster Bay and was purchased by the Soviets in 1952.

Russian U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told reporters at U.N. headquarters that the Obama administration is destroying holiday fun for the children of Russian diplomats who vacation at the two retreats during their New Year's break.

"I think it's quite scandalous that they chose to go after our kids," Churkin said. He added: "Here go their family values."

President Barack Obama announced the shutdown Thursday as part of a raft of sanctions that included the expulsion of 35 Russians who the U.S. said were spies operating under diplomatic cover.

Neighbors of both compounds described generally friendly relations with the diplomats and their families.

"We coexist with these people peacefully," said Alison Davis, who lives near the Maryland retreat. "It's basically their summer cottage, but we see the diplomat tags driving here all the time, very friendly. We see them biking, say hello."

Still, she said, "They kind of keep to themselves."

She said the compound has a private beach and was typically used for a sailing regatta during the end-of-summer Labor Day weekend.

An Associated Press story from 1992 said the compound had four tennis courts, a swimming pool and a soccer field. A camp was held there for Russian children during the summer and for two weeks each Christmas.

The story said that the brick mansion had been converted into 12 apartments and a dozen cottages, each with four apartments, and that the compound could accommodate 40 families at a time.

Russia maintains two weekend retreats for its U.N. diplomats about an hour's drive outside New York City, where the United Nations has its high-rise headquarters.

One of them, Elmcroft, was built on a part of Long Island made famous in F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1925 novel "The Great Gatsby."

Its main house originally had 27 rooms and 11 baths and was constructed for an executive at a Brooklyn company that made heavy machinery and torpedoes. Later it became the home of a former New York governor, Nathan Miller.

Satellite photography shows that the grounds today include a tennis court, gardens, a soccer field and another large, modern building.

Penny Hallman, 68, whose home abuts the estate, called the diplomats "wonderful neighbors."

"They brought a bottle of vodka and chocolates to wish us a Merry Christmas," she said. "It's mostly a social club, a vacation spot."

A short drive away, Russian diplomats stay at another grand Gold Coast estate, the Killenworth mansion, not far from the city of Glen Cove. It, too, was bought during the Cold War. Glen Cove Mayor Reggie Spinello said Friday that Killenworth was not being closed down by the government.

Both Long Island properties were the subject of long-running property-tax battles between the Russian government and local officials. Those disputes have been resolved, and for years Oyster Bay has waived parking and beach fees for Russia's U.N. diplomats as a goodwill gesture.

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late in coming. As the next Congress reviews Russian actions against networks associated with the U.S. election, we must also work to ensure that any attack against the United States is met with an overwhelming response."

Obama's action was the second time in a week that his administration moved forcefully in its final weeks on an issue where Trump has signaled he intends a drastic change in course. The U.S. abstained in the United Nations Security Council, allowing passage of a resolution condemning Israeli settlements. Signaling he'll make a quick about-face on criticism of Israel, Trump tweeted on Wednesday, "Stay strong Israel, January 20th is fast approaching!"

The 13-page report on the Russian cyberattacks issued Thursday by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security details the tactics and malware used by the hackers. The analysis includes newly declassified information exposing part of the secret infrastructure that the agencies said the Russian government has used for years to attack the U.S.

That's important because Trump's team has said repeatedly that the president-elect wasn't willing to condemn Russia because the evidence hadn't been presented, even as published reports indicated the FBI wasn't willing to go as far as other intelligence agencies in its findings.

"We agree that foreign governments shouldn't be hacking American institutions, period. It's not like we condone the hacking of institutions and entities and businesses in America. Of course not. It's wrong and it's something we don't agree with," Reince Priebus, Trump's appointee as chief of staff, said on Fox News Thursday night. "However, it would be nice if we could get to a place where the intelligence community, in unison, can tell us what it is that has been going on."

When asked if Trump would reverse the actions against Russia, Priebus demurred, saying the president-elect needed to consult with military and intelligence advisers.

"It's going to be up to him," Priebus said.

Russian officials made clear that they saw the intelligence report and Obama's actions as purely political acts. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on a conference call that Obama was trying to "completely ruin Russian-American relations" and undermine Trump's foreign policy plans.

Analysts who studied the sanctions said the degree to which the administration had laid out the evidence against Russia was unprecedented.

"The goal here was to make it abundantly clear that Russia was behind the hacking attempts," said John Hughes, a vice president at Albright Stonebridge Group and a former sanctions expert at both the Treasury and State departments. "I can't remember a time that they've done so much to declassify certain information and make it clear how Russia is doing this and pointing a smoking gun at the Russian intelligence services. That is pretty significant."

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procurement are watching. With a price tag of $400 billion and rising, the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, for example, already is the most expensive weapons system ever built. It could end up exceeding $1 trillion by the time all planned 2,457 planes are manufactured.

The pre-inaugural meetings with the defense firm bosses give Harrison some grounds to hope. The meeting is in keeping with Trump's penchant for the unconventional approach.

Afterward, Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg pledged to get Air Force One built for less than the $4 billion budgeted. Lockheed Martin's CEO Marillyn Hewson was less committal, pledging only that her company is dedicated to "delivering an affordable aircraft to our U.S. military and our allies."

"I think he will be less likely to listen to the bureaucracy," Harrison said of Trump. "What we've seen so far is that he's more self-confident and he's willing to say things and do things that buck the establishment. He almost takes joy in it."

Hartung, director of arms and security research at the Center for International Policy in Washington, said he, too, was impressed with Trump's meetings with the CEOs. But the new president will face deep-rooted problems in targeting bloated Pentagon spending, he cautions.

"If he doesn't change the budget and contracting procedures or inject some form of accountability, then it might just turn out to be good public relations as opposed to a real war on waste," Hartung said.

The challenge of bringing Pentagon spending under control is evident almost daily in the military's lists of the contracts it's awarded. Some are for new projects, while others are for modifications — almost always price increases — of ongoing ones.

A look at the announcement from Dec. 23, the day after Trump's meetings with Hewson and Muilenburg, suggests how daunting Trump's challenge will be.

The announcement listed 12 projects for the Army, the Air Force and three other defense agencies, totaling $549.4 million.

The new spending extends as far ahead as 2022, well into Trump's second term should he choose to run again and be re-elected.

While Trump has promoted the notion of pumping $1 trillion into upgrading the country's roads, bridges and other infrastructure, the list shows how military spending is a permanent stimulus and jobs plan spread over every state and touching each of the 435 congressional districts.

On just that one day, the almost $550 million was spread among 22 states plus the District of Columbia.

Distribution was completely bipartisan. Significant shares went to defense contractors and military bases in blue states — California, New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Connecticut and Hawaii — red states — Texas, Missouri, Utah, Alabama, Arizona, Indiana, Alaska, Oklahoma and South Dakota — and swing states — Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Nevada and New Mexico.

While some congressional fiscal hawks have tried to rein it in, Pentagon spending has been hard to corral, especially since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The total this year is about $595 billion, almost 50 percent higher than 15 years ago even with inflation taken into account. Non-defense spending has increased by some 13.5 percent during the same period.

And that's only the money that the Pentagon gets directly for troops, weapons, bases and support systems. The cost nearly doubles when adding other related expenditures such as $164 billion that the Veterans Affairs Administration receives; $100 billion the government pays in interest on past defense debt; $51 billion the United States gives in military aid to foreign countries and $20 billion for the Energy Department to maintain and upgrade U.S. nuclear arms.

And there have already been defense cuts since President Barack Obama ended major American military participation in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

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Trump's border wall, deportation plans face pushback from GOP

By Laura Litvan
Bloomberg

Donald Trump's pledges to deport undocumented immigrants and build a U.S.-Mexico border wall helped fuel Republicans' surprising election victories, but they now face growing challenges from fellow party members.

Three Republican senators are working with Democrats to shield about 750,000 young undocumented immigrants from deportation if Trump cancels a 2012 order from President Barack Obama that let them stay in the U.S.

Lawmakers want to "ensure that children who were brought here by their parents, through no fault of their own, are able to stay and finish their education and continue to contribute to society," said Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona. Republicans Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska are joining him on a measure drafted by the No. 2 Democratic leader, Dick Durbin of Illinois, that will be introduced after the new Congress convenes Tuesday.

Trump's campaign was largely powered by his get-tough stance on immigration. A Pew Research Center poll in August found that 79 percent of Trump voters want a border wall, compared with 38 percent of all registered voters.

But among lawmakers in Congress, the desire to build a wall along the entire 1,933-mile border with Mexico has evaporated. Republicans in both chambers instead support more fencing, border patrol agents, drones and other resources to curb illegal entry. House Homeland Security Chairman Michael McCaul said he'll offer a bill with some of those steps in January.

"Starting next month, the people are going to get what they asked for," the Texas Republican said Dec. 9 at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, contending that the "border security surge" plan is as good as a wall.

That may not be good enough for Trump, who pushed back after House Speaker Paul Ryan said Dec. 4 on CBS's "60 Minutes" that "conditions on the ground determine what you need" in different areas of the border.

"We're going to work on the wall, Paul," Trump told a cheering audience when the two appeared together Dec. 13 in Wisconsin on the president-elect's thank-you tour. "We're going to build the wall, OK? Believe me."

In a Time magazine interview in early December, Trump didn't back off a promise to cancel Obama's executive orders on immigration. But he also said he'll seek a solution on young undocumented immigrants — known as "Dreamers" after failed legislation to protect them — that will "make people happy and proud."

Among the pivotal Republican senators who disagree with Trump is John McCain of Arizona, the 2008 Republican presidential nominee. McCain highlighted his split with Trump's approaches during a Dec. 20-21 trip to Mexico, where he discussed the U.S. relationship with its southern neighbor with Mexico's Interior Minister and other government officials.

While there, McCain said he holds the view of most Senate Democrats that any border security changes should be part of a broader immigration measure to address the status of some or all of the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. He helped author an immigration bill along those lines in 2013 that the Senate passed but the House didn't take up.

He also emphasized the need for a secure border, but didn't directly affirm Trump's call for an actual wall.

"I believe that we need to have significant improvements in border enforcement, but I believe the way that you do that is technology primarily," McCain said.

Mexican officials provided some of their own pressure after Trump's repeated calls for that country to pay for fortification at the border.

Mexican Foreign Minister Claudia Ruiz Massieu met with Ryan in Washington on Dec.

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Trump was boon to cable news, but entertainment network ratings eroded

By Stephen Battaglio
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — Presidential politics was stranger than fiction in 2016 and that made it a good year to be in the cable news business.

All three major cable news networks had their largest audiences ever, thanks to the drawing power of the nonstop surprises of the 2016 White House campaign that culminated with the election of Donald Trump.

Year-end numbers from Nielsen showed that the 21st Century Fox-owned Fox News Channel was the most-watched network in all of cable with an average of 2.43 million viewers in prime time, up 36 percent over 2015. Only the four major broadcast networks had a larger audience.

Both Fox News competitors finished in the top 10 among ad-supported networks, with Time Warner's CNN averaging 1.29 million viewers, up 77 percent, and NBCUniversal's MSNBC seeing an 88 percent gain with 1.1 million viewers.

Political coverage also helped give the Fox Business Network its best year ever. Its audience grew 73 percent and topped CNBC for the first time in the fourth quarter.

But it was tougher sledding for networks that specialize in scripted dramas and comedy.

Many of the top entertainment channels, such as TBS, SyFy, AMC, Freeform, Spike, History and A&E, saw declines of 10 percent or more. FX, a network that won the second most Emmys in 2016 behind HBO and the home of the year's most acclaimed scripted program "The People vs. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," was down 8 percent.

Preston Beckman, a TV consultant who spent decades as a network executive, said viewer interest in the election probably pulled some audience away from those channels.

"If more people are watching cable news they are watching less of something else," Beckman said. "That's what we saw with the decline of the NFL ratings and we may be seeing that with other stuff.

"It was an atypical election year. It was hard to beat the story that was being told on the news channels."

The presidential election was a story that required viewers to watch live as it happened. That gave the news networks an advantage over scripted programs, which can be watched on demand or online after they air.

The online audience isn't measured in the Nielsen ratings, a situation that networks and advertisers are hoping will soon be rectified.

Online viewing is cutting into traditional TV viewing overall, especially among younger audiences. Nielsen data show that prime-time TV usage in the 18-to-49 age group — the one most coveted by advertisers — was down 5 percent in 2016. Cable TV usage among teenagers declined 13 percent.

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Democrats already building a case against Trump's pick to lead Treasury Department

By Ylan Q. Mui
Washington Post

President-elect Donald Trump's pick to lead the Treasury Department is likely to face a contentious confirmation battle centered on his purchase of a failed subprime mortgage lender that repeatedly has been accused of wrongful foreclosures.

The formal vetting process for Steven T. Mnuchin, who served as Trump's campaign finance chairman and worked at investment bank Goldman Sachs for nearly two decades, has not yet begun. A staffer at the Senate Finance Committee, which is handling the nomination, said it is waiting for his paperwork to be completed before starting the process. In the meantime, Democrats have already begun preparing a line of attack that accuses Mnuchin of preying on the middle-class workers who helped sweep Trump into the White House.

Adam Green, cofounder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, said the political action committee plans to use paid advertisements and local organizing to pressure Republican lawmakers from states that suffered widespread foreclosures to oppose Mnuchin's confirmation. The AFL-CIO issued a statement last month slamming Mnuchin for profiting from the worst financial crisis in generations.

And Senate Democrats — led by Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren — set up a website calling him the "Foreclosure King" and soliciting complaints from his bank's customers.

"Trump's Cabinet hearings are right around the corner in January and you better believe that by the time they're over, the American people will know that the Trump Administration is all about special interests and the super-rich at the expense of working people," Merkley posted on Facebook recently.

Mnuchin led a consortium of investors that purchased the troubled bank IndyMac from the federal government in 2009, acquiring a $13.9 billion portfolio of some of the nation's shoddiest loans for about $1.6 billion. Tara Bradshaw, a spokeswoman for Mnuchin, said about 178,000 loans were already in the foreclosure process when he took over the bank and renamed it OneWest. Bradshaw said he oversaw 101,000 mortgage modification offers, some of which forgave part of borrowers' principal balance. Mnuchin sold OneWest to CIT Group in 2015 for more than double what he paid for it.

"Steven is proud of his record at OneWest. He was able to save three institutions that were in receivership, did tens of thousands of loan modifications, saving homes and jobs, and developed OneWest Bank into a regional banking franchise that in turn made loans to consumers and businesses that helped create jobs," Bradshaw said.

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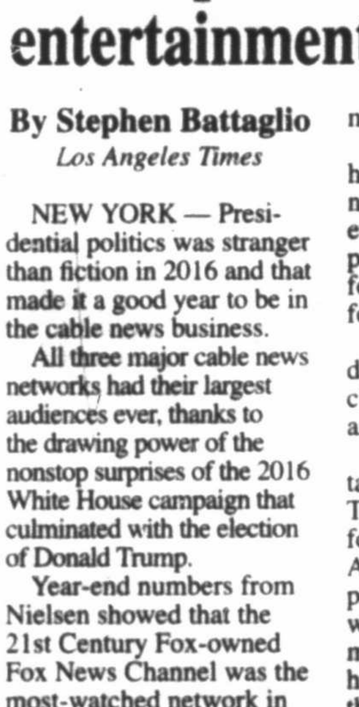

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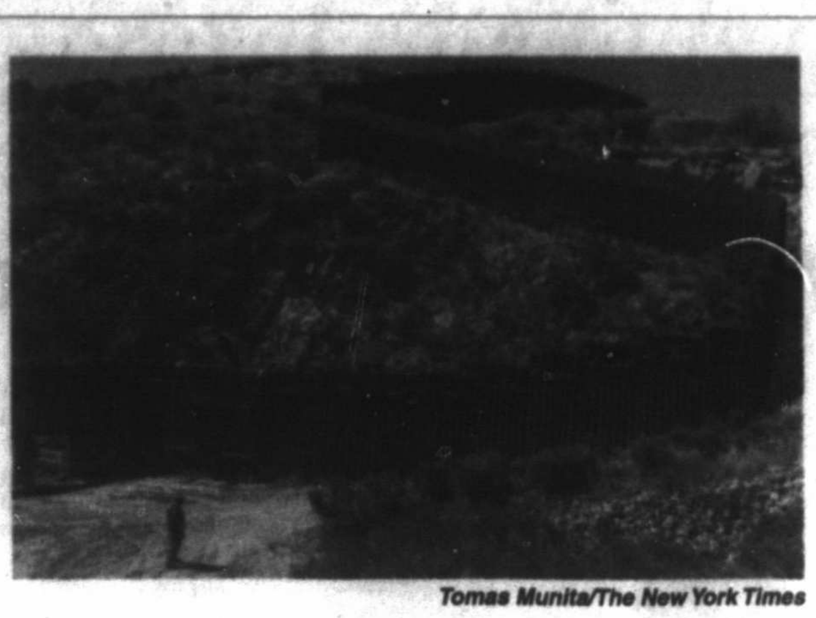
14 to discuss the U.S.-Mexico relationship. She also met with Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland, the top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, to discuss Mexico's support for the bipartisan bill protecting younger undocumented immigrants.

Most Republicans in Congress, particularly those in the House, favor securing the border before changing the immigration law. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California has said McCaul's border-security ideas are a "good place to start."

McCaul in 2015 advanced a measure through his committee that would have required the Department of Homeland Security to achieve operational control of the Southwest border in five years, based on a sector-by-sector analysis. The agency's political appointees would be denied pay raises and bonuses if the bill's goals weren't met.

He has indicated his new proposal will be more extensive, coming under a Republican president who sees the border as a bigger priority.

"We must start with an immediate border security 'surge,'" McCaul said at the Heritage Foundation. "We have started to work on emergency plans in Congress to build the tough array of barriers we need along the border, close all gaps and defend American sovereignty."



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A Border Patrol agent is seen at the fence along the border between United States and Mexico in the outskirts of Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 22.

In the Senate, Homeland Security and Government Reform Chairman Ron Johnson says he isn't in a hurry. He says he wants to wait until the confirmation of retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, Trump's choice to lead the Department of Homeland Security, and to work with him on a proposal.

In the meantime, Johnson recently returned from a trip to Israel to discuss border security with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and examine nearly 160 miles of steel fencing that separates Israel from the Sinai. Johnson estimates it might cost the U.S. about $4 billion to build something similar along portions of the border with Mexico, and wants to consider whether Israel's approach offers a model.

"I'm interested in passing a bill that will actually work," said Johnson, a Wisconsin Republican. "It may take a little more time and a little more thought."

Regardless of the pace of the broader debate, Congress could add funds for border security to the next spending bill to keep the U.S. government open after current funding expires April 28.

While Trump promised to make Mexico pay for the changes, few lawmakers see that as a realistic goal — at least not initially.

Rep. Mark Meadows, the new chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, said that while most members of his group will want to offset the cost with reductions in other spending, a border plan without spending offsets won't lose many of their votes.

Freedom Caucus members see border security as a "major problem, and the American people want it built," Meadows of North Carolina said in an interview. "We can probably move the funds from something that is not paid for to the wall."

The last significant action on immigration was in 2013, when the Senate voted 68-32 for its plan that included a path to legal residency and $46 billion to secure the U.S-Mexico border. The bill would have doubled the Border Patrol's size by adding 20,000 agents, required 700 miles of border fencing, and added unmanned drones to help police the border. The House didn't consider the bill.

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To avoid potential conflicts of interest, Mnuchin stepped down last month from his position on the board of directors of CIT as well as the board of Sears Holding. According to compensation research firm Equilar, Mnuchin owned about $100 million in CIT stock as of November. Bradshaw said he is also working with attorneys to resolve other outstanding conflicts. Government ethics experts said Mnuchin will likely have to divest at least some of his financial holdings.

After Mnuchin visited Capitol Hill, top Republicans on the finance committee praised his selection.

"Through his private sector background, Steven will have to untangle the web of red tape found in our mammoth tax code and navigate a minefield of heavy-handed regulations that have stifled opportunity and growth," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the finance committee.

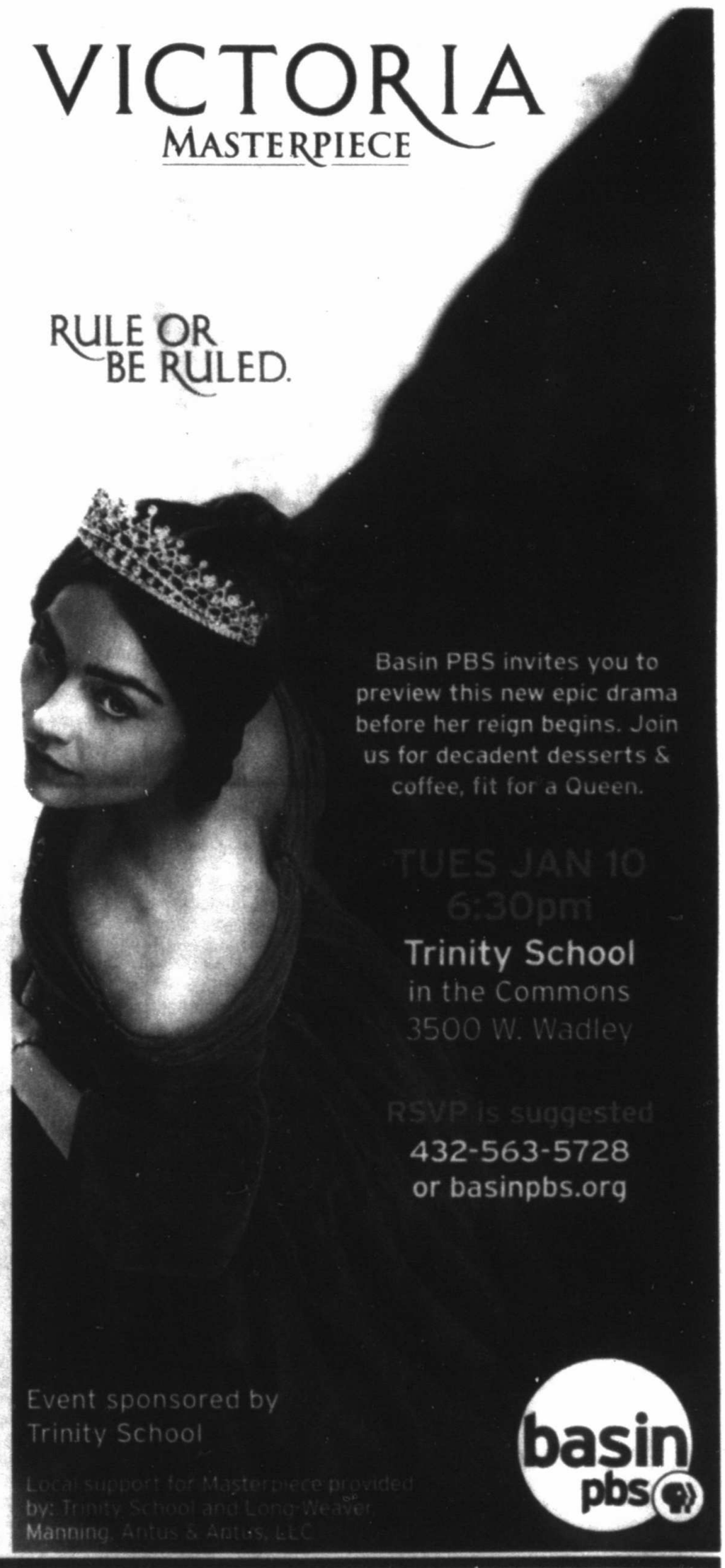
The finance committee has received three years of Mnuchin's tax returns and responses to a questionnaire but are awaiting his final financial disclosures and ethics forms, which must be reviewed by the White House Office of Government Ethics before they are sent to the committee. A Senate aide said that Mnuchin's vast private holdings could take more than a week to review, pushing back the scheduling of a confirmation hearing. Beyond the purchase of IndyMac, Mnuchin was an active private equity investor with stakes in retail companies and Hollywood film studios.

Only 51 votes are required in the Senate to confirm Trump's Cabinet nominees, after new rules passed by Democrats three years ago eliminated the need for a filibuster-proof majority of 60 votes. But Republicans have little margin for error, holding a narrow edge of 52 seats.

"This is not a united Republican party," said Jeff Hauser, executive director of the Revolving Door Project, a liberal watchdog group that scrutinizes executive-branch appointments.

Among the lawmakers Democrats hope to sway is Republican Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, who is facing re-election in 2018 and has been mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate. Nevada was one of the hardest-hit states during the housing bust, and it still ranks third in the country in the number of foreclosures, according to RealtyTrac. Heller vocally opposed Trump during the election, even broaching the possibility that he would not vote for either major party candidate.

Mnuchin is not the only Cabinet nominee who could be in for a rocky confirmation hearing. Democrats have also sharply criticized Trump's choice for secretary of state, Exxon Mobil chief executive Rex Tillerson, and his pick to lead the Commerce Department, billionaire industrialist Wilbur Ross, among others.



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OPINION

Thankfully, we can say 'good riddance, 2016'

■ A year to forget? Government can make it so

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Viewing 2016 in retrospect — doing so is unpleasant, but less so than was living through it — the year resembles a china shop after a visit from an especially maladroit bull. Because a law says "the state of California may not sell or display the Battle Flag of the Confederacy ... or any similar image," a painting of the 1864 Siege of Atlanta was banned from display at the Fresno County fair. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services churned out a 25-page policy statement about "the systematic inclusion of families in activities and programs that promote children's development, learning, and wellness." That is, government should provide, as an act of grace — *systematic* grace — a role for parents in raising their children.

Let freedom ring, in the nooks and crannies of the administrative state: One day a year — Lemonade Day — children in Austin can sell the stuff without spending $460 on various fees, licenses and permits. Twelve-year-olds in a Tampa middle school, learning about "how much privilege" they have, were asked if they were "Cisgendered," "Transgendered" or "Genderqueer." Two years after Emma was the most common name given to baby American girls, the trend was toward supposedly gender-neutral baby names (e.g., Lincoln, Max, Arlo) lest the child feel enslaved to stereotypes. A New Jersey mother says a police officer interrogated her 9-year-old son after he was suspected of a racial slur when he talked about brownies, the baked good. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission pondered whether a worker committed racial harassment by wearing a cap emblazoned with the Gadsden flag (depicting a coiled rattlesnake, with the words "Don't Tread on Me"). A University of Iowa professor complained that the Hawkeyes' mascot Herky, a fierce bird, is "conveying an invitation to aggressivity and even violence" that is discordant with the "all accepting, non-discriminatory messages we are trying to convey."

As President's Day approached, San Diego advised city workers to use "bias-free language" by avoiding the phrase "Founding Fathers." A National Park Service employee giving guided tours to Independence Hall in Philadelphia told tourists that the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were produced by "class elites who were just out to protect their privileged status." The employee praised herself for her "bravery." The NBA, which plays preseason games in China, home of forced abortions and organ harvests, moved its 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte because of North Carolina's law stipulating that transgender individuals should use bathrooms appropriate to their physiology.

At Washington's refurbished Watergate Hotel, the message on room key cards reads "No Need to Break In." The New York Times reported the downside of humanity's mastery of fire: "Figuring out how to make fire was no doubt an evolutionary boon to our ancestors. But it may have led to our smoking habit." Facing a budget shortfall in 2010, New York's Legislature raised the cigarette tax $1.60 to $4.35 per pack, expecting, illogically, that it would discourage smoking and raise $290 million annually. By 2016, cigarette revenues had fallen 25 percent and smuggled cigarettes held 58 percent of the New York market.

By 2016, six years after the president's wife agitated for federal guidelines limiting sodium, sugar, fats and calories in school lunches, 1.4 million students had exited the National School Lunch Program, and students had a robust black market in salt and sugar. A tweet with the hashtag #ThanksMichelleObama said, "The first lady can have a personal chef, but I can't have two packets of ketchup?" After Connecticut imposed its fifth tax increase since 2011, General Electric moved its headquarters from there to Boston. CKE Restaurants includes the Carl's Jr. chain, which was founded in California and ignited the fast-food industry. CKE announced that it was moving its headquarters from California (highest income tax rate: 13 percent) to Tennessee (highest income tax rate: zero).

Congress considered bills to prevent the IRS from hiring or retaining people delinquent in their tax payments. Unions in New York and California lobbied for exemption from the $15 minimum wage they lobbied for. It was splendidly appropriate that when Cuba buried the architect of its ramshackle socialism, the vehicle carrying Castro's ashes broke down and had to be pushed by soldiers. "Thou swell, thou witty, thou sweet, thou grand" were not lyrics that many Americans sang about either presidential candidate, but one of them had to win, so as you steel yourself for 2017, remember H.L. Mencken's timeless wisdom: A martini is "the only American invention as perfect as the sonnet."

OUR VIEW

There are plenty of opportunities for 2017 to be better than 2016

Hello, 2017. We are glad you have arrived.

The past year was a bummer in our community, and count us among those ready to wipe the slate clean.

We expect you will deliver better news on the energy front. We saw improvement at the end of 2016, but a lot of people around here are hoping the trend lines show even better prices, more activity and more people working.

But we are excited for your arrival because we believe there is plenty of opportunity during the next 12 months. We are telling our readers 2017 could be a real definer for education or development. Your predecessor, the notorious 2016, saw little improvement on those fronts, but the chatter surrounding the presidential election really poisoned the well and limited our opportunities.

We expect that atmosphere will be different. President-elect Trump soon will take the oath of office — something that about three-quarters of the residents in this county wanted to see happen — and our community can focus on local issues, not those in a swamp far, far away.

When it comes to education, we have the opportunity to hire a new superintendent — one who needs to change the fortune of a school district that rode a sharp decline for the better part of a decade.

We have the opportunity to see the impact of a community connected with its school district more than it has been in the recent past. That connection must play a part in the hiring of a new superintendent.

We have the opportunity to see more growth and activity when it comes to Educate Midland, which was created to complement the hard work taking place on campuses around Midland.

We, as a community, left a school district to fend for itself. It will be as a community that we re-engage with the district and those working hard on a daily basis to improve education for all our children.

We also have an opportunity to show what direction is best for our community. On one hand there are some who will approach voters about the expansion of a parks program to include tens of millions of tax dollars in upscale tournament facilities. On the other hand, there will be some who believe that infrastructure — especially roads — should be the focus and considered the top need for a growing community. It's a discussion worth having. Our community is going to be getting larger, not smaller, and we face hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure needs over the next decade.

Make no mistake about it. These 12 months will be crucial, and we hope community leaders take serious the long-term impacts of their decisions. We hope community planning is taken seriously — whether that concerns spending our tax dollars or the consistency in delivering a message about education or infrastructure building.

Please be kind to us, 2017. It's hard to envision another year like the last.

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Outgoing Obamas preach despair

■ 2017 won't be a year of hope and change, according to the president and first lady

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

'Optimism, n. The doctrine, or belief, that everything is beautiful, including what is ugly, everything is good, especially the bad, and everything right that is wrong."
— Ambrose Bierce (1843-circa 1914), "The Devil's Dictionary."

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."
— Words from Helen Keller (1880-1968), author and lecturer who was born both blind and deaf.

Optimism and hope are for fools, some think, even as we know that without them, too little is tried and too little improves. So it is that we equate the coming of a new year with the coming of hope, a chance to walk away from the bad of the past and forward to something better. And so it is that politicians associate hope with themselves and despair with their opponents.

Right now, we have a confluence of a coming new year and a coming administration in Washington, and we have the first lady, Michelle Obama, talking about the election of Donald Trump as president and the disappearance of hope.

"We feel the difference now," she said in an interview with Oprah Winfrey on CBS. "We are feeling what not to have hope feels like."

Her views are applauded by a massive audience even as Trump responded that she could not be talking about the future because, "I'm telling you, we have tremendous hope and we have tremendous promise and tremendous potential."

Excuse me, says President Barack Obama, but this guy would not be about to take residence in the White House if third terms were permitted. What he would have done differently from Hillary Clinton as a candidate, Obama said, was to reiterate the "hope and change" message he had repeated so many times when running and winning in 2008.

The Obama hope then was to change the state of affairs under President George W. Bush. Would he, in 2016, have been running to change the state of affairs under his own Democratic administration? Some will tell you there is indeed plenty of the ugly, bad and wrong to be found there.

Violent crime, for instance, has been going up significantly in America's largest cities as Obama has called police officers racists and made their duties more difficult to fulfill. Racial tensions are the highest they have been in years.

The Obamacare program and Medicaid changes have extended insurance coverage to millions, but that has not stopped a rare increase in the U.S. death rate, the first in 10 years. A New York Times story says causes may include Alzheimer's disease, a massive drug epidemic and suicide, hardly an indicator of hope.

Obama's education program, known as Race to the Top, has been slouching toward the bottom, at least if you believe some of the national test scores that have shown up along with complaints of ideologically awry, unwarranted, impractical and confusing interventions with state and local education authorities.

Take a look at foreign affairs and you will note early, muted responses to Russian aggressions that then took off like a rocket until now we have a last-minute response that is not muted. In the Middle East, you will note that his policies have done nothing to prevent a more militaristic, terroristic Iran or to prevent hundreds of thousands of Syrian deaths, some 4.8 million refugees and over 13 million people in desperate need. In Asia you will note China illegally taking over land and resources of allies in the South China Sea.

Trump, less than a mount of knowledge or a master of temperament, has some awful ideas — on spending and trade, for instance.

But he has nevertheless inspired hope, as attested by stocks shooting upward and consumer confidence reaching a 13-year high since his election. Believe it or not, he has some sound ideas on fighting crime, improving education and stopping drug smuggling on our southern border.

Does that mean everything is going to be beautiful, good and right? No, but it will still help for all of us to work and hope for a happy new year.

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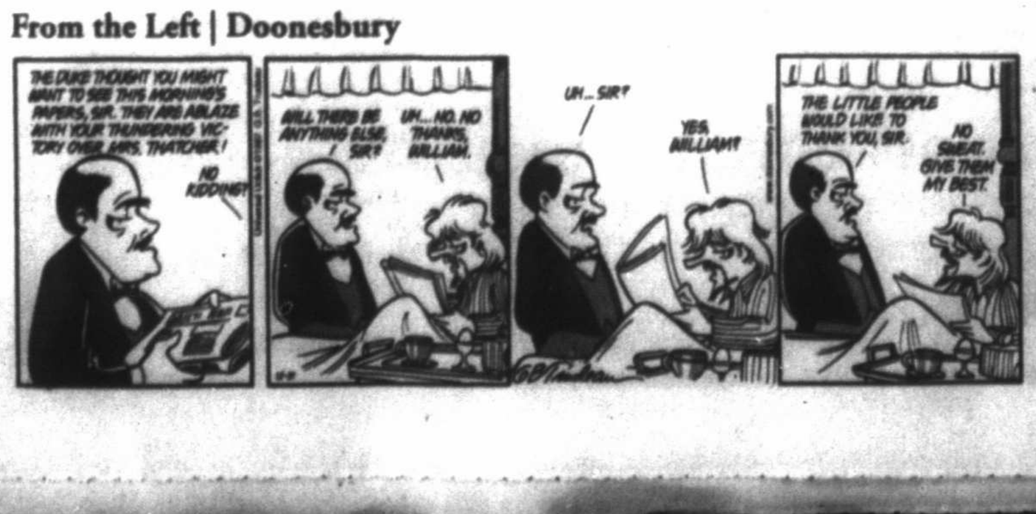

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump approval rate falls in 2017 predictions

CARL P. LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Last year around this time, I correctly predicted the nominations of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton but stumbled badly in failing to foresee Republican victories in November. I did tab the Chicago Cubs as World Series winners. Time for my not-totally-serious look ahead to 2017:

January: Republican Congress repeals Obamacare, effective 2019, and President Donald Trump signs repeal on Inauguration Day. He also announces review of Iran nuclear deal, names son-in-law Jared Kushner new Mideast envoy and nominates Sen. Ted Cruz for Supreme Court vacancy.

February: Senate Armed Services Committee announces bipartisan hearings on Russian efforts to influence 2016 election. House passes sweeping tax cuts; Democrats warn deficit will spike. Dow Jones Industrial Average hits 21,000. Trump job approval at 50. President Trump announces his first overseas trip will be to Moscow. Democrats elect former Labor Secretary Tom Perez as national chairman.

March: Senate Democrats block tax cut, urging more for the middle class. Dow drops 800 points. Senate confirms Cruz 51-49. House passes reduced Trump infrastructure bill; president denounces GOP leaders. Gov. Greg Abbott names Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to fill Senate vacancy.

April: House passes budget resolution with Medicare voucher program for everyone under 45. Major insurance companies announce year-end withdrawal from Obamacare, threatening 20 million people with losing health insurance. Trump job approval drops to 43.

May: Senate passes tax bill after GOP leaders reduce tax cuts for wealthy. Dow back to 21,000. Trump CIA head Mike Pompeo rejects contention Putin interfered in election. After Trump jawboning, Congress narrowly raises debt ceiling

June: Senate Armed Services Committee unanimously condemns Russia and Putin for election interference "clearly designed to help one candidate."

July: Anti-Trump rally attracts 2 million protesters, many carrying signs saying "Trump Misled Us." On year's second visit to Moscow, Trump and Putin announce new trade pact. Patrick edges former HUD Secretary Julian Castro for Cruz Senate seat. Reduced infrastructure bill finally passes Congress. After review, Trump accepts Iran nuclear pact. U.S. envoy to Israel David Friedman resigns; Israel recalls its ambassador.

August: House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi announces 2018 retirement, urges fellow 70-something colleagues to follow. Unemployment level ticks up to 4.8 percent. Trump vows investigation of Labor Department statisticians.

September: Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, 78, announces he'll seek House Democratic leadership. Dow Jones drops for fourth straight month. Trump blames "Clinton lovers" on Wall Street, fires three ex-Goldman Sachs officials and names Donald Trump Jr. chief economic adviser. As Congress returns, Sen. Mike Lee, Rush Limbaugh and Sarah Palin headline a "He's No Conservative" rally, accusing Trump of "failing to drain the swamp."

October: Index of Leading Indicators drops for fifth straight month. Commerce Department predicts annual growth rate at 1.8 percent. Trump blames Obama. The Washington Post reports top aides say Trump spends more time reviewing Trump Co. balance sheets than administration plans. Trump fires Chief of Staff Reince Priebus. Senate Democratic resistance forces Congress to adopt stop-gap spending bill.

November: Trump job approval drops to 38. In reversal, Trump announces he will attend NATO defense meeting. Department of Health and Human Services says percentage of uninsured Americans is up to 14 percent.

December: Rising unemployment reaches 5.5 percent. Trump approval at 36. Secret strategy memo by RNC Chair Ronna Romney McDaniel urges Republican 2018 candidates to "do whatever necessary" to separate themselves from President Trump. President tries to fire her but is told RNC sets her term. President cancels annual White House Press Christmas reception but promises first news conference for January 2018!

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Metrics show problems with idea of 2017 economic turnaround

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

The American people seem to be united in wanting to put 2016 in the rear-view mirror.

There is no guarantee, however, that 2017 will be any better.

Whether it's the slow-growing U.S. economy, the stubbornly-low labor participation rate or the geopolitical risks to the global economy, there are plenty of reasons to take a defensive posture against what could be another dramatic year.

Pardon me for not believing that President-elect Donald Trump can wave his hand and make everything better. Sure, a good quarterback is absolutely necessary to win a football game, but a good quarterback can't carry a whole team. The time has come to temper expectations.

First of all, Trump and 2017 are inheriting a pretty good economy. GDP grew at 3.6 percent in the third quarter and the November unemployment rate was 4.6 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is flirting with 20,000 and bond yields are marching higher.a

Those numbers will be hard to improve upon and could slip. Over at the Brookings think tank, Gary Burtless writes that the number of Americans who are no longer looking for a job remains stubbornly high, despite higher wages and increased demand for labor.

"The labor force participation rate of Americans between 25 and 54 increased 0.6 percentage points from November 2015 to November 2016, reaching 81.4 percent. Nonetheless, that rate is still 1.5 percentage points below its level in November 2007, just before the recession began," Burtless explains. "The failure of the prime-age participation rate to rebound sooner and more completely, despite improving wages and easier job finding, is one of the major mysteries of the recovery."

Most of those prime-aged workers who are sitting out, by the way, are unskilled men who do physical labor. That makes sense, in a way, because there are fewer of those jobs available for them and the $7.25 an hour minimum wage is not enough to get these men to leave the house.

Getting these men back to work will be a major challenge, and one that could hold up any further improvement in unemployment.

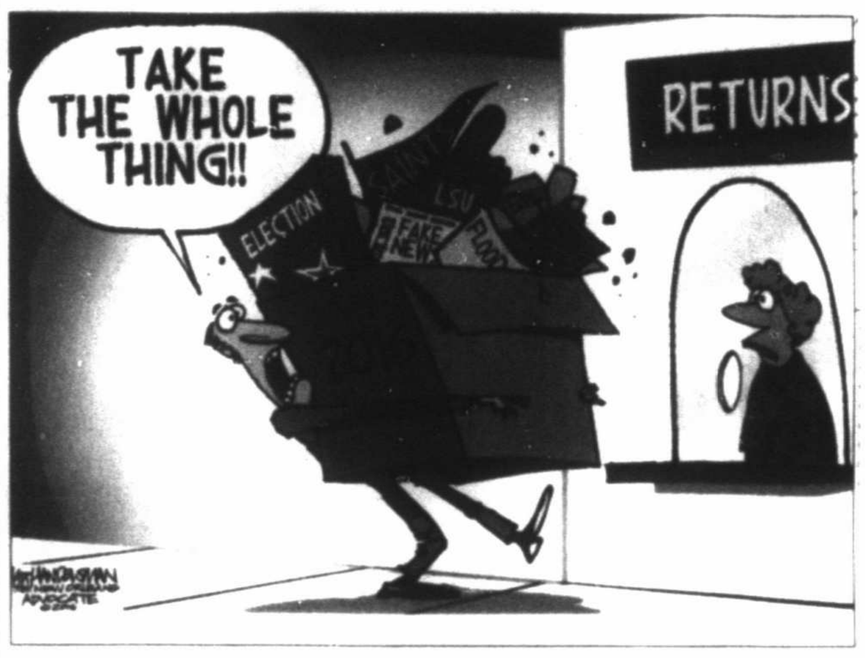
"The anemic rebound in the labor force participation rate suggests the nation may not be able to find enough willing job holders," Burtless said. "In that case, we cannot expect future job gains to continue at the pace we have seen for the past few years."

On a larger scale, Pat Reilly at financial data firm FactSet says 2017 is full of geopolitical risk to the global economy as America launches its experiment in Trumpism and populist movements elsewhere threaten the political-economic status quo.

"The first quarter of 2017 alone will see president-elect Trump's inauguration (and what should be a Tweet-heavy first 100 days in office), the potential for further populism via the Netherlands general election, and the probable invocation of Article 50 to formally start the Brexit process," Reilly writes.

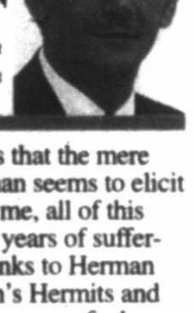
"The remainder of 2017 brings elections in France and Germany, a new National Congress in China, major regional elections in India, and potential for ongoing governance issues in Brazil, Italy, and South Africa," he continued. "Oh, and by the end of 2017, we'll assuredly be talking about the 2018 mid-term elections in the U.S."

Every one of those events has the potential to trigger a stampede in the global financial markets, and an equally dramatic drop in global economic output. Because we are in uncharted territory with so many inexperienced players influencing major economies, it's impossible to predict what will happen.



Absolutely stupid ideas would make football great again

KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman



Once again, the burden falls to me as our nation faces an existential challenge. Amid the dangerous divisiveness that has us at a precarious precipice, I've come upon something on which there seems to be unanimity. And just in time for the festive holiday season.

I'll get back to that nation-saving news in a minute.

But first, I want to answer the question that's been on everyone's mind since a new coach recently was hired at a local state university that used to field very good football teams. I've done the research and, yes, I indeed am related to new Longhorn football Coach Tom Herman.

In fact, it turns out I'm related to every football coach who makes $5 million or more a year. That's my story and I'm sticking with it. And it turns out each and every one of those coaches is my very, very favorite relative. Go, teams, go.

I plan to start referring to Coach Herman as Cousin Tom. Good luck to him as he enters the world of unrealistic expectations expected to be realized by next Tuesday. For now, I'm happy to see positive headlines that include the word Herman.

"Herman may be answer to UT's woes," it said atop a recent Kirk Bohls column.

"Meyer: Herman is 'ready for the task' at Texas," said another recent headline. Meyer is Ohio State's relatively low-key coach Urban Meyer.

Of course, inevitably, there will be this headline: "Horns lose to (fill-in-the-blank school Horns shouldn't lose to), fans want Herman bought out, drawn and quartered, not necessarily in that order."

But until then, I'm enjoying all the good vibes that the mere mention of Herman seems to elicit around here. For me, all of this makes up for the years of suffering I endured thanks to Herman Munster, Herman's Hermits and Pee-wee Herman, none of whom are relatives of mine, except in years they make $5 million or more.

One other gridiron note before we get to my proposal for improving the game. In a year when it looks like, for the first time ever, no Texas college will finish in the AP Top 25, let's give some Central Texas love to a team from around here that's the state's most honored this season. The Crusaders of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton won the Division III national title by beating Wisconsin-Oshkosh 10-7 on Dec. 16. Way to go, Cru! (Quiz: Name another college named for a woman that has won a national football championship.)

Now to that thing on which I have found universal agreement. Absolutely everyone I've talked to about this idea absolutely agrees it's absolutely the absolutely stupidest thing they've ever heard. Absolute unity! You're welcome, America.

I don't care what everyone says. I still think I'm on to something good. Here it is:

I think what's wrong with football — aside from overpaid coaches; head injuries; time-killing, soul-draining reviews of plays; silly touchdown dances; and $14 hot dogs — is the constant negative feedback to the players from the authority figures. If you're a parent (and if parents are authority figures in your family), you know it's as important to recognize and reward good behavior as it is to point out and punish bad behavior.

That does not happen in football, where the refs and line judges and other zebras constantly use their garishly colored little hankies to very publicly penalize bad behavior and announce it to the world, often in an arrogant, judgmental, better-than-thou manner. That's just so wrong and I fear it can have long-term, damaging impact, particularly on young players to whom constant, very public, very televised, very negative feedback can be a step toward the wrong path in life.

How about some positive reinforcement, aside from the occasional hands flung in the air to certify a score? One local football official told me he'll occasionally say something like, "Nice play," to a player who makes a nice play. That's nice, but it would be even nicer if such positive reinforcement was done in a more public way. Instead of the dreaded penalty hanky to note bad behavior, the ref could toss some glitter or perhaps a handful of enchantingly scented potpourri to recognize good behavior.

Yes, unsportsmanlike conduct is worthy of a 15-yard penalty But how about a little something, maybe 5 yards in a positive direction, for sportsmanlike conduct? It could be something as simple as helping a fallen opponent back to his feet. Or a nice gesture, such as walking up to an opponent between plays and saying something positive like, "Cute shoes" or "That black make-up under your eyes is just the right touch with your complexion."

And maybe occasional recognition — and this obviously wouldn't be every time it happens — of something like proper number of men on the field. Or legal block in the front. Or eligible receiver downfield. Or legal procedure. Or not delaying the game. Or true start. Or croachment.

Again, these unpenalties would not be assessed every time they occurred. That, unlike my idea, would be stupid. But what's the downside of occasionally rewarding one side or other positive behavior just as a little reminder that such actions haven't gone unnoticed?

What parent doesn't occasionally take a kid out for ice cream for no particular reason other than ongoing and expected good behavior?

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So long to 2016 and all the dumb things politicians said

ANN MCFEATTERS
Tribune News Service

A brand new year full of exciting possibilities awaits. And while it's unnerving having an unpredictable motor-mouth running the show, as we plunge into 2017, we should at least rejoice in having a chance to mothball a lot of ridiculous statements made over the past 12 months by politicians who should have known better.

Let's never hear again the phrase "basket of deplorables," which Hillary Clinton unfortunately used to describe Donald Trump supporters. What was she thinking, you ask? She wasn't. Enough said.

As Ben Carson ponders what his Department of Housing and Urban Development is and what on earth it does, please, may he never again refer to the ancient pyramids as granaries built by Joseph of the Old Testament to store grain. Archeologists have known for eons they were tombs for Egyptian pharaohs.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is stewing in Columbus over his ambitions to run for president again in 2020, but let's hope he has gotten over referencing the "women who left their kitchens" to support him.

Then again, a whole host of politicians proved in 2016 that sexism is flourishing.

Fox News' Megyn Kelly asked Trump about his use of words such as "fat pigs," "dogs," "slobs," and "disgusting animals," to describe women he doesn't like.

Trump said women who complain about his language are too politically correct.

In addition to demanding that Trump tone down his objectionable descriptions of women, let's hope he stops saying he will "drain the swamp" while stuffing his Cabinet and administration with Wall Street swells, lobbyists, billionaire cronies and wealthy insiders.

We may never again hear from Tim Kaine (Clinton's running mate, in case you forgot).

But let's hope we can forget his postmortem on the election: "They killed us but they ain't whooped us yet."

We know Bernie Sanders is still around, trying to figure out why he's not a Democrat but an independent, but we don't want to hear him talk any more about "breaking up" big banks and prosecuting climate change deniers. Not happening.

We are tired of Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, who is going to be something called White House counselor and will be talking to the media every five minutes to blame the media for her boss' bad moods.

If anything, she's getting more anti-press despite winning and the fact that her man got more free media than any other candidate in history.

Yes, she is the first woman manager whose candidate was elected president but, really, move on.

Not everything is the media's fault. And, we again point out, Trump has not held a news conference since July.

Let's put the kibosh on speculating about using nuclear weapons. And let's hope the president-elect never again says, "Why do we have them" if we don't use them?

Many of the incoming Cabinet picks have vowed to abolish the department they will head.

Energy, Education, the Environmental Protection Agency — the list is long.

Let's have a moratorium on politicians vowing to get rid of huge chunks of government and then taking jobs, paid by taxpayers, to manage them.

And no more politicians on "Dancing with the Stars." (We're talking about you, Rick Perry, who wants to axe Energy, did the cha cha cha on TV, got a D in a college class called "Meats" and now is in charge of nuclear power.)

Unfortunately, we're doomed to more threatening tweets. Many more. On the day after Christmas, Trump tweeted to 18 million followers there is "NO WAY!" (using capital letters is equivalent to shouting) President Obama could have beaten him in a general election, said the United Nations is "just a club for people to get together, talk and have fun," took credit for Christmas spending, and reprimanded the media for noting he hasn't contributed to his Trump Foundation (which he is trying to shut down) since 2008.

We're in for a whirlwind of cliches but let's stop talking about making America great again. It is great.

We need to make it better, a beacon of respect for individual dignity and ensuring government works for all, not just Trump, his children, his businesses and the top 1 percent he has put in charge.

Prediction: In 2017, Americans who haven't prayed for years will take to imploring the Almighty again.

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Members of an honor guard carry the flag draped casket holding slain Dallas Police officer Michael Krol as Dallas Police Chief David Brown, left, looks on with Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, second from left, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick after a funeral service at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano on July 15. Krol was one of five police officers killed by a lone gunman during a protest in Dallas.

Ambushes, fatal shootings fuel increase in police death toll

By Mark Berman and Kevin Uhrmacher
The Washington Post

The first shots were fired just before 9 p.m. A protest against deadly shootings by police was winding down in Dallas, with demonstrators making their way back to their cars, when officers heard the initial burst of gunfire. By the time it was over, five police officers had been killed, several others were injured and a lone gunman was dead after a standoff with officers.

The Dallas ambush was the deadliest day for law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001. That bloodshed, coupled with another attack days later in Baton Rouge, helped fuel an increase this year in the number of police officers slain in the line of duty, a tally pushed upward by a surge in ambush attacks and other shootings.

Gunfire was the common factor in nearly half of all police deaths in 2016. As of Dec. 29, 64 police officers have been killed in shootings, up from 41 at the same point last year, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit group that monitors line-of-duty deaths.

Nearly 1 in 3 officers fatally shot was killed in what the group called ambush attacks, including the high-profile assaults in Dallas and Baton Rouge that left eight officers dead and shook law enforcement nationwide.

The surge in officers killed by gunfire this year is the largest on record, up 56 percent over last year, the memorial fund's data shows. That highlights a stark fact that has come into shape in recent years: Guns are increasingly the cause of line-of-duty deaths, according to an analysis of the memorial fund's data. Nearly half of all officers slain in the line of duty were killed with guns, the highest percentage of deaths in more than two decades.

Baltimore County Police Chief James W. Johnson said in 2015 that the risk to officers is magnified by "the amount of guns that are out on our streets today, possessed by those who unlawfully are carrying them."

Similarly, Craig W. Floyd, president and chief executive of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, pointed to the "deadly mix" of mentally ill people accessing firearms as one factor in the uptick in gun deaths. He also said there were dangers posed by anti-government extremists looking for a uniformed symbol of the government, as well as people with extensive criminal records who may view police as the enemy.

"They in many cases have called 911 and waited for the police to arrive," Floyd said, pointing to the case of Sonny Kim, a Cincinnati officer killed last year exchanging gunfire with a suspect who police said had summoned officers.

Before 2016, more officers were killed by traffic accidents than gunfire in 15 of the past 20 years, according to the memorial fund. Traffic-related deaths, which include collisions and officers struck while on the side of the road, had ticked up and peaked in 2007. They have since declined and, last year, accounted for fewer than 4 in 10 officer deaths.

Ambush killings dominated the headlines after a burst of violence in July. Officers fatally shot two men — Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights, Minnesota — on consecutive days in July. Video footage recorded during and after both encounters quickly emerged and set off demonstrations across the country, the latest protests prompted by the deaths of black men during encounters with police officers.

Police shot and killed nearly 1,000 people last year, according to a Washington Post database tracking such deaths, and a handful of cases have prompted intense demonstrations. In most fatal shootings, officers say they

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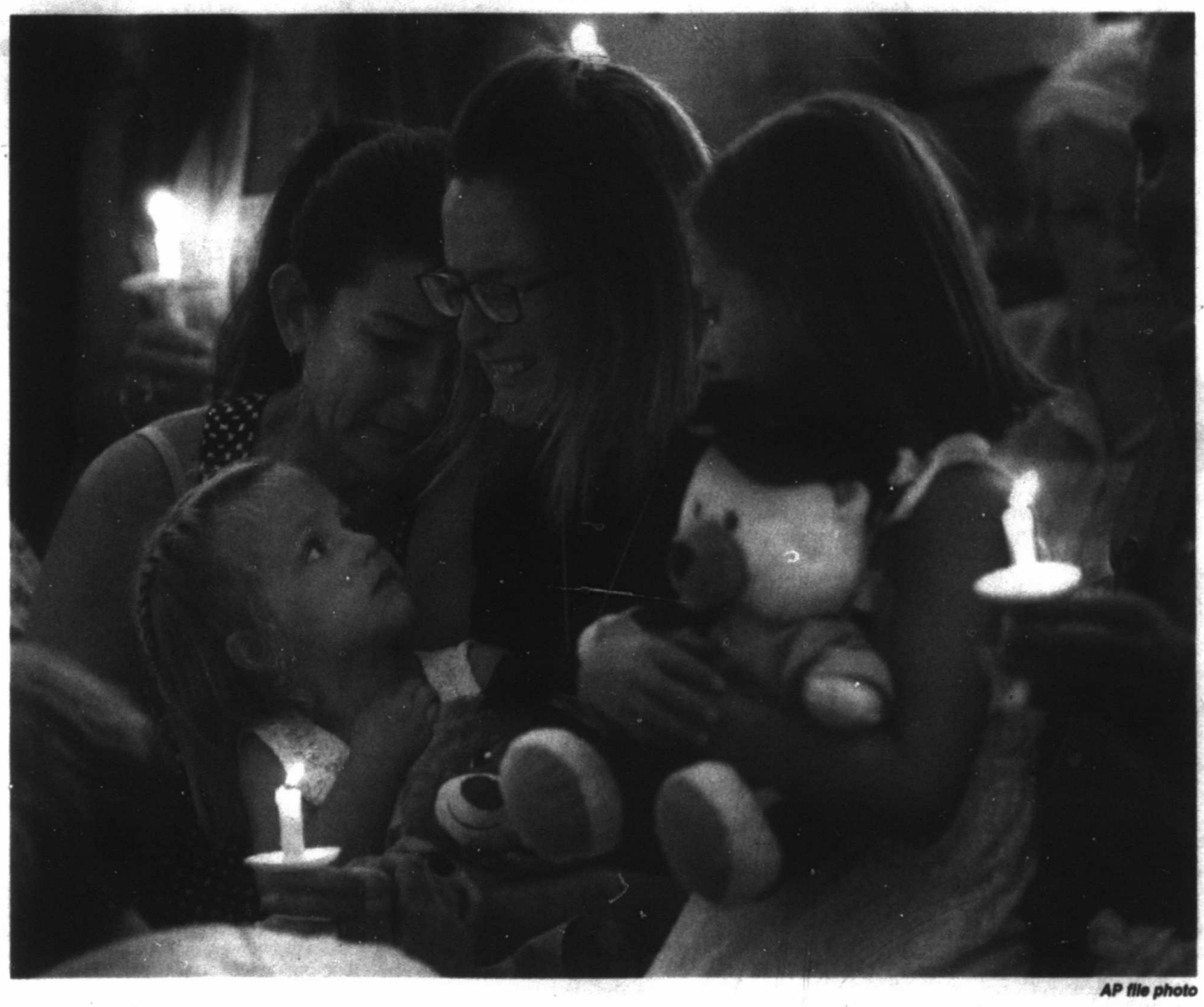

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Dechia Gerald, wife of slain Baton Rouge police officer Matthew Gerald, cries while holding her children Fynleigh, left, and Dawclyn, right, July 18 at the Healing Place Church in Baton Rouge, La. Left is Dechia's mother, Denna Badeaux. **BELOW, LEFT:** A sign remembering fallen San Antonio Police detective Benjamin Marconi is seen in front of a memorial at police headquarters after a march by mourners from Milam Park on Nov. 22. **BELOW, RIGHT:** Police officers from the Urbandale Police Department become emotional near a memorial for Urbandale officer Justin Martin, who was shot and killed Nov. 2 in Urbandale, Iowa.

"What we need to be doing is working to improve relationships between communities and the police officers who protect them. Police officers are out there each and every day doing their jobs anonymously and often heroically."

James O. Pasco Jr., executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police

Data: Drunken driving rate falls to new low

By Christopher Ingraham
Washington Post

New federal statistics show that the rate of drunken driving in the United States fell to a 13-year low in 2014, the latest year for which data is available.

The rate of driving under the influence of illicit drugs has not changed meaningfully in recent years but remains slightly lower than it was in 2008 and 2009 at the start of the Obama administration.

In 2014, as part of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 11.1 percent of Americans 16 or older told federal interviewers they had driven under the influence of alcohol in the past year. There's a certain amount of squishiness about these numbers, given that they're self-reported. Respondents may have different thresholds for what they think constitutes "impairment" or they may be reluctant to report in an interview what is essentially illegal behavior.

But the survey has been administered with the same methodology since 2002, meaning it provides a particularly useful measure of drunken and drugged driving trends over time. And the findings are fairly unequivocal: In 2002, 15.3 percent of Americans said they drove drunk, 5 percent said they drove under the influence of one or more illicit drugs, and 3.3 percent said they drove under the influence of both simultaneously. By 2014, those numbers had fallen to 11.1 percent, 4.1 percent and 2.4 percent, respectively.

Experts caution that while the trend is heading in the right direction, there's still a lot of work to be done. "Although it is heartening to see a downward trend in levels of driving under the influence of alcohol, it still kills thousands of people each year and shatters the lives of friends and loved ones left behind," said Frances Harding, director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the agency that produces the survey.

In 2015, for instance, 10,265 people were killed in crashes involving alcohol-impaired vehicle drivers, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's an increase of more than 300 fatalities from the previous year, when 9,943 people were killed in drunken driving incidents.

But American drivers logged many more vehicle miles in 2015, traveling 3.148 trillion miles in 2015, up from 3.026 trillion in 2014. Expressed as a function of vehicle miles traveled — the rate policymakers use to measure the prevalence of drunken driving deaths — alcohol-impaired driving fatalities actually fell from 0.33 deaths per 1 million miles in 2014 to 0.32 deaths per million miles in 2015, at least a 10-year low.

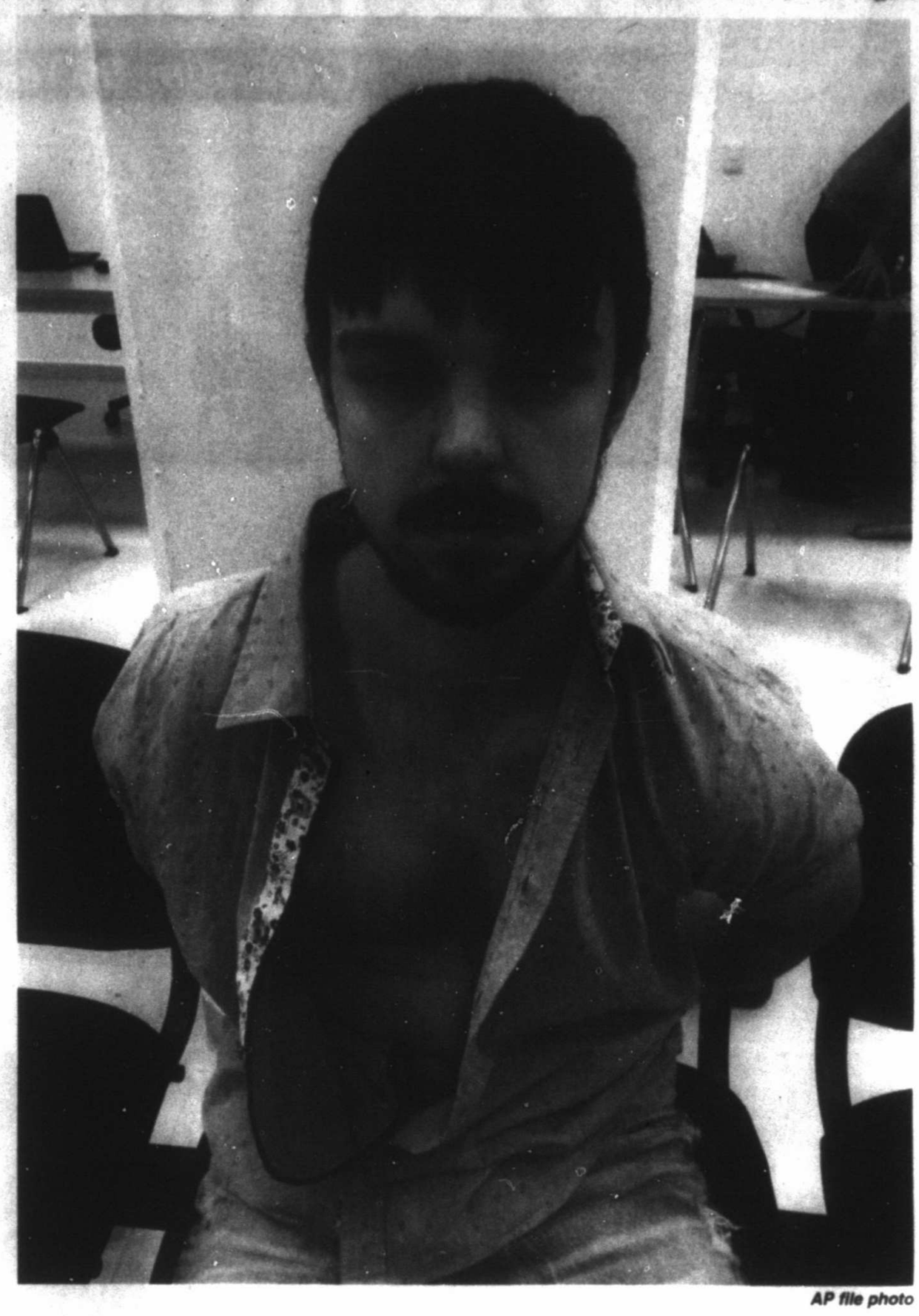
The SAMHSA survey showed that young adults — particularly men ages 21 to 25 — had by far the highest impaired driving rates. More than 1 in 5 men ages 21 to 25 drove drunk in 2014, nearly 1 in 7 drove under the influence of other drugs, and about 1 in 12 drove while simultaneously drunk and drugged.

On the other hand, young adults have also seen the greatest reductions in drunken driving prevalence over the past 13 years. Since 2002, the drunken driving rate fell by fewer than 3 percentage points among drivers age 26 and older. But the rate among drivers ages 21 to 25 dropped by more than 10 percentage points. And the prevalence among the youngest drivers, ages 16 to 20, fell by more than half.

There's no single factor leading to the decline in drunken driving rates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention credits interventions like strong drunken driving laws, public awareness campaigns and ignition interlock systems that don't allow drunken drivers to start cars.

Some states are experimenting with innovative programs that essentially take away the right to drink alcohol, period, for people convicted of certain alcohol-related crimes. There's also evidence that ride-sharing services like Uber can reduce drunken driving rates, although not all researchers agree on this.

"We must strive to save lives by reducing this public health threat through education, prevention, and all other possible measures," Harding said.



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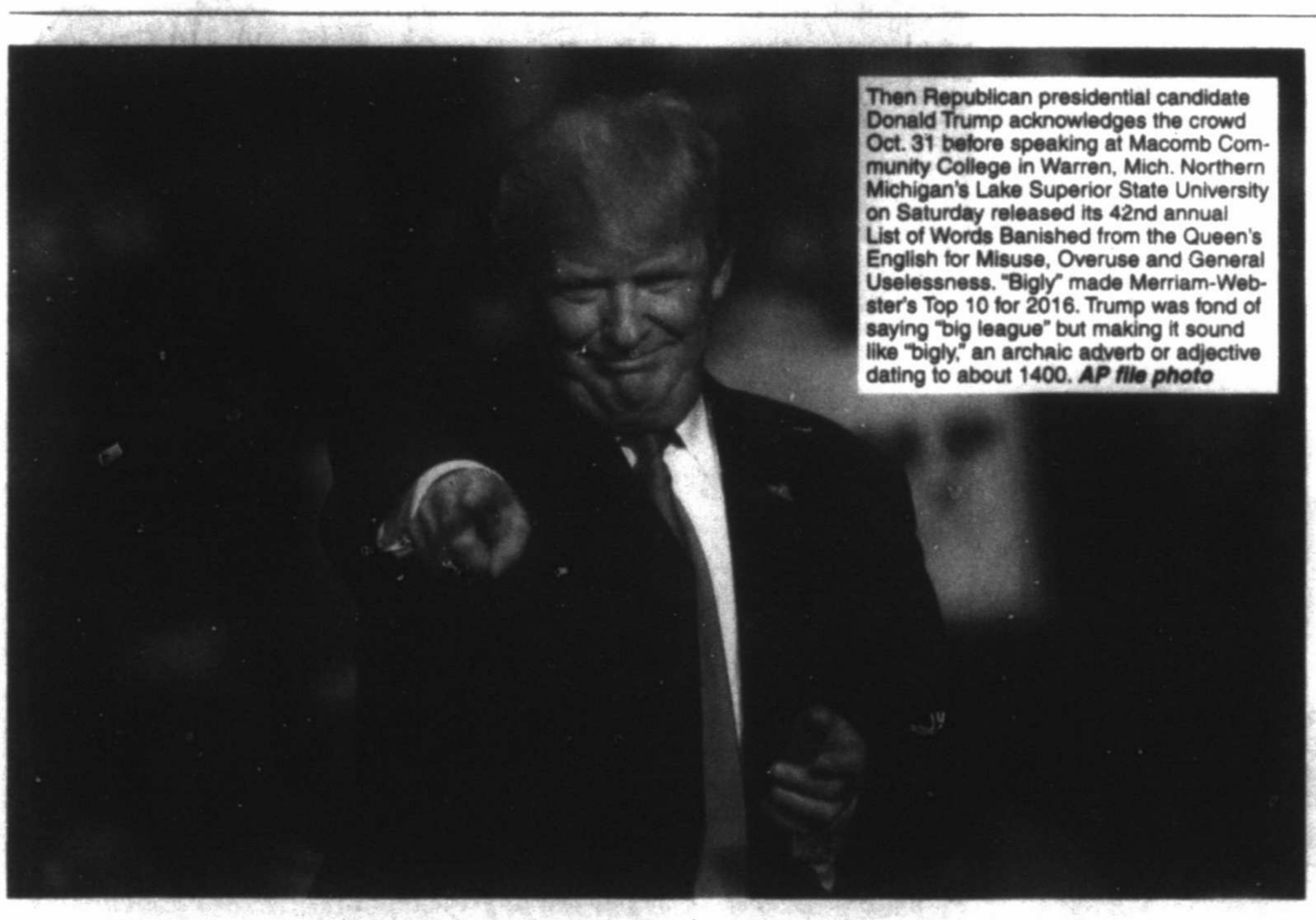
This Dec. 28, 2015, photo released by Mexico's Jalisco state prosecutor's office shows who authorities identify as Ethan Couch, after he was taken into custody in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. A Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration survey showed that young adults — particularly men ages 21 to 25 — had the highest impaired-driving rates. More than 1 in 5 men ages 21 to 25 drove drunk in 2014, nearly 1 in 7 drove under the influence of other drugs, and about 1 in 12 drove while simultaneously drunk and drugged.



Then Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump acknowledges the crowd Oct. 31 before speaking at Macomb Community College in Warren, Mich. Northern Michigan's Lake Superior State University on Saturday released its 42nd annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness. "Bigly" made Merriam-Webster's Top 10 for 2016. Trump was fond of saying "big league" but making it sound like "bigly," an archaic adverb or adjective dating to about 1400. *AP file photo*

List: Ban 'echo chamber,' 'post-truth,' 'bigly' and 'dadbod

By Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

DETROIT — You, sir, (or ma'am): Focus, if you will, on a historic, on fleek listicle containing words nominated for bigly banishment. But don't convene a town hall meeting or get your dandruff up in the echo chamber over them.

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The tongue-in-cheek, non-binding list comes from suggestions to the Sault Ste. Marie school. It includes "you, sir," "focus," "town hall meeting," "historic," "echo chamber," "on fleek," "bigly," "listicle" and "get your dandruff up," an apparent substitute for "dander," its hair-and-skin kin.

The others were "Frankenfruit," "bête noire," "guesstimate," "ghost," "dadbod," "selfie drone," "manicured," "post-truth," "disruption" and "831" — a texting encryption of "I love you" (eight letters, three words, one meaning).

The divisive 2016 election influenced nominations, and was reflected in the inclusion of "bigly" and "post-truth."

US university's 42nd list of words it would like to banish

Lake Superior State University's 42nd annual list of words nominated for banishment by members of the public:

- Bête noire
- Bigly
- Dadbod
- Disruption
- Echo chamber
- 831
- Focus
- Frankenfruit
- Get your dandruff up
- Ghost
- Guesstimate
- Historic
- Listicle
- Manicured
- On fleek
- Post-truth
- Selfie drone
- Town hall meeting
- You, sir

Associated Press

"Bigly" also made Merriam-Webster's Top 10 for 2016. President-elect Donald Trump was fond this year of saying "big league" but making it sound like "bigly," an archaic adverb or adjective dating to around 1400.

"Post-truth," a term sometimes used to describe the current political climate, is Oxford Dictionaries' word of the year.

John Shibley, Lake Superior State spokesman and list-compiler in chief, said "lots of political vitriol" came in this year, with people wanting to ban "President Trump," "Crooked Hillary" and "Electoral College." Shibley said he "made an editorial decision not to wade into that swamp," — drained or otherwise.

He said all words that made the final list garnered 200-300 votes apiece, and the top vote-getter was "echo chamber," with more than 500 submissions.

Overall, the university received submissions from about 8,000 people and maintains an archive of more than 850 words.

Another Michigan school takes the opposite approach: Detroit's Wayne State University attempts through its Word Warriors campaign to exhume worthy words that have fallen out of favor. This year's list included "absquatulate," which means to discreetly and abruptly leave a place, such as a gathering or party, without informing the host. That's an old-school analog to "ghost" on the banished words list.

POLICE

From 12A

were confronted by people with guns, and in about half of the cases, these people fired at the officers.

Demonstrations began in a number of cities after Sterling and Castile were killed. The Dallas protest was calm and peaceful before an eruption of violence aimed at law enforcement. The gunman told police he was not involved with the protests and acted alone before authorities killed him using a bomb-delivered robot. Ten days after, a gunman spent his 29th birthday fatally shooting three Baton Rouge officers before a SWAT team member took him down from more than 100 yards away.

All told, the number of officers killed in ambush attacks last year is more than double the average from the previous decade.

These numbers include San Antonio Detective Benjamin Marconi, who was fatally shot in November while sitting in his squad car writing a traffic ticket outside police headquarters. Weeks earlier, police in Iowa arrested a man and charged him with the ambush killings of two police officers in the Des Moines area; Justin Martin, a rookie officer, and Anthony Beminio, a Des Moines sergeant, were sitting in their patrol cars when they were killed.

The increase in ambush deaths does not include those who survived such attacks, such as Jesse Hartnett, a Philadelphia officer driving through a quiet intersection in early January when a gunman fired 13 shots into his car. The attacker told detectives that he had pledged loyalty to the Islamic State militant group.

In the two years since a police officer fatally shot a black 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri, protests against police shootings have swept the country. Officers have said they feel besieged and demonized.

"What we need to be doing is working to improve relationships between communities and the police officers who protect them," James O. Pasco Jr., executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, said in an interview in November. "Police officers are out there each and every day doing their jobs anonymously and often heroically."

Officers unsettled by the protests say they have kept their guns on them at times they wouldn't have a few years ago. After the ambush in Dallas, officers at a memorial service attended by President Obama said they monitored potential escape routes in case of attacks. Some officers, union officials and politicians have blamed the deaths of officers on what they describe as anti-police rhetoric from protesters, though leading activists involved in demonstrations have repeatedly decried violence against officers.

FBI Director James Comey, in an October speech to police chiefs, said officers are facing "a uniquely difficult time in American law enforcement." Still, it is statistically safer to be a police officer today than during the 1970s, when twice as many police officers were fatally shot each year and twice as many officers were killed annually.

"When you're shot today, emergency medical professionals are much better at saving your life," said Craig Floyd of the memorial fund. "We have better lifesaving equipment in the field and certainly in the hospitals where officers are taken when they're shot or struck by a car, or any other injuries they might suffer."

Floyd also pointed to several other factors, including having SWAT teams respond to the most dangerous situations and having more officers wearing body armor and bulletproof vests.

Officers can wind up facing unpredictable situations, responding to routine calls that may wind up dangerous. After ambushes, the largest number of officers fatally shot were responding to calls about domestic disturbances (14 officers) and those responding to reports of suspicious people or vehicles (13 officers).

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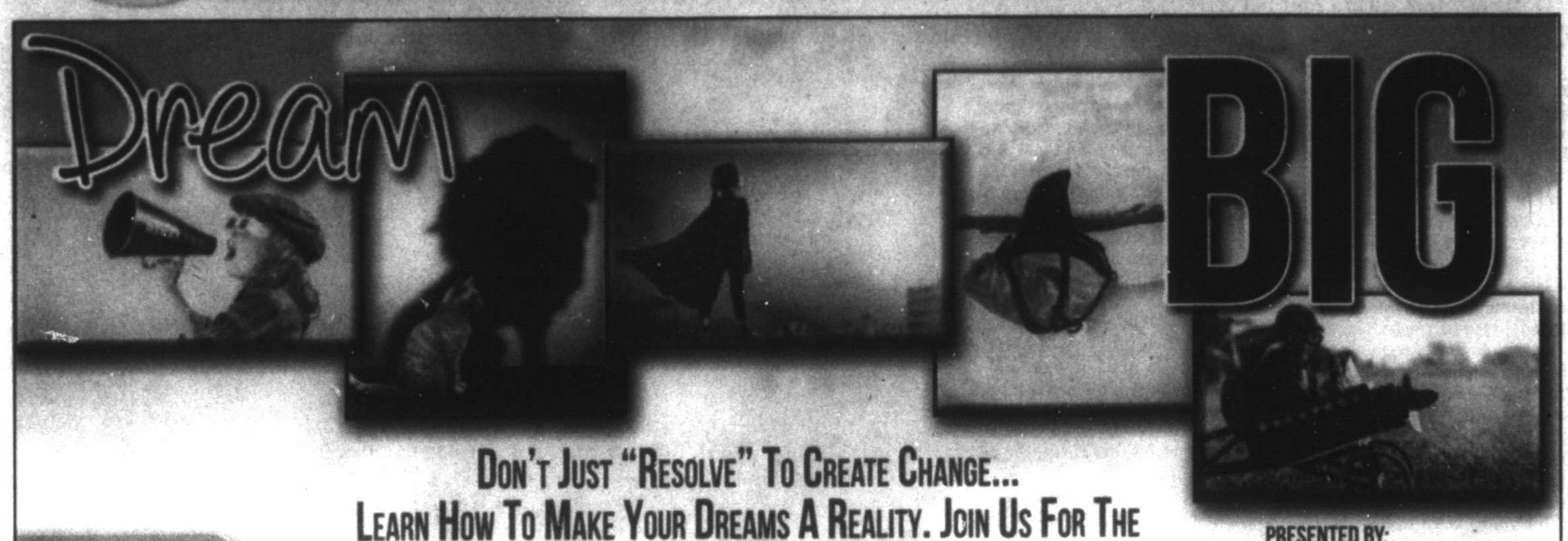

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NWS: 2016 warmest year in Midland

By Stewart Doreen
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The year 2016 will go down as the warmest year on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

The NWS reported last week that the average monthly temperature will finish around 67.3 degrees, which is warmer than the previous record (67.0 in 2012). This will be the third time this decade that a new record has been established, following 2011 (66.7 degrees) and 2012.

The typical average temperature, according to the NWS, is 63.9.

A warming push in the second half of the year is a reason for the new record. While every month of the year finished above average, three months — July, October and November — finished as the warmest of those respective months in the city's history. July actually finished as the warmest all-time (88.2 degrees), breaking the previous record (88.0 degrees in June 2011).

Four of the top 11 warmest years will have taken place since 2011, according to the NWS.

Mark Strobin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said the data shows annual average temperatures around or even below normal during the last decade, including 2007 and 2010. He said weather is cyclical and the La Nina weather phenomenon could be a factor in the warmer-than-normal conditions.

"One arctic blast could have nixed the (record)," Strobin said. "That is the variability of weather. That is what makes it so interesting."

The variability of weather will be on display over the next seven days with average high temperatures more than 10 degrees above normal this weekend followed by high temperatures more than 10 degrees below normal on Thursday. The NWS is also calling for a chance of snow later in the week.

The Climate Predication Center expects a 40 percent chance of warmer-than-average conditions in Midland during the month of January.

The CPC also expects a 40 percent chance of drier-than-average conditions during the first month of 2017.

When it comes to the first three months, the CPC expects a 50 percent chance of warmer-than-average temperatures and a 40 percent chance of drier-than-average conditions.

Warmest years on record

1. 2016	67.3†
2. 2012	67.0
3. 2011	66.7
4. 1998	66.4
5. 1964	65.9
6. 1977	65.7
7. 1953	65.5
7. 1954	65.5
8. 2006	65.4
8. 1999	65.4
8. 2000	65.4
8. 2014	65.4

Note: The average is 63.9
†indicates temperature as of Friday.

DOGIE DAYS OF WINTER

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Cayden McFadden of Odessa competes in the Tall City Ultimate New Year's Eve calf roping Saturday, Dec. 31 at Horseshoe Arena. See more photos from the event on **Page 3B.**

Year-round fireworks sales proposed in Texas

■ Did you know? Today is the last day you can buy fireworks during this holiday period

By John W. Gonzalez
San Antonio Express-News

Fireworks on Ground Hog Day. Sparklers for Passover. Bottle rockets for Tax Day.

After the smoke clears from the New Year's fireworks, state lawmakers could be taking up several proposals to expand the number of days that pyrotechnics can be sold retail in Texas.

A bill submitted by a Houston lawmaker would add more than 90 religious and other holidays throughout the year to when sales are authorized, with additions such as Ground Hog Day, Mardi Gras, Passover, Tax Day, Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth and Wright Brothers Day — a holiday most people don't observe, let alone have heard about.

Another proposal simply would add Labor Day to the short list that's no longer confined to the original big two — New Year's and July Fourth. In recent years, the Legislature also has allowed fireworks sales for Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day.

The 85th Legislature convenes Jan. 10 for its biennial 140-day session, during which time lawmakers could be asked to review several aspects of fireworks regulation. Beyond examining the addition of sales days, members also may hear concerns from Bexar and other heavily-populated counties about a previous change in law that enabled vendors to set up near city limits rather than a mile away.

The change has prompted neighborhood safety concerns and complaints about traffic and parking snarls.

Changes to the list of authorized sales dates have been slow

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Texas elector says he couldn't vote amid voter ID confusion

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Chris Suprun, a Texas Republican elector, caused a stir this year by raising the possibility that he would cast his Electoral College ballot for someone other than President-elect Donald Trump.

Journalists bombarded the Dallas man with questions following his admission. Among them: For whom did he vote in November?

He didn't vote, it turns out. But he says he tried.

"I would have voted for myself, I didn't get that chance," Suprun told The Texas Tribune.

Suprun chose Ohio Gov. John Kasich in the Dec. 19 Electoral College vote. (Trump nabbed 36 of the 38 Texas ballots.) When he tried to vote weeks before, he said, poll workers denied his general

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Tamir Kalifa/AP

Chris Suprun, a Republican elector for Texas, breaks during a recess from the meeting of presidential electors where Texas' electors cast their formal votes for president at the State Capitol in Austin on Dec. 19, 2016. Suprun caused a stir this year by raising the possibility that he would cast his Electoral College ballot for someone other than President-elect Donald Trump.

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Peso's plunge is problem for border cities

■ Trump presidency could make situation worse

By Lydia DePillis
Houston Chronicle

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A man walks back toward the border after shopping Dec. 15 in Brownsville. Store owners in border towns such as Brownsville and McAllen are noticing a drop in sales as the peso declines in value against the U.S. dollar.

MCALLEN — On the last Saturday before the Christmas weekend, Monica Rodriguez was done shopping for the day, taking a breather outside Macy's at La Plaza Mall with her son and parents. They had gotten up early to drive the four hours from their home in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico, for their annual holiday shopping pilgrimage.

Last year, however, Rodriguez's budget was much tighter: Only about $100, down from $400 from 2015. Her family also passed on other shopping trips to Texas in 2016, opting to buy clothing and other easier-to-find items in Mexico.

"Other years, we came in summer, and in Christmas," said Rodriguez, 33, who works in advertising. "But not anymore."

Texas' border economy has come to depend on shoppers from Mexico like Rodriguez, who spend a combined $4.5 billion annually and account for as much as 45 percent of all retail sales in cities like McAllen, Brownsville, Laredo and El Paso, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. But tectonic forces are threatening that chunk of the region's income.

As the dollar has strengthened in recent years, the Mexican peso has slipped from 12 to the dollar in mid-2013 to more than 20 today, drastically reducing Rodriguez's purchasing power. Retail sales in McAllen, which had been on a steep climb since 2000 other than a dip during the recession, have fallen about 5 percent since mid-2014.

That shift could get worse, if President-elect Donald Trump follows through on promises to erect physical and economic barriers between the two countries, which have enjoyed almost unfettered commerce across the border for more than two decades. The peso took its biggest dive on election night, as markets braced for a U.S. government run by a man who has pounded the drum against trade with Mexico.

Although the peso has recovered slightly, the slide in value is still the biggest since the Mexican government devalued its currency during an economic crisis in 1994. This time, if the peso's two-year-long fall continues, it could endanger the integration that has helped drive success in Texas border cities.

"This has been kind of death by a thousand pen knives," says Steve Ahlenius, president of McAllen's Chamber of Commerce.

Long-standing ties

The importance of Mexican consumers to Texas' border communities is no accident.

Some 80 years ago, McAllen's leaders began sending delegations to build trade ties with cities like Monterrey, the manufacturing hub about 150 miles to the southwest. The relationship exploded in the 1990s with the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which scrapped tariffs and spurred the construction of scores of new factories on the Mexican side.

That helped create a whole new class of consumers for U.S. goods, from which border cities benefited. Every 10 percent boost in manufacturing output in Reynosa, Mexico, fueled a 6.6 percent increase in new jobs in McAllen, according to the Dallas Fed.

"When companies move into Mexico, they almost always move in families to manage the plant from somewhere else," says Keith Patridge, president of the McAllen Economic Development Corp. "They tend to be well-paid, and they buy houses here, buy cars here, shop here. So they impact our community substantially."

The trend accelerated in the 2000s, as drug-related violence in northern Mexico prompted affluent Mexicans to buy homes on the U.S. side — whether to live there permanently or just stay there during shopping trips so they wouldn't have to travel home at night. That floated the local housing market through the Great Recession that hit so many other communities hard: Average home sale prices dropped just 4 percent in the McAllen area between 2007 and 2011, compared to 17 percent nationally.

Then came the fall of oil prices, which weakened the Mexican economy and the peso. About one-third of Mexico's tax revenue comes from oil sales. The effects of the currency change were visible immediately on the Texas side of the border.

The Dallas Fed's business conditions index, a broad measure that includes wages, unemployment, job growth and retail sales, fell by 6 percent in McAllen in 2016.

Home sales through November grew only 1.5 percent from the same period in 2015, after rising by an average of 5.6 percent in each of the previous four years. And it's not just Mexicans who have been hesitant to spend: The thousands of Canadians who typically come south for the winter have also been stymied by the strong dollar.

'What did you do to us?'

Mexican consumers who didn't buy property often stayed in local hotels — but now their trips are fewer and further between. Eddie Lopez, manager of the DoubleTree hotel in McAllen, said Mexican travelers usually account for a quarter of his room nights and an even bigger chunk of his revenue, because they come during the weekends, when rates are higher.

Bookings from Mexico are down almost 50 percent over 2015, Lopez said. A local boom in hotel construction and increased competition might have contributed to the decline, but after talking to his guests, Lopez decided that Trump's victory had an impact.

"It's like, 'What did you do to us, why did you elect him?' They feel unwanted," Lopez says. "Hispanic people are a very tight-knit community — they take it personally."

Trump's actions after the election didn't help. His move to head off the air conditioning manufacturer Carrier's relocation of 800 jobs from Indianapolis to Monterrey prompted the governor of the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon to call on his constituents to boycott shopping in McAllen and other border cities.

McAllen's Chamber of Commerce responded with a news conference in Monterrey to broadcast a welcome message, and spent about $25,000 on digital advertisements to promote McAllen. But even Mexicans who still came to shop said it may make sense to buy locally to shore up a domestic economy that may soon come under attack from its northern neighbor.

Fabian Aguilar, of Mexico City, usually makes the trip to La Plaza Mall while visiting family in Monterrey. He had a suitcase full of purchases from Macy's, but less than he usually buys. "We are undergoing a crisis in Mexico, and maybe people should spend money in Mexico," Aguilar says.

Simon Properties, the national developer that owns La Plaza Mall, declined to comment on whether it had seen a decline in the Mexican visitors who account for 40 percent of the mall's clientele. But the impact is evident on South Main Street in McAllen's old downtown, lined with discount clothing stores, electronics vendors, jewelry shops and perfumeries.

The last year was brutal for these businesses. Merchants report sales declines of as much as 50 percent. For Harry Jeong, who opened a clothing store called Miranda Fashions on the strip in 2009, a lot is riding on 2017. "If it's as bad as this year," he said from behind his counter, "maybe we have to find something else."

Bright spots remain

Although the peso's drop has been a blow to Texas border communities, economists believe it could have been worse.

The impact was softened by a buildup of manufacturing jobs on the Mexican side of the border, said Roberto Coronado, an economist for the El Paso branch of the Dallas Fed. There are even labor shortages in some areas. "That has led to wage growth," he said, "and helped to offset some of that decline in purchasing power."

Meanwhile, the U.S. side is also seeing its own growth. Brownsville and McAllen are adding higher income jobs with the expansion of the University of Texas' Rio Grande Valley campus, a growing energy trade with Mexico, and new industries like the SpaceX rocket launch facility that will become a base for commercial spaceflight. Employment in the McAllen metropolitan area grew 3.6 percent over the past year, double the state average of 1.8 percent average and far ahead of Houston's 0.5 percent.

"That changes the dynamics on our side of the border," said Mike Blum, managing broker at the commercial real estate firm NAI's Rio Grande Valley office. Boosting local industries that aren't dependent on trade with Mexico will fuel more durable growth, Blum said, and the current soft period "will look like a blip" on the long-term upward trajectory.

One vote of confidence: Simon Properties is in the middle of a multi-million dollar expansion. In the old downtown, some business owners are finding ways to get by despite the shrinking budgets of Mexican shoppers.

Suresh Mansinghani, the owner of Perfume King, is giving people who pay in pesos a small discount — and advertises it with a sign out front, just to get them in the door. His sales are down about 15 percent from 2015. But Mexican shoppers, who make up 95 percent of his customer base, consider perfume a staple, not a luxury, and he thinks they'll keep coming.

"When you go to the grocery, you get a gallon of milk for $3.89, now it goes up to $4.50, it's a basic item that you need, you're going to pay for it," says Mansinghani. "These are some of the basic items. Every 45 days, I need another bottle."

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Obituaries

Destiny Amaya Parker

Destiny Amaya Parker, loving daughter, sister, and friend, age 14, of Odessa, Texas, passed from this life on Monday, December 26, 2016. She was born in Odessa on May 24, 2002 to Gregg Ray Parker and Irma Terrazas.

Destiny was a very sweet but sassy girl. She had a bubbly personality but was shy until you got to know her. Destiny was an early riser and loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, and she was her father's little hunting buddy. She was her Mammies "Lil Changa."

Destiny had a sassy streak and could be blunt at times. She would always tell it how it was. Destiny enjoyed cooking, baking, playing Playstation, watching Dashie on Youtube, and always had her ear buds in listening to music. If she was ever having a bad day, a Hershey Bar would make it all better.

Those left to cherish her love and memories are her father, Gregg Ray Parker; mother, Irma Terrazas and Bruce Puckett; maternal grandmother, Elida "Lydia" Terrazas; maternal grandfather, Ramon Terrazas, Sr.; brothers, James Ray and Ryan E. Parker; sister, Victoria Jade Parker; uncles, Lolo Vega, Ruben Limon, Craig Parker, and Mark Lind Parker; aunts, Sheila Limon and Katherine Howie, as well as numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, James Milton Parker; and aunt, Nelda Romero.

Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 2, 2017 at Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be sent online at *acreswestfuneral.com* .

Acres West

Allan Williams, who set up Beatles' early gigs, dies at 86

Associated Press

LONDON — Allan Williams, a fixture on the Liverpool music scene who gave the Beatles a place to practice and helped them get early gigs, has died. He was 86.

Williams, who opened the Jacaranda club in 1958 in the early days of rock 'n' roll, played an important role in finding club dates in Liverpool and in Hamburg, Germany, for the young Beatles. Stardom was still in the future for a band then known as the Silver Beatles.

Williams believed in 1960 the Beatles had potential and let them practice at the Jacaranda — in exchange for putting them to work decorating the club's basement.

Williams personally drove the band to Hamburg in a cramped van in 1960 for an extended series of nightclub shows that honed their stamina and live skills. He is sometimes described as their first manager.

The band eventually fell out with Williams and moved on to be managed by Brian Epstein, who helped clean up their scruffy image and get them a record deal after a series of rejections.

ELECTORAL

From 1B

election ballot for want of photo identification.

The self-described "voting addict" was an apparent casualty of the confusion amid legal wrangling over the state's 2011 voter ID law.

Now, Suprun is calling for courts to clarify the rules once and for all.

"Pick a course and run with it," he urged U.S. District Court Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos, of Corpus Christi, in a letter dated Dec. 21.

"I write this because after not being able to cast a ballot I was disheartened," the letter said. "I never missed an election in my life until this one."

In July, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Texas' voter ID law discriminated against voters in minority groups less likely to possess one of seven accepted types of identification. The state has appealed that decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, and Ramos is weighing whether Texas discriminated on purpose.

Ahead of the November election, Ramos ordered a temporary fix: Folks without ID could still vote if they presented an alternate form of ID and signed a form swearing a "reasonable impediment" kept them from obtaining photo ID.

That's why Suprun believed he could vote when he showed up to an early voting location in Glenn Heights on Oct. 26, even though he did not have photo ID.

Suprun said his driver's license was inside his wallet, which he had left in a family van that was away for repairs. He said he arrived at the polls carrying his city water bill, cable bill and voter registration card — documents that should have fit Ramos' softened rules.

But the on-site election judge turned Suprun away, saying he could not cast a ballot — even a provisional one — without photo ID, according to a complaint the elector filed with Texas Secretary of State Carlos Cascos' office.

Alicia Pierce, a spokeswoman for that office, said she could not confirm that any complaint was being investigated. Nor could Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office, his spokeswoman said.

Could Suprun have legally voted under such circumstances? That's where it gets tricky. Ramos' order barred poll workers from asking would-be voters why they did not have photo ID. Election judges were to allow voting as long as the otherwise eligible voter signed a form swearing that they could not "reasonably obtain" photo ID.

But had Suprun signed that form and voted, an investigation (however unlikely one might be) might have found that he had "reasonably" obtained an ID but just hadn't brought it with him.

Whichever the case, Suprun said his story shows that Texas needs clearer voting requirements for the next election — regardless of whether they involve photo identification.

He wasn't the only voter alleging difficulties this year. Civil Rights advocates documented scattered reports of Texas poll workers sharing incomplete or inaccurate information about ID requirements.

"It needs to be clear, so it's enforced clearly. Whether we like it or not, those cute little signs on the side of the road that say 65 or 75 [miles per hour], everyone knows: Don't go more than five over," Suprun said.

The elector's voting troubles didn't end at the Glenn Heights polling spot.

In hopes of keeping his voting streak in alive, Suprun said he tried voting at a second location — even cutting short an out-of-state trip to do so.

There, he was told that someone had already voted under his name elsewhere — at Bear Creek Community Church in Irving.

"I had never heard of the place," he told the Tribune. Nor did Suprun recognize the signature on the election ledger, which he viewed after filing a public records request. "It was like basically a scrawl."

He said he notified the Dallas County elections division about the irregularity, but had yet to hear back. The division did not immediately return a message from the Tribune.

Perhaps it was a bureaucratic snafu — someone signed on the wrong line, Suprun suggested. Or perhaps it was something else. He wasn't sure.

"I don't know what's going on with Dallas County voters," he said.

FIREWORKS

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and hard-fought over the years, making the prospects uncertain for the measure (House Bill 412) pre-filed Nov. 18 by Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston. It lists 92 holidays, without specified dates, when sales would be permitted, starting with the Roman Catholic feast of the Epiphany and ending with Kwanzaa.

Also on the list — a similar version of which got nowhere in the 2015 legislative session — are familiar holidays such as Valentine's Day, Easter, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Fathers Day, Mothers Day, Yom Kippur, Dawali, feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Halloween, Christmas Eve and Hanukkah. Less familiar holidays listed include Leif Erikson Day, Child Health Day and National Tartan Day.

Huberty couldn't be reached for comment, but according to the Austin American-Statesman, Huberty said in 2015 it was unfair for fireworks sales to be "regulated via holiday." His measure was left pending in the House State Affairs Committee.

Sales for the New Year's holiday have been underway across Texas since Dec. 20.

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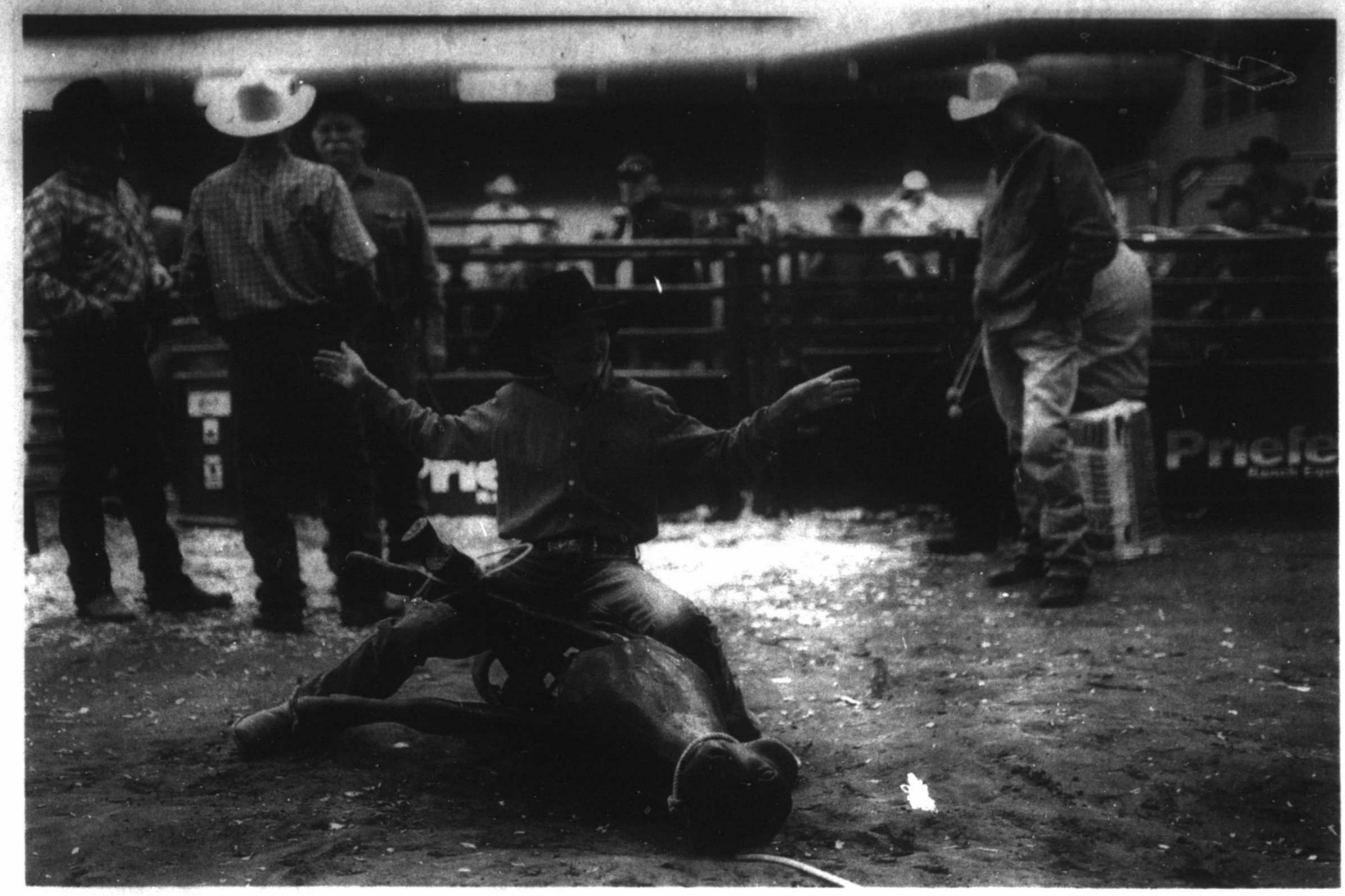

Cayden McFadden of Odessa practices roping a dummy during the Tall City Ultimate New Year's Eve calf roping Saturday at Horseshoe Arena.

CONQUERING CALVES

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Cooper Norman takes off after a calf.

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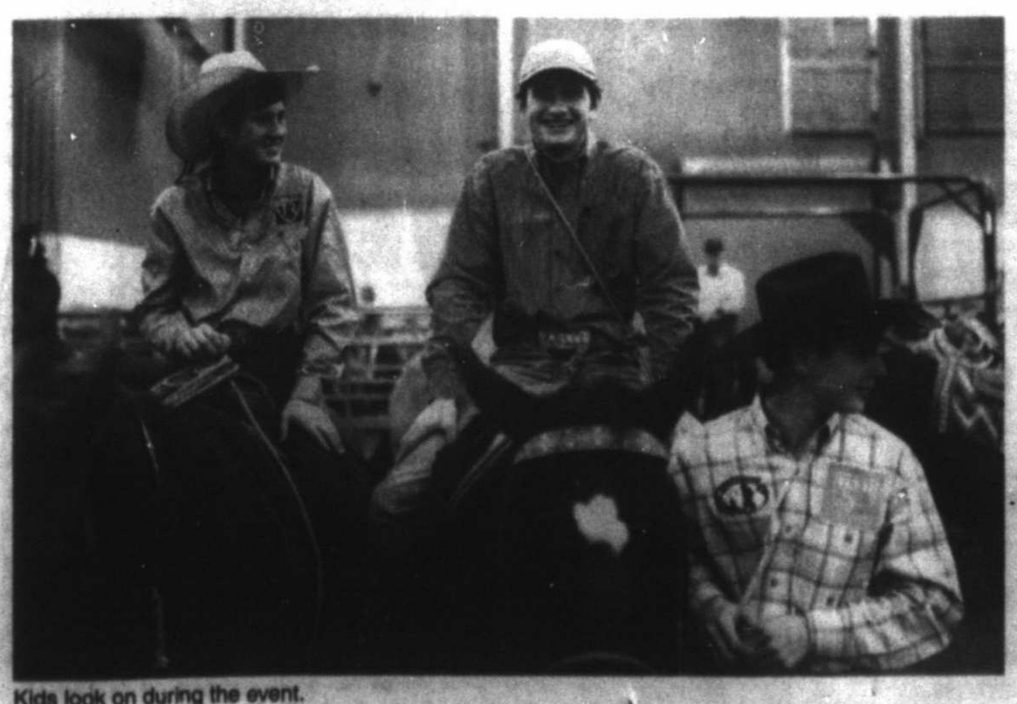

Kids look on during the event.

Youngsters practice roping a dummy in the hallway.

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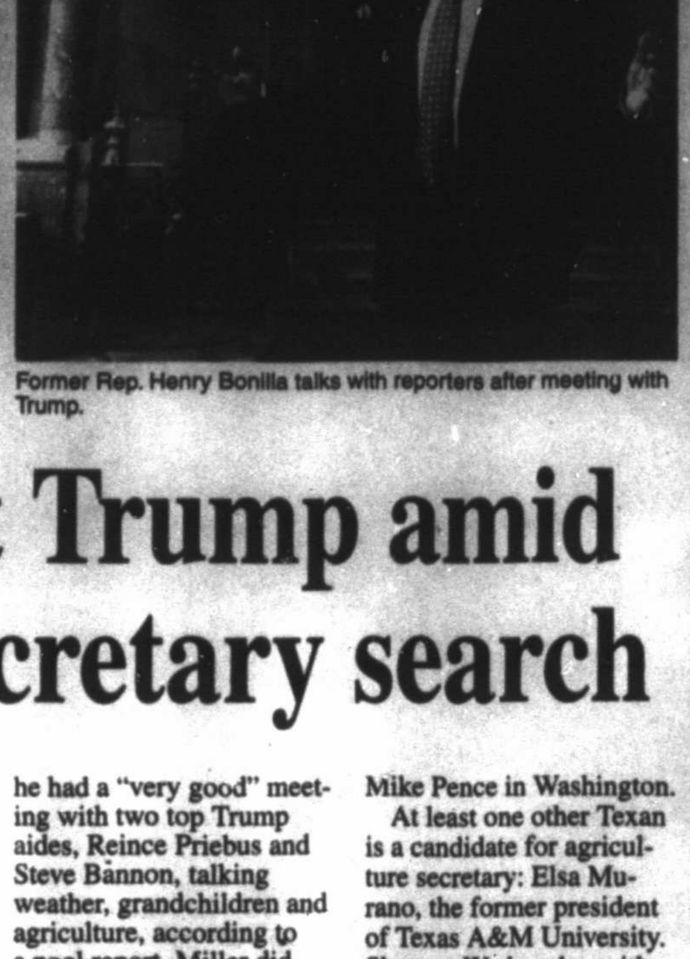
Former Comptroller Susan Combs leaves Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., Friday after meeting with President-elect Donald Trump and his transition team.



Former Rep. Henry Bonilla talks with reporters after meeting with Trump.

2 Texans visit Trump amid agriculture secretary search

■ Former Comptroller Susan Combs, former U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla meet with president-elect in Florida

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

Two Texans, former Comptroller Susan Combs and former U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, met with President-elect Donald Trump on Friday as he continues to search for an agriculture secretary.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller also made the trip Friday to Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, where Miller met with senior Trump staff.

The flurry of meetings with Texans came as Trump looks to fill the few remaining posts in his Cabinet, including the head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Trump has offered no timeline on the decision, but Bonilla said Friday the president-elect is close.

Bonilla, a former Republican congressman from San Antonio, had not previously come up in speculation about the agriculture secretary job until Friday. After visiting with Trump, Bonilla told reporters he had discussed the post with the president-elect, a pool report said.

Bonilla represented Texas' 23rd district from 1993 to 2007. For the last six years of his congressional tenure, he chaired the House appropriations subcommittee dealing with agriculture.

Emerging from the resort, Miller told reporters he had a "very good" meeting with two top Trump aides, Reince Priebus and Steve Bannon, talking weather, grandchildren and agriculture, according to a pool report. Miller did not respond to a reporter's question about whether he had been offered the agriculture secretary position.

"This was a great meeting for Texas and Texas agriculture," Miller said in a statement after the meeting. "It will be great for Texas to have someone in the Oval Office who respects our state and welcomes our input."

Combs, Texas' agriculture commissioner from 1998 to 2007, was less talkative as she left her meeting with Trump, declining to speak to reporters, according to a pool report. She met last week with Vice President-elect Mike Pence in Washington.

At least one other Texan is a candidate for agriculture secretary: Elsa Murano, the former president of Texas A&M University. She met Wednesday with Trump at Mar-a-Lago.

Both Miller and Bonilla were formally involved in Trump's campaign. Miller served on the candidate's agricultural advisory committee, while Bonilla had a spot on Trump's National Hispanic Advisory Council.

If Trump picks a Texan for agriculture secretary, it would be the third person from the state selected for a post in his Cabinet. He has already tapped former Gov. Rick Perry for energy secretary and Rex Tillerson, CEO of Irving-based Exxon Mobil, for secretary of state.

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Foreign companies look at setting up operations on both sides of border

By Lydia DePillis
Houston Chronicle

There's a lot of apprehension on Texas' southern border these days. What will happen with the peso, which is making it harder for Mexicans to shop in the United States? Will President-elect Donald Trump really build a wall to keep out immigrants? And what about his promise to overhaul NAFTA, the free trade agreement that has had mixed effects on the U.S., but largely positive ones for Texas?

Most of that is still uncertain. But there's some indication that Trump is already having an impact on corporate plans. Local economic development officials report increased interest in U.S. border communities from international companies to insulate themselves against potential tariffs or other trade barriers that could pop up after Jan. 20.

"One of the things that foreign companies are looking at is setting up operations on both sides of the border," says Keith Patridge, president of the McAllen Economic Development Corp., a non-profit that promotes investment in the area. "If NAFTA were somehow changed, we could serve our customers in the U.S. from the U.S. side, and Mexican customers from Mexico."

The other big advantage of having both facilities right next to each other: Managers can look after the whole operation, while still living in the United States, which they tend to prefer.

It's actually an old model. Before NAFTA went into effect, Mexican factories known as maquiladoras had to import a certain percentage of their raw materials from the U.S. in order to qualify for duty-free status when products were exported back to the U.S., so they hugged the American border to minimize transportation costs.

When that requirement went away, so did the need for U.S. proximity. More of the maquiladoras migrated into Mexico's interior; northern border cities only had 62 percent of the sector's employment in the year 2000. Manufacturing jobs also gravitated to cities with large auto plants like Hermosillo and Monterrey, as car companies asked their suppliers to locate close by.

Patridge thinks the old model could return, if trade becomes less free. "It's kind of like the old adage, 'the more things change, the more they remain the same,'" he says.

There are other forces moving companies to the U.S. side of the border: It's actually getting hard to find workers in Mexican manufacturing hubs, as competition has heated up. And according to Jason Hilts, president of the Brownsville Economic Development Corp., some companies are considering locating in the U.S. out of concern that the new president might target them like he did Carrier and Ford Motor Co. when they announced plans to expand in Mexico.

"They're afraid of that Trump tweet, and what will that do to their shares, and how will their customers perceive that move," Hilts says. "Of course they would have more savings by doing it in Mexico. But they do a lot of manufacturing in the U.S. as it is, they can do it on the U.S. side and still make money doing it."

So it may be possible that Trump's actions -- both formal and informal -- could create some jobs in the U.S. But the overall effect of creating barriers to trade would still likely make the whole region less competitive for foreign investment, which may migrate to Asia instead.

It's not that NAFTA couldn't be improved. Mexico, in fact, was looking forward to aspects of the now-dead Trans-Pacific Partnership that would have modernized the 1990s trade agreement for new developments like cross-border data flows.

"Essentially, if there is a renegotiation, Mexico's opening position will be something that approximates TPP," says Christopher Wilson, deputy director of the Mexico Institute at the Wilson Center, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Even though Trump bashed the TPP on the campaign trail, America's business lobby is reportedly also planning to push provisions from that defunct deal -- such as those protecting digital products and safeguarding foreign investments -- if NAFTA is opened up. But Wilson doubts such changes to trade policy would create more manufacturing jobs in the U.S., as Trump's team has promised.

"If they don't like TPP, what is it that they can do better?" Wilson says. "If the fundamental goal is to strengthen manufacturing in the U.S., it's not easy to think about a free trade agreement that would do that better than what's already in place."

Planned Parenthood asks judge to halt Texas Medicaid cuts

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Planned Parenthood has asked a federal judge to stop Texas from cutting it from the state's Medicaid program, which the nation's largest abortion provider says would reduce health services for nearly 11,000 low-income women.

The request to U.S. District Sam Sparks was filed late Friday in Austin and is part of an ongoing lawsuit filed last year. Texas is one of several Republican-controlled states that have sought to deny Medicaid funding to Planned Parenthood following the release of secretly recorded and heavily edited videos by an anti-abortion group in 2015.

Investigations by 13 states into those videos have concluded without criminal charges, and Planned Parenthood officials have denied any wrongdoing. A Houston grand jury indicted two activists behind the videos over how they covertly gained access inside a Planned Parenthood clinic, but a judge later dismissed the charges.

Federal judges have stopped Arkansas, Alabama, Kansas and Mississippi from similarly excluding Planned Parenthood from Medicaid reimbursements in wake of the videos. Texas is set to cut off Planned Parenthood as early as Jan. 21 unless Sparks grants an injunction.

Sparks had previously set a hearing in the case for Jan. 17.

"Courts have unanimously prevented these terminations and agreed that preventing Medicaid enrollees from obtaining care from the qualified provider of their choice violates federal law," attorneys for Planned Parenthood wrote in their request for an injunction.

Aides to Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Saturday.

Paxton's office has said it is still investigating the videos — more than 18 months after launching an inquiry. But Texas health officials in the meantime pointed to the videos in sending a letter earlier this month to Planned Parenthood, which the state accuses of making misleading statements.

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HOUSTON

Deaths of 3 in burned house double murder-suicide

Houston police say three people found dead in a house fire are an apparent double murder and suicide.

Firefighters found the three victims after extinguishing the blaze Friday morning.

Homicide detectives say 63-year-old Vickie Acker Flanery was found inside the home and her 96-year-old father, Charles Acker, was in a garage apartment. Both had been shot in the head.

Flanery's husband, David, was found dead in the backyard with what police say was an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

Some ammunition stored in the house exploded during the intense fire and authorities later removed cases of ammunition and several rifles.

HOUSTON

City ends year with first-ever deficit amid pension woes

An audit shows that Houston is ending the year with a deficit for the first time in the history of the nation's fourth-largest city.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Mayor Sylvester Turner attributes the $95 million deficit to the continued growth of the city's pension obligations. Both Dallas and Houston are in deep pension troubles and will ask Texas lawmakers in 2017 to approve reforms.

The new audit puts pension underfunding in Houston at $7.7 billion as of June. That's nearly double from 2014.

Turner says Houston remains "strong and vibrant" despite the numbers in the city's annual audit. One reason for a drop in the net worth on paper is that new rules since 2015 require cities to report greater transparency of long-term pension obligations.

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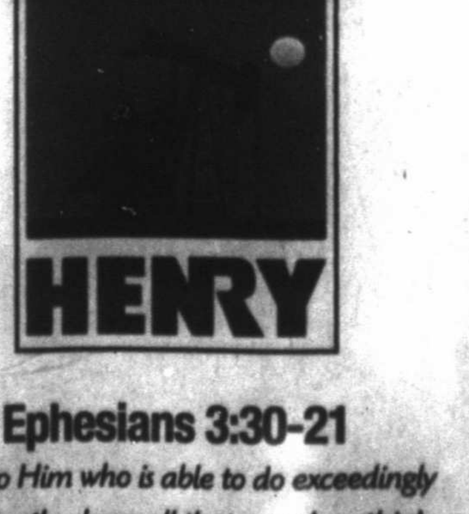

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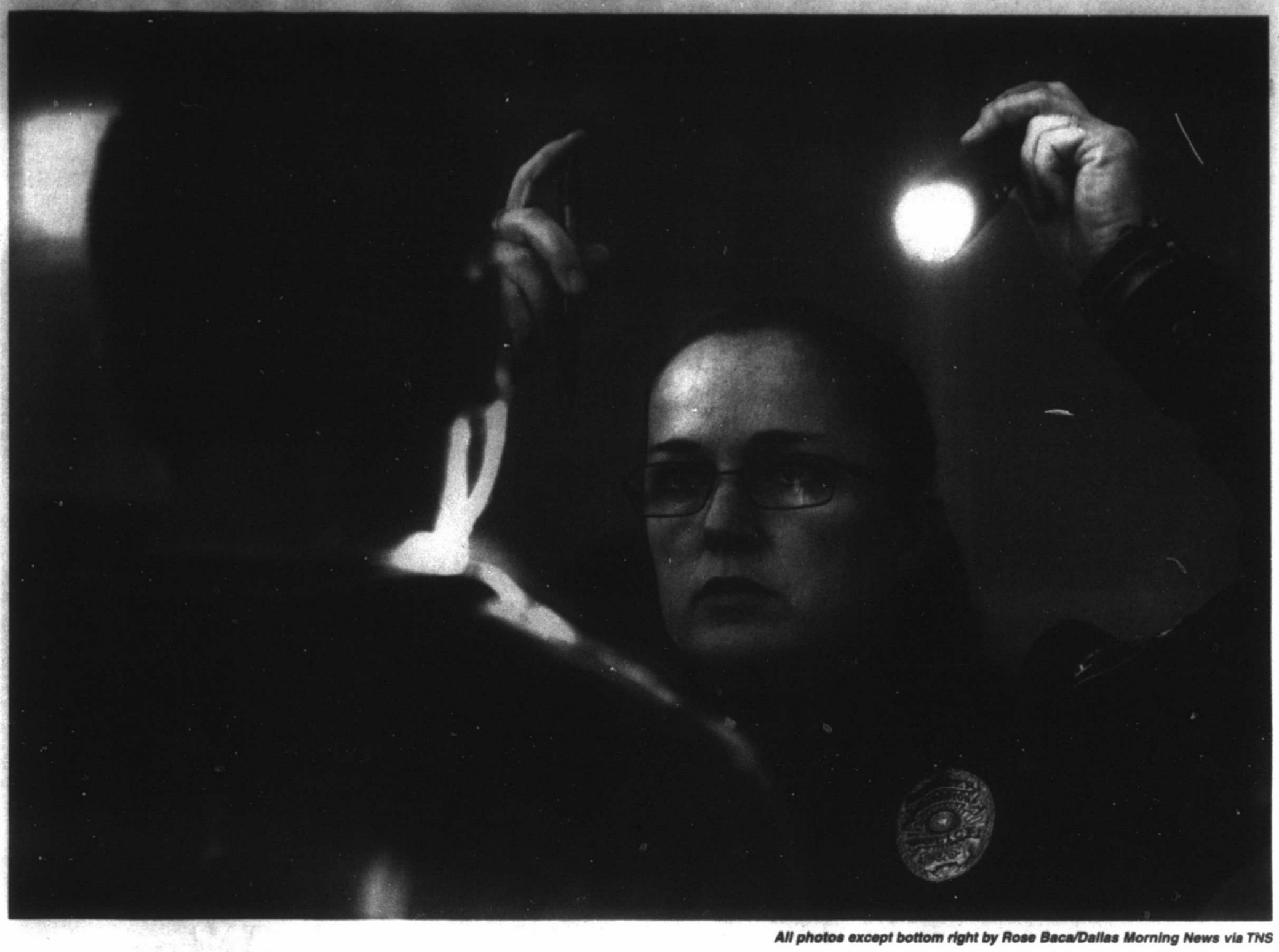

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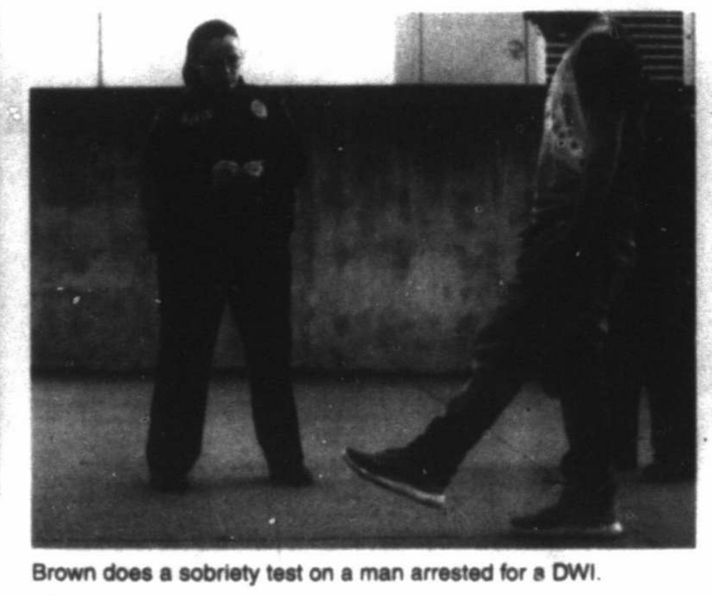
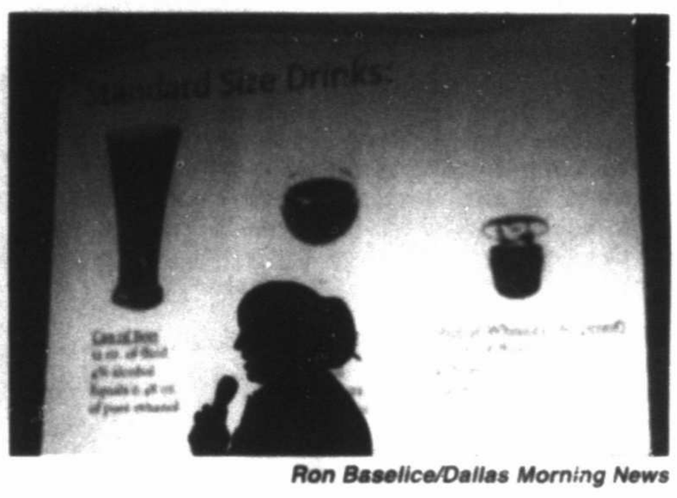
DWI police officer Stacie Brown does a Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test on a man under arrest for a DWI on Dec. 14 at the Arlington Police Department in Arlington.

Brown holds a photo of her sister and niece that she keeps with her while working at the Arlington Police Department in Arlington. Brown's sister died while driving drunk.



Brown does a sobriety test on a man arrested for a DWI.



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Brown talks to Mansfield Summit High School students about the dangers of impaired and distracted driving on Nov. 19, 2015. A graphic shows the amount of alcohol in different beverages.

Police officer's mission: To help others avoid her pain

■ Sister of woman who died driving drunk works on Arlington Police Department's DWI unit

By Naomi Martin
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Happy hour isn't even over yet, and she's already landed one.

"Starting off with a bang," Officer Stacie Brown says as she walks behind the Arlington police station. It's dusk on a cold Wednesday, and the sky is streaked with pink.

Brown is a cop who arrests drunken drivers, and the holiday season is her busiest time of year. This time, Brown didn't have to scour the highways looking for an intoxicated driver. One came to her.

Well, other cops brought him to her. They said he'd led them on a high-speed chase through a neighborhood before he crashed and fought the officers. His three kids were in the car; one had a huge knot on his head.

"Hi," Brown says as she approaches the slumped, handcuffed man in the backseat of the squad car. He's young and tattooed all over his arms and neck. He answers her questions in quiet gasps, heaving and shaking.

What were you doing when you got pulled over?

Going to buy meth.

Why did you run?

Panicked.

"I appreciate you being honest," Brown says.

She talks to the man with respect, no condescension. It's not just a tactic to gain cooperation — though it does work. Brown genuinely does not judge the people she arrests.

She knows many of them are good people who just made a bad decision. She knows this all too well.

Brown is 45. Twenty years ago, she was teaching special education and coaching track at Sam Houston High School in Arlington. It was another life, another time.

Around 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 14, 1995, Brown was watching "ER" when she got a phone call that her 28-year-old sister, Shelli Lacy, had been in a car accident. She was dying.

The driver at fault was intoxicated.

The driver at fault was her sister.

"She's the bad guy we all talk about, right?" Brown said. "That, I had a hard time with."

After her sister's death, Brown went into a deep depression. She'd lost not just her big sis, but her best friend. It was the most painful thing in her life. Still is.

She realized she needed to do something to prevent other families from having to go through the same thing. She joined the Arlington police force in 2005, and was picked for the driving while intoxicated unit two years later. She'd found her purpose.

Since then, she's arrested hundreds of people. Most of them get mad, call her names. She has to remind herself that's just the alcohol or drugs talking.

"This is not the worst thing that could happen to you — be glad you weren't killed," she often tells them. It doesn't always go over well.

But some people do thank her.

Nationwide, drunken driving deaths have fallen by more than half since 1982. But it remains a stubborn problem in Texas, where the rate of drunken driving fatalities per capita is nearly double the national average, according to the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility.

In Texas last year, 960 people died in DWI-related crashes, state records show. Thirty-seven of those deaths were in Tarrant County, and 83 were in Dallas County.

Brown wants to make a bigger dent in those numbers. She knows her arrests help, but she tries to focus on prevention, too.

She speaks often at high schools, driver's ed courses and court-ordered classes for DWI offenders, sharing her experience as a victim's sister and as a cop. She shows the audience pictures of smashed cars and explains: Not one of these drivers expected to die that night. This could be you.

"They pay attention to her because she comes from both sides," said Terri Peaks, of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. "Her goal is to save lives. She's doing that in a number of ways, and we all benefit from it."

The department now lets Brown spend most of her shifts at speaking engagements. She gave 140 presentations last year.

"That wasn't in our job description, and she made it part of her job description," said Brown's partner, Officer Brendan Banks. "As officers, our experiences are what help us be really good or not — and that's what makes her great at what she does."

Brown and her husband, Allen, a dog trainer, raised her sister's daughters, who were 9 and 1 when their mom died. They never had kids of their own, but they go on adventures together around the world, even scuba diving with sharks. They adopted and rehabbed Saint, a malnourished dog they saw on TV, who had been tied to a tree and shot with a pellet gun.

Brown has also led the "Santa Cop" program, which gives donated gifts to hundreds of poor kids at Christmastime.

"If I could sum Stacie up in one word," Banks said, "she's selfless."

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Outside the police station, Brown glides a black pen from one side of the tattooed man's face to the other, telling him to watch it without moving his head. As she pauses on each side, the man's pupils bounce slightly back toward the middle.

That involuntary jerking is indicative of being on alcohol or drugs, Brown later says.

The man denies doing any drugs today — though he admits to doing meth yesterday. Brown thinks he's lying.

Still, she remains respectful.

"They said you were combative out there, but you're being really nice to me," she tells him, taking his handcuffs off.

He needs his arms free to balance for the next sobriety tests. Walking foot to foot down a straight line. Balancing on one foot while counting. He fails both.

Brown tells him she thinks he's intoxicated and she needs a sample of his blood. He can either allow a nurse to take his blood, or she can secure a judge's warrant and force him.

"Are you willing to give a specimen of blood?" she asks.

"Yes," he mumbles.

"I appreciate that," Brown says.

They head to the hospital.

"I get cooperation because I treat them like a human being," Brown says as she drives. "I arrest a lot of really nice people. He's got an addiction. It's sad because it's affecting the kids."

At work, Brown tries not to dwell on her sister. She keeps a photo of Lacy in her back pocket at all times, but on her cubicle wall, it's her nieces and husband who smile down as she types reports.

There are times, though, when she can't help but be reminded of Shelli. Last November, Brown and Banks had just left a MADD event when they were dispatched to investigate a bad wreck. A 25-year-old mother had driven into a telephone pole, injuring four of her kids.

They headed for the hospital to test the woman's sobriety. They determined that Valencia Freeman was drunk. (She would later plead guilty.) A doctor told the cops that the woman's 5-year-old daughter had died in a nearby room.

The officers looked at each other and knew what they had to do. It was unorthodox and definitely not department policy, but they decided to allow their suspect to say goodbye to her daughter.

"She's already getting cold." Freeman had sobbed as she hugged her daughter.

The scene stuck with Brown. Brown had that same thought when she'd raced to her sister's side in the hospital. That's when she realized that "when the spirit's gone, the body changes."

Brown felt sympathy for the mother, despite being angry about what she had done. Banks cried too, thinking about his five children at home.

Then they took the woman to jail.

At Medical Center Arlington, a nurse pierces the suspect's arm and fills a syringe with his blood. If it tests positive for drugs, the evidence will later be used against him in court.

Swallowing back tears, the suspect — Christopher Tafolla, 26 — asks Brown what charges he'll face.

She ticks them off. Evading arrest. DWI with a child in the car. Endangering a child. Possession of cocaine.

"How bad is DWI with a child?" he asks.

"It's a state jail felony," she says.

He knows he's likely to be locked up for a long time for violating parole. His life as a free man, for now, is over.

But the way Brown sees it, his arrest actually gave him a chance to live. In fact, she wishes the cops had stopped her sister that night, before her crash.

At least she'd still be alive.

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Texas judge takes specialized court for veterans on road

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

ANNA — In the Army, Richard Ress survived duty in some of the most dangerous parts of Afghanistan, but on a July day in 2009, he seemed ready for his life to end in the back of a Texas police car facing his third drunken-driving arrest in less than a year.

According to the arrest report, Ress asked the officer "to shoot him and get it over with." He was struggling with flashbacks and nightmares associated with post-traumatic stress disorder, which went untreated during four months in jail. A few years later, in 2015, he got a fourth DWI.

"I knew I couldn't continue like this because I was going to die," he said.

That's when Ress was flagged for a program that aims to divert certain veterans facing criminal charges into treatment programs instead of sending them through the criminal court system. And rather than requiring veterans to travel to court appearances, this court travels to reach them in five counties near Dallas.

Judge John Roach Jr. said the court is a first of its kind, and he hopes it will be replicated in other rural areas without public transportation, where getting to hearings can be a challenge.

"This is not an easy program. I expect a lot, and I expect commitment. But getting to court, having access to the services, that shouldn't be the issue that prevents a veteran in one county from getting treatment available to a veteran in another county," Roach said.

The three-phase program requires substance-abuse treatment, regular drug and alcohol testing, intensive therapy, mentoring and community service. If veterans graduate, their criminal charges are dismissed and their arrest records destroyed.

"When I was accepted into the veterans' court, it was the first time I was treated like I wasn't just a number in the system," Ress said. "People took into consideration that I had served my country honorably and that I wasn't this person when I left to serve, that it changed me."

Estimates of the prevalence of service-related PTSD vary, but a 2014 Veterans Affairs study found that almost 30 percent of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who sought treatment at VA hospitals were diagnosed with PTSD symptoms.

The judge knew there were other veterans like Ress. He had overseen the Collin County veterans' court since 2013, and neighboring Rockwall County asked him to expand the program there later the same year.

The North Texas Regional Veterans Court, which encompasses those two counties plus the more rural Grayson, Fannin and Kaufman counties, was dedicated in October. The program can take up to two years to complete, depending on the treatment and progress of individual veterans.

As of mid-December, 52 veterans were enrolled, but that number can fluctuate. On one December morning at the Kaufman County Courthouse, the judge removed one man from the program for lying about his drug use and enrolled another who showed up asking for help.

"He's the reason this program works," said Michael Shupak, a veteran arrested on a half-dozen charges related to illegal steroids he was using to maintain muscle mass after a service-related injury.

Without the traveling court, Shupak said, he would not have known to seek counseling.

"I don't think I would have realized the mental health image and PTSD issues I had if I hadn't been made to see a counselor. It's changed the way I see things. I think it's made me a lot more accountable for my actions," he said.

For Ress, the court coming to him means access. He spent $55 on a taxi to get to criminal court after the 2015 arrest.

The judge helped Ress connect with volunteers who drive veterans to appointments and eventually helped him get a conditional license that requires him to blow into a Breathalyzer attached to the ignition of his car.

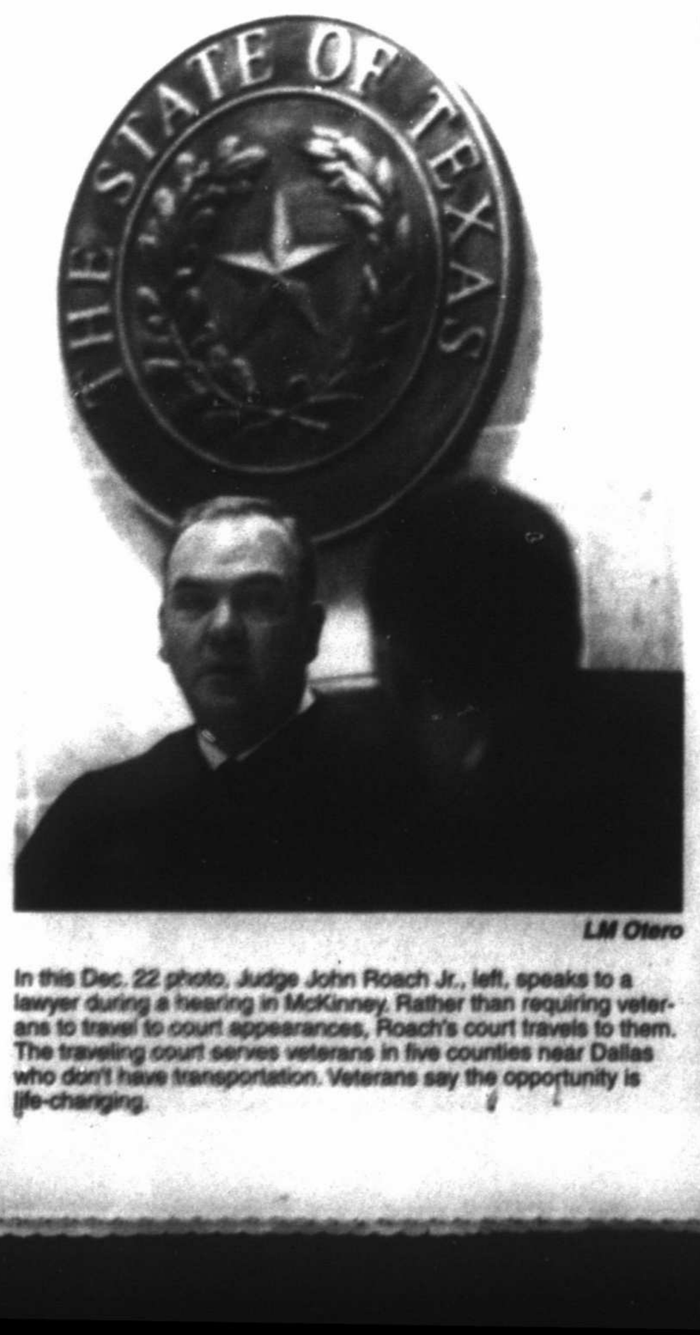
The National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics says about 30 percent of veterans live in rural areas, compared with about 15 percent of the country's overall population. The Department of Veterans Affairs and its Office of Rural Health have a five-year plan to improve access for rural veterans, but the plan does not specifically address veterans' courts, which are formed and funded by state or local agencies.

Thirty-three of the more than 450 veterans' court programs nationwide allow defendants or court personnel to attend hearings by video connection, according to court liaisons for the VA. But Roach is the only judge the VA could identify who voluntarily travels outside of his elected county to hold court.

He said video court hearings are valuable, but face-to-face contact is critical with veterans.

Ress, now 36, agrees. He plans to get a degree in counseling to help other veterans.

"There were times in my life where I didn't feel like I was worth anything to my family, my kids, society, to anyone," he said. "Through some of the interactions I've had in the program, I'm realizing that most people out there don't hate me or think I'm an awful person. Most people think I'm an OK person who just needs some help."



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In this Dec. 22 photo, Judge John Roach Jr., left, speaks to a lawyer during a hearing in McKinney. Rather than requiring veterans to travel to court appearances, Roach's court travels to them. The traveling court serves veterans in five counties near Dallas who don't have transportation. Veterans say the opportunity is life-changing.

Larry Benson/University of Colorado Boulder Museum of Natural History via AP

This May 5, 2011, photo provided by University of Colorado Boulder Museum of Natural History adjunct curator of anthropology Larry Benson shows the Pueblo del Arroyo archaeological site at Chaco Culture National Historical Park in northwestern New Mexico. A paper published in December by Benson suggests the salty soil and dry conditions in the canyon would have made it difficult to grow enough corn for the inhabitants of the monumental gathering site a century ago. Benson said the Chaco population likely relied on food imports from more fertile lands in the Four Corners region.

Study: Chaco inhabitants likely relied on imported food

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Salty soils and dry conditions throughout northwestern New Mexico's Chaco Canyon would have made it difficult to grow enough corn to sustain the multitudes of people who resided at the once monumental gathering spot centuries ago, according to a new study.

University of Colorado-Boulder scientist Larry Benson's research adds fuel to the theory that Chaco inhabitants relied on food imports from elsewhere in the Four Corners region.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Chaco Culture National Historical Park encompasses what's left of an ancient civilization whose architecture and cultural influences have been a source of mystery for years.

Some archaeologists have theorized that Chaco's influence spread far and wide from its remote desert location to cover an area twice the size of Ohio. The park includes a series of great houses, or massive multistory stone buildings, some of which were oriented to solar and lunar directions and offered lines of sight between buildings to allow for communication.

The archaeological record also includes evidence of a network of ceremonial roads that lead to Chaco as well as pottery and tool-making materials that indicate the inhabitants regularly traded with others.

The latest study offers just one more piece to the puzzle while raising questions about Chaco's population and the suggestion by some that corn must have been plentiful to feed the masses.

"There's very little actual data to prove that," Benson said. "I'm a geochemist, not an archaeologist, so I'm used to collecting data and analyzing it to see what it says."

Much of the corn consumed by those at Chaco may have come from more fertile lands near the Chuska Mountains along the Arizona-New Mexico border, said Benson, an adjunct curator of anthropology at the university's natural history museum.

He considered soil samples, previous research that looked at the isotopic signature of plants in the region and tree ring data compiled by researchers at the University of Arizona. The tree rings indicate the minimum amount of annual precipitation necessary to grow corn was exceeded less than 3 percent of the time.

Nathan Hatfield, chief interpreter at Chaco park, said Friday that archaeologists and others who have studied Chaco have long assumed that food was coming into the community from elsewhere and the study helps confirm that belief.

Despite the lack of water and other natural resources in the immediate area, Hatfield said residents of Chaco weren't totally reliant on imports.

"Archaeological evidence does show signs of cultivated fields and also different forms of irrigation and water control so they were certainly making efforts," he said. "How successful those efforts were, I'm sure in some years it was very difficult."

On the eastern slopes of the Chuska Mountains, the study suggests winter precipitation was substantial and features of the landscape helped to funnel spring runoff to irrigated fields.

Benson said more attention should be paid to outlying areas such as the Chuskas and their connection to Chaco. Aside from food, experts say timber from the mountains was used in the construction of Chaco's buildings.

With its long winters, marginal rainfall and short growing seasons, many archaeologists are puzzled as to why inhabitants chose the canyon. It was never a Garden of Eden, Benson said.

Hatfield said there are many theories.

"You didn't have readily available resources yet they still decided to build there and that's why we think there were more spiritual motives behind it," he said. "They looked at the layout of the canyon and the different features and determined this is it, this is where we have to do our thing."

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Rent	33 families	$21,$783.70
Transportation	2 families	$622.48
Medical	1 family	$73.01
TOTAL		$ 25,041.56

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The same criteria apply for shoes, hats, belts and bags. There is a tremendous amount of donations that you give us that will never see the inside of our store – but they will certainly be used and appreciated by someone in another part of the world.

We occasionally get requests from people that the clothing they give us NOT be sold. They want their clothing to go to someone who cannot afford to pay. We will always do our best to honor those requests.

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Happy New Year from all of us at Helping Hands!

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TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 65 Low: 43

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Local forecast

There is a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight, according to the National Weather Service. Forecasted highs will be above normal for the next few days.

The record high for Dec. 31 is 77, set in 2011 and 2005. The record low is 14, set in 1976. On Dec. 31 of last year, the high was 43 and the low was 30.

Weather brief

ALASKA

Storms continue in northwest; Fairbanks digs out

ANCHORAGE — Blizzard and severe weather warnings remain in effect for communities on the northwest coast of Alaska as a winter storm continues to bring wind, heavy snow and in some cases rain.

The National Weather Service says visibility in Nome was reduced to near zero at times because of blowing snow.

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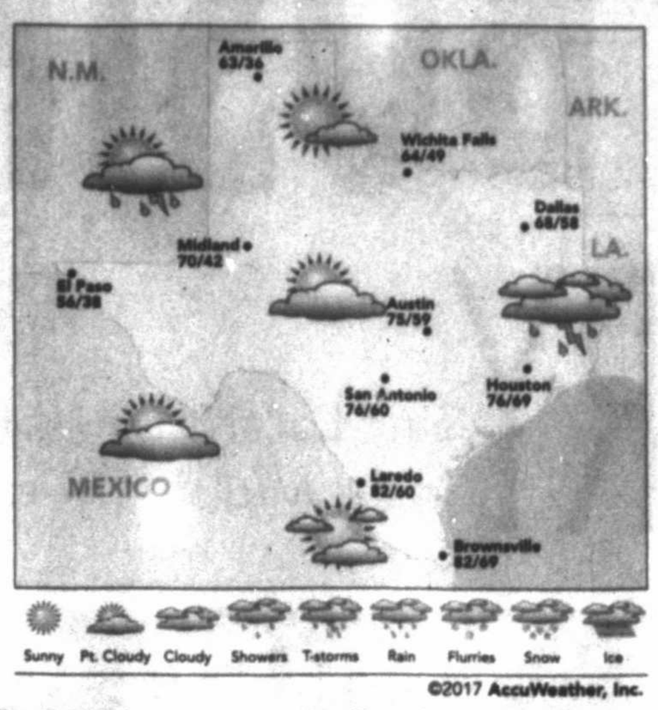

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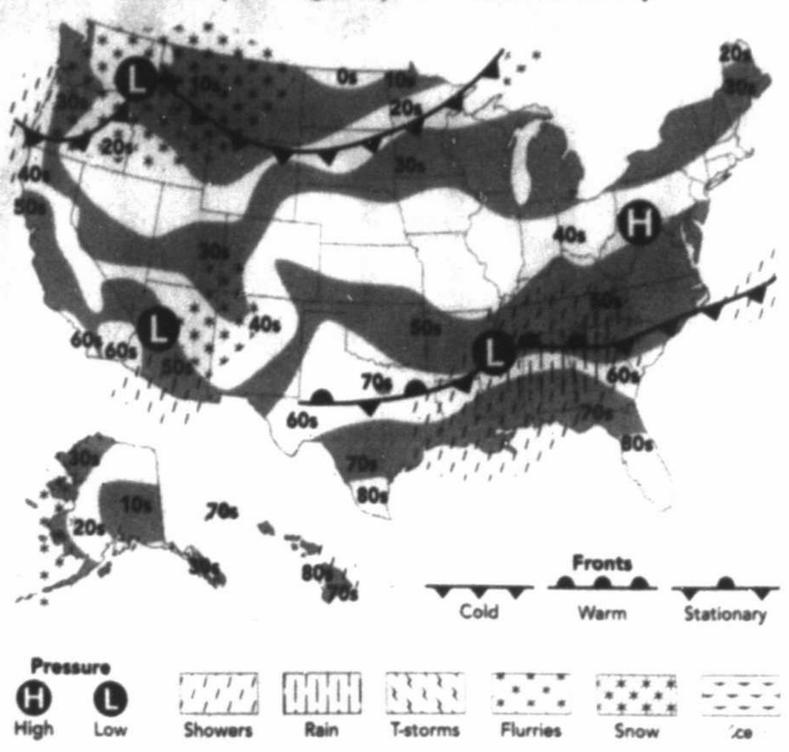

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A man waits to get his coffee from a food cart during a snowfall in New York on March 4. Food trucks thrive in parts of the country all year, but for some parts of the nation, winter brings weather that hinders business at the outdoor eateries.

Food trucks face challenge of surviving until spring

By Steve Hendrix
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Spring, summer and fall, Nevan William gets about 80 customers a day when she parks her kebab truck on Franklin Square. On the first day of winter, she got 18.

Before packing up and pulling away a half-hour early last week, she had made enough to pay an in-truck helper her $90 salary and to cover about half of the $300 in lamb and chicken and gyro meat she had bought that morning.

Such is the equinox in Washington's lively food truck scene, which blooms for three seasons and can dangle like a twig in the darkest months.

"When the cold comes, they leave us out here alone," William said, leaning out of the window of Kabab Village and scanning the empty sidewalk.

For food trucks, winter is the season of their disconnect. The long lines of hungry lunch seekers are daunted by the chill wind, leaving mobile chefs to stew with their stew, all but alone with the gumbos, tacos and bibimbap.

Truck owners report typical revenue drops of 50 percent or more during the cold months, with some days dwindling to a just a sale or two when the weather is wintriest. It's a chilling — sometimes killing — season for microbusinesses that may have jumped in during the summer only to be caught unprepared when January sends the numbers over the cliff.

"It surprises a lot of vendors, which surprises me," said Najiba Hlemi, executive director of the DMV Food Truck Association, which represents an industry where many entrants are entrepreneurs or foodies from warmer climates. "We stress to people coming in that seasonality is a huge component here in a way that's true not in Florida or California and some other places where the food truck trend is big."

Her group sees its membership drop about 20 percent each winter, reflecting a huge seasonal die-off within a fragile marketplace. "Some of them go dormant, but some of them go out of business completely."

A third or more of the 404 licensed D.C. food trucks just put their mobile business in park for the season, Hlemi said. It's a good time to work on the menu and fix up the truck. But many just slog through, buying less and selling less and waiting for the cherry blossoms to bring more life to lunchtime.

William's routine is the same but the results are smaller. She leaves her house in Northern Virginia at 5 a.m. for a supply run to Restaurant Depot. She chops her ingredients in the Washington garage where she parks her pyramid-emblazoned truck. At 9:30, she drives to her lottery-assigned spot for the day, parks and begins to cook. By 10:30, the early-bird lunchers show up, at least when it's warm.

"All the work is the same, but not so many people come," she said. She would use the slow stretch to update her rolling kitchen, which could use about $5,000 in work. But the reality of winter is a cruel paradox: "Now we have time to do it, but we don't have the money."

John Rider is a veteran of 20 D.C. winters as a sidewalk chef. Most days, the owner of Pedro and Vinny's Fresh Burritos at the corner of K and 15th streets just slashes his inventory and takes his 50 percent revenue cut. But even he will wave the white tortilla when lunch is truly a lost cause.

"If anything falls out of the sky on a winter day, I don't come," he said. Now, at least, he can use Twitter, foodtruckfiesta.com and other tracking apps to let his followers know when not to brave a blizzard in pursuit of a burrito.

Cecil Boyd grew up with D.C. winters, but this is the first he's trying to navigate as a food truck owner. He and his family rolled out the Seafood Boss this year and he's bracing for a dip that became noticeable with the first blustery day in December. He has tweaked his menu of fried fish and shrimp to include crab bisque and lobster macaroni.

"I haven't been through it before but we're trying to be ready," said Boyd, who was parked last week in NoMa.

To ease the seasonal crush, Hlemi's group has started working with local banks and nonprofit lenders to provide winter bridge loans for those who may need a little boost to reach the spring. They encourage their members to use Uber Eats and other services to provide delivery, and are developing an app to let customers order in advance for pickup from nearby trucks.

"A lot of people still want to get up from their desks and get outside in the winter; they just don't want to be outside for a long time," she said.

The proprietors of the BBQ Bus, a popular wheeled meatery since 2011, decided to close entirely after Thanksgiving and rely on holiday catering to see them through. Weather depending, they will take up their curbside stations after the despond of January (a month of desperate dieting and strained credit cards) has passed.

"We have regulars," said co-owner Che Ruddell-Tabisola. "We don't want to stay out of sight for too long."

Kirk Francis would seem more at risk than most to winter's bite. His three Captain Cookie and the Milkman trucks pump out an ice cream-heavy menu of treats and, although he may see a bump around Valentine's Day, winter is a long trough.

He gets through by taking one staffer off each truck and putting them to work on a growing sideline of "indoor catering" office parties and special events where he deploys a cookie table and a new ice cream cart. It's also research and development time. Last winter they perfected an edible cookie dough now on the menu. This year they're seeking a make-in-advance ice cream sandwich that stays soft while frozen.

"In the summer, it's too frantic to do much but meet demand," he said.

Francis said he never considers pulling his trucks. For one thing, he has customers who will brave any weather for a chocolate chip fix. For another, he sees year-round value in having his gaudy logo forever in his city's face.

"Whatever business they're doing," he said, "these trucks are giant billboards."

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Bigger stakes produced better games in '16

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Don't you love it when the game lives up to the hype?

The year 2016 produced plenty of games like that — contests in which the action was the best when everything was on the line.

The Cubs and Indians, the Warriors and Cavs, the Tar Heels and Wildcats all saved their best for when it was win or go home.

A look at some of the best games of 2016:

End of the curse: You wanted drama? Well, leave it to the Cubs to give you drama . After trailing 3 games to 1 to Cleveland in the World Series, the Cubs drew even, and then it came down to a single game to see if the championship drought that dated to 1908 would come to an end. In Game 7, the Cubs led 5-1 in the fifth inning and 6-3 in the eighth. But the Indians were also trying to break a drought; they hadn't won a title since 1948, and they weren't about to quit. Rajai Davis hit a game-tying home run in the eighth. With the game tied after nine innings, a rain shower came and halted the action — prolonging the drama for an extra 17 minutes. When they resumed, the Cubs scored twice in the top of the 10th. Cleveland got one of those runs back in the bottom of the inning, but Chicago held on. First baseman Anthony Rizzo of the Cubs recorded the final out at 12:47 a.m., stuck that history-making ball in his back pocket, then ran to the mound to celebrate.

The block, the game: Through six games of the NBA finals, the Warriors and Cavaliers were dead even. Not just at three games apiece, but they had scored the exact same number of points: 610. A good series? Hardly. None of the first six games was decided by single digits. The average margin of victory: 19.6 points. All was forgiven after Game 7. The highlight of the NBA season came with 1:50 left, with the score tied at 89, when LeBron James ran the length of the court to block Andre Igoudala's attempt at a go-ahead layup. The Cavaliers went on to win 93-89 . James brought the title back to his hometown and his block now has its own T-shirt(s) and Wikipedia page . Said James: "I was just like.

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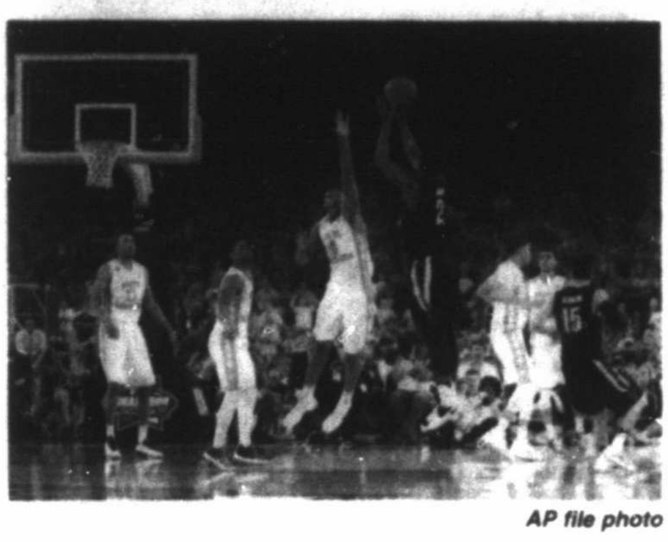

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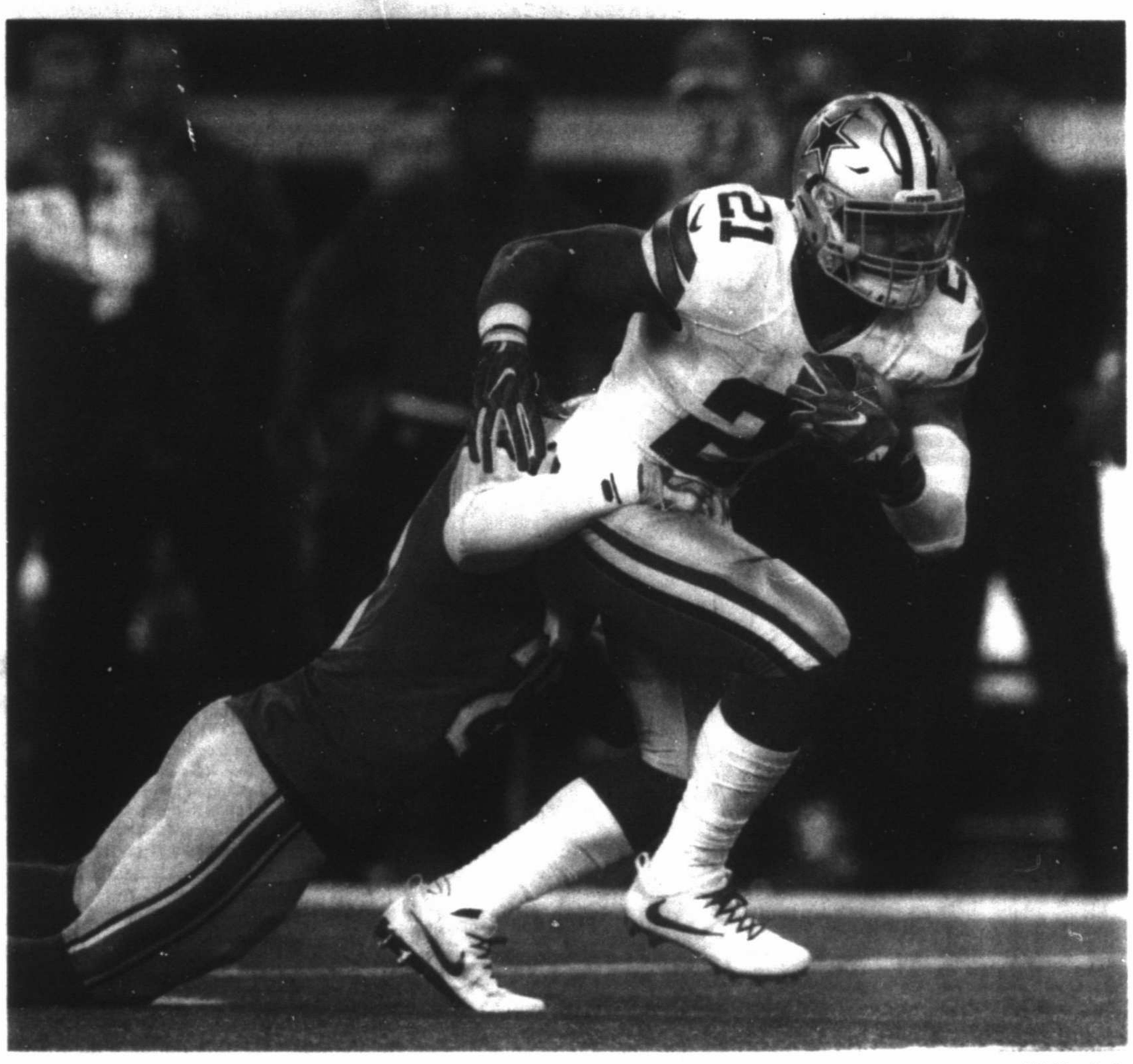
Villanova's Kris Jenkins makes the game-winning 3-point shot during the NCAA Final Four tournament championship game against North Carolina on April 4 in Houston.

Winning doesn't matter



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Detroit Lions' Darius Slay (23) attempts to stop Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott (21) in the first half of an NFL game Monday in Arlington. Staying healthy is the top priority for the playoff-bound Dallas Cowboys (13-2) when they visit the Philadelphia Eagles (6-9) today because they already clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. But Elliott prefers playing over resting.

Avoiding injuries top priority for Cowboys

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott prefer playing over resting.

Staying healthy — not winning — is the top priority for the playoff-bound Dallas Cowboys (13-2) when they visit the Philadelphia Eagles (6-9) on Sunday because they already clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Don't tell their two dynamic rookies this game doesn't matter.

"No game is meaningless," Prescott said. "There's quality reps against a quality team that's in our division that we'll play for years to come. Any reps I can get against a good team to make myself better and get some momentum going into the playoffs, I'll take it."

Elliott needs 178 yards to break Eric Dickerson's rookie record. There's no chance coach Jason Garrett gives him enough carries, if any, to reach that mark.

"Everything is meaningful, even though it may not matter if we win or lose," Elliott said. "We're trying to stay sharp, trying to have a sharp edge every week so we can go into this playoffs like a high-octane machine. We're not taking weeks off."

After watching Derek Carr and Marcus Mariota suffer season-ending injuries broken legs last week, every coach has to be wary of playing his starters in a game with no playoff implications. But Garrett didn't give any indication he planned to sit his best players.

Dallas had nothing at stake Monday night, but Prescott played the entire game and led Dallas to a 42-21 win over the Lions.

Tony Romo could make his season debut for the Cowboys whenever Prescott finishes his tuneup, though owner Jerry Jones said the veteran doesn't need any reps to be ready for the playoffs. No. 3 quarterback Mark Sanchez should see action against his former team.

The Eagles nearly beat Dallas with more at stake on Oct. 30. They wasted a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter and Prescott tossed a touchdown pass to Jason Witten in overtime.

Here are some things to watch for when the NFC East rivals meet in the regular season finale:

The other rookie QB: Carson Wentz, the No. 2 overall pick, is second behind Prescott in yards passing and TD passes by rookies. Wentz is two completions away from breaking Sam Bradford's rookie record. He will become the first QB to start 16 games for the Eagles since Donovan McNabb in 2008.

"I'm very fortunate," Wentz said. "I think, first of all, it goes to the guys up front doing a great job protecting me. But ultimately, I'm very fortunate. This is a fluky game. Things happen. I've just got to thank the Lord for that, for sure."

Depleted D-Line: The Cowboys are likely to be without three starters on their defensive line: ends DeMarcus Lawrence (back) and Tyrone Crawford (hamstring/shoulder) and tackle Terrell McClain (ankle). All three figure to be ready for the playoffs. But to get through this game, Dallas signed end Richard Ash off Jacksonville's practice squad after

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Texans, Titans insist they have lots to play for in finale

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The AFC South title Tennessee hoped to be playing for Sunday now rests comfortably in Houston's hands for a second straight season.

The Texans and Titans insist they still have lots on the line in their regular-season finale.

Houston (9-6) can finish its first season sweep of the AFC South and extend a divisional winning streak already tied for the NFL's longest active string to 11 games. A win would cap just the third 10-win season in franchise history and first since 2012.

Better yet, the Texans could cruise into the playoffs with a fourth straight victory.

"There's a lot out there for us in this game," Houston coach Bill O'Brien said. "I know that Tennessee wants to win. They want a winning record, and they're going to be tough. They're going to be very, very tough. Our guys need to show up ready to go. It's going to be a good game."

No thought of resting any starters for O'Brien before hosting a wild-card game.

"We're playing to win," O'Brien said.

The Titans' playoff hopes ended last week along with quarterback Marcus Mariota breaking his right fibula in a 38-17 loss to Jacksonville . The final nail came hours later when Cincinnati missed a 43-yard field goal wide right, allowing Houston to clinch the division with a 12-10 win.

Yet, a win scratches a lengthy to-do list for Tennessee (8-7): first winning record since 2011; ending a five-game skid to Houston; serving notice the Titans are coming for the AFC South in 2017.

"This can definitely lead us into the next season," Titans linebacker Brian Orakpo

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Houston Texans quarterback Tom Savage (3) looks to pass against the Cincinnati Bengals during an NFL game Dec. 24 in Houston. Although the AFC South title the Tennessee Titans hoped to be playing for today now rests comfortably in Houston's hands for a second straight season, the Texans and Titans insist they still have lots on the line in their regular season finale.

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TCU at Oklahoma, 2 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Kentucky at Tennessee, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Tulsa at Houston, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU
Arkansas at Ole Miss, 4 p.m., SEC
Temple at Memphis, 5 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Atlanta, 5 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

National Football League
Houston at Tennessee, Noon, KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon, KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

Women's College Basketball
Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

Local sports ducked bad luck of 2016

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This past year will be remembered for a lot of things, most of which were kind of messed up.

But when it came to local sports, it was really a memorable year.

When you're living in the moment, you don't really get much time to reflect until long after that moment is gone.

But it took a recent encounter with former MRT publisher Charles Spence to remind me that this was indeed a good year in the local sports scene.

From the runs that the Lee baseball and girls basketball teams made, Andrews girls golf winning six straight state titles, Midland High's Bryce Hoppel winning state gold in the Class 6A 800 meters — a rarity in these parts — to the RockHounds winning three straight Texas League titles and creating a dynasty, and to the ups and downs of the high school football season, 2016 was definitely not boring.

Of course there were plenty of other great moments this year and it dawned on me just how many they were when I was compiling the ballot for the top MRT sports stories of the year.

Just when you think it's going to be a slow year, teams and athletes tend to surprise you, and some coaches will go and others will take their place. That's sports.

So what's in store for 2017?

Hopefully the world in general will be a less crazier place.

But in the local sports world, we should have more moments like the ones we had in 2016 with a few more surprises thrown in.

■ I don't tend to make resolutions because usually they go by the wayside weeks after making them, but I will continue to try to give UFC a chance.

Maybe I'm just getting old or just old school, but I don't find the appeal of waiting all night to watch a fight that's going to last only 48 seconds.

That's how long it takes for me to get adjusted to a seat. Why would I want to pay good money to watch that in person or on pay-per-view?

I know many people think watching a UFC event is more exciting than watching boxing in recent years, but I just don't.

Maybe in the end, it's just not for me, kind of like playing fantasy sports. I'd rather be a real general manager than a fake one on a computer.

■ I know one thing, the College Football Playoffs have made most of the other bowls irrelevant to me.

Unless a Big 12 team is playing or it's a great matchup, I won't pay attention to most of the bowl games, featuring mostly mediocre teams. Sorry but New Mexico versus UTSA in the New Mexico Bowl wasn't for me. I like college football, but not that much.

I don't blame the players who skipped a meaningless bowl game to prepare for the NFL Draft. They would rather not risk injury than get a win in the Whatever Sponsor for the Moment Bowl with a gift basket and some swag. Believe me, if things go right in the draft, they will afford plenty of swag

As far as enjoying their one last time with their teammates argument, I knew fraternity brothers who left school early because they had a good paying job waiting for them. They had their time with their brothers but great opportunities don't come around too often.

In the end, everybody has to do what's best for their futures, even if it's not the most popular thing to do to those on the outside.

■ And finally, I hope everyone has a good 2017; and keep your fingers crossed that the Cowboys have more in the tank than just a great regular season.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated OF Willy Garcia for assignment.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed LB Zachary Orr and CB Jimmy Smith on injured reserve. Signed WR Keenan Reynolds from the practice squad. Claimed WR Vince Mayle off waivers from Dallas.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Josh Shirley.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed WR A.J. Green on injured reserve. Signed G Trey Hopkins from the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed G Ryan Seymour from the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed S Andrew Sendejo. Signed WR Isaac Fruechte from the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed P Bryan Anger to a multi-year contract extension.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned F Zach Nastasiuk from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Assigned G Jaroslav Halak to Bridgeport (AHL). Reassigned F Carter Verhaeghe and D Jesse Graham to Missouri (ECHL).
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled D Garrett Noonan from Greenville (ECHL).
COLLEGE
ELON — Named Curt Cignetti football coach.
FLORIDA STATE — Announced RB Dalvin Cook will enter the NFL draft.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	10	.688	—
Boston	20	14	.588	3
New York	16	16	.500	6
Philadelphia	8	24	.250	14
Brooklyn	8	24	.250	14

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	19	14	.576	—
Atlanta	17	16	.515	2
Washington	16	16	.500	2½
Orlando	15	19	.441	4½
Miami	10	24	.294	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	24	7	.774	—
Chicago	16	17	.485	9
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	9
Indiana	18	17	.471	9½
Detroit	15	20	.429	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	6	.818	—
Houston	25	9	.735	2½
Memphis	21	14	.600	7
New Orleans	14	21	.400	14
Dallas	10	24	.294	17½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	13	.606	—
Oklahoma City	20	13	.606	—
Denver	14	19	.424	6
Portland	14	21	.400	7
Minnesota	11	22	.333	9

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	29	5	.853	—
L.A. Clippers	22	13	.629	7½
Sacramento	14	18	.438	14
L.A. Lakers	12	24	.333	18
Phoenix	10	23	.303	18½

Saturday's Scores
Memphis at Sacramento, late
Cleveland at Charlotte, late
Milwaukee at Chicago, late
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, late
New York at Houston, late
Phoenix at Utah, late

Today's Games
Detroit at Miami, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

NHL GLANCE
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	36	22	9	5	49	110	82
Ottawa	36	20	12	4	44	93	96
Boston	39	20	15	4	44	95	94
Tampa Bay	37	18	15	4	40	106	104
Toronto	35	16	12	7	39	103	99
Florida	37	15	14	8	38	89	103
Detroit	36	16	16	4	36	89	102
Buffalo	36	13	15	8	34	78	101

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	34	25	5	4	54	119	71
Pittsburgh	37	24	8	5	53	129	104
N.Y. Rangers	38	25	12	1	51	129	95
Washington	35	21	9	5	47	97	77
Philadelphia	38	20	14	4	44	113	118
Carolina	35	16	12	7	39	93	95
New Jersey	37	14	16	7	35	86	114
N.Y. Islanders	35	14	15	6	34	96	111

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	39	23	11	5	51	108	94
Minnesota	36	23	8	4	50	111	72
St. Louis	37	19	13	5	43	94	110
Dallas	37	16	14	7	39	96	110
Nashville	36	16	14	6	38	92	100
Winnipeg	38	17	18	3	37	101	111
Colorado	35	12	22	1	25	72	118

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	36	23	12	1	47	92	77
Edmonton	37	19	12	6	44	108	98
Anaheim	38	18	12	8	44	103	106
Calgary	38	19	17	2	40	101	109
Los Angeles	36	17	15	4	38	89	89
Vancouver	37	16	18	3	35	91	112
Arizona	36	11	20	5	27	80	117

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

Saturday's Scores
Washington 6, New Jersey 2
Boston 3, Buffalo 0
Columbus at Minnesota, late
Carolina at Tampa Bay, late
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, late
Montreal at Pittsburgh, late
N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, late
Florida at Dallas, late
Vancouver at Edmonton, late
Arizona at Calgary, late
San Jose at Los Angeles, late

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 2 p.m.
Ottawa at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Fri 5:56 am machine groomed 20-25 base 40 of 76 trails 51% open: 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 8a-8p Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Pajarito — Fri 5:43 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 31 of 44 trails, 70% open: 4 of 7 lifts, am Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p Open Wed-Sun Jan 2: 9a-4p

Red River — Fri 10:32 am packed powder machine groomed 24-24 base 55 of 59 trails 95% open: 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Fri 8:53 am variable 19-19 base 18 of 39 trails 46% open: 3 of 5 lifts. Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun Jan 2-3: 9a-4p

Sipapu — Fri 5:32 am machine groomed 17-24 base 30 of 42 trails, 71% open 6 of 6 lifts. am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Thu 11:49 am machine groomed 30-30 base 4 of 55 trails 7% open: 3 of 10 lifts. am Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 8:56 am variable 33-33 base 74 of 79 trails 90% open, 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Fri 5:44 am powder machine groomed 64-64 base 86 of 110 trails, 73% open 932 acres. 14 of 15 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Tue 11:53 am packed powder machine groomed 20-30 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p Sat-Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Fri 6:00 am powder machine groomed 42-42 base 94 of 109 trails 86% open, 836 acres, 8 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat-Sun: 8:30a-4p Aspen Highlands — Fri 5:35 am packed powder 32-42 base 113 of 122 trails 100% open, 1020 acres, 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Fri 5:34 am packed powder 27-39 base 73 of 76 trails 96% open, 668 acres, 6 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Fri 5:16 am packed powder machine groomed 30-30 base 144 of 150 trails 96% open, 1780 acres, 24 of 25 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Fri 6:20 am packed powder machine groomed 34-34 base 166 of 187 trails 89% open, 2461 acres, 34 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Fri 5:40 am packed powder 18-18 base 38 of 44 trails 86% open, 415 acres, 7 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Cooper — Fri 5:39 am packed powder machine groomed 22-28 base 36 of 39 trails, 87% open 26 miles, 460 acres, 4 of 4 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Copper Mountain — Fri 5:22 am packed powder machine groomed 30-30 base 121 of 149 trails 85% open, 1981 acres, 21 of 23 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p Dec 30: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Fri 5:22 am packed powder machine groomed 46-46 base 85 of 121 trails 68% open, 760 acres, 14 of 15 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 1/10

Eldora — Fri 5:28 am machine groomed 30-32 base 57 of 57 trails, 100% open 680 acres, 11 of 11 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Fri 5:18 am packed powder machine groomed 32-32 base 115 of 127 trails 91% open, 3012 acres, 19 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Fri 5:00 am packed powder 34-34 base 66 of 94 trails, 69% open 956 acres, 9 of 10 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Fri 6:48 am packed powder machine groomed 48-48 base 62 of 62 trails, 100% open 800 acres, 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Powderhorn — Fri 5:18 am powder machine groomed 41-41 base 42 of 42 trails 100% open, 4 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Purgatory — Fri 5:20 am packed powder machine groomed 40-44 base 93 of 94 trails 99% open, 1505 acres, 9 of 11 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Silverton Mountain — Fri 5:54 am powder 50-72 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1 of 1 lift Thu-Fri: 9a-3p Sat/Sun: 9a-3p Open Thu-Sun

Ski Granby Ranch — Fri 6:21 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 20 of 40 trails 50% open, 4 of 5 lifts, am Mon-Thu: 8a-4p Fri: 8a-4p, 5p-8p Sat: 8a-4p 5p-8p Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Hesperus — Fri 6:52 am powder machine groomed 14-20 base 26 of 28 trails 100% open, 1 of 1 lift Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Snowmass — Fri 6:36 am packed powder 25-42 base 86 of 91 trails, 95% open 3147 acres, 17 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Steamboat — Fri 5:16 am packed powder 46-52 base 164 of 165 trails 99% open, 2942 acres, 16 of 16 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:30p Night Skiing: 5:30-8:30p

Sunlight — Fri 5:21 am packed powder machine groomed 24-28 base 52 of 67 trails, 78% open 400 acres, 3 of 3 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Telluride — Fri 6:10 am packed powder machine groomed 37-37 base 122 of 150 trails 83% open, 1627 acres, 16 of 16 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Vail — Fri 5:22 am machine groomed 31-31 base 193 of 195 trails, 99% open 5210 acres, 30 of 31 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Winter Park — Fri 6:08 am packed powder machine groomed 37-42 base 119 of 143 trails 83% open, 1449 acres, 22 of 25 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — Fri 6:54 am packed powder 75-80 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open, 42 miles, 1650 acres, 7 of 9 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Ashcroft XC — Wed 6:15 am powder machine groomed 18-36 base 12 of 20 trails 16 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

BOWL ROUNDUP

ORANGE BOWL
NO. 10 FLORIDA 33, NO. 6 MICHIGAN 32

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Deondre Francois threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Nyquan Murray with 36 seconds remaining, and No. 10 Florida State beat No. 6 Michigan 33-32 in a wild Orange Bowl on Friday night.

Francois threw for two scores — both to Murray — and ran for another for the Seminoles (10-3). They got 145 yards rushing from Dalvin Cook and recovered after wasting a 12-point lead midway through the fourth.

Chris Evans had a 30-yard touchdown run and Khalid Hill an 8-yard scoring catch in the final minutes for Michigan (10-3), which also got a defensive conversion when Josh Metellus ran a blocked extra point back after the second Francois-Murray TD.

But Michigan turned the ball over on its final possession, and the Seminoles held on to win a game where the teams combined for 23 points and two lead changes in the final 5:22.

Evans' scoring run put the Wolverines up 30-27, but Florida State's Keith Gavin swung momentum back to the Seminoles with a 66-yard kickoff return right up the middle — setting up the drive where his team would take the lead for good.

Michigan played without injured star linebacker Jabrill Peppers, and lost tight end Jake Butt to what appeared to be a knee injury early in the second quarter.

Wilton Speight was 21 for 38 passing for 163 yards for Michigan, which got a 14-yard interception return from Mike McCray for a touchdown. Francois completed his freshman season with a 9-for-27 night, but threw for 222 yards — including a 92-yarder to Murray early in the game when the Seminoles were rolling out to leads of 17-3 and 20-6.

Florida State was in total control, but the game turned midway through the fourth when Trey Marshall was ejected for targeting on a punt return — giving Michigan a short field on which to start its comeback.

Marshall missed an amazing finish.

CITRUS BOWL
NO. 19 LSU 29, NO. 15 LOUISVILLE 9

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sophomore running back Derrius Guice ran for 138 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown, and caught a scoring pass to help No. 19 LSU Tigers to a 29-9 victory over No. 15 Louisville in Saturday's Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl.

Guice, who stepped in for departed Leonard Fournette, consistently made explosive plays running the ball, as a receiver and a kickoff return man for the Tigers (8-4).

His performance was eclipsed only by the overpowering performance of the Tigers defense that completely shut down Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Lamar Jackson and the Cardinals. The Cardinals did not score a touchdown.

Jackson was sacked eight times, including a safety for an 8-yard loss late in the second quarter. Jackson completed just 10 of 27 passes for 153 yards while leading the rushing attack with 33 yards as the Cardinals (9-4) ended their season with three straight losses.

TAXSLAYER BOWL
GEORGIA TECH 33, KENTUCKY 18

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Dedrick Mills ran for a career-high 169 yards and a touchdown, Justin Thomas scored in his final collegiate game and Georgia Tech beat Kentucky 33-18 in the TaxSlayer Bowl on Saturday.

The Yellow Jackets (9-4) also got significant contributions from defense and special teams on route to their fourth consecutive victory.

Playing without running back Marcus Marshall, who decided to transfer after the regular-season finale, Tech turned to Mills to handle the workload. And the freshman from nearby Waycross, Georgia, delivered. He carried a career-high 31 times as the Yellow Jackets won back-to-back bowl games for the first time in more than a decade.

It wasn't totally a one-man show, though.

Senior P.J. Davis returned a fumble 38 yards for a touchdown on the game's opening drive, a horrible start for a Kentucky team that was making its first bowl appearance in six years. And fellow linebacker Terrell Lewis blocked a punt late in the first half that set up a 52-yard field goal.

Thomas added a 21-yard touchdown run. And Harrison Butker made a career-best four field goals.

The Wildcats (7-6) looked like a team merely content with being in a bowl game. They couldn't slow down coach Paul Johnson's flexbone spread option and really struggled to get much going on the ground.

Kentucky's backfield duo of Stanley "Boom" Williams and Benny Snell combined for just 69 yards on the ground.

Still, the Wildcats had a shot in the final minutes. Quarterback Stephen Johnson scrambled for a 21-yard touchdown with 3:57 remaining and then connected with C.J. Conrad for the 2-point conversion to make it a one-score game.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Tulsa 61, UConn 59
SOUTH
Campbell 69, Presbyterian 58
Charlotte 101, North Texas 76
Chattanooga 84, W. Carolina 48
Clemson 73, Wake Forest 66
Coll. of Charleston 66, Elon 54
ETSU 102, VMI 75
Florida Gulf Coast 101, Florida Tech 49
Florida St. 60, Virginia 58
Furman 83, The Citadel 68
Georgia Southern 85, Georgia St. 65
Georgia Tech 75, North Carolina 63
Houston 70, South Florida 56
Jacksonville 89, SC State 85
James Madison 78, Drexel 67
Kennesaw St. 89, North Georgia 76
Liberty 81, Charleston Southern 70
Marshall 84, FIU 70
Murray St. 92, Tennessee St. 83
Old Dominion 62, Rice 56
Radford 82, Winthrop 80
Richmond 82, Davidson 80
SMU 75, East Carolina 44
Samford 73, UNC-Greensboro 62
UNC-Asheville 90, Gardner-Webb 85
Virginia Tech 89, Duke 75
W. Kentucky 66, FAU 54
Wofford 88, Mercer 71
MIDWEST
Fort Wayne 102, Oral Roberts 91
Green Bay 90, Youngstown St. 77
IUPUI 89, W. Illinois 71
Louisville 77, Indiana 62
Missouri St. 81, Indiana St. 75
Oakland 76, N. Kentucky 65
Rio Grande 96, Texas A&M-Kingsville 78
S. Dakota St. 73, South Dakota 72
Villanova 80, Creighton 70
EAST
Dartmouth 63, New Hampshire 62
Hofstra 58, Delaware 56
Iona 93, Marist 80
Mount St. Mary's 57, Wagner 56
Northeastern 84, William & Mary 64
Notre Dame 78, Pittsburgh 77
Princeton 81, Cal Poly 52
Rider 93, Monmouth (NJ) 90
Stony Brook 92, Brown 89
UNC-Wilmington 76, Towson 67
Xavier 81, Georgetown 76
FAR WEST
Air Force 78, Utah St. 73
S. Utah 93, N. Arizona 80

Women

SOUTHWEST
Appalachian St. 66, Texas State 64
Oral Roberts 82, Fort Wayne 56
SMU 64, Cincinnati 47
Stephen F. Austin 86, Houston Baptist 49
UALR 78, Louisiana-Monroe 34
SOUTH
Abilene Christian 82, SE Louisiana 57
Belmont 80, Austin Peay 71
Brown 68, Morgan St. 51
George Mason 82, St. Bonaventure 49
Georgia St. 58, Georgia Southern 54
Incarnate Word 78, Nicholls 52
Jacksonville 66, Wofford 60
Longwood 71, Milligan 47
McNeese St. 66, Northwestern St. 63
Mercer 93, Paine 50
Murray St. 80, Tennessee St. 72
Princeton 71, Lipscomb 43
Radford 78, Concord (WV) 51
Richmond 70, Saint Joseph's 52
Saint Louis 106, Davidson 69
Troy 73, South Alabama 57
Tulane 61, East Carolina 45
MIDWEST
Ball St. 51, Toledo 45
Cent. Michigan 91, Kent St. 78
Cleveland St. 71, Youngstown St. 68
Dayton 77, UMass 65
Detroit 98, Ill.-Chicago 76
E. Illinois 71, Jacksonville St. 67
E. Kentucky 74, SE Missouri 63
Green Bay 62, Wright St. 41
Milwaukee 72, N. Kentucky 44
N. Illinois 85, E. Michigan 73
Northwestern 76, Purdue 60
Oakland 104, Valparaiso 63
Ohio 69, Bowling Green 58
SIU-Edwardsville 60, Tennessee Tech 49
W. Michigan 73, Akron 60
EAST
Bryant 62, LIU Brooklyn 53
CCSU 61, St. Francis Brooklyn 53
Mount St. Mary's 66, Wagner 47
New Hampshire 64, Dartmouth 47
Robert Morris 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 64
Rutgers 61, Penn St. 45
Sacred Heart 73, St. Francis (Pa.) 63
Stony Brook 57, UMKC 55
UMBC 73, Coppin St. 63
FAR WEST
N. Colorado 91, Portland St. 62

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
LSU 29, Louisville 9
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech 33, Kentucky 18
CFP Semifinals
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), late
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Clemson (12-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), late
Monday, Jan. 2
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
Arlington
Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3) noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 9
College Football Championship
Tampa, Fla.
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
West vs. East, 2 p.m. (NFL)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 1:30 p.m. (NFL)

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Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party
Dec. 31st at DoubleTree 7-1
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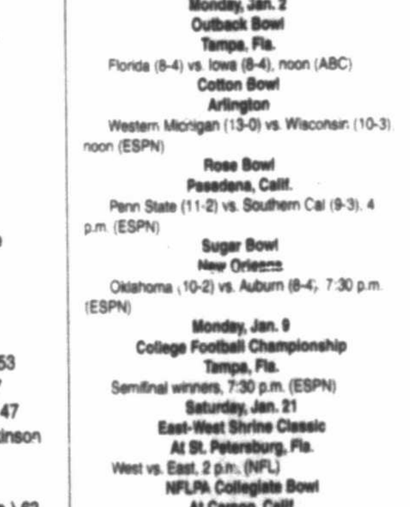

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Aaron Rodgers: Packers 1 win away

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

A victory in Detroit on Sunday gives Green Bay another NFC North title and makes Aaron Rodgers a prophet.

The Packers-Lions prime-time showdown highlights Week 17 in the NFL.

It'll be a win-or-go-home game for both teams if the Redskins beat the Giants earlier in the afternoon. Unless they tie, in which case both the Packers and Lions get in.

When the Packers lost four straight games and were 4-6 entering a Monday night game in Philadelphia, Rodgers said the team could "run the table." They're one win away from doing it.

"I wanted to infuse some confidence in my teammates," Rodgers said. "We had the potential to do what we did. It was a leap of faith at that time. We're here now with a chance to finish this thing off and get ourselves into the playoffs. I like that we're playing for something."

The Lions had the inside track on a playoff berth and the division title when they were 9-4. But they've lost two in a row, including a 42-21 loss at Dallas last Monday in a game that had no playoff implications for the No. 1 seeded Cowboys.

Oddsmakers like the Packers, even though the game is in the Motor City. Green Bay is a 3-point favorite indoors at Ford Field.

"It's going to be a great crowd, great atmosphere, nationally televised game for all the marbles," Lions coach Jim Caldwell said. "It'll be fun."

Four NFC teams have already secured playoff spots heading into the final game of the regular season, and the Cowboys and Giants are locked into their spots.

In the AFC, the six qualifiers are set, but four teams are playing for positioning.

Here's a breakdown of all the playoff scenarios:

AFC East

New England Patriots (13-2)

A win at Miami gives Tom Brady and the Patriots home-field advantage throughout the AFC. The Patriots also would lock up the No. 1 seed with a tie or if Oakland loses.

Miami Dolphins (10-5)

The Dolphins would secure the AFC's No. 5 seed with a win over New England and loss by Kansas City.

AFC South

Houston Texans (9-6)

The Texans won the division title and are locked into the No. 4 seed. They'll host either Miami, Kansas City or Oakland in a wild-card playoff next weekend.

AFC North

Pittsburgh Steelers (10-5)

The Steelers won the division title and are locked into the No. 3 seed. They'll host Miami or Kansas City in a wild-card playoff next weekend.

AFC West

Oakland Raiders (12-3)

A win at Denver or loss by the Chiefs gives the Raiders the division title and a first-round bye. Oakland can earn the No. 1 seed and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with a win and a loss by the Patriots. If the Raiders lose and Chiefs win, Oakland drops to the No. 5 spot.

Kansas City Chiefs (11-4)

The Chiefs need a win at San Diego and Oakland loss to clinch the division title and a first-round bye. If the Raiders win or tie, the Chiefs secure the No. 5 spot with a win, tie or loss or tie by Miami. The Chiefs fall to No. 6 if they lose and the Dolphins win.

NFC East

Dallas Cowboys (13-2)

The Cowboys are the No. 1 team in the NFC and will be home throughout the playoffs.

New York Giants (10-5)

The Giants are locked into the No. 5 spot and will visit Detroit, Atlanta or Seattle in a wild-card playoff next weekend.

Washington Redskins (8-6-1)

The Redskins secure the final playoff spot with a win over the Giants as long as the Green Bay-Detroit game doesn't end in a tie.

NFC South

Atlanta Falcons (10-5)

The Falcons won the division title and can earn the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye with a win or losses by both Seattle and Detroit.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (8-7)

The Buccaneers must beat the Panthers at home and get plenty of help to secure a playoff spot. A win combined with a Green Bay loss, a Washington tie and victories by Dallas, Indianapolis, Tennessee and San Francisco gets them in.

NFC North

Detroit Lions (9-6)

The Lions take the division with a win over the Packers and can earn a first-round bye with a victory combined with losses by both Atlanta and Seattle. If they lose, the Lions can clinch a playoff berth with a loss by Washington.

Green Bay Packers (9-6)

The Packers win the division with a victory at Detroit, but they can't secure a first-round bye. They clinch a playoff berth if they lose and the Redskins lose.

NFC West

Seattle Seahawks (9-5-1)

The Seahawks earn the No. 2 seed and a first-round bye with a win at San Francisco and an Atlanta loss.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	13	2	0	.867	406	236
x-Miami	10	5	0	.667	349	345
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	380	348
N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	245	359

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	9	6	0	.600	282	304
Tennessee	6	7	0	.533	357	381
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	357	372
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	256	376

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	372	303
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	333	294
Cincinnati	6	9	1	.367	299	305
Cleveland	1	14	0	.067	240	425

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	12	3	0	.800	410	361
x-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	352	284
Denver	8	7	0	.533	309	291
San Diego	5	10	0	.333	393	388

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	13	2	0	.867	468	279
x-N.Y. Giants	10	5	0	.667	291	274
Washington	8	6	1	.567	386	364
Philadelphia	6	9	0	.400	340	318

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	10	5	0	.667	502	374
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	357	363
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	327	416
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	363	386

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	401	364
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	332	327
Minnesota	7	6	0	.467	289	287
Chicago	3	12	0	.200	269	361

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Seattle	9	5	1	.633	329	269
Arizona	6	9	1	.433	374	358
Los Angeles	4	11	0	.267	218	350
San Francisco	2	13	0	.133	284	495

x-clinched playoff spot, y-clinched division

Today's Games

New England at Miami, noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon
Carolina at Tampa Bay, noon
Dallas at Philadelphia, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon
Chicago at Minnesota, noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 3:25 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

PLAYOFF SCENARIOS

WEEK 17
AFC

CLINCHED: New England AFC East and first-round bye; Pittsburgh AFC North; Houston AFC South; Oakland, Kansas City and Miami playoff berths.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (13-2) at Miami (10-5)

New England clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
1. New England win or tie OR
2. Oakland loss or tie

OAKLAND RAIDERS (12-3) at Denver (8-7)

Oakland clinches AFC West division title and a first-round bye with:
1. Oakland win or tie OR
2. Kansas City loss or tie

Oakland clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
1. Oakland win and New England loss

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (11-4) at San Diego (5-10)

Kansas City clinches AFC West division title and a first-round bye with:
1. Kansas City win and Oakland loss

NFC

CLINCHED: Dallas NFC East and home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs; Atlanta NFC South. Seattle NFC West, N.Y. Giants playoff berth.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS (8-6-1) vs. New York Giants (10-5)

Washington clinches a playoff berth with:
1. Washington win and Green Bay-Detroit game does not end in a tie OR
2. Washington tie and Green Bay loss and Tampa Bay loss or tie

ATLANTA FALCONS (10-5) vs. New Orleans (7-8)

Atlanta clinches a first-round bye with:
1. Atlanta win OR
2. Atlanta tie and Seattle loss or tie OR
3. Seattle loss and Detroit loss or tie OR
4. Seattle tie and Detroit loss

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (8-7) vs. Carolina (6-9)

Tampa Bay clinches a playoff berth with:
1. Tampa Bay win and Washington tie and Green Bay loss and Tampa Bay clinches strength of victory tiebreaker over Green Bay.

Note: Tampa Bay clinches strength of victory tiebreaker over Green Bay if all of the following teams win: Tennessee, Indianapolis, Dallas and San Francisco.

DETROIT LIONS (9-6) vs. GREEN BAY (9-6)

GREEN BAY clinches NFC North division title with:
1. Green Bay win or tie

Green Bay clinches a playoff berth with:
1. Washington loss OR
2. Washington tie and Tampa Bay win and Green Bay clinches at least a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over TB

Note: Green Bay clinches at least a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Tampa Bay if one of the following teams win or tie: Seattle, Houston, Jacksonville, Philadelphia. Green Bay has already clinched strength of schedule tiebreaker over Tampa Bay in this scenario.

DETROIT clinches NFC North division title with:
1. Detroit win
Detroit clinches a first-round bye with:
1. Detroit win and Seattle loss or tie and Atlanta loss

Detroit clinches a playoff berth with:
1. Detroit tie OR
2. Washington loss or tie

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (9-5-1) at San Francisco (2-13)

Seattle clinches a first-round bye with:
1. Seattle win and Atlanta loss or tie OR
2. Seattle tie and Atlanta loss and Green Bay/Detroit tie

AFC has its 6 playoff teams. Who will fill out NFC bracket?

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Bad form for the AFC, which has all six of its playoff qualifiers determined heading into the final Sunday of the schedule.

While there are still some things to be decided there (seeding, matchups), the drama is center stage in the NFC.

The sharpest spotlights will be in the nation's capital in the afternoon, then in the Motor City at night.

If the Redskins beat the Giants, then the loser between the Packers and Lions won't get into the postseason.

If New York prevails, both Green Bay and Detroit are in — same thing if they tie regardless of what the Redskins do — and will be playing for who earns the NFC North title and who becomes a wild card.

"Obviously the last game of the regular season you can look at it for what it is, it's a big game," Lions coach Jim Caldwell says. "But nothing changes between those white lines, you're still going to have to be effective.

"Still going to play the same and not adding different rules to the game because of the magnitude of the game, or anything of that nature. You've still got to play and we've got to play well."

Ditto for Green Bay (9-5), which has played very well in winning five straight to tie Detroit for the division lead.

"It's just an extra playoff game to play, and those are the best," says Packers receiver Jordy Nelson, who has had a spectacular return season after missing 2015 with an injured knee.

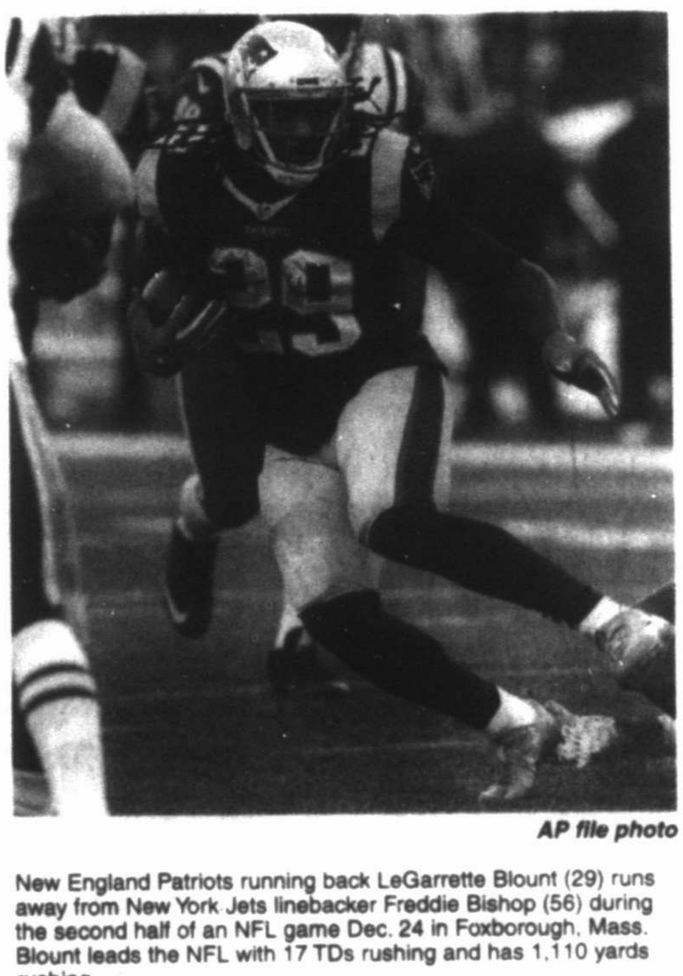
"The atmosphere will be incredible. The energy of the game, the speed of the game, everything will be full tilt. These are the games that you enjoy, you want to play in. You want to experience these and these are the ones you'll remember."

Tampa Bay remains on the fringes, but needs a ridiculous combination that includes a win against Carolina, a Giants-Redskins tie and a strength of victory tiebreaker over the Packers, who must lose.

New York Giants (10-5) at Washington (8-6-1)

Owning a wild card, the Giants could relax, except that their offense, other than Odell Beckham Jr., has been in a funk. So look for them to play hard and with the starters against up-and-down Washington.

Big and potentially inflammatory matchup between Beckham and Redskins cornerback Josh Norman could determine this one. So could New York finding a way to slow Washington's second-ranked passing offense.



AP file photo

New England Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount (29) runs away from New York Jets linebacker Freddie Bishop (56) during the second half of an NFL game Dec. 24 in Foxborough, Mass. Blount leads the NFL with 17 TDs rushing and has 1,110 yards rushing.

New Orleans (7-8) at Atlanta (10-5)

The Falcons' reward for a victory is a bye in the wild-card round. They could earn it with Detroit and Seattle losses, and with some ties involved.

This could be a shootout; Atlanta won 45-32 in September, the Falcons lead the NFL in scoring and are second in total yards.

Carolina (6-9) at Tampa Bay (8-7)

Regardless of what happens Sunday, the Buccaneers have had a nice turnaround under new coach Dirk Koetter. Jameis Winston is 112 yards shy of throwing for 4,000 yards in consecutive seasons. He has 27 TD passes, tied for a club single-season record, but he also has thrown an NFC-leading 17 interceptions.

It has been the wrong kind of turnaround for 2015 NFC champion Carolina.

New England (13-2) at Miami (10-5)

Both are in the playoffs, with the Patriots needing a win or an Oakland loss to get AFC home-field advantage yet again. But they have lost three straight at Miami.

Both also have gotten huge contributions from running backs. LeGarrette Blount could have a big game against the Dolphins' shaky run defense; he already leads the NFL with 17 TDs rushing and has 1,110 yards rushing. The Dolphins have given up 5,726 yards and could break the franchise record of 6,050 set in 1986.

Oakland (12-3) at Denver (8-7)

An Oakland victory over the spiraling defending Super Bowl champs gives the Raiders the AFC West. A loss opens a chance for Kansas City, which would drop the Raiders to the fifth seed.

With Derek Carr (broken leg) sidelined, Matt McGloin steps in at QB. McGloin's last start came in 2013 as a rookie.

Denver's defense has stagnated, leading to its slump despite another strong defense.

Kansas City (11-4) at San Diego (5-10)

Already in the playoffs, the Chiefs must take care of the Chargers in what could be the last NFL game at Qualcomm Stadium. Then Kansas City needs a Broncos win. The Chiefs lead the NFL with 31 takeaways and San Diego has 33 turnovers.

Chargers Chairman Dean Spanos is threatening to relocate to Los Angeles and has until Jan. 15 to decide to join the Rams as a tenant in a new stadium being built in Inglewood.

Houston (9-6) at Tennessee (8-7)

What could have been a faceoff for the AFC South fizzled when the Titans saw quarterback Marcus Mariota break his leg in last week's upset loss to Jacksonville.

Houston, the site of the Super Bowl, won three in a row to take the division. Its defense is ranked No. 1 in yardage allowed, which it probably needs with the inconsistent offense.

Dallas (13-2) at Philadelphia (6-9)

Of note in this one as the top-seeded Cowboys head toward a bye, QB Dak Prescott's 13 wins are tied for most by a rookie in NFL history set by Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. Fellow rookie Ezekiel Elliott leads the NFL with 1,631 yards rushing and is third with 15 TDs on the ground. **Seattle (9-5-1) at San Francisco (2-13)**

In losing three of the past five, the Seahawks might have blown a first-round playoff bye. The NFC West winners must win and have Atlanta lose for the easiest way to grab that week off.

Cleveland (1-14) at Pittsburgh (10-5)

Pittsburgh clinched the AFC North with a win over Baltimore last week. Settled in as the No. 3 seed, the Steelers will rest Roethlisberger, Le'Veon Bell and Antonio Brown.

They still might have too much for Cleveland, though the Browns are hot. They avoided a winless season by holding off San Diego last weekend.

Baltimore (8-7) at Cincinnati (5-9-1)

Personal achievements are all the Ravens have left. Justin Tucker needs one more 50-yard field goal to move ahead of Blair Walsh for an NFL seasonal record with 11. Tucker has 37 FGs overall, one shy of his club record, and needs three to become the third kicker in NFL history with 40.

Jacksonville (3-12) at Indianapolis (7-8)

Can interim coach Doug Marrone finish 2-0? He led the Jags to a win over Tennessee in his first game replacing the fired Gus Bradley. Jacksonville has lost nine of its past 10 road games, but seeks three straight wins over the Colts.

Colts RB Frank Gore, 33, needs 36 yards to become Indy's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2007 and the oldest NFL player to achieve it since 35-year-old John Riggins in 1984. Gore would join Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith (11), Curtis Martin (10),

Chicago (3-12) at Minnesota (7-8)

The Vikings began 5-0 and look where they are now. But Sam Bradford leads the league with a 71.3 percent completion rate, which would be an all-time NFL record. Unheralded WR Adam Thielen has 960 yards receiving, seeking to become first Vikings player with 1,000 yards through the air since Sidney Rice in 2009.

Arizona (6-8-1) at Los Angeles (4-11)

Few teams were more disappointing this season than Arizona, an NFC championship game loser last January.

Cardinals QB Carson Palmer returns to LA Coliseum, where he won Heisman Trophy for Southern California.

Buffalo (7-8) at New York Jets (4-11)

With the Rex Ryan revenge factor gone because he was fired on Tuesday, not much to recommend in this one. Jets coach Todd Bowles, the guy who succeeded Ryan last in 2015 and went 10-6, could be on the hot seat because his team has seemed to lack effort in several recent losses.

COWBOYS

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putting Ryan Davis (knee) on injured reserve. Linebacker Kyle Wilber, who has played defensive end in the past, will likely be there after seeing some time in that spot against Detroit.

Last backs standing: The Eagles have placed three running backs on injured reserve this month, including leading rusher Ryan Mathews. Rookie Byron Marshall should get much of the workload in his second career game, along with veteran Darren Sproles. Marshall, undrafted out of Oregon, spent most of the season on the practice squad.

"You don't want to just practice and then go home on the weekend and watch like a fan," he said.

Dez at QB? Executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones joked on his radio show that Dez Bryant wanted to be in quarterback meetings and was lobbying offensive coordinator for Scott Linehan for more passing plays. Bryant threw his first career touchdown to Jason Witten on a trick play against the Lions. Of course, Prescott had to answer a question about whether the 2014 All-Pro receiver was in the QB room: "No, not at all," Prescott said in his typical no-nonsense style.

Finishing strong: The Eagles snapped a five-game losing streak by defeating the Giants 24-19 last Thursday. That allowed the Cowboys to clinch the NFC East and the No. 1 seed. Despite a disappointing season after starting 3-0, Philadelphia looks to end on a high note with a two-game winning streak.

TEXANS

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said. "I think we made a drastic turnaround over here with the Titans organization especially from the years prior to this year. We did a lot of good things, so there's definitely something to hang our hat on. We just want to finish the season right."

Coach Mike Mularkey has reminded his Titans they haven't beaten Houston since he's been around. Houston has won eight of the last nine, and why not start Sunday learning how to beat divisional opponents?.

"That's why we're not in the playoffs, because of our division losses," Mularkey said of going 1-4 in the AFC South. "This is an important football game to go into the offseason to really start the 2017 season."

Here are some things to watch Sunday when the Texans and Titans meet:

Offensive tune-up: Tom Savage will start his second straight game since coming off the bench to replace Brock Osweiler. O'Brien wants Savage speeding up an offense that managed only 34 yards in the first half against Cincinnati and finished with 250. Savage also was sacked four times. Houston is averaging just 17.5 points per game, not just worst among playoff-bound teams but 29th in the NFL.

Secondary woes: Playing the Titans could be just what Savage needs. Tennessee gave up 325 yards passing to Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles last week in the Titans' lone double-digit loss of the season. Cornerback Jason McCourty missed last week with a bruised chest, and rookie LeShaun Sims couldn't finish after sustaining a concussion. Tennessee is next to last against the pass allowing 270.9 yards per game.

Cassel time: Both teams will be without the quarterbacks that started the season. Veteran Matt Cassel will make his first start in place of Mariota, the fifth time in six games Tennessee has not had its starting QB against Houston. Cassel threw for 124 yards and a TD coming off the bench last week and also had an interception.

Stingy Run D: Not only do the Texans have the stingiest defense in the NFL, nobody has been better stopping the run since Week 8. Houston is allowing just 68 yards per game since then. Titans running back DeMarco Murray ran for 95 yards against Houston on Oct. 2 in a 27-20 win by the Texans. Rookie Derrick Henry only had three carries in that game.

Titanic turnaround: Tennessee already has won five more games than a season ago (3-13). A win Sunday would tie the biggest one-year turnaround in franchise history, matching the six-win improvement of 1967 and 1974.

John Locher/Associated Press

Amanda Nunes, right, connects with Ronda Rousey in the first round of their women's bantamweight championship mixed martial arts bout at UFC 207 on Friday in Las Vegas. Nunes won the fight after it was stopped in the first round.

Ronda Rousey is stopped 48 seconds into comeback at UFC 207

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Ronda Rousey's UFC comeback didn't even last a minute.

Rousey was stopped 48 seconds into her first fight in 13 months Friday night, losing to bantamweight champion Amanda Nunes at UFC 207.

Rousey (12-2) never managed to get her footing against Nunes (14-4), who rocked Rousey with her very first punches. Rousey showed little defensive acumen as she staggered and stumbled backward with Nunes relentlessly pursuing her and landing 27 punches in the brief bout.

"Forget about Ronda Rousey!" Nunes shouted to the sellout crowd. "She's going to go do movies. Forget about her. She has a lot of money already."

Indeed, Rousey's future in the sport is clearly in question. The biggest star in the women's game, who left the arena without giving an interview, is likely considering retirement shortly before her 30th birthday.

Referee Herb Dean stopped the bout with Rousey still on her feet, and Rousey briefly protested the stoppage before leaving the cage in her mother's arms. Nunes put her finger to her lips and circled the cage after the stoppage, pausing to taunt Rousey's much-maligned coach, Edmond Tarverdyan.

"Her coach put some crazy things in her head, and her career started going down," Nunes said. "I'm the real striker here."

Cody Garbrandt won the men's bantamweight title in the penultimate bout at UFC 207, battering champion Dominick Cruz to earn a surprising decision victory at T-Mobile Arena in the promotion's traditional end-of-the-year show in its hometown.

But the sellout crowd left shocked when Rousey couldn't compete in her first fight since losing her belt to Holly Holm 13 months ago in her first career defeat.

Rousey became arguably the world's most famous female athlete and a combat sports trailblazer while she rocketed atop the UFC, but a year away from the sport apparently did little to heal the holes in her game. She made a guaranteed $3 million for her comeback bout, while Nunes' guaranteed payday was just $200,000.

"I knew I was going to beat (Rousey)," Nunes said. "I'm the best on the planet."

Rousey hadn't fought since November 2015, when Holly Holm stopped her with a head kick in one of the biggest upsets in MMA history. Rousey had never lost or been in much trouble while the former Olympic judo medalist earned a series of one-sided victories, but Holm's veteran striking made Rousey look unprepared.

Rousey's return fight was similar, but even quicker.

Nunes claimed the belt at UFC 200 in July with a violent stoppage of Miesha Tate, who had beaten Holm in March. Nunes made an impressive ascent after losing three fights earlier in her career to opponents beaten easily by Rousey.

Rousey nearly vanished from public view after her first loss, taking time away from the gym and attending to her acting career. The UFC also was sold during her absence to WME-IMG, the entertainment conglomerate that also represents Rousey's career.

Take Tiger at 20-1 to win the Masters

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

The most important thing to know about the coming year in sports:

He gets another green jacket.

And you get rich taking the 20-1 odds Las Vegas bookmakers are laying on Tiger Woods to win the Masters. Things get interesting when you bump into Floyd "Money" Mayweather leaving the betting window.

Money: "How's it going?"

You (fanning out $100 bills): "Great!"

Money: "Save some for October. I'm coming back ... against some guy named McGregor."

Like the conversation above, or disgraced Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte trying to sneak into the world championships in Budapest with a fake mustache and new dye job, Mayweather vs. McGregor would be loads of fun. But it probably won't happen in 2017. Frankly, it's going to be a lousy year.

It will mark 50 years since the NFL's biggest game was first played — even though this one is technically Super Bowl LI. But instead of something momentous like the old-guard Packers vs. the upstart Chiefs in that first one, or something sexy like Cowboys vs. Raiders in this latest one, we'll get a snoozefest like Lions vs. Dolphins. It's been that kind of season.

So expect even more commercials, replay reviews, timeouts, warmed-over analysis and breathless sideline reporting than usual. Lady Gaga's barely-there halftime outfit will barely cause a ripple across the Twitterverse.

Who wins? Who cares? By the end, few beyond the players' family and friends will be watching. And, continuing two more trends much noted during the NFL's regular season, TV ratings will slip lower and commissioner Roger Goodell won't have a clue why.

"Maybe our fans were watching replays of the presidential debates," Goodell tells TMZ the day after. "No wonder they dented our ratings the first time around. Hand-to-hand combat, bad refs, lots of Hail Mary passes... and that town-hall touchdown dance Trump did? The kind of stuff people used to watch the NFL to see."

Speaking of the president-elect, moments after slipping on his fifth green jacket and first since 2005, Woods credits Trump with helping him win the Masters.

Jim Nantz: "A little while ago, you told Peter Kostis behind the 18th that you got a tip during a round with the president in West Palm Beach last December."

Woods: "Yep."

Nantz: "About putting? Your swing? The mental game? I have to ask ... what was the tip?"

Woods: "Get rid of the beard. He said it made me look like Danny Glover."

A few more things that could turn up on the 2017 calendar:

January 9 — College Football National Championship — Orlando, Florida

After losing to Clemson 3-0, Alabama coach Nick Saban announces his retirement.

"I always said I'd leave when I couldn't give this program 110 percent," he begins. "Last night, I was dreaming about how to block those three, 300-pounders in the middle of Clemson's 'D' line. All of a sudden, I dreamed I was in a meadow, alongside a lake somewhere. There were peonies and wild horses. ..."

Saban drops the mic, starts toward the exit, then makes a U-turn back to the podium. "One more thing: 'Roll Tide!'"

May 7 — European Karate Senior Championships — Samsun, Turkey

Sixty-four-year-old Russian president Vladimir Putin is declared the surprise winner. The first congratulatory call comes from the White House. Appearing bare-chested at the press conference soon afterward, Putin compares it to the time he scored seven goals in a hockey game in Sochi against a team made up of his political and business cronies.

"It's amazing what you can accomplish," he says, "when people get out of your way."

June 18 — NBA Finals, Game 7 — Cleveland

LeBron James wills the Cavaliers to another NBA title, again at the expense of Warriors. Immediately afterward, Golden State's Kevin Durant says he's instructed his agents to explore a trade to Cleveland.

"Not so fast," King James tells reporters, reacting to the report. "He hasn't suffered enough. Tell him to call back when they're burning his jerseys on the streets."

September 10 — Opening weekend of NFL season — various locations

Without warning, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick gets up and stands for the national anthem. NFL players on every sideline follow suit. Intrepid FOX sideline reporter Erin Andrews tracks him down shortly afterward.

Andrews: "After all this time and all that abuse. Why now?"

Kaepernick: "My knees are killing me."

November 1 — World Series, Game 7 — Chicago

Pinch-hitter Kyle Schwarber homers one-handed in the bottom of the ninth while wearing a full body cast and eating a hot dog with the other hand.

Cubs win! Cubs win!

Again. Like you didn't know that.

The quirkiest sports moments of 2016

By Fred Lief
Associated Press

After the curses and death threats and groans across Minnesota from Mankato to International Falls, Blair Walsh needed a little love.

He found it in the oddest of places — the first-grade class of Northpoint Elementary in Blaine, a Minneapolis suburb.

Walsh is the kicker who missed a 27-yard field goal with 22 seconds left that would have sent the Minnesota Vikings to a playoff victory over the Seattle Seahawks last season.

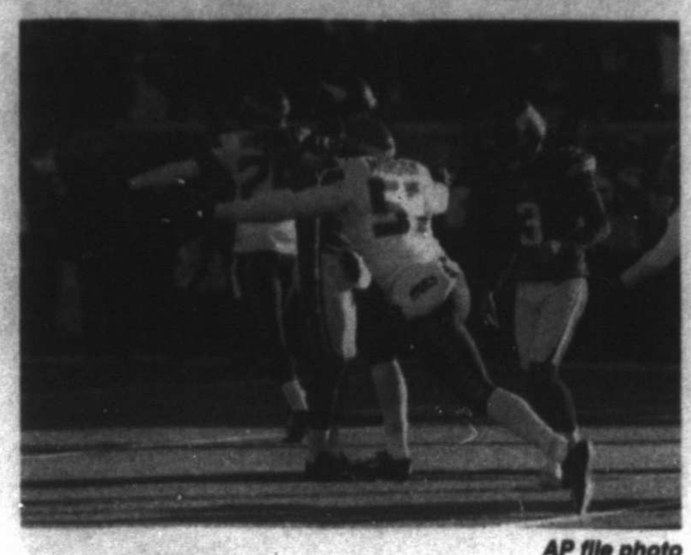
Ordinarily, Walsh, even if comatose, could make such a kick. But he didn't. Yes, it was agonizingly cold and the cement-hard ball was not properly placed. Still, he blew it, and the cries for his head echoed far and wide (like the kick).

Enter Judie Offerdahl, a teacher impressed by Walsh's decency in accepting responsibility. She asked her first-graders to write him:

"I'm sorry they cursed you," a boy said.

Another note read: "Everyone makes mistakes sometimes. One time I made a mistake when I was doing a cartwheel. I felt embarrassed."

Days later, Walsh visited the school, signing autographs and talking about his pets when growing up. The class was wowed by its visitor, but maybe not as much as Walsh.



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Minnesota Vikings kicker Blair Walsh (3) reacts after missing a field goal during the second half of an NFL wild-card game against the Seattle Seahawks on Jan. 10 in Minneapolis. Ordinarily, Walsh, even if comatose, could make such a kick. But he didn't.

"They just know that I'm a Vikings player," he said. "So for them to show that kindness and to show that empathy toward me, it's just remarkable."

It would be nice to say that this big pat on the back carried Walsh to great things. But his kicking was dreadful this season and the Vikings cut him in November.

Just as his botched kick defied reason, so it was with Ernie Els on the first hole on the first day at the Masters. The four-time major champion was a mere 2 feet from the cup but needed six putts, leaving him with a jaw-dropping 9. "I can't explain it," he said.

Sports parked itself in other unusual spots in 2016:

Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz got trapped in the bathroom of a New Jersey gas station; FIFA spies patrolled lobbies of fancy Swiss hotels, on the lookout for a police raid; Serena Williams deliberately ate gourmet dog food from hotel room service in Rome and, to no great surprise, got sick.

Bones of Ice Age mammoths were uncovered at the Oregon State football field; Kazakhstan decided to choose its national soccer coach in an online vote; and the Indianapolis 500 brought forth its official poet. (Where's the bard when you need him? "Shall I compare thee to a carburetor ...")

Flights & knights: Looking for a new sport? Look up. The first World Drone Grand Prix was held in Dubai. ... And if ballroom dancing can try to waltz onto the Olympic roster, why not this? An English group wants armored horsemen with thrusting lances to compete for gold in jousting.

When the moment is right: The Latvian scientist who developed meldonium — the banned drug that shook tennis and other sports — says some male athletes are using it to improve sexual performance. ... A South Korean soccer player blamed his failed drug test on a mustache-growing cream.

Men behaving badly: Mississippi lineman Laremy Tunsil cost himself a boatload of money, plummeting in the NFL draft after a video of him smoking from a bong was posted minutes before the selections began. ... A screaming and enraged Iranian tennis player in Turkey chased an official off the court, forcing him to take refuge behind a locked gate. ... Two Czech soccer referees working the same match were banned, one appeared drunk and the other urinated on the field. ... And Czech goalkeeper Tomas Koubek time-traveled back to another generation when speaking after a game in which a female linesswoman failed to make an offsides call: "My opinion is that women belong at the stove and should not officiate men's football."

GAMES

From 1C

'Do not give up on the play. If you got an opportunity, just try to make this play.'"

One good shot deserves another: Had the game gone into overtime, and had North Carolina pulled out the win, then Marcus Paige's game-tying, double-clutch 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left in regulation would have gone down as one of the greatest in NCAA history. Instead, Villanova called timeout, coach Jay Wright called the play — "Wildcat" — Kris Jenkins took an underhanded flip from Ryan Arcidiacono and calmly spotted up and swished the game-winning 3 at the buzzer. Villanova 77, North Carolina 74 . That the tight game ended with the underdog beating the blue blood only added to the magic and the tradition of March Madness. Smiling in the stands as he watched the shot go: Michael Jordan. The Tar Heel great smiled, looked to his buddy, Ahmad Rashad, and simply said: "Good shot, good shot."

Duel II: In the final round of the British Open, Phil Mickelson and Henrik Stenson put on a show reminiscent of the "Duel in the Sun" that Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson waged a generation earlier . Mickelson shot a bogey-free round of 65 and it wasn't enough. Stenson shot 8-under 63 to beat Mickelson by three and win his first major. No other player was within 10 shots. Afterward, the two put their arms around each other's shoulders much the same as Nicklaus and Watson did in 1977, when they finished their two-man show at Turnberry. Watson won that one by a shot, and nobody else was within 10. "Our final round was really good," Nicklaus said, "but theirs was even better."

Del Potro: Nobody made Olympic tennis more worth watching than Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro. The 2009 U.S. Open champion, mostly injured and sunk deep in the rankings for years, opened his Olympic quest with a thrilling 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2) victory over top-ranked Novak Djokovic that left the Serb in tears. Later that week, an equally thrilling match for del Potro: a 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (5) victory over Rafael Nadal in the semifinals. "I didn't expect to reach the final, beating Djokovic and Rafa," del Potro said, "but I did, and I get a medal, and it's amazing for me." Del Potro lost a three-setter to Andy Murray in the final, but hard to argue who the star of the Rio Games really was.

Best of the rest: Iceland's 2-1 victory over England in the round of 16 of the European Championships was not only thrilling theater, it may have been the biggest single upset of the sports year. ... Ohio State beat Michigan 30-27 in double overtime to add another thrilling chapter to one of college football's best rivalries. The win propelled the Buckeyes to the College Football Playoff even though they didn't play in the Big Ten title game. ...

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2384 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Munguia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

O'H School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
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COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
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COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jmalcolm-texas@gamil.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 9 p.m.
Who: All ages
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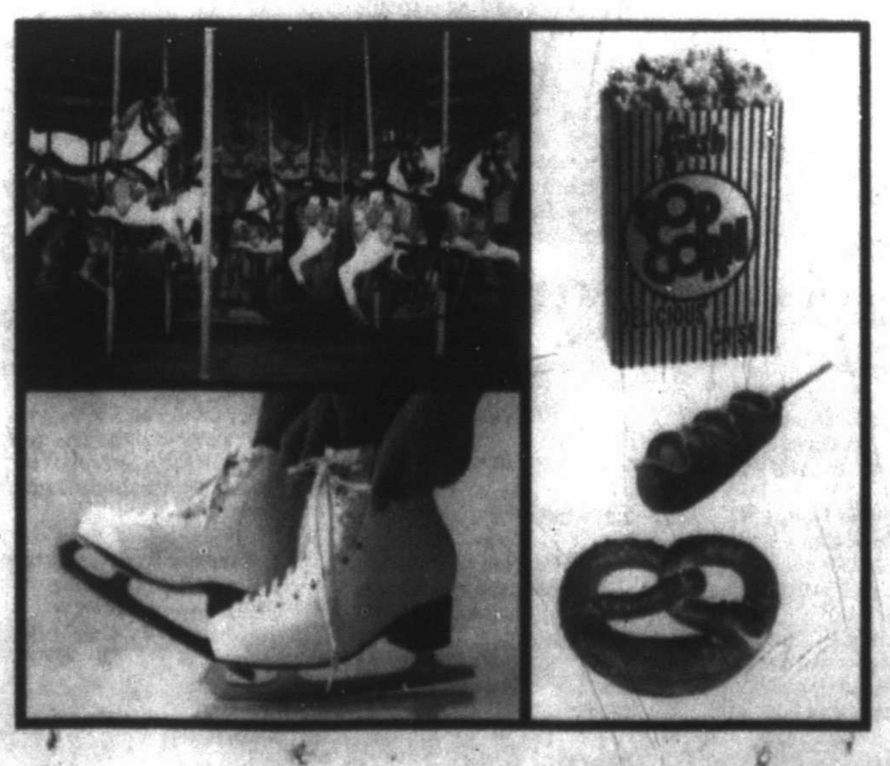

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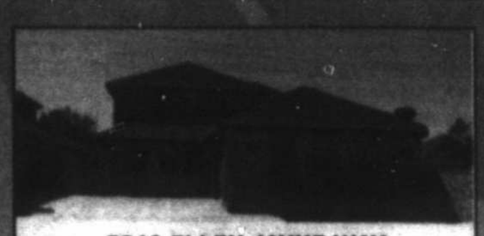
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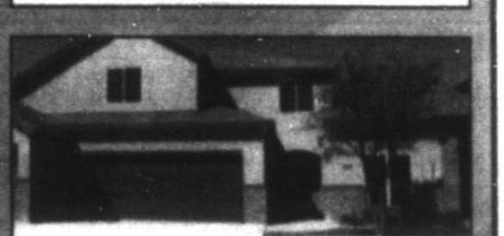
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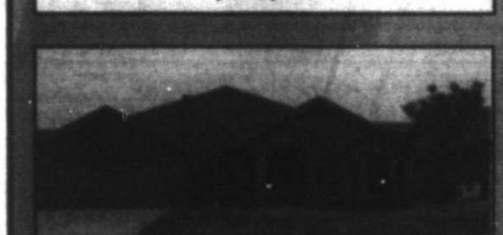
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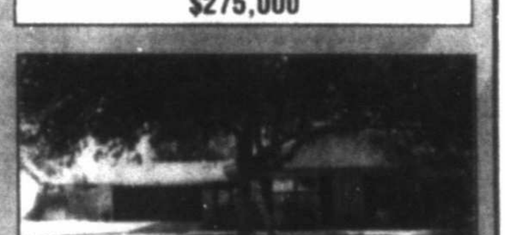
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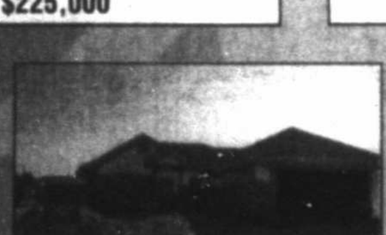
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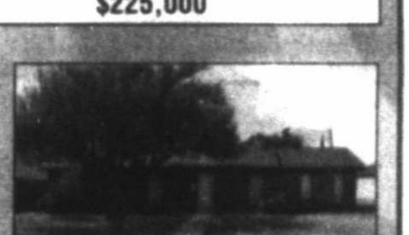
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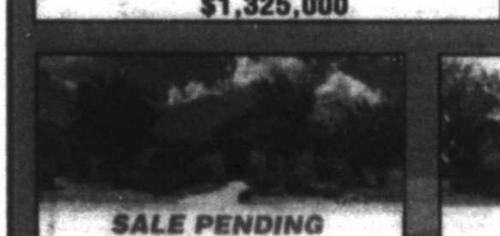
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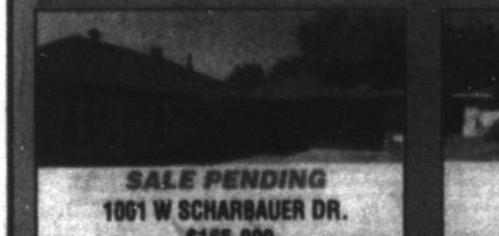
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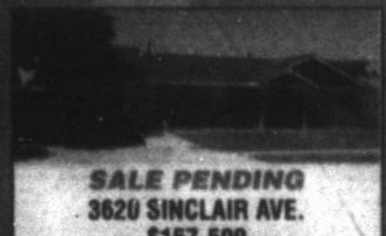
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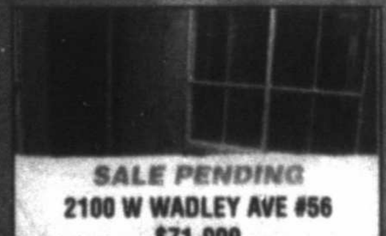
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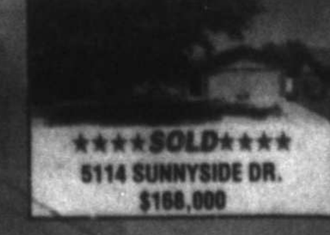
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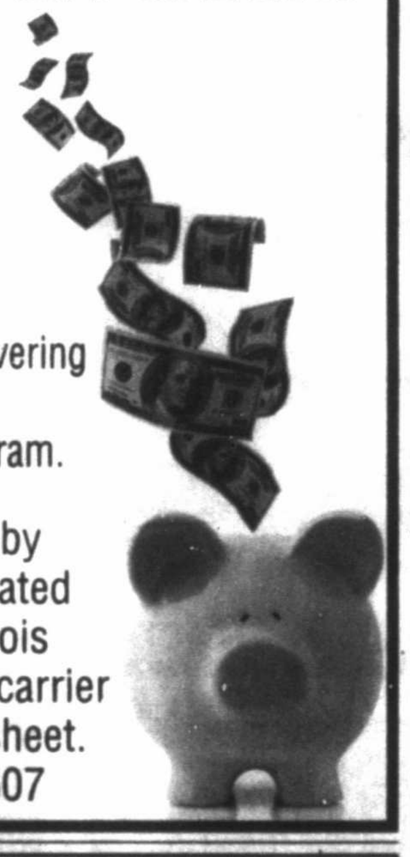

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Vaquero Midstream is now hiring for a Mechanic

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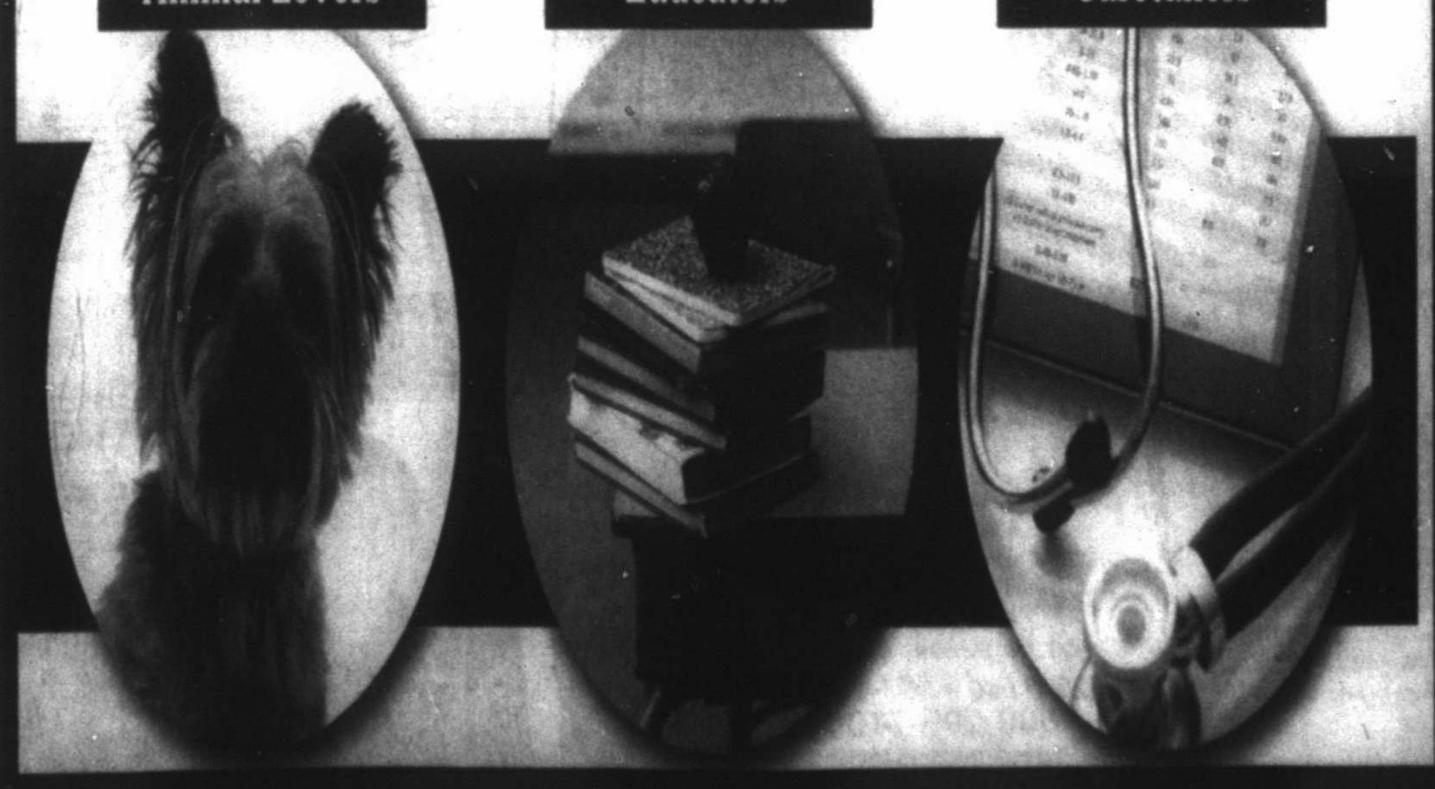

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What Your Cover Letter Should Say About You

If the resume is a snapshot of your professional achievements, the cover letter should offer a peek into your personality. Many job-seekers make the mistake of submitting bland, standard cover letters for openings they are targeting.

Hiring managers and recruiters want to see a little personalization in your cover letter, so let them have it. This means including specific stories or examples of how you have proven your mettle in the workplace.

FIRST OR THIRD PERSON?

One of the biggest differences between the cover letter and the resume is how you address yourself. Always use a first-person, conversational tone in your cover letter. Your resume is a more basic, straightforward representation of you, while your cover letter is supposed to show a softer side of you.

While first person is preferred, avoid using "I" too many times. Starting every sentence with "I" will leave your letter very ego-focused, which can be a red flag to hiring managers. Use "we" or "our" often in your letter to convey your team spirit.

CUSTOM, CUSTOM, CUSTOM

Many companies will receive hundreds of resumes and cover letters for a single position. How do you make sure your documents stand out?

When it comes to the cover letter, its important to take a lighter and more anecdote-driven approach. Does your prospective company require project management experience for its vacant position? Use a paragraph or bullet point to describe how you have planned and led critical initiatives in past or current positions.

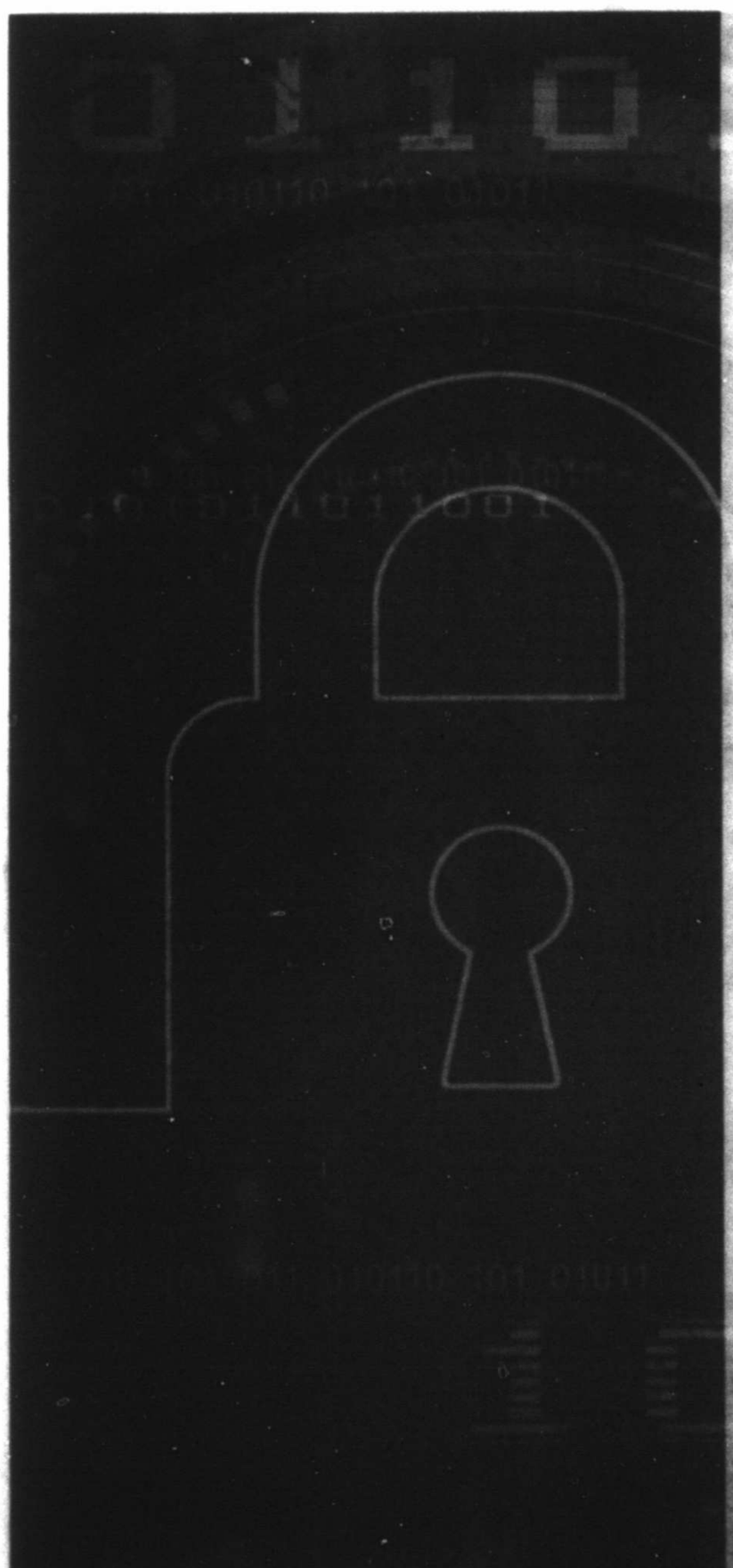
KNOW YOUR TARGET

Cover letters, much like the resume, are keyword driven. This requires you to do some research on your target company before sending in your cover letter.

Try to match as many keywords as possible in your cover letter with the job announcement. This will help your letter perform better in keyword searches conducted by job recruitment software that many companies use today.

Once your letter makes it to an actual human reviewer, it must tell your story in a quick, engaging way. Mention where you heard about the vacancy and why it attracted you. Include your thoughts on a recent company initiative or accomplishment. This will show your hiring manager your dedication to becoming a valuable, committed employee.

The cover letter in particular offers you a golden opportunity to tell your story in a way that resonates with recruiters and hiring managers.



Cyber Security

Looking for an exciting, pressure-packed job with a lot of responsibility? The cyber security field is growing at an incredible pace, especially considering how companies continue to shift their information and systems online.

Professionals in the cyber industry have noticed a shift in focus over the past decade or so. As more reports of large-scale data breaches hit your local newspaper, the cyber function has rapidly become one of the most important for a business to hire quality, innovative professionals.

Think you have what it takes? Check out our tips below for pursuing a career in cyber security.

TYPES OF CYBER ROLES

Penn State University's cyber security program prepares students for multiple roles within the industry. Here are a few, according to the university's master's program:

- Information Assurance Manager
- Intel Analyst
- Information Assurance/Security Engineer
- Network Intel Analyst
- Enterprise Architect
- Cyber Network Security Engineer
- Information Assurance Analyst
- Catastrophe Risk Analyst
- Computer System Security Analyst
- Systems Integration Analyst
- Information Technology Analyst
- Information Technology Consulting Manager

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Criminal attacks on healthcare computer systems are up 125 percent since 2010, according to a recent study by the Ponemon Institute. We have seen massive hacks into retail companies across the country.

It seems that no industry is immune to hackers focused on stealing customer information, trade secrets, credit card data and medical health records. The job of a cyber professional is to stop criminals who are oftentimes experts at remaining undetected.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A CYBER PRO

The specific responsibilities of a cyber professional vary depending on particular roles. Engineering and quality assurance professionals are 'in the weeds' as some experts like to call it. This means they are experts in coding and dealing with emerging technologies to create infrastructure, information systems and software.

The further up the ladder you go into management, the more important it becomes for you to understand all functions of a business' operations. The pinnacle career role in the field is Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), who oversees entire cyber departments and has responsibility for building teams, strategies and programs to defend against attacks.

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4102 Stratton	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50003599	NEW PRICE	$329,950
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7411 ECR 93	4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Greenwood	MLS #50003884	NEW PRICE	$300,000
3004 Baybridge Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 1 living,	MLS #50004576		$299,000
1004 N. A St.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, across from Pond	MLS #50004815	UNDER CONTRACT	$259,950
4002 Lehigh Dr.	4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1 living	MLS #50004668	UNDER CONTRACT	$259,950
3902 Placid Ct.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living, Just installed wood like vinyl strip flooring!	MLS #50005220		$245,900
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3907 Placid Court	3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, 2 living areas	MLS #50005856		$237,900
2304 Apperson	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 car garage	MLS# 50005472		$212,000
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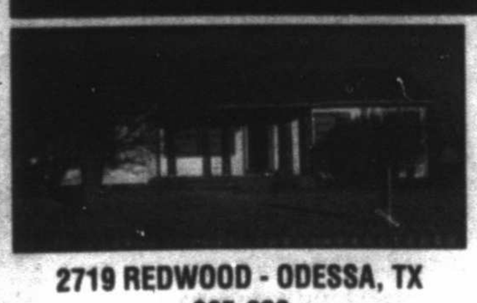

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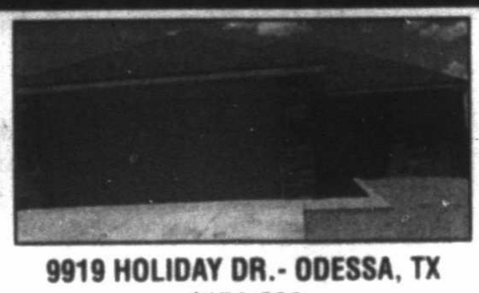

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Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

RFP 1201-122816
Microwave Convection Turbo Chef i3
for
Midland Memorial Hospital

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **12-28-16**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **Friday, January 13, 2017 12:00 Noon.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled "**RFP # 1201-122816.**"

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **July 15, 2017.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

Sec. 59.044 Notice of Sale
The following storage units will be auctioned to satisfy a landlords lien

Joby Fussell #11 amount owed $2,040.00. Cassidy Voake #17. Harold McCart #54. Stephanie Ramos #48. Pedro Martinez #43,44. Joao Lins #10,58,63. Brian O'Donnell #73. The seizure will occur on January 1, 2016. All units will be auctioned at a later date at H&H Storage 3020 SCR 1225, Midland, Tx 79706.

Notice Of Application
For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid, and gas into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Grayburg, San Andres Formations in the Means/ San Andres/ Unit Lease, well number: 7474A. It is located in Blk A35, Section 19, which is approximately 9.9 miles North East from the city of Andrews and is in the Means Field in Andrews, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to **6000** feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are **adversely** affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

31 Events and Notices

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Lost and Found

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Mark K. Craig, Susan C. Mahoney and **Wallace H. Craig**
Co-Independent Executors of the Estate of
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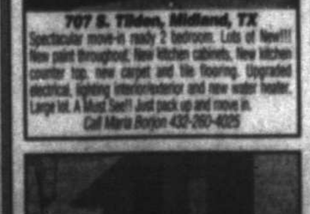
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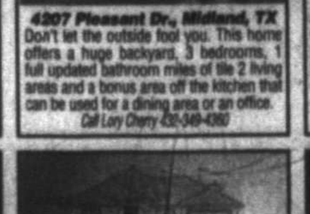
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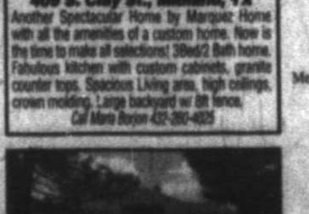
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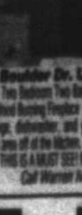
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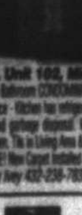
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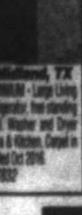
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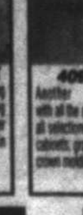
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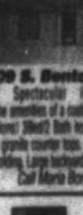
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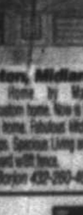
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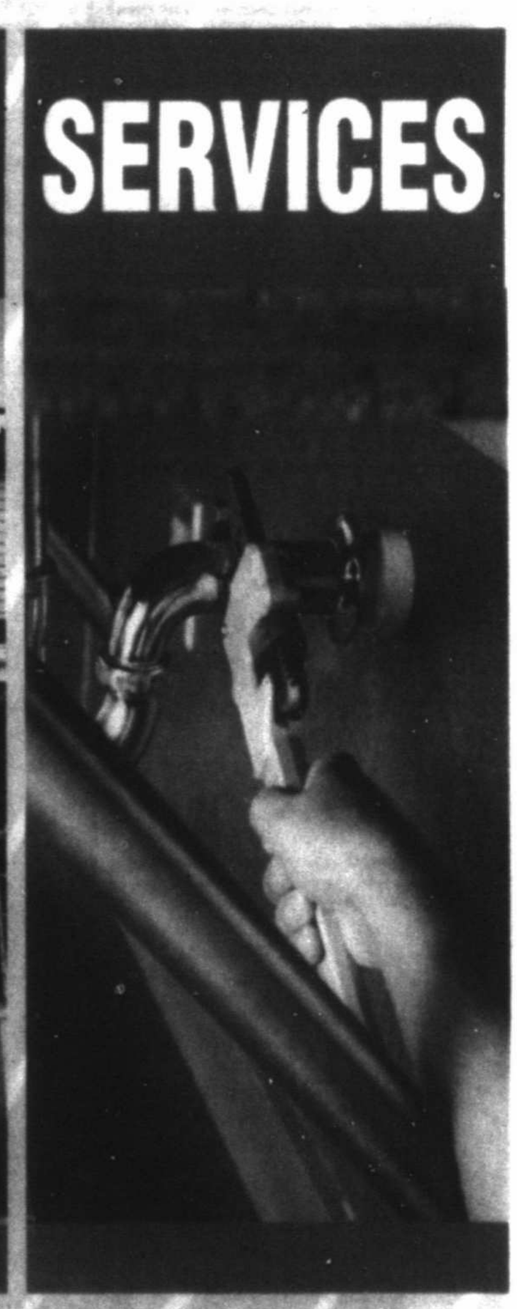

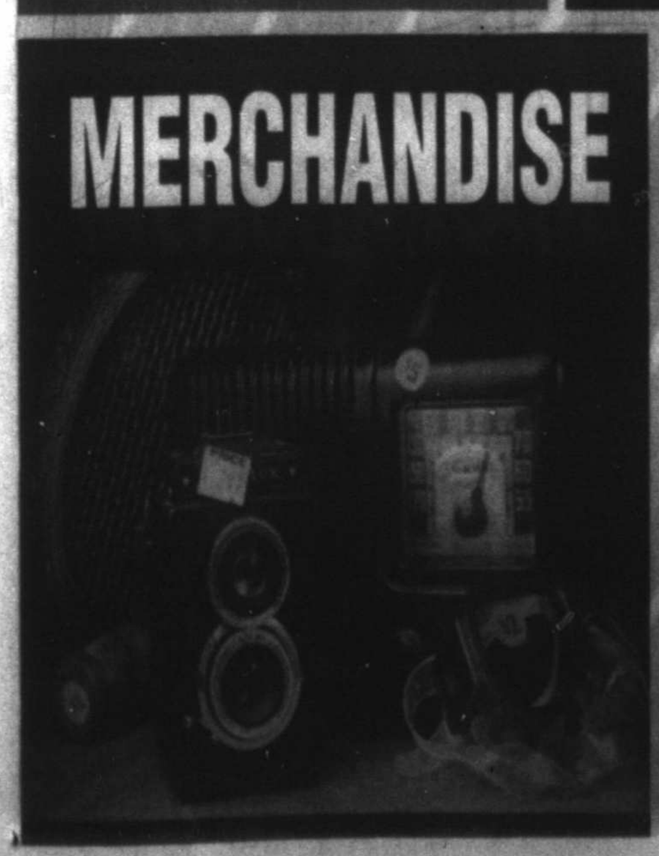

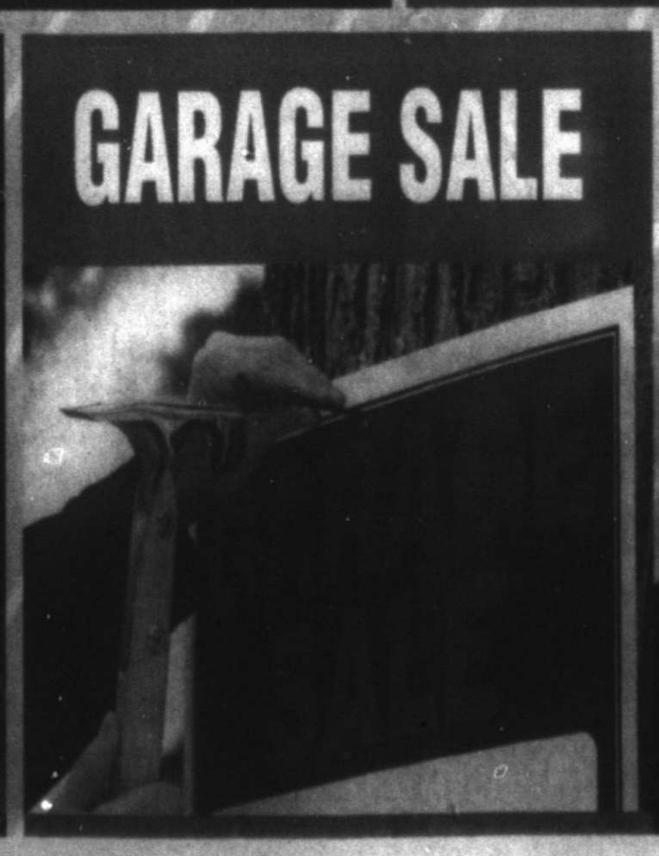

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Rising Rates

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

In mid-December, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates by a quarter percent, one of only two interest rate hikes by the Fed during the past 10 years.

The Fed also signaled more rate increases in the coming year, and anyone who owns or plans to buy or sell a home could feel the effects.

MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

If you have an adjustable-rate mortgage that's tied to an index, it likely will adjust to reflect the higher rate. You should get plenty of notice of the change, as most ARMs reset to new interest rates only periodically (usually quarterly), and your loan terms probably require at least a couple of months' notice.

How much money are we talking? According to the Los Angeles Times, a half-point increase on a $300,000 loan would add nearly $100 a month to the payment. So for a quarter-percent hike, expect an increase of about $50.

The Fed signaled it may hike rates more than once next year, but if your ARM has a maximum interest rate, or rate cap, your loan could potentially approach or meet that threshold. Look at your loan papers to find out how much you might be expected to pay each month at the highest rate, and to be extra safe, budget for the maximum payment.

In any case, when rates are set to increase, it may be a good time to refinance from an ARM into a fixed-rate mortgage, depending on the current and future rates you could be required to pay.

BUYERS

To put it simply, mortgages will be more expensive.

Rates for most mortgage products are over 4 percent and could inch higher. With the Fed signaling more rate hikes next year, if you're planning a purchase, sooner may be better than later. With interest rates calculated into the equation, the same amount of money could buy you slightly less house a year from now than it will today. Another way to look at it is your payment on a particular home could be slightly higher next year than if you make the purchase today. If you're dragging your feet on a purchase, consider taking action.

If buying a home sooner rather than later would create a financial hardship for you, however, it's not worth the risk. The Los Angeles Times points out that mortgage rates have historically been around 8 percent, making even a 5 or 6 percent rate a relative bargain. If you have a plan to save up a down payment and pad your savings account to be sure you're ready for the financial challenge of homeownership, stay the course.

SELLERS

If your home has languished on the market, the interest rate increase and the potential for more increases could be a boon to your property in the short term. Buyers looking to seal a deal before rates go up again could come knocking at your door.

The National Association of Realtors pointed out, when rates last increased in 2015, that markets in which borrowers are most dependent on financing and face the most credit challenges will be most affected by the increase. Higher-priced homes in more affluent neighborhoods will likely be affected less by the change.

Before you make any long-term decisions based on interest rates, keep in mind that there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the country's current economic recovery and in the political climate in general. Simply put, anything could happen. CNBC notes that increasing interest rates might not have their typical effects, saying, "After all, increasing rates are indicative of a stronger economy, and a stronger economy favors housing."

In addition, you could realize slightly higher returns on your investments as interest rates increase.

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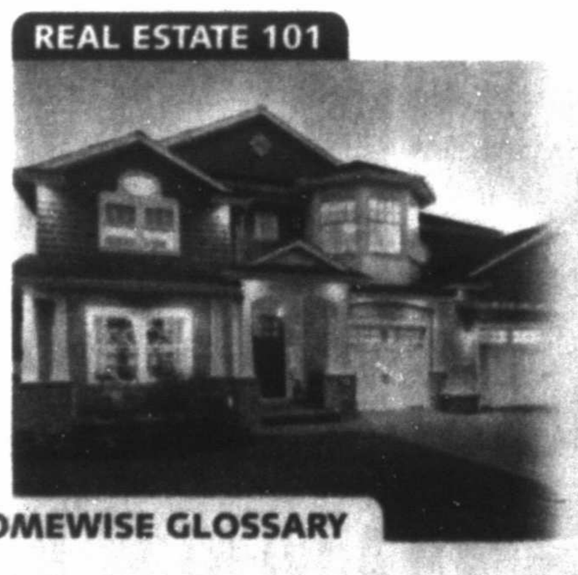

Check the Market

The best way to find out what rates you would pay right now is to work with a lender or broker, who can customize your quotes to your personal financial situation. If you want a broader look at where rates currently sit, visit **Bankrate.com**, where you can find rates offered by various lenders for many different types of mortgage products, including fixed-rate loans, ARMS, FHA loans and other products.

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Secondary market: the buying and selling of existing deeds of trust and promissory notes. The primary market is the one in which lenders loan money to borrowers; the secondary market is the one in which the lenders sell their loans to the large secondary marketing agencies or to other investors.

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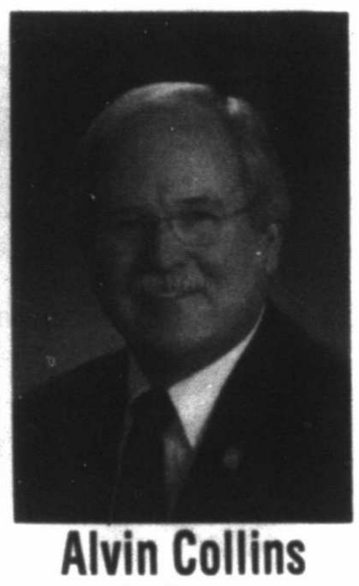

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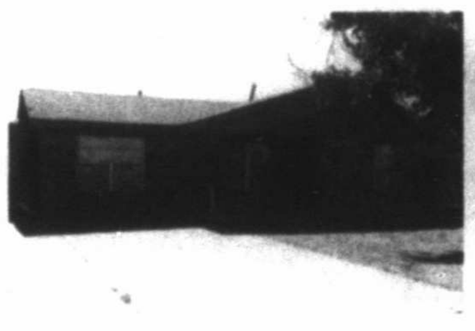

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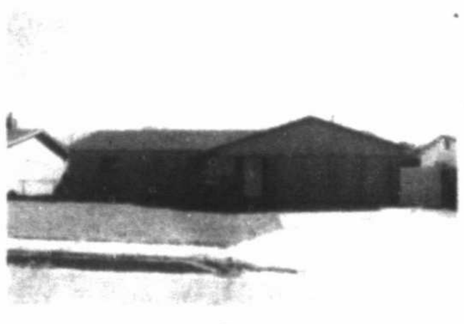

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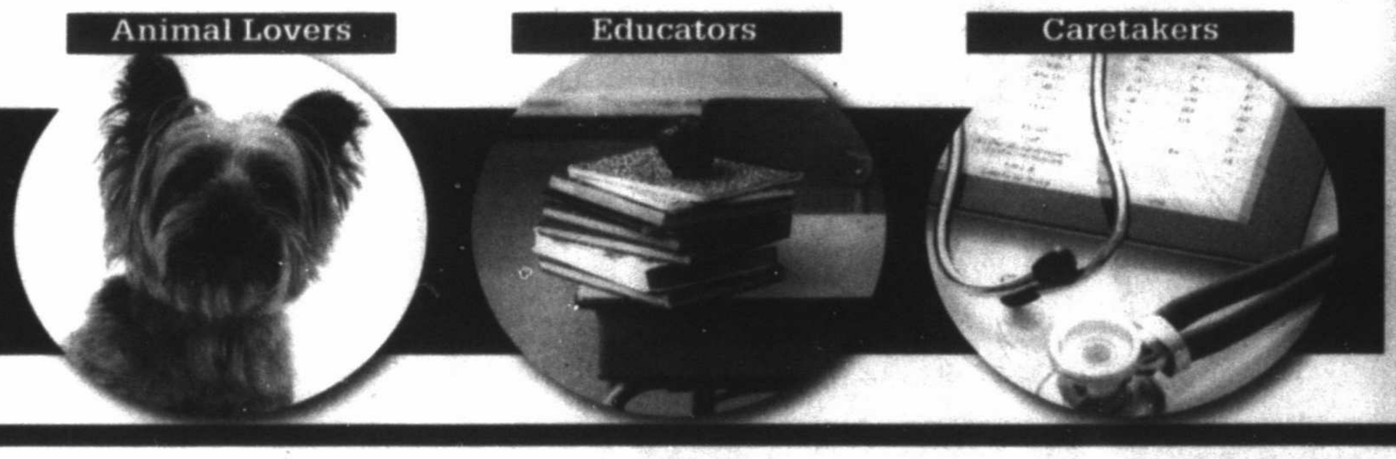

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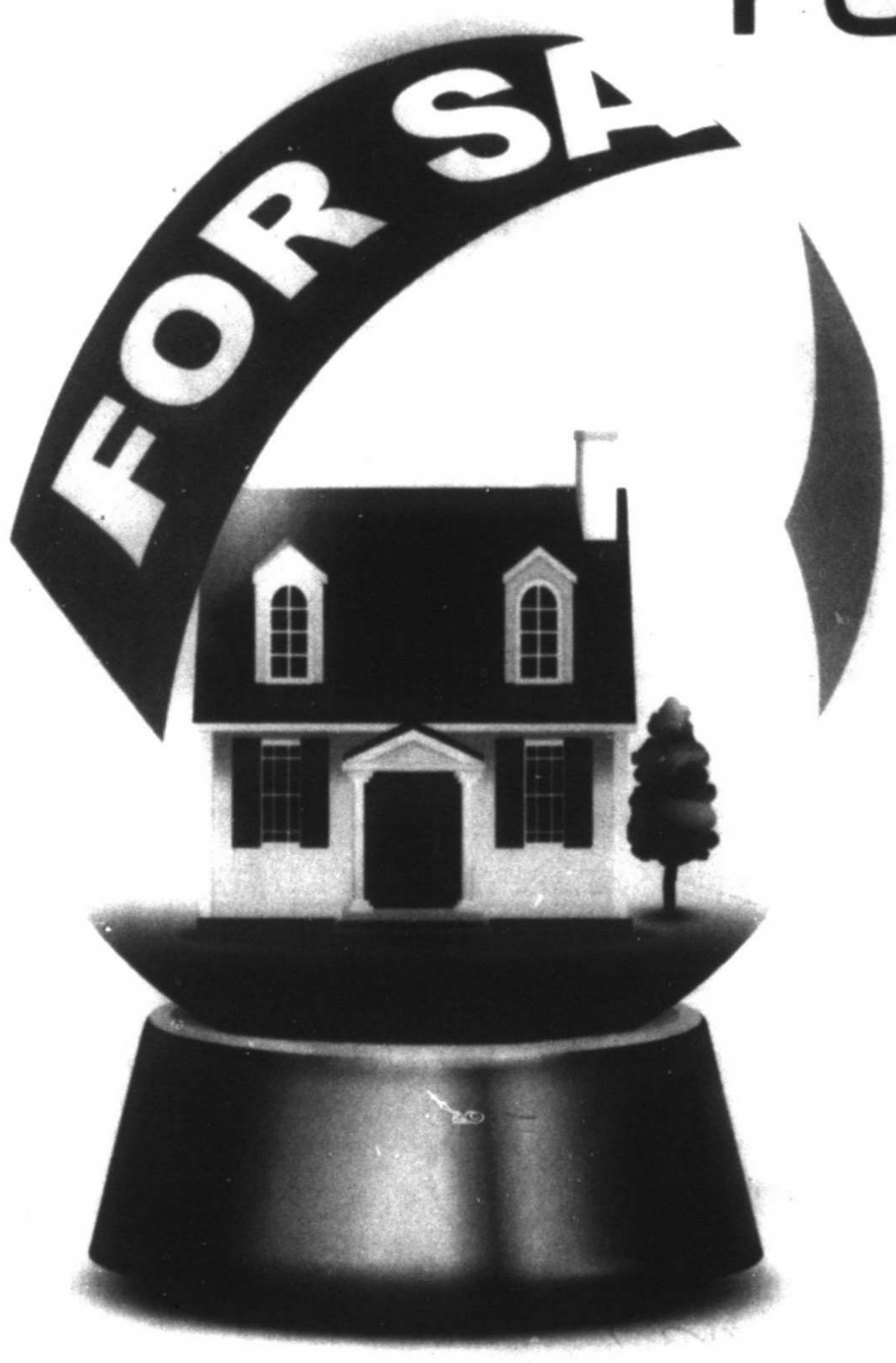

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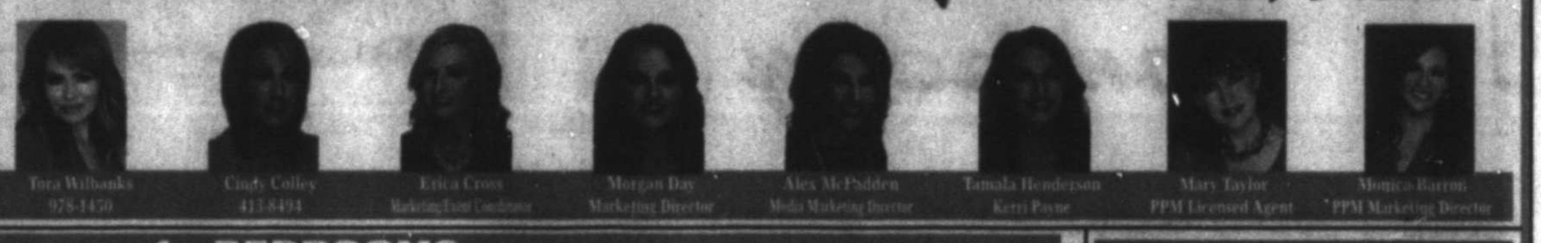

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2503 W Cuthbert-4 Charming home with original hardwood floors/ 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 large living areas, 1 dining area and 2 covered carport! Bathrooms and kitchen have been recently updated. New Metal room was place in October of 2016! Amazing outside= covered patio with a built in bar and a huge backyard! $214,900

1305 E. Pine--[redacted] bd of the fantastic prop--new construction! 3 spacious bedrooms/2 baths/formal dining area/great room + 2 car garage! High ceilings & lots of windows! 2 inch blinds! Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, tumbled marble tile backsplash, stainless appliances & gas cooktop! Sep master suite w/walk-in closets! Landscaped grounds by lush yard w/grass! w/sprinkler system! $290,000

1315 E Spruce-What a find on this new construction by lance friday---incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances---microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard! $197,500

1321 E Spruce-What a find on this new construction by lance friday---incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances---microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard! $197,500

1327 E Spruce-What a find on this new construction by lance friday---incredible price! 3 Spacious bedrooms/2 full baths/formal dining area plus great room & 2 car garage! Gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances---microwave, dishwasher & gas range & oven! Fenced yard! $197,500

1325 Spruce Avenue-Fabulous new construction & simply stunning built in 2016! 3Bed/2bath/1dining/2car garage sequestered master suite with large walkin closet. Gorgeous stained concrete floors, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances & beautiful back splash w/granite countertops. $197,500

1325 E. Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find at this price! 3 Bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage w/gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, gas cooking, dishwasher, microwave, pantry & tumbled marble backsplash! Custom finishes on cabinets & bronze fixtures! High ceilings, granite countertops & tumbled marble in both baths & 2 inch blinds thru-out! Covered patio- super nice! $197,500

1291 E Chestnut-Super cute new construction! 3 Bed/2 bath home on corner lot! Fabulous kitchen with granite, tons of cabinets & range with self cleaning oven! Kitchen open to fabulous formal dining area! Spacious living area w/soaring ceilings, crown molding & miles of tile! Large backyard! $186,000

4017 B West Illinois-Super cute 3 bed/1 bath/2 car garage townhome! Charming & private courtyard entrance! Cozy den w/fireplace! Great size kitchen w/gas cooktop, abundant cabinetry, storage & counter space open to wonderful family size dining area! Recent interior paint in den & dining room! Microwave replaced in 2016 & disposal replaced in 2015! $136,000

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

9305 W County Rd.80 - 8 Acres of raw land. No mineral rights. No restrictions $170,000

6005 Dunbarton-Amazing 1.04 Acre lot in sought after Mockingbird Oaks! Ready to build your dream house! Between Garfield and Midkiff, just east of midland classical! Call Kerri Payne for details! 432-553-7443 ..... $167,500

5900 Shadyview-Huge corner lot (0.353 Acre) in mockingbird heights across from clubhouse & pool! Fabulous residential homesite! Call kerri payne with questions and for building specifications! 432-5o3-7443! $145,000

Timber Wolf Estates-Fast-growing subdivision-timber wolf estates--city of midland, marble co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $17k/acre, plat available. Water wells/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Shared/paid electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,600 sq ft $65,000

Cutter Estates-Fabulous subdivision conveniently located in gardendale-cutter estates-16 lots (appr .75 Acres) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic sys/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp. min home 2800 sq ft, buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer $25,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

6103 Copper Sky Court	UNDER CONTRACT!
10302 WCR 58	UNDER CONTRACT!
2901 Mariana	UNDER CONTRACT!
1115 Alaska	UNDER CONTRACT!
2012 Cuthbert	UNDER CONTRACT!
2810 Harmon Dr	UNDER CONTRACT!
6631 E Driftwood	UNDER CONTRACT!
5002 Devils	UNDER CONTRACT!
2300 W 11th St Monahans, TX	UNDER CONTRACT!
2100 Westley #14	UNDER CONTRACT!
4100 Rockcliff Court	SOLD!
2512 Lockheed Dr	SOLD!
10 Lafayette	SOLD!
1311 E. Spruce	SOLD!
2301 Castleford	SOLD!
2023 Esmond	SOLD!
2401 Arbor Circle	SOLD!

PRINTZ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 684-8202 FOR LEASE

2109 Deauna-6 Bedrooms, 6 Bathrooms	$4,200
3011 Stanolind Ave, 4 Bedroom/3 Bath/2 Half Bath	$2,700
9100 Greathouse Ave.-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath	$2,700
3225 Preston Dr.-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath	$2,100
2400 Boardwalk-4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$2,000
2000 N. Pecos St, 3 Bedroom/2.5 Bath	$1,900
2002 Teahouse-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,850
2302 Haynes Drive-3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms	$1,800
2311 A Haynes-3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms	$1,600
5311 B Haynes, 3 Bedroom/2 Bath	$1,600
5110 Storey Ave, 3 Bedroom/2 Bath	$1,300
4209 Siesta Lane, 2 Bedroom/2 Bath	$1,300
2500 Sunburst B, 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath	$1,000

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15 Stutz Court
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FEATURED LISTINGS

4005 Cardinal-4 Bedrooms, 5 full baths, 2 half, 4 living areas, pool, playscape, RV storage, wood shop, Man Cave $1,999,900

4301 ECR 63-4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, indoor pool ..... REDUCED $894,000

708 Scharbauer-Commercial building w/2 complete kitchens. Incredible condition. 2400 sq foot warehouse w large overhead door. Addtl. parking in the rear. $799,000

4200 ECR 63-New Quiroz on 2 acres 4 budrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 living, 2 dining ..... REDUCED $614,000

17 Oak Lawn Park-3BR, 4 BA ,3 LA, 2 Dining, 4 Car Garage $550,000

FM 1213-115 AC residential or commercial, 2 Bldgs, Multiple wells $499,900

5467 Juniper-3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, Green Tea Recent updates throghout $460,000

906 Citation-3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, Saddle club town homes Gameroom, workroom ..... REDUCED $459,000

5610 ECR 60-4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 LA, 2 dining, 3 car garage $449,900

1636 N Flamingo-Odessa Commercial property, No restrictions, Zoned Commercial or Residential $345,000

5305 Sherwood Dr.-4BR, 3BA, 1 LA, 2 Dining Areas, 2 Car Garage $339,900

6005 Spahn St.-4 bd, 3 bath $295,000

1905 D St.-Fabulous townhouse, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, loft, contemporary $265,000

4300 Valley- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living, 2 dining, Huge corner lot, new carpet and paint ..... REDUCED $264,900

15 Stutz Court-4 Bedroom, 2 bath home centrally located. New paint outside. Spacious rooms and great floorplan. $254,900

12700 ECR 81-2013 Mobile Home, 8.5 AC, 2 Water Wells, Convex Storages, Barn, Wood decking ..... REDUCED $198,000

5309 San Antonio Ave-3BR 2 BA 2 Car Garage Updated $197,500

2400 Lockheed-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, recent carpet, large backyard, matured trees $192,000

3233 Whittle Way-3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 Car Garage, Town House ..... REDUCED $185,900

3306 S County Road 1206-4BR 2BA 2 LA 4 Car Carport 1.05 AC ..... REDUCED $163,000

6900 ECR 97-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. Workshop almost 1/2 Acre $160,000

1601 E Oak-4 BR 2 BA Corner lot Complete Remodel $159,000

4709 W Bowie Drive-3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 1 Living Area, 1 Dining Area, 1 Car Garage, Move in Ready $148,000

803 N 19th Street-Lamesa 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA, 2 Dining Areas, 1 Carport REDUCED $134,000

2714 Kay Ave.-3BR, 2 BA, 1 car garage in Odessa $129,000

3406 SCR 1071-3 BR, 2 BA, 1 ACRE (+-) in Greenwood $125,000

6810 WCR 41-3.5 Acres in Sunridge Ranch w/Septic & Water Well $125,000

4417 Laddy Dr-3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 720 sq. ft. workshop in back ... REDUCED $119,000

706 S. Calhoun-3 BR 1 Ba 1 Living Area 1 Dining Area in Greenwood $115,000

2405 City View Rd.-4 bd, 1 bath, rear efficiency apartment in back $95,000

12700B E CR 81-6 Acres $72,000

3805 ECR 157-2 Acres to build your house or bring in a mobile home! . REDUCED $69,000

4700 Boulder Ave #1006-Condo, 2 BR, 1 Bath, Granite Counter tops, Crown Molding ..... REDUCED $61,000

FOR LEASE: 2009 Maxwell-4 BR 2 BA 2 Car Garage ..... $2,000Monthly/$2,000Deposit

FOR LEASE: #17 Oaklawn-Condo 3+ Studio, 1518 E. 50th St., Odessa, TX ..... $1700 Monthly/$1,700 Deposit

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Carrasco Homes

303 S. Mineola Street
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $198,500

Ashington Homes

5307 Balfour Court
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $414,900

FEATURED HOME

2100 S. County Rd. 1130 - Greenwood
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $369,900

CRYSTAL HOMES
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

5300 Brown Heart Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $464,900

Elgin Homes

1209 S. County Rd. 1118
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,900

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
~ Abraham Lincoln

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

3210 Roosevelt Avenue ... 3 Bdrm/1 Ba ... $109,900
1400 S. Fort Worth ... 3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba ... $134,500
3004 Willingham Dr ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
2907 Country Club Dr ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ... U/C
4405 Crenshaw Dr ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
810 E. 00th Street ... Odessa/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $235,000
5109 Ashdown Place ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $230,000
3000 Trinity Drive ... 4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba ... U/C
5302 Widener Strip ... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
2407 W. Golf Course Rd ... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $319,000
1709 Ward Street ... 4 Bdrm/4 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $357,000
4417 Guadalupe St ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $265,000
335 Skywood Circle ... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
3400 Limestone Lane ... 4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
1609 W. Indiana Ave ... 4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/4 Fr.yr Garage ... $469,000
10 Lafayette Place ... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $479,000
2102 Deanna Lane ... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ... $535,000
4000 Iris Drive ... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $535,000
4916 Tattenham Corner ... 5 Bdrm/5.5 Ba/9 Car Garage ... $819,000
6100 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd ... 4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $995,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

305 S. Mineola St ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $198,500
9103 Stoney Cove ... Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $369,900
5307 Balfour Ct ... Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $414,500
5303 Balfour Ct ... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $453,900
5305 Dunraven Ct ... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $466,900
5315 Half Moon Circle ... Sanchez Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $480,000
7219 E. Co. Rd. 113 ... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $496,000
5300 George Yard Ct ... Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
16 La Campana ... Xenia Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $999,900

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

4201 E. Co. Rd. 70 ... 3 Shop buildings/7 RV Hook-ups/Approx. 1.056 acres ... $85,500
14941 N. Sunflower Ave ... Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba ... $169,500
2363 Co. Rd. 2531 ... Stanton/Mobile Home/3 Bdrm/2 Ba ... $189,000
15394 N. Ashphalt Ave ... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.305 Acres ... U/C
9902 S. Co. Rd. 1119 ... 4 Bdrm/2 Bath/4 Car Garage ... $260,000
2705 S. Co. Rd. 1114 ... Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Car Garage ... $279,000
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185 ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/2.7 Acres ... $284,500
10433 N. Western Ave ... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Carport ... U/C
206 E. Co. Rd. 127 ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $329,900
2100 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ... 3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $369,900
310 Co. Rd. 221 ... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/232 Approx. Acres ... $875,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates ... W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots ... Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

302 S. Marienfeld ... 11,840 Sq. Ft./0.482 Acres ... $750,000
Boat Parkway ... 3.88 Acres ... $1,475,000
3000 Elkins Rd ... 3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse ... $1,099,900

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

1401 HWY 176 ... Big Spring/20 Acres ... $279,900
1901 Co. Rd. C 3200 ... Tarzan/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Approx 4 Acres ... $299,450

RENTAL PROPERTIES

10 La Campana Dr ... Odessa/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $4,500
2407 Golf Course Rd ... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $2,500
3125 Storey Ave ... 2 Bdrm/1 Ba ... $1,000
3316 Caldera Blvd. #107 ... 1 Bdrm/1.5 Ba ... $900
3316 Cladera Blvd. #233 ... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba ... $800

Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-9682

FEATURED PROPERTIES

4201 S. County Rd. 1185
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 2.7 acres, priced @ $284,500

3216 Roosevelt Avenue
3 bedrooms, 1 baths, priced @ $109,900

1403 S. Fort Worth
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, priced @ $134,500

4916 Tattenham Corner
5 bedrooms, 5.5 baths, 9 car garage, priced @ $819,000

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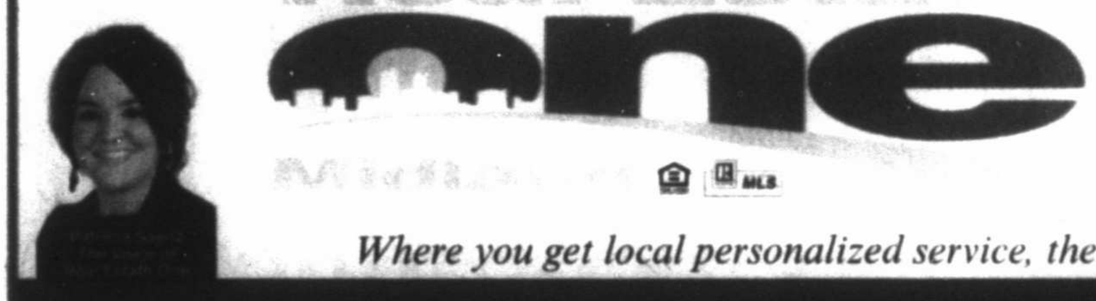

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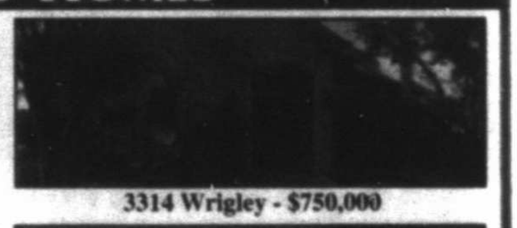
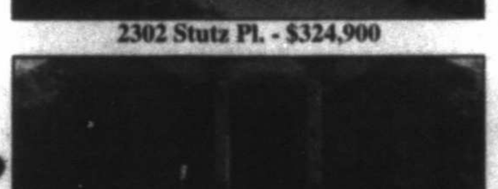
2302 Stutz Pl. - $324,900



3314 Wrigley - $750,000



5604 Dunbarton Oaks - $415,000

1211 Shirley - $375,000

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

1505 Seaboard Ave - Spacious 4/3-2 living areas, formal dining, office and awesome loaded kitchen ... $569,000
3106 Chelsea Pl - Beautiful white Jackson resale w/many extras included during construction. Sits in a cul-de-sac! Pristine interior! ... $299,000
3213 Chelsea Pl - Lovely 3/2/3 in Mayfield Plaza. Neutral tile,no carpet. Lots of windows, great open living area. ... $274,900
3313 Stewart - Complete remodel of kitchen, new cabinets, granite counters, stainless appliances so much more. ... $219,900
3101 S. County Rd 1218 - Lots of space here in this 5 bedroom/5 bath home on 1 acre. ... $295,000
2100 W. Wadley 409-Spacious condo w/3 large BR/2BA within walking distance of the pool. ... $169,900
910 Nolan Ryan -Nice home fwd. Large living/ Cozelli w/washer and dryer ...for lease ... $1,200

TWO BEDROOMS

501 Broadway St - Fabulous Austin Stone home in Old Midland!Beautifully designed ... UC...$575,000
2507 Dwight Ave.-Located on a huge corner lot in a great neighborhood! Needs a little love. Great floor plan ... UC...$210,000
1114 Rankin Ave-Beautiful two-story townhome with 2 BR, 2.5 Baths ... SOLD...$176,400
3622 Stutz Ave -Really nice town home in convenient location. Lots of new everywhere ... SOLD...$170,000
713 Walton Alley-Stunning updated contemporary style 2BR/2BA w/open living/dining area ... UC...$180,000
3003 Cunningham-Hurt a like new home @ a ridiculously low price! This is your baby! A true top to bottom renovation! ... $129,900
4700 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! New paint throughout/new fence in private back yard w/shade tree ... $95,000

THREE BEDROOMS

5014 Wrigley-Grand townhome in Grandridge Park 2.5-3 car garage ... $750,000
11 Saddle Club Dr.-Spacious 3 bedroom/2.5 bath in Saddle Club Estates ... $535,000
10005 E. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! ... $499,000
115 Woodridge Circle-Practically perfect in every way! Beautiful locale, lovely ranch, wonderful floors, gorgeous patio! ... UC...$489,000
5305 Dartmouth Cove-Beautiful custom 3/3 home w/unique architecture & elevation! design ... UC...$464,900
5004 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd -WOW!Great open floor plan in fantastic area w/3/2.5/ Live new with nothing left to do! ... $415,000
5003 San Clemente Dr - Dr. 3 bath, 3 car garage w/granite throughout plus custom features in every room, in Los Palos ... $399,000
5717 E County Rd 80-Gracewood dream home! Perfectly maintained home on beautiful grounds ... SOLD...$399,000
5700 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.-Mockingbird Oaks beauty! 3/2.5 spacious home w/high ceilings ... $377,500
4002 Rockwood Ct.-One of the nicest patio homes we've seen! 3/2 in great condition. Good plan, neutral colors ... $315,000
4012 Dennis Ln.-Open, spacious plan w/charming drive up appeal, low maintenance in central location ... UC...$297,000
3106 Chelsea Pl - Beautiful Mike Jackson resale w/many extras included during construction. Sits in a cul-de-sac! Pristine interior! ... UC...$299,900
3213 Chelsea Pl -Lovely 3/2/3 in Mayfield Plaza. Neutral tile,no carpet. Lots of windows, great open living area. ... $274,900
3004 Brentwood Circle-Beautifully updated 3 BR/2BA, spacious living area plus sunroom!Really Gorgeous Trees and yard on a cul-de-sac! ... UC...$269,000
3210 Boyd Ave.-Updated 3BR/2.5BA in Mallon Terrace! ... UC...$265,000
2010 Sheridan Ave -Charming house in Forest neighborhood! So much updated & replaced-move-in ready! ... $249,000
1100 Hollowell St.-"Just drive up appeal" Updated kitchen. Spacious play room/den. Large yard and workshop ... $242,500
3001 Sunset Ave.-Recent updates in this spacious 3BR/2BA w/large covered front porch in front and full covered patio in back ... UC...$234,900
5112 Ashdown Pl.-Nicely updated home in Saddle Club South w/access to the pool, clubhouse & tennis courts! ... SOLD...$229,000
3115 Bedford Dr.-immaculate & pristine & well kept 3/2 home in desirable neighborhood! Move-in-ready! ... UC...$185,000
2100 W. Wadley 436-Spacious condo w/3 large BR/2BA within walking distance of the pool ... UC...$169,900
3007 Ohio Ave.-Adorably 3/2 home w/hidden kitchen. Large corner, nice backyard w/covered patio, great price! ... UC...$164,000
2314 Cuthbert Ave.-Great location, NEW carpet in paint, spacious and great big backyard ... UC...$154,000
12300 E County Rd 120-Cute! Wonderfully updated home located on corner lot w/spacious rooms & plenty of storage! ... SOLD...$149,900
3015 Amelia Cuts.-clean & cozy 3 bedroom/2 bath home with so many updates! ... $144,500
1001 W. Kentucky Ave.-Great 3 bdrm/2 bth home on corner lot w/large backyard ... $133,000

FOUR BEDROOMS

3215 Polo Verde Glen-Amazing property on 2 acres in town!! Open kitchen, wet bar! Huge patio for entertaining w/outdoor grill Pool and spa! ... $1,950,000
11 Hialeah Dr.-Exquisite 4/4.5 home w/much updating in exclusive gated Saddle Club Estates ... $924,900
1505 Seaboard-Spacious 4/3-2 living areas, formal dining, office and awesome loaded kitchen ... UC...$599,000
4019 Rankin Trail-Fabulous on the golf course! 4BR/2.5BA, nice high ceilings! Beautifully updated kitchen! ... UC...$525,500
3124 Fairfield Ln-Stunning Mike Jackson home. Great layout! Backyard w/POOL is an oasis for your enjoyment! ... $481,499
3604 W County Rd 145 - Beautiful custom home w/incredible woodwork throughout! Huge 35' x 70' insulated w/shop! So much more! On 3 acres. ... $429,900
2501 Culpepper Dr - Lovely spacious home remodeled in 2013 nested on quiet established cul-de-sac close to Midland College. ... UC...$399,999
10500 E. Co. Rd. 104 - Fabulous 4 BR near Greenwood schools, gorgeous outdoor area with covered patio ... $389,000
4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4BR/2BA w/large covered patio and perfect sized backyard! ... UC...$349,900
1308 S. County Rd. 1269-Beautiful new construction on quiet street (dead end)- Large open floorplan ... SOLD...$340,000
2302 Stutz Pl.-Four spacious bedrooms and three and half baths plus an enormous living/dining area, great price! ... $324,900
1700 Coventry Ln-Very spacious tree shaded home in Polo Park Estates 4br/3BA, big kitchen! Easy access to Loop 250! ... SOLD...$315,000
2823 Northtown Pl.-Great plan, 4/3.5, updated kitchen and bequestered master! ... UC...$309,700
2502 W Cuthbert Ave - Large 4BR/3BA in AWESOME location! Updated master. It is gorgeous!! Pool Bonus rooms and office space ... $299,000
902 Nolan Ryan Dr.-Gorgeous 4 Bedroom w/spacious living area and dining, plus a study/office ... $279,000
2604 Purple Sage Trl.-Lovely 4BR/3BA on cul-de-sac w/wealth of windows and beautiful yard ... $269,500
5011 Los Alamitos Dr - Lovely 4 Bedroom/3 Bath home in Saddle Club South ... UC...$269,000
3313 Stewart - Complete remodel of kitchen, new cabinets, granite counters, stainless appliances so much more ... $219,900
3300 S. County Rd. 1069-Great opportunity to have an acre of land in Greenwood. 4br/3 bath w/lots of space. ... $169,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

3101 S. County Rd 1218 - Lots of space here in this 5 bedroom/5 bath home on 1 acre ... $295,000

3101 "Los Verde Glen - Wonderful family home on 1.5 acres. Pristine condition, great floorplan ... $1,295,000
4007 Island Dr. - Gorgeous 5/4 on the course in Green Tree w/beautiful travertine tile and wood floors ... $849,000
6002 Island Circle - Outstanding home on the water in Green Tree! Well maintained dream home ... $819,000
10210 S. County Rd. 1210-Skylight airport home w/massive heated & cooled workshop. Plus so much more...WOW! ... $349,000

FOR LEASE

910 Nolan Ryan -Nice home fwd. Large living/ Comes w/washer and dryer...For Lease ... monthly $2,200
1013 Club Dr.-Lovely 2 bedroom/2 bath townhome on the corner of Club & Douglas. For Lease ... monthly $1,100
17922 S. New Jersey Ave.-3,200 sq ft office/warehouse, recently remodeled with water well ... monthly $1,725
2101 Wadley 409-Spacious condo w/3 bedrooms, master is downstairs ... monthly $1,700
1014 Bedford Dr.-Great home in Old Midland! Corner lot with side entry 2-car garage. Large backyard with cinder block fence and storage building ... monthly $1,700
1002 Tennessee-Extremely clean 3/1.5 rental two block from the hospital! Updated bathrooms and kitchen! ... monthly $1,600
705 N Midkiff Rd - Nice Remax w/fresh paint, tile floors, updated baths, stainless appliances ... monthly $1,500
1400 Conwell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/white w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

5. Co. Rd. 1129-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood ... $2,000,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ... $2,000,000
5. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development ... 325.8 acres in Greenwood ... $1,302,200

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

4110 E. Co. Rd. 130-Lane 325.8 acres. No Restrictions ... $742,500
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2100 Oregon St. Odessa, Tx. 79764-Approx. 64,705 sq. ft. on 9.577 acres- combination of warehouse/shop/office property. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
3909 S. Co. Rd. 1298, Midland, Tx.-Includes 5 buildings on 9.852 acres. Total of 50,035 sq. ft. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
301 S. Loft Hwy. Odessa, Tx.-Includes 2 tracts with 3 buildings. Total square footage of 74,582 with both office buildings, warehouses, and a truck maintenance shop. ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
1400 Conwell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/white w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
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Craddick Hwy. & 158-205.4 Acres available for immediate industrial development. Call Bill or Brandee ... $3,080,000
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501 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! ... $500,000
Faulkner Rd.-4.02 acres with city utilities in the Lexco Industrial Addition. Call Bill or Brandee ... $290,475
1730 FM 1936-Odessa, TX Two warehouse/shop buildings, fenced yard, city water, 480 sq. ft. office space ... $230,000
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8 Center Flat Rd -Zoned Industrial Park ... $100,000

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51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Ward gated community in Old Canyon Estates ... $249,000
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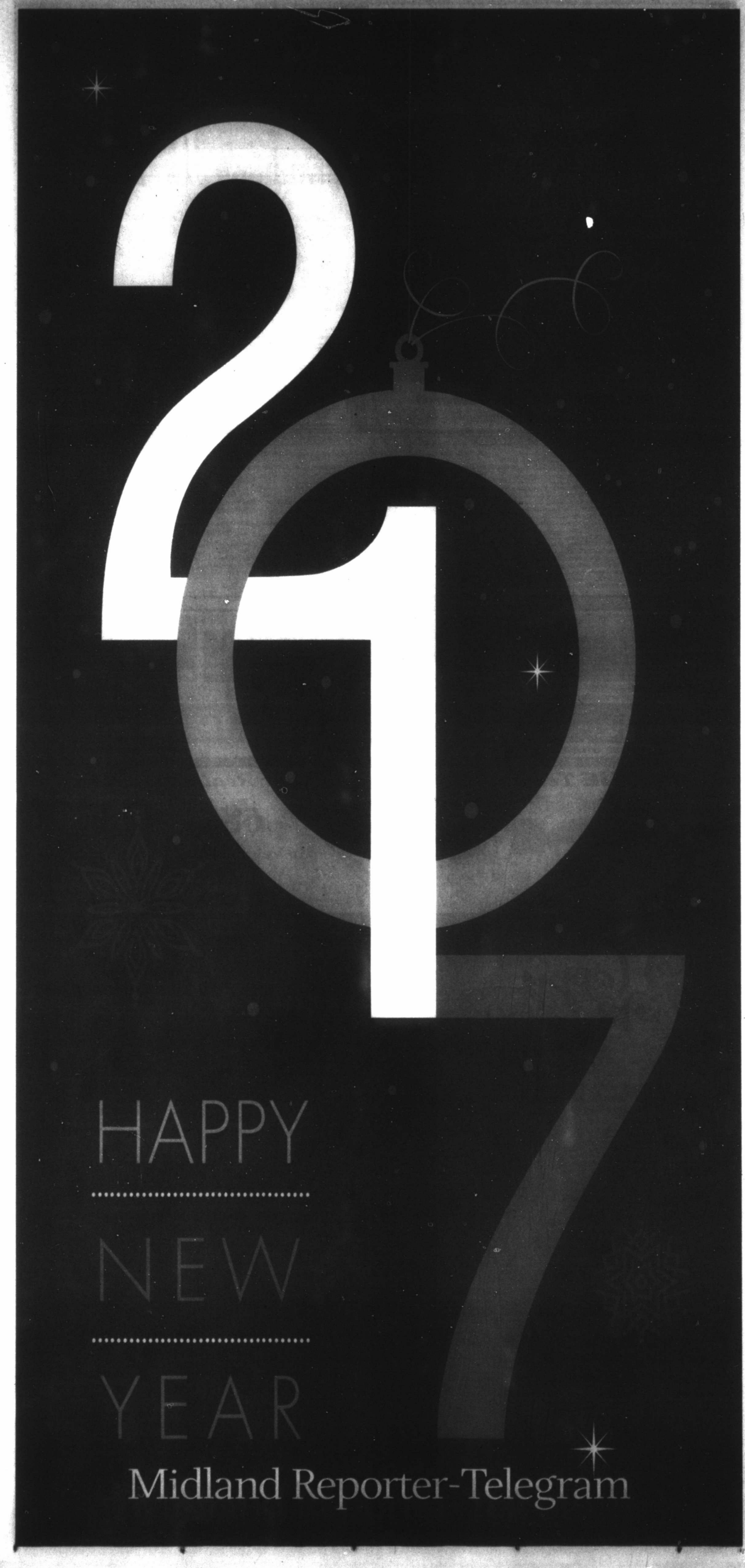
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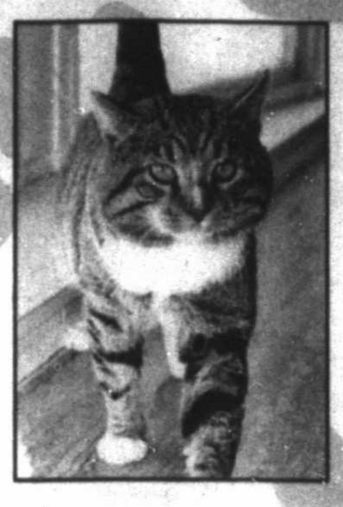

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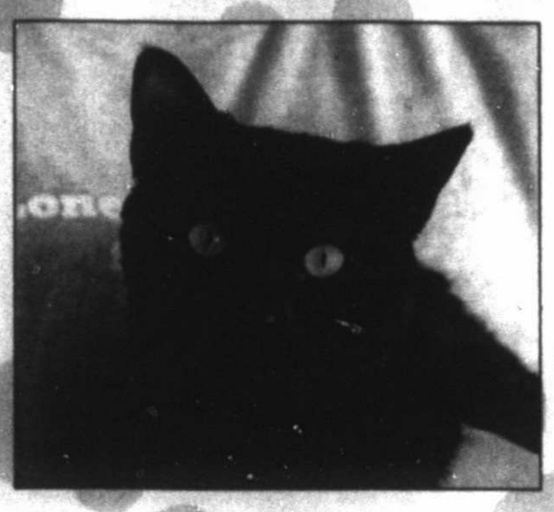
Male • Medium



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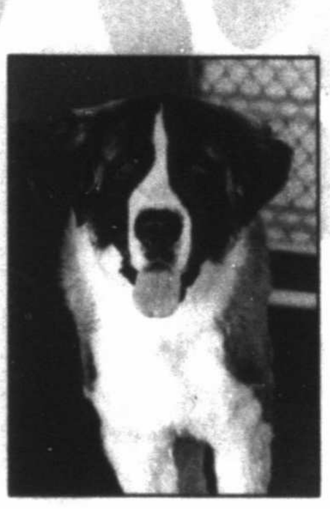
Female • Small



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Female • Medium

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Male • Small

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Lincoln
Dachshund • Adult
Male • Small

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4309 CROWLEY BLVD...Josie Rendon 889-6304 ... $999,000
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7207 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 889-6304 ... $434,592
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12018 NOBLES...Josie Rendon 889-6304 MLS #50001379 ... $159,900

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PERRIMAN HOMES, LLC
1205 HICK WY...Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #108305 ... SALE PENDING
MIDLAND BUILT HOMES, LLC
6001 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50002003 ... $539,000
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5715 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50003183 ... $399,900
5711 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50003203 ... $539,000
5805 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50002196 ... $503,700
JDS CUSTOM HOMES, LLC
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5305 TEDLAND CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003231 ... SALE PENDING
3114 PALO VERDE GLEN...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003404 ... $1,250,000
913 KEYSTONE CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002168 ... $1,150,000
2711 SHANES...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 MLS #50005451 ... $995,000
6112 HOMESTEAD...Danny Norwood 618-5012 MLS #50004695 ... $749,900
2700 CALLAWAY...Mark Pfeiffer MLS #50004649 ... $914,000
7800 ALMET CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #107307 ... SOLD
331 SIR BARTON...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004323 ... $810,000
4309 E. CO. RD. 86...Virginia Elizondo MLS #50003742 ... SALE PENDING
1211 CASTLE ROCK COURT...Kay Rivera 934-5995 MLS #50003743 ... $1,250,000
2612 FRINGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003745 ... $1,250,000
1400 PAGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003495 ... $850,000
910 DOUGLAS AVE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #50003105 ... $550,000
4001 FAIRWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764 MLS #50004532 ... $1,250,000
5100 WIDENER STRIP...Danny Norwood MLS #50004532 ... $925,000
4100 BAYBROOK DRIVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50001799 ... SOLD
3905 JACKWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004679 ... $474,900
2805 SENTINEL DR...Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #50004679 ... $474,900
4437 VERDE GLEN CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50001288 ... SALE PENDING
4301 EDGEWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003995 ... SOLD
725 PINEHURST DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003999 ... SOLD
3601 HATHAWAY CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004225 ... SALE PENDING
609 ALMONT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50005660 ... SALE PENDING
3407 TRINITY MEADOWS DR...Donna Brasher, 889-5022 MLS #50003407 ... $425,000
2413 HUSTIO TRAIL...Josie Rendon 889-6304 MLS #50005378 ... SALE PENDING
2410 CULPEPER...Amanda Gunn ... MLS #50004297 ... $1,295,000
7110 STANFILMO...Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS #50003647 ... SOLD
6005 BARTON SPRINGS CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002646 ... SOLD
5909 OAK CREEK DRIVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50001491 ... SOLD
2011 COLEMAN CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880

4004 TEAKWOOD TR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #108254 ... SOLD
1611 OAK CREEK DRIVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50004481 ... SOLD
5712 GRASSLANDS BLVD...Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #50004489 ... $382,500
6012 OAK CREEK DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003905 ... SALE PENDING
6011 LOS PATIOS...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #50003905 ... $272,000
5712 CORONADO CT...Melody Carroll 325-370-1182 MLS #50004503 ... $970,000
5705 CORONADO CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002496 ... $998,500
3104 PATRICK...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #108232 ... SALE PENDING
4208 EDGEBROOK...Skye Farris 294-3339 MLS #50004294 ... SALE PENDING
6005 PRINCETON...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 MLS #50003745 ... $1,250,000
7405 TERRACE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 MLS #50004453 ... $749,900
2901 COLEMAN CT...Martha Manulik, 557-8744 MLS #107897 ... SOLD
6007 SARDINIA DRIVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003507 ... $443,900
3905 EMERSON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004974 ... $343,900
3907 DARLING AVE...DeLaura Gammage, 268-3880 MLS #50004975 ... $343,900
2711 STANOLIND...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #50005756 ... $995,000
6601 ROTTINGHAM LANE...Mark Pfeiffer MLS #50004978 ... $474,900
4101 LAWSON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003995 ... $1,250,000
6005 GUADALUPE...Virginia Elizondo, 349-7782 MLS #50002215 ... $995,000
5004 NT, VERNON CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003693 ... SALE PENDING
6110 CARLESTICK...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002167 ... SALE PENDING
1719 NORMANDY...Leah Watkins 599-2187 MLS #50004707 ... SALE PENDING
3111 STANOLIND CT...Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS #50001502 ... SALE PENDING
612 WAGNER...Lisa Russell 741-5964 MLS #50004707 ... SALE PENDING
7 STUTZ COURT...Cy Bivens 934-5995 MLS #50004707 ... SALE PENDING
2412 PINEHURST...DeLaura Gammage, 268-3880 MLS #50004883 ... SALE PENDING
3905 EMERSON ST...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #50004885 ... SALE PENDING
2305 PRINCETON...Virginia Elizondo MLS #50004137 ... SOLD
2309 PRINCETON...Martha Manulik MLS #50003259 ... SOLD
1601 CLEMENTE CT...Lara Flores 385-5843 MLS #50003131 ... SOLD

5806 CHAPEL HILL...Lisa Flores 385-5843 MLS #50002697 ... SOLD
2905 CALORIA BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003951 ... SOLD
1210 W. GOLF COURSE...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 MLS #50003953 ... $575,000
3004 HUNTINGTON...Lisa Wathins MLS #50004365 ... $749,900
3009 STUTZ PLACE...Cheryl Parrish MLS #50001322 ... $995,000
3101 KING KELLY CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004637 ... $995,000
3104 TIMBER LN...Dennis Brasher 889-5022 MLS #50003322 ... $995,000
3113 MAXWELL...Madison Shaw 528-4640 MLS #50004417 ... $749,900
3410 TERRACE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50001779 ... SOLD
3405 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Russell MLS #50004668 ... SALE PENDING
4402 LEWIS DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50001779 ... SALE PENDING
1302 WELLS...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #50004778 ... $229,900
1305 PORTERFIELD WAY...Tracy Farrow 413-4764 MLS #50004498 ... $229,900
1107 CEDAR CREEK RD...Cheryl Parrish MLS #50004498 ... $229,900
1102 PORTERFIELD RD...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004546 ... $229,900
1106 PORTERFIELD RD...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004546 ... $229,900
4713 CINDY PLACE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7091 MLS #50004920 ... $215,000
3905 CHESTGATE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004941 ... $210,000
3909 CHESTGATE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004510 ... SOLD
5316 BLUE HAVEN DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004594 ... $199,000
5316 CARVER...Reannah Glover MLS #50004227 ... SOLD
3 S. BRITTANY CT...Brittany Boyd 978-7202 MLS #50002162 ... $199,000
604 W. KANSAS AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964 MLS #50002162 ... $199,000
3407 PARK LANE...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 MLS #50004276 ... SOLD
3405 PARK LANE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004366 ... SALE PENDING
1305 E. PARKER AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #50005347 ... $199,000
3406 WILLY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #50004640 ... SALE PENDING
3405 STANOLIND DR...Pam Dodd 413-0780 MLS #107099 ... SOLD
601 BECKLEY...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 MLS #50001886 ... $499,900
3303 MICHIGAN...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 MLS #50005825 ... $80,000
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3005 AVONDALE...Gina Reyes 553-6381

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1905 RABERRY...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $649,900
804 CANDERRO ST...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... SOLD
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5213 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $419,900
3402 WEDGEWOOD COURT...Denise Brasher 889-5022 ... SOLD
5011 LOS PATIOS...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $375,000
600 WOODLAND PARK...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... SALE PENDING
2508 LOCHRIDGE DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... SALE PENDING
2010 COUNTRY CLUB DR...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... $277,500
511 CARMEL COURT...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ... $315,500
5909 LLANO COURT...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... SALE PENDING
3004 BAYRIDGE CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... $299,900
6001 MEDINA DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... $299,900
3706 CASADY COURT...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... $294,500
1600 RIO GRANDE AVE...Kelli Moss 661-904-7715 ... $299,900
2005 DOUGLAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $287,900
1602 N. K ST...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $275,000
1922 HAYNES AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $277,500
3213 CHELSEA PLACE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... $315,000
6010 MEDINA DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... SOLD
2709 SAN SABA AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $299,900
6203 CROSLEY DR...Mark Pfeiffer ... SOLD
514 COLSEUM CT...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... $299,900
6013 MOSS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 ... SOLD
5019 LLANO CT...Lauren Thernell 557-4114 ... SOLD
1004 N. A ST...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50004815 ... SALE PENDING
5012 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50003615 ... SOLD
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604 E. BROADWAY ST...Leah Watkins 599-7187 MLS #50002190 ... SALE PENDING
1009 VENTURA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 MLS #50003010 ... $259,900
3301 WEDGWOOD STREET...Kay Bivens 934-5995 MLS #50004991 ... $255,000
5706 E. COUNTY RD 90...Brittany Boyd 978-7202 MLS #50004526 ... $299,900
6208 SHEA LANE...Tina Atkins 661-0062 MLS #50005836 ... $259,900
6304 DRIFTWOOD...Leah Watkins MLS #108780 ... SALE PENDING
4006 BISHOPS CASTLE DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 MLS #50003198 ... $249,900
3501 CLAREMONT DR...Darla Davis 260-8077 MLS #50001061 ... $249,900
3902 PLACID CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819... MLS #50005220 ... $245,000
2701 CLEBURN CT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... $244,900
2901 CALDERA DR...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002766 ... SOLD
4102 DYER CIRCLE...Lana Flores 385-5843 MLS #4420046 ... $244,000
3208 W. WADLEY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50004231 ... $242,900
3214 STUTZ DR...Madison Shaw 528-4640 MLS #50004740 ... $240,000
2915 HUMBLE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $239,900

3230 WHITTLE WAY...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50004487 ... $199,900
211 E. CIRCLE DRIVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50004484 ... SOLD
104 HOLLY...Amanda Gunter MLS #50004592 ... $133,500

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1400 E. NEW YORK AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #50005387 ... $89,000

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3706 CASADY CT...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 MLS #50001122 ... $299,000
5003 BRUNSWICK...Martha Manulik 557-8744 MLS #50004633 ... SOLD
4525 LANHAM ST...Cheryl Parrish MLS #50004808 ... $169,900

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4400 E. CO. RD. 53...Danny Norwood 413-2764 MLS #108422 ... $899,900
5203 S. CO. RD. 1060...Ashley St. John 32 Acres/$975,000
2711 SHANES...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ... $699,900
7700 E. CO. RD. 113...Leah Watkins 599-2187 MLS #50001535 ... $699,900
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10500 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Lana Flores MLS #50002338 ... $389,000
2202 S. CO. RD. 1085, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #50003930 ... $349,900

12110 E. CO. RD. 102...Lana Flores 385-5843 MLS #50001291 ... $365,000
3315 W. CO. RD. 105, SKYWEST AIRPORT...Madison Shaw 528-4640 MLS #50002203 ... $350,000
5001 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50003846 ... $325,000
901 E. CO. RD. 138...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50001345 ... SOLD
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #50004495 ... $314,500
10603 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50002447 ... SALE PENDING
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 413-2764 MLS #50005884 ... $300,000
2200 S. CO. RD. 1223...Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #50002196 ... $283,750
5405 S. CO. RD. 1214...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50003884 ... $300,000
12411 E. CO. RD. 93, GREENWOOD...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #108961 8.51 Acres/$295,000
10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964 MLS #50004733 ... $270,000

4507 S. CO. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-8077 MLS #50002162 ... $270,000
5105 SAN ANTONIO ST...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004090 ... SOLD
5103 W. CO. RD. 100...Lisa Russell 741-5964 MLS #50001570 ... $260,000
5005 E. CO. RD. 57...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50003506 ... $194,500
3900 S. CO. RD. 1105...Susan Palmer 978-7816 MLS #50004234 ... SALE PENDING
4207 S. CO. RD. 1135...Jose Rendon ... $1 PENDING
4403 N. CO. RD. 1130...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... SALE PENDING
4800 E. HWY. 349...Susan Palmer MLS #50004032 ... SALE PENDING
4207 S. CO. RD. 1135...Andrea Snell 559-4417 MLS #50003799 ... $150,000
7104 CO. RD. 1200...Karen Foster 559-4086 MLS #50004854 ... $149,900
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200 N. GOLD, GARDEN CITY, TX...Pam Messer 349-3075 MLS #50001229 ... $179,000
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1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #105750 ... SOLD
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HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

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1001 NW 11TH ST...ANDREWS, TX...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 MLS #50005859 ... $500,000
624 OAK POINT DR...MAY, TX...Kim Merrill 664-4702 MLS #50001949 ... 1.0 Acres/$342,000
3301 FM 3113, STANTON, TX...Denise Brasher 889-5022 MLS #50002296 ... $310,000
10014 W. SWAN RD...ODESSA...Mark Pfeiffer MLS #107111 ... SOLD
1017 JESSICA LOOP, CRANE, TX...Tina Atkins 661-0062 MLS #50004318 ... SOLD
16100 N. DOGWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE...Janice Murrell 349-7242 MLS #100605 ... $285,000
5200 DUBLIN...ODESSA...Susan Palmer ... $285,000

7305 DIOTTO STREET, ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50004733 ... $270,000
903 W. 3RD, STANTON...Lana Flores ... $260,000
3102 C. 1900...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50002006 ... $242,500
409 E. 98TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $199,900
5400 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...DeLaura Gammage 268-3880 MLS #50002237 ... SOLD
3102 EASTOVER DR., ODESSA...Mark Pfeiffer MLS #108898 SALE PENDING
14241 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins MLS #50002358 ... $189,000

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13897 W. CO. RD. 91...Ashley Brasher St. John 352-6254 ... SALE PENDING
10204 FM 307...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 MLS #106620 ... $1,328,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING...Mark Pfeiffer 222-5071 MLS #106813 SALE PENDING
807 E. 2ND ST...ODESSA...Sue Lytle MLS #107382 ... $670,000

9709 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50005743 ... $800,000
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N. CO. RD. 1256...Reannah Glover MLS #107925 ... 76.5 Acres/$493,500
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313 E. SUMMITT...Josie Rendon ... $100,000
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401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 MLS #103867 ... $90,000

LAND AND LOTS

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3010 ROSS...Karen Mason MLS #50001761 ... $229,900
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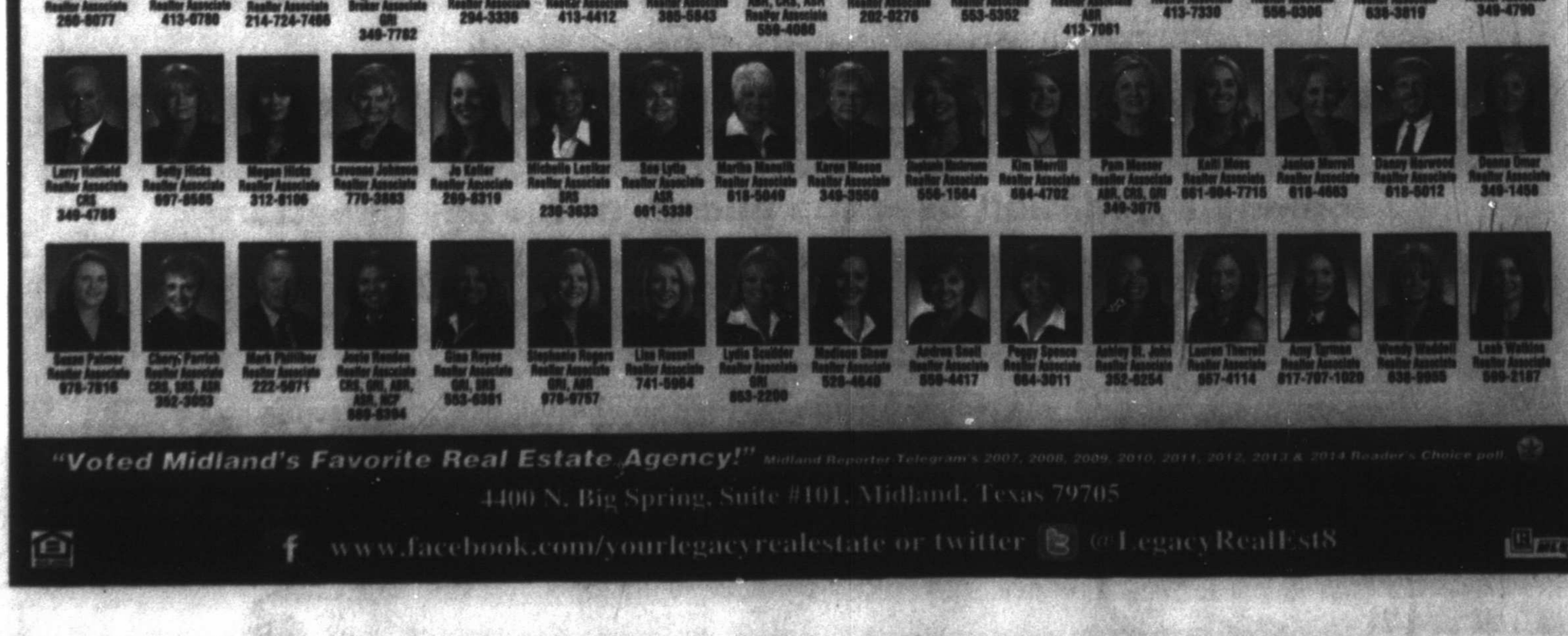
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CULTURE

It was love at *first bite*

Midland's slice of food scene and the proof is rising heat

With many new restaurants and more already on their way. What does that say about Midland?

It's a good thing, according to Mayor Jerry Morales.

"It's nice to see the diversity of restaurants coming into Midland," he said. "Midland is getting more on the radar with oil and gas, which plays a big part of it. People are coming from big metropolitan cities, and they are used to having so many selections. What's exciting is that now we have those restaurants, or they are coming."

Morales sees the growth of restaurants from two perspectives — as mayor and as restaurateur. He owns Gerardo's Casita, Gerardo's Bistro and opened his newest venture, Mulberry Cafe, in the old Harvest Caffe spot in March.

Local eateries step up

Mulberry Cafe was one of several locally owned restaurants that opened last year. Morales kept much of Harvest Caffe's cozy ambiance but established both a consistent menu and hours.

Chip Hight's Hight Foods, which opened in 2015, increased its offerings beyond its initial lunch and ready-to-eat options. The chef added cooking classes for both youth and adults, special dining events and collaborations with Flying Y Farms and teamed up with Tall Townes for intimate concerts with a specialty menu.

Native Midlanders Kelly and Stephanie Brown moved their Living 360 Organics to downtown where business has thrived with both regulars and new downtown customers.

J.B. Sosa opened the in-house bar at Steak 42 and added a monthly brunch as well as wine-pairing dinner events.

And perhaps the biggest news was the move of Lori's Cafe. The longtime local favorite relocated from its retro digs on Wall Street to one with a contemporary look. Along with that came Chef Timm Rogers' new approach to a menu with new items while keeping some steadfast favorites. Lori's also added alcohol to the menu and has hosted art shows and fundraiser nights.

Fast food and chain restaurants

Five Guys kicked off the year with its January debut in The Commons at Northpark.

Midland's first Domino's Pizza Theater opened in May in the Belmont Market Plaza shopping center just east of the southside Wal-Mart.

Jamba Juice opened its doors in The Borgata shopping center in September.

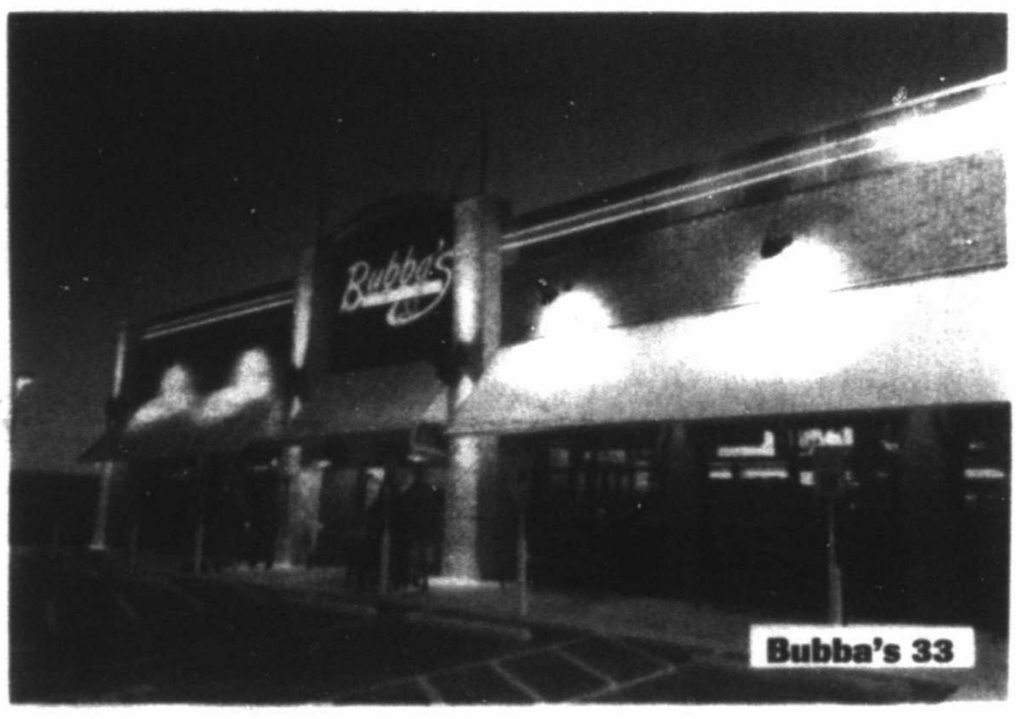
The one-two punch of Wienerschnitzel and Carl's Jr. opening off Loop 250 however, was the biggest standout of fast food openings last year. Wienerschnitzel opened its doors in August, and Carl's Jr. followed in October; the long drive-through lines commenced.

Also in October, Dickey's Barbecue Pit opened its second location off Wadley Avenue between Gatti's Pizza and Texas Burger.

H-E-B and its in-house True Texas Bar-B-Q restaurant opened in February at Loop 250 and State Highway 191. Potbelly led the growing food options at the Red Oak shopping center next to the new grocery store in April. The franchise Beef Jerky Outlet and the second Domino's Pizza Theater followed at the center in October.

Sports bars were elevated when Houston chain Little Woodrow's and the nationwide Bubba's 33 opened within weeks of each other in November. Both offer extensive menus of bar food staples but with added twists. Their menus then pair with an extensive selection of beers on draft. Their consistently filled parking lots and lines out the door, show that both have become popular in a short time.

Woodrow's suffered some backlash on its tattoo policy. People with face and neck tattoos allegedly were not allowed in. The restaurant has since rescinded that policy. Despite that, the Jamba Juice neighbor remains a busy location.



Asian flair

Midland was introduced to the Vietnamese noodle soup pho while also getting a healthy dose of sushi. Asian cuisine landed in Midland big time over the course of 2016 with five new restaurants.

Technically, one opened in November 2015, but Fujiyama Sushi and More kicked off the trend when family owners Duh Luai, his son, Bruce Luai, and son-in-law, James Durna, turned the old Hunan Garden into a stylish new restaurant that specializes in what they call American sushi.

"Japanese sushi is traditional; we cannot change it. But everything here is American sushi," Duh Luai said in a previous article. "Japanese people are surprised they never see this kind of sushi in Japan."

In May, Wokcano opened at the Red Oak. The restaurant, which has changed its name to Volcano, also has a Odessa location. Like Fujiyama, Volcano's Asian fusion and sushi bar is a hip, trendy spot with an impressive bar both for sushi and for cocktails. Food is often plated with delicate precision and artistic flair, adding to their dining experience.

Oishii Sushi and Hibachi took over the former Souper Salad space off Loop 250 at Midkiff Road. The restaurant opened quietly in September and may be the only one that offers build-your-own sushi rolls. The restaurant is currently undergoing a menu change with the addition of new items.

Then the pho came to Midland. Fans of the soup could find pho at Hight Foods, but in November, both Pho Street and I Love Pho made their debuts. Pho Street opened off the I-20 service road in the Belmont Shopping Center and is the second location of counterpart Odessa Donut and Deli. In addition to pho and Asian menu staples, the small restaurant serves doughnuts and gelato.

I Love Pho opened in the old Pizzeria Venti spot on Midkiff Road. Beyond the soup, the restaurant serves rice dishes, vermicelli dishes and Vietnamese beverages. With no dish priced over $10, the restaurant has quickly become a local favorite.

Brews and desserts

No meal is complete without dessert and coffee, and two new shops opened to fill that need.

J.P. Hearn opened his ice cream shop Fountainville Creamery and Soda Fountain on July 1. All the ice cream is made in-house, and he works in local products such as Pecos cantaloupes into his concoctions. The shop filled another space at the Red Oak shopping center alongside the four other restaurants. The soda fountain has now grown its menu into 24 homemade flavors.

The Colonnade at Polo Park saw Brew St. Bakery open its doors in August. Owners Alli Bixler and Julie Kent took the familiar coffeeshop concept but added wine and tapas menu at night. Despite its large size (it was formerly Men's Wearhouse), Bixler and Kent have made Brew St. a cozy, comfortable space that can cater to students, work presentations in the large room or a nice reading nook.

The momentum isn't letting up for 2017. Hight's newest downtown venture, Opal's Table, is shooting for a January opening. Eschewing the traffic of other locations, he's hoping the restaurant can add to downtown's growing activity.

"I want it to be part of the catalyst that gets things going downtown," he said. "And soon there will be Republic. I think downtown is going to be a great place to be."

He's referring to Republic Craft House, which will offer coffee, small eats and craft beer in the old Ground Floor space. No date has been announced.

The same for Panera Bread. The bakery/cafe chain is currently building its location at The Commons of Northpark.

Other openings to expect are Bush's Chicken's second location on Wadley Avenue, Dickey's third location on Rankin Highway at I-20 and Which Wich at the Borgata.

Little information has been released on the wine service concept Bean and Grape at the Imperial Shopping Center, but a 2017 opening is expected.

Papa Murphy's pizza has announced a second location to open, as well.

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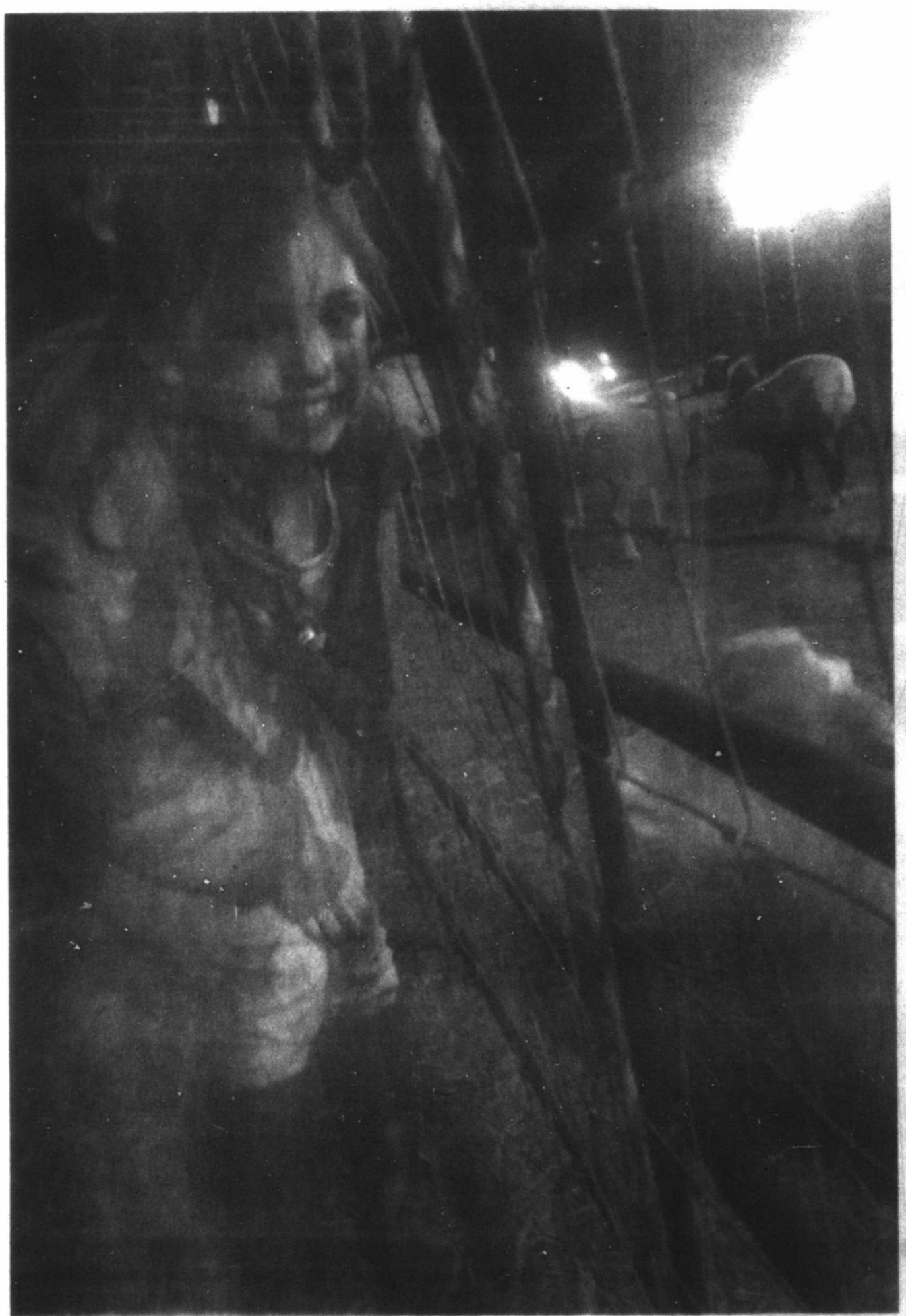
LIVING NATIVITY

Jaycee Dockrey, left, and Sadie Dockrey



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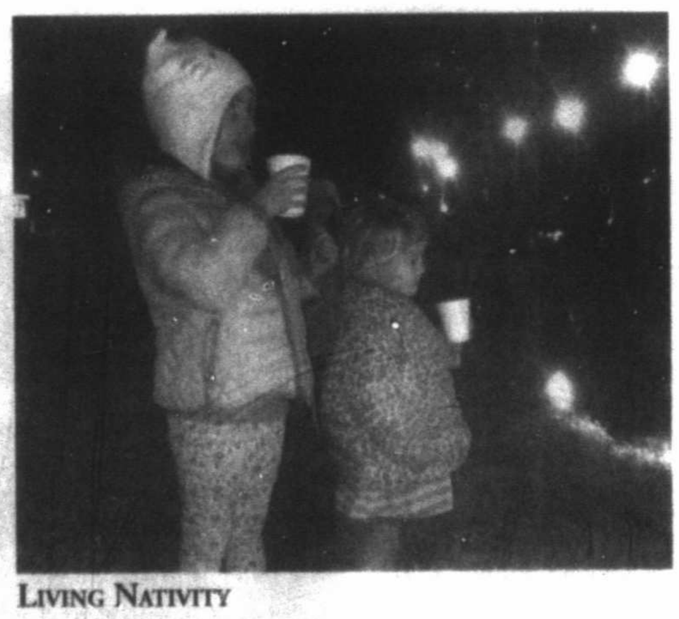
Graham Yenzer, from left, Jackson Wells and Oliva Yenzer



LIVING NATIVITY

Marley Werner, left, and Gemma Wann

LIVING NATIVITY

Campbell Davis, left, with mom Chelsea Davis

MIDLAND NATIVITY FESTIVAL

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints displayed about 400 nativity scenes at its annual Midland Nativity Festival. Hundreds of people viewed the exhibit Dec. 9-11 in the church gymnasium.

The nativity scenes were donated by members of the church and the community. A private Bible collection spanning seven centuries, including a first-edition King James Bible, the Bible of King George II, the Book of Romans from the Tyndale Bible and Napoleon Bonaparte's Prayerbook were beautifully displayed behind a glass cabinet. A find-and-seek nativity game and a craft room for making ornaments out of beads helped keep children engaged.

Among those taking in the Nativity collection included Karen and Bob Dent, Brooke Underwood, Katie and Bob Heller, Marianne and Jack Mohr, Becky and Brian Merkley, Jenna and Shane Huffman and Dr. Frank Eychaner.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S LIVING NATIVITY

Families gathered at First Baptist Church Dec. 13-15 to view the church's annual living Nativity. Christmas music played in the background, and there were a donkey, lambs and goats for kids to pet. Children also enjoyed feeding the animals hay, carrots and broccoli.

Hot chocolate was served to those in attendance and Christmas cards made by the children of First Baptist were distributed.

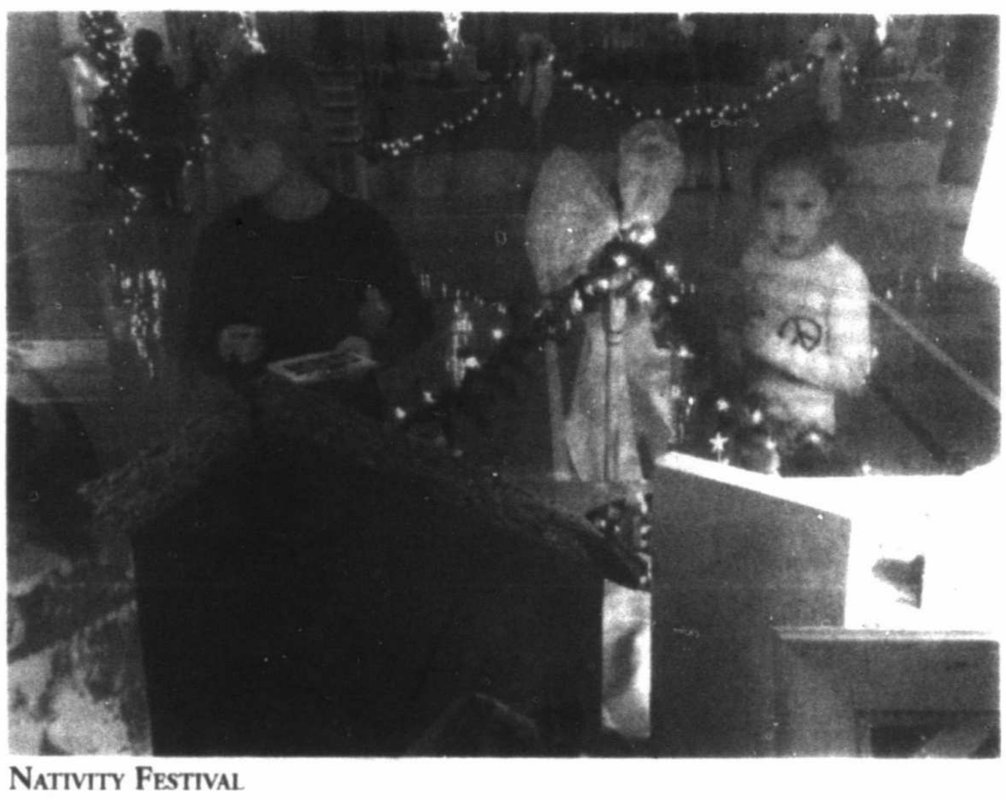
To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Janice Schooler, left, and Gwen Taylor

NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Amber May, right, and her daughter, Taylee May



NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Trevor Smith, left, and Avah Martinez

Cheramie Moore, from left, Billie Henry and Kay McCasland

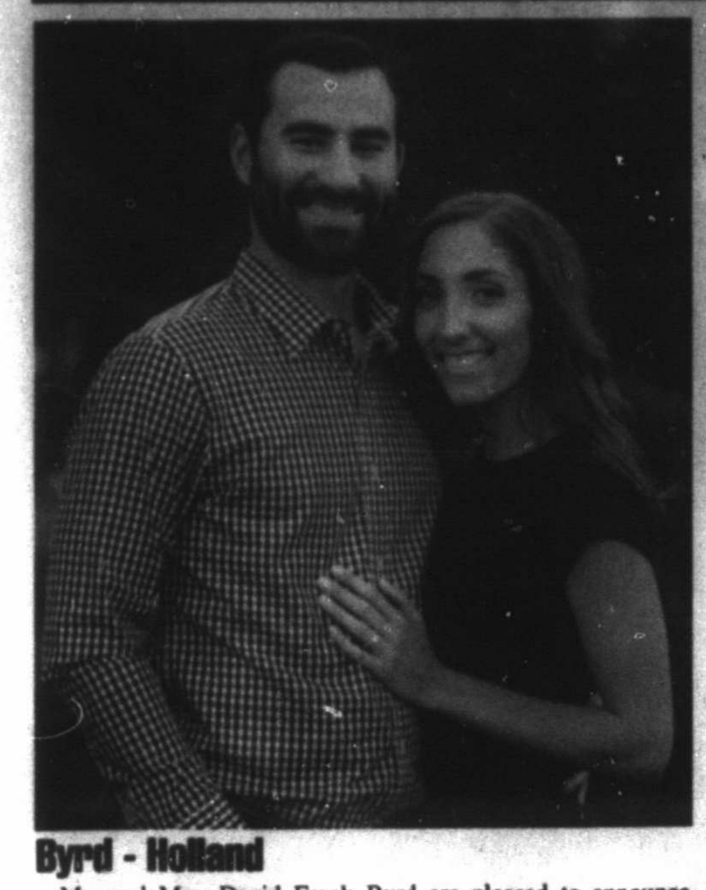
Nita Helmer, from left, Edna Hibbitts, Linda Kirby and Doris Williams

DAUGHTERS GATHER

Members of the Aaron Estes Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, gathered at Saltgrass Steakhouse on Dec. 1 for their Christmas luncheon. Schatzie Tighe presented a program on the book "Texas Ranch Women". Geri Lilly presented items (dresses, bonnets, pitcher and corncob pipe) to be added to the Traveling History Trunk; and Doris Williams displayed entries received in a statewide children's art contest. Also attending the meeting were Carolyn Alexander, Corinna Bilbrey, Barbara Deaver, Nita Helmer, Billie Henry, Edna Hibbitts, Linda Kirby, Sandy Marble, Kay McCasland, Cheramie Moore, Joyce Moore, Jody Slaydon and Carol Steakley. ***Courtesy photos***

Jody Slaydon, from left, Sandy Marble and Geri Lilly

Wedding, engagement & anniversaries



Byrd - Holland

Mr. and Mrs. David Frank Byrd are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Byrd, to Matthew David Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lynn Holland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rosella Yeager and the late Richard G. Yeager of Vernon, Texas and Mrs. Lou Byrd and the late Jerry Byrd of Vernon, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thane McCoy of Morse, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Eric O. Holland of College Station, Texas.

Mary Elizabeth is a 2009 graduate of Midland High School and a 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She was of member of Chi Omega Sorority. She is a 2015 graduate of The University of Texas at Dallas where she earned a Master of Science degree in Communication Disorders. She is employed by RehabCare as a Speech Language Pathologist at Manor Park in Midland, Texas.

Matthew is a 2009 graduate of Midland High School and a 2014 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He is employed by Concho Resources as a reservoir engineer in Midland, Texas.

The couple will be married on April 8, 2017 at the First Christian Church in Marfa, Texas.

Crow - Smith

Shelby Jane Crow and Avery Lee Smith were united in marriage on August 6, 2016 at half past six in the evening at the Milestone Barn in Aubrey, Texas. The ceremony was officiated by Ricky Brock of Hernando, Mississippi, uncle of the bride. Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed dinner in the Milestone Barn. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party and friends at the Lantana Resort in Pilot Point, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Crow of Coppell, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson of Olive Branch, Mississippi, and Nina and the late Melvin Crow of Tyler, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Lorece Avery and the late Billy Ray Avery of Stanton, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Smith of San Antonio, Texas.

Shelby was given in marriage by her parents and was escorted by her father. The bride's veil was designed and made by her sister-in-law, Morie Smith.

Dr. Katie Crow of Temple, Texas, sister of the bride, served as the Maid of Honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Miss Haley Brock of Olive Branch, Mississippi, cousin of the bride, Miss Audrey Bauer of Coppell, Texas, college roommate at ACU, and Miss Rory Harris of Leo, Indiana, college best friend.

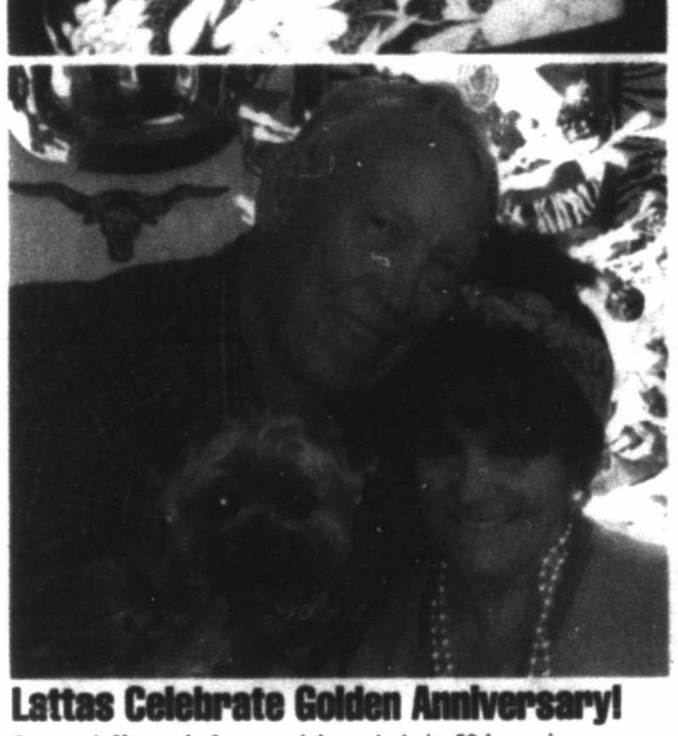
Dr. Steven Smith of Temple, Texas, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Robert Brown of Houston, Texas, cousin of the groom, Carson Crow of College Station, Texas, brother of the bride, and Dr. Ryan Parnell of Detroit, Michigan, friend of the groom. Brian Cooper and Kelley Cooper of Midland, Texas, longtime friends of the groom's family served as ushers.

Laura Chron, family friend of the bride, made the decorations and decorated the Milestone ceremony site and reception hall. Her mother, Pat Kirby, constructed and designed the floral arrangements for the bouquets and center pieces.

Shelby is 2010 graduate of Coppell High School. She's a 2014 graduate of Abilene Christian University, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Currently, Shelby is in the nurse practitioner program at the University of Texas in Tyler while working as a medical intensive care registered nurse at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

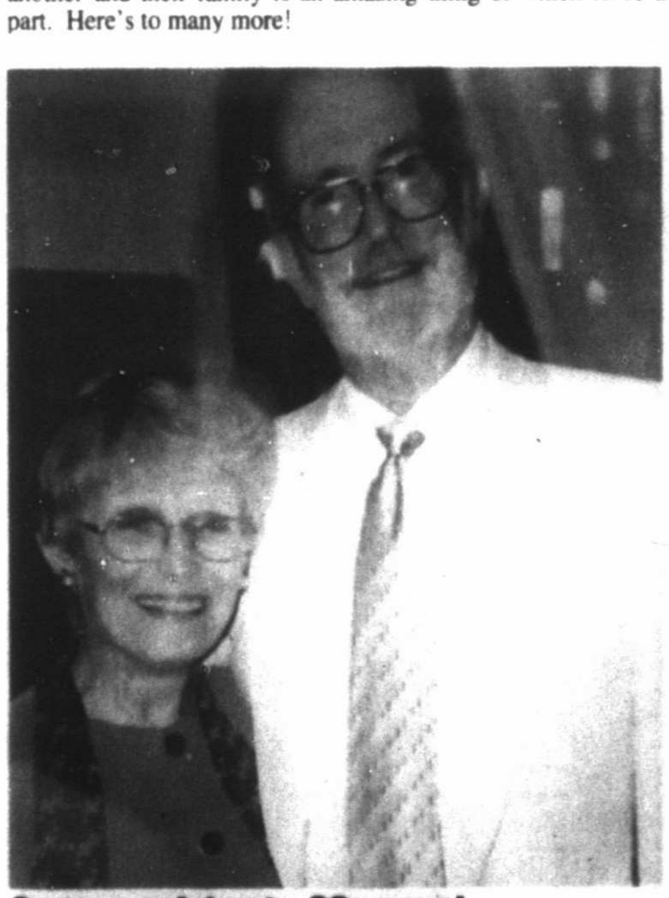
Avery is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School. He graduated from Midland College with an Associate's degree in Biology in 2007 and from the University of Texas Permian Basin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in December, 2009. Avery graduated from the Texas A & M Health Science Center College of Medicine in May of 2014. Currently, Avery is the Chief Internal Medicine Resident at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

The couple resides in Dallas.



Lattas Celebrate Golden Anniversary!

Sue and Kenneth Latta celebrated their 50th anniversary on Wednesday December 28, 2016. Their endless love for one another and their family is an amazing thing of which to be a part. Here's to many more!



Greens celebrate 80 years!

On December 27, 1956, Ralph and Sally Green said "I do" to each other. Sixty years later they are loved and respected by their two sons and daughters-in-law, several grandchildren, several grand pups, and have a great-granddaughter on the way. They have laughed and loved with family and friends, they have served and worshipped God, and have helped the Midland community for years.

Here's looking forward to #61!

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Cheering across the pond

GHS student to cheer in London parade

Greenwood High School sophomore Chyenne Allen is among 650 cheerleaders and dancers from the U.S. who will be participating in the New Year's Day Parade today in London.

Allen, the daughter of Devin and Meranda Allen, was invited to perform after being nominated as an All-American cheerleader at a summer camp hosted by Varsity Spirit, according to a press release from Varsity.

The All-American participants will have the opportunity to visit historic sites during their seven-day stay in London.

Principal Crysten Hopkins is with T.J. Rose.

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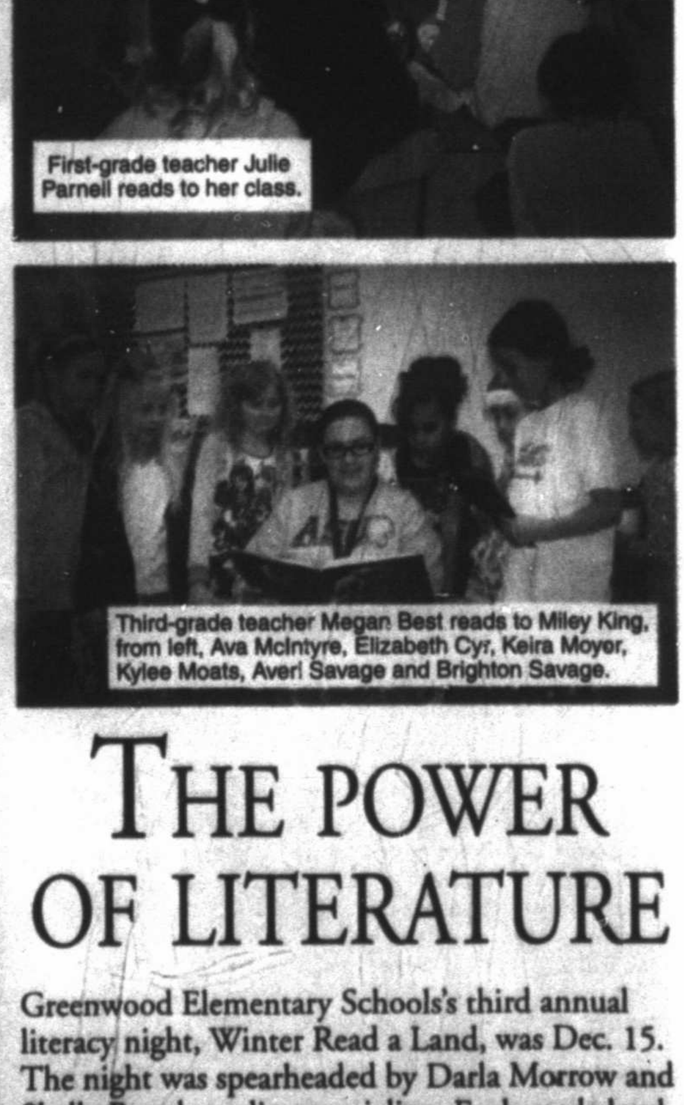
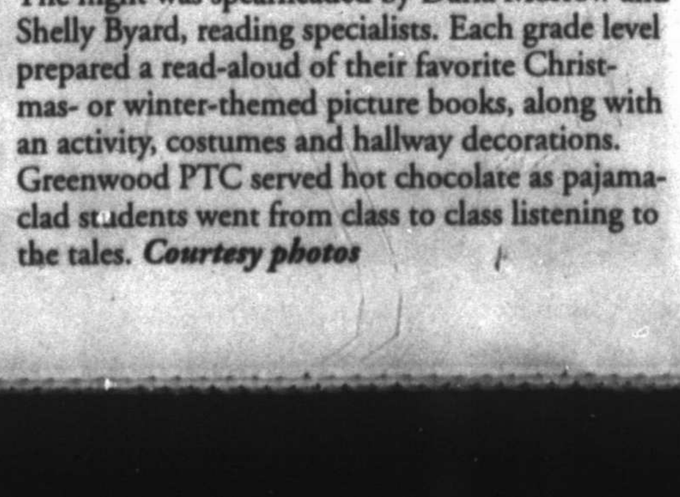


First-grade teacher Julie Parnell reads to her class.



Third-grade teacher Megan Best reads to Miley King, from left, Ava McIntyre, Elizabeth Cyr, Keira Moyer, Kylee Moats, Averi Savage and Brighton Savage.

The power of literature

Greenwood Elementary Schools's third annual literacy night, Winter Read a Land, was Dec. 15. The night was spearheaded by Darla Morrow and Shelly Byard, reading specialists. Each grade level prepared a read-aloud of their favorite Christmas- or winter-themed picture books, along with an activity, costumes and hallway decorations. Greenwood PTC served hot chocolate as pajama-clad students went from class to class listening to the tales. *Courtesy photos*

Consider a keyhole garden as a way to save water

DEBBIE ROLAND
Permian Basin Master Gardener

If I knew then what I know now, I would plan a keyhole garden for the corners of my yard, and maybe a few in the middle. It is a good way to grow almost anything in hot, dry places. If you take a bird's eye view of a keyhole garden it looks much like its namesake. A notch is cut into a round garden bed which gives easy access to the compost area.

First introduced in dry African regions, keyhole gardening began as a way to help poor families develop the skills they needed to grow crops on infertile land.

I'm tall, so I find that a 4-foot-tall bed works well for me but, as you can see from the pictures, the height isn't all that important. However, the minimum diameter should be 6 feet.

As you build your garden, it seems like it will take more soil than you will ever be able to find, but don't worry, you will be filling it with other things as well and building your own nutrient rich base.

In the middle of your garden construct a round, porous type structure. A piece of screen or hardware wire formed into a circle will work fine. This basket will not go all the way to the bottom of the garden but will only be about 18 inches below the soil level and have about a foot sticking out above. You will be dumping leaves, weeds (no seeds please), grass trimmings and kitchen scraps in here. This is also where you will be watering which serves two purposes: it keeps your compost moist, and when you water, the water runs through your compost taking nutrients to your plants.

There are a variety of recycled or natural materials you can use to construct the outside of your keyhole garden. I have two keyhole gardens. One is constructed of 1 x 6's that sit on the ground vertically like fencing. The other garden is in a tub that a friend found at a recycling center. It is about 7 feet in diameter and about 30 inches tall and originally was a syrup tub for livestock in a pasture. This one had a crack in the bottom which was perfect since it provided the drainage I needed in case of a heavy rain.

I have seen these gardens made of brick, rocks, cinderblock, and even a discarded child's swimming pool. Once your construction is complete, begin filling it with 4-inch to 6-inch layers from the ground up with:

- wood
- cardboard
- compost
- shredded newspaper
- dry manure
- worms
- wood ash
- straw
- topsoil

Next, repeat compost, straw and topsoil until you reach desired height.

When you plant your garden, you will be surprised by how little water it actually takes. Check your moisture level frequently until you decide how often you will need to water. Gray water is used in Africa since water is in such short supply and that may be something you want to consider, as well.

Each year, you will add materials to your bed as they decompose. I have added T-posts just inside the outside edge which allows me to add shade cloth in July and August. It also allows me to protect some late crops from frost.

PHOTO: Volunteer Mark Mason waters a keyhole garden at The Herff Farm at the Cibolo in Boerne on April 26, 2012. First introduced in dry African regions, keyhole gardening began as a way to help poor families develop the skills they needed to grow crops on infertile land. ***San Antonio Express-News file photo***

JEFF FLOYD
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Now is the time to plan for your year of gardening

Even though the ball just dropped in Times Square, us dirt warriors have been perusing their old seed catalogs for weeks and visiting the mailbox sometimes more than once a day in anticipation of their new catalogs. This year, give your landscape and life a makeover. Just don't get ahead of yourself.

January is planning time so start small and start right.

If you plan to have a vegetable garden, put it on paper first. Crop rotation is a trick used for maximum productivity. Draw your garden on paper, separating it into four sections. First garden? If you haven't already tilled in compost, don't delay another day. Spread a 3- or 4-inch layer of decomposed plant-based organic matter over the entire area and till it in about six inches. Now, relax and allow it to mature over the winter while you plan your garden.

Label section one for plants that produce large fruits such as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, melons and eggplants. Potatoes are a root crop that works well here too. Rectangular, circular or kidney-shaped gardens and even areas separated from one another by the house, driveway or other landscape features will work well with this easy system.

Rotate crops clockwise so that in 2018 section two will host the vegetables that section one has in 2017. Crop rotation helps minimize plant pest problems such as nematodes or soil borne fungal diseases. In section two, plant crops with big leaves. Spinach, broccoli, lettuce, chard, herbs and even corn work well here.

Lima beans, black-eyed peas, lentils and for adventurous gardeners peanuts can be planted in section three. The last garden section is for roots like onions, radishes, turnips, carrots and garlic.

Be sure to contact the Texas A&M AgriLife office at 432-686-4700 for the list of recommended varieties and planting dates.

Chickens can be helpful and challenging for gardeners

Associated Press

Raising small flocks of backyard chickens has been a trend among city dwellers for a decade or so, and putting the birds to work can be a boon to gardens. You can use them for tilling, grubbing for worms and for their manure, which makes excellent free fertilizer.

But raising chickens does bring challenges, especially if you give them the run of the yard.

"These 'free-ranging' chickens will eat large amounts of insects, grasses and seeds," said James Hermes, an extension poultry specialist with Oregon State University. "They will also eat ornamental and vegetable plant gardens in their search for insects."

Hermes suggests keeping a few of the birds in chicken "tractors" or coops that can be wheeled around the yard and placed where convenient — say, between the wide rows of a vegetable garden.

Chickens "put (manure) in the soil and remove some of the small weeds," he said. "And they will eat insects. If there are bugs on the plants they will get them, too.

"But they also will get the small tender plants, like tomatoes. Corn stalks a month or so old — they won't damage those."

Lisa Steele, author of the new "Gardening With Chickens: Plans and Plants for You and Your Hens" (Voyageur Press), subscribes to a seasonal form of management for her 12 chickens.

"In the spring, I have them out there eating bugs," she said. "They also stir up the soil — cultivate it."

But keep them out of the garden in the summer or until you're ready to share it with them, Steele said. Use barriers around the plants, or install fencing while the plants are small.

The birds "eat whatever is left over after the harvest," she said. "During the winter, I use their manure for fertilizer and compost."

Chicken manure is nitrogen-rich, so let it mature for a while — four to six months — before applying it around plants, or it may burn them.

Many people design their gardens in part to attract butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Steele designs gardens in part for her chickens.

She uses a variety of plants — mostly herbs — for boosting egg production (fennel, marjoram, parsley), changing egg yolk colors to orange (carrots, marigolds, watermelon), as feed supplements (chervil, dill, oregano, sage), for healthier baby chicks (basil, dandelion, tarragon) and to boost immune systems (blue cornflowers, rosemary, thyme).

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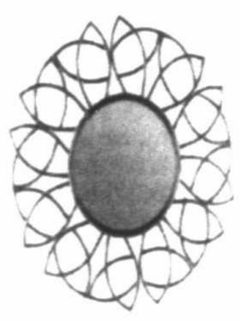

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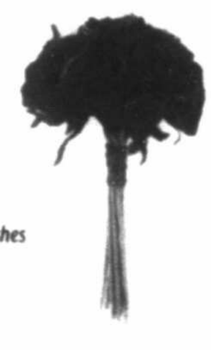

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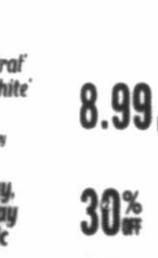

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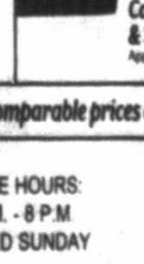

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DEAR ABBY

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The dawn of a new year brings joy, hope for new beginnings

DEAR READERS:
It's 2017! A new year has arrived, bringing with it our chance for a new beginning.

Today is the day we have an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions — which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of A!-Anon:

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I am overweight, I will eat healthfully — if only just for today. And not only that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

■ JUST FOR TODAY: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And so, Dear Readers, may 2017 bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you. — LOVE, ABBY

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Sulphur Springs finds groove in renovated downtown

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Storyteller

If you haven't been to Sulphur Springs in a while, you'll notice downtown is a totally new place, with interesting restaurants, bars, shops and apartments. You could easily think you're in Key West or maybe even France.

"We made the sidewalks wider and the street narrower," said City Manager Marc Maxwell. Sometimes people complain about how narrow Main Street is because it's the narrowest of all the streets downtown. But a lot of times when they're complaining they're sitting at a café table outside on Main Street enjoying a meal or a drink."

The transformation of downtown Sulphur Springs started eight years ago when the city was trying to figure out a way to get people downtown, especially at night. Since the city has 200 events, city leaders decided to call Sulphur Springs Celebration City.

"We're sitting on Celebration Plaza right now. We don't refer to it as the square anymore. From spring through fall every Friday and Saturday night there's something to do downtown. Friday night we show movies and Saturday night is the market itself. Vendors sell produce, prepared food and all kinds of crafts."

Celebration Plaza has computerized lights and sound.

"All the trees have lights underneath them and we can even synchronize them to music. During Christmas we put on a beautiful light show with music that can be heard all over downtown. We're trying to create the magic that makes people want to come downtown."

Downtown property values have gone through the roof since the renovations started. Previous vacant or burned buildings are now thriving businesses.

"We're working our way around the plaza, making changes in the streets leading to it. Each time we begin a new phase, there is a wave of investment downtown. People are buying buildings, restoring them, and moving businesses into them. It's to the point now that it really has its own momentum. We don't have to get out there and push. We used to recruit for restaurants like mad, trying to entice them to come downtown. We don't do that anymore. They come to us."

One of the owners of a downtown business drives a Tesla automobile.

"We're now getting a Tesla charging station. We'll be the only such facility between Dallas and Hot Springs, Arkansas. People that buy these $100,000 Teslas have to come here to charge and they have an hour on their hands. What are they going to do? They'll shop, right?"

Downtown Sulphur Springs has a theater with half a dozen live shows a year.

"We're trying to get them to do more. When there's a play going on it doubles the activity downtown."

Contact Tumbleweed at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com

Good gravy! Pork has lost its main byproduct: fat

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: When I was a child, my mother would pan-fry pork chops and make delicious gravy using the pan drippings. When I pan-fry pork chops now, I don't get any drippings. What is different? Am I doing something wrong? I want to make the gravy like she did. — Marge B., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear, Marge: Yes, Marge, something is different, and it's the pork itself! Pork today has been bred with improved genetics and different feed so that it has much less fat than the pork your mother would cook. Believe it or not, many of the pork cuts today are as lean as skinless chicken, so that is preventing you from getting those pan drippings — to get drippings, you need fat.

Here is a hint for you to try: If you like bacon, cook bacon and save the grease to cook your pork chops in that day, or at a later time. This will give you a gravy base that is still from a pork product. — Heloise

Keep warm

Dear Heloise: I own several of the insulated casserole caddies used for transporting and keeping food warm. I use them often for parties and gatherings with friends and family. However, I have found that they also are extremely useful while I am at home. When entertaining, I use them to keep foods warm while I am still cooking and finishing up other dishes before we eat. This works especially well when hosting a buffet. — Patsy W. in Pennsylvania

Napkin etiquette

Dear Heloise: Is it proper to wear a napkin when eating out? — M.E., via email

Dear, M.E.: I'm imagining the napkin tucked into the collar of your shirt or tied around your neck, so the answer is "no." It's never acceptable etiquette to "wear" a napkin. Instead, the napkin should be placed in your lap as soon as you are seated, and should remain there until the meal is finished. — Heloise

Mesh hanger

Dear Heloise: I've noticed for the past year that hanging my onions, garlic, shallots and lemons in their mesh netting on a hook from my ceiling pot rack makes them last a lot longer than being in a ventilated vegetable basket/ container. Just make sure the pot hanger is in a well-ventilated spot and not over your stove or sink. It really works! — Melaney M., San Clemente, Calif.

Slow cooker

Dear Heloise: With cold weather in full force, my slow cooker is constantly being used as I cook hearty soups and stews while I'm at work. My hint is to place the slow cooker on the glass-top stove just in case it ever boils over. — Alexis O., via email

Hold tacos

Dear Heloise: Here is a great hint for holding taco shells upright: Turn a muffin pan upside down, placing the shells in the spaces between the muffin cups. Now tacos can be filled without falling over and losing all their ingredients! No mess! — Rachel W., Spokane, Wash.

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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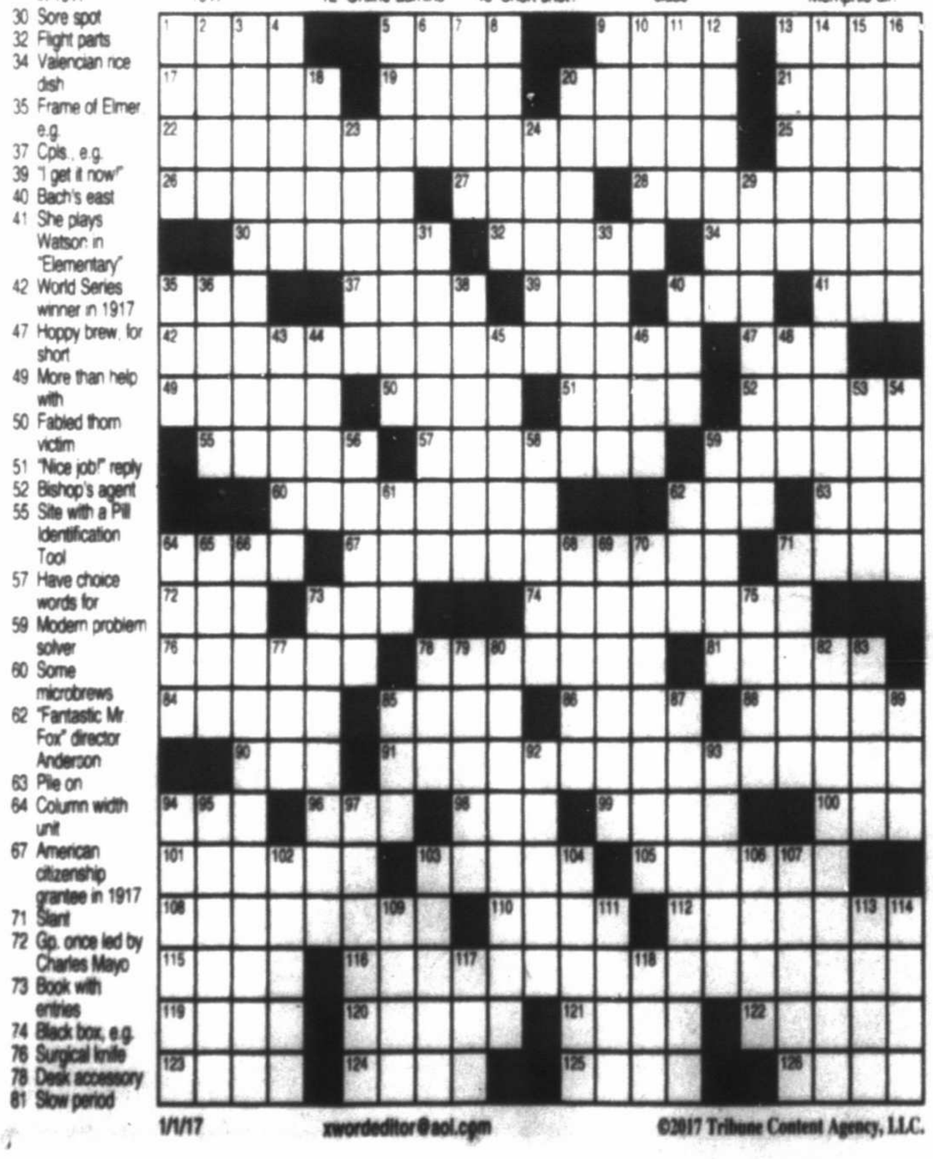
ACROSS

1 Olympian queen
5 Bad attention-getter in a crowded bar
9 Baker-literacy advocate Wally who hosted "Learn to Read"
13 Big name in romance novels
17 ___ beverage
19 Goddess who saved infant Zeus from Cronus
20 Hair-raising
21 Big dip
22 Fundraising items first sold in 1917
25 Additional decision-making factors
26 "Don't move"
27 Person
28 Treats inspired by a coal miner in 1917
30 Sore spot
32 Flight parts
34 Valencian rice dish
35 Frame of Elmer e.g.
37 Cpls., e.g.
39 "I get it now"
40 Bach's east
41 She plays Watson in "Elementary"
42 World Series winner in 1917
47 Hoppy brew, for short
49 More than help with
50 Fabled thorn victim
51 "Nice job!" reply
52 Bishop's agent
55 Site with a PIN identification Tool
57 Have choice words for
59 Modern problem solver
60 Some microbrews
62 "Fantastic Mr Fox" director Anderson
63 Pile on
64 Column width unit
67 American citizenship grantee in 1917
71 Slant
72 Gp. once led by Charles Mayo
73 Book with entries
74 Black box, e.g.
76 Surgical knife
78 Desk accessory
81 Slow period
84 Split
85 Serving two purposes
86 Starting on
88 Sidestep
90 They may be checked at the door
91 America bought it from Denmark in 1917
94 Letters in early dates
96 Prefix with fiction
98 Middle
99 Granny
100 Hubbub
101 Words of concern
103 Stem with strings
105 UPS Store customer
108 Orphanage founded in 1917
110 Many antique radios
112 Crumbly English cheese
115 Tantrum-prone one
116 Subject of an act passed in 1917
119 Like some ducks?
120 Full of chutzpah
121 Philosopher Descartes
122 Dry runs
123 "What __?"
124 Sources of pliable wood
125 Column that's beside the point?
126 "Immediately"

DOWN

1 Fairy tale heaves
2 Ready for publication
3 Grandma Moses subject
4 "O Come, ___ Faithful"
5 Code of conduct
6 Moo ___ pork
7 Collectors' goals
8 Shells from stands
9 "That's terrible"
10 Seriously injures
11 Dairy Queen Blizzard flavor
12 Online admins
13 Wonder-struck
14 Dunkin' Donuts order
15 Yale nickname
16 Onetime Bahamian pirate base
18 Spice arm's
20 Only child, maybe
23 Teleprompter's job
24 Tagged before reaching, as home
29 Restless folk?
31 "Ah ... okay"
33 Common meal for a tight budget
35 Looped in, briefly
36 Website with detailed instructions
38 Athlete's refreshment?
40 Clearasil competitor
43 Lethal snakes
44 Large group
45 Like noble gases
46 Table scrap
48 Short shot?
53 Musical with the song "The Gods Love Nubia"
54 Joey Votto's team
56 Rail stop
58 Of ___ somewhat
59 Pays attention (to)
61 Software glitch
62 String of engagements
64 Like some ale
65 David Bowie's love
66 Holiday sides
68 Change the price of
69 Traps during a storm, perhaps
70 Circles of light
71 Diva's reward
73 "I'm starving!"
75 Star of David displayer
77 El Cantar de mio ___, Castilian epic poem
79 Blue Bird vehicle
79 Volcanic flows
80 Member of a small ruling class
82 Hustler
83 Scottish pirate
85 Key & Peele, e.g.
87 Handles skillfully
89 Brit. medal
92 Flinch, say
93 "¿ ___ vous ___?"
94 Fielding error
95 Like Beethoven's Ninth
97 2016 Conn Smythe Trophy recipient Sidney
102 Big name in beauty
103 Relative challenge for some
104 African capital
106 Lowdown
107 Fabled toy makers
109 ___ in this together"
111 Kristoff's pet reindeer in "Frozen"
113 Numerical prefix
114 Tree squirrel's drey, e.g.
117 Slalom curve
118 Dallas-to-Memphis dir.



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

No brakes

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ Q 3
♡ 9
♢ K 10 6 3
♣ A K 10 9 8 7

WEST
♠ 5 4
♡ Q J 7 4 3 2
♢ A 7
♣ 5 4 2

EAST
♠ J 10 9 6 2
♡ K 8 6
♢ Q 9 8 2
♣ Q

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 7
♡ A 10 5
♢ J 5 4
♣ J 6 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	2♡	3♡*	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Club fit, good hand, denies four spades

Opening lead: Three of ♡

Today's deal is from a tournament in New Zealand a few months ago. South was Australian expert Tony Nunn. North-South got caught up in an auction where North couldn't limit his hand, so Nunn felt obliged to cue bid his two aces in case North had a better hand. North heard his partner open the bidding and then do nothing but cue bid. It became hard to put on the brakes in a sensible five clubs, and they ended up in a poor slam. Nunn, however, performed the "Chemist's Coup," turning rubbish into gold.

Nunn won the opening heart lead and drew three rounds of trumps, ending in his hand. He noted that East, who was known to have had a high heart, had not bid four hearts, despite holding a singleton club. Nunn reasoned that he therefore did not hold the ace of diamonds. The straightforward line of playing West for queen doubleton of diamonds was not likely to work.

Nunn led a low diamond and put up dummy's king when West played low. As West had followed to three rounds of trumps, Nunn felt there was an excellent chance that West held only two diamonds. He exited with a low diamond to his jack and West's ace. Nunn ruffed the heart continuation and ran the rest of his trumps, hoping for the best. The best is exactly what happened! On the last trump, East was not able to keep both four spades and the queen of diamonds. Whatever he chose to discard, Nunn had the rest and his slam. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017:
This year you find that your energy dwindles for reasons you can't seem to understand. Better health habits could turn this issue around for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might want to resist making the party rounds, but you won't be able to avoid it. You will want to touch base with your friends and loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Concerns surround a friend who seems to be unusually unstable or upset. Trying to help this person root out the problem could be futile, especially today, as he or she seems to be in denial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Move past the inevitable, and look to where you can make changes. Your New Year greetings will mean a lot to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll enjoy the company of others much more than you could've imagined. One-on-one relating proves to be unusually successful in ironing out a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Defer to others, but keep your eye on the big picture. Others remain very sensitive to a conversation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Pace yourself, and understand how much you can achieve if you make the extra effort. Others respond to your inquiries and calls. Someone could be more upset than you might realize.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your playfulness turns a grimace into a grin. You have the ability to make others lighten up and remain positive. Use your leadership skills to encourage others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Stay centered, and understand what is happening with a family member or with an issue involving your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who has been unusually quiet lately. This type of concern and caring makes a big difference. Friends surround you, so try not to be overly serious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.-19) ★★★ Listen to news and follow through on an offer. Get together with friends for an early dinner or late lunch. Enjoy the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Slowing down the pace will be harder than you originally had thought. The unexpected could occur when dealing with a neighbor or good friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. You can't help but say what you are feeling — just try not to rain on anyone's parade.

BORN TODAY
First FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (1895), author J.D. Salinger (1919)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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SUNDAY MORNING — JANUARY 1, 2017

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Matter	This Week		Church	J.Jones	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	RawTrav.	Hunt	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8.	Brady8.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	XPoints	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Cowboy	NFL Kickoff (L)		Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Aleph	Zion	Chur.Way	R/Manusc	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	In Search	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Muscle..	Xtr. 4x4	Haves	New Day
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Mr. Rogers	Splash8.	C.George	Sid	WordGirl	Wild K.	O. Squad	O. Squad	Arthur	Clos.Truth	For Home
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Nacional	Mercury	Programa	pagado	Como dice el dicho		Al punto		Netas divinas		Republica deportiva	
KMAC MNT	16	16		16		LatiNat.	Latino	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	Home!.	First Baptist Church		The NFL Today	
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	(:35) ★★★★ The Bear			(:15) ★★★ First Kid ('97, Com) Sinbad				★★ Not Rod Andy Samberg		Movie	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★ Race	(re-airing)	★★★ Everest ('15, Adv) Jake Gyllenhaal				★★★ More Runner: The Scorch Trials		Movie			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:55) ★ Joy ('15, Com/Dra) Jennifer				Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(5:25) ★★★ Jupiter Ascending ('15,		★ Our Brand Is Crisis Sandra Bullock,				(:25) ★ Insurgent Shailene Woodley,		Movie			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ★★★ The Mark of... ('05)		★★ The Sweetest Thing ★ Pan ('15, Fam) Levi Miller, (P)						(:25) ★★★ Casanova			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★ .42 ('13, Bio) Chadwick Boseman,		(:05) ★★ Fracture Anthony Hopkins,						BlkCrd (:20) ★★ Furious 7 Vin Diesel,			
PLEX			96			Movie	(:40) ★ The War of the Worlds	(:40) ★★ Joshua				(:40) ★ The Magic of Belle Isle		Movie			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Zoolander		Inside the NFL		The Affair		Homeland		Homeland		Homeland	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:35) ★ Arthur and Merlin		★ The Lovers Josh Hartnett,				(:20) ★★ Jane Wants a Boyfriend		(:05) ★ A Mighty H...			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "The Pact"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) Dead	Dead "Start to Finish"	Dead "No Way Out"		The Walking Dead		Dead "Knots Untie"		The Walking Dead		Dead	
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Carpenter	BET Rel	Abundant	Joyful Noise		Lift Voice	Browns	Browns	Browns	(:05) Why Did I ...	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Watch	Watch	Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Top Chef		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	North America		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	Lion Guard	Phineas	Phineas	Gravity Falls		Dog Blog	GoodLuck	Bunk'd	Suite(	Shake Up	SoKardom
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL 'Sunday Edition'		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	MatchUp	30 for 30		MatchUp	OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox and Friends				Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		Outnumbered			
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Heart	Patricia H	Southern	Pioneer	Big Bite	Cooking	Southern	Barefoot	Pioneer	Rules (N)	Giada	Brunch
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban Daniel Radcliffe,						(:10) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Daniel Radcliffe,					
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Paid	Huddle	Texans	Mavricks	Paid		Practice	Special	Countdown (L)		Game365	Xterra (N)
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★ Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues Will Ferrell,						★★★ Horrible Bosses Jason Bateman,			★★ The Hangover Part II		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Tis the Sea...		★ Love You Like Christmas						★ The Nine Lives of Christmas		★ Christmas in H...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ The Perfect Girlfriend Adrienne Franz,				★ Nightmare Wed...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball	Business	PoliticsNation		MSNBC Live		AM Joy		MSNBC Live			
NBCSN	38	43				(5) Match	League Live (L)			(:25) EPL Soccer Tottenham vs Watford (L)			Live	(:55) EPL Soccer Crystal		Palace at Arsenal (L)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Dino	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	★ The SpongeBob SquarePan...		Sponge	SpongeBob		
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Cops	Cops	★ The Fast & the F...	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) ★★ New Year's Eve		★★ Due Date Zach Galifianakis,				★★★ The Bounty Hunter				Movie	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★★ Strangers on a Train			(:15) ★★★ Torn Curtain ('66, Dra) Paul Newman,				★★ Family Plot Karen Black,			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Crystal Palace at Arsenal (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Denial"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Blood"		LawOrder "Shadow"		★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult,			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls	G. Girls	(:50) G.Girls		(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Key David	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JANUARY 1, 2017

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	World of X Games	Paid	Paid	Paid	News	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football (L)							(:25) NFL Football (L)				
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady8.	Brady8.	Gilligan	Gilligan	HappyD.	Laverne	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football (L)							NFL Football (L)				
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Jerusalem	Restore	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"	HaYesod	Hebrew	About Us	Housecall	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Food for the Poor		New Day	Havas	NHL Hockey Centennial		Classic Detroit vs Toronto (L)			Inside Ed.	News	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Wild Photo	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Great British Baking	Nova		News.	Ireland	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Los rostros del 2016				Latin Grammy Awards					Nacional	Noticiero	
KMAC MNT	16	16		16		SkiSnow.	Bucket List	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	Major Crimes	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:30) ★ Fast Times...		★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton,						★★ Home of the Brave		★★ Wonder Boys	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:45) ★ Point Break Luke Bracey,		(:45) ★ Ride Along 2 ('16, Act/Com) Ice Cube,				★ The Divergent Series: Allegiant				Movie	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls	Girls
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(11:20) ★ Minority Report Tom Cruise,		★ Black Mass ('15, Cri) Johnny Depp,				(:40) ★ The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro,					
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:30) ★ What We Do in the Sha... ('06)		★★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service						★★★ Last Man Standing		Movie	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:40) ★★★★ Crimson Tide Gene Hackman,			(:40) ★★★ Rush Hour 3				(:15) ★★★ Panic Room Jodie Foster,			
PLEX			96			(11:30) ★ Memories...		(:15) ★★ Love Field Michelle Pfeiffer,				(:05) ★★★ True Women		(:35) ★★★ True Women			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland		Homeland		Homeland		Homeland "Oriole"		Homeland		Homeland	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:05) ★ A Mighty ...		★★★ The Royal Tenenbaums				★★ Big Eyes ('14, Bio) Amy Adams,		★ The Imitation ...			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Remini: Scientology		Remini "Fair Game"		Remini "The Bridge"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:30) Dead	Dead "Twice as Far"		Walking Dead	"East"	Dead	"Last Day on Earth"		The Walking Dead		(:05) Dead "The Well"	
BET	58	-		40		(11:05) ★ Why Did I Get Married Too?		★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Couns...						(:05) ★ I Can Do B...			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska Last Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Girl M.	I Didn't	A.N.T.	Cory	Phil	Friends	Austin	JONAS	Sonny	So Raven	Suite Life	Montana
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	H.S. Football All-America Game Site: Camping World Stadium (L)						PBA Bowling World Championship				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard"		NCAA Basketball Ala./S.C. (L)				NCAA Basketball Kentucky at Tennessee (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's Newsroom		Fox News Sunday		AmericaNewsroom		Your World		Perino&Stewalt Tell		Special Report	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe,								★ Harry Potter & the Deathly...		
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Texas vs. Iowa State (L)				NCAA Basketball Kansas vs. Baylor (L)				WPT Poker		Practice	Golf Life
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ The Hangover Part III Bradley Cooper,					★★★ Neighbors ('14, Com) Seth Rogen,			★★★ 22 Jump Street		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) ★ Christmas ...		★ A Christmas Melody (2015, Drama)						★ Christmas Land (2015, Drama)		★ My Christmas ...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	T.Luxury	T.Luxury	Tiny Houses (N)		TinyHouseJam (N)		Tiny House, Big (N)		House (N)	House (N)	Hunters	Hunters
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Nightmare...		★ The Wrong Woman Danica McKellar,						★ The Wrong House Clare Kramer,		★ The Perfect Sta...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live		Meet the Press		Fulse of America		MSNBC Live		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	43				GoalZone	RFU Rugby	English Premiership Sar./Lei.				BBL Cricket	Syd. S./Ade.	Advent. Spartan Race		Advent. Spartan Race	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	SpongeBob SquarePants				Sponge	Sponge	Sponge		SpongeBob "Runaway Roadtrip	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(11:00) ★ The Fast & the Furious		★ 2 Fast 2 Furious ('03, Act) Paul Walker,						★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift,			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) ★★ Tammy		(:40) ★★★ Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler,						Amer.Dad	Amer.Dad	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★★ Psycho ('60, Hor) Anthony Perkins,					(:45) ★★★ Marnie ('64, Thril) Tippi Hedren,			(:45) ★★★★ The Birds		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Enfoque	★ Copito de nieve ('11, Animated)			★ Parker ('13, Act) Jason Statham,				Noticiero	Conducta	★ Rush: Pasión y ...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Sister Wives	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(:20) ★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fant) Martin Freeman,								(:45) ★★★ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

MONDAY PRIME TIME — JANUARY 2, 2017

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor Some former 'Bachelors' offer support to Nick. (SP) (N)				Jimmy Kimmel Live		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Live	Kimmel	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can (N)	Man With a Plan (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Couple (N)	Scorpion "Ice Ca-Cabes" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen	Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "The Assassin"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Malicious Mariner		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef Celebrity skills of celebrity competitors are tested. (N)		Showdown	Culinary	Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	First Fruits of Zion	Update News	Mani Erfan	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	Housecall	Restore Zion	Sounds of Shofar
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 On	Apprent. 'n Here You Call Me Governor' (N)		The New Celebrity Apprentice (N)		The Wall "Chris and Katie" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) The Show	Tonight	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Fort Worth (Hour One)" (N)		Antique "Birmingham (Hour Two)"		Independent Lens (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	575		165		(5:05) ★ Bless the C...		★★ The Condemned Steve Austin,				★★★★ Death Warrant				★★★★ Alpha Dog Bruce Willis,	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:45) ★ Gods of Egy...		★★ Baby Mama Tina Fey,				(:40) ★ Sisters ('15, Com) Tina Fey,			(:40) ★ Black Mass Johnny Depp,		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:08) ★★ The Kingdom Jamie Foxx,						★★★★ Cast Away ('00, Dra) Helen Hunt, Tom Hanks,			(:25) ★ Ezanu		
HBO3	304	552	16	102		(5:15) ★★★★ The English Patient						★★★★ The Revenant ('15, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio,			(:40) Risky Drinking		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) ★★ Trouble Wi...		(:15) ★★★ Say Anything John Cusack,				★★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack,				(:55) ★ Dragon Blade	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Just Cause Sean Connery,				★★★ Unfaithful ('02, Thril) Richard Gere,				(:05) ★★★ The Transporter Chemist,			
PLEX			96			(5:30) ★★★ Paddy ...		★★ Larger Than Life		(:20) ★★★ Fierce Creatures				(:15) ★★★ Big Fish Ewan McGregor,			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★ Love the Coopers ('15, Com) Diane Keaton,				The Affair		★ The Preppie Connection		(:40) The Affair		Movie	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:05) ★ The Seven ...		★ Rampart ('11, Cri) Woody Harrelson,				★ Paranoia ('13, Thril) Liam Hemsworth,				★ Black Christmas	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Remini: Scientology "The Bridge"		Remini: Scientology "A Leader Emerges"		Remini: Scientology "Golden Era"		To Be Announced		(:05) The First 48 "Broken Home"		(:05) L. Remini "A Leader Emerges"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ The Shawsh...		★★★ The Departed ('06, Thril) Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio,								★★★ The Italian Job,	
BET	58	-		40		★★ National Security ('03, Com) Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn,						(:10) Up Sync	Up Sync	Martin	Martin	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules "No Show"		Vanderpump R. (N)		Timber Creek (N)		Watch	Watch	Vanderpump Rules	Timber
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Legacy of Barack		Obama's		A. Cooper 360		Legacy of Obama	
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ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(4:00) NCAA Football Rose Bowl (L)				NCAA Football Sugar Bowl Auburn vs. Oklahoma (L)						Postgame	SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Basketball		To Be Announced		NCAA Basketball (L) at /Ark. LR (L)				SportsCenter			Basketb.
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kids Baking		Kids Baking (N)		Cake Wars (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Cake Wars	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) ★ Harry Potter...		Shadowhunters (N)		Beyond "Pilot"		Beyond (N)		The 700 Club		Beyond "Pilot"	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Clemson at Boston College (L)		Silvio O. Conte Forum (L)		WPT Poker Five Diamond Classic (L)		Champio. "Football 1A, 2A and 3A" (N)		Cowboys Legends	Cowboys/ Conf.	Texans Press	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Adam Sandler,				★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Adam Sandler,				Star "Pilot"		★★ Bad Teacher	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		H.Hunt	House (N)	Love It or List It (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	House	House	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Bad Twin ('15, Thril) Hayde Duff,		★ Surrogate's Nightmare ('16, Thriller) Emily Bennett, Jennifer Finnigan, Peyton Montgomery,				★ Mommy, I Didn't Do It ('16, Dra) Jonathan Bennett, Janel White,		★ Surrogate's Nightmare			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) TBA		To Be Announced						Premier Review		To Be Announced	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel,								★★ 3:06 ('02, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Marton Csokas, Vin Diesel,			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	The Detour	The Detour	The Detour	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Full Frontal	Conan The Sugarhill Gang, T.J. Miller		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Black Magic		★★★★ East of Eden James Dean,				(:15) ★ The Moon Is Down Cedric Hardwicke,				★★ Cannery Row	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:20) Titular,	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Randy's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Donnie's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Brittan's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Randy's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Milla's Story"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★ The Mechanic Jason Statham,				★★ Limitless (2011, Mystery) Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper,		(:15) ★ Law Abiding Citizen A man wages a deadly war on the justice system after his family's murderers are set free,				★★ S.W.A.T.	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) ★★★ The Other Guys (2010, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell,			
WGN	19	85				★★★ Million Dollar Baby Clint Eastwood. A boxing instructor undergoes a journey of redemption when he trains a female boxer,						Elementary				Elementary	

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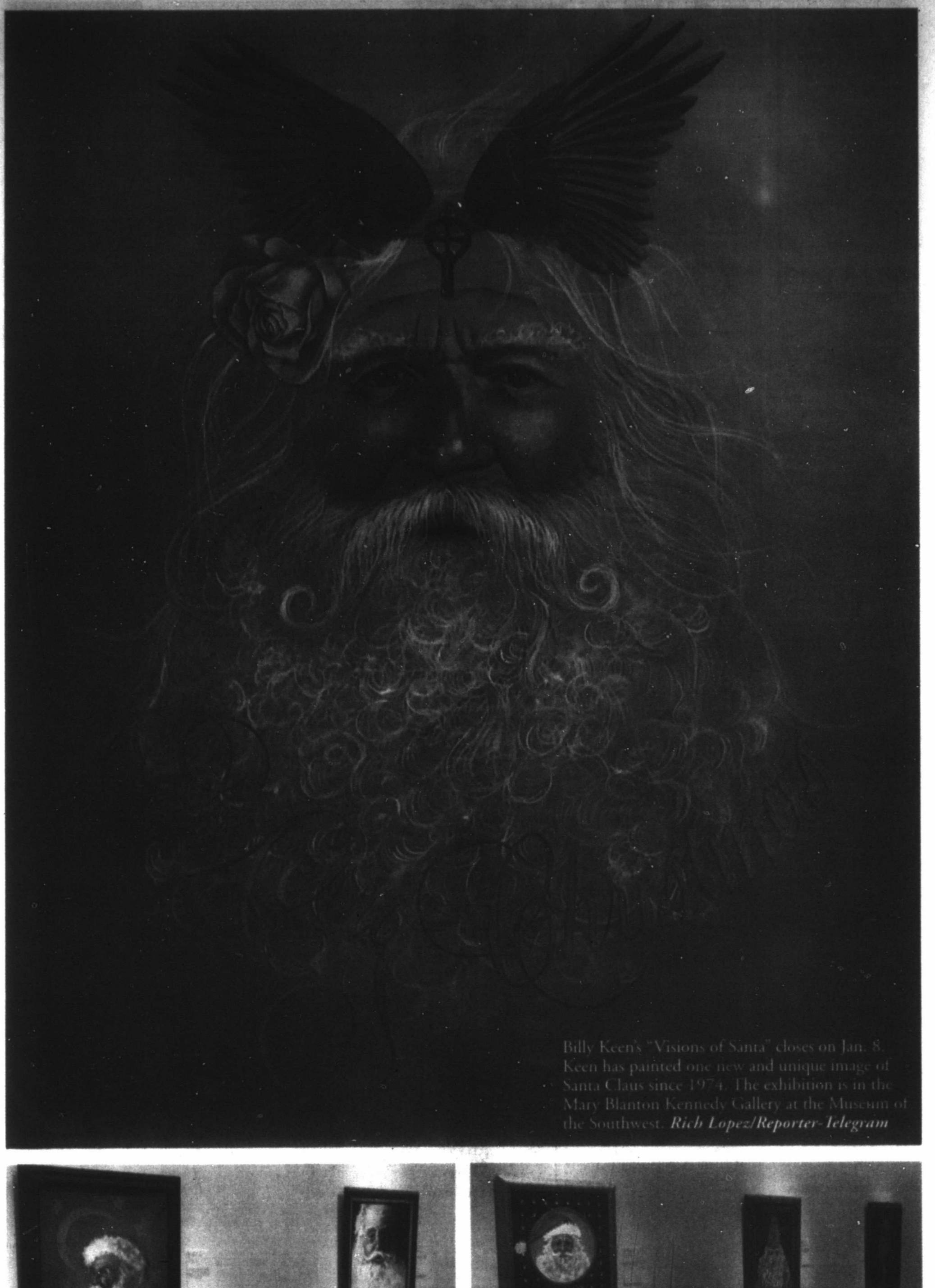
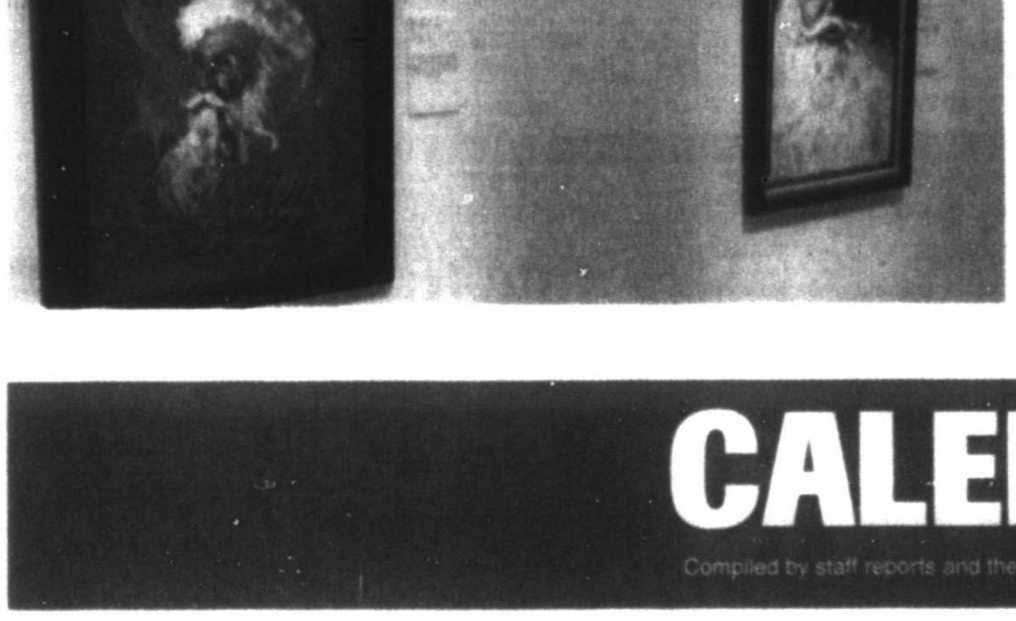


Billy Keen's "Visions of Santa" closes on Jan. 8. Keen has painted one new and unique image of Santa Claus since 1974. The exhibition is in the Mary Blanton Kennedy Gallery at the Museum of the Southwest. *Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram*



CALENDAR

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TODAY

Happy new year!

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Andrew Pudewa Writing Workshops for students and teachers. Through Friday at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman St. $25-$89. iew.com.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

First Friday featuring works by Katie Pack, 6 p.m. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Michael Carbonaro Live!, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

SATURDAY

Beginner 3D Print Class will introduce the basics of 3D printing from designing and sketching to getting it printed. 11 a.m. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Vince Neil, Great White, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $55-$75. Wagnernoel.com.

ON DISPLAY

"Spirit Lines: Helen Hardin Etchings" features 23 first editions of the artists copperplate etchings. Through March 26 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

"Visions of Santa" by Billy Keen on display through Jan. 8 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Audobon To Go" currently at Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. 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., 432-685-1112

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Sara Drescher, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout December. Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. petroleummuseum.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

In 2016, Permian wobbled but remained standing

By Mella McEwen
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During a year that began with crude prices at 13-year lows, drilling rigs remaining stacked in their yards and tens of thousands of jobs lost, Permian Basin oil and gas companies wobbled, but they didn't fall down.

Operators focused on the best of the best amid low prices, as seen in the Baker Hughes rig count. Midland County, which is in the core of the Midland subbasin, and Reeves County, which is in the core of the Delaware subbasin, dominated drilling activity nationwide. After hitting a low of 134 rigs at work in the Permian in late spring, the rig count nearly doubled by year's end.

Despite low oil prices, the Permian accounted for almost half of the industry's mergers and acquisitions as operators made significant progress in realizing the tremendous potential contained in the region's stacked plays. Companies already present and those looking to enter the region paid top dollar for acreage in both the Midland and Delaware subbasins. Prices ranged as high as $60,000 in core areas of both subbasins, bringing an estimated $21 billion in M&A activity in 2016.

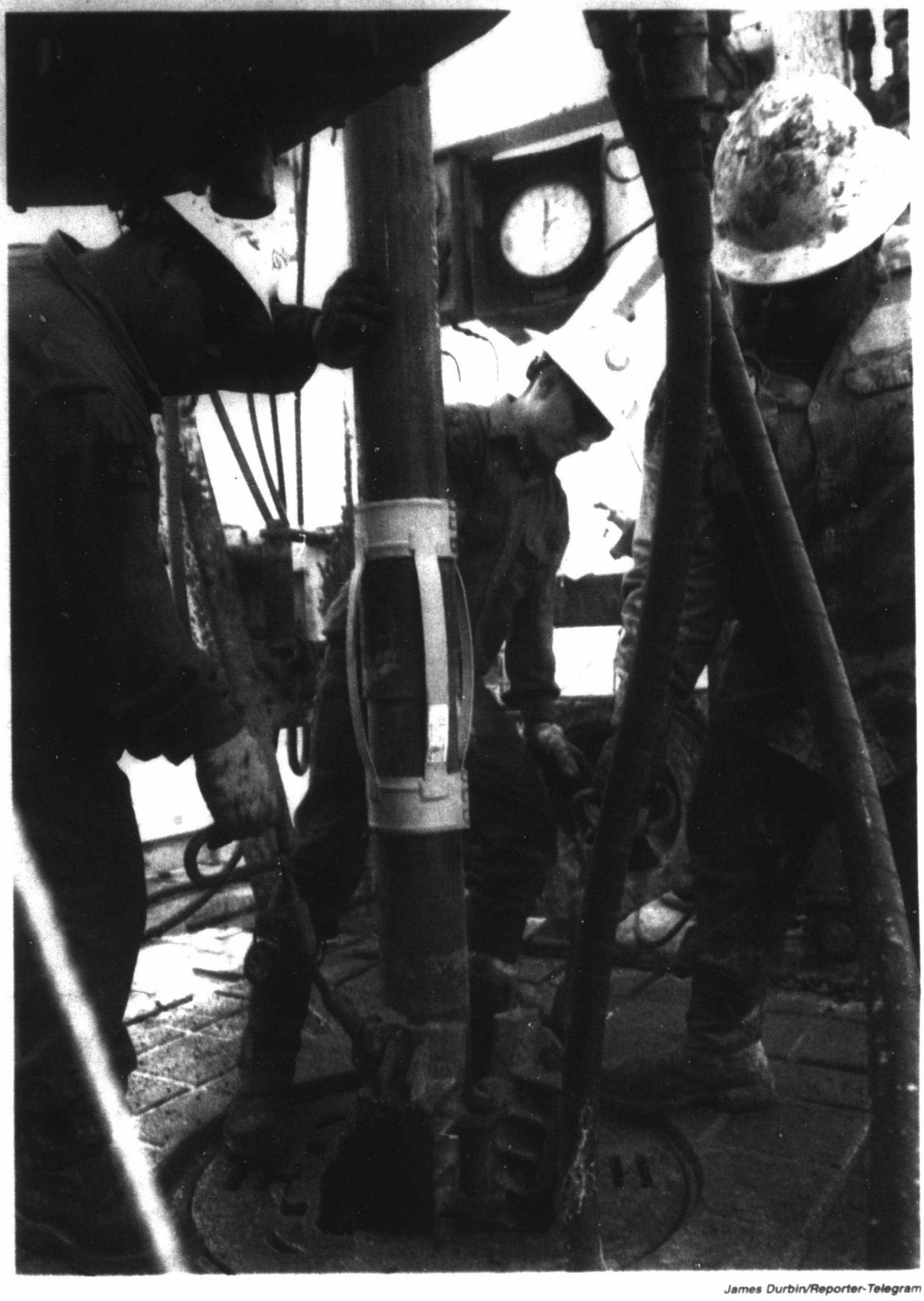
Operators' success was most apparent in the Delaware subbasin, where operators were completing new wells with significant initial potentials. Companies such as Diamondback Energy, Occidental Petroleum, RSP Permian and PDC Energy spent billions to either enter the Delaware or expand their holdings. Callon Petroleum spent $615 million for a footprint in the Delaware. EOG Resources acquired the venerable New Mexico producer Yates Petroleum for $2.3 billion to expand its holdings.

Anadarko Petroleum is in the process of establishing a regional headquarters in Midland as it prepares to significantly expand its Delaware activity in 2017.

The Midland subbasin was not overlooked, with companies like Concho Resources and SM Energy spending billions on acreage in the area.

Operators had so much success increasing production despite drilling far fewer wells amid low prices that midstream companies were pressed to expand their infrastructure to move the production to market.

EnLink Midstream was prompted to establish a regional office in downtown Midland to help its 250 Permian Basin employees provide services. The company now occupies 56,000 square feet on two floors of the Bank of America Tower at 303 W. Wall St.



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Floor hands put casing downhole on Trinidad Drilling Rig 433 on Nov. 2 in Midland County.

Basic Energy emerges from bankruptcy with growth momentum

By Mella McEwen
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Basic Energy Services is welcoming the new year with a clean financial slate, having emerged from bankruptcy just before Christmas.

"The only debt we (now) have is less than $250 million in debt, whereas we had over $1 billion" before filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy Oct. 25, Alan Krenek, Basic's chief financial officer said in a phone interview from his Fort Worth office.

When the company emerged from its prepackaged bankruptcy plan, 42 million shares of Basic stock outstanding were canceled and 15 million New Common Stock Shares were issued. Of those new shares, 14.9 million new shares, representing approximately 57.8 percent of all shares, went to those who owned senior unsecured notes, Krenek said. He said that at the time of bankruptcy filing, the company had $775 million of senior unsecured notes outstanding.

An additional 75,000 shares went to existing shareholders, who also received seven-year warrants which would allow them to buy up to 6 percent of Basic's outstanding shares when the price reaches $55.25 a share.

"It will be awhile before the price hits that threshold," Krenek said.

He said the company's shareholders were the only ones impacted by the filing.

"Vendors were not impaired, they got paid; our employees were not impaired."

At the time of the Oct. 25 filing, bondholders also provided the company with a $125 million cash infusion and received 10.8 million shares of stock in exchange. Under a management incentive plan, bondholders allocated 3.2 million shares as an incentive for management to stay with the company.

"Basic received a whole new slate of directors in the process," Krenek said. "It may take a little time for us to get comfortable with them and them to get comfortable with us."

The company is also developing a 100-day plan to help the company move forward after emerging from bankruptcy.

Basic is entering 2017 with not only a clean financial slate but growth momentum, according to Krenek.

"Since August we've seen a good spate of activity," he said, estimating 45 percent of Basic's revenues come from the Permian Basin, which "is leading the charge. Even through the fourth quarter, which is usually a slow quarter, we've seen activity levels hold up. We expect in 2017 that momentum will continue."

He said the company's employee count hit lows in April and May, but since then has risen by 500 as the company has hired back workers.

The biggest growth has been in the company's pumping services line — fracturing and acidizing, which are directly related to the rig count, he said. There has also been an uptick in rental tools and coiled tubing, which is helping drive company activity, joined to a lesser extent by well servicing and fluid services.

"With our new and improved balance sheet, there will be consolidation opportunities where we can pair up with companies our size or with smaller, regional companies," Krenek said.

"We're really excited about the future. We'll make the best of it," he said.

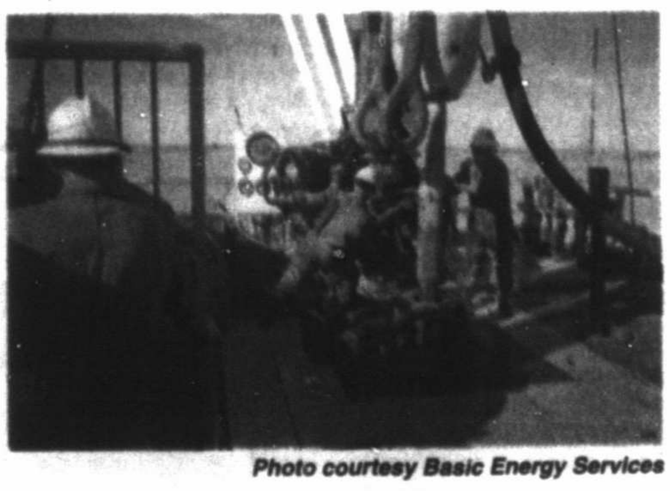

Photo courtesy Basic Energy Services

A Basic Energy well servicing crew at work. Basic Energy has emerged from bankruptcy and is looking to begin 2017 with continued growth momentum. The company reports its employee headcount has grown by about 500 since April or May.

Petroleum Hall of Fame to induct three new members

From Staff Reports

Three pioneering Permian Basin oil men will be joining the 142 other members of the Petroleum Hall of Fame with a ceremony to take place in May.

The Class of 2017 are:

Joseph B. McShane, Jr.

Joe McShane was born in San Antonio in 1929. He attended Trinity University and then the University of Texas, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1952. He moved to West Texas, where he spent his entire career in the petroleum industry, primarily in waterflood development in the Permian Basin. He worked for several major oil companies including Forest Oil and Signal Oil and Gas. In 1959 he formed the partnership Wood and McShane with B. Oliver Wood. In 1963 the two men joined with W. H. Thams, a Midland geologist to form Wood, McShane and Thams, acquiring, developing and operating a number of properties.

McShane was a pioneer in the drilling of coal bed methane wells into coal formations in the Raton Basin. In the early 1990s he drilled several deep exploration wells in Martin, Midland and Andrews counties based on emerging 3-D seismic technology. He was extensively involved in many professional organizations including the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, National Stripper Well Association, IPAA and TIPRO. He was recognized as the PBPA's Top Hand in 1990. He was also involved in his community, receiving the Monahans Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award in 1980, served on the board of managers for Ward Memorial Hospital and the Ward County Airport Advisory Committee.

He and his wife Marie moved to the Hill Country in 1995 where they still reside today.

Curtis W. Mewbourne

Curtis W. Mewbourne was born in 1935 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He earned his bachelor's degree in

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Courtesy photo/James Harcourt

James Harcourt, a petroleum geologist for the Railroad Commission of Texas, found what might be an ichthyosaurus fossil near Del Rio, in the Eagle Ford shale, in April 2014.

Geologist finds ancient reptile fossil in the Eagle Ford

By Ryan Handy
Houston Chronicle

James Harcourt, an engineering specialist with the Railroad Commission of Texas, found a fossil of an ichthyosaurus near Del Rio in February.

As state geologists and engineers roam Texas' shale plays, they see more than oil derricks — they might come across wild horses, rare birds or even a dinosaur.

At least that was the highlight two years ago for James Harcourt, a petroleum geologist with the Railroad Commission of Texas, who found a dinosaur fossil in the Eagle Ford Shale in 2014.

The Railroad Commission, the state's regulator of oil and gas, published Harcourt's photo for the first time in a year-end report released last week.

Amid photos of snakes, sunsets and spectacularly flowering cacti, the photo of a large dinosaur bone trapped in limestone stands out.

While doing a field study in an ancient river bed outside of Del Rio, southwest of San Antonio along the Mexican border, Harcourt and a group of petroleum geologists found an ichthyosaurus, a dolphin-like creature with long, toothy jaws.

It's likely from the Cretaceous period, which ended more than 65 million years ago.

It's also far from the only fossil to show up in the area, which has over the years revealed a host of fossilized sea-creatures that date from the Eagle Ford's underwater formation.

A typical ichthyosaurus could have been more than 6 feet long. Harcourt's discovery was broken into three pieces — the jaws, spine, and ribs.

Next to it Harcourt also found a fossilized ammonite, an ancient octopus-like mollusk with a curled shell.

How much will really change for the West's oil and gas industry under Trump?

By William Yardley
Los Angeles Times

The election of Donald Trump has thrilled many people across the West's oil and gas industry who say his promises to roll back regulations will free it from unfair and unnecessary obstacles imposed by President Barack Obama.

"If the Trump administration does nothing but stop being hostile to us, we'll be happy," Kathleen Sgamma, president of Western Energy Alliance, said.

Yet how much will things really change under a Trump administration?

Even as some in the oil and gas industry are optimistic — and as conservation groups gird for protests and court fights to protect public lands — experts say blaming government, or giving it too much credit,

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ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Shell Midstream Partners acquires stakes in Gulf of Mexico pipelines

Shell Midstream Partners has acquired stakes in three companies that operate Gulf of Mexico oil and gas pipelines.

The Houston-based company's board of directors has approved buying 10 percent interests in Proteus Oil Pipeline Co., and Endymion Oil Pipeline Co., and a 1 percent interest in Cleopatra Gas Gathering Co.

Proteus has a crude oil pipeline that pulses at a capacity of 425,000 barrels per day in the Mississippi Canyon region of the Gulf and is tied to Noble Energy's Big Bend and Dantzler fields.

The Endymion line runs for 89 miles through the Mississippi Canyon area region and connects to the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port storage terminal. The oil pipeline has a capacity of 425,000 barrels per day.

The 115-mile-long Cleopatra gas pipeline links five drilling platforms and soon will connect with a sixth platform, which is under construction.

The new interests help position Shell Midstream Partners to benefit from new discoveries in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, CEO John Hollowell said in a statement.

"This acquisition builds builds on our corridor pipeline strategy in the Gulf of Mexico," Hollowell said. "Our sponsor, Shell Pipeline Co., is currently building the Mattox pipeline to serve the recently sanctioned Appomattox platform. Proteus and Endymion will connect the Mattox pipeline to onshore markets, creating a new corridor line, which will transport all of Appomattox's volumes once it comes online toward the end of the decade."

Carbon emissions in 2016 expected to be lowest since 1992

Carbon emissions from U.S energy sources in 2016 are expected to be the lowest in nearly 25 years, according to an analysis from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Carbon emissions for the first six months of 2016 hit a record low — emissions were 2,530 million metric tons, which was the lowest for the first half of a year since 1991. An analysis by the department's Energy Information Administration attributes the drop to mild weather and the shift from coal to cleaner-burning natural gas and renewable energy in U.S. power production.

Warmer winter weather during the first six months of this year kept demand for heating fuels, like natural gas and heating oil, lower. Overall, the winter of 2016 had the fewest heating degree days since 1949 — heating degree days are the number of days when temperatures drop below 65 degrees.

But changing energy sources also helped drive emissions down to a record low. Coal consumption dropped during the first six months of 2016, by 18 percent. This fall, the EIA said that coal production in the U.S. was on track to be the lowest since 1978.

The use of wind energy, hydroelectric power and solar energy also increased during the first six months of 2016. Most of the increase in renewable power came from wind energy, but hydroelectric power also increased as drought conditions lessened on the West Coast.

Contango sells Colorado assets

Contango Oil & Gas Co. has finished the sale of 16,000 gross acres in Colorado for $5 million.

The Houston-based company said the sale was completed on Dec. 1.

The acreage included producing wells in Adams and Weld counties, which are just east of Denver and Fort Collins, respectively.

Contango will use the sale's proceeds for "general corporate purposes," according to a statement.

Sell your carbon dioxide? Market still slim — for now

■ Energy, industrial sectors hope that will change soon

By James Osborne
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — In the age of climate change, carbon dioxide emissions produced by burning fossil fuels present a liability that many investors fear might one day bring down oil companies.

But scientists and policymakers are asking what would happen if carbon dioxide had a value the same way oil, gold and coffee do. What if it could be used to produce goods and even fuels — the way plants and trees use carbon dioxide to keep themselves alive?

It's not an entirely new concept. For decades, industries from oil to soft drinks have bought small amounts of carbon dioxide, piped in from underground caverns where it was trapped eons ago. But now the outgoing Obama administration, along with partners from both environmental groups and the oil and gas industry, are hoping to create a much larger market that will not only keep carbon out of the atmosphere but create a new engine for the U.S. economy.

"They need scientific breakthroughs, but this is a very important research direction," Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said in an interview. "It could be building materials, road materials. A holy grail, in a certain sense, would be to use CO2 plus other ingredients like water and sunlight to convert to a hydrocarbon liquid fuel."

Such breakthroughs are likely a long way off, but if they materialize, it could prove vital to Houston, Texas and the oil and gas industry that drives their economies. Solving the challenges and economics of carbon capture could keep oil, gas and other fossil fuels viable over the long term as international efforts to slow climate change lead to ever tighter restrictions on carbon dioxide emissions that accelerate global warming.

Burning fossil fuels in power plants, factories and other industries is a major source of the carbon dioxide that traps heat in the Earth's atmosphere. For now, even the initial step toward putting carbon dioxide to use — separating it out of the emissions streams rising out of the country's smokestacks — remains prohibitively expensive.

But as engineers work out the kinks, costs are coming down to the point that by 2025 it should be competitive with naturally occurring stockpiles, said Douglas Hollett, principal deputy assistant secretary for fossil energy at the Energy Department. He said carbon capture is on a similar trajectory as earlier energy technologies.

"Think about where solar PV, onshore wind (turbines), LED (light bulbs), and shale wells were not too long ago," he said.

Colorless, odorless and noncombustible, carbon dioxide has a long list of theoretical applications. It can be used to make cement , feed algae, produce the bubbles in a can of soda, and even make fuels like methanol and ethanol. A report by the Energy Department's scientific advisory board last month identified more than two dozen possible applications for carbon dioxide.

Turning those possibilities into reality is becoming increasingly important. As countries like Canada and Norway, and states like California, increasingly move to put aprice on carbon emissions, polluters are left with two options: Pay to have the carbon pumped underground or find someone to buy it.

"Storage is not the first resort for sure. You'd much rather be able to monetize CO2," said Jeff Erikson, general manager at the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute, a trade group whose membership runs from the oil giant Exxon Mobil to the Japanese government to acoalition of Southern governors in the United States.

By far the biggest use to date — and the one to which industry and policymakers are pinning their hopes for the foreseeable future — is within the oil and gas industry. Known as Enhanced Oil Recovery, drillers for decades have pumped carbon dioxide into older oil fields to push the last barrels to the surface.

Since the Paris climate change pact, in which close to 200 world leaders last year agreed to control carbon emissions, most of the attention has focused on renewable sources like wind turbines and solar power. But in an Energy Department report this summer, scientists estimated that if the world were to meet the 2050 goal set in Paris, one-sixth of emissions reductions would need to come from carbon capture systems.

So far, political support has been hard to come by. Legislation introduced in Congress this past session would not only have increased incentives for carbon capture but fixed them permanently in the tax code. Despite bipartisan support — drawing together everyone from the environmentally minded Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., to pro-oil Texas Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis — the legislation never even got assigned to a

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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$49.90	**Sunoco***	N/A
Flint Hills Resources*	$50.50	**Nymex futures**	$53.39*
Phillips 66	$50.68		
Plains*	$50.75	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$50.70	Note: Posted prices as of Dec. 28	

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Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

After graduation, he served in the army and then founded Mewbourne Oil Co. in 1965. The company has drilled more than 1,000 wells in the Permian Basin and 1,400 wells in the Anadarko Basin. His commitment and innovation has led to the discovery of multiple new resource opportunities.

Mewbourne lives in Tyler and has served as a board member and chairman of several civic and charitable organizations. His commitment to children and education is demonstrated in his funding of the Mewbourne Hall of Mathematics and Science at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler and St. John's School in Houston. He has endowed seven Mewbourne Chairs in Petroleum Engineering at the University of Oklahoma as well as the Mewbourne Professorship in Petroleum Engineering. Mewbourne Oil Co. is the largest supporter of student scholarships and internships over the past 25 years at the university.

Mewbourne Oil Co. has stood the test of time, weathering many different economic climates over the past 50 years. His company has provided employment and invested resources in the Permian Basin with a focus on hard work, integrity and innovation.

J. Cleo Thompson

J. Cleo Thompson was born in Dallas in 1930. In 1948 he entered Southern Methodist University where he studied engineering and geology. He was a member of the famous SMU football team in the early 1950s. From 1948 to 1950 he served in the naval reserve as an airman apprentice V6 USNR, and then enlisted in the Air Force ROTC at SMU.

He planned to enter law school in 1952, but he and his father bought 12 oil wells near Crane, and he was sent to clean up the leases and get the wells back into production. His fascination with the people, the business and the values of the oil industry began, and he was hooked. More leases were acquired and an office was opened in Crane. In 1960 when the Thompsons began drilling on the Paul Moss ranch near Odessa, the Crane office was moved to Odessa on Yukon Road, where it still stands today as the West Texas field office with 100 employees.

Since 1952, Thompson has been responsible for the discovery, development and unitization of such fields as the Hoban, West Means, Furman Mascho, University 29, University 21, Slaughter, Levelland Cowden South and many more. The Railroad Commission gave him the title "Texas Discoverer 1994" for the discovery of four fields, the West Richardson (Strawn) field, the Earnie Pinnell (Fusselman) field, the West Richardson North (WLFC) field, and the West Richardson (Ellenberger) field.

Today, Thompson is the operator of over 925 wells and has interests in about 9,000 wells, mosst of which are in the Permian Basin. In the almost six decades of his career, Thompson witnessed many changed and new technologies in the industry. He was one of the first operators to sand frac and to use rubber balls for diversion back in the early 1950s. In the late 1980s he was one of the smaller independents to incorporate the use of 3-D seismic.

Thompson (Jimmie) has served the petroleum industry, inspiring the highest ideals.

He was known as an old-school wildcatter who believed that a handshake sealed the deal. He died in 2010 but his two daughters proudly carry on his tradition working in the company.

The Petroleum Hall of Fame was instituted in October 1967 by the authority of the charter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum "to honor those persons and firms who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy examples to those in the petroleum industry, and thereby to record such examples of service, strength of character and achievement for the inspiration and education of present and future generations."

TRUMP

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for restricting oil and gas is mostly missing the point. If another Western energy boom is around the corner, they say, it will be because prices rise, not because regulations decline.

"The market is the elephant in the room," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy & Economic Research, an industry consulting firm. "All this other talk about access to public lands and such for oil and gas, it's a pretty minor issue."

Although the Obama administration is often criticized by the fossil fuel industry, it presided over a boom that saw domestic oil and gas production soar. The administration allowed a broad and controversial expansion of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, which infuriated many conservation groups while it transformed parts of North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas and the Rockies into mecca for energy workers and the United States became a powerful new global energy player.

"For a Democrat, he's really been pro-oil," Lynch said of Obama. "He's been a lot nicer to oil than some Republicans."

But the boom helped deflate itself by driving up supply and driving down prices for oil and gas. Around the same time, the administration began paying more attention to climate change — limiting emissions from power plants and methane from oil and gas production, removing certain public lands from energy development, and rejecting or withholding decisions on projects such as the Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines.

Those efforts, which intensified in 2015 before the Paris climate talks, came to define the Obama administration in the minds of many in the industry.

Sgamma, who has praised Trump's selection of people who question climate science for top positions in his administration, said that in the last two years her group, which is based in Denver, had fought to shape 71 regulatory processes initiated under the Obama administration and that it had submitted 62,000 pages of documentation while doing so. She said regulations reduce production during periods of low prices because they raise the floor price at which production is profitable.

"The industry is cautiously optimistic on the market front but a bit exuberant on the political front," Sgamma said. "Actually, take away the 'a bit.'"

Federal approval processes do take longer than state processes, which the energy industry often cites as sufficient. But complaints over regulatory delays have persisted for decades, through Democratic and Republican administrations.

"Twenty years ago, someone said, 'The best day of your career is when you get a lease on federal lands and the worst day in your career is when you get a lease on federal lands,' because it's such a pain," said Lynch, who favors a faster federal process.

Sarp Ozkan, a manager of drilling analytics for Drillinginfo.com, said that with benchmark oil prices currently well below $60 a barrel, companies are inclined to focus on known sources such as the Permian Basin of West Texas rather than explore public lands.

But Ozkan did say Trump could make a difference. Should he approve a project such as the Dakota Access pipeline, for example, that could make drilling in western North Dakota more profitable at lower prices because transporting oil by pipeline is cheaper than by rail.

"You're going to be focusing on what makes you the most money, what gets you the quickest return on your capital," Ozkan said of industry.

Michael Freeman, a staff attorney for the law firm Earthjustice who specializes in oil and gas issues, noted that energy companies retain hundreds of leases on public lands in the West that they are not acting on because of low prices.

"This idea that the current administration has been strangling the industry by over-regulating them is just not accurate factually," Freeman said. "They're ... plenty of permits to drill if they want to drill."

This month, the global energy company BP announced plans to open an office in Denver. At first glance, the move might seem like evidence of the exuberance Sgamma described.

In announcing the move, BP, which will transfer 200 people from Houston to a new building in the city's trendy Lower Highlands area in early 2018, said the decision was driven by its desire "to be closer to its substantial asset position in the Rocky Mountain region and an important energy hub of the future."

But the company says that future took shape long before Trump stunned the world with his victory in November, that the move was motivated by the changing energy market, not a changing administration, and that it reflects a broader awareness that dependence on fossil fuels will decline as the world fights climate change.

"There's an abundance of natural gas in the Rockies," David Lawler, chief executive of BP's Lower 48 division, said in an interview. "As a company, our strategy is to grow more toward gas. We see it as an environmentally friendly bridge fuel to the future as renewables become more important. It has a lower carbon footprint, and that's part of our strategy as we go forward."

Lawler, who grew up in Denver and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines, said BP was optimistic about the Trump administration but uncertain of what might change.

"We worked well with the Obama administration, and we look forward to working with the Trump administration as well," he said. "We don't really see a red wellhead or a blue wellhead. We think it's energy that's vital to America and we want to provide that energy to America and do it in a way that protects the environment."

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DEVELOPMENT WELL PERMITS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Irion County

Broad Oak Energy II LLC
Farmar B #N124HU
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2216 fel, 7473 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 1, Abst. 752, H&TC RR, 10 nw Mertzon; TD 9000; API #42-235-36160 Permit issued 12/21

Broad Oak Energy II LLC
Farmar B #S124HU
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2196 fel, 7472 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 1, Abst. 752, H&TC RR, 10 nw Mertzon; TD 9000; API #42-235-36161 Permit issued 12/21

Reagan County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Divide-Scott W #1488SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6139 fsl, 10559 fel, Sec 147, Blk 1, Abst. 538, T&P RR, 6 ne Big Lake; TD 8000; API #42-383-39765 Permit issued 12/22

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Paige '13A-12A' #4409H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 210 fsl, 318 fwl, Sec 13, Blk B, Abst. 289, L&SV RR, 27 nw Big Lake; TD 9076; API #42-383-39759 Permit issued 12/21

Upton County

Petroplex Energy Inc.
Bynum 2 #1
Amacker-Tippett Southeast (Bend 10600); 1320 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 2, Abst. 569, MK&T RR, 7.3 nw Rankin; TD 10800; API #42-461-40482 Permit issued 12/19

XTO Energy Inc.
Lillie Midkiff 5 #4414AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2587 fwl, 1200 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 577, T&P RR, 4.1 nw Midkiff; TD 10200; API #42-461-40483 Permit issued 12/22

XTO Energy Inc.
Lillie Midkiff 5 #4416AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1220 fel, 1049 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 577, T&P RR, 3.8 nw Midkiff; TD 10200; API #42-461-40484 Permit issued 12/22

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Andrews County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Offshoot 20 #3H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 190 fnl, 2040 fwl, Sec 20, Blk A-34, Abst. 1693, PSL, 11.8 n Andrews; TD 5200; API #42-003-47430 Permit issued 12/14

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Offshoot 20 #2H
Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 190 fnl, 380 fwl, Sec 20, Blk A-34, Abst. 1693, PSL, 11.8 n Andrews; TD 5200; API #42-003-47435 Permit issued 12/21

RSP Permian LLC
Cross Bar Ranch #2005
Spraberry (Trend Area); 9971.6 fsl, 4627.9 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 793, T&P RR, 23.2 se Andrews; TD 12000; API #42-003-47427 Permit issued 12/16

RSP Permian LLC
Cross Bar Ranch #2013
Spraberry (Trend Area); 8702.1 fsl, 3384.1 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 793, T&P RR, 23.2 se Andrews; TD 12000; API #42-003-47428 Permit issued 12/16

XTO Energy Inc.
Means San Andres Unit #6372W
Means; 11005 fnl, 3481 fel, Sec 1, Blk A-35, Abst. 376, PSL, 9.8 ne Andrews; TD 5700; API#42-003-47426 Permit issued 12/12

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #5918
Fullerton; 7859 fnl, 3548 fwl, Sec 6, Blk A-32, Abst 1974, PSL, 19.2 nw Andrews; TD 7600; API #42-003-47432 Permit issued 12/20

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #6518
Fullerton; 15928 fnl, 7031 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-32, Abst. 645, PSL, 18.4 nw Andrews; TD 7600; API #42-003-47433 Permit issued 12/20

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7216
Fullerton; 25242 fnl, 9675 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 13, Abst. 398U, ULS, 17.4 nw Andrews; TD 7500; API #42-003-47434 Permit issued 12/20

Crane County

BAM Permian Operating LLC
University Stella #1
University 31 West (Upper Devonian); 661 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 30, Abst. 31U, ULS, 5 nw Crane; TD 9700; API #42-103-36554 Permit issued 12/20

Cholla Petroleum Inc
Small Bump #2
Rio Bravo (Wichita Albany); 467 fwl, 1057 fsl, Sec 43, Blk 35, Abst. 32, H&TC RR, 2 ne Garvin; TD 5999; API #42-103-36553 Permit issued 12/5

Culberson County

BHP Billinton Petroleum (TXLA OP) Co.
HS State 114-24 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 546 fwl, 410 fnl, Sec 24, Blk 114, Abst. 5127, PSL, 19.8 w Orla; TD 14000; API #42-109-33031 Permit issued 12/21

BHP Billinton Petroleum (TXLA OP) Co.
HS State 114-13X12 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 568 fwl, 410 fnl, Sec 24, Blk 114, Abst. 5127, PSL, 19.8 w Orla; TD 14000; API #42-109-33032 Permit issued 12/21

COG Operating LLC
DR State Central #1213H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1980 fwl, 10 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 61, T-1-S, Abst. 4759, T&P RR, 69.9 ne Van Horn; TD 8500; API #42-109-33025 Permit issued 12/6

Ector County

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd
Fee "BJ" #216
Lowe West (Strawn); 4718 fnl, 2020 fel, Sec 2, Blk 41, T-1-N, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 6 ne Gardendale; TD 11500; API #42-135-43467 Permit issued 12/16

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Parker Minerals 9 #7H
Goldsmith-Horizontal; 680 fnl, 2154 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 1102, T&P RR, 8 nw Penwell; TD 10000; API #42-135-43461 Permit issued 12/6

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Parker Minerals 9 #7H
Goldsmith-Horizontal; 680 fnl, 2194 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 44, T-2-S, Abst. 1102, T&P RR, 8 nw Penwell; TD 10000; API #42-135-43462 Permit issued 12/6

Glasscock County

Diamondback E&P LLC

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Target I #3906WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1164 fel, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 13.9 w Garden City; TD 9500; API #42-173-37497 Permit issued 12/19

Diamondback E&P LLC
Target J #3906WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1134 fel, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 13.9 w Garden City; TD 9750; API #42-173-37498 Permit issued 12/19

Diamondback E&P LLC
Target H #3906LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1104 fel, 290 fnl, Sec 39, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 410, T&P RR, 13.9 w Garden City; TD 9100; API #42-173-37499 Permit 12/19

Howard County

Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Higgins 1 #3
Petley (Fusselman); 330 fsl, 336 fel, Sec 1, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 152, T&P RR, 5.7 se Big Spring; TD 10000; API #42-227-38947 Permit issued 12/21

Oxy USA Inc.
Shields 3106 #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 246 fnl, 1042 fel, Sec 31, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 278, T&P RR, 10.4 n Big Spring; TD 12500; API #42-227-38934 Permit issued 12/6

Oxy USA Inc.
Shields 3115 #1LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 286 fnl, 1041 fel, Sec 31, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 278, T&P RR, 10.4 n Big Spring; TD 12500; API #42-227-38935 Permit issued 12/6

Oxy USA Inc.
Waldron Sabre 1802 #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 313 fsl, 1431 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 33, T-1-S, Abst. 1585, T&P RR, 7 sw Big Spring; TD 12500; API #42-227-38940 Permit issued 12/15

Oxy USA Inc.
Waldron Sabre 1804 #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 313 fsl, 1471 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 33, T-1-S, Abst. 1585, T&P RR, 7 sw Big Spring; TD 12500; API #42-227-38944 Permit issued 12/19

Surge Operating LLC
Middleton 47-36 #1SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 439 fnl, 400 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1007, T&P RR, 2.75 sw Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-38932 Permit issued 12/2

Surge Operating LLC
FGR 27 #4AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 346 fsl, 855 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 331, T&P RR, 4 e Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-38939 Permit issued 12/13

Surge Operating LLC
Moby Dick 31-30 #6BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 823 fel, Sec 31, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 290, T&P RR, 1.75 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-38941 Permit issued 12/16

Surge Operating LLC
Allred Unit A 06-05 #1SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 325 fnl, 317 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 326, T&P RR, 1.5 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-38942 Permit issued 12/19

Surge Operating LLC
Dragon 32-29 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 301 fsl, 521 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1316, T&P RR, 1.75 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-38943 Permit issued 12/16

Loving County

EOG Resources Inc.
State Pathfinder #8H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 1425 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 49, T&P RR, 19.3 n Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33138 Permit issued 12/21

EOG Resources Inc.
State Pathfinder #9H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 1460 fwl, 11, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 49, T&P RR, 19.3 n Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33139 Permit issued 12/21

Matador Production Company
Walter Fister 71-TTT-B01 WF #201H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 561 fnwl, 300 fsel, Sec 72, Blk 1, Abst. 573, W&NW RR, 1.8 e Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-301-33111 Permit issued 11/29

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
CBR 22 #19H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 533 fsl, 2161 fel, Sec 22, Blk 56, T-1, Abst. 1134, T&P RR, 9.1 ne Orla; TD 16000; API #42-301-33133 Permit issued 12/15

Shell Western E&P
Bongo 76-43 LOV Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 651 fnl, 459 fel, Sec 6, Blk 53, Abst. 1049, T&P RR, 12.1 ne Mentone; TD 12200; API #42-301-33127 Permit issued 12/12

Shell Western E&P
Bongo 76-43 LOV Unit #2H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 710 fnl, 458 fel, Sec 6, Blk 53, Abst. 1049, T&P RR, 12.1 ne Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-301-33132 Permit issued 12/15

Shell Western E&P
Bongo 76-43 LOV Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 730 fnl, 457 fel, Sec 6, Blk 53, Abst. 1049, T&P RR, 12.1 ne Mentone; TD 12200; API #42-301-33134 Permit issued 12/16

Shell Western E&P
University 19 PW Unit #1506H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1068 fnel, 408 fsel, Sec 8, Blk 19, Abst. 8U, ULS, 10.2 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33126 Permit issued 12/13

Shell Western E&P
University 19 PW Unit #1508H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1072 fnel, 368 fsel, Sec 8, Blk 19, Abst. 8U, ULS, 10.2 se Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33124 Permit issued 12/13

XTO Energy Inc.
St. Lucia 76 2833 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 589 fsl, 1643 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 76, Abst. 1237, PSL, 16.5 ne Mentone; TD 12100; API #42-301-33118 Permit issued 12/6

XTO Energy Inc.
St. Lucia 76 2833 #21H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 1614 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 76, Abst. 1237, PSL, 16.5 ne Mentone; TD 12300; API #42-301-33119 Permit issued 12/6

XTO Energy Inc.
St. Lucia 76 2833 #12H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 567 fsl, 1583 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 76, Abst. 1237, PSL, 16.5 ne Mentone; TD 12400; API #42-301-33120 Permit 12/6

Martin County

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320P #4HC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 733 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.28 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40631 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320P #5HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 757 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.34 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40632 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320P #6HD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 782 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.34 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40633 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320P #7HF
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 832 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.35 nw Tarzan; TD 9500; API #42-317-40634 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320O #8HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 857 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.33 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40635 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HR 320O #9HC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 148 fnl, 882 fel, Sec 320, Abst. 999, Garza CSL, 7.36 nw Tarzan; TD 9000; API #42-317-40636 Permit issued 12/21

Energen Resources Corporation
Tiger Unit SN 245-252 #603H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6383 fsl, 5033 fel, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 5.9 ne Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40629 Permit issued 12/21

Energen Resources Corporation
Tiger Unit SN 245-252 #503H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6383 fsl, 4983 fel, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 5.9 ne Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40628 Permit issued 12/21

Energen Resources Corporation
Tiger Unit SN 245-252 #103H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6363 fsl, 4933 fel, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 5.9 ne Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-40630 Permit issued 12/21

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
T Y Ranch #31S
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6758 fnl, 410 fwl, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 21.4 nw Stanton; TD 8300; API #42-317-40637 Permit issued 12/21

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
T Y Ranch #81S
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal;6756 fnl, 450 fwl, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 21.4 nw Stanton; TD 9500; API #42-317-40638 Permit issued 12/21

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
T Y Ranch #51S
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 6758 fnl, 490 fwl, Sec 245, Abst. 598, Dickens CSL, 21.4 nw Stanton; TD 9530; API #42-317-40639 Permit issued 12/21

Guidon Energy Management Services LLC
Bessie 44 #1
Dewey Lake (Atoka); 1155 fwl, 495 fsl, Sec 44, Blk 36, T-1-N, Abst. 1056, T&P RR, 4.74 nw Stanton; TD 11000; API #42-317-40627 Permit issued 12/20

Hunt Oil Company
McMurry-Crim 30 #303HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 633 fsl, 1646 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 5.31 n Stanton; TD 8183; API #42-317-40617 Permit issued 12/6

Hunt Oil Company
McMurry-Crim 30 #303HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1645 fwl, 658 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 56, T&P RR, 5.31 n Stanton; TD 8185; API #42-317-40618 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Dickenson 7D #4H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2181 fnl, 1021 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 259, T&P RR, 10.1 w Stanton; TD 9400; API #42-317-40621 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Dickenson 7E #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2188 fnl, 992 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 259, T&P RR, 10.1 w Stanton; TD 9400; API #42-317-40622 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.

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MARKET

From 2F

committee in the House or Senate.

Recent cost overruns have not helped in Washington. The Kemper County coal plant in Mississippi, which was designed to sequester carbon dioxide for use in nearby oil fields, won close to $400 million in federal grants and tax credits.

But the project has gone three times over its original budget and is now expected to cost $6.7 billion.

"On the Republican side, the biggest problem is the huge amount of federal money we've put on to this," said Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, who cosponsored the House bill. "On the Democratic side, there's lukewarm support. They generally support carbon capture, but using it for enhanced oil recovery, there's this huge group of 'keep it in the ground' folks, who are not appreciating what we're trying to do."

With President-elect Donald Trump preparing to take over the White House, carbon capture's star might fade further in the United States.

Trump has questioned scientific research confirming the impact of human activities on climate change and vacillated on whether the country will remain in the Paris agreement.

But other countries are moving ahead. In Norway's offshore natural gas fields in the North Sea, Statoil has begun pumping carbon dioxide back beneath the ocean's floor to avoid the government's pricey carbon tax.

China is building carbon capture facilities on its coal-fired power plants at a fast clip to drive up production in its burgeoning oil and gas industry.

The United States has long led the world in carbon capture, with 13 of the world's 18 large-scale facilities, according the carbon capture institute. But with only two plants on the drawing board in the United States — compared to eight in China — that could be changing.

Carbon capture "has the potential to become a very robust industry that the U.S. could lead on, but we do run the risk of losing our technology edge," Erikson said.

"The Chinese government has made it a priority, and I'm curious to see if they do with CCS what they did with the solar industry. They flooded the market, and now they're producing all the world's solar panels."

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Andrews County

Zarvona Energy LLC
University 1-36 Unit #4H
Wildcat-Horizontal; 2212 fel, 344 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 1, Abst. 36U, ULS, 13 se Andrews; TD 12000; API #42-003-47431 Permit issued 12/16

Mitchell County

Reatta Energy Inc.
Warthog #2
Wildcat; 467 fnl, 3576 fel, Sec 41, Blk 28, T-1-S, Abst. 533, T&P RR, 7.4 sw Westbrook; TD 8200; API #42-335-35950 Permit issued 12/16

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Dogwood State #2H
Wildcat-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1229 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 58, T-6-S, Abst. 3087, T&P RR, 13 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-35535 Permit issued 12/15

Apache Corporation
Dogwood State #8H
Wildcat-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 901 fel, Sec 48, Blk 58, T-6-S, Abst. 3087, T&P RR, 12.4 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-35537 Permit issued 12/15

Apache Corporation
Dogwood State #1M
Wildcat; 1933 fsl, 1395 fel, 48, Blk 58, T-6-S, Abst. 3087, T&P RR, 12.4 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-35511 Permit issued 12/6

Ward County

Crossing Rocks Energy LLC
Thornton #7
Wildcat; 641 fnwl, 660 fnel, Sec 108, BLk 34, Abst. 705, H&TC RR, 3.1 sw Pyote; TD 8900; API #42-475-37161 Permit issued 12/8

Texas RRCD 8A

Cottle County

Gunn Oil Company
Church #5
Wildcat; 219 fwl, 485 fsl, Sec 4, Blk B, Abst. 721, J.H. Stephens, 1.2 se Narciso; TD 7000; API #42-101-30747 Permit issued 12/6

Gunn Oil Company
Thompson #1
Wildcat; 343 fel, 1088 fnl, Abst. 257, S. Tankersly, 11 sw Paducah; TD 7000; API #42-101-30749 Permit issued 12/6

Gunn Oil Company
Richards Unit #4
Wildcat; 467 fnl, 467 fwl, Abst. 107, E T RR, 11.5 s Paducah; TD 7000; API #42-101-30748 Permit issued 12/7

Dawson County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Riddel 14 #1
Wildcat; 470 fsl, 600 fel, Sec 14, Blk M, Abst. 1458, EL&RR, 12 nw Lamesa; TD 9000; API #42-115-33741 Permit issued 12/12

Floyd County

Esco Oil Operating Company LLC
Crazy "C" #1
Wildcat; 995 fwl, 4756 fnl, Sec 25, Blk GP, Abst. 1044, C. Goodnight, 8 nw Dougherty; TD 1200; API #42-153-30249 Permit issued 12/8

Garza County

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Clovis Barker 19 #1
Wildcat; 508 fel, 2220 fnl, Sec 19, Blk 4, Abst. 517, K. Aycock, 8 ne Post; TD 8350; API #42-169-34231 Permit issued 12/19

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Bird "29" #1
Wildcat; 1736 fnl, 1677 fel, Sec 29, Blk 8, Abst. 126, H&GN RR, 11.1 ne Post; TD 5550; API #42-169-34232 Permit issued 12/19

Lynn County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Panhandle 5 #1
Wildcat; 773 fnl, 860 fwl, Sec 5, Blk O, Abst. 418, H&OB RR, 17 sw Tahoka; TD 9000; API #42-305-30565 Permit issued 11/30

Terry County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Doak 17 #1
Wildcat; 502 fnl, 1046 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 4X, Abst. 20, EL&RR, 1 e Meadow; TD 12000; API #42-445-32439 Permit issued 12/12

Yoakum County

Riley Exploration Operating Co. LLC
Sundance 642 #1H
Wildcat-Horizontal; 330 fel, 165 fsl, Sec 642, Blk D, Abst. 1490, J.H. Gibson, 9.2 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36745 Permit issued 11/29

Warren American Oil Company LLC
Bennett #1
Wildcat; 990 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 553, Blk D, Abst. 280, J.H. Gibson, 7.6 se Plains; TD 7000; API #42-501-36748 Permit issued 12/21

New Mexico

Eddy County

BC Operating Inc.
Campana 3 2 State B2 #2
Wildcat; Sec 3 T24S R26E; 2310/N & 240/E; 1 mi NW Malaga; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43965

XTO Energy Inc.
Sizzler State #1
Wildcat; Sec 6 T25S R29E; 200/S & 570/E; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 10025 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43956

From 4F

Dickenson 7F #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2196 fnl, 963 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 259, T&P RR, 10.1 w Stanton; TD 9400; API #42-317-40623 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Dickenson 7G #7H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2204 fnl, 934 fel, Sec 7, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 259, T&P RR, 10.1 w Stanton; TD 9400; API #42-317-40624 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Lottie-Guy 9D #4H
Spra;berry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 742 fsl, 571 fel, Sec 9, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 411, G&MMB&A, 18.9 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-40619 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Lottie-Guy 9E #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 742 fnl, 551 fel, Sec 9, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 411, G&MMB&A, 18.9 nw Stanton; TD 10000; API #42-317-40620 Permit issued 12/6

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Fisherman #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 656 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 973, T&P RR, 9 ne Stanton; TD 11000; API #42-317-40625 Permit issued 12/19

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Fisherman #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1980 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 26, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 973, T&P RR, 9 ne Stanton; TD 11000; API #42-317-40626 Permit issued 12/20

Midland County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Casselman8 #8AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fel, 2253 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1282, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Midland; TD 9800; API #42-329-41378 Permit issued 12/21

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Casselman8 #19LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 2233 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1282, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Midland; TD 9300; API #42-329-41376 Permit issued 12/21

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Casselman8 #20LL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fsl, 2283 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1282, T&P RR, 10.8 nw Midland; TD 9300; API #42-329-41377 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc
TXL 21G #2HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 790 fel, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1112, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 9350; API #42-329-41383 Permit issued 12/20

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc
TXL 21G #3HK
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 765 fel, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1112, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 9500; API #42-329-41384 Permit issued 12/21

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TXL 21X #4HM

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around the oil patch

To appear in *Around the Oil Patch* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Oil Report account executive at 687-9004.

Think your facilities are protected from lightning and static? Even the best intentions require regular QA and QC

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Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 740 fel, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1112, T&P RR, 19.8 s Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-41385 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
TXL 21X #5HD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 715 fel, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1112, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 9350; API #42-329-41387 Permit issued 12/21

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
TXL 21X #6HK
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 450 fsl, 690 fel, Sec 16, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1112, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 9500; API #42-329-41388 Permit issued 12/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #8UA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 275 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41368 Permit issued 12/13

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #8LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 325 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41379 Permit issued 12/16

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #8LA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 300 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41369 Permit issued 12/13

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #7LB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 350 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41389 Permit issued 12/19

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #7UA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 375 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API#42-329-41398 Permit issued 12/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Frio 25-32SL Unit 2 #7LA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2079 fnl, 400 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 207, T&P RR, 13.3 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41399 Permit issued 12/21

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 06 #506H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1000 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.2 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41355 Permit issued 12/7

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 06 #106H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 950 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.2 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41362 Permit issued 12/12

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 06 #606H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 1050 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.2 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41358 Permit issued 12/12

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 07 #507H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 380 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.3 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41363 Permit issued 12/12

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 07 #207H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.3 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41365 Permit issued 12/12

Energen Resources Corporation
Dickenson A SN 20-17 07 #607H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fsl, 430 fel, Sec 20, Blk 37, T-1-S, Abst. 984, T&P RR, 10.3 ne Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-41364 Permit issued 12/12

Henry Resources LLC
Denise #2028LB
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 649 fsl, 1007 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 40, T&P RR, 10 sw Midland; TD 12500; API #42-329-41351 Permit issued 12/9

JM Cox Resources LP
Crespi "B" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38 T2S, Abst. 84, T&P RR, 8 se Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41372 Permit issued 12/15

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #7H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5430 fsl, 1 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41392 Permit issued 12/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #8H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5430 fsl, 1294 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41393 Permit issued 12/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #9H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5430 fsl, 1339 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41394 Permit issued 12/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #10H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5699 fsl, 1218 fel, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41395 Permit issued 12/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #11H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5699 fsl, 1173 fel, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41396 Permit issued 12/20

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Germania 42 #12H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 5699 fsl, 1128 fel, Sec 42, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 756, T&P RR, 14.3 ne Midland; TD 10250; API #42-329-41397 Permit issued 12/20

RSP Permian LLC
Keystone #1005H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 140.6 fsl, 545.1 fel, Sec 3, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 347, T&P RR, 12.5 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41373 Permit issued 12/15

RSP Permian LLC
Keystone #1006H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 140.9 fsl, 575.1 fel, Sec 3, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 347, T&P RR, 12.5 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41371 Permit issued 12/15

RSP Permian LLC
Keystone E #1007H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 141.2 fsl, 605.1 fel, Sec 3, Blk 41, T-2-S, Abst. 347, T&P RR, 12.5 sw Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-41374 Permit issued 12/19

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3818AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 492 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-41346 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3807BH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 1097 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 10050; API #42-329-41347 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3817AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 1147 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-41348 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3806BH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 1752 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 10050; API #42-329-41349 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3816AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 225 fsl, 1802 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-41350 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3805BH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 224 fsl, 1833 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 21.8 se Midland; TD 10050; API #42-329-41352 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 35 Unit 2 #3815AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 224 fsl, 1863 fel, Sec 26, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1128, T&P RR, 21.8 se Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-41353 Permit issued 12/21

XTO Energy Inc.
Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4318 #4318AH
Spraberry (Trend Area); 392 fel, 500 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 113, T&P RR, 23 se Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-41354 Permit issued 12/7

XTO Energy Inc.
Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3214 #3214AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2331 fel, 1259 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 879, T&P RR, 24.4 se Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-41305 Permit issued 12/7

XTO Energy Inc.
Maralo 41-32 Allocation 3212 #3212AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1314 fwl, 1140 fnl, Sec 44, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 879, T&P RR, 24.3 se Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-41304 Permit issued 12/8

Pecos County

Brigham Resources Operating LLC
McIntyre State 38 #2H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 350 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 48, Abst. 8331, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Fort Stockton; TD 16000; API #42-371-39449 Permit issued 12/2

Brigham Resources Operating LLC
McIntyre State 40 #2H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1100 fnl, 350 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 38, Abst. 8332, T&P RR, 20.3 nw Fort Stockton; TD 16000; API #42-371-39450 Permit issued 12/2

Brigham Resources Operating LLC
Neal Lethco 34-33 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1250 fnl, 300 fel, Sec 34, Blk OW, Abst. 8349, TC RR, 16.9 nw Fort Stockton; TD 21000; API #42-371-39461 Permit issued 12/16

Brigham Resources Operating LLC
State Biggs 12A-2 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1235 fnl, 300 fel, Sec 34, Blk OW, Abst. 8349, TC RR, 16.9 nw Fort Stockton; TD 16000; API #42-371-39462 Permit issued 12/16

Crimson Exploration Operating Inc.
Ripper State 1924 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 302 fsl, 1339 fnl, Sec 19, Blk 49, T-9-S, Abst. 979, T&P RR, 23.6 nw Fort Stockton; TD 10300; API #42-371-39466 Permit issued 12/16

Jagged Peak EnergyLLC
County Line 2920A-C2 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 261 fsl, 339 fwl, Sec 29, Blk C-2, Abst. 8445, PSL, 4.4 sw Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39459 Permit issued 12/13

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Yates Field Unit #67F63
Yates; 9709 fsl, 16620 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 194, Abst. 4284, GC&SF RR, 5.9 sw Iraan; TD 1999; API #42-371-39465 Permit issued 12/20

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 29-28 #4313H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 480 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 32, Blk 8, Abst. 7568, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10614; API #42-371-39451 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 29-28 #4315H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 450 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 32, Blk 8, Abst. 7568, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10613; API #42-371-39453 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 17-18 #4301H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 866 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 8, Abst. 5460, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10818; API #42-371-39454 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 17-18 #4303H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 836 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 8, Abst. 5460, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10740; API #42-371-39455 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 17-18 #4305H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 896 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 8, Abst. 5460, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10818; API #42-371-39456 Permit issued 12/6

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 30-27 #4301H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 510 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 32, Blk 8, Abst. 7568, H&GN RR, 3.6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10613; API #42-371-39457 Permit issued 12/13

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 12-11 #4301H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 304 fwl, 583 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 5929, H&GN RR, 1.5 n Coyanosa; TD 10900; API #42-371-39467 Permit issued 12/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees StateE 12-11 #4302H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 285 fwl, 606 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 5929, H&GN RR, 1.5 n Coyanosa; TD 10842; API #42-371-39468 Permit issued 12/21

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Trees State 12-11 #4303H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 266 fwl, 629 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 8, Abst. 5929, H&GN RR, 1.5 n Coyanosa; TD 10942; API #42-371-39469 Permit issued 12/21

West Oil Resources LLC
Karen (Occidental) #128
Toborg; 1338 fsl, 150 fel, Sec 104, Blk 194, Abst. 6743, TC RR, 2 w Iraan; TD 550; API #42-371-39470 Permit issued 12/20

Reeves County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Gettysburg 55-4-21 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 400 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 803, T&P RR, 17.7 nw Pecos; TD 11320; API #42-389-35547 Permit issued 12/13

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Stones River 55-4-23 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 715 fnl, 400 fel, Sec 23, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 804, T&P RR, 17.7 nw Pecos; TD 11300; API #42-389-35556 Permit issued 12/15

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Honey Springs 55-4-19 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 19, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 802, T&P RR, 18.6 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-35549 Permit issued 12/13

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Hippocamp 57-1-29 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 29, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 606, T&P RR, 8.1 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-389-35567 Permit issued 12/16

Arris Operating Company LLC
Blue Lakes 5556 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnl, 1320 fsel, Sec 55, Blk 4, Abst. 405, H&GN RR, 6.9 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API#42-389-35560 Permit issued 12/15

Atlantic Resources Company LLC
State Bruce Banner 39-46 #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 275 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 39, Blk 56, Abst. 2600, PSL, 27.1 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-35562 Permit issued 12/16

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
State B-2 Stealth #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 70 fswl, 900 fnel, Sec 69, Abst. 5932, R.S. Johnson, 16 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35509 Permit issued 11/18

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
State B-2 Stealth #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 213 fwl, 306 fnel, Sec Sec 69, Abst. 5932, R.S. Johnson, 16 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35510 Permit issued 11/21

Centennial Resource Producers LLC
Balmorhea State #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 286 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 7, Blk C-9, Abst. 5467, PSL, 7.9 sw Pecos; TD 13500; API #42-389-35533 Permit issued 12/6

Centennial Resource Producers LLC
Collins #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1876 fsl, 300 fwl, Sec 24, Blk 52, T-7-S, Abst. 2636, T&P RR, 12 se Pecos; TD 13500; API #42-389-35299 Permit issued 11/18

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Energy 2-54 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 2, Blk 54, T-7-S, Abst. 2288, T&P RR, 14.1 sw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-35522 Permit issued 11/22

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Collier APA 8 #1H
HoefsS T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 8, Blk 51, T-8-S, Abst. 4492, T&P RR, 18.5 se Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-35544 Permit issued 12/9

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Forrest State 216 #1H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fel, 400 fsl, Sec 215, Blk 13, Abst. 508, H&GN RR, 21.2 sw Pecos; TD 12500; API #42-389-35555 Permit issued 12/19

COG Operating LLC
Phoenix Unit #7602H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2366 fnl, 1200 fel, Sec 176, Blk 1, Abst. 4919, H&TC RR, 15.4 ne Saragosa; TD 10700; API #42-389-35570 Permit issued 12/21

CPX II Operating, LLC
Durham Smith Fuente #207HL
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2182 fel, 400 fsl, Sec 47, Blk 56, T-2, Abst. 599, T&P RR, 31 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35563 Permit issued 12/16

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
Grady State Unit 2730 #1T
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnwl, 330 fswl, Sec 30, Blk 4, Abst. 2313, H&GN RR, 6.8 nw Pecos; TD 11300; API #42-389-35539 Permit issued 12/12

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
Townsen 66 #1T
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 4437 fswl, 550 fsel, Sec 66, Blk 44, Abst. 2268, H&GN RR, 1.7 nw Pecos; TD 11500; API #42-389-35541 Permit issued 12/13

Parsley Enregy Operations LLC
Mellencamp 8-14 #4301H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 550 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 7, Blk C-4, Abst. 1170, PSL, 15.6 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-35540 Permit issued 12/13

Parsley Enregy Operations LLC
Mellencamp 8-14 #4501H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 580 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 7, Blk C-4, Abst. 1170, PSL, 15.6 se Pecos; TD 11131; API #42-389-35566 Permit issued 12/21

Parsley Enregy Operations LLC
Mellencamp 8-14 #4102H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 610 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 7, Blk C-4, Abst. 1170, PSL, 15.6 se Pecos; TD 10850; API #42-389-35564 Permit issued 12/21

Patriot Resources Inc.
Iguana Unit 6B #2H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2140 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 6, Blk C-5, Abst. 1368, PSL, 21.8 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-35543 Permit issued 12/13

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Cottonwood West #1606WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1192 fsl, 2600 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 53, Abst. 2650, PSL, 18.3 sw Orla; TD 12500; API #42-389-35534 Permit issued 12/6

Upcurve Energy LLC
S. Johnson 19 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 2485 fwl, Sec 18, Blk C-5, Abst. 5723, 7 se Toyah; TD 9600; API #42-389-35569 Permit issued 12/21

Ward County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
SRO 34-178 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1030 fswl, 660 fsel, Sec 177, Blk 34, Abst. 267, H&TC RR, 5.7 ne Barstow; TD 11900; API #42-475-37158 Permit issued 12/2

Energen Resources Corporation
Elmer 33-67 #702H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fsel, 445 fnel, Sec 67, Blk 33, Abst. 988, H&TC RR, 7.1 se Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-475-37159 Permit issued 12/2

Energen Resources Corporation
Elmer 33-67 #802H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fsel, 495 fnel, Sec 67, Blk 33, Abst. 988, H&TC RR, 7.1 se Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-475-37160 Permit issued 12/7

Winkler County

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Elk Park 21-21 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 380 fnl, 303 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 21, Abst. 61U, ULS, 4.8 sw Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-33770 Permit issued 12/6

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
UTL 4443-21 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1107 fsl, 385 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 21, Abst. 85U, ULS, 7.2 sw Wink; TD 12000; API #42-495-33771 Permit issued 12/9

Mewbourne Oil Co.
University B21 7 #W101AP
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 165 fnl, 867 fel, Sec 7, Blk 21, Abst. 47U, ULS, 6.4 sw Wink; TD 12500; API #42-495-33773 Permit issued 12/21

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Crosby County

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1250
Hoopie (Clearfork); 3923 fel, 780 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32112 Permit issued 12/6

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1246
Hoopie (Clearfork); 3642 fwl, 330 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32113 Permit issued 12/6

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1253
Hoopie (Clearfork); 2231 fwl, 1492 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32114 Permit issued 12/6

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1257
Hoopie (Clearfork); 2930 fwl, 1430 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32115 Permit issued 12/13

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1258
Hoopie (Clearfork); 3957 fel, 2115 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32116 Permit issued 12/20

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1262
Hoopie (Clearfork); 4516 fel, 330 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32117 Permit issued 12/20

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #330
Hoopie (Clearfork); 2785 fel, 1050 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 1, Abst. 430, K. Aycock, 17.5 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32118 Permit issued 12/20

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #331
Hoopie (Clearfork); 1905 fel, 1050 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 1, Abst. 430, K. Aycock, 17.5 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32119 Permit issued 12/20

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1224
Hoopie (Clearfork); 2389 fwl, 330 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32120 Permit issued 12/20

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Phil #1251
Hoopie (Clearfork); 3433 fel, 689 fnl, Sec 12, Blk 2, Abst. 952, D&SE RR, 17 s Ralls; TD 5000; API #42-107-32121 Permit issued 12/20

Gaines County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 35 Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 1744 fnl, 404 fel, Sec 147, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.5 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38467 Permit issued 11/29

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 25 Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 2557 fsl, 524 fel, Sec 147, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.4 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38471 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 01 Tall Cotton (San Andres); 360 fnl, 1209 fwl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 15.1 nw Seminole; TD 8500; API #42-165-38472 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 45 Tall Cotton (San Andres); 337 fel, 1722 fsl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 15.1 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38473 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 02 Tall Cotton (San Andres); 383 fnl, 2052 fwl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 15 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38474 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 03 Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 769 fnl, 2397 fel, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.8 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38475 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 04 Tall Cotton (San Andres); 336 fnl, 1246 fel, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.7 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38480 Permit issued 12/6

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 05 Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 337 fnl, 649 fel, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.8 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38477 Permit issued 12/7

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 00 Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 764 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 15.3 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38481 Permit issued 12/21

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 10A Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 850 fnl, 795 fwl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 15.2 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38483 Permit issued 12/21

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
Kinder Morgan Bergen #P 10A Tall Cotton (San Andres)-Directional; 1742 fnl, 532 fnl, Sec 427, Blk G, Abst. 128, CCSD&RGNG, 14.4 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38467 Permit issued 12/12

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Eugenia Collett #18
Cedar Lake; 1417 fel, 1172 fnl, Sec 5, Blk C-30, Abst. 1364, PSL, 9.8 sw Welch; TD 5600; API #42-165-38468 Permit issued 12/2

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Flanagan Unit #111
Flanagan (Clearfork Consolidated); 485 fel, 1221 fsl, Sec 11, Blk 23, Abst. 741, PSL, 12.3 s Seminole; TD 8000; API #42-165-38469 Permit issued 12/2

Trinity EOR LLC
George Allen Unit #71
George Allen (San Andres); 2528 fwl, 495 fsl, Sec 60, Blk AX, Abst. 1112, PSL, 5 sw Denver City; TD 5500; API #42-165-38459 Permit issued 11/29

Garza County

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Post-Montgomery 8 #1
MWH (Ellenburger); 2388 fnl, 1280 fel, Sec 8, Blk 4, Abst. 474, K. Aycock, 7 ne Post; TD 8400; API #42-169-34230 Permit issued 12/19

Motley County

ESCO Oil Operating Company LLC
Cogdell B #7
Grimm (Permian Sand); 964 fwl, 924 fsl, Sec 66, Blk 2, Abst. 1224, A&B RR, 11 nw Matador; TD 1000; API #42-345-30338 Permit issued 11/30

Kent County

Atoka Operating Inc.
Ables #1
Wild Turkey (Tannehill); 470 fnl, 570 fwl, Sec 81, Blk 1, Abst. 46, H&GN RR, 2 sw Girard; TD 4999; API #42-263-32117 Permit issued 11/28

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #303-4A
Kelly-Snyder; 4944 fswl, 20309 fwl, Sec 203, Blk 97, Abst. 2714, H&TC RR, 6.8 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API#42-415-35248 Permit issued 11/20

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC UnitT #299-9A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 3242 fsl, 21629 fwl, Sec 204, Blk 97, Abst. 2820, H&TC RR, 6.6 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35249 Permit issued 12/1

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #301-5
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 3191 fsl, 21624 fwl, Sec 204, Blk 97, Abst. 2820, H&TC RR, 6.6 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35250 Permit issued 12/1

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #299-8A
KELLY-SNYDER; 3292 fsl, 21634 fwl, Sec 204, Blk 97, Abst. 2820, H&TC RR, 6.6 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35255 Permit issued 12/1

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #30311A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 7449 fsl, 5847 fwl, Sec 203, Blk 97, Abst. 2714, H&TC RR, 7.7 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35252 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #303-8A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 7587 fsl, 5779 fwl, Sec 203, Blk 97, Abst. 2714, H&TC RR, 7.7 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35251 Permit issued 12/5

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC

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UTPB Softball Making a Difference in Odessa

UT Permian Basin's softball's most important play of the season won't come anywhere on a softball field. The Falcons are once again being leaders in the Permian Basin with the community service they've done over the past year.

"When I first got here and told them we were going to put an emphasis on community service, they didn't really understand why or what the significance of it was," head coach Tiala Tagaloa said. "The first event we did my first year was Cups for a Cause for breast cancer awareness. Seeing survivors and those that were currently battling, and seeing the impact they could have in trying to raise funds to help them made a direct impact on them and now it's one of their favorite ones to do.

Among the events the Falcons have helped volunteer at this year are Cups for a Cause, building homes with Habitat for Humanity, 9/11 flag set up around Buffalo Wallow, Parade of Homes, Harmony Home, Boys and Girls Club of Odessa, and the OGSA Fall Festival.

"It's definitely a positive response out in the community" said Tagaloa. "Now other groups are seeking us out. Groups we've worked with may know of an organization that might need some help and are passing our name along to other organizations because they know we're not just out there because we have to be or need to be, but because we're truly trying to give back to those in the community."

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—Tiala Tagaloa
Head Coach, Softball

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SACROC Unit #75-9A
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Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 8791 fsl, 18857 fwl, Sec 203, Blk 97, Abst. 2714, H&TC RR, 7.1 sw Snyder; TD 7250; API #42-415-35267 Permit issued 12/19

Yoakum County

Riley Exploration Operating Co. LLC
Shiprock 638 #3H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 1800 fwl, 207 fsl, Sec 638, Blk D, Abst. 1482, J.H. Gibson, 6.8 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36746 Permit issued 12/2

Steward Energy II LLC
Blazin Skies 453 #1H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 370 fel, 470 fnl, Sec 468, Blk D, Abst. 843, J.H. Gibson, 11 w Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36750 Permit issued 12/21

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Bearkat 599 #3H
Platang (San Andres-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 1900 fwl, Sec 646, Blk D, Abst. 1529, J.H. Gibson, 11.5 sw Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36749 Permit issued 12/21

New Mexico

Eddy County

EOG Resources Inc.
Barbara Federal Com #21
North Seven Rivers; Sec 17 T19S R25E; 1750/S & 80/E; 8 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7207 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-43968

BC Operating Inc.
Bootlegger 21 Federal Com #1
Getty; Sec 16 T20S R29E; 240/S & 360/E; 13 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 13588 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43970

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Hollywood 28 33 W2LM Federal Com #1
Forehand Ranch; Sec 28 T23S R27E; 2455/S & 450/W; 6 mi NE Black River; Rot 17100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43969

BC Operating Inc.
Maximus 7-6- Fee B1 #1
Forehand Ranch; Sec 7 T23S R28E; 2400/S & 1987/W; 2 mi NW Loving; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43962

BC Operating Inc.
Maximus 7-6- Fee B1 #4
Forehand Ranch; Sec 7 T23S R28E; 2400/S & 380/E; 2 mi NW Loving; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43963

COG Operating LLC
Switchback State #21
East Black River; Sec 10 T24S R27E; 380/S & 312/E; 4 1/2 mi NE Black River; Rot 14734 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43967

BC Operating Inc.
Black River 15-10 State Com B1 #3
East Black River; Sec 15 T24S R27E; 105/S & 2312/E; 4 mi NE Black River; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43960

BC Operating Inc.
Black River 15-10 State Com X #4
East Black River; Sec 22 T24S R27E; 240/N & 360/E; 4 mi E Black River; Rot 14500 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43959

Matador Production Co.
Jimmy Kone 05-24S-28E RB #226
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 5 T24S R28E; 2502/S & 190/E; 2 mi SW Loving; Rot 11000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43958

Matador Production Co.
Guitar 10 24 28 RB #221
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 11 T24S R28E; 934/N & 224/W; Malaga; Rot 11000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43966

BC Operating Inc.
Sweet Tea 6 State B #1
North Corral Draw; Sec 31 T24S R29E; 2491/S & 360/W; 4 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43961

XTO Energy Inc.
Cattle Baron State #1
SW Willow Lake; Sec 6 T25S R29E; 300/S & 990/E; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 9660 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43957

Lea County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #254
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 248/S & 1962/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16927 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43469

Mesquite SWD Inc.
Station SWD #1
SWD; Sec 7 T24S R32E; 2625/N & 2315/W; 16 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17975 Devonian; API #30-025-43473

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Rojo A 7811 JV-P Fed #5
Red Hills; Sec 27 T25S R33E; 480/S & 620/W; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13709 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43472

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Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Forge Energy LLC
UL 10 Harmon #5H
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 330 fel, 7942 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 10, Abst. 311U, ULS, 14.4 sw Andrews; TD 4415 TVD, 11824 MD; Comp 11/25/2016p producing from 5546-11650, fracture stimulated; pump 312 BO, 294 MCF, 4089 BW, 32.95 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47398

Ector County

Cuervo Inc.
E.F. Cowden -D- #4
Cowden South; 356 fsl, 1102 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 43, T-2-S, Abst. 215, T&P RR, 7.6 w Odessa; TD 4150; Comp 11/29/2016; producing from 3846-4078, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 55 BO, 12 MCF, 6 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43407

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

PPC Operating Company LLC
Canon Ranch Unit #5001
Jo-Mill (Spraberry); 6929 fnl, 3539 fel, Sec 34, Blk 33, T-5-N, Abst. 1480, T&P RR, 15 sw Gail; TD 7500; Comp 11/29/2016; producing from 7117-7264, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 22 MCF, 450 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32396

PPC Operating Company LLC
Canon Ranch Unit #5003
Jo-Mill (Spraberry); 2272 fnl, 3610 fel, Sec 26, Blk 33, T-5-N, Abst. 1550, T&P RR, 15 sw Gail; TD 7460; Comp 12/2/2016; producing from 7073-7215, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 58 BO, 20 MCF, 354 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32397

Shenandoah Resources LLC
LMT #1
U-Lazy -S- (Ellenburger); 847 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 1, Abst. 1458, J.T. Beal, 12.7 n Gail; TD 8635; Comp 11/28/2016; producing from 8630-8635, treated with acid; pump 154 BO, 5 MCF, 166 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32399

New Mexico

Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #50
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 540/S & 775/E; BHL: 356/S & 977/E; EL 3753 GL, TD 6104 MD, 6089 TVD, PBTD 6066 MD, 6066 TVD; Spud 11-25-14, Comp 3-8-16; production is through treated perfs: 5600-6046. Treat: 3500 gals 15% NEFE acid, slickwater frac LWR Blinebry w/20,000# 100 mesh, 133,2609 40/70 Ottawa, 37,6009 40/70 Super LC resin coat, flush w/218 bbls slick water. IP: 3-22-16 Pump 24 hrs 90 BO, 152 BW, 134 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 525 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6104 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5454; API #30-015-42212

Apache Corp.
Cedar Lake Federal CA #640
Cedar Lake; Sec 6 T17S R31E; 2000/S & 200/E. BHL: 2006/S & 333/W; EL 3758 GL, TD 9090 MD, 4860 TVD, PBTD 4860, PBTD 9090; Spud 6-16-15, Comp 4-12-16; production is through treated perfs: 5224-9054. Treat: 2183 bbls acid, 2,914,890# sd. IP: 4-22-16 Pump 24 hrs 433 BO, 701 BW, 1020 MCF, GOR 2356, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 417 w/420 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3515 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 4378 w/625 sx, 5 1/27 @ 4378-9063, 2 7/8 @ 4626; API #30-015-42900

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Macanudo BTE State Com #1
West Willow Lake; Sec 23 T24S R27E; 2365/S & 605/E. BHL: 330/N & 663/E; EL 3171 GR, TD 16,056, PBTD 16,052; Spud 1-29-15; production is through treated perfs: 8682-16032. Treat: Acdz w/148,000 gals 15% HCL acid, Frac w/10,291,220# sd. IP: 5-16-16 Flow 24 hrs 725 BO, 1733 BW, 981 MCF, 30/64" Ch, CP 900. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 749 w/425 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2513 w/597 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16056 w/2290 sx; API #30-015-42893

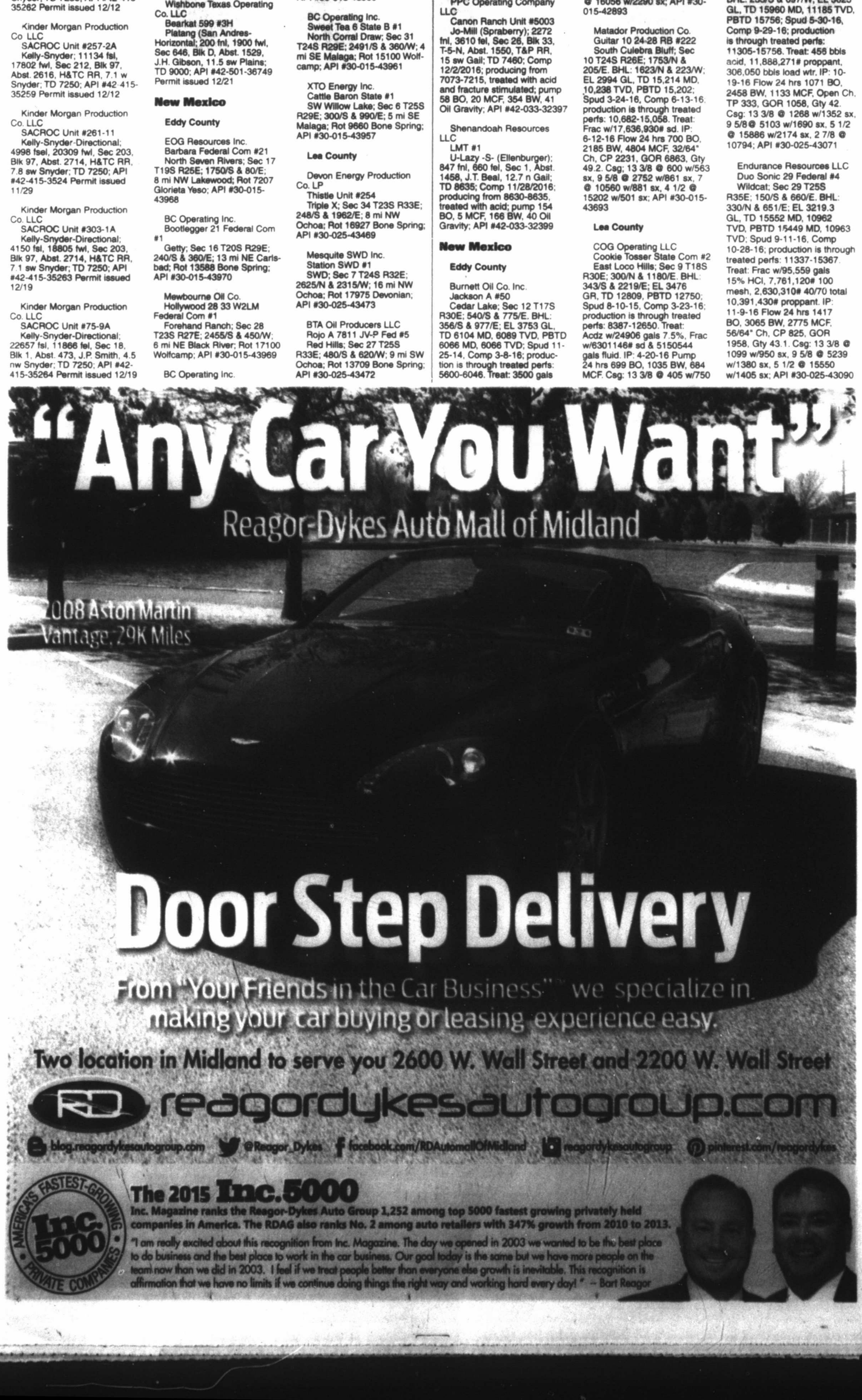
Matador Production Co.
Guitar 10 24-28 RB #222
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 10 T24S R26E; 1753/N & 205/E. BHL: 1623/N & 223/W; EL 2994 GL, TD 15,214 MD, 10,238 TVD, PBTD 15,202; Spud 3-24-16, Comp 6-13-16; production is through treated perfs: 10,682-15,058. Treat: Frac w/17,636,930# sd. IP: 6-12-16 Flow 24 hrs 700 BO, 2185 BW, 4804 MCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 2231, GOR 6863, Gty 49.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 600 w/563 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2752 w/861 sx, 7 @ 10560 w/881 sx, 4 1/2 @ 15202 w/501 sx; API #30-015-43693

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Cookie Tosser State Com #2
East Loco Hills; Sec 9 T18S R30E; 300/N & 1180/E. BHL: 343/S & 2219/E; EL 3476 GR, TD 12809, PBTD 12750; Spud 8-10-15, Comp 3-23-16; production is through treated perfs: 8387-12650. Treat: Acdz w/24906 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6301146# sd & 5150544 gals fluid. IP: 4-20-16 Pump 24 hrs 699 BO, 1035 BW, 684 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1897 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12799 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7734; API #30-025-42440

Cimarex Energy Co.
Witherspoon 26 23 State #1
Wildcat; Sec 26 R21S R33E; 330/S & 630/W. BHL: 1542/S & 401/W; EL 3701 GL, TD 18640 MD, 12241 TVD, PBTD 18627; Spud 7-9-16, Comp 11-3-16; production is through perfs: 12300-18600. IP: 11-9-16 Flow 24 hrs 104 BO, 2950 BW, 448 MCF, 20 Ch, TP 2924, CP 750. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1718 w/125 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5215 w/1390 sx, 7 @ 12410 w/1240 sx, 4 1/2 @ 18640 w/510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10706; API #30-025-43291

COG Operating LLC
Raspberry State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 27 T21S R33E; 330/S & 200/E. BHL: 51/N & 344/E; EL 3709 GR, TD 21061, PBTD 20860; Spud 5-28-16, Comp 10-4-16; production is through treated perfs: 11131-20860. Treat: Acdz w/185178 gals 7.5%, Frac w/19,046,426# sd, 19,440,330 gals fluid. IP: 10-7-16 Flow 24 hrs 53 BO, 4468 BW, 72 MCF, 28/64" Ch, TP 1150, CP 2650. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1812 w/1300 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5448 w/1775 sx, 5 1/2 @ 21022 w/4200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10343; API #30-025-43179

EOG Resources Inc.
Driver 14 State Com #502
North Bell Lake; Sec 14 T23S R33E; 160/N & 1070/W. BHL: 233/S & 697/W; EL 3625 GL, TD 15960 MD, 11185 TVD, PBTD 15756; Spud 5-30-16, Comp 9-29-16; production is through treated perfs: 11305-15756. Treat: 458 bbls acid, 11,888,271# proppant, 306,050 bbls load wtr. IP: 10-19-16 Flow 24 hrs 1071 BO, 2458 BW, 1133 MCF, Open Ch, TP 333, GOR 1058, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1268 w/1352 sx, 9 5/8@ 5103 w/1690 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15886 w/2174 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10794; API #30-025-43071

Endurance Resources LLC
Duo Sonic 29 Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 29 T25S R35E; 150/S & 660/E. BHL: 330/N & 651/E; EL 3219.3 GL, TD 15552 MD, 10962 TVD, PBTD 15449 MD, 10963 TVD; Spud 9-11-16, Comp 10-28-16; production is through treated perfs: 11337-15367. Treat: Frac w/95,559 gals 15% HCl, 7,761,120# 100 mesh, 2,630,310# 40/70 total 10,391,430# proppant. IP: 11-9-16 Flow 24 hrs 1417 BO, 3065 BW, 2775 MCF, 56/64" Ch, CP 825, GOR 1958, Gty 43.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1099 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5239 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15550 w/1405 sx; API #30-025-43090