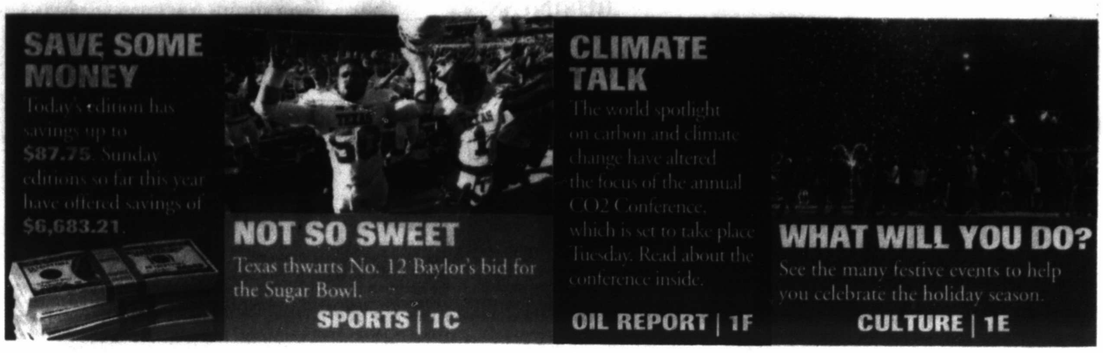

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Oil price decline boon to US hiring, bane to sector

While job growth lifts most of the overall economy, the oil patch suffers

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The falling oil and gasoline prices that for months have coincided with strong U.S. hiring have helped most Americans.

But they've come at a painful cost for workers in the energy and mining sector: 122,300 lost jobs in the past year.

Even as workers nationwide are earning slightly more than they did a year ago, average wages have tumbled 1.5 percent to $26.72 an hour for energy production workers.

The November jobs report that the government released Friday illustrates the divide between the broad economy and the ailing fossil fuels industry: Overall, U.S. employers added a robust 211,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate held steady at a healthy 5 percent. But the energy industry, reeling from falling oil prices and weakening global demand, shed 11,300 jobs.

In just 18 months, oil prices have cratered from $107 a barrel to roughly $40. And gasoline prices have plunged from around $3.70 a gallon to $2.05. Those prices could be poised to fall further, with OPEC deciding Friday to keep production running high.

One measure of the damage: Even as the overall U.S. stock market rocketed up 2 percent on Friday, an index of oil and gas stocks tracked by the New York Stock Exchange fell 0.5 percent.

The industry's layoffs are expected to

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IN FOR THE LONG HAUL

Jeff Greason, president and chief executive officer of XCOR Aerospace Inc., talks about the company's future in Midland on Jul. 7, 2012, at Midland International Air & Space Port. ***MRT file photo***

XCOR founders to stay in Midland with latest project

By Stewart Doreen
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Former XCOR Aerospace founder Jeff Greason already has his next challenge in the space industry.

He and two other founders of XCOR have formed Agile Aero. He told the Reporter-Telegram last week that he, Aleta Jackson and Dan DeLong will attempt to speed up the process it takes to develop vehicles. And they will do so here in Midland.

"We are here, and we like it here," Greason said. "We have the spaceport here, we have the facilities here, we know suppliers we want to work with here, and Midland is a great place to do this type of work."

> *"They don't need to attract me to Midland. I'm already here."*
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> **Jeff Greason,** president and chief executive officer of XCOR Aerospace Inc.

Greason was chief executive officer when XCOR decided to accept a Midland Development Corp. incentive and move the company's headquarters from Mojave, California, to West Texas. After announcing the decision to move to Midland, Greason was among those insisting XCOR would not be the last to make the move. Orbital Outfitters, also incentivized by the MDC, also has agreed to move its headquarters to Midland.

Last week, the Midland community learned Agile Aero will make three.

Robert Rendall, a member of the MDC board, expects there will be others besides Agile. The city and MDC are using state and economic development funds to create the Spaceport Business Park

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Philanthropic communities rally around refugees of all walks of life

■ First Presbyterian reacts to political anti-refugee climate

By Brandon Mulder
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More than 1,000 immigrants have come to Midland in the past decade to escape religious persecution and political violence. Midlanders have consistently offered their compassion, money and jobs to the dispossessed, and the community today would arguably not be the same without them.

The Chin people — fleeing from sectarian violence in Burma for their Christian faith — have filled jobs created by the oil boom. Today, at least 1,200 live in the community, working in the oil, retail and service industries, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. The Chin account for nearly 94 percent of all refugees currently settled in Midland and have established five church congregations around town.

But many of their contributions to the community cannot be easily measured by economic gain. The diversity they bring is an enrichment in itself, according to many faith leaders.

"It's been a wonderful experience for us. It's been educational, it's been enlightening, it's been faith-building to hear their stories," said the Rev. Cheryl Homsher of Grace Presbyterian Church, which has allowed a Chin congregation to use their building's facilities for worship since 2010. "This is not just us giving to them; there's a mutuality here — we're on the giving and receiving end."

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Electronic payments system is force behind economic growth

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

An easy to use, efficient method of purchasing goods and services is essential to a well-functioning economy. Payment methods have evolved throughout human history, from barter to primitive forms of money, to full-bodied coins and precious metals, to bank notes, to national fiat currency and checks. Each advance has brought with it additional economic efficiency, productivity, and integration. More recently, various types of electronic payment mechanisms have become an increasingly large share of total transaction volume. Electronic payments are highly efficient, offering advantages such as speed, reduced costs, and accuracy. These enhancements have contributed significantly to the expansion of the U.S. economy, increasing liquidity and stimulating personal consumption.

The essential rationale for the theory that improved efficiency in transactions processing generates economic benefits lies in two basic concepts, both of which have been known since long before economics emerged as a discipline. First, as transactions costs are reduced, there is an incentive to engage in exchange more frequently. This notion has been widely accepted for many millennia, and Aristotle wrote extensively about it. Simply said, the idea is that because it is so easy and convenient to pay for purchases thanks to the electronic payments system, we are more likely to buy things.

The second key idea is the "equation of exchange," which notes that the product of the quantity of money and its turnover rate (velocity) equals the total volume of activity that can be supported. Nicolaus Copernicus set forth the theory in the early 1500s; it was explored at length by philosopher John Locke in the late 17th century and formalized into economics in the early 19th century. Although often identified with the Monetarist school of thought, it is actually fundamental to all major strains of economic analysis. For present purposes, it illustrates that improvements in the technology available to process transactions allow additional activity to occur with a given money supply. Moving payments more efficiently through the system effectively increases the available supply of money, enhancing economic growth.

The electronic transaction payments system has increased efficiency by acting as a convenient method of payment, reducing payment processing costs and time, providing greater payment security, establishing globally accepted forms of payment, and creating greater transparency. All of these benefits generate economic growth in a number of ways. Convenience encourages consumption both domestically and globally, and about 80 percent of all consumer spending is now non-cash based.

We were recently asked by MasterCard to evaluate the size of the impact of electronic payments on the economies of the United States and the 50 states. (A report presenting the findings from this our analysis is available for free download on our website at www.perrymangroup.com.) The short answer is that the beneficial effects have been substantial, and we estimate that the U.S. economy is more than 12 percent larger (as measured by real gross product) than it would be in the absence of the electronic payment system.

Our study measures the economic benefits of electronic payments system two ways. First, we looked at U.S. economic performance (as of 2014) compared to where we would be if no electronic payments mechanism had ever existed. Second, we looked at benefits resulting from growth in the use of the electronic payments system over the past 10 years (2004-2014), which is basically the timeframe when debit cards came into widespread usage. In each case, we measured the overall economic impacts (including the multiplier or ripple effects through the economy) of both the stimulus to real personal consumption and the efficiency gains that are observed across the entire economy. We adjusted the results for changes in productivity over the relevant time horizon where necessary. We also expressed monetary values in constant (2009) dollars for consistency with available data and to eliminate the effects of inflation.

Compared to the results if no such system existed, electronic payment systems have led to gains in business activity in the United States for 2014 of an estimated $1.760 trillion in gross product and almost 23.2 million permanent jobs. Looking over the entire 1970-2014 period, the cumulative increase in gross product is $34.314 trillion in gross product and 387.5 million person-years of employment (which is simply one person working for one year).

To put those figures in context, electronic payments systems and associated efficiencies increased the size of the U.S. economy by more than 12 percent (as measured by gross product as of 2014), increased personal consumption expenditures by almost 17 percent, and raised employment by 20 percent. That's one in five jobs, and future advances stand to increase the benefits of the system even more over time.

Focusing on the benefits of the increased usage of electronic payments from 2004 to 2014 (the debit-card era), we found gains in business activity of $432.927 billion in gross product and nearly 5.7 million permanent U.S. jobs for 2014. Moreover, the industry continues to innovate, and further technological advances are certain to occur. As electronic payment mechanisms evolve, they will promote business expansion on an ongoing basis.

In short, the electronic payment system increases efficiency by making payments faster and easier. As a result, consumer spending has been enhanced, production has been facilitated, and the economies of the U.S. and every state have been able to grow at a faster pace than they would have otherwise.

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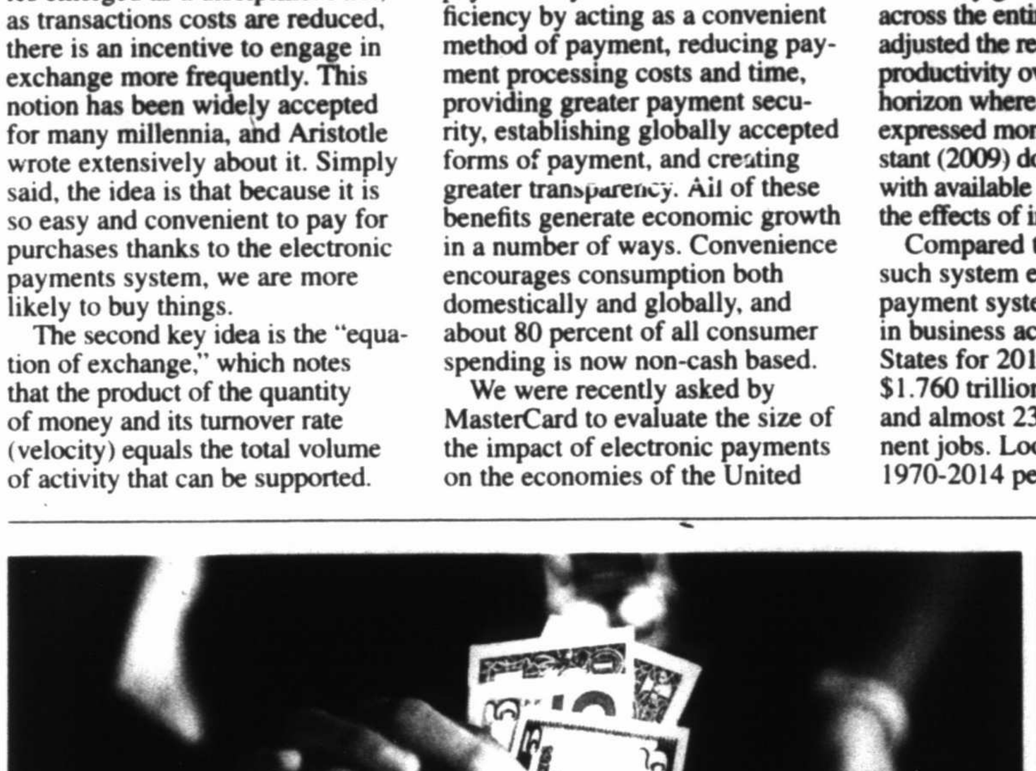

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A customer, bottom, pays for goods June 6 while shopping at the Atlanta Farmers Market in Atlanta. Some signs have suggested that wages are beginning to pick up after barely moving in the more than 6 years since the Great Recession officially ended. On Friday, the government's jobs report will offer some clues about whether the modest pay gains will continue.

Another month of solid US hiring clears the way for Fed hike

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If the Federal Reserve needed any final evidence that the economy is ready for higher interest rates, it got it on Friday.

A solid November job gain of 211,000 showed that despite weak overseas growth and struggling U.S. factories, the U.S. economy appears healthy enough to withstand a Fed hike from record-low rates later this month.

The unemployment rate remained at a low 5 percent in November for a second straight month, the government said Friday. More Americans started looking for jobs, and nearly all found them.

Average hourly pay rose, though modestly, and the government revised up its estimate of job growth for September and October. Employers have now added a robust average 213,000 jobs a month over the past six months.

The healthy jobs figures indicate that consumer spending is helping the economy surmount some lingering challenges. They include a strong dollar, which has made exports pricier overseas and squeezed U.S. manufacturers, and sinking oil prices, which have led drilling companies to slash orders for steel pipes and other equipment.

Even so, Americans are spending more on restaurant meals and on big-ticket items like cars and homes.

The U.S. economy "is strong enough to withstand an initial hike in interest rates from what were seen as emergency record-low levels," said Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit. "A December rate hike now looks to be in the bag."

The economy's strengths were evident in last month's hiring patterns: Construction firms added 46,000 jobs, the biggest increase

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Take steps for safe online shopping during this holiday season

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Cyber Monday might be over, but shopping online for holiday gifts this month isn't. Online shopping is convenient and allows you to avoid the holiday rush — however, there are risks involved.

While many online shopping sites are legitimate, there are fraudulent online retailers trying to scam unsuspecting shoppers. These scammers set up fake or fraudulent sites in order to gain access to personal information or steal your money. Remember, it's important to always secure your personal information when shopping online.

Last year, Better Business Bureau received more than 4,800 complaints nationwide against online retailers. Consumers reported several issues, including issues with the products, delivery and refund and exchanges.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin recommends online shoppers:

■ **Use safe payment options.**

Credit cards are generally the safest option because they allow buyers to seek a credit from the issuer if the product isn't delivered or isn't what was ordered.

■ **Keep a paper trail.**

Print and save records of your online transactions, including the product description, price, online receipt, terms of the sale and copies of any email exchange with the seller. Read your credit card statements as soon as you get them to make sure there aren't any unauthorized charges.

■ **Turn your computer off.**

According to the National Cybersecurity Alliance, many people leave computers running and connected to the Internet all day and night. This gives scammers 24/7 access to your computer to install malware

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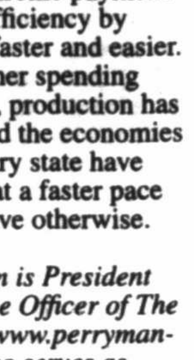
Dave Ramsey, financial expert



Is giving friend a loan really helping him?

Editor's Note: "The Dave Ramsey Show" can be heard from 2-5 p.m. weekdays on KCRS (AM 550).

DEAR DAVE: The guy who has been my best friend since grade school recently asked me to loan him $5,000. All I have in savings is $5,000, but I would be willing to give him $1,000. The problem is that while he's a great friend with a good heart, he's always getting himself into binds when it comes to money. Do you think I should give him $1,000? — Israel

DEAR ISRAEL: If I were in your shoes, and I was going to give this guy a fifth of everything I had, I'd want to know it was going to save his life. From what you've said, it sounds like he's just out of control with his money while you're trying to save. That being the case, I'm not sure you'd really be helping him.

If you want to gift your friend some money, then do it. But there's no way I'd tell you to give him everything you've managed to save. And I certainly wouldn't do it as a loan.

Ask yourself if you believe deep down in your heart that giving this guy $1,000 would truly be a blessing to him or if, by doing it, you'd be acting as an enabler and basically just funding more of his stupidity with money. From what you've told me, I think there's a good chance the answer is the latter. And if that's the case, you can be a much better friend by saying you love him enough to not ruin your friendship.

DEAR DAVE: After struggling with it for several years, I finally made the last payment on my Sallie Mae student loans this week. Do you think I should ask for a formal letter stating that it's officially paid off? — Angela

DEAR ANGELA: Congratulations on finally kicking that old woman out of your house! It feels great, doesn't it?

Sure, it couldn't hurt anything to write and request formal confirmation that the book on your loans is closed and everything is paid in full. You can do this through email so you'll have a record of contact, or you can send a certified letter, return receipt requested, through the post office. That way, you'll have a record they signed for it.

Following up on paid-off debts is always a good idea, Angela. You don't want the hassle of possibly having to deal with greedy or incompetent collectors sniffing around three or four years down the road and no way to prove you're free and clear!

Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

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Casinos could see guitar-playing, car-racing, card-grabbing

By Kimberly Pierceall
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Consider them the concept cars of casinos.

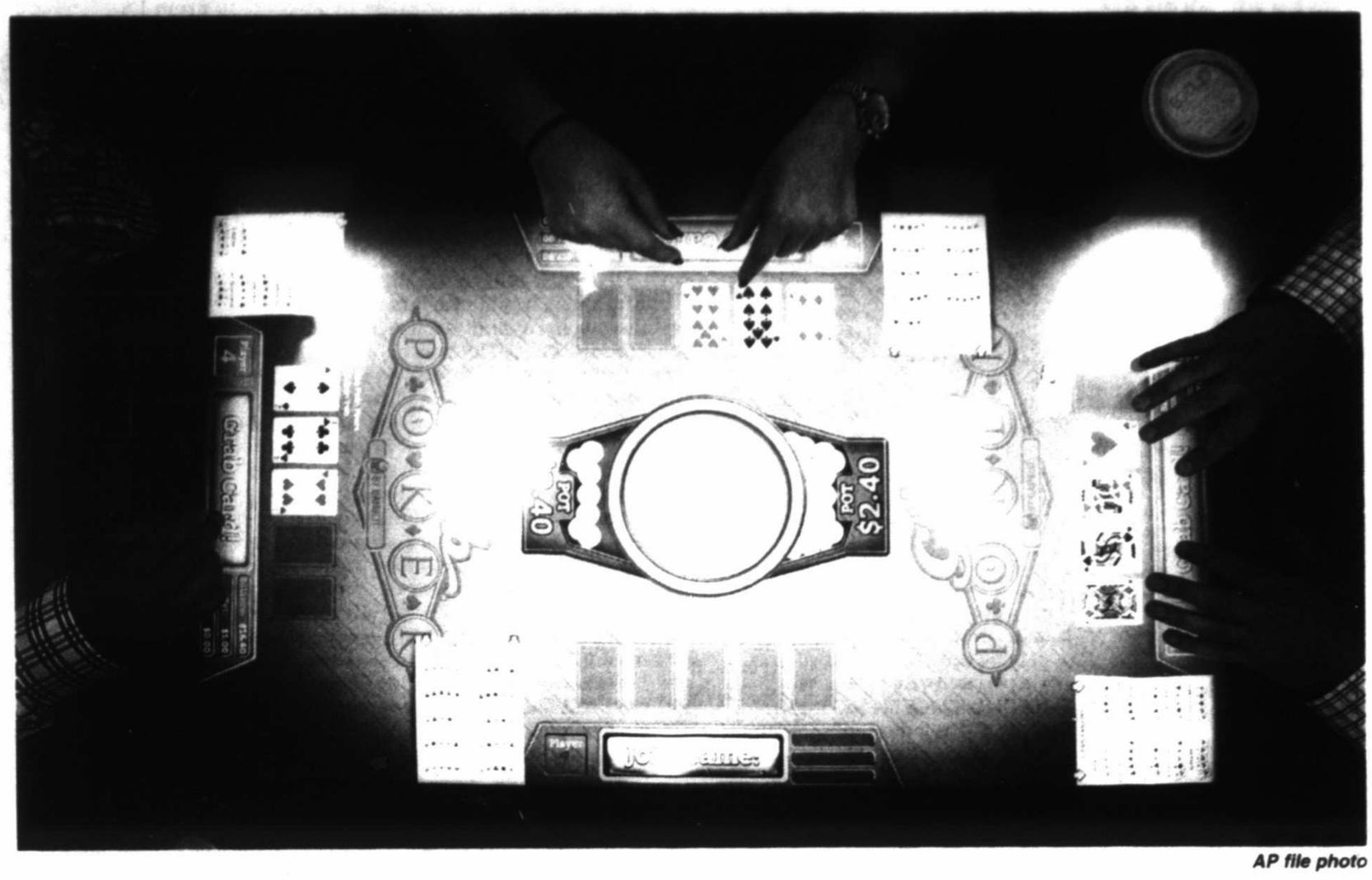
Whether it's shooting down enemy planes, strumming a guitar-shaped controller to hit the right notes or swiping a table-top screen to grab the best set of cards first, the latest slot machines are looking a lot like an arcade. And that's what some in the industry are betting will attract younger players to the casino floor to revive gambling revenues that have sagged in recent years.

Until their September debut at the Global Gaming Expo, or G2E, in Las Vegas, it wasn't entirely clear what "skill-based slots" might look when Nevada lawmakers and gambling regulators opened the door to games requiring little or a lot of skill rather than simply random number generated chance.

For the legacy, big brands, including IGT and Scientific Games, the changes meant adding bonus rounds to their traditional slot machines, such as actually playing "Space Invaders" in between watching spinning reels. For a new "The Simpsons" slot machine, it meant the chance to physically scratch a lottery ticket during a virtual trip to the Kwik-E-Mart or catch handfuls of virtual doughnut sprinkles via a motion sensor capturing your own hands doing the scratching and catching.

It was the younger, smaller upstart companies that went further, offering up arcade-style games and more action per-square-foot, including NanoTech's take on "Pac-Man" and pinball, G2 Game Design's version of "Guitar Hero" or GameCo's 30- to 60-second racing and shooting games.

At least one upstart gamemaker, California-based Gamblit, expects its games to be a road-ready reality next year after final regulations are passed by the state and the games are tested.



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People try Grab Poker, a skill-based gaming machine, Sept. 29 at the Gamblit booth during the Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas. The gambling industry is trying to attract younger players to the casino floor to revive revenues that have sagged in recent years.

Some remain skeptical of the spending power of younger gamblers, including the chief of design for slot machine maker Scientific Games who said that his company wasn't ready to invest half of its research and development budget in games appealing to millennials.

"To be honest with you, they don't spend that much money," Allon Englman said. "I don't know who's paying for those $3,000 bottles," he said about the pricey bottles of liquor sold at reserved tables at Las Vegas nightclubs.

Elad Dory, 27, may not be buying $3,000 bottles but he said he spent about $1,000 on video game consoles, games and mobile game apps in the last year.

The mobile game designer from Israel wearing a hoodie and sipping a beer, was strumming a guitar on the floor of G2E testing out a "Guitar Hero" style video game from G2 Game Design.

"I don't come to Vegas to gamble," he said. But he said he wouldn't mind paying 50 cents or more, depending on how bored and drunk he might be, to play something like that even if he didn't win.

For now, while skill-based games await the regulatory go-ahead to appear on casino floors, the casinos are re-working spaces to be more inviting to a new kind of gambler. The Encore Las Vegas recently announced it would add an area featuring a pool table, shuffleboard table, card tables and tables that are essentially oversized tablets that friends can crowd around to play games. More and more, electronic table games such as virtual poker or blackjack have cropped up to appeal to patrons intimidated by the real-life version.

Steve Peshek, 28, from Cleveland, and his friends were eager to crowd around an electronic craps table at the Aria resort-casino. They had never played before.

"We actually don't gamble, period," he said. But when in Vegas, especially for the first time, the friends played a few traditional slots.

"It just ate our money and we were like, 'eh,'" he said, shrugging.

Their enthusiasm for the interactive craps table, with the video game avatar that goads the players to "push the button" to make the dice settle on a number, was evident.

"Something's actually happening," he said.

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and commit cybercrimes. To be safe, turn off your computer when it's not in use.

■ **Beware of phishing.**

If you receive an email claiming problems with an order that asks for personal information or financial information, call the contact number on the website to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction.

■ **Keep a clean machine.**

Having the latest security software, web browser and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware and other online threats.

■ **Check the seller's privacy policy.**

Some sellers resell personal information, buying preferences and other data to market research companies, telemarketers and spammers. Read the fine print, and always make sure that you are opting-out and not opting-in when asked whether you want to have your information shared with third parties.

When shopping online, your BBB advises consumers look out for these red flags:

■ **Little to no basic business information listed.**

A store's website should have phone numbers and physical addresses of the business, locate and note these before you buy. Be cautious if this information is not available as it may not be a legitimate business.

■ **No signs of online security.**

Some attackers try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear authentic. Don't enter your personal and financial information, unless a site includes a URL address that begins with "https" or a closed padlock icon on your web browser's address. This indicates that the purchase is encrypted or secured.

■ **Too good to be true deals.**

Online stores that offer merchandise for unusually low prices is a red flag. Before you jump on a bargain, visit bbb.org and check a business' BBB Business Review to see how they respond to complaints, view its rating and read customer reviews.

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in two years. Spending on construction projects, including homes, roads and office towers, reached an eight-year high in October.

In addition, restaurants added 31,500 positions, retailers nearly 31,000.

Investors cheered the jobs report, which helped send the Dow Jones industrial average soaring 360 points in afternoon trading.

This week, Fed Chair Janet Yellen said the economy appeared to be improving enough to justify a rate hike as long as no major shocks undermined growth before the Fed meets Dec. 15-16. The Fed has kept its key short-term rate at a record low near zero for seven years.

A Fed rate hike typically lifts interest rates for mortgages, auto loans and other borrowing, though those increases might not occur immediately.

For the Fed, conditions seem nearly ideal for a period of small and only gradual rate increases in coming months: Job growth has been solid, and wages have begun to rise but not so much as to cause concern about future high inflation.

Since the recession ended, average hourly pay has grown at only about two-thirds of the pace typical of a healthy economy.

In November, average hourly wages rose 2.3 percent from 12 months earlier to $25.25. That is below October's annual increase, which had been the strongest in six years. It's still far below the roughly 3.5 percent pace typical of a strong economy.

Still, many economists say they're optimistic that Americans' pay will keep rising. Companies are advertising near-record levels of available jobs. And layoffs are at very low levels. Both figures point to strong demand for workers.

"Companies are holding onto people pretty tightly, and at some point that's going to manifest itself in higher wages," said Michael Dolega, senior economist at TD Bank. "Their workers are going to get poached. They are going to have sweeten the deal at some point."

Sarah Raminhos landed a new accounting job last month at a firm in Chevy Chase, Maryland, with a salary about 5 percent higher than her old one. She saw more opportunities than she did during a previous job search two years earlier and even felt confident enough to turn down offers.

"This time, I felt like I could be a more picky," said Raminhos, 29.

Dolega said wage gains are being held back by steep job cuts in mining, a category that consists mostly of oil and gas drilling and has shed 14 percent of its jobs in the past year. Government data show that drilling firms were handing out big raises as recently as last year to attract workers, but average pay in the industry is now declining.

The sizable gain in construction jobs last month, even as the Fed is preparing to raise rates, suggests that few expect higher borrowing costs to derail home building or sales.

More jobs with heftier pay checks are lifting Americans' ability to spend. Auto sales, for example, jumped to a 14-year high in November. Industry analysts expect auto sales to total a record 17.5 million for 2015.

And sales of existing homes have increased nearly 4 percent from a year ago, while new home purchases have jumped almost 16 percent.

A healthier housing sector has benefited Genpact, a New York City-based company that provides mortgage processing services to companies. CEO Tiger Tyagarajan says Genpact has added about 400 people to its 4,000 person U.S. workforce this year, many of them in highly skilled areas such as software programming and management consulting.

"The U.S. economy seems to be steady, and that's good because that means we have to hire more," Tyagarajan said.

Still, Genpact hasn't felt compelled to boost pay. Instead it's stepped up training and recruiting and is seeking to make it easier for employees with families to work part time.

United Auto Workers win vote at Volkswagen's lone US plant

By Erik Schelzig
Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The United Auto Workers union has gained a significant first victory at a foreign-owned automaker in the South, easily winning a vote by skilled-trades workers at Volkswagen's lone U.S. factory to have the UAW negotiate their collective bargaining agreements.

The workers who repair and maintain machinery and robots at the German automaker's plant in Chattanooga voted 108-44 for UAW representation over two days ending Friday.

Volkswagen objected to the new vote favoring the UAW to represent just 162 skilled-trades workers, arguing that all of the plant's 1,400 blue-collar workers should have a say over union issues. The German automaker said it plans to appeal the ruling allowing the vote to the full National Labor Relations Board.

"We believe that a union of only maintenance employees fractures our workforce and does not take into account the overwhelming community of interest shared between our maintenance and production employees," the company said in a statement.

The vote comes nearly 20 months after the union was narrowly defeated in an election involving all hourly employees at the plant. The UAW has been thwarted for decades in attempts to represent workers outside of General Motors, Ford and Fiat Chrysler.

Ray Curry, the director of the UAW's Southern region, said the overwhelming union victory should persuade Volkswagen to drop its legal challenge.

"We urge Volkswagen to respect the decision of its employees and recognize the local union as the representative of the skilled trades unit," he said at a news conference Friday punctuated by beeping car and truck horns of union supporters celebrating.

The American Council of Employees, a rival labor group at the Volkswagen plant, in a letter to workers before the vote criticized the move to organize the smaller group of workers. The group said the effort would serve to "subdivide maintenance workers with no concern for how this might negatively impact employees' long-term interests."

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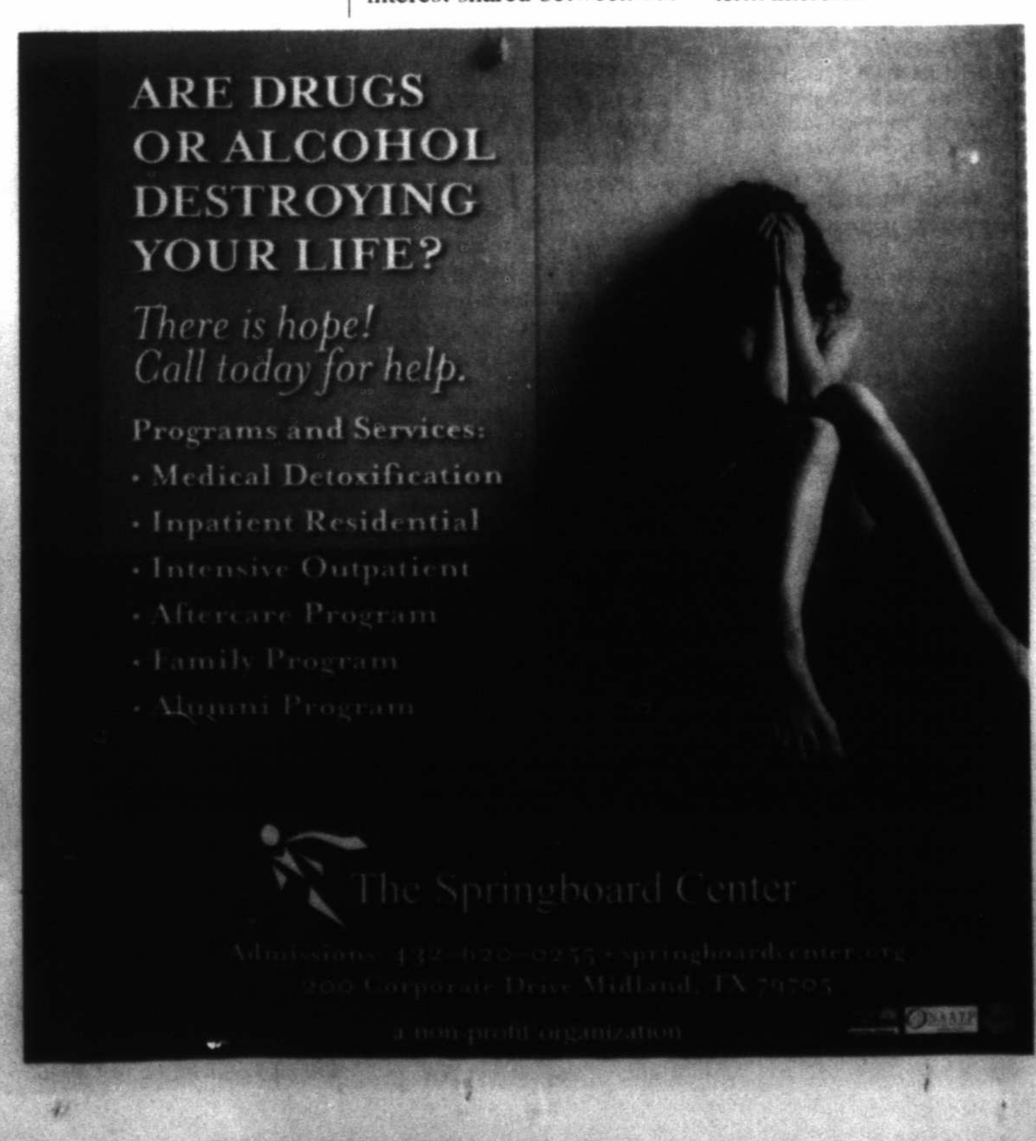

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Hanukkah begins

Many Jewish communities in the United States observe the first day of Hanukkah, which marks the start of Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah or Festival of Lights. Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish observance that remembers the Jewish people's struggle for religious freedom.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Things to do

Today

■ Holiday Gathering at Holy Trinity, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. The public is invited to this Parish Hall event and encouraged to bring Christmas cookies for sharing and their favorite creche or Nativity models for viewing. The event also includes a carol sing-along around the tables. holytrinity.org.

Monday

■ Fiesta Navidad! featuring Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $20-$40. wagnernoel.com.

Tuesday

■ Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $62-$117. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Tuesday and Wednesday

■ Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas luncheons with food provided by The Market Grill and Bar, Noon, Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. Registration is required. $35; $190 for table of six; $250 for table of eight. museumsw.org.

Friday

■ Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Allison Fine Arts Building in Midland College. Free.

Saturday

■ Christmas at the Mansion: Third Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run, 11 a.m. (early registration at 9 a.m.), Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. The annual event features a 5K fun run and One-Mile Reindeer Dash. The event features awards for participants, refreshments and photo opportunities. Register at active.com or the museum's website. museumsw.org.

■ "The Nutcracker" by the Midland Festival Ballet. Dec. 12 and 13. $18-$59 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Meeting this week

Planning and Zoning Commission

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

Community calendar

■ The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club is to meet 6 p.m. Monday at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker is to be Austin Harris, owner of Run This Way. The club has monthly 5K or 10K walks at locations within a 50-mile radius of Midland.

To RSVP for the meeting, contact Gary Petersen at 697-4310 or gpetersen3@suddenlink.net.

■ Betenbough Homes is hosting North Pole in Your Neighborhood 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at its new home center, 6718 N. State Highway 349. The event includes free photos with Santa, children's crafts, snacks and train rides (weather permitting).

■ The Commemorative Air Force's High Sky Wing is planning Christmas Light Night Flights Wednesday through Dec. 23. The flights are $90 a person; the co-pilot seat is $150, according to a press release.

The Spirit of West Texas — which was at Midland Army Air Field during World War II — holds five passengers. Passengers will receive a Christmas ornament, hot chocolate and cookies.

To book a flight go to rides@highskywing.org or call 703-3142.

The event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. Betenbough Homes will donate $1 to the nonprofit for every photo taken.

For more information, visit betenbough.com.

ACA enrollment

Project Amistad will be providing information and enrollment help to uninsured residents who may need assistance finding health insurance under provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act.

Representatives of Project Amistad will be available 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce office, 208 S. Marienfeld St.

For more information, call Project Amistad at 1-877-413-2372.

Club meetings, support groups today

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

■ Bingo, 4-7 p.m., American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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Pick 3 evening: 6-2-5
Pick 3 night: 3-7-7
Daily 4 morning: 5-7-1-9
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Chicago cops' versions of teen's killing at odds with video

By Sophia Tareen and Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Police officers who watched a colleague shoot a black Chicago teenager 16 times filed reports depicting a very different version of events than what dashcam footage showed, portraying the teen as far more menacing than he appeared in the video.

The city released hundreds of pages of documents late Friday pertaining to the October 2014 killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by Jason Van Dyke, a white police officer. Van Dyke was charged with first-degree murder last month, only hours before the department released the video under a court order, sparking protests and accusations of a cover-up.

The video, which the city kept from the public for more than a year, shows McDonald veering away from officers on a four-lane street when Van Dyke, seconds after exiting his squad car, opens fire from close range. The officer continues shooting after McDonald crumples to the ground and is barely moving. The video does not include sound, which authorities have not explained.

In the newly released police reports, several officers including Van Dyke and his partner described McDonald as aggressively approaching officers while armed with a knife. At least three other officers, including his partner, supported key details in Van Dyke's portrayal of events.

The officers' version, recorded in more than 300 pages of handwritten and typed reports, prompted police supervisors to rule at the time that McDonald's death was a justifiable homicide and within the use of force guidelines, even though the dashcam video also was available to them shortly after the shooting.

Van Dyke told an investigator McDonald was "swinging the knife in an aggressive, exaggerated manner" and "raised the knife across the chest" and pointed it at Van Dyke, according to one report. Multiple officers reported that even after McDonald was down, he kept trying to rise while holding the knife.

"In defense of his life, Van Dyke backpedaled and fired his handgun at McDonald, to stop the attack," one report reads. "McDonald fell to the ground but continued to move and continued to grasp the knife, refusing to let go of it."

Van Dyke told an investigator he feared McDonald would rush him with the knife or launch it at him. He also noted a 2012 Chicago Police Department warning about a knife capable of firing a bullet, according to the reports. The reports included a copy of the warning issued by an unidentified "Midwest intelligence organization" that was circulated to officers.

The reports add to questions about the department's handling of the shooting. The U.S. attorney's office is investigating, and several officials have called for the U.S. Justice Department's civil rights division to open a wider investigation of police practices, similar to ones conducted in Ferguson, Missouri, and elsewhere.

The shooting happened while protests were still roiling Ferguson months after the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old, Michael Brown. His death revived questions about police treatment of minorities throughout the United States and energized the national Black Lives Matter movement.

Chicago officials fought in court for months to keep the McDonald video from being released. The city's early efforts coincided with Mayor Rahm Emanuel's re-election campaign, when he was seeking African-American votes.

Emanuel has said he didn't see the video until it was released publicly. He and a number of aldermen have said they relied on the city attorney, who did view it, when they signed off on a $5 million settlement with McDonald's family even before the family filed a lawsuit.

In an op-ed article, Emanuel denied a cover-up and said he "strongly" rejects any alleged connection to his re-election campaign. He said the city was following a long-standing practice of releasing such material only after an investigation was complete.

Emanuel fired Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy on Tuesday.

REFUGESS

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Dustin Freeman, the owner of KD's BBQ, has hired Chin refugees since 2008. Ten of his 15 employees are Chin who tend to the restaurant at every capacity.

"The first day, I remember we were passing out tips, and when we handed them their tips, they started kissing their money saying, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.' It was almost as if they didn't expect it, as if they couldn't believe they were getting extra money on top of what we were paying them," he said. "You could tell right then and there how much they appreciated the ability to be able to work and provide for their families."

Since the first Chin refugee landed in Midland in about 2007, word of Midland's thriving job market quickly spread to other refugees in Burma and those already in the U.S. As the population inflated, philanthropic communities quickly realized their unique needs, such as registering their kids to schools and understanding how to obtain housing.

First Presbyterian Church was the first to help. The congregation created a fund to help the refugees get on their feet, and some members began helping them acculturate. Other groups, such as Grace Presbyterian and Midland Lutheran Church, allowed the Chin to hold their own worship services in their facilities.

Overall, Midland became a welcoming and compassionate community, though there were a few snags as Midlanders grappled with cultural differences, said Solomon Khan, a leader of the Chin community. But what the Chins' presence proved to this community is the importance of shaping the local cultural identity with shades of diversity — ethnic, religious or otherwise.

"As a Christian, I think it's healthy to be around people who don't believe what you do. It makes me have to think about why I believe what I believe," said the Rev. Walter Thompson of First Presbyterian Church. "Diversity can be really helpful. I don't think people should feel threatened by people coming in. A culture experiencing other cultural differences makes us both richer. We grow in our richness and perspective by learning about one another."

Thompson's stance, and that of others in the community, presents a slight contrast to the opinions previously expressed by elected leaders at both the local and state levels. Last week, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sued the U.S. government and the International Rescue Committee to block Syrian refugees from being resettled in the state. The filing comes weeks after more than two dozen state governors, including Greg Abbott, rebuked President Obama's resettlement plans for 10,000 Syrian refugees.

"A Syrian 'refugee' appears to have been part of the Paris attack," Abbott wrote in an open letter to the president. "American humanitarian compassion could be exploited to expose Americans to similar deadly danger. ... The threat posed by ISIS is very real."

Midland's leaders, keeping security concerns a high priority, struck a similar tone.

In the unlikely event Midland was asked to accommodate Syrian refugees, "there would probably be challenges after challenges if we were asked," said Mayor Jerry Morales in an interview two weeks ago. "We are not in a position to handle any refugees coming in based on facilities, and, being a smaller community that's growing rapidly."

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter was more direct.

"When they come over here, there's going to be trouble," he said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article. "I'm scared that, wherever the government puts these Syrian refugees, I believe they're placing the United States in deep peril."

The deadly Paris attacks carried out last month by the Islamic State and last week's San Bernardino mass shooting — with the shooters' possibly connected to ISIS, according to a New York Times report — have caused alarm. But local refugee advocates stress the importance of not assuming that those seeking refuge are associated with violence.

"When you lump everyone together and make big generalities about what everyone is like, it's dangerous and prejudicial," said Carrie McKean, who has helped support members of the local Chin community. "The general sentiment right now is fearful, and the mayor and sheriff reflect that because that's what constituents want. But that doesn't make it right."

While the Chin have entered the community with an already-shared Christian faith, Syrians carry added political baggage and an Islamic faith now connoted with fear and violence.

"Jesus is much more concerned with us showing compassion than he is our safety," Thompson said. "Our fears and the value of our own security have begun to eclipse that compassion. Within the church, we are called to exercise our compassion."

While Thompson admits that Christian principles cannot be squarely applied to governing, the priorities Abbott espoused in his letter — that "humanitarian compassion could be exploited to expose Americans to" danger — is out of step with his interpretation of Christian principles.

"The most repeated command in the Bible is, 'Do not fear.' If I'm living in fear, that indicates that I've let loose of my God in some way," Thompson said. "If I'm living in step with my God, I wouldn't be living in fear. If I'm afraid of refugees coming, that's an indication that I need to check my relationship with God."

For McKean, it's also a matter of exposure and understanding. The more people become familiar with another faith and clear up any misunderstandings, the more accepting people of this community are likely to be, she said.

"I think there is a misunderstanding about who refugees are. They're not people who are coming over to America to get a free ride. They're not people who plan to come over here and enroll in welfare," she said. "I think that if people get to know someone from a different faith, then this community has a history of being very generous and supportive and doesn't make religion a litmus test."

"As a Christian, I think it's healthy to be around people who don't believe what you do. It makes me have to think about why I believe what I believe. Diversity can be really helpful. I don't think people should feel threatened by people coming in. A culture experiencing other cultural differences makes us both richer. We grow in our richness and perspective by learning about one another."

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AEROSPACE

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at Midland International Air & Space Port. Rendall said Orbital's Midland Altitude Chamber Complex is drawing interest from others inside the space industry. The chamber is designed to remove air from inside to closely simulate the lack of pressure in suborbital and orbital space.

"We are pleased that this was the place (Agile) wanted to be," Rendall said. "We are hearing that (same message) from other companies, as well. It's not moving as quickly as I would have hoped it would, but it is moving in a positive direction. ... We are getting there."

What Agile will do?

Last week, SpaceFlightInsider.com reported Greason, Jackson and DeLong formed Agile to "tackle the problem of long development times in the aerospace industry." Greason then told the Reporter-Telegram that, during his time in the industry, he has seen a lot of projects slow down and become more expensive when the time comes to "turn an idea into a vehicle." He said it is possible to design high-performance vehicles, including those with sonic, hypersonic and rocket systems, and enable other companies with direct consumers to "do their thing."

"We have enough experience with different vehicles that we have come to believe that it can be done differently," Greason said of the "business-to-business approach."

"As the performance has gotten higher and complexity has grown, the time it has taken to turn ideas into reality has gotten longer and longer. If it can be made shorter, we think it will require a rethinking of how vehicles were designed and built."

Greason said he expects the short term to be quiet for Agile as its founders put in place a foundation for the future in Midland. Greason said he and his colleagues will be busy seeking investment income. He's approaching the Agile project with optimism about the space industry's future. He said that, in the past 24 months, there has been an enormous increase in the amount of private investment flowing in the space business. He pointed specifically to the emerging satellite companies that are taking care of earth-imaging and communications needs.

The successes and rapid learning resulting from those successes make companies "much more investable," Greason said.

"Now, a company with an idea can reach a point in two or three years to know whether an idea works and whether there is a market for it," he said.

Will there be an MDC role for Agile?

Rendall said he expects the MDC will have conversations with Agile about providing any support it could, including help in looking for a location. He said it would be no different than any other company in the space industry looking at Midland.

Greason said aerospace should be a natural focus area for Midland because there aren't many places with a combination of good population and an industrial base that is in close proximity to an unpopulated area where it is safe to do test flights.

He said working on a development deal isn't in his "immediate plan."

"They don't need to attract me to Midland," Greason said. "I'm already here."

LAYOFFS

From 1A

pile up as energy companies try to shore up their finances in light of the sharply lower prices.

"This is likely going to continue for six months or so as things settle out," said Ken Medlock, an economist and Senior director at Rice University's Center for Energy Studies in Houston.

Medlock said the rapid hiring that energy companies embarked on five years ago as fracking unlocked oil and natural gas from shale won't likely return soon. There will be less impetus to develop fields and increase production as long as prices stay low.

For most American consumers and companies, cheaper energy has been an unexpected gift. Drivers are paying less for gasoline. Jet fuel costs have plummeted for airlines and shipping firms. Heating oil expenses have dipped ahead of winter.

Average gas prices nationwide are likely to slide below $2 a gallon in the next several days, bringing them to their lowest level since March 2009, said Tom Kloza, global head of energy analysis at the Oil Price Information Service.

"There is going to be a lot more money for consumers to spend," Kloza said. "Whether they spend it and that leads to more jobs is an open question."

The outlook is rather different in oil country.

Since August, Texas' unemployment rate has risen as the state has shed oil and related manufacturing jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than 17 percent of the mining jobs — which include oil and natural gas — have disappeared from North Dakota in the past year.

Other fossil fuels, including natural gas and coal, have also collapsed in price. The result is fewer mining jobs in coal-rich states such as West Virginia and Kentucky.

Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, said he expects more industry bankruptcies and mergers, both of which will cost some employees their jobs.

Even if prices recover, Bullock said he doubts that the industry will quickly increase hiring. He expects companies to automate more work with robots and other machines.

"The industry will be more efficient; it won't need as many people as it did before," Bullock said.

The world's appetite for all fossil fuels has been eroded by anemic economic growth. China has slowed, Europe is stumbling and Japan has lapsed into recession.

Yet OPEC ended its meeting Friday with plans to keep the oil flowing. OPEC will maintain its current production levels of 31.5 million barrels a day, roughly a third of the global supply. By preserving market share for members such as Saudi Arabia, OPEC will continue to flood the market with more oil than people want, which then depresses prices.

In fact, OPEC members such as Iran plan to increase their production as a recent international agreement begins lifting its nuclear-related sanctions. Other member countries lobbied unsuccessfully to cut production in hope of boosting oil prices.

The impact of lower prices has ricocheted across the oil and natural gas fields of the United States. Major energy firms such as Schlumberger, Baker Hughes, Halliburton, ConocoPhillips, Chevron and BP have announced layoffs.

Average wages have largely declined for oil workers because of these departures. But Rice University's Medlock said he's heard anecdotally that some workers agreed to lower salaries in order to keep their jobs and protect their benefits.

The job cuts will eventually fade as companies become more financially stable through job cuts and mergers, not because of a surge in demand that would raise prices.

"There is such an inventory overhang that we have a lot of supplies to eat through before we see an increase in price," Medlock said.

Woman in deadly California rampage had become more devout

By Amanda Lee Myers and Brian Skoloff
Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A change came over Tashfeen Malik two or three years ago.

Malik

She started dressing more conservatively, wearing a scarf that covered nearly all her face, and became more devout in her Muslim faith, according to some who knew her in Pakistan.

But her path from there to the bloody events of this past week — when she and her husband slaughtered 14 people in a commando-style shooting rampage — remains a mystery.

FBI officials, family lawyers and others said they know little about the 29-year-old housewife and mother, apart from what came to light on Friday: that Malik had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group on Facebook as she and her American-born husband, Syed Farook, 28, went on the rampage.

The turn in the investigation raised a host of questions, among them:

■ If the couple was radicalized, when, where and how did it happen? Were they influenced by Islamist material online or direct contact with extremists?

■ If it happened before Malik came to the U.S., did counterterrorism authorities miss any warning signs when they investigated her before approving her visa?

■ Which of them was the driving force in the attack?

"Malik seems to be a very nebulous figure," said Natana DeLong-Bas, an assistant professor of theology at Boston College. She said the case should cause people to rethink some of their assumptions about extremism.

"We always seem to assume only a man would be capable of making a terrorist attack," DeLong-Bas said. "Because we know so little about Tashfeen Malik, it's possible she might have been the main organizer in this event and talked her husband into doing it."

Husband and wife were killed in a furious shootout with police hours after they armed themselves with assault rifles and opened fire on a gathering of Farook's colleagues from the San Bernardino County health department, where he worked as a restaurant inspector. The FBI said it is investigating the rampage as a terrorist attack.

Hundreds of FBI employees are working the case, interviewing people, gleaning information off the Internet, conducting searches and analyzing evidence, bureau spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said.

Early Saturday, authorities with guns drawn raided a home next door to the house where Farook's family used to live in Riverside, California, breaking windows and using a cutting torch to get into the garage, neighbors said.

The FBI would not say what it was looking for, but a neighbor said an old friend of Farook's lives there. More than three years ago, that person bought the two assault rifles later used in the shooting, but authorities haven't been able to talk to him because he checked himself into a mental hospital after the attack, said a law enforcement official who was not allowed to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The FBI has said the man is not a suspect in shootings, though they want to question him.

U.S. officials said that Farook been in contact with extremists via social media, but one official said those contacts were not recent and did not involve any significant players on the FBI's radar.

FBI Director James Comey said Friday there was no indication so far that the couple was part of a larger cell or was directed by a foreign terror organization.

Farook was born in Chicago to Pakistani parents and raised in Southern California. Malik arrived in the U.S. in 2014 on a Pakistani passport and a fiancee visa but had spent extended periods of time in Saudi Arabia.

She started studying pharmacy at Bahauddin Zakariya University in the Pakistani city of Multan in 2012.

A maid who worked in the Multan home where Malik lived said that Malik initially wore a scarf that covered her head but not her face. A year before she got married, she began wearing a scarf that covered all but her nose and eyes, the maid said. The maid spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of jeopardizing her employment with the family.

A relative of Malik's in Pakistan, Hifza Batool, reported hearing similar things from other family members about Malik, her step-niece.

"I recently heard it from relatives that she has become a religious person and she often tells people to live according to the teachings of Islam," said Batool, a teacher who lives in Karor Lal Esan, about 280 miles southwest of the Pakistani capital of Islamabad.

The Farook family attorneys, David Chesley and Mohammad Abuershaid, said none of his relatives had any indication either Farook or his wife held extremist views. The lawyers described Malik as "just a housewife" and cautioned against rushing to judgment.

Even in peaceful communities, Muslims feel more vulnerable

NEWBURGH, Ind. — As Bushra Saqib and her husband watched news reports about the mass killing in San Bernardino, California, they looked at each other with dread and said the same thing: "I hope it wasn't a Muslim."

Although Wednesday's rampage was almost 2,000 miles from this Ohio River town of about 3,300 near the Kentucky and Illinois borders, revelations that it was carried out by a Muslim couple felt like a blow to the years-long effort by the local Muslim community to dispel misconceptions that Islam condones violence.

"You get tired and overwhelmed defending your faith all the time; you feel like everybody's looking at you," said Saqib, who runs her husband's medical office in the small Illinois town of Carmi, about an hour west of Newburgh. "But you cannot feel defeated."

Muslim families in this southern Indiana hamlet are among those feeling more vulnerable as anti-Islamic sentiment heats up across the country in the aftermath of recent extremist attacks.

Here, they have found mostly peaceful coexistence at the edge of the nation's Bible Belt, forming friendly relations with the larger community by working hard to build trust. They began arriving about 30 years ago to take jobs as doctors, business owners, engineers and professors in the area around Evansville, Indiana's third largest city, many settling in this bedroom community known for antique shops, restaurants and nice houses lining manicured streets.

They host an annual food festival and give tours of the new Islamic center, which opened five years ago and serves about 120 families in the region. They help build Habitat for Humanity houses and volunteer at homeless shelters. They've forged friendships with Christian and Jewish congregations.

Still, they worry. Leaders have hired off-duty sheriff's deputies to safeguard their mosque during Friday prayers.

It's the same way they felt after 9/11, when someone rammed a pickup truck into their old Islamic center, shattering several windows.

Instead of hunkering down after that incident, they reached out. And they plan to keep doing so.

"Once they eat with you, they have a different idea of you," said Saqib, noting the annual food festival draws thousands and has raised more than $30,000 for a regional food bank.

Locals say it's difficult to stereotype or distrust people you actually know.

"Islamophobia exists, there's not any doubt about it," said 70-year-old Navy veteran Gary Stankard, part of the lunch-time crowd at the American Legion post, where there's a silhouette cut-out of a soldier kneeling by a cross. "You hear it every day, but it doesn't ever seem to be in reference to our neighborhoods."

His friend 81-year-old L.B. "Dixie" Dugan agreed, noting that a local Muslim physician saved him from a life-threatening staph infection last year.

"I don't care what religion he was. I'm alive," he said.

And Muslims say that, overall, they feel safe in Newburgh — which holds the distinction of being the first town north of the Mason-Dixon line to be captured by Confederate forces during the Civil War.

Even so, they can't help but notice the stares they get while shopping in Walmart or Target or the occasional comments on social media.

By Bruce Schreiner and Tammy Webber
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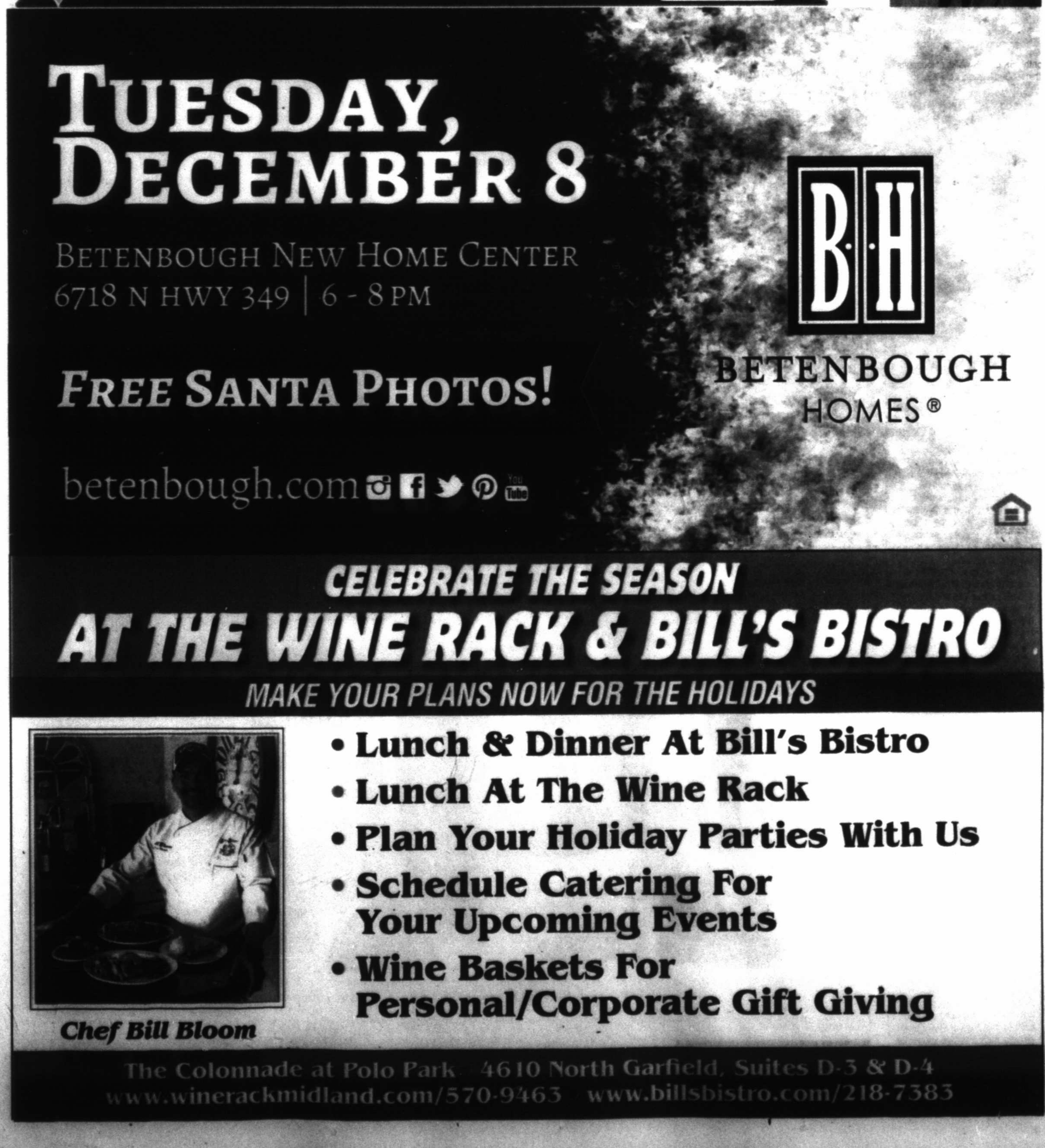

Messy midway: Paris draft climate deal ready, long way to go

By Karl Ritter and Sylvie Corbet
Associated Press

LE BOURGET, France — Negotiators adopted a draft climate agreement Saturday that was cluttered with brackets and competing options, leaving ministers with the job of untangling key sticking points in what is envisioned to become a lasting, universal pact to fight global warming.

As the U.N. talks outside Paris reached their midway point, the 48-page draft agreement was sent along to environment and foreign ministers who will work on it next week.

"So let's work," French President Francois Hollande said in a speech Saturday. "It's up to the ministers and officials of every government to remove options, find compromises and make decisions on the difficult issues without undermining the ambition" of the climate pact.

Many disagreements remain, almost all related to defining the obligations and expectations of rich and poor countries, as well as those who don't fit neatly into either category. The draft had multiple options on that issue — everything from who should pay for a global transition to clean energy to what happens to countries that miss their targets to fight climate change.

One of the most radical proposals called for an "international tribunal of climate justice" to deal with wealthy countries that don't fulfill their commitments. Rich nations are certain to reject that idea.

"We would have wished to be further along than we are at this point, but the text being forwarded so far reflects our key priorities," said Maldives delegate Thoriq Ibrahim, who chairs an alliance of small island nations on the front lines of climate change.

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Representatives of NGOs hold cut out of trees and shout, "Clean the air, plant a tree," in front of a reproduction of the Eiffel tower at the COP21, United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Le Bourget north of Paris on Saturday. President Francois Hollande is encouraging mayors of the world to get involved in fighting climate change and praising those that are already setting an example with low-emission buildings and public transport policies.

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Susheel Kumar, Indian negotiator

Although 184 countries have already submitted national plans to reduce climate-warming greenhouse gas emissions, how to anchor those pledges in a legally binding deal remains to be worked out.

Chief Chinese negotiator Su Wei told reporters Saturday that "all the provisions, starting from the preamble to the final clauses, would be legally binding."

That contrasts with the U.S. position, which is for some parts to be legally binding, but not countries' pledges to limit the greenhouse gas emissions. Binding emissions cuts would likely require the Obama administration to send the deal to the Republican-controlled Congress, where it would likely be struck down.

After the news conference, Su indicated the issue was still up for negotiation.

"We have to further discuss — try to find some proper solution," he said.

Jake Schmidt of the Natural Resource Defense Council, a New York-based environmental group, said the issue could be resolved by avoiding words like "shall" in key paragraphs about emissions targets.

The Paris accord is meant to be a turning point in the world's efforts to fight climate change. Since they started in 1992, the U.N. talks have not been able to stop the rise in emissions, mostly from the burning of fossil fuels, blamed for warming the planet.

Previous agreements only required rich countries to reduce their emissions. The new agreement would apply to all countries, but many developing nations are resisting language that would indicate a shift in responsibilities.

The U.S. and other developed countries have traditionally been the only ones expected to provide financing to help poor countries deal with rising seas and other impacts of climate change. They want the new agreement to expand the donor base to include the most advanced developing countries.

But major developing countries including India and China are pushing back, amid worries that wealthy countries are trying to dodge their responsibilities. The developing bloc says the parts of world that industrialized first — the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand — have a historical duty to address climate change.

"There is an obligation on the part of the developed nations to provide finance, and there is an entitlement on part of developing nations to receive funds for climate action," Indian negotiator Susheel Kumar said. "We don't want dilution of that paradigm."

9 Northeastern states share $115 million from carbon sale

ALBANY, N.Y. — While 150 world leaders are negotiating a climate deal in Paris, nine Northeastern states are sharing $115 million from the latest auction of a regional pact that limits power plant emissions while supporting renewable energy and efficiency projects.

The 7-year-old Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, called RGGI, limits how much carbon dioxide power plants can emit and requires them to buy allowances for the amount they do emit. According to a report released Friday by RGGI, the 30th quarterly auction of allowances, held Wednesday, raised $115 million for the RGGI states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

RGGI is the first mandatory market-based regulatory program in the U.S. to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Carbon emissions from power plants in the region have decreased more than 40 percent since RGGI was initiated in 2008, and the program has generated more than $2.3 billion to fund energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the nine states.

"By investing RGGI funds in smart programs, our states have cut power plant pollution while reducing electricity prices, saving people and businesses more than $1.8 billion on energy bills through efficiency programs, boosting the economy by more than $2 billion, and creating more than 23,000 jobs," said Heather Leibowitz, director of Environment New York, an advocacy group.

In New York, RGGI is a key element in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent while generating 50 percent of the state's electricity by renewable energy sources by 2030. The program has also put the participating states in a position to meet federal emission-reduction goals.

Under President Barack Obama's climate plan, the Environmental Protection Agency has called for a 30 percent reduction in carbon emissions from U.S. power plants by 2030. Industry groups and half the states are suing the administration to block the plan, arguing it will hurt the economy, shutter coal plants and eliminate jobs in power-producing states. Republicans in Congress have also moved to block the plan.

"With world leaders now convening in Paris, the attention toward reducing harmful carbon pollution is greater than ever," said Tom Burack, New Hampshire's environmental commissioner. "RGGI's successful approach is reflected in the EPA Clean Power Plan, and serves as a positive example to the nation and the world."

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UN: 16 mass graves found after Iraq's Sinjar freed from IS

By Salar Salim
Associated Press

IRBIL, Iraq — The U.N. human rights office in Iraq said on Friday that it has received reports of 16 mass graves discovered near the town of Sinjar after it was liberated from the Islamic State group last month.

The reports were the latest among many instances of mass graves being uncovered in territory wrested from IS militants in Iraq and Syria — thousands of people have been killed in summary and extrajudicial killings by the Sunni militants and the graves have been a dark testimony to the group's brutality.

In June 2014, some 1,700 Iraqi soldiers were captured and then killed by IS militants when they overran Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. At the time, the soldiers were trying to flee from Camp Speicher, a nearby army base where they were deployed. Mass graves with hundreds of Iraqi soldiers' bodies were found after the city was liberated in April.

There were no immediate details about how many bodies might be inside the newly found Sinjar graves, according to spokeswoman Cecile Pouilly of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

She did not provide the source of the reports but said that her office has called on Iraq's government to investigate.

Sinjar Mayor Mahma Khalil told The Associated Press that a total of 17 mass and collective graves have been uncovered inside Sinjar and on the outskirts of the town. He did not give any further information or estimates on the number of bodies the graves could hold.

Associated Press

Iraqi security forces take combat position at the front-line with Islamic State group militants as Iraqi Army and allied Sunni volunteer tribal fighters supported by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes are tightened the siege of Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's Anbar province, 70 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq, on Nov. 30. Iraq's military command has told civilians in the Islamic State-held Ramadi to leave the city, a sign that an operation may soon be underway to retake the provincial capital.

The IS group captured Sinjar during its rampage across northern Iraq in the summer of 2014 and killed and captured thousands of members of the Yazidi religious minority, including women who were forced into sexual slavery. The extremist group's rapid expansion in Iraq's north, which included a push toward the city of Irbil — the regional capital of Iraq's Kurdish north — spurred the U.S.-led coalition to launch a campaign of airstrikes against IS in Iraq and later Syria in August 2014.

Whenever a discovery of mass graves is made, experts warn that proper excavation and identification of the bodies could take months or longer as many of the sites identified are in close proximity to active front lines.

The U.N. uses the term mass grave to refer to a location where three or more victims of what the world body defines as extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions are buried — not those who have been killed in combat, attacks such as bombings or armed confrontation.

Pouilly, the U.N. office's spokeswoman, also expressed concern about increasing discrimination, harassment and violence against Sunni Arabs by other groups in parts of Iraq that have been freed from IS' control, as Sinjar was in mid-November.

She cautioned that many Sunnis who once lived under IS control were forced to obey the extremist group at the risk of punishment or death. Now freed, they are "perceived as having supported" the militant group, which is unfair, Pouilly added.

Among the first mass graves uncovered in Sinjar — within days of IS forces being pushed out of the town — was one near the town's center that has been estimated to contain the bodies of 78 elderly women, and another, about 10 miles outside of Sinjar, with between 50 and 60 bodies of men, women and children, according to Qasim Samir, the Sinjar head of intelligence.

Meanwhile, the U.S.-led coalition aircraft carried out 18 airstrikes on Iraq Friday, including one near Sinjar that targeted an IS tactical unit, the coalition said.

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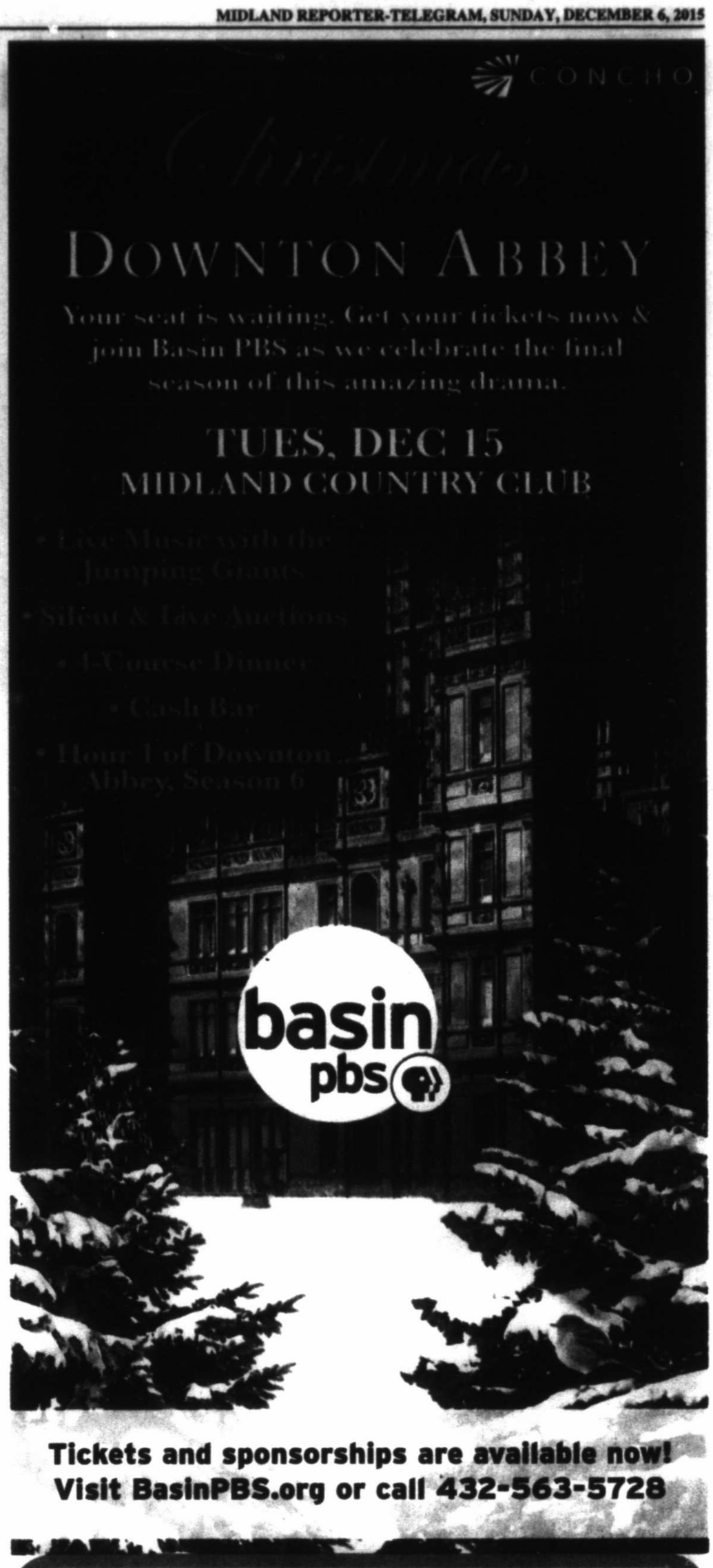

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Local forecast

Look for above-normal highs, including in the 70s by the end of the week, as well as above-normal lows, according to the National Weather Service. Rain isn't in the forecast.

The high on Saturday reached 63, while the low was 37. The record high for Dec. 5 is 79 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 2005 and 1950. On Dec. 5 of last year, the high was 73 and the low was 47.

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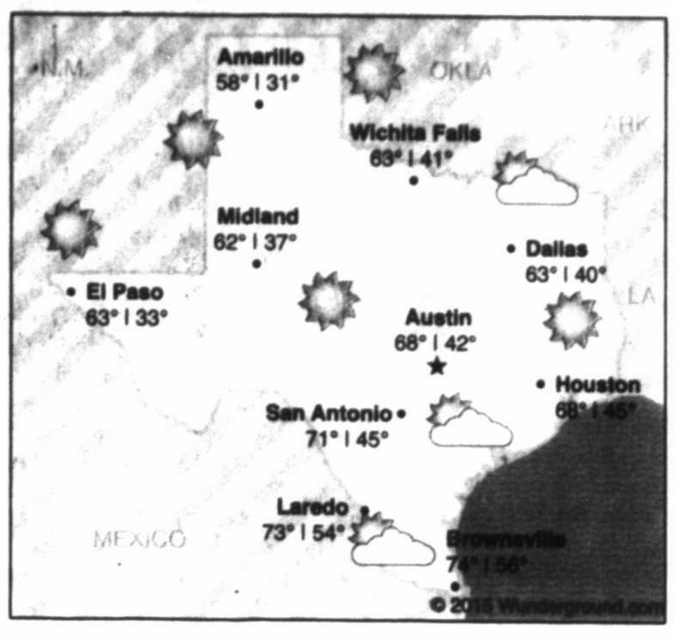

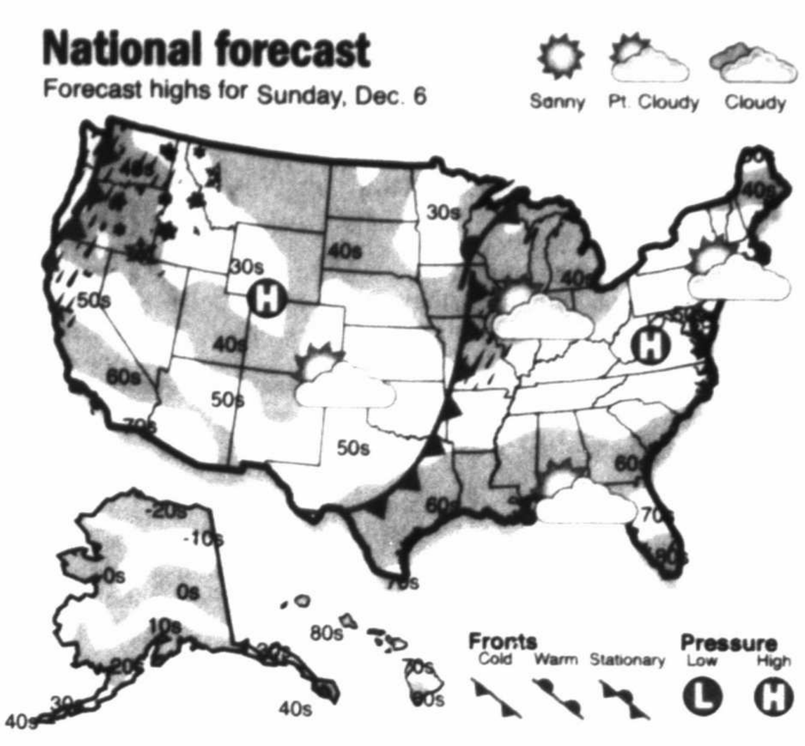

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Women's inclusion in combat doesn't make sense

■ Requirements of combat can't be compromised to meet social goals of gender equality

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As the Islamic State amped up attacks around the world, the Pentagon responded by bravely announcing that American women will now be put in direct ground combat.

Whereupon "military intelligence" secured a permanent place in the Encyclopedia of Oxymorons.

The new decree opens 220,000 military jobs to women — including Army Special Forces and the Navy SEALS.

"They'll be allowed to drive tanks, fire mortars and lead infantry soldiers into combat ... and everything else that was previously open only to men," said Defense Secretary Ashton Carter.

Commander in Chief Barack Obama promised an even stronger military, as "our armed forces will draw on an even wider pool of talent."

Notably missing from the historic news conference was Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Marine commandant. Dunford, apparently unwilling to ignore experience and empirical evidence, had recommended that infantry and armor positions remain closed to women. The Marines were the only service branch to request the ability to make exceptions to the new rule.

There's plenty of evidence that women and men as groups aren't equal in the demands of combat, even if some women may be and some men may not be. The few and far between shouldn't be the basis for institutional overhaul, though this seems to be our template for mandates these days.

Among the evidence ignored by Obama, Carter and others are the results of a nine-month field test by University of Pittsburgh researchers who found that all-male USMC units outperformed mixed-gender units in 93 out of 134 (69 percent) ground combat tasks.

This observation is no criticism of military women, who are just as determined, courageous and committed as their male counterparts. But contrary to what our government seems to think, the requirements of combat can't be compromised to meet social goals of gender equality.

Likewise, proud assertions that allowing women in combat is yet another advance for equality akin to racial integration and acceptance of gays is nonsense. Gay men and black men are still men — and the vast majority of women in close combat will never be their equal.

Because of physical differences, including the fact that men have 40 percent more upper body muscle mass, women are at a disadvantage in combat, which often requires long deployments of deprivation and hardship, including toting 60 to 100 pounds of equipment.

It also means fighting close up — aggressively pursuing the enemy with the expectation of possible physical contact. Plainly put, women do not have an equal opportunity to survive. If this isn't a feminist argument, I don't know what is.

But many feminists don't recognize it — or refuse to — for reasons that are understandable, if misguided. Being blocked from combat prevents women from rising to the highest ranks. Rather than tweak the rules of promotion, a more sensible approach, the military is placing women where they don't belong and risking military effectiveness.

Although Carter said that women won't likely qualify for many of the jobs and that posts will be assigned based on merit not gender, only a fool believes this will last for long. How soon before men begin complaining that women are given special treatment? Furthermore, once women are assigned to combat, there will be no argument against drafting women.

The catechism of choice suddenly means no choice.

Arguments for women's inclusion in combat, meanwhile, are far from convincing. Often cited is the fact that women found themselves on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan — against military rules at the time — and were killed and maimed the same as men. This seems hardly a case for assigning a job title to justify a mistake.

Other problems will present themselves in time, but we already know what they are. When women are treated differently or aren't up to the task, men will resent it, damaging the unit cohesion that's crucial to survival.

As a Marine combat veteran who commanded both an infantry platoon and a rifle company in Vietnam wrote me in an email: "It's hard for me to imagine how women ... under heavy fire and carrying 60 pounds of equipment, would have survived."

Another veteran of the same war summed it up, if indelicately: "There is a difference between a bunch of candy-ass officers trying to get promoted for being politically correct and a combat battle-ready Marine unit in the field."

What he said.

OPINION EXTRA

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How will Trump fix America? His book certainly doesn't say

Want to feel great?

Read "Crippled America," billionaire Donald Trump's campaign book/manifesto.

It's a fun ride even though Trump doesn't quite settle out how he's going to build the promised border wall with a beautiful door (for legal immigrants through Mexico) or convince Congress to overhaul the tax code, repeal the Obamacare law and pour money into rebuilding infrastructure and beefing up the military and taking care of veterans while sticking with oil and gas as ruling fuels and requiring schools to compete for students and tuition-sucking universities to, well, he doesn't say.

But Trump is boy-howdy convincing that he knows success.

He may be the bass-est drum ever in American politics.

ICYMI Trump built his fortune on what he describes as a $1 million starter loan from his dad and building all manner of buildings and golf courses. The book's photo section balances shots of Trump with about 10 pics of shimmery towers and such. Its appendix lists about 80 Trump projects.

I mean: Wow.

You'll remember that when Trump declared his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination, the media (that word, or a variation, appears a lot) fixed on Trump declaring Mexico was sending rapists and murderers into the U.S. In his book, Trump says "the media" reported: "TRUMP CALLS ALL IMMIGRANTS CRIMINALS" and "TRUMP CALLS ALL MEXICANS RAPISTS!" (A search of news stories on the Nexis database turned up no such headlines.)

Trump is emphatic about building the wall and no longer granting "birthright" citizenship to just anyone born here. Still, he says, he loves (legal) immigration; his mother and his father's parents were immigrants. Trump adds: "I have great respect for Hispanic people."

And he almost ebulliently hollers what many notice: Washington doesn't work.

He's also not silent about world affairs.

"We spent $2 trillion doing whatever we did in Iraq," he writes. "I still don't know why we did it, but we did." We may need to send in troops to fight ISIS, Trump writes, but we should start by bombing oil fields that generate money for ISIS.

The U.S. can't back out of the "terrible" Iran agreement, Trump says, but he won't stand for Iran getting a nuclear weapon.

Nor, he says, will he put up with China dominating the world economy. So he'd launch face-to-face talks: "Believe me, I know the best negotiators in this country, and a lot of them would be ready to go to work."

That's Trump's declared way: Negotiate.

For instance, he's not sure what should succeed the Obamacare approach to health coverage. But ... "We should hire the most knowledgeable people in the world on this subject and lock them in a room — and not unlock the door until they've agreed on the steps we need to take."

President Barack Obama, Trump says, "makes strong statements and promises us vigorous actions and then nothing happens."

Things will be different under President Trump, he writes, saying we need more "real achievements in the first 100 days of the next administration than we've seen in the seven years of the Obama presidency."

Do you hear it? A big bass drum.

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Cruz vs. Rubio would offer a better GOP race

■ There would be a lot to like about a battle between the two who capably represent the party's future

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

A funny thing is happening on the way to the GOP meltdown.

According to the latest Quinnipiac poll, the two most popular and broadly acceptable candidates in the field are perhaps the most talented and most reliably conservative. Oh, and by the way, they are Hispanics in their 40s.

Donald Trump still leads the polls and has demonstrated a staying power that has confounded his critics, but Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz are now beginning to stand out in the rest of the field, clustering with Ben Carson in effectively a three-way tie for second place nationally.

According to the latest Quinnipiac poll, Rubio is at 66 percent to 8 percent favorable/unfavorable, while Cruz is at 65 percent to 9 percent, for the highest net favorable ratings in the race, 58 percent and 56 percent, respectively. Only 5 percent of Republicans say they wouldn't consider voting for Rubio, and 6 percent say that of Cruz, the lowest numbers in the field (Trump and Jeb Bush are unacceptable to the most Republicans, at 26 percent and 21 percent, respectively).

Unlike with Trump or Carson, explaining the emergence of Rubio and Cruz doesn't require figuring out why the laws of political gravity have been suspended or psychoanalyzing GOP voters. They are advancing in a completely typical track.

They both have thought about running for president for a very long time. They both paid their dues — Cruz in the George W. Bush campaign and administration; Rubio in the Florida House. They both serve in a body, the U.S. Senate, that practically exists as a steppingstone to the White House. They both look, talk and act like politicians — because they are politicians, and good ones.

If the race eventually has Rubio and Cruz among the finalists, or winnows down to a Rubio-Cruz fight, it will feature supremely skilled campaigners who are eloquent and sure-footed and represent the best next-generation politicians the party has to offer.

A Cruz-Rubio race would play as the grass roots vs. the establishment, although Rubio in the establishment slot would be an enormous victory for the tea party.

In this scenario, the so-called establishment candidate would be the guy who ran for Senate in Florida in 2010 against a sitting Republican governor and the firm backing of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. As far as RINO-hunting goes, by stopping Charlie Crist and chasing him out of the party, Rubio still has the best and most consequential hide.

And in a Cruz-Rubio scenario, the grass-roots candidate would be the guy who emulated the establishment candidate's upstart campaign two years later in Texas.

The tea party has over the years backed some flagrantly unsuitable candidates in Senate primaries — remember Christine O'Donnell? Chris McDaniel? — but it invested very wisely in Cruz and Rubio.

There is no doubt that the two are now positioned differently. From the beginning of his Senate career, Cruz has focused on bonding with the grass roots of the party, while Rubio sponsored a misbegotten immigration bill that hasn't been forgotten or forgiven by conservatives. Cruz is working from the right of the party out (he's strongest among self-identified very conservative voters), and Rubio is working from the center of the party out (he's strongest among self-identified somewhat conservatives).

There are doubts about both of them. Is Cruz electable? Can Rubio be trusted on immigration? Does Cruz lack a winning personal touch? Is Rubio too youthful-looking? And Donald Trump can't be wished away.

If Trump wins Iowa, it will indeed be like the First Bull Run of the Republican civil war. Regardless, the race is still highly unpredictable. Chris Christie, in a testament to his resiliency, is showing signs of life. Jeb Bush will get another look at some point. The last couple of weeks before Iowa and New Hampshire always bring surprises.

But Republicans hyperventilating over Trump should pause long enough to appreciate the steady rise of two conservative 40-somethings who represent the party's future.

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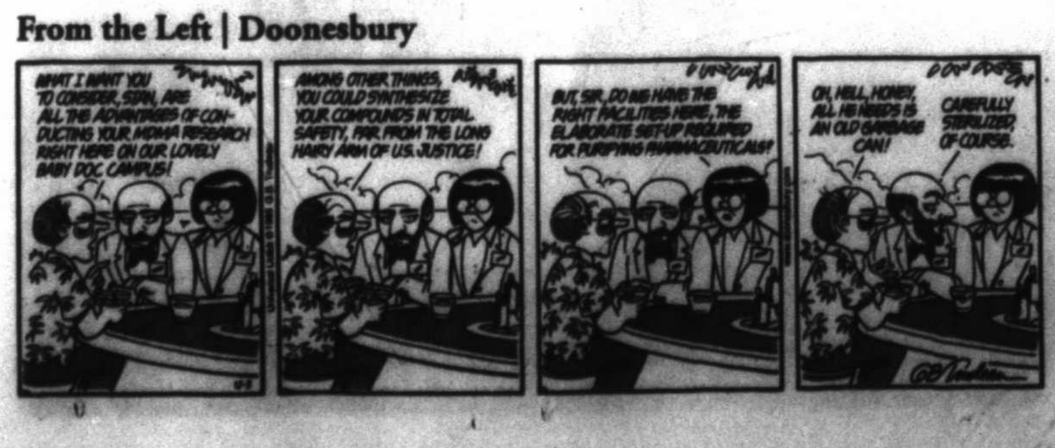

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

This holiday season, experience the joy of giving back

By Patty Pisklak
CASA of West Texas

More information

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It's easy to get caught up in the commercialism of the holidays, shopping for gifts and fueling anticipation of the new toys, clothes and other goodies that lie ahead. CASA of West Texas encourages Midland residents to delight in the season by also celebrating the joys of giving back.

Kids and adults alike deserve to experience the fun of "getting" during the holidays, but giving can be just as fulfilling. Helping others offers "teachable moments" for children and a reminder for grownups that giving is what the holiday season is really all about.

CASA of West Texas, which trains volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children as they navigate the child welfare system, offers these ideas for how to give back during the holidays.

■ After you shop 'til you've dropped, make an online tax-deductible donation to your favorite charity.

■ Encourage children to brighten the season for boys and girls who do not have loving families of their own. Take your kids shopping for a new item to donate to Toys for Tots or find a local nonprofit that provides warm coats, backpacks or other items to foster children.

■ Many nonprofits sponsor "adopt-a-family" opportunities during the holidays, offering the chance to provide gifts and groceries to low-income families. This is a great way to build camaraderie among office co-workers.

■ Volunteer as an individual or a family to serve meals to homeless families.

■ Extend the warm feelings of the holiday season by embracing a long-term volunteer commitment for the New Year.

Like other nonprofits that rely on volunteers to deliver on our mission, CASA of West Texas appreciates community members' year-round dedication to our cause. CASA volunteers change lives. What could be more fulfilling than that?

Patty Pisklak is executive director of CASA of West Texas.

COMMUNITY EDITORIAL BOARD

Charitable enterprises that serve West Texans need a boost

This is the time of year when our all-weather mail carriers fill their bags with retail catalogs and load our mailboxes with images promising to bring Christmas smiles. While most of these find their way into our recycle box, this writer confesses a shameless seduction by Orvis and L.L. Bean products.

In tandem with these seasonal catalogs, we deliver news about the good work nonprofit organizations are doing. The nonprofits in our community are making a difference and deserve our financial support.

Yes, the end of the year is a good time to consider tax deductions, especially for folks who have enjoyed windfall income during the year. Nonprofits correctly have employed year-end campaigns since charitable contributions became tax deductible income in 1917.

But we are people motivated not just by personal economic interests, such as the burden of income taxes. To paraphrase Alexis de Tocqueville, America is great because Americans are good.

West Texas is no longer enjoying the recent "boom." Although we may not be in a "bust," we are in need of a boost. And so are the charitable enterprises that serve our West Texas communities. Here are a few examples of the good work our nonprofits are doing:

■ feeding needy families, sheltering the homeless and healing sick children;

■ protecting the elderly and keeping their homes in good repair;

■ empowering those with disabilities and teaching stroke victims to communicate again;

■ counseling children and families to cope with difficulties and overcome addictions;

■ developing mentally healthy youth and treating chronic illness;

■ building good character among young people;

■ expressing art and appreciating art in its many forms;

■ mentoring students with challenges in school and extending opportunities for higher education;

■ empowering single-parent families and protecting and healing abused women and children;

■ helping families adopt children;

■ supporting veterans adapt after the trauma of war.

This year, instead of buying a gift for that "someone who may have everything," think about giving for a charitable cause, such as a nonprofit doing such valuable work in our community. Give in memory of a loved one or in honor of a dear friend, a colleague, a former teacher or coach. Or just because giving feels good.

Giving for others does feel good, and it makes West Texas great.

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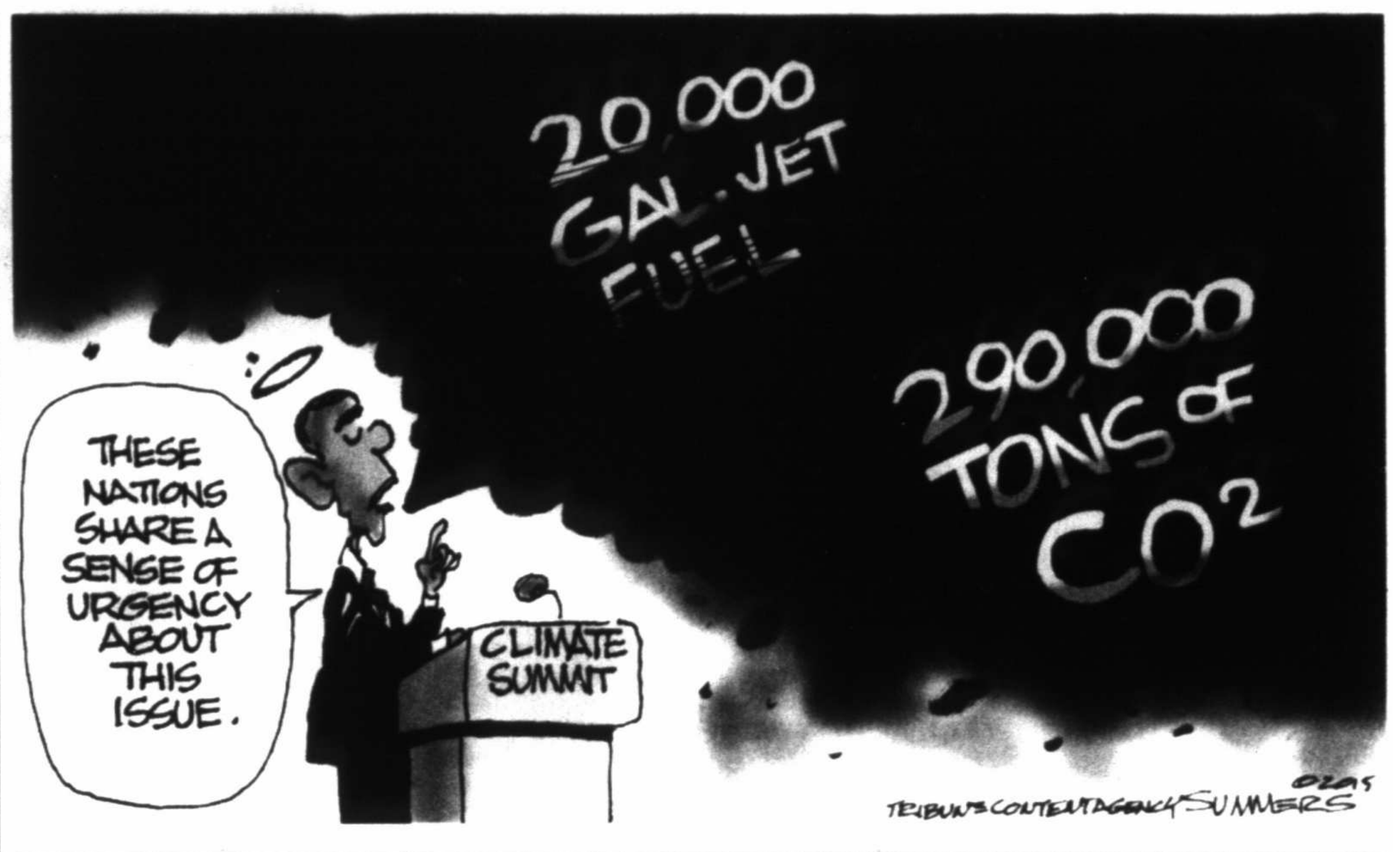

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jury process 'grinds' people down

The Reporter-Telegram advocates for the community to "be part of the process" as to jury duty. Briefly, here are parts of the process that I experienced a few years ago. I made vacation reservations, to be gone, before receiving the jury summons. Too bad, no excuse, show up. It was impossible to find out any info, if you had a rotary phone.

Finding a parking space was virtually impossible. I was required to appear, but had to go through a long line at the metal detector. The summons said to appear at a specific time. The judge did not appear on time. When he finally showed, he said let's wait for the few stragglers. So, the people following the rules are further inconvenienced.

If all people are not answering the summonses, why are there not enough chairs for the ones who do come?

I have many more examples of how the "process" grinds people down, once the jury selection begins. For space reasons, I will simply say if you appear for jury duty, you will be treated like cattle or sheep.

Steve Constant

Kindhearted Midlanders help BBBS

I'm sure what I'm about to say won't come as a big surprise to most Midlanders. We live in an amazing, giving community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters' annual Breakfast with Santa was Saturday. The children in our program had breakfast at Texas Roadhouse, visited with Santa and then picked a gift. This event — which our children look forward to all year long — would not be possible without the big-hearted spirit that exists in our community.

For the past two years, Swinerton Builders has completely underwritten the purchase of toys through donations from its employees and business associates. Their overwhelming generosity brings smiles to the faces of more than 100 children.

For the third year, every child attending also received a stuffed Christmas bear or puppy, courtesy of Jared The Galleria of Jewelry. Shoppers purchased stuffed Christmas bears or puppies at Jared for the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. These customers then donated the stuffed animals for Jared to give to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Santa (aka Skeet Doss) found time to leave the North Pole to listen to the wishes and dreams of our children, and for the fourth year, Aaron Battles and the Texas Roadhouse crew opened the restaurant early on a Saturday morning to provide breakfast for the children and their families. They served 178 people, so it was no small feat. Last but not least, the Greenwood Student Council comes every year to help us out.

So, on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters, thank you Swinerton Builders, Jared The Galleria of Jewelry and its customers, Skeet Doss, Texas Roadhouse and the Greenwood Student Council. We appreciate all that you do for our children.

Kay Crites
executive director, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Elections

(Candidate letters have a 200-word limit)

District Attorney

Nodolf has a 'calling' to serve public

I am writing to share my enthusiastic support of Laura Nodolf for district attorney. Midland is so fortunate to have a candidate of her caliber and dedication. I met Laura, who is now a first assistant district attorney, in 2003, when both of us were fresh out of law school. I quickly realized, after having several opportunities to see her at trial, that she possessed a true calling to serve the public. Her commitment to the law and her sense of justice is apparent in all of her work, but her conviction record alone is evidence enough of those traits that will make her a great district attorney.

I plan to vote for Laura Nodolf for district attorney in the Republican primary this March, and I encourage all Reporter-Telegram readers to do the same.

Angela Staples

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POLITICSBRIEF

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Trump: Even cheating spouse shouldn't stop Iowa caucus-goers

CEDAR RAPIDS — Ted Cruz says his campaign has momentum. Donald Trump is giving his supporters the hard sell. With less than 60 days before the lead-off presidential caucuses, Republican candidates traversed Iowa Saturday trying to convince voters to back them for the presidential nomination.

Speaking to reporters before a candidate forum in Cedar Rapids, Ted Cruz said Republican voters are starting to coalesce behind his candidacy. The Texas senator said his support was growing stronger as the time to vote draws near.

"They are looking not for a campaign conservative who talks a good game on the trail, they want a consistent conservative," Cruz said.

Front-runner Donald Trump urged supporters at a rally in Spencer to do all they can to make it to the caucuses on Feb. 1. Many of Trump's supporters have not voted in previous presidential contests, and a hoarse Trump said a strong showing was essential for his campaign — and turning out is everything.

"You've got to get to the caucus, you've got to get there," Trump said. "Even if you're not feeling good, if you're feeling horrible, if you had a horrible fight with your wife or your husband... if you caught your husband cheating the night before, you've got to go to the caucus, right? And vice versa."

The Iowa caucuses — which are heavily influenced by evangelical Christians on the Republican side — can give a candidate momentum, but have not always been a strong predictor of the eventual Republican nominee. In 2012 former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum eked out a win and in 2008 former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee was the victor. Neither won the nomination.

Energy is in everything; regulations shouldn't be

Leigh Thompson
Texas Public Policy Foundation

When you hear that energy prices are about to increase, your home electric bill should be the least of your concerns, though still a substantial one.

In a 2010 study on energy use in food production, the USDA painted an important picture of how much energy it takes for mixed salad greens to appear on a consumer's kitchen table. Gas- or diesel- powered tractors and trucks are responsible for tilling the land, planting seeds, spreading fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides, delivering crops to farm supply wholesalers and taking local farmers to the wholesalers.

Electric-powered irrigation equipment must be used throughout the growing season, and workers will pack crops into cardboard boxes manufactured at a paper mill and load them into yet another truck to be delivered to the grocery store. The grocery store must use electricity to refrigerate the product until the consumer arrives in their gas-powered vehicle ready to make their purchase and use their refrigerator.

Energy is used all along the way. The plastic box your spring mix comes in was manufactured using fossil fuels, as was the cardboard box created by the paper mill. The nitrogen-based fertilizers were created using natural gas and electricity.

Because energy is in everything, regulating its consumption or how it is produced affects everything down the line. Oftentimes — most times — government regulations seeking to solve one problem causes an unintended problem elsewhere.

For example, when the United States set the renewable fuel standard in 2007 mandating increases in the mix of ethanol used in gasoline, prices for corn increased fourfold in 2008. This did not happen in a vacuum. Prices for livestock feed rose, which, in turn, saw prices in beef, poultry and pork rise along with by products like milk and eggs.

While the simultaneous and prolonged drought that occurred would have seen sharp price increases by itself, the U.S. fuel policy forced competition between food producers and fuel producers. This unnecessary competition caused calamitous results for developing nations that rely heavily on corn as a staple of their diet. The victim of the American desire for "renewable" energy, many of these third world countries were unable to afford or replace a necessary facet of their diet.

Dictating the fuel mix has proven foolish, yet the EPA, through the Clean Power Plan (CPP), does this on a much grander scale. Their plan will force coal-powered electric generating plants to shut down and will mandate that Texas install over twice its current renewable generation in order to reduce CO2 emissions.

ERCOT's recent study estimates that the costs of implementing the CPP alone will increase consumer's electric bills by 16 percent — an amount they arrived at before contemplating costs such as stranded assets costs or early retired coal plants or infrastructure costs of new renewable electric generation or transmission lines. To estimate those additional costs ERCOT used the EPA's Regulatory Impact Analysis to come up with an estimated total of $31 billion.

That's $31 billion on top of the 16 percent increase in utility rates that will certainly be passed on to Texas consumers. And that's only counting the regions of the state served by ERCOT, which is 75 percent of the state and 85 percent of the total generation.

The cost of everything will increase when the cost of energy does. Your utility bill, your salad, your taxes — because every governmental light switch turned on — will now cost more, and you will be expected to cover it.

Do not be fooled. We are not struggling or paying for a better future, a better tomorrow, a better anything. The reduction in global temperature estimated by the EPA under the CPP is only 0.018 degrees Celsius by 2100.

Whether or not you believe in anthropogenic global warming is entirely beside the point — because the Clean Power Plan isn't about that.

Leigh Thompson is an attorney with the Center for the American Future and policy analyst with the Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

3:11 Ministries is dedicated to serving the underprivileged children of our community & Christmas time is no exception! Our Midland County Angels Christmas projects are in full swing- 853 children in need within our community will be receiving the blessing of Christmas this year! We work with our local school counselors to choose families that are in need of a Christmas miracle.

Midland County Angels then finds a sponsor to bless each child with clothing, shoes and toys while

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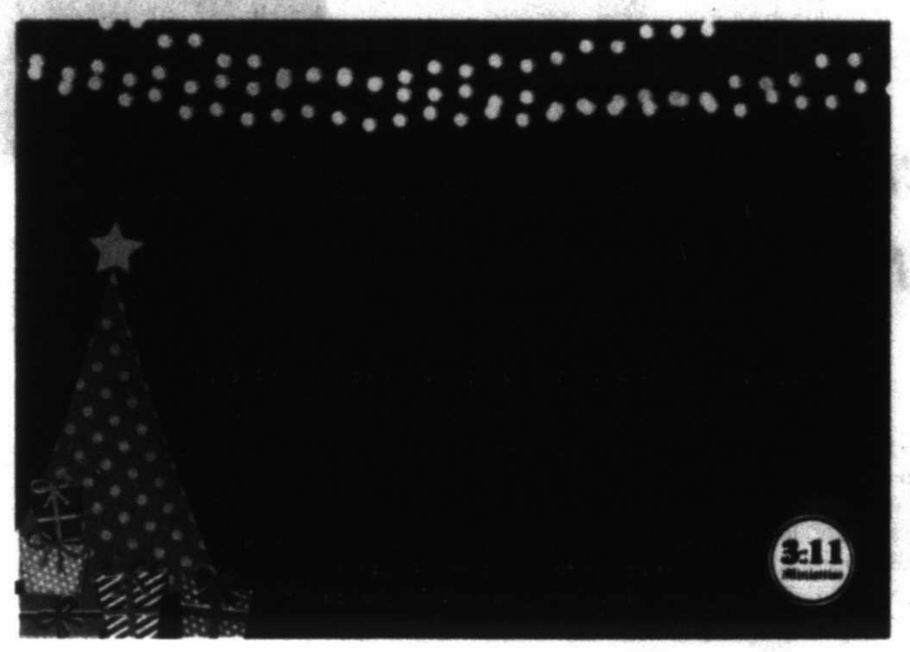

We still have a few hundred children that are in need of stockings for Christmas.

We will be collecting wrapping paper, tape, scissors, curling ribbon and clothing boxes to wrap the thousands of gifts for the underprivileged children of our community.

All Christmas donations will be received on Monday, December 7th from 7:30am-7:30pm at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity on Illinois Street.

Our annual wrapping party, Wrapping Around the Christmas Tree, will be on Wednesday December 9th from 9am until 8pm at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity as well. Join us to wrap gifts for the children & enjoy the fun and fellowship of blessing others this holiday season.

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Mexicans search for remains of loved ones in countryside

By E. Eduardo Castillo
Associated Press

AP file photo

Gerardo Alcocer stands next to the family vault containing the remains of his son, Gerardo Alberto, at the cemetery in Huitzuco, Mexico on Sept. 4. Gerardo Alberto was 28 when he disappeared on April 12, 2013. His parents are among the few families that have gotten some kind of closure to the tragedy of their son's disappearance. A few months ago, the Attorney General's Office confirmed through DNA tests that they had found his remains in a clandestine grave containing two other bodies. Their son is among the more than 26,000 Mexicans who have disappeared since 2007, according to the government's count.

IGUALA, Mexico — The first time the men and women set out to dig for their missing relatives in Iguala, they didn't know how.

Leaders of the expedition told them to look for discoloration in the dirt, evidence of recently turned soil. Look for depressions in the ground, they said. That may signal a clandestine grave.

They headed for the mountains with picks and shovels, and stopped at a field where someone recalled having detected a foul odor. Amid purple and yellow flowers, they dug — 10 centimeters, 20, 40. At 60 centimeters, they hit a human bone.

The gravediggers cried and prayed, and kept burrowing into the ground until they had unearthed six graves.

"We knew we were going to look for buried bodies, but we never imagined that was what we would find," said Mario Vergara, whose brother had disappeared two years before. "What we saw broke us."

The expeditions began shortly after 43 students from a rural teachers college were detained by police in Iguala on Sept. 26, 2014, and vanished.

Emboldened by a national uproar over the students, and eager to find their own relatives, hundreds of families came out of a scared silence to report kidnappings for the first time, adding names to a list of 26,000 missing nationwide.

About 30 people gathered at the first meeting in the basement of the San Gerardo church, where each family told a story worse than the next about how their relatives went to work one day and never came home, or how armed men took them from their homes, or how they were last seen at police roadblocks, and then never heard from again.

They gave DNA samples and decided to scour the verdant mountains of Iguala for their abducted sons and daughters, spouses and siblings who became known as "the other disappeared."

The remains of Gerardo Alcocer's son, Gerardo Alberto, were among those recovered on that first excursion. Alcocer's epilepsy prevented him from joining the search parties. He is grateful for their efforts, though they brought heartache.

"In life, children are supposed to bury their parents, not the other way around," Alcocer said. "And it feels awful, too awful."

In the early days, Miguel Angel Jimenez, an activist and community police officer, taught the searchers to look for campsites, because traffickers often held their victims for ransom before killing them, he said, and the graves could be close by.

They searched through thickets and thorny acacia trees for garbage and shreds of clothing, and saw that some of the tallest trees had steps cut into their trunks so lookouts could climb into the canopy.

They found hot plates and disposable cups, beer, whisky and tequila bottles. "Farm workers don't use disposable plates," Jimenez said, according to another gravedigger, Xitlali Miranda.

Jimenez eventually parted ways with the group and was shot to death last summer. As with so many killings in the area, no motive has been established and nobody has been charged with the crime.

For the first two months, the families went out daily to the mountains of northwestern Iguala. They tried to search in an organized manner, walking in a line to comb an area, but within a few minutes they'd usually break ranks and spread out across rough terrain. "We're a bit disorganized," Miranda said.

Authorities quickly prohibited them from digging up the graves themselves, saying they had broken bones and contaminated crime scenes. But the families didn't stop looking. Instead, they started using metal rods as a detection device: They push a rod into the ground and if it smells when they remove it, they know they have a grave to mark with a flag for authorities.

"The more recent the body, the more it smells," Miranda said. "Like rotting flesh. It's a penetrating smell. It gets inside you and you end up smelling like you still had the rod. It's not a smell that goes away."

But there was a learning curve. Miranda said the rod is not foolproof. "There are older bodies and they don't smell. We know now that not even the rod is 100 percent accurate."

After the families mark the suspected gravesites, authorities move in with a forensic team, a detective and an anthropologist escorted by federal police. They start by filming and photographing an area, then set up posts and run string from side to side to make a grid. They dig in each square with shovels and picks until they think they are close to human remains and switch to a mason's trowel. Once they find a bone, they switch again to a brush to remove the dirt. Then they film and photograph the area once more before removing the bones one by one and placing them in boxes to take them to forensic labs in Mexico City.

Even though the authorities tell the families not to interfere, sometimes the anthropologists ask for help.

"I have gone into the graves to dig. I pick up the little bodies, the skeletons," said Bertha Moreno, who searches for the remains of her son, Manuel Cruz Moreno, a construction worker who was 21 when he disappeared in Iguala on Jan. 2, 2009.

At first, the diggers almost always encountered at least one possible gravesite each day. But as the weeks wore on they found fewer and fewer graves, and scaled back to searching only on Sundays.

Each week about 15 people, most of them women, assemble at San Gerardo church at around 10 a.m. and set off. They return about five hours later with scratches on their arms and legs and dirt in their shoes.

Before suspending their search for the summer rainy season, the diggers had located more than 60 clandestine graves with the remains of 104 people, all but 13 of them still unidentified.

When the families resumed the search Nov. 8, they found what appeared to be human remains, and in the following days they found more. The authorities have exhumed the remains of 11 more bodies, some of them with police uniforms.

Moreno is among those who have given up Sunday Mass and dozy afternoons with family to search for her son. She believes God will forgive the lapse in her religious duties and protect her, even if her husband does not agree with her decision to risk the wrath of gangsters who are likely responsible for so many disappearances.

"He lectures me. He says, 'Don't you see the danger?'" Moreno said. "But I don't mind giving my life to see (my son) again."

Moreno lost her job cleaning the house of a teacher, who said the grave diggers were troublemakers putting everyone in danger in a region dominated by drug traffickers. Moreno pushed back. "'How are we troublemakers if we're looking for our relatives?'" she said. "And she fired me."

Moreno realizes it is not normal to search for the dead on Sundays, but in Iguala it has become normal.

"It is something our heart asks of us," Moreno said. "And it makes us feel, well, even good."

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States zero in on FanDuel, DraftKings, with eye toward regulation

By Elaine S. Povich
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WASHINGTON — If you have been near a TV set in the last three months, you are almost guaranteed to have seen ads from daily fantasy sports websites like DraftKings and FanDuel about how "easy" it is to make money. Now, states are trying to figure out how to regulate and possibly raise revenue off the exploding industry.

New York and Nevada have banned the sites, labeling the games illegal gambling — rulings that the sites are challenging. But many more states are working on legislation for upcoming sessions that would subject the games to oversight or licensing. Pennsylvania and California are leading the way. But other states, such as Colorado, Delaware, Georgia and Illinois, are interested, too.

The daily sites, an Internet outgrowth of the rotisserie sports leagues of the 1980s, emerged in the last few years and took off this year amid massive ad campaigns. Players will spend more than $3 billion this year in entry fees, said Chris Grove of Eilers Research, a gaming-industry market research firm. Of that, the sites will keep roughly 10 percent; the rest will be paid out as winnings.

"The uptick in state examination of the issue coincided with the beginning of football season when the ads became nonstop," said Jonathan Griffin, a gambling specialist for the National Conference of State Legislatures. "I expect this (coming) year we're going to see a significant number of states that are going to try to regulate it, which is directly related to the fact that they have become so well-known in the past months."

The daily sports sites work much like fantasy sports games in general: A player picks out a fantasy team of athletes from real sports teams (they don't have to play for the same team in real life). Each athlete has a salary number attached to him, and the cost of an entire team must fit under a certain salary cap. That prevents a daily player from picking a team of only all-stars.

Fantasy players score points if their selected athletes perform well by scoring touchdowns or rolling up yardage in football, accumulating hits in baseball or making baskets in basketball. The difference between daily fantasy sports and the old-fashioned, group-of-friends fantasy play is the winning payouts that can occur each day. Another big difference: As the sites stress in their ads, players can win hundreds of thousands of dollars every day.

For the states, the basic question is whether the daily contests are gambling, i.e., "games of chance," or not gambling, i.e., "games of skill." The fantasy companies contend the games are based on skill — that players need to know a lot about a sport and how athletes compete if they are to win. Nevada and New York contend the daily fantasy contests are gambling — that luck plays a big role in who wins. For example, they say, it's bad luck when the star quarterback fractures his ribs and is out for the game, diminishing his value to the daily fantasy sports player.

AP file photo

An employee in the software development department of DraftKings, a daily fantasy sports company, walks past screens displaying the company's online system stats in Boston on Sept. 9.

In October, the Nevada Gaming Control Board issued a ruling calling for all daily fantasy sports websites to "cease and desist" operations in the state. But the board's long-term intent, according to many analysts, is to bring the fantasy games under the umbrella of state regulation and require participants to go to casinos to play.

"Nevada, deep down inside, would like to have it and regulate it. It's another profit center," said Alan Silver, a professor at Ohio University who used to work for and is widely consulted by the gaming industry.

"Fantasy sports appeal to the younger demographic," he said, noting that millennials are less likely than previous generations to go to casinos to play traditional table games, which are Nevada's gambling bread and butter. "If it were put into play and if it was regulated by Nevada, that's going to be another way to get millennials into the casinos."

In New York, DraftKings and FanDuel went to court in November, after Democratic Attorney General Eric Schneiderman moved to shut them down. At a State Supreme Court hearing, lawyers for the two companies argued their activities were not gambling and were permitted under a 2006 federal law that had exempted fantasy sports from a ban on processing online financial wagering. But lawyers in Schneiderman's office maintained that the games were based on luck — not skill — and were prohibited as gambling. A decision is expected this month.

DraftKings operates out of Boston, where Democratic Attorney General Maura Healey decided to regulate the industry, not ban it. The proposed Massachusetts regulations aim to protect consumers. They prohibit anyone under 21 from playing, require age verification, and ban betting on college sports, which makes up a fraction of the daily business, according to Eilers Research. The proposed rules would officially take effect Jan. 22, but Healey called on the industry to start obeying them now, and the industry has been mostly receptive.

As the legal controversy over Internet fantasy games heated up, FanDuel CEO Nigel Eccles called for "strong, common sense, enforceable consumer protection requirements" from states, to include age requirements, protection of personal information, individual player accounts and third-party audits.

The company, however, said daily fantasy sites didn't want to be lumped in with casinos by regulators. "We … welcome the opportunity to work with attorneys general in all states, along with other lawmakers, to implement fair regulations that benefit both consumers and sports tech innovators," a spokeswoman said.

DraftKings did not respond to repeated requests for comment. Earlier, it called the New York attorney general's decision "hasty," and said it would be willing to work with states and other "relevant authorities to ensure that our industry operates in a manner that is transparent and fair for all consumers."

Billions of dollars are at stake in courts and statehouses for the sites and their high-profile investors. Fox Sports and NBC Sports, MLB and the NHL, Time Warner and the Kraft Group, which owns the New England Patriots, have invested in FanDuel and DraftKings. Forbes reported that FanDuel had raised an estimated $361 million from media companies, while DraftKings had raised $375 million total.

In Pennsylvania, legislators have begun studying how to regulate and tax fantasy sports sites. The House Gaming Oversight Committee held a hearing in November, and Republican Rep. George Dunbar is readying a bill.

"The industry needs regulation," Dunbar said in an interview. "The issue is who regulates them. In my opinion, it is gaming and it should fall under our Gaming Control Board."

But, he said, he is considering an "Internet gaming act" that would allow casinos already in the state to have websites at those locations that could run Internet poker and other games. "This could force Internet fantasy daily sports to run through our casino sites," he said.

He said the legislation, still being drafted, would include a one-time $1 million casino fee to be paid by the sites and a $5 million fee paid by the casinos to include the games as part of their operations. The profit margin that a casino makes off the sites would be subject to state taxes. Pennsylvania has one of the highest casino tax rates in the country at 55 percent.

For that type of bill to become law, the state would first need to legalize Internet gambling altogether, he said.

In California, the Assembly's Committee on Governmental Organization has scheduled a hearing this month, to which representatives of the big daily fantasy sites, consumer groups and other interested parties have been invited. Committee Chairman Adam Gray, a Democrat, has a bill that would license and regulate the sites through the California Gambling Control Commission.

Gray said the emergence of daily fantasy sports this fall was hard to miss. "For a sports fan as I am, I didn't miss the barrage of commercials. It seemed clear to me that we were quickly going to get to a place where regulatory oversight was needed."

He said there seems to be both an element of skill in the games, as well as an element of chance. California law has a "predominant purpose test," which determines an activity to be gambling if greater than 50 percent of the outcome is derived from luck.

In New York, the state has something called the "material element test," which determines that the activity is one of chance, as long as chance plays a "material role" in the outcome.

The differing standards may influence each state's rules on daily fantasy sports.

Gray said his bill would include a revenue element, probably a licensing fee, to help pay for the costs of administering the regulations.

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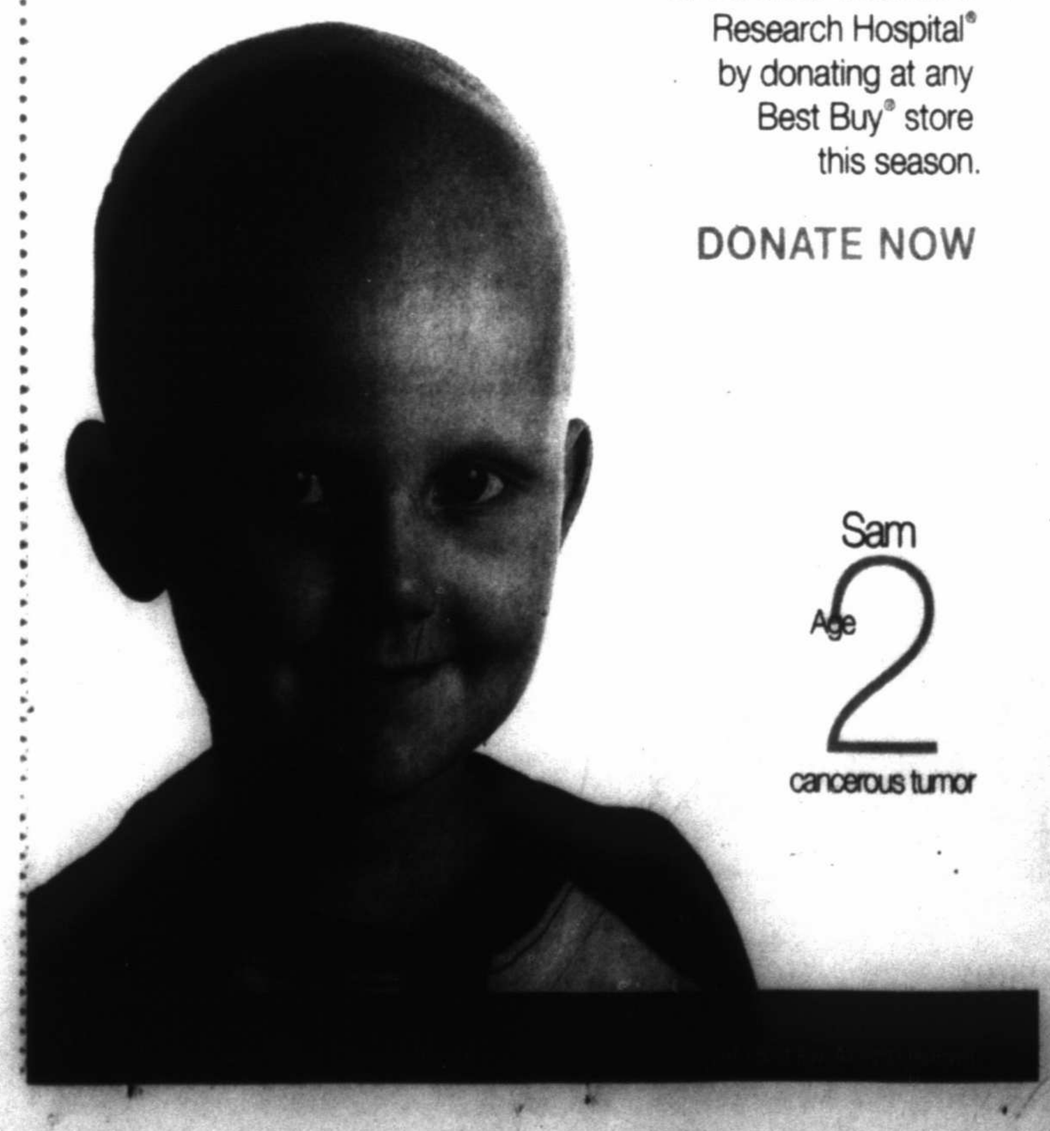

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Nielsen: Smartphones and the Internet are eating our TV time

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The use of Internet-ready devices like smartphones appears to have seriously cut into the time Americans spend watching traditional TV, new Nielsen data show, potentially undermining the notion that mobile devices merely serve as "second screens" while people are plopped in front of the set.

Data provided to The Associated Press show an increase in the number of 18-to-34-year-olds who used a smartphone, tablet or TV-connected device like a streaming box or game console. That grew 26 percent in May compared with a year earlier, to an average of 8.5 million people per minute.

Those devices, which all showed gains in usage, more than offset declines in traditional TV, radio and computers.

In the same age group, the demographic most highly coveted by advertisers, use of those devices fell 8 percent over the same period to a combined 16.6 million people per minute.

It's not a one-to-one tradeoff, though. Sometimes people are using smartphones while watching TV, or using them outside the home where it wouldn't cut into TV time. In addition, some mobile device use is, well, to watch TV shows.

Nielsen's inaugural "Comparable Metrics" report for the first time presents data on average use per minute, making it possible to directly compare various devices.

The study counts all apps, Web surfing and game play but not texts or calling.

The results confirm a trend in other Nielsen data that found viewing of traditional TV — through a cable or satellite connection or an antenna — peaked in the 2009-10 season.

"It's pretty clear the increased use of mobile devices is having some effect on the system as a whole," said Glenn Enoch, Nielsen's senior vice president of audience insights.

The audience for TV viewing alone fell by 10 percent, to 8.4 million people a minute, in the 18-to-34-year-old category.

The new Nielsen data also looks at time spent watching video on various devices, but not for TV-connected devices, where users were clocked playing games as well.

However, even excluding TV-connected devices, the shift in video watching away from the TV is pronounced.

For the young group, viewing on TVs fell 10 minutes to an average of 5 hours and 43 minutes a day.

That's more than compensated for the 33-minute gain in viewing video on computers, smartphones and tablets, which rose to 3 hours and 43 minutes.

Since Nielsen inaugurated its tracking service in 1949, average daily TV viewing has grown steadily, from 4 hours and 35 minutes a day to a peak of 8 hours and 55 minutes in 2009-10. That increase coincided with growing numbers of TV sets sold and the proliferation of programming on cable channels.

But viewership has been declining ever since.

From late September until mid-November this year, daily TV watching accounted for only 8 hours and 13 minutes, Nielsen said.

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New Cuban immigrants reach US through Texas

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON —When Jordanis Perez fled Havana in the spring for the United States, he decided his best chances weren't by boat to Florida but by a route increasingly favored by thousands of Cuban migrants: by land to Texas.

The number of Cubans arriving at the southern border increased this year after President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced they would normalize diplomatic relations, which many Cubans fear could mean the end of the special status that allows them to stay and work here legally if they reach U.S. soil.

"It's going to change," Perez, 31, said of the U.S. law as he sat waiting for help with a dozen other Cuban immigrants at Catholic Charities in Houston, shivering in donated sweatshirts, unaccustomed to the cold.

At least 44,000 Cubans reached the southern U.S. border during the fiscal year that ended in September, according to Rep. Henry Cuellar, a south Texas Democrat.

That's more than double the 17,466 Cubans who arrived at the border the previous fiscal year, most through the Laredo area Cuellar represents, according to the Pew Research Center. U.S. Customs and Border Protection refused to release current figures.

More than 18,000 Cubans crossed into the Laredo area last fiscal year, 66 percent more than in the previous fiscal year, according to the Pew analysis of government data. But they are also showing up at crossings in Arizona and California, said Shawn Moran, San Diego-based vice president of the union that represents Border Patrol agents.

Perez headed to Texas after struggling to support his 8-year-old son with a small market. The trip cost him about $4,000 — less than the $7,000 he would have paid for the three-hour boat ride to Florida, but a journey fraught with different risks.

"Lots of people die," said Rodnaisy Cherilson, 38, a doctor sitting near Perez. She survived a kidnapping in Colombia to reach the U.S. "We prefer to improve our lives and risk it. We arrived by the grace of God."

At least 27,296 Cubans entered U.S. ports of entry during the first nine months of the fiscal year that ended in September — a 78 percent increase over the comparable period the previous year, when 15,341 Cubans entered, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data analyzed by the Pew Research Center.

Two-thirds, or 18,397, came through the Laredo Sector in Texas, a 66 percent increase from the comparable period the previous fiscal year.

Though Texas has become a destination of choice, the number of Cubans caught trying to reach the U.S. by sea also increased last fiscal year to 2,927, up 39 percent from the previous fiscal year — and nearly seven times as many as 2010, according to U.S. Coast Guard records.

"The numbers have definitely increased pretty sharply in the past couple of years.

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'TIS THE SEASON

Midlanders had a ball at two events held on Saturday: the 15th annual Jingle Bell Run and the Christmas Tree lighting event.

ABOVE: Runners take off during the 15th annual Jingle Bell Run, which benefits Junior Achievement of Permian Basin, Saturday at Heritage USA Federal Credit Union on West Wadley Avenue.

RIGHT: Onlookers gaze at the holiday display during the Christmas tree lighting event Saturday in downtown Midland.

Photos by James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Decipher human codes to get along in the world

Society and nature are not always on the same page because we often say things for the benefit of society but often think something entirely different.

Confused? Well, let me help you unravel a few secrets of the universe.

For instance, a woman might say it's OK to watch the football game, but you can tell her true meaning only by the darts she's throwing at you with her eyes. And you better be able to read this signal or you marriage will never survive.

Or, a person might tell you that the last thing they want to do is hurt you, yet you can tell by the look on their face that they haven't taken the possibility off the table.

You have to remember that things in the real world are not always how they appear. Your ability to decipher these human codes is equally proportionate to your ability to get along in this world. So, pay attention.

A wise man once said, "We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public."

Please see **WILLIAMSON**/4B

Like mother, like daughter: Continuing the legacy of service

By Erin Stone
estone@mrt.com

Stories of continuing the family legacy in the military tend to go down the male line.

Sons join after their fathers, uncles or grandfathers have served.

But when Midlander Stephanie Harper, whose father and grandfather had served in the U.S. Air Force, joined just out of high school, she started a new trend in her family: a line of female veterans.

Harper's daughter, Kristin, 32, followed in her mother's footsteps and served in the Air Force after high school.

"I think because my daughters and son grew up listening to the stories of me and their father's time in the military, and the constant moving a military family must do … people think that's unstable for children, but I think it made

Please see **SERVICE**/4B

AP file photo

Chuck Williams stands in front of his original store location in Sonoma, Calif., during a reception celebrating the company's 50th anniversary on March 20, 2007. Williams, who founded the Williams-Sonoma empire and ushered in an era of aspirational culinary retailing, died Saturday. He was 100.

Chuck Williams, founder of Williams-Sonoma, dies at 100

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Chuck Williams, who founded the Williams-Sonoma empire and ushered in an era of aspirational culinary retailing, has died. He was 100.

The retailer of high-end home goods said Williams died peacefully of natural causes Saturday.

Williams opened his first Williams-Sonoma store in Sonoma, California, in 1956 inspired by a trip to Paris three years earlier. A lover of cooking and entertaining, he wanted U.S. professional chefs and home cooks to have access to high-quality cookware and tools.

"I couldn't get over seeing so many great things for cooking, the heavy pots and pans, white porcelain ovenware, country earthenware, great tools and professional knives," Williams told The Washington Post in 2005.

He refurbished the store off Sonoma's town square, covering the floor with black and white checkerboard tiles and painting the walls a bright yellow that he'd seen in pictures. He built custom shelving to display individual pots and pans and crafted a simple logo with the words "Williams" and "Sonoma" in block letters over a woodcut illustration of a pineapple — a symbol of hospitality.

The shop was such an enormous success that in 1958, he relocated to a 3,000-square foot store in San Francisco, next to the city's bustling Union Square shopping district.

Julia Child's landmark 1961 cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," and her cooking show on television sent even more cooks interested in French cuisine to Williams-Sonoma and by 11 years later, that store had expanded to twice its original size and the catalog, first published in black and white in 1958, was flourishing.

Born Oct. 2, 1915 in northern Florida, Mr. Williams' earliest memories were of hand-mixing egg whites for divinity fudge and lemon meringue pies with his grandmother, who once owned her own restaurant.

Williams' family moved to Palm Springs, California, during the Great Depression. He later relocated to Los Angeles, where he worked as a window dresser at the I.Magnin and Bullocks department stores.

During World War II, he traveled to India and Africa, exploring the food, drinks and unique cooking techniques and tools of those parts of the world.

After returning home, he visited Sonoma and decided to move there and start a home construction business before venturing into the world of high-end cooking ingredients and home goods.

"With his impeccable taste and unique talent for selecting the right products at the right time, he built a powerful brand that inspired a cultural revolution around food and had immeasurable impact on home and family life around the world," said Janet Hayes, Williams-Sonoma brand president.

He sold the company in 1979, but he remained closely involved with it.

Robert Loggia, 'Scarface' and 'Sopranos' actor, dies at 85

By Jeffrey Fleishman
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—Robert Loggia, an Academy Award-nominated actor who embodied swagger and mischievous charm, notably as a too-trusting Miami crime boss in "Scarface," died Friday at his home in Los Angeles from Alzheimer's disease. He was 85.

Loggia, who could be sly and sweet, carried an everyman's understanding and a con-man's cleverness to roles ranging from the owner of a toy company opposite Tom Hanks in "Big" to his Oscar-nominated turn as sordid private detective Sam Ransom in "Jagged Edge," written by Joe Eszterhas and starring Glenn Close and Jeff Bridges.

He was born in Staten Island, N.Y., on Jan. 3 1930, played in memorable dramas and comedies during the 1980s and '90s. His resume included "An Officer and a Gentleman," "Prizzi's Honor" and "The Ninth Configuration."

Although he was nominated for a lead actor in a drama Emmy for his portrayal of a nonconformist investigator in "Mancuso, F.B.I.," Loggia was less than pleased with the experience.

"I really believed in that character," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1991. "I wanted to do it, and Brandon Tartikoff (then NBC president) promised me that if I agreed to do it he would make it right. But it didn't happen with NBC Productions (the company that produced the series), which is a separate entity from Brandon and NBC. They didn't make the show that was promised me and that I promised affiliates and sponsors."

Loggia said the show was supposed to tell "bonafide" FBI stories. "They started to go into demographics and whom my secretary was sleeping with and Frick and Frack with a lady partner," he said. "FBI people don't have partners to begin with, so it was like the sexual escapade of the week."

Often referred to as a tough guy, Loggia could be suave and tender. His voice could go raspy and then slip to silken. He was also playful.

In "Big," he and Hanks, a boy magically turned into a man, played "Chopsticks" while dancing over large, lighted piano keys on the floor. The film was directed by Penny Marshall.

But he excelled at playing men with rap sheets and unsettled demons.

He appeared in "The Sopranos" as Michele "Feech" La Manna, who sought his place back in the mob after a prison stint. He once summed up his talent as: "I'm a character actor in that I play many different roles, and I'm virtually unrecognizable from one role to another. So I never wear out my welcome."

The son of Italian immigrants, Loggia was raised in Manhattan's Little Italy.

As a student at the University of Missouri, he studied journalism, but that passion faded when he returned to New York and enrolled at the Actors Studio.

In his first film, in 1956, he played a mobster opposite Paul Newman in "Somebody Up There Likes Me," based on the life of boxer Rocky Graziano.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Loggia, and children.

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Obituaries

Cletys M. Bailey

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Cletys M. Bailey, 84, of Midland, Texas, will be 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Bethlehem Cemetery with Reverend A.B. Morris officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be graveside at the service.

Mrs. Bailey died December 4, 2015 in Midland, Texas. She was born October, 6, 1931 to her parents George B. Keeling and Allie F. Cadenhead Keeling, Rt. 2, Mt. Enterprise, Texas. She was raised on the farm in the Rhodes Community, Rusk Co., and rode the school bus nine miles to school.

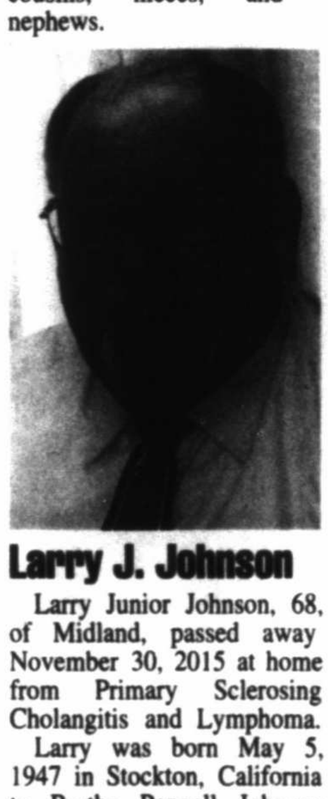
She graduated from Mt. Enterprise High School as Salutatorian in 1949. She attended Panola Junior College, Carthage, Texas, and Stephen F. Austin College, Nacogdoches, Texas. She met and later married Auvie A. Bailey.

Her brother and his family encouraged her to move to Orange, Texas to get a job there. She worked for Consolidated Steel until she and Auvie married May 25, 1955 at West Orange Baptist Church in Orange. They went to Miami, Florida on their honeymoon.

They lived in Nacogdoches, Midland, Baytown, and settled in Midland in September 1959. She and her husband Auvie were married sixty years. They were members of First Baptist Church of Midland and the James Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Stanley G. Bailey of Midland; her sisters, Mary Dean Parrott, Kittie Claire Tipps, and Jeanell Prior; her brothers, Weldon B. Keeling, Robert T. Keeling, and George B. Keeling, Jr.

Mrs. Bailey is survived by her loving husband; children, Jason D. Bailey, Gaines L. Bailey, and Patricia M. Bailey, all of Midland; and by six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, several cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Larry J. Johnson

Larry Junior Johnson, 68, of Midland, passed away November 30, 2015 at home from Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis and Lymphoma.

Larry was born May 5, 1947 in Stockton, California to Bertha Pannell Johnson and William Paul Johnson. He grew up in the Stockton area and graduated from Escalon High School in 1965.

After high school, Larry entered the Air Force. During his career, he traveled the world. His last duty station was Brooks AFB in San Antonio, Texas. In 1988, as a Master Sergeant, he received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performance as Superintendent of the Hyperbaric Medicine Division. During this period, he was vital to the continued success of the Air Force Clinical Hyperbaric Medicine Program, serving as primary operational consultant to 10 Departments of Defense hyperbaric facilities worldwide. He was directly responsible for establishing the educational criteria by which all hyperbaric chamber technicians are trained. Later that same year, Larry decided that after 23 years, he was ready to retire.

While stationed at Brooks AFB, he met Cynthia (Cindi) Moore Knight, the love of his life and best friend. The couple was married September 26, 1981 and became a readymade family. Because of Larry's influence, their three children have a strong bond that will continue throughout their lives.

After retirement, he moved to Midland and went to work for Midland ISD. Larry retired from MISD in 2012.

Larry enjoyed working on anything around the house, but cars were his favorite. He had rebuilt several since he was a teenager; his final projects were Cindi's 1967 Plymouth and his famous blue 1966 Ford truck.

Larry loved riding his Harley and keeping its chrome brightly polished.

One of his neighbors described Larry as "a truly genuine person" and anyone that knew him knows it's true.

Larry was a member of Stonegate Fellowship.

In lieu of a funeral service, he will be cremated and a celebration of his life will be held at a later time and will be announced at a later date.

Larry is survived by his wife of 34 years, Cynthia Johnson; his children, Rachel Johnson, Brian Johnson and his wife Elizabeth of Houston, and Kallena Abalos and her husband Joaquin of Midland; grandchildren, Austin Johnson, Molly Abalos, and Cain Abalos; brother, Glenn and wife Jane Johnson Seguin, Texas; and brother, Gary and wife Lori Johnson of Idaho Falls, Idaho; mother-in-law, Jo Fenton of Coleman, Texas; brother-in-law, Jesse Moore of Coleman; and numerous loving cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to thank Midland Memorial Hospital Critical Care staff, especially Dr. Syed Mehdi and the wonderful nurses and aides, and the radiology staff Joe Bejil, Kimberly and the others that helped us through the past month.

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

Virginia Young Gibson

Virginia Young Gibson, 88, of Toyah, Texas, passed away on December 2, 2015 at home in Toyah.

Visitation will be on Friday, December 4, 2015 at Pecos Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on December 5, 2015 at the Toyah Methodist Church with Dr. James Carroll officiating. Burial will follow at the Northside Toyah Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

Virginia was born in a family home near the community of Dowell in Fisher County, Texas, to George Hale and Lizzie Lee Young on June 14, 1927. She attended several schools in the area and graduated from high school in Roby, Texas. Virginia married A.L. Gibson, a handsome young sailor just out of the service at Sagerton, Texas on February 21, 1946. Virginia and A.L. were partners in the business of farming cotton and rearing children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren until his passing in 1997; always challenging and sometimes very hard, but truly a wonderful life.

For the last 55 years of her life, home was at 182 Dubois St. in Toyah. While there in addition to her farming and child rearing duties, she at various times served as city secretary, city council woman, election judge, and school board trustee. Virginia was "Front and Center" at most civic events and all school events until the Toyah schools closed. "Ma" and A.L.'s four children graduated from Toyah High School in a school building built by their great-great grandfather in 1912. Virginia was the driving force in the preservation of the Toyah Methodist Church and the creation and operation of the Toyah Senior Center. She spent her days caring doing for others.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four sisters, Georgia Faye Young, Linda Moore, Peggy Rollans, and Thana Terry; son, Randal Gibson; son-in-law Otto Renz; and grandchildren, Matthew Gibson and Jinnifer Gibson.

Virginia is survived by Lynn and Sandra Gibson and family; Richard and Bernie Gibson and family; Barbara Gibson and family; Susan Renz and family; and by eight grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren in all.

Pallbearers will be Jason Gibson, Bradley Gibson, Aaron Gibson, Gregory Gibson, Brian Gibson, and Wade Dodson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Sydna Hunter and Monday Ledbetter.

Memorials may be given to the person or organization of your choice that by thought, word, or deed most emulates Virginia that is caring for others.

The immediate family of Virginia Gibson cannot adequately express the depth of our gratitude to the extended family, friends, and professionals for the love, care, and consideration that we have received. To family and friends, we love and cherish all of you. To Dr. Karen Carr and staff at Midland Memorial, Dr. Orville Cerna and staff at Reeves County Memorial, nurse Myra Taylor and staff at American Home Health and Hospice Service, and to caregiver Sonia Pando, our sincere thanks

To sign the guestbook or to leave the family a message please log online to *pecosfuneralhome.com*.

Death Notices

Bera Mae Orr Carter

Bera Mae Orr Carter, 90, passed away December 4, 2015.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

The graveside service will be at Resthaven Memorial Park on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

She is survived by a daughter, Ann Elizabeth Stevens, and a son, Tommy Carter, Jr.

Sondra Ann Clark

Sondra Ann Clark, 72, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2101 Tarleton St, Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Kent Clark; children, Susi Jones, John Nolan, Patricia Lopez, Wendie Jarman, and Bryan Jarman; and by one brother.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PLANO

Shirley Melton Johnson dies, wife of Texas congressman

Shirley Melton Johnson, the wife of longtime U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson of North Texas, has died.

Shirley Johnson died Thursday in Texas. She was 85. The GOP congressman's office Friday didn't immediately provide additional details on her death. Funeral arrangements were pending.

The couple married in 1950 when both were seniors at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Sam Johnson served 29 years in the Air Force and was a POW during the Vietnam War when his plane was shot down in 1966. Shirley Johnson was involved with POW support groups. Her husband was held for nearly seven years.

He retired from the military in 1979 and the Johnsons started a home building company in Plano. Their family includes three children and 10 grandchildren.

Johnson was elected to Congress in 1991.

BALTIMORE

Ex-drug kingpin who had a recurring role on 'The Wire' dies

A former West Baltimore drug kingpin who had a recurring role on the television show "The Wire" has died.

The Baltimore Sun (http://bsun.md/1MZ512K) reports Melvin Williams died Thursday at a Baltimore hospital. The Wylie Funeral Home says it is handling the arrangements.

The Sun reports that the 73-year-old known as "Little Melvin" spent years in federal prison for drug and gun convictions but later spoke out against drug use and gang life.

"The Wire" co-creator David Simon covered Williams as a Sun reporter. After Williams met with Simon and a former homicide detective collaborating with Simon, Williams was offered the role of the deacon on "The Wire." He appeared in episodes in seasons three and four.

5 years after crash, family still waits for woman's recovery

By Marissa Barnett
Galveston County Daily News

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Aaron Hrachovina touches foreheads with his daughter Sarah in her room at The Meridian in Galveston on Nov. 17. An auto accident with a drunk driver in 2010 left her with severe brain damage.

GALVESTON — On the morning her life forever changed, Sarah Hrachovina Coreas said goodbye to her husband and left for work.

She was headed along 61st Street toward the Interstate 45 overpass at about 7 a.m. when the driver of a Range Rover plowed into her car. The driver was drunk and fled from the police before being found hiding nearby. The impact mangled the young mother's car, leaving her severely injured.

Five years later, at 24, she's one of the youngest — if not the youngest — residents at The Meridian, a nursing home and assisted living center on Seawall Boulevard in Galveston.

From the confines of intensive care units, hospital rooms and a brightly painted room in The Meridian, her family has watched her ward off pneumonia, kidney stones and blazing fevers.

They spend hours each week trying to re-establish normalcy by preserving the sense of humor that helped create their earliest family memories.

And despite a bleak prognosis from her doctor, her parents, Aaron and Teresa Hrachovina, are optimistic that a miracle is on the horizon.

"It's not that I don't believe medically what the doctors say is true, but I think, at some point God, steps in," Aaron Hrachovina told the Galveston County Daily News.

Coreas can't walk or sit up on her own. She has a feeding tube and a tracheostomy to help her breath. She weighs 92 pounds. Perhaps the most devastating part is she can't talk, her mother said.

She spends most of her time in her room at The Meridian. But on holidays, she joins her family at its home on Crockett Boulevard.

Traumatic brain injury is a complex condition and researchers said it's nearly impossible to predict whether the wires that dictate speech and motor functions will reconnect in the right way.

It's also difficult to know how much a person in a semiconscious state is taking in or their ability to understand what's happening around them, researchers said.

About 2.5 million people sustained traumatic brain injuries in 2010, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Injuries ranged from mild to severe, and added up to nearly $77 billion in medical costs.

The most common causes for brain injuries were car accidents, firearms and falls, the agency reported. Most of those traumas are considered mild, but of those that resulted in hospital stays or a coma, nearly half of the people had a related disability a year later, according to the agency.

While brain injuries open a world of uncertainty, one thing is clear: The emotional toll of such injuries extends to all aspects of this family's life, her parents said.

Coreas' situation is perhaps less common than most. Being so young, the injury pushed her parents into a role that children typically fill as their parents age.

But anyone who's watched advanced Alzheimer's disease steal a husband's personality or had a bedside view to an ailing mother so fragile a simple cold could become a death sentence understands the emotional roller coaster disease and trauma create.

"I never know when I'm going to get a call that she's in the hospital again — it's constant anxiety," Teresa Hrachovina said.

"People will tell me at least you still have her; at least she's above ground. Above ground is definitely better, but I want her back."

On Oct. 18, 2010, emergency responders rushed Coreas to the University of Texas Medical Branch emergency room. She'd died for several minutes at the site of the car crash, Aaron Hrachovina said.

She stayed in an induced coma for nearly five weeks and in the intensive care unit for three months. She lived in a couple of different nursing homes before settling into The Meridian three years ago.

Periodically, urgent medical problems — issues with her breathing tube or fevers — thrust her back to the hospital's intensive care unit.

After the accident, the driver, Omar Santana Ortiz, was sentenced to 10 years community service and more than $800,000 restitution to defray Coreas' medical costs and help her husband support their daughter.

But when Ortiz failed to pay on the restitution, he wound up back in court and in April was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The Hrachovinas said they've forgiven Ortiz, as their Christian faith teaches them. Although, they admit that forgiveness can be difficult at times.

It's unknown the full extent of Coreas' sentence.

Her doctor told the family that if Coreas hadn't made more recovery within three years, she would likely remain in a vegetative, nonverbal state.

Her family sees hope in the kind of things people unacquainted with brain injury might take for granted.

When she smiles at a funny video or after her father tells a story, for example. When her face lights up because her husband or daughter arrive for a visit. She recently made noises — what might have been the start of a laugh.

"That was a huge sign of improvement," Aaron Hrachovina said.

Because Coreas can't speak, the family looks for nonverbal cues such as emotion and movement of her big, brown eyes to guess what she's thinking, her father said.

Dr. Brent Masel, a neurologist and National Medical Director for the Brain Injury Association of America, said the brain is such a complex organ that drawing any kind of timeline for potential recovery is nearly impossible.

"The old expression is, 'If you've seen one brain injury, you've seen one brain injury,'" Masel, who is also the president and medical director of the Transitional Learning Center in Galveston, said.

Masel has not seen Coreas as a patient.

Axons carry messages back and forth throughout the brain and allow people to control their motions, he said. Recovery is largely about reconnecting those axons.

Researchers once believed a specific part of a brain controlled our thought processes, he said. But of late, scientists have learned that the "wiring process" is more complex, he said.

He compared it to airline flights: Instead of a one-way direct flight from Los Angeles to New York to repair cognitive and motor abilities, it's more like a series of connections and layovers.

"They can rewire but not always the way we want them to," he said.

The unanswered question is what causes those axons to reconnect, he said.

Regardless, the most tragic part of brain injury is that it's nearly impossible for the brain to recover back to its pre-injury state, he said.

"Life is never the same," Masel said. "It's defined by the date of that accident for the person, the family members, spouses, everyone involved."

The nursing home stay costs about $3,000 a month, not including any hospital visits or doctor appointments, which social security helps to pay for, Teresa Hrachovina said.

The crash and Coreas' injury plunged the family on an emotional roller coaster, Teresa Hrachovina said.

"It's been a long five years," she said.

As the youngest of four kids, Coreas has plenty of people to watch over her.

Her family makes several trips a week to her home, where they watch their favorite television shows together and try to break up what they assume are many hours of boredom and monotony.

Teresa Hrachovina even left her job at Ball High School to dedicate more time to her daughter.

"Sarah is my main priority now," she said. "I miss the check, but she's far more important."

Coreas' husband, Edwin Coreas, also visits the nursing home several times a week, Teresa Hrachovina said. Edwin Coreas chose not to speak with The Daily News. The two met in junior high at Odyssey Academy and started dating while at Ball High School. They wed in 2009.

"It's hard for him to talk about it," Teresa Hrachovina said.

On a recent November afternoon in the Hrachovina's home on Crockett Boulevard, Coreas' daughter, Naomi, now 6 years old, was bursting with energy.

As many kids her age would respond, Naomi sometimes rebels at the notion of making a trip to the nursing home. Other days, she pleads to see her mom.

Coreas, described by her family as deeply driven, graduated from Ball High School a semester early to enroll at Galveston College to get a pharmacy technician certificate.

She planned to attend school to become a certified public accountant like two of her older siblings.

Arica Angelo, Sarah's eldest sister who lives in California, stayed with her parents in Galveston for several months earlier this year to help around the house and spend time with her youngest sister and Naomi.

While in town, Angelo and her mother went to a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Naomi's school.

Teresa Hrachovina recalled something Angelo told her: "She said, 'We're getting to enjoy (watching Naomi grow up), but Sarah is missing everything.'"

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CUBANS

From 1B

especially since normalized relations have been announced. I don't know if we've hit the top of that," said Marc Rosenblum, deputy director of the U.S. Immigration Policy Program at the Washington-based Migration Policy Institute.

Previous Cuban migration to the U.S. came in three major waves: in the early 1960s, after the revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power; in 1980, when Castro released prisoners in what was known as the Mariel boatlift; and a 1994 exodus that resulted in the "wet foot, dry foot" policy now in effect.

The policy, negotiated under the 1966 Cuban Adjustment Act, allows Cubans who reach U.S. shores — or borders — to apply for entry, while those caught at sea are turned away. Once here, Cuban migrants are "paroled," or allowed to stay legally, to apply for work permits and green cards.

But with many of the so-called "dusty foot" Cuban migrants fleeing Cuba for economic rather than political reasons, some members of Congress said they wanted to do away with the policy.

"If President Obama has normalized relations with Cuba, why would we treat illegal immigrants from that nation any different than those from other countries?" said Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., who proposed legislation last month to repeal the Cuban Adjustment Act.

Cuellar agreed.

"The Cuban policy should be changed," he said. "If we do that for them, why not do it for the Central Americans, the Mexicans, and for everyone else?"

Dan Stein, president of the conservative Washington-based nonprofit Federation for American Immigration Reform, praised Gosar's proposal, dismissing the law as an "outdated relic of the Cold War."

But Cuban American members of Congress, led by Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, a Republican presidential candidate, have argued that the act needs to be updated, not repealed.

Secretary of State John F. Kerry said the administration had "no plans whatsoever" to change the law when he visited Havana in the summer to reopen the U.S. Embassy. Such comments haven't slowed the flow into Texas.

The migration is enabled by smartphones and social media, which allow Cuban migrants to navigate without relying on smugglers.

Before taxi driver Ali Despaigne left Havana last month in search of work to support his 7-year-old daughter, he bought an $80 smartphone.

"We use them to communicate with people in the U.S. who can orient and help us," Despaigne, 40, said as he sat with Perez after arriving Nov. 2.

In Cuba, the migrants obtain exit visas to fly to South America, usually Ecuador, and then head north, said Juan Lopez, who runs the Miami-based Cuban/Haitian Entrants program for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"From Ecuador, the most dangerous trip starts through Colombia, Central America and up to Texas," he said. "I've heard cases where it has taken them months to get to the border from Ecuador, but I guess they're willing to do that and not risk their lives at sea."

Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez visited Ecuador and Nicaragua recently to address a mounting migrant crisis. That same week, more than 2,000 Cuban migrants became trapped in Costa Rica after a smuggling ring was uncovered and Nicaraguan authorities refused to let them pass into Nicaragua.

For Perez, who left his family in Cuba, the journey took seven months, ending in Texas on Oct. 29. He worked as he traveled, sending $50 back to his family from Panama.

Migrants are vulnerable to thieves, as well as police, who know Cubans are easy pickings for bribes, Cherilson said.

"They call Cubans ATMs because, every time, they get money," she said.

In Colombia, she and a friend were kidnapped and had to pay $500 ransom each. Portions of the trip still require boats, and during one stretch through shark-infested waters between Colombia and Panama, a baby fell in, a father dove in after her, and both were lost. The baby's mother later hanged herself in despair, Cherilson said.

Cherilson made the trip with a male friend after failing to reach the U.S. by boat in December. She wanted to leave the city of Camaguey, Cuba's third-largest, to earn more money (she made about $20 a month), but also for more freedom.

"We work like slaves for very little money," she said after arriving in Houston. "It's a question of rights, of wanting more."

Christopher Galeano, a University of California, Irvine, student who worked at migrant shelters in southern Mexico last summer, said Cubans stood out in part because they were eligible for a legal permit, called an oficio de salida, that allowed them to stay in Mexico up to a month. They could avoid smugglers and travel by bus.

"They were not hard to miss if you see them in migrant shelters. The Central Americans would ask, 'Why are the Cubans able to apply for the oficio de salida? What's different about them?'" Galeano said.

But Cuban migrants were still vulnerable to extortion, he said. Some officials forced a group to pay up to $5,000 for their permits, which are supposed to be free, and by the time the government investigated, the migrants had left, Galeano said.

In Texas, the arrival of more Cubans has strained aid agencies already coping with an influx of Central American children and families.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston had served 1,176 Cuban migrants as of the

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TEXAS

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end of October, up from 726 last year, according to Wafa Abdin, vice president for immigration legal services and refugee resettlement.

"We don't have funding for them, and we don't know who's coming, so here they are standing at our doors in big numbers, and we're trying to help them find housing," Abdin said.

Unlike Cuban migrants in Miami, those in Texas lack family or friends nearby to meet their immediate needs, help them find jobs, communicate and enroll in English classes. Cuban communities in Texas are small: Of the about 1 million foreign-born Cubans in the U.S., only about 11,000 live in the Houston area, according to a Migration Policy Institute analysis of 2013 U.S. census data.

"We can help them apply for a work permit, but in the meantime, they need help," Abdin said.

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WILLIAMSON

From 1B

You really need these deciphering skills when you deal with the opposite sex. Let's face it; men say what they are thinking for the most part, but women rarely say what they are thinking.

You need to know the difference.

And women make finite distinctions in the meaning of words. In fact, she might tell you right out, "I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was blaming you."

You see, in her mind, it's OK to blame you for her problems without delegating any wrongdoing on your part. The bad news here, however, is that you still have to fix the problem.

There are ways for men to combat such treatment from the fairer sex.

Just remember that a clear conscience only requires a fuzzy memory.

Even in nature, women were expected to be different than men. I read this past week that women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a gut hanging out over the belt and still think they are sexy.

I keep telling you there are differences between men and women, and I think some of you are beginning to come around.

A man might say something like, "Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with."

The woman will say basically the same thing with just a little twist on it. She would say, "All I can ask is for a chance to prove that money can't make me happy."

We all make mistakes in life, and for most of us, experience is the only thing left after everything else is gone.

Sometimes, you have to think on your feet to get society and nature to agree.

I once got an expert medal in the U.S. Army for my marksmanship on the rifle range. Some in my company wanted to know how I did it. Was it because I was from Texas, where everyone owns a gun?

I answered, "To hit a target, shoot first and then call whatever you hit the target."

Life is really pretty simple if you can live in harmony with the rules of society and nature.

I know a tomato is a fruit, but I'm not about to place it in a fruit salad. Common sense goes a long way toward moving forward in this world.

I once read that if the world was a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

But the world isn't even close to being logical, so you must act logical in an illogical world.

Thought for the Week: "Sometimes I feel like I'm in a dream world, because it doesn't always seem too logical how things work out." — film director Robert Rodriquez

SERVICE

From 1B

my kids more stable," said Stephanie, who is a senior clinical analyst for Midland Memorial Hospital. "Because they learned to make friends quickly, they're very adaptable to different situations, very open to other cultures and other people because you have such a diversity in the military. You're with all these people of different races, and here you are going through this thing together, and you really do end up bonding because it is a shared experience."

That shared experience between veterans is unique, and having that shared experience between parent and child is a different and extraordinary thing, both women said.

"There was always this thing that people would say when I was younger, like, 'Oh, your mom wears combat boots,' or something like that," said Kristin Harper, who works as a national service officer for Disabled American Veterans in San Antonio. "And I was like, 'Yeah, my mom actually has some, so what?' So then I was like, 'Wait, is that not a normal thing? Is everybody's parents not in the military?' So I realized what a special thing it is to be a part of something like that and I wanted to be a part of something bigger than me.

"But it was also something that could continue to bond me and my mom and me and my dad because you don't get it unless you join," said Kristin in a phone interview.

"You just don't get it unless you experience the same thing."

Stephanie's experience in the military influenced how she raised her children — to be independent and always stick up for themselves and others.

"I'd been a ballerina, I'd done some modeling (before joining the military) and I think being so blonde ... the one thing I loved the most being in the Air Force is that at first glance you were based on what you had on your sleeve (how many stripes), and I liked that," she said. "That was something I controlled. Being a female or being blonde, you can't really control that. That was an equalizer for me and that was a first."

Stephanie said she was lucky that she didn't experience the severe sexual harassment or abuse that many women are subjected to in the military, but the times when she did encounter some level of sexism, she quickly learned to stop it in its tracks.

Stephanie worked as an electrician on flight simulators and was one of two women assigned to that job, which meant that she was often the only woman in the group during her shift.

"One time, a couple of the guys that I worked with started bringing in some kind of girlie magazine. So they'd be like, 'Hey, Stephanie,' and I'd look and not say anything," she said.

"Then as is typical, especially with the younger guys, they'll keep pushing it until you tell them to stop.

"Well, I was new in the shop and the only girl on that shift. So a couple of days later they bring in a Playboy or something, and I just kept eating, but I wasn't saying anything."

After a couple of more days went by, the men brought in an exceptionally raunchy magazine and pushed it across the table

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How-To GUIDE

Why the Funeral Ceremony is Important

Grief is the emotional pain we feel when we suffer a loss and is why we have funerals. Without a ceremony, or structured event dedicated to a loved one that has passed, we would have no means of expressing our grief, our love, or the void that death created in our lives.

No one questions the value of an anniversary or birthday party, or a wedding, or even a military ceremony to launch a ship. Neither do we question the funeral for a famous war hero, politician, teacher, or minister. These events are inherently right and meaningful. The same applies for the funerals of anyone that was important to someone else, which includes all of us.

The measure of a life isn't based upon notoriety, but the contribution the individual made to the lives of others. Every father, mother, sister, brother, friend, mentor, co-worker, or veteran has touched the life of the people close to them, and deserves to be honored, but more importantly, those people touched by loss have a need to express their emotions.

Part of the funeral ceremony is viewing the loved one in a casket. Psychologists and clergy concur that this simple act plays an important role in accepting the loss of a loved one, and beginning a new life without that individual. At most funerals, everyone in attendance is given the opportunity to approach the casket to pay their last respects. We do this not for the loved one, but to support the immediate family, and those that suffer most from the death. In this way, the funeral ceremony becomes a community event, where friends, co-workers, and relatives participate in a ritual of support.

As cremation has become more popular, so has the concept of a memorial service. A memorial service can be less formal than a funeral, and because they are typically held in conjunction with cremation, the memorial service can occur at any time, or anywhere. It is not uncommon to have multiple memorial services, one in the community where the death occurred and another in a hometown.

A graveside service, whether to bury the loved one in a casket, or to bury the cremated remains in an urn, is a lovely service. The clergy will lead the service, but it is not uncommon for those in attendance to sing a favorite song, and of course, the graveside often includes a military honor guard. Everyone in attendance is touched by the presentation of the American Flag to a surviving family member and the twenty-one-gun salute.

The value of a funeral or memorial service is not determined by the amount of money the family decides to spend, or by the number of people that attend. The value is the knowledge shared by the survivors that the life of someone dear to them was honored, that their life had meaning, and like the ripples created by a stone thrown into a pond, the impact of that life will never end.

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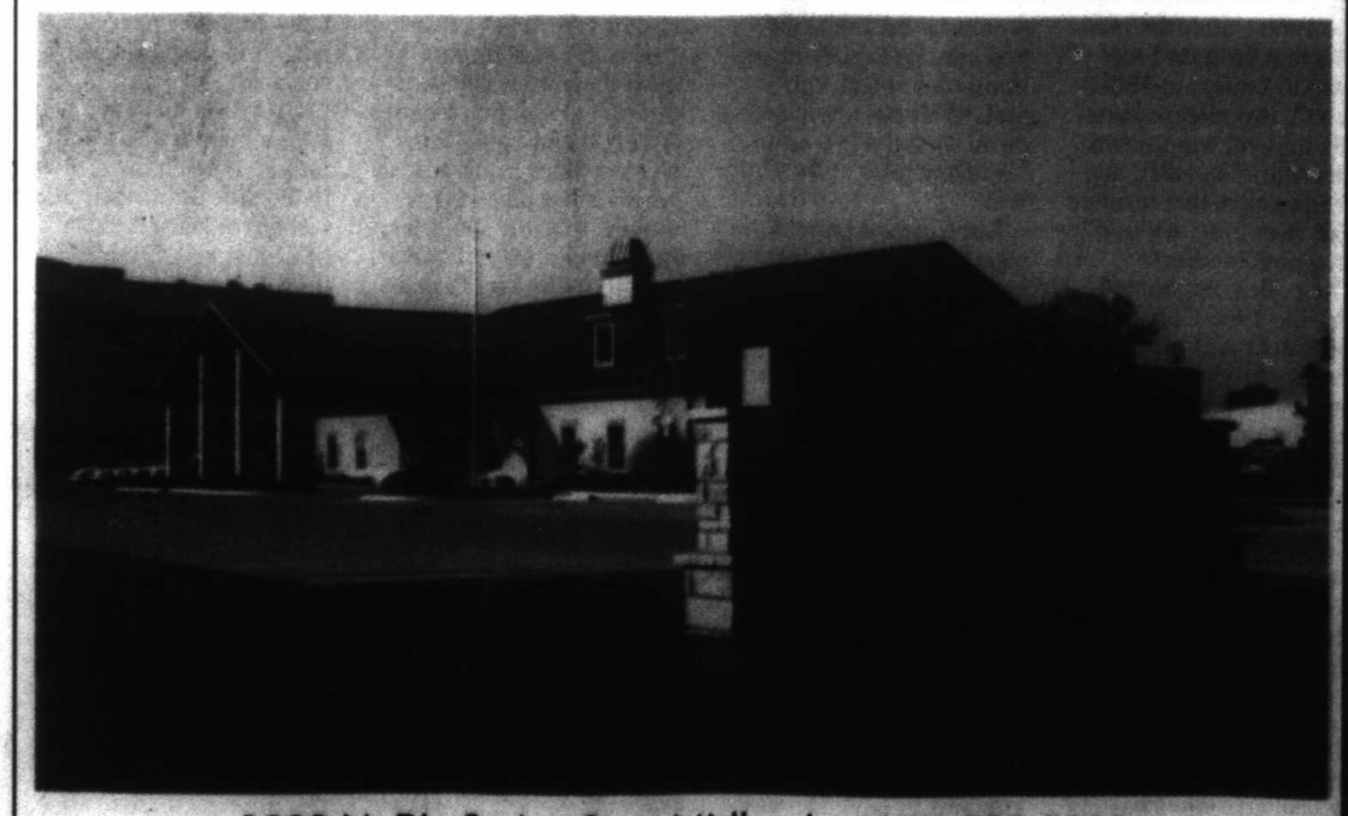

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CRIMEBRIEFS

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MPD: Man chokes and stabs woman repeatedly

A Midland man was arrested Thursday evening for allegedly choking a woman and assaulting her with a knife.

Tyler Jason Amator, 21, was being held Saturday on a $75,000 bond on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault, according to court documents.

Amator

Police officers responded to Midland Memorial Hospital on Tuesday regarding an assault victim, who had sustained "cut wounds requiring sutures to the back of her neck and her right leg," according to Amator's arrest affidavit.

The woman said the injuries were a result of being assaulted by Amator on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, according to the affidavit.

The woman said Amator choked her "to the point of unconsciousness" and that the wounds were caused by him using a knife, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Amator could face up to 99 years in prison.

Aggravated robbery supsect arrested in Odessa

A man wanted by the Midland Police Department in connection with an aggravated robbery at a used-car dealership was arrested Friday morning in Odessa.

Odessan Tomas Baeza, 36 was arrested by U.S. Marshals, with the assistance of the Odessa Police Department, according to a press release from the Midland Police Department. Baeza is charged with aggravated robbery and faces additional charges from OPD for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, tampering with physical evidence and tampering with identification numbers, according to the release.

Baeza entered Payless Auto Sales on Nov. 24 and requested assistance in purchasing a vehicle. A salesman took Baeza on a test drive, and when the salesman stopped the vehicle near the 700 block of South Midkiff Road to change seats, Baeza moved into the driver's seat and accelerated, causing the salesman to lose his grip and fall to the ground, according to the release.

The salesman was injured when the rear tire of the vehicle ran over his leg as Baeza fled the scene, according to the release.

Baeza was transported to the Ector County Detention Center. The stolen vehicle has been recovered, according to the release.

Man arrested for allegedly assaulting woman holding child

A Midland County man was arrested on Thursday after allegedly grabbing a woman with a toddler in her arms, according to court documents.

Dominguez

Irving Zubia Dominguez, 27, was charged with a third-degree felony charge of assaulting a family or household member by impeding breath and a state felony charge of child endangerment. He was being held Saturday on two bonds totaling $35,000, according to court documents.

On Thursday afternoon, Dominguez allegedly began arguing with a woman over a Facebook post, and pushed her multiple times into the wall and then the floor. The woman picked up a 1 1/2-year-old girl and attempted to leave the house, according to Dominguez's arrest affidavit.

Dominguez grabbed the woman and tried to pull her away from the door, and she almost fall down the steps, according to the affidavit. The woman's head hit the child's head, and then Dominguez grabbed her neck with both hands and started choking her, according to the affidavit.

The woman put down the child and ran into the kitchen to get her phone, which Dominguez took and attempted to break, according to the affidavit. She was able to take back her phone.

Dominguez will face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of a third-degree felony charge and up to two years in jail if convicted of a state felony.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas GOP rejects proposed secession ballot initiative

The Texas Republican Party has rejected a proposed, non-binding ballot initiative that would have let its 2016 primary voters mull secession.

State Republican Executive Committee members used a voice vote during their meeting in Austin on Saturday to defeat an effort to put whether Texas should leave the United States on the March 1 ballot.

It would have read: "If the federal government continues to disregard the Constitution" and Texas sovereignty, the state "should reassert the prior status as an independent nation."

Supporters said the idea of "Texas independence" might be popular enough to bolster voter turnout without having any practical effect.

Its defeat was little surprise, but the state GOP's merely considering it attracted attention. The Texas Democratic Party released a statement saying Republicans "decided they are still Americans."

CORPUS CHRISTI

Nueces County cancels jury trials after summons mix up

Nueces County has canceled jury trials scheduled for next week after a problem of unknown origin caused no jury summons letters to yet be sent out for the month of December.

The Corpus Christi Caller Times reported that officials knew something was wrong when no one showed recently to get excused from jury duty.

District Judge Nanette Hasette said the problem affects the state district courts, county courts and justices of the peace.

Notices now are being sent out for the week of Dec. 14.

Officials say they aren't sure how it happened, but there may have been an issue with Courthouse Technologies, a vendor that has sent out jury notices for the county since 2010.

Hasette said the vendor said orders were placed, but didn't get sent.

RAYMONDVILL

FEMA steps up Rio Grande Valley presence following flooding

Federal disaster response officials are opening Rio Grande Valley offices to help hundreds of homeowners whose property was damaged in some of the area's worst flooding in a half century.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is set to established centers in Raymondville and Weslaco next week, and has already set up an office in San Perlita.

Agency officials also are visiting homes of residents who may qualify for federal assistance.

Hurricane Patricia's remnants brought nearly 20 inches of rain to parts of Willacy County in October, sparking flooding that has lasted weeks in some areas.

Federal officials have already identified nearly 200 Willacy county homes that were damaged by flooding and high winds.

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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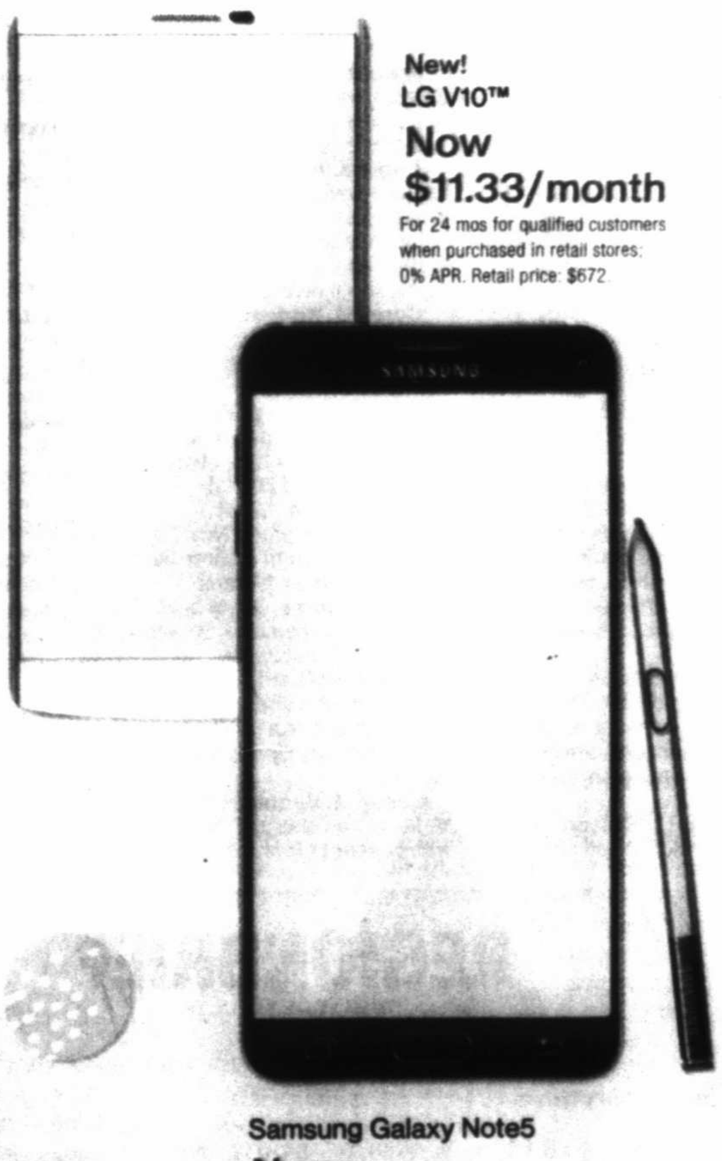

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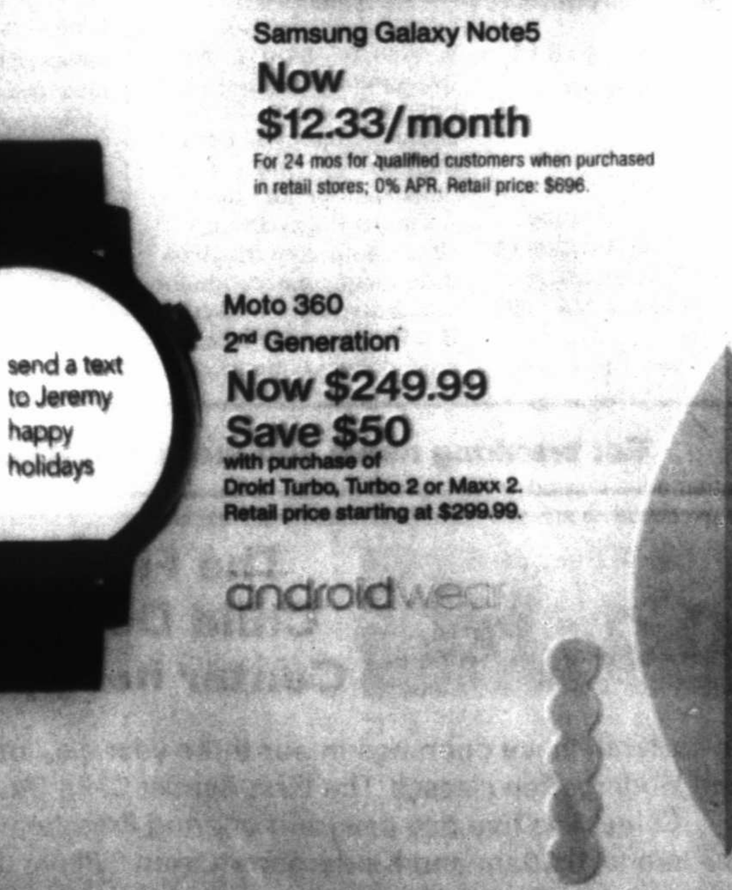

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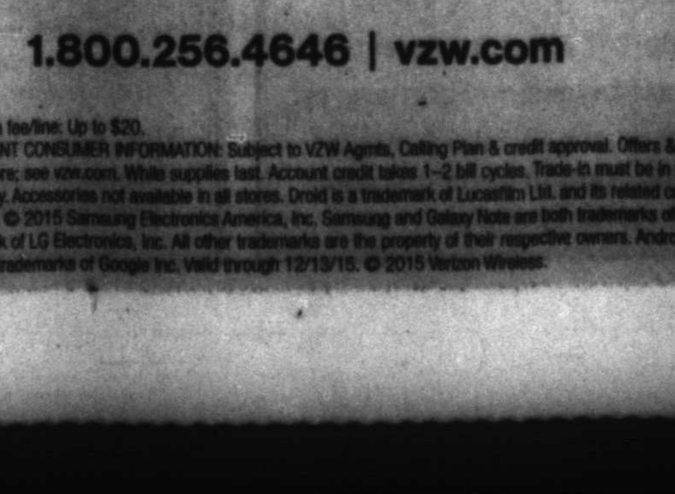

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LEGACY

From 4B

toward Stephanie as she was eating her dinner.

"So they're all kinda elbowing each other, and so I pick it up — and this was back when you smoked wherever — I reached down, pulled out my lighter and I set it on fire, then dropped it in the metal waste basket."

Stephanie laughed as she described her co-workers' astonished reactions.

"I said, 'I like how you guys have put me under your wing and treat me like one of the guys, but if that means having to be included in locker room talk and this kind of crap, count me out,'" Stephanie said. "Because you're being disrespectful, to me and to all females."

She raised her two daughters and her son not to tolerate this. Her son Richard Harper, now 30 — whom she adopted while she and her then-husband were stationed in the Philippines — also joined the Air Force after graduating from high school.

Kristin was a mechanic in the Air Force, and she said she experienced quite a bit of gender bias, even before her decision to join.

"There were plenty of times when I struggled with the fact that people thought I couldn't hack it because I'm a female," Kristin said.

"Nothing that you can't handle, but I asked my mom, 'What did you do? How do you really get them to see?' So we just talked about what you can do, not just words, but just doing your job. You gotta show that you can hang with them, and if they cross a line, you have to let them know that they crossed a line and stand up for who you are."

The Harpers' experiences in the military were not ruled by the fact they are women.

Stephanie had a rough childhood in El Paso, and the military provided what she often yearned for, and what many who join the military yearn for: stability, opportunity and meaningful work.

"(I just wanted) to be of value and of worth," Stephanie said. "And it's a great feeling to feel like you're a part of something bigger than yourself. Kinda takes your mind off what you've got going on because there are bigger things going on."

"My mom would always say integrity is the most important thing you can have, and I never really understood that before I joined, but that's one of the core values of the Air Force — integrity first," Kristin said. "You do what's right even when nobody's looking, and that is, to this day, something I'm instilling in my children and in everybody in my life. I'm very blessed that my parents were both in the service."

This family knows their service to others and their country will continue.

"Kristin is ferocious at getting what is due to the veterans she works with," Stephanie said.

"So this job with the DAV is such a perfect fit. It requires being empathetic, a caretaker and a fighter. I feel like her experience in and her contribution back to veterans is even that much more than what mine was, and that's what you want as a parent. You want your children to build on that."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Stephanie Harper, a US Air Force veteran, poses with pictures of her son and daughter who are also veterans of the USAF, on Friday at her home in west Midland.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Chad Barnhart, 39, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Shane T. Estes, 33, of Big Spring was charged Nov. 25 with creating a terroristic threat inciting public fear.

Lonnie B. Flowers II, 55, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with two counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

Carlos R. Garcia, 39, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with indecency with a child with sexual contact.

Leeroy D. Laney, 40, of Fort Worth was charged Nov. 25 with aggravated assault against a public servant.

Juanita C. Loveless, 48, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Anastacio Pena Jr., 41, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with two counts of injury to a child, elderly or disabled person by reckless behavior.

Matthew D. Williams, 30, of Midland was charged Nov. 25 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Richard A. Baker, 50, of Midland was charged Nov. 26 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Mark O. Chambers, 41, of Cortez, Colorado, was charged Nov. 26 with indecency with a child with sexual contact.

Ronnie L. Hightower Jr., 30, of Midland was charged Nov. 26 with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years.

Michael D. Martinez, 20, of Midland was charged Nov. 26 with evading arrest or detention by vehicle.

Crystal M. Schaub, 40, of Odessa was charged Nov. 26 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Coley B. Brantley, 27, of Odessa was charged Nov. 27 with fraudulent use/possession of identification information.

Dyllan M. Bronaugh, 23, of Odessa was charged Nov. 27 with evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Israel M. Hernandez, 21, of Midland was charged Nov. 27 with prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Troy Z. Gordon, 50, of Midland was charged Nov. 28 with theft of property under $30,000.

Allen L. Hicks, 34, of Midland was charged Nov. 28 with possession of a controlled under 4 grams and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Jessica R. Johnson, 36, of Midland was charged Nov. 28 with possession of a controlled substance.

Bryan H. Magallanes, 21, of Midland was charged Nov. 28 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram, and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Airen C. Farnsworth, 17, of Midland was charged Nov. 29 with two counts of burglary of a building.

Christina O. Garza, 24, was charged Nov. 29 with abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

Kenneth R. King, 50, of Midland was charged Nov. 29 with possession of a controlled substance under 400 grams.

Darvari L. Murry, 18, of Midland was charged Nov. 29 with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Olegario Borunda Jr., 27, of Midland was charged Nov. 30 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath.

Shane L. Dunn, 42, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with intoxication and assault with vehicle.

Shelby C. Franco, 30, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Emiliano Lujan, 29, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Stephen A. Perry, 25, of Midland was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Brandon C. Ramirez, 21, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Angel S. Reyes, 24, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Corey G. Rodgers, 46, of Midland was charged Nov. 30 with assault of a family/house member.

Dray D. Stewart, 26, of Midland was charged Nov. 30 with burglary of a habitation and theft under $20,000.

Jaime Varela, 37, of Odessa was charged Nov. 30 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Erika V. Zubia, 33, of Midland was charged Nov. 30 with burglary of a habitation.

Benjamin C. Anderson Jr. of Midland was charged Dec. 1 with assault of a family or house member by impeding breath.

Casey M. Banuelos of Midland was charged Dec. 1 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Michelle C. Gonzales of Midland was charged Dec. 1 with fraudulent possession of identification information.

Randy D. McCabe of Tow was charged Dec. 1 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Marcos A. Moreno of Midland was charged Dec. 1 with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Larell Thompson of Odessa was chaged Dec. 1 with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Jacob D. Viscaino of Gardendale was charged Dec. 1 with burglary of a building.

Karl D. Wilson of Midland was charged Dec. 1 with assault of a family or house member with previous conviction.

Catarino Yabarra was charged Dec. 1 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Orioll G. Licon of Midland was charged Dec. 2 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Casey W. Osborn of Midland was charged Dec. 2 with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1.

Michael A. Vaughan of Midland was charged Dec. 2 with possession of a controlled substance under 4 grams.

Tyler J. Amator of Midland was charged Dec. 3 with aggravated assault with discharged firearm.

Irving Z. Dominguez of Midland was charged Dec. 3 with assault of a family/house member impeding breath and abandonment/endangerment of a child with intent to return.

Chaz A. McDean of Conyers, Georgia, was charged Dec. 3 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Hellen O. Nicklesen-Young of Midland was charged Dec. 3 with forgery of a government financial instrument.

Esther Rodriguez of Midland was charged Dec. 3 with theft under $20,000.

Latoshya M. Schrock of Midland was charged Dec. 3 with two counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

Tomas Baeza of Odessa was charged Dec. 4 with aggravated robbery.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Richards mourns with, rallies Planned Parenthood supporters

By Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — The national head of Planned Parenthood both mourned with and rallied supporters in Colorado on Saturday before meeting quietly with workers credited for saving lives in last week's shooting at a clinic in Colorado Springs.

Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, read the names of the three people killed in the Nov. 27 shooting and thanked the Colorado Springs workers, who were seated in the front of the audience in a suburban Denver church.

"What happened in Colorado broke our hearts and steeled our spines," Richards told a crowd of about 400, most of them women wearing bright pink like herself.

It was one of many events planned by the organization across the country, including one in Washington, D.C., to honor the shooting victims and also speak out against threats and violence against the work it does.

Richards drew loud applause when she said it was time to end violence against women and the doctors and other health care workers who care for them.

"Enough is enough," she said.

The Colorado Springs clinic is still closed, but Richards praised the regional chapter of Planned Parenthood for reopening all of its other locations the day after the shooting and inspiring other chapters across the country.

She also read messages of support from people offering to volunteer and work at the organization because they were so upset by the shooting and read a statement of support from President Obama, which noted that no woman or American should fear violence when seeking health care.

Before meeting privately with the Colorado Springs workers, Richards said she did not have a particular message for them other than just being there to support them.

"This is a just a moment that has rocked all of our worlds in a way that it's important for us to spend time together and to heal," she said.

Last week, Vicki Cowart, president of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, said the receptionist at the Colorado Springs clinic heard shots being fired outside the building and warned those inside to get away from the entrance.

Some spent the attack hiding inside the clinic but many details, including a timeline of the attack, have not been released by police.

What is known is that none of the clinic workers or patients were hurt.

Garrett Swasey, a University of Colorado Colorado Springs police officer, was shot after rushing to the campus to help. The other two victims — Ke'Arre Stewart, an Army veteran who served in Iraq, and Jennifer Markovsky, 36, a mother of two originally from Hawaii — were both accompanying friends to the clinic and it's not clear where they were when they were killed.

Cowart said Saturday that the clinic is still a crime scene, but she vowed to reopen it as soon as staffers are allowed back inside and repairs are made.

She also told the crowd that some anti-abortion protesters taunted staffers in Denver about the shooting when they went to work the following day.

"We will not accept this as normal," she said to applause.

REGION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOUISIANA

Radio station employee accused of identity theft

GRETNA — A radio station employee is in custody, accused of stealing the personal information of listeners who won prizes to open cable accounts and credit cards.

NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reported 35-year-old Bryan Bienemy of Gretna, Louisiana, was booked Wednesday into the Jefferson Parish Correctional Center with three counts of felony identity theft and 19 counts of misdemeanor identity theft.

Gretna Police Deputy Chief Anthony Christiana didn't name the station for which Bienemy worked. But his responsibilities included destroying receipts and copies of identification submitted by prizewinners. Instead, an arrest report alleges Bienemy kept the information to open the cable accounts.

Christiana said investigators have identified 20 victims in the case.

Authorities said Bienemy admitted opening the cable accounts but denied the credit card allegations. Bond was set at $29,100.

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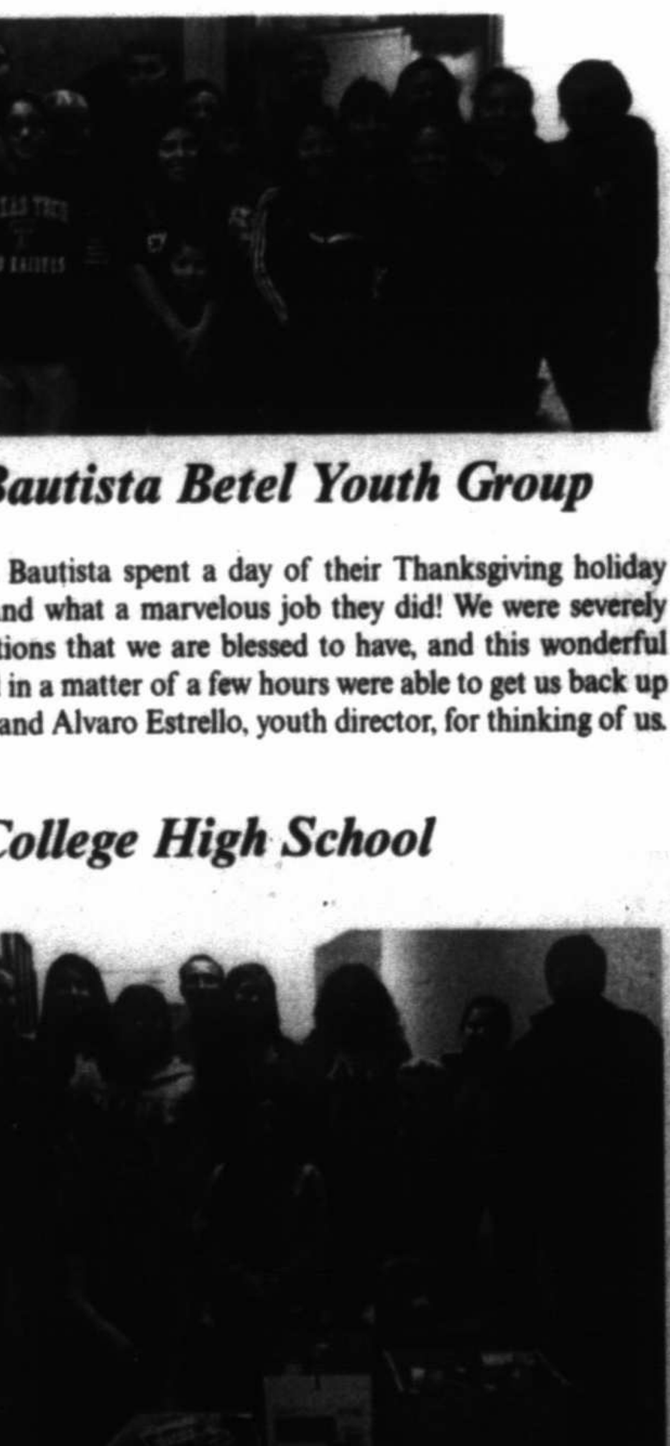
Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Electricity	1 family	$ 82.14
Rent	29 families	$ 25,974.65
Total		$ 26,057679

Thank you Iglesia Bautista Betel Youth Group

Last week 18 young people from Iglesia Bautista spent a day of their Thanksgiving holiday donating their time at Helping Hands. And what a marvelous job they did! We were severely backlogged in keeping up with the donations that we are blessed to have, and this wonderful group volunteered their vacation time and in a matter of a few hours were able to get us back up and ih good shape. We thank all of them, and Alvaro Estrello, youth director, for thinking of us.

And Thanks to Early College High School at Midland College



For the magnificent job they did of collecting food for the families we will be helping this Christmas. We are attempting to feed close to 250 families (over 500 children) for Christmas this year, so all donations are a blessing!

We appreciate all that everyone in Midland is doing to help support those in need in our community, and we are especially humbled by the support we are getting from the youth of our community. You are all truly amazing!

May God bless all of you abundantly, and may you have a blessed holiday season!

First Baptist Church Midland child DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The First Baptist Child Development Center has openings!

We currently have openings in our three year old, four year old, and kindergarten classes. The First Baptist Child Development Center is a five day program offering Preschool from 8:30am to 11:30am and Kindergarten from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

We also offer extended care until 5:30pm if you are interested.

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year begins on February 1st.

Please give us a call at (432) 683-0638 or e-mail Jana Farley at jfarley@fbc-midland.org if you are interested in enrolling your child in our preschool or kindergarten program!

San Antonio Express-News via AP

Bob Inghram, bottom, was an American Spitfire pilot during World War II. Russ Reed, top, was the pilot of a B-17. Each was shot down on his fifth mission, captured by the German military and imprisoned at Stalag Luft III, which was made famous in the movie "The Great Escape." They are shown at Blue Skies of Texas senior community on Nov. 19.

Ex-fighter pilot was 'tunnel king' who didn't lose his cool

By Sig Christenson
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Fighter pilot Bob Inghram didn't know how low he could go after being shot down off the coast of France in a friendly-fire mishap, but the day would come when he slipped 25 feet underground at a German prisoner-of-war camp and helped dig a dark tunnel.

A POW in Stalag Luft III, he was on the ground floor of a breakout that would become famous in the movie "The Great Escape."

But Inghram, now 95 and a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, never panicked while crawling through the 23-inch square tunnel, as did Flight Lt. Danny Velinski, the "Tunnel King" played by actor Charles Bronson in the movie.

In real life, there was a moment of alarm. It was Inghram's first day on the job and his heart jumped after someone sealed the top of the tunnel with a slab of cement, leaving him in darkness until a colleague lit a candle fueled by margarine.

"You can't get scared when you have no exit. As I say, the first time I went down I was a little concerned, and then I remember a fellow down below me, and that SOB is in the same position I am, and he isn't screaming or hollering," Inghram recalled in an interview with the San Antonio Express-News.

"You can't escape. You're locked into the damned tunnel because they've put a slab of cement in front of you, and all of the other people are locked into the tunnel with you. You have no means of getting the hell out of there. They have to let you out."

Inghram and Russ Reed, 91, a retired Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonel, are among a handful of San Antonio-area veterans who were in the prison camp, where allied officers were housed. Both live at Blue Skies West, a retirement center once known as Air Force Village II, along with another Stalag Luft III alumnus, Bob Metcalf, who declined to be interviewed.

Another local veteran who lives across town, Wallace Kirkpatrick, dumped dirt from his trousers and stole electrical wire to help light the tunnels.

None of them participated in the legendary breakout depicted in 1963's "The Great Escape," which starred Steve McQueen, James Garner and Richard Attenborough. Reed arrived at the camp long after the escape, in which 76 prisoners briefly made their way to freedom — at a horrific price. The Germans executed 50 of them. Only three got back to friendly lines.

The complex at Sagan, Poland, would grow to five camps containing about 10,000 allied troops. Freedom was never far from their minds, but looking back on it, Inghram can see how scary the work was for those who constructed the three tunnels, nicknamed Tom, Dick and Harry.

As many as eight diggers worked underground, breathing air pumped through powered milk cans that had vents. Small cans that once contained cheese were filled with margarine and cloth wicks for use as candles.

As the work progressed, carts were installed that allowed prisoners to roll forward and backward. The digger at the face of the tunnel slowly chipped away at the sandy earth, hoping to avoid sudden collapses. Thousands of wooden boards, many removed from the prisoners' beds, were used to reinforce the tunnel walls.

"Before we had the carts, we had to crawl up to the face of the tunnel, and the first 100 feet you crawled up, and we'd go 100 feet and then we'd put in what we called a halfway house," Inghram recalled. "Two people could sit in there and you could turn around."

Inghram and Reed were shot down on their fifth missions. At 20, Reed commanded a B-17 Flying Fortress, while Inghram flew the British-made Spitfire Mk Vbs in an American unit, the 31st Fighter Group, which the Air Force said was the first to go into combat in Europe, starting in the summer of 1942.

The men were taken to Dulag Luft, the Luftwaffe Aircrew Interrogation Center near Frankfurt, where both believe they were questioned by the same man, a graying, pleasant Luftwaffe captain who had been a car salesman in Miami before the war. Reed and Inghram found the conversations revealing. Staring out a window in one session, Reed and the captain saw an American bomber group high in the sky.

"And the interrogator said after I was looking at it for a while, just sitting there. 'You know, no matter how many of you we shoot down, the next day there are more of you up there,'" Reed said. "And at that particular point, I realized the Germans were aware of their situation." It was November 1944.

Providing cover for a Canadian unit landing on the French coast April 19, 1942, a disastrous assault known as the Dieppe Raid, Inghram bailed after a British cruiser fired on him. He didn't know how to swim, but rose to the surface after inflating his life jacket.

He floated in a dinghy for 40 hours without food or water until a German officer saved him from being shot by his captors, then joked, "Now, you have German life insurance."

Inghram, then 22, joined men from his unit who had become some of the first American POW in Europe. Taken to Stalag Luft III, he ran into one pilot everyone thought had been killed, Lt. Col. A.P. Clark, the fighter group's executive officer. Inghram also saw a buddy, 1st Lt. Ed Tovrea, who was friends with Canadian Wally Floody. Inghram and historians at a website detailing the prison camp, www.b24.net, credit Floody as the mastermind behind the tunnel network.

Clark, a 31st Fighter Group pilot who the Air Force said was captured after a crash landing, helped procure equipment used in the escape that included maps and compasses. He also obtained cameras to document a covert history of the camp.

Tovrea approached Inghram about joining a group of tunnel diggers as part of a future escape. Documents say the goal was to spirit 200 POWs out of the camp — the movie said it was 250.

"I said sure, fine, you betcha," recalled Inghram, and before long he was digging in all three tunnels. He worked from 8 a.m. until noon or so, from the spring of 1943 well into the next year.

At night, he and Tovrea talked of making their way down the Danube River in a small boat. That's just what Bronson's character and another prisoner did in the movie, rowing toward the Baltic, but all the officers in U.S. units were moved out before the breakout March 24-25, 1944.

Most of the escapees were captured in or near Sagan, which is now Zagan, according to the website. The site lists the 50 executed prisoners with their photos.

These days, Inghram and Reed chuckle at the movie's dramatization, including a scene where McQueen's character, Capt. Virgil Hilts, the "Cooler King," jumps a motorcycle over rings of razor wire in a desperate bid for Switzerland.

"It was a Hollywood production, and they didn't make it to lose money," Inghram said, laughing. "There's no such thing as Steve McQueen riding a damned motorcycle or a guy flying the airplane, James Garner. There was nobody flying an airplane ... Hell, there was no damned Cooler King."

Inghram likes to think that he and Tovrea would have made it, and he hasn't forgotten of how he dreamed of rowing downriver with his friend. Some days 72 years later, he's still amazed at the part he played.

"Every once in a while I remember," he said. "And I say, 'What in the hell was I doing down there?'"

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Police shoot 1 man, detain 2 others after Irving standoff

An overnight police standoff following an attempted home robbery in suburban Dallas has ended with one suspect shot and killed and two others taken into custody.

Police responded to a call from an Irving home around 2 a.m. Saturday, after three masked men were reported to have forced their way into a home.

Upon their arrival, one man was detained, but two others fled to a nearby location. Neighbors were ordered to shelter in place.

Police said one suspect brandished a handgun and eventually opened fire on officers.

Three officers returned fire, killing one of the suspects. No officers were reported injured.

NEW MEXICO

Off-duty Roswell police officer arrested after firing shots

ROSWELL — Roswell police say an off-duty officer has been arrested and hospitalized after showing signs of suicidal behavior.

Police said Chavez County sheriff's deputies were called Saturday around 1:30 a.m. to the home of 24-year-old Valerie Palombi.

Deputies said Palombi was on the front porch but went inside, where several gunshots were heard.

Palombi came out an hour later but refused commands to drop her handgun and approached deputies and police officers.

An officer fired beanbag rounds at Palombi, causing her to fall.

She was taken to a hospital and is listed in stable condition. She faces one count of aggravated assault on a peace officer.

She has been with the department since January 2014.

Investigators said they are treating the incident as an attempted suicide.

NEW MEXICO

Rape charges refiled against former police chief

ALBUQUERQUE — A former New Mexico police chief is again facing charges that he raped a woman while she was in police custody.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that former Jemez Springs Police Chief Shane Harger was indicted Friday on multiple charges including criminal sexual contact and kidnapping.

The case was dismissed in September because of prosecutorial errors.

The refiled charges include four additional counts of tampering with evidence and one of making a false report.

Prosecutors said the 19-year-old woman and three men were stopped by police in 2013.

She alleges Harger later raped her at the police station.

Thomas Grover, an attorney for Harger, did not immediately return a message seeking comment Saturday.

Harger was fired in February 2014 after Transportation Security Administration agents discovered he had two names.

NEW MEXICO

Former Santa Fe youth coach found guilty of molestation

SANTA FE — After a mistrial, a second jury has found a former Santa Fe youth basketball coach and foster parent guilty of molesting a 10-year-old relative.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported jurors found Sevedo Lujan guilty Friday of criminal sexual penetration and criminal sexual contact with a child under 13.

Lujan put his head in his hands as the verdict was announced.

The judge denied a defense attorney's request that Lujan remain free with electronic monitoring and ordered the 54-year-old taken into custody.

Prosecutors said Lujan and the female relative were watching TV at her mother's house in April 2012 when the suspect assaulted the girl with his hand.

A jury could not reach a verdict during Lujan's first trial in June.

He faces up to 33 years in prison.

NEW MEXICO

1 dead, 1 hurt in rollover crash in Alcalde

ALCALDE, N.M. — New Mexico State Police are investigating a rollover crash that left a man dead and a woman injured in Rio Arriba County.

Police spokesman Chad Pierce said in a release Saturday that the crash happened in Alcalde.

According to Pierce, 30-year-old Jerome Martinez was driving on State Road 68 when he lost control of the vehicle for an unknown reason just before midnight.

Authorities said the vehicle overturned several times.

Neither Martinez nor his passenger, 31-year-old Jessica Marquez, was wearing a seat belt.

Pierce said Martinez, of Hernandez, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Marquez, of Velarde, was transported to a hospital for treatment but police did not disclose the nature of her injuries. Her condition was not immediately known.

Investigators believe alcohol was a factor in the crash.

NEW MEXICO

Poet Laureate Herrera to give Albuquerque reading

ALBUQUERQUE — The first Mexican-American poet laureate of the United States is making a visit to New Mexico for a series of events.

U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera is scheduled Monday to hold an educational writer's exchange and public reading at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

A question and answer session and book signing will follow the public presentation.

Herrera, who was named poet laureate by the Library of Congress, is the son of migrant California farmworkers. He earned his master's degree at the Iowa Writers' Workshop and is author of 28 books of poetry, novels for young adults and collections for children.

His poetry books include "Half the World in Light" and "187 Reasons Mexicanos Can't Cross the Border."

PHOENIX

Man accidentally shot at Phoenix gun show

Authorities say a man was accidentally shot at a gun show in Phoenix but is expected to recover.

Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Raul Garcia said the shooting happened around 11 a.m. Saturday at the Arizona State Fairgrounds.

According to Garcia, the man's friend was looking at a semi-automatic handgun he had recently bought when it somehow discharged.

The bullet went through the man's upper torso.

He suffered injuries that weren't non-life-threatening but was taken to a hospital.

DPS is investigating.

Garcia said it is not known yet if any criminal charges will be filed.

The two men were attending the Crossroads of the West Gun Show.

Signs at the show as well as on the Crossroads website say loaded firearms are not permitted.

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Tucson bishop performs Mass for farmworkers on field

By Astrid Galvan
Associated Press

"We wanted the bishop's message to land directly to the farmworkers, ... People want to go see the bishop, ... The bishop brings people in."

Teresita Kontos, organizer

TUCSON, Ariz. — The bishop for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson led a Mass on Saturday for dozens of farmworkers on a Yuma produce field.

Catholic Diocese of Tucson Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas has been celebrating special Masses for farmworkers in southern Arizona since 2010, but this was the first time he did so on a field. About 200 people showed up 10 a.m. at the Pasquinelli Produce Company field.

The bishop decided to preach from the field to be more accessible to the farmworkers, diocese spokeswoman Steff Koeneman said. Mass is typically held at 10 a.m., by which time the laborers have already gone to work, she said.

Kicanas said the Mass is a way of honoring farmworkers and their contributions to society.

"Farmworkers are men and women who do a great service for our country and for our communities by gathering the crops that find their way to our tables.

They are workers who endure difficult circumstances and who engage in back-breaking work on our behalf," he said in a statement to The Associated Press. "During the Mass it is obvious that faith matters to them and that it is the Lord who gives them hope and encouragement to do this difficult work for their families' well-being."

The Mass lasted for about an hour, organizer Teresita Kontos said.

It has been a dream to bring the service to where people work, she said.

"We wanted the bishop's message to land directly to the farmworkers," Kontos said.

Kontos said past years have drawn more local community members than laborers because of the late morning hour but that this year the emphasis was placed on workers themselves.

"People want to go see the bishop," she said. "The bishop brings people in."

The first Mass that Kicanas hosted for farmworkers was in the Mexican border city of San Luis Río Colorado, about 25 miles south of Yuma.

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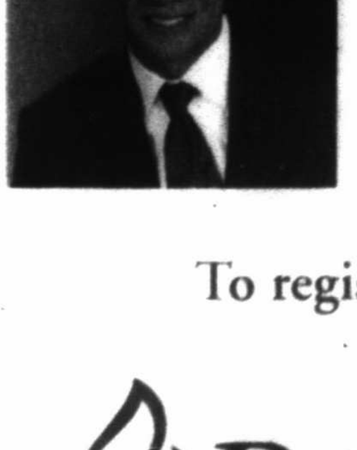

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Texas stuns No. 12 Baylor, knocking Sugar off the table

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — No. 12 Baylor's season has gone from sweet to bitter and battered.

Down to a fourth quarterback because of yet another injury, the Bears lost their Sugar Bowl chance after falling 23-17 to Texas on Saturday in their regular-season finale.

"We just have to try to salvage the year by going to a bowl game and winning the bowl game," Baylor coach Art Briles said.

A picture-perfect day on the banks of the Brazos River, which marked the final home game for 19 seniors and standout junior receiver Corey Coleman, was marred by their third loss in four games and a bench-clearing melee in the first quarter.

"The crazy part: This is probably the best Baylor team that's been here, and the record doesn't say it," said Coleman, the FBS leader with 20 TD catches who was recognized with the seniors before the game and confirmed afterward that he plans to forgo his senior season for early entry in the NFL draft.

Baylor (9-3, 6-3 Big 12) went into November undefeated after junior quarterback Seth Russell, then the top-rated FBS passer suffered a season-ending neck injury Oct. 24. Freshman Jarrett Stidham won his first start, but broke a bone in his ankle in his third one before Chris Johnson started the last two games — only to get hurt Saturday.

Even after their rain-drenched, double-overtime loss at TCU the night after Thanksgiving, the Bears were in line to be the Big 12's representative in the Sugar Bowl against an SEC team, with the expectation that league champ Oklahoma (11-1) will get into the College Football Playoff. That would now be Oklahoma State (10-2).

Tyrone Swoopes, making his first start for Texas since the opener, threw for 151 yards with a touchdown and ran for another score. The

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Texas offensive lineman Jake Raulerson (50) celebrates with wide receiver John Burt (1) after an NCAA college football game against Baylor on Saturday in Waco. Texas won 23-17.

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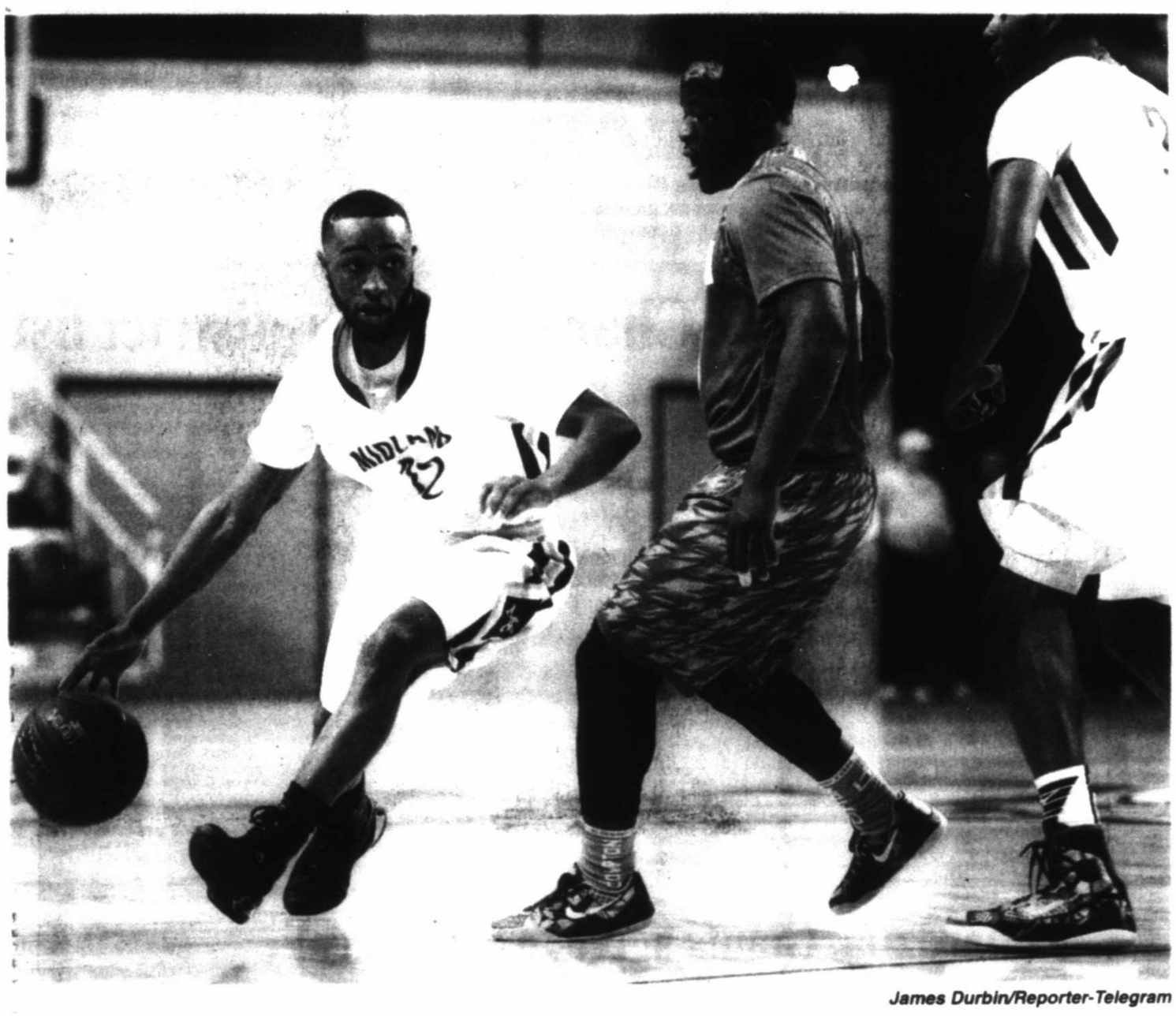

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Midland College's Bryce Ervin (12) moves the ball against Clarendon College on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

MC tops Clarendon, bounces back from ugly loss

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College men's basketball team was embarrassed after Wednesday's 89-63 loss at South Plains College. It wasn't the way the Chaparrals wanted to start Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

So, playing at Chaparral Center for the first time this season and hosting a talented and capable Clarendon College team, the Chaparrals were anxious to redeem themselves Saturday.

MC showed good enthusiasm, rebounded well and had five players score in double figures for a 99-76 victory over the Bulldogs.

"Coach just wanted us to come out here and play harder, play as a team," said 6-foot-7 freshman forward Jachai Simmons, who had a game-high 20 points to go with eight rebounds. "That's what our goal was: to come in here and play as hard as we can and, of course, protect our home court.

"It was a big win because this was our first home game, so we definitely wanted to win this one. And also because of Wednesday and the way we lost. That's not who we are. We wanted to come out and show everybody the way Midland really plays."

MC (13-2, 1-1) pushed the lead to double digits (23-13) midway through the first half thanks to a 13-3 run that was jump-started by a part of steals and

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Lady Chaparrals cruise past Clarendon College

By Oscar LeRoy
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Ever since a home loss to No. 1-ranked Salt Lake Community College late last month, the Midland College women's basketball team has been on a roll.

And the No. 11-ranked Lady Chaparrals are still not playing their best basketball of the season.

On Saturday afternoon, the Lady Chaps cruised past Clarendon College, 84-60, in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference game at Chaparral Center.

With the win, the Lady Chaps (14-2, 2-0) head into the holiday break with some momentum and are riding a five-game winning streak.

Against the Lady Bulldogs, MC not only used its size advantage, but also took advantage of a tough shooting day by Clarendon. The Lady Bulldogs (5-10, 0-2) shot just 30 percent from the floor, including a chilly 15.6 percent from 3-point range.

MC coach Ron Jones believes his team can still play better but was pleased with the win.

"I thought our effort in the first half was really good, but I thought we let up a little bit as we separated, and you never like that," Jones said. "We also played zone. We haven't been playing zone. We got some good work out of that but we also had some possessions where we can see that we have a lot more to work on. I'm very happy with the two wins this week to go to 2-0 in conference."

The Lady Chaps were led by their post players, 6-foot-1 Teneshia Dixon and 6-2 Walnatia Wright, who used their strength and height to power inside the paint. Dixon finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Wright added 17 points and 12 rebounds. Also, 6-2 Lisa Kaempf added 10 boards to go with her six points.

"I seem to think everything starts with our interior," Jones said. "We score inside. If we're

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Ward leads No. 17 Houston to 24-13 win over No. 20 Temple

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tom Herman came to Houston after helping Ohio State to a national championship last season with designs on returning the Cougars to national prominence.

Less than a year later the coach has done exactly that, leading No. 17 Houston to a high-profile bowl for the first time in more than 20 years with a 24-13 win over 20th-ranked Temple in the inaugural American Athletic Conference championship game on Saturday.

Greg Ward, Jr. ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns to secure Houston's spot as the Group of Five representative and earn the Cougars a trip to either the Peach Bowl or Fiesta Bowl.

"Just an overwhelming sense of pride in our guys and our team," said Herman, who came to Houston after working as the offensive coordinator for the Buckeyes. "None of this would be possible without the leaders in that locker room buying in from Day 1 and dragging the rest of the team with them."

Ward raved about Herman and his staff.

"This program has gone through a lot before coach Herman came in," he said. "When coach Herman first came in we knew he had a plan ... we are just very happy and fortunate that we have those guys with us."

Houston (12-1) jumped to a 17-0 lead with the help of two turnovers by Temple, one capped by a 47-yard touchdown run by Ward.

Temple (10-3) had a chance to get within a touchdown early in the fourth quarter, but Jeremy Winchester knocked down a pass in the end zone and the Owls settled for a field goal that made it 24-13.

They had two more chances to cut the deficit after that, but were stopped on fourth down both times.

P.J. Walker threw for 287 yards with a touchdown and interception and Robby Anderson had a season-high 150 yards receiving for the Owls, who are heading to a bowl for the first time since 2011.

"This isn't deflating," Temple coach Matt Rhule said. "This is one of the most positive days in Temple football history. I wish we would have won, but we got down, and our kids fought back. Disappointed, yes, but we are going to play in a bowl game."

Fans rushed the field after the game, making a sea of red surrounding the stage they brought out onto the field to present the championship trophy.

Herman helped the Cougars to their second 12-win season and first since they went 13-1 in 2011 under former coach Kevin Sumlin and quarterback Case Keenum.

He hopes it raises Houston's status among the elite schools in Texas.

"If you want to go somewhere and win a whole bunch of games and win trophies and get rings ... the University of Houston is certainly a place to do that," Herman said.

Ward's day gave him 1,041 yards rushing this season, making him the first quarterback in school history to rush for

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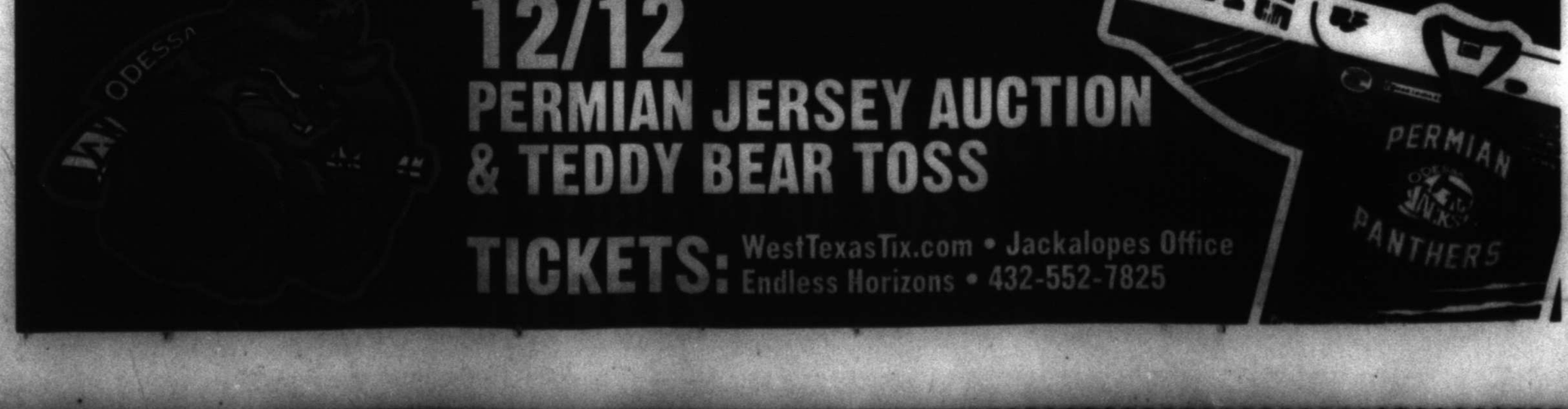

DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

TV

Golf

PGA: Hero World Challenge, Final Round, 11 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Hero World Challenge, Final Round, 1 p.m., NBC

Men's College Basketball

St. Francis [NY] at St. John's, 10 a.m., FS1

VCU vs Florida State, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Colorado at Colorado State, 1 p.m., ROOT

Portland State at Washington State, 3 p.m., P12/P12 WA

Davidson at North Carolina, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Vanderbilt at Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Long Beach State at UCLA, 8 p.m., P12/P12 LA

Cal State Fullerton at Washington, 8 p.m., P12 WA

Men's Soccer

Serie A: Bologna 1909 vs SSC Napoli, 5:20 a.m., beIN/beIN2

FA Cup: Rochdale AFC vs Bury FC, 5:50 a.m., FSP

Serie A: Fiorentina vs Udinese Calcio, 7:50 a.m., beIN

FA Cup: Welling United vs Carlisle United, 7:50 a.m., FSP

Bundesliga: VfB Stuttgart vs Werder Bremen, 8:30 a.m., FS2/FXDEP

La Liga: Villarreal vs Rayo Vallecano, 8:50 a.m., beIN2

French Ligue 1: Girondins de Bordeaux vs Guingamp, 9:50 a.m., beIN

English Premier: Newcastle vs Liverpool, 10 a.m., NBCSN/TELE

Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt vs Darmstadt, 10:30 a.m., FS2/FXDEP

Serie A: Sampdoria vs Sassuolo Calcio, 10:50 a.m., beIN2

Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 2: Pumas de la U.N.A.M. vs Club America, 11:50 a.m., UNIV/UDN

Uruguay: Penarol vs Juventud, 1 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Athletic Club de Bilbao vs Malaga CF, 1:25 p.m., beIN2

Serie A: Carpi 1909 vs AC Milan, 1:40 p.m., beIN

MLS Cup: Portland at Columbus, 3 p.m., ESPN/UniMas/UDN

Brazil: Goias vs Sao Paulo, 3 p.m., GolTV

Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 2: Deportivo Toluca vs Tigres U.A.N.L., 5:50 p.m., UDN

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Washington, 5 p.m., FSSW

National Football League

Houston at Buffalo, Noon, CBS

Seattle at Minnesota, Noon, FOX

Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m., FOX

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League

Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 7 p.m., NHL

Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m., NHL

Rodeo

2015 Wrangler National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

Skiing

Audi Birds of Prey, 4 p.m., NBC

Women's College Basketball

Ohio State at Cincinnati, Noon, CBSSN

Duke at South Carolina, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Virginia Tech at Tennessee, 1 p.m., SEC

Penn State at USF, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Michigan at Princeton, 3 p.m., ESPN2

Oklahoma at Washington, 5:30 p.m., P12/P12 WA

Women's Soccer

NCAA College Cup: Final, 11 a.m., ESPNU

CONCACAF U20 Championship: Mexico vs Haiti, 5 p.m., FSP

Friendly: USA vs Trinidad & Tobago, 7 p.m., FS1

CONCACAF U20 Championship: Panama vs USA, 7:30 p.m., FSP

RADIO

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Washington, 5 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

National Football League

Houston at Buffalo, Noon, KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB Justin Bethel to a three-year contract extension.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released OT Marcel Jones from the practice squad. Signed DB Nick Perry to the practice squad.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released C Gabe Ikard. Signed RB Mike Gillislee from the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived CB Chris Lewis-Harris. Signed CB Troy Hill from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived OL Damian Miller. Signed WR Darius Jennings from the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed RB Toby Gerhart on injured reserve. Signed WR Rashad Lawrence from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived CB Leon McFadden. Signed LB James Morris from the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived LB Shayne Skov. Activated OL Daniel Kilgore from the PUP list.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Placed WR Paul Richardson on injured reserve. Signed RB DuJuan Harris from the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived-injured S Trenton Robinson. Signed LB Carlos Fields from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS — Assigned RW Brett Ritchie to Texas (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — D Richard Nedomlel from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

EDMONTON OILERS — Recalled LW Ryan Hamilton from Bakersfield (AHL) on a emergency loass.

MINNESOTA WILD — Assigned F Raphael Bussieres from Iowa (AHL) to Quad City (ECHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Reassigned G Scott Wedgewood from Adirondack (ECHL) to Albany (AHL) and Ken Appleby from Albany to Adirondack.

American Hockey League

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned D Derek Dodsen to Toledo (ECHL).

TORONTO MARLIES — Recalled G Rob Madore from Orlando (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Idaho F Rob Linsmayer, Allen F Dyson Stevenson and Rapid City D Brian O'Rourke one game.

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Loaned F Zach Budish to Milwaukee (AHL).

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Added G Bobby Fowler as emergency backup.

COLLEGE

BAYLOR — WR Corey Coleman will enter the NFL draft.

NORTH CAROLINA — Agreed to terms with football coach Larry Fedora on a seven-year contract.

SYRACUSE — Named Dino Babers football coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	28	19	6	3	41	94	63
Detroit	27	15	8	4	34	71	69
Ottawa	26	14	7	5	33	85	77
Florida	26	13	9	4	30	67	62
Boston	24	13	8	3	29	79	72
Tampa Bay	26	12	11	3	27	61	59
Buffalo	26	11	12	3	25	63	69
Toronto	27	9	13	5	23	61	74

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	25	18	5	2	38	79	55
N.Y. Rangers	27	17	7	3	37	76	57
N.Y. Islanders	23	15	8	5	35	78	67
Pittsburgh	25	14	9	2	30	60	60
New Jersey	26	13	10	3	29	65	64
Philadelphia	27	11	11	5	27	54	74
Columbus	28	11	16	1	23	66	81
Carolina	26	9	13	4	22	54	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	27	20	5	2	42	93	70
St. Louis	27	15	8	4	34	68	67
Minnesota	25	14	7	4	32	69	62
Nashville	26	13	8	5	31	69	69
Chicago	26	13	9	4	30	71	68
Winnipeg	27	13	12	2	28	75	82
Colorado	27	11	15	1	23	75	80

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	25	16	8	1	33	65	54
San Jose	25	14	11	0	28	67	64
Arizona	26	13	12	1	27	70	80
Vancouver	27	12	10	5	29	72	75
Anaheim	27	10	12	5	25	53	67
Calgary	26	10	14	2	22	65	94
Edmonton	27	10	15	2	22	67	80

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

Scores & schedule

Saturday's Scores

Winnipeg 2, Washington 1, OT
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 3
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Detroit 5, Nashville 4, OT
Carolina 3, Montreal 2
Toronto 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Columbus 4, Philadelphia 1
Minnesota 3, Colorado 0
Boston at Vancouver, late
Tampa Bay at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Arizona at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 4 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

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Sunday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at CHICAGO	7½	7	(43)	SanFrancisco
Cincinnati	7	9	(43½)	at CLEVELAND
at TENNESSEE	2½	2	(43½)	Jacksonville
at BUFFALO	6½	3	(41½)	Houston
at MIAMI	6½	3½	(42)	Baltimore
Carolina	4½	6½	(49½)	at NEW ORLEANS
Seattle	1	2	(42½)	at MINNESOTA
Arizona	6	4	(43)	at ST.LOUIS
at TAMPA BAY	+1½	1	(46)	Atlanta
NY Jets	+1	2½	(46½)	at NY GIANTS
Denver	6½	3½	(43½)	at SAN DIEGO
Kansas City	2½	3	(44½)	at OAKLAND
at NEW ENGLAND	10	7½	(49)	Philadelphia
at PITTSBURGH	6	7½	(49)	Indianapolis
		Monday		
at WASHINGTON	3½	4	(41½)	Dallas

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/11

Pajarito — Sat 8-12 am machine groomed 10-10 base 3 of 44 trails, 7% open 1 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Fri 6:42 am machine groomed 25-30 base 11 of 57 trails 19% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/19

Sipapu — Sat 8:01 am machine groomed 18-18 base 21 of 42 trails, 50% open 85 acres, 4 of 6 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat-Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 6:16 pm machine groomed 9-27 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 1:23 pm packed powder machine groomed 28-36 base 77 of 79 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Sat 8:54 am machine groomed 21-21 base 31 of 113 trails, 27% open 500 acres, 7 of 15 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 7:54 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 33 of 109 trails 30% open, 339 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/12

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:25 am packed powder machine groomed 17-18 base 52 of 76 trails 68% open, 520 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sat 5:39 am 1 new machine groomed 21-21 base 87 of 150 trails, 58% open, 1060 acres, 18 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Bradenridge — Sat 5:30 am machine groomed 24-24 base 40 of 187 trails 23% open, 665 acres, 10 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/12

Copper — Sat 12:06 am packed powder machine groomed 14-20 base 39 of 29 trails, 100% open 26 miles, 400 acres, 9 of 4 lifts, Sat/Sun: 8a-4p Open Sat/Sun

Copper Mountain — Sat 1:22 pm 2 new powder machine groomed 22-28 base 47 of 143 trails, 33% open, 491 acres, 8 of 23 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

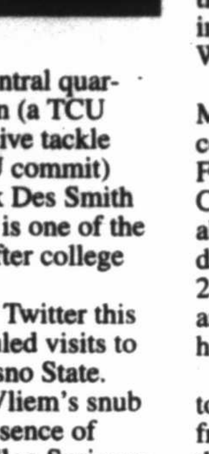
Crested Butte — Sat 7:20 am machine groomed 23-23 base 33 of 121 trails 27% open, 200 acres, 6 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10

Eldora — Sat 8:55 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 29 of 53 trails, 55% open 6 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Sat 5:28 am machine groomed 24-24 base 76 of 131 trails 79% open, 2085 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Midland High's Vliem and Youngblood are notable All-District selection snubs



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The District 3-6A football coaches have spoken with their votes, and Midland High apparently didn't have any all-district first-team-quality players this season.

The Bulldogs were the only District 3-6A team that didn't land a first-teamer on this year's All-District 3-6A football team that was released to the media on Monday.

Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central, the co-district champions, were represented by a combined 13 players in the district's superlatives and first team. Third-place Abilene High had seven honorees, while last-place Odessa High had one.

Lee, who finished in a fourth-place tie with Midland High, had five players recognized on the first team.

MHS, though, defeated Lee 28-9 in the final game of the regular season to earn the district's fourth and final postseason berth.

Despite that timely win, Midland High had, at best, a mediocre season, finishing with a 4-7 overall mark and 2-3 record in district.

The Bulldogs were beset by injuries and inconsistency as 18 varsity players missed two or more games according to head coach Craig Yenzer.

Even though MHS had its struggles, defensive end Traver Vliem and inside linebacker Jack Youngblood had strong enough résumés to earn first-team honors as seniors.

I thought it was a foregone conclusion that Youngblood and Vliem would make it.

Vliem earned second-team honors even though the 6-foot-3, 238-pound lineman developed a reputation for wreaking havoc behind the line of scrimmage, finishing the season with 18 tackles for loss.

Vliem, along with Central quarterback Brennen Wooten (a TCU commit), Central offensive tackle Braxton Webb (an SMU commit) and Permian cornerback Des Smith (a Texas Tech commit), is one of the district's most sought-after college recruits among seniors.

Vliem announced via Twitter this week that he has scheduled visits to Central Florida and Fresno State.

One explanation for Vliem's snub might have been the presence of junior defensive end Dillon Springer on the other side of the line. Springer was a force in his own right, dominating the line in the Odessa High game, which might have caused the tandem to split votes among the five district coaches other than Yenzer. Coaches can't vote for their own players, only nominate them.

Youngblood didn't even garner enough support for a second-team selection, much less a first-team nod, instead being named to the district's honorable mention list.

Youngblood was a tackling machine that was all over the field, recording 124 total stops and five sacks. Youngblood recorded more than 10 tackles per game in a stretch of six games, which included three district affairs.

As of Saturday, Youngblood ranked in the top 25 in total tackles among all Class 6A linebackers in the state according to MaxPreps' statistical leaders list.

While the 6-foot linebacker had a nose for the football, Yenzer said that Youngblood faced stiff competition at the linebacker position that included Defensive MVP Ronnell Wilson of Abilene High.

Yenzer believed injuries affected Midland High's chances for district consideration more than anything. For example, MHS wide receiver Courtney McMaryion was arguably as good as any wideout in the district, but the junior was limited to 2 1/2 district contests because of an ankle injury. McMaryion made the honorable mention offense.

In any sport, all-district teams tend to be over-represented by players from the top performing teams, and that was the case in this latest football honor roll.

Even though that's the way of the land in all-district voting, the head coaches watch the game film of their opponents so they know which players they need to game plan around in their preparation, even amongst the teams in the bottom half of the standings.

Yes, Midland High had a rough season, but it's not too much to ask that its two most deserving players get proper recognition for their on-field achievements.

Vliem and Youngblood stood out amongst the crowd in District 3-6A this year.

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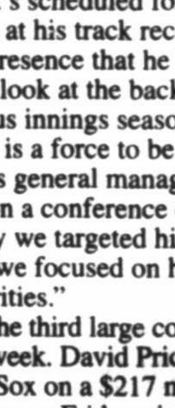
Baiano leads 7 Chargers on all-district list

From staff reports



Baiano

Vincent Baiano headlined a group of seven Trinity players that were recognized on the first team of the TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 All-District Team that was released recently.

Baiano, the Chargers senior quarterback, shared Co-Most Valuable Player honors with Bradley Ruiz of Watauga Harvest.

Baiano was also recognized as a first-team quarterback and first-team defensive back.

Wide receiver Peter Rodenko, tight end Peyton Harrington, center Daniel Webb and kicker Chesley McDonald represented Trinity on the first team offense.

Chargers defensive lineman Jaycree Webbs and linebacker Christopher Picciano joined teammate Baiano on the first team defense.

TAPPS SIX-MAN DIVISION I, DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT Superlatives

Co-Most Valuable Players — Vincent Baiano, Sr., Trinity; Bradley Ruiz, Sr., Watauga Harvest

First team offense

Quarterback — Vincent Baiano, Sr., Trinity
Running backs — Dylan Wells, Sr., Rockwall Heritage; Alex Chambers, Sr., Watauga Harvest
Spread back — Bradley Ruiz, Sr., Watauga Harvest
Utility back — Aaron Morales, Sr., Red Oak Ovilla
Wide receivers — Peter Rodenko, Sr., Trinity; Nicholas Bulbany, Sr., Watauga Harvest; Kahari Nash, So., Dallas Lutheran
Tight end — Peyton Harrington, Sr., Trinity
Center — Daniel Webb, So., Trinity
Offensive lineman — Jon Crisp, Sr., Abilene Christian
Kicker — Chesley McDonald, Fr., Trinity

First team defense

Defensive linemen — Jacyree Webbs, Sr., Trinity; Cody Worth, Sr., Rockwall Heritage; Josh Beck, Sr., Watauga Harvest
Linebackers — Christopher Picciano, Jr., Trinity; Tyler Treadway, Jr., Rockwall Heritage; Alex Chambers, Sr., Watauga Harvest
Defensive backs — Vincent Baiano, Sr., Trinity; Bradley Ruiz, Sr., Watauga Harvest; Aaron Morales, Sr., Red Oak Ovilla; Peyton Harrington, Sr., Trinity

Second team offense

Quarterback — Christian Pettit, Jr., Rockwall Heritage
Running backs — Isaiah Sampson, Fr., Dallas Lutheran; Lucas Glenn, So., Red Oak Ovilla
Spread back — Dale Bruton, Sr., Abilene Christian
Utility back — Tyler Treadway, Jr., Rockwall Heritage
Wide receivers — Lucas McNeill, Sr., Abilene Christian; Zach Fitch, Jr., Red Oak Ovilla; Brendan Schroepfer, Jr., Rockwall Heritage
Tight end — Caydon Wright, Jr., Watauga Harvest
Center — Sam Jones, Sr., Rockwall Heritage
Offensive lineman — Tyler Ruby, Sr., Rockwall Heritage
Kicker — Bradley Ruiz, Sr., Watauga Harvest
Special teams — Aaron Morales, Sr., Red Oak Ovilla

Second team defense

Defensive linemen — Zach Fitch, Jr., Red Oak Ovilla; Cade Lawson, So., Trinity; Christian Pettit, Jr., Rockwall Heritage
Linebackers — Lucas Glenn, So., Red Oak Ovilla; Wyatt Evans, Jr., Trinity; Cody Patterson, Sr., Dallas Lutheran
Defensive backs — Brendan Schroepfer, Jr., Rockwall Heritage; John "Ryan" Ruiz, Jr., Watauga Harvest; Cade Allbright, So., Red Oak Ovilla; Logan O'Brien, Jr., Dallas Lutheran

Honorable mention offense

Trinity players listed only

Utility back — Treydan Seay, So.
Kicker — John Stevens, Jr.

Samardzija, Giants agree to $90M deal

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants landed a top-tier starter to complement ace Madison Bumgarner, agreeing with free agent Jeff Samardzija on a $90 million, five-year contract Saturday a day after losing out on Zack Greinke.

The club said the deal will be formally announced once Samardzija passes a physical that's scheduled for Tuesday.

"You look at his track record, you look at the presence that he brings to the mound, you look at the back-to-back-to-back 200-plus innings seasons, you realize that this guy is a force to be reckoned with," Giants general manager Bobby Evans said on a conference call. "There's a reason why we targeted him. There's a reason why we focused on him as one of our top priorities."

This was the third large contract for a pitcher this week. David Price joined the Boston Red Sox on a $217 million, seven-year deal, then on Friday night Greinke chose the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Giants and three-time defending NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers, his former team. Sources told The Associated Press he agreed to a $206.5 million, six-year deal.

When asked whether seeing Greinke join the D-Backs over the rival Dodgers, Evans quipped: "Victory would have been the American League or Japan."

Evans said there was never a notion that the Giants and Dodgers were the only clubs competing for Greinke.

Samardzija won 11 games this year for the Chicago White Sox for his first double-digit victory total in eight major league seasons, going 11-13 with a 4.96 ERA in 32 starts. The 30-year-old right-hander spent the second half of the 2014 season pitching in the Bay Area with the Oakland Athletics following his trade from the Chicago Cubs. The 214 innings in 2015 were the second-highest total of his career.

"This guy's a horse, even in tough times in what they were doing in Chicago, he still put 200-plus innings on the board," Evans said. "His numbers may be affected by the third place he's pitched in two years. There may be some mechanical adjustments he needs to make."

Samardzija receives a $3 million signing bonus to be paid out soon, plus an additional $6 million to be spread over the final four years of the deal in installments of $1.5 million each. He has a limited no-trade clause that gives the pitcher the ability to name eight teams to which he would accept a trade.

His 2016 salary will be $9 million, then $18 million in each of the following four years plus the $1.5 million from the signing bonus.

The Giants won the World Series in 2010, '12 and '14 but missed the playoffs in the odd years, including this past season. A top priority this offseason was to build their rotation behind Bumgarner, the 2014 World Series MVP.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GLANCE

SATURDAY RESULTS

CLASS 6A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Allen 48, Denton Ryan 27
Austin Westlake 49, Humble Atascocita 28
Converse Judson 38, Smithson Valley 24
Galena Park North Shore 45, Dickinson 14

CLASS 6A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Cibolo Steele 35, Schertz Clemens 14
Lake Travis 45, Rockwall 24
Mansfield 44, Denton Guyer 7

CLASS 5A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Aledo 28, Canyon Randall 14

CLASS 5A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Fort Bend Ridge Point 38, Angleton 35
Lake Dallas 41, Everman 38

CLASS 3A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Mineola 45, Sunnyvale 28

CLASS 2A Division I

State Quarterfinal

Canadian 31, Stratford 0

CLASS 2A Division II

State Quarterfinal

Seagraves 45, Memphis 14

CLASS 1A Division I

Crowell 66, Bordan County 40

CLASS 1A Division II

State Semifinal

Follett 44, Imperial Buena Vista 38
Richland Springs 58, Guthrie 12

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Division I

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Plano Prestonwood 32, Dallas Bishop Dunne 27

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"Going into the break 2-0 in conference is definitely a confidence boost for us. We definitely wanted the break, but we focused on this game today and we came out with a win."

Morgan Ashton, sophomore guard

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doubled, we kick it out. We just have to work together."

Morgan Ashton added 10 for the Lady Chaps.

With her team being off for the next month because of the holiday break, Ashton said it's good to take some momentum into the layoff.

"Going into the break 2-0 in conference is definitely a confidence boost for us," said the sophomore guard and Midland Christian grad. "We definitely wanted the break, but we focused on this game today and we came out with a win."

Ja'lee Carver had 12 points and Ralonda Lewis had 11 for the Lady Bulldogs.

Jones said the Lady Chaps may not play again until Jan. 6 against Ranger College as Southwest Texas Junior College is likely to cancel the Jan. 4 game at Chaparral Center because of a lack of available players.

WJCAC women's basketball standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	2	0	14	2
New Mexico JC	2	0	14	2
Howard College	1	0	11	4
South Plains	1	1	9	4
Western Texas	0	1	10	3
Frank Phillips	0	1	4	5
Odessa College	0	1	10	3
Clarendon College	0	2	5	10

Saturday's Scores

Midland College 84, Clarendon College 60; South Plains College 84, Frank Phillips College 52; New Mexico Junior College 66, Western Texas College 58; Cisco College 57, Howard College 45; Odessa College was open.

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NO. 11 MIDLAND COLLEGE 84, CLARENDON COLLEGE 60

Clarendon College (5-10, 0-2) — Tierra Roberson 2-8 0-0 4, Shanee Bailey 0-7 0-0 0, Danielle Walters 2-5 2-2 6, Mykhaela Tolds 2-6 1-2 7, Ja'lee Carver 5-18 0-0 12, Harris 1-1 0-0 2, Ralonda Lewis 5-12 0-0 11, Diesha Clark 1-8 3-4 5, Amy Alfeld 3-9 0-2 6, Alesha Higgins 1-2 1-1 3, Teraye Gillum 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 24-86 7-11 60

Midland College (14-2, 2-0) — Morgan Ashton 2-4 6-6 12, Tae'lor Hodge 0-0 0-2 2, Sierra Dixon 3-10 0-0 9, Toni Taylor 1-2 0-0 3, Valentine Zambelli 2-6 0-0 6, Tichina Coleman 1-3 1-2 3, Walnatia Wright 6-10 5-10 17, Bayli Bowles 1-3 0-0 2, Kayla Bretherton 2-5 3-4 7, Teneshia Dixon 8-12 3-6 19, Thabitha Dwumfor 0-2 0-0 0, Lisa Kaempf 2-10 2-4 6. Totals 28-67 20-34 84

Clarendon College	13	12	16	19	—60
Midland College	21	31	18	14	—84

3-point goals — CC 5-32 (Carver 2-12, Tolds 2-4, Lewis 1-2, Bailey 0-3, Walters 0-1, Alfeld 0-4), MC 8-32 (S. Dixon 3-7, Zambelli 2-5, Ashton 2-3, Taylor 1-2, Bretherton 0-2, Kaempf 0-1). Total fouls — CC 23, MC 15. Fouled out — Roberson. Rebounds — CC 37 (Three with 4), MC 67 (Wright 12, Kaempf 10). Assists — CC 10 (Carver 4), MC 19 (Taylor 4). Turnovers — CC 14, MC 25.

Next: Midland College, TBA

MC

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layups from Daeshon Francis and James McPherson.

MC took a 47-37 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs (10-3, 1-1) did not go away easily in the second half, thanks in part to Arta Turner, who had 12 of his 14 points in the second half. Clarendon also pulled to within 62-56 on a layup by Fa'Teem Glenn, who led his team with 20 points.

However, the Chaps responded with a 15-5 to push the lead back up to 77-61.

"I think our attitude was good but I don't think our effort was great," MC coach Jordan Dreiling said. "We gave up 16 offensive rebounds in a game where we probably shouldn't have given up half that. We need to continue to get better with our effort.

"The chemistry was good and obviously offensively it looked that way. But defensively, we lack the toughness and ruggedness that we need night in and night out in this league. When we get back from Christmas, we really need to work on that and understanding how tough you have to be to compete in league."

In addition to Simmons' big night, Travan Coad added 18 points, Francis had 16, Austin Dasent had 13 and Norbertas "Gee" Giga chipped in with 12 for the Chaps.

The Chaps are now off until Jan. 3 when they play coach Billy Gillispie's Ranger College team in Brownwood.

Dreiling said his team should be hungry for more when it returns from the break.

"First, we need to finish finals strong and then go home with the mentality that we're going to have to work so much harder at being consistent," he said. "We have to hold each other accountable, and we will. We will."

WJCAC men's basketball standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa College	2	0	12	2
South Plains	2	0	8	4
Midland College	1	1	13	2
Clarendon College	1	1	10	3
Frank Phillips	1	1	11	4
New Mexico JC	1	1	10	4
Howard College	0	1	8	5
Western Texas	0	1	7	5
NMMI	0	2	5	6

Saturday's Scores

Midland College 99, Clarendon College 76; South Plains College 83, Frank Phillips College 79; New Mexico Junior College 77, Western Texas College 60; Odessa College 84, New Mexico Military Institute 64; Howard College was open.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 99, CLARENDON COLLEGE 76

Clarendon College (10-3, 1-1) — Arta Turner 4-13 3-4 14, James Kirksey 6-14 2-3 14, Fa'Teem Glenn 8-20 2-2 20, Jonathan 0-1 0-0 0, Jordan Parker 3-8 2-2 9, Myron Morgan 0-1 0-0 0, Tighe Oberg 0-1 0-0 0, Narcisse Kalamba 3-8 1-3 8, Kevin Pritchard 4-11 0-0 11, Erick Nyberg 0-0 0-0 0, Marquise Bryson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-77 10-14 76

Midland College (13-2, 1-1) — William Tchiengang 3-4 0-0 6, Jachai Simmons 8-14 4-4 20, Kendall Rollins 1-1 0-0 3, Dylan Cham 0-0 0-0 0, Austin Dasent 5-9 1-1 13, Bryce Ervin 0-2 1-4 1, Solomon Hainna 0-2 1-2 1, Norbertas Giga 4-8 4-5 12, Travan Coad 5-7 8-7 18, James McPherson 3-5 2-2 9, Daeshon Francis 5-8 5-7 16. Totals 34-60 24-32

Halftime — MC 47, CC 37. 3-point goals — CC 10-38 (Turner 3-10, Pritchard 3-9, Glenn 2-11, Kalamba 1-4, Parker 1-4), MC 7-20 (Dasent 2-7, Coad 2-4, Rollins 1-1, McPherson 1-3, Francis 1-2, Ervin 0-1, Simmons 0-3). Total fouls — CC 23, MC 19. Fouled out — Parker, Kirksey. Technical fouls — Glenn, Kirksey. Rebounds — CC 34 (Parker 8), MC 49 (Simmons 8, Dasent 8, Giga 8). Assists — CC 13 (Kirksey 4, Glenn 4). Turnovers — MC 8, CC 16.

Next: Midland College vs. Ranger College at Brownwood, 6 p.m. Jan. 3

COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

NO. 3 MICHIGAN STATE 76 BINGHAMTON 33

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Denzel Valentine had 13 points and 12 rebounds and Bryn Forbes scored 14 points as No. 3 Michigan State rolled over Binghamton 76-33 on Saturday.

The Spartans (9-0) stormed to a 41-12 halftime lead, shooting 15 of 29 from the field, and holding cold-shooting Binghamton (2-5) to 4 of 31. For the game, Michigan State was 30 of 65 and the Bearcats were 10 of 60.

NO. 4 KANSAS 75 HARVARD 69

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Frank Mason III scored 21 points and Perry Ellis added 12 for Kansas.

Devonte' Graham also had 12 points for the Jayhawks (6-1).

NO. 5 DUKE 82 BUFFALO 59

DURHAM, N.C. — Freshman Brandon Ingram scored 23 points and Grayson Allen finished with 22 points and a career-best 11 rebounds for Duke.

Amile Jefferson had 13 points for the Blue Devils (8-1), who won their sixth straight despite some offensive struggles: Duke never trailed but shot a season-worst 40.7 percent and matched a season low with five 3-pointers.

NO. 10 VIRGINIA 67 WILLIAM & MARY 52

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Anthony Gill and Malcolm Brogdon scored 16 points each and Virginia won its sixth straight.

Darius Thompson added 12 points for the Cavaliers (7-1), who beat the Tribe for the 10th consecutive time.

William & Mary (5-3), which had suffered its first two losses by a total of five points, was led by Daniel Dixon with 15 points and Omar Prewitt with 14.

The Tribe lost the turnover battle 19-6, and their giveaways led to 20 points for Virginia. William & Mary scored just two points off six Virginia turnovers.

NO. 11 PURDUE 70 NEW MEXICO 58

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Seven-foot-two Isaac Haas scored 21 points and 7-footer A.J. Hammons added 16 for Purdue.

The Boilermakers improved to 8-0 for the first time since the 2009-10 team won 14 straight at the start of the season.

New Mexico (5-2), which got 21 points from Elijah Brown and 16 from Cullen Neal, had no answer for the Boilermakers' 7-footers in the second half when Hammons scored 14 and Haas added nine.

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Michigan State's Marvin Clark Jr. (15) and Binghamton's Dusan Perovic, left, and Willie Rodriguez reach for a rebound during the second half Saturday in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State won 76-33.

NO. 12 XAVIER 95 WESTERN KENTUCKY 64

CINCINNATI — Trevon Bluiett matched his career high with 21 points and Xavier beat Western Kentucky to extend the Musketeers' best start in four years.

James Farr also had a career-high 18 points for Xavier (8-0), which used its balance and front-line advantage to hold a comfortable lead most of the way. The Musketeers had a 40-32 edge in rebounds, with Bluiett getting 10 as part of this third career double-double.

NO. 19 ARIZONA 68 NO. 13 GONZAGA 63

SPOKANE, Wash. — Gabe York scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half and Allonzo Trier added 14 as Arizona rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit.

The Wildcats rallied to hand Gonzaga (5-2) its first nonconference home loss since falling to Illinois in 2012.

GEORGETOWN 79 NO. 14 SYRACUSE 72

WASHINGTON — Bradley Hayes scored a career-high 21 points and Georgetown beat Syracuse in the first game of coach Jim Boeheim's nine-game NCAA suspension.

Syracuse lost its second straight in the first meeting between the schools since Syracuse left the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference after the 2012-13 season.

NO. 20 WEST VIRGINIA 87 KENNESAW ST. 54

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Devin Williams had 26 points and nine rebounds and Jonathan Holton had 17 points and nine rebounds for West Virginia.

The victory was the first for the Mountaineers (7-0) since being ranked for the first time this season in The Associated Press Top 25.

NO. 21 MIAMI 88 CHARLOTTE 60

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Seven reserves combined for 35 points to help Miami/

The Hurricanes (7-1) raced to a 40-10 lead after 16 minutes. The 49ers (1-7) lost their fourth straight.

NO. 22 SMU 98 NEW HAMPSHIRE 44

DALLAS (— Keith Frazier scored 20 of his 23 points in the first half to lead SMU.

Frazier matched his career-high in scoring and broke his career record for 3-pointers in a game before halftime with five. He finished 6 for 10 from behind the arc and grabbed a season-high eight rebounds.

NO. 23 PROVIDENCE 74 RHODE ISLAND 72

KINGSTON, R.I. — Ben Bentil tipped in Kris Dunn's missed shot at the buzzer to lift Providence past Rhode Island.

Bentil finished with 23 points and eight rebounds to help the Friars (8-1) beat the Rams (5-3) for the sixth straight time. Rodney Bullock added 16 points on 6-of-9 shooting, and Dunn had 15 points, five rebounds and five assists.

NO. 24 LOUISVILLE 111 GRAND CANYON 63

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Damion Lee matched his season-high with 24 points and Trey Lewis added 16 as Louisville used a 26-3 first-half run to pull away.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Scores

SOUTHWEST

Missouri St. 64, Oklahoma St. 63
Oral Roberts 70, Tulsa 68
Rice 93, St. Edward's 72
S. Illinois 95, North Texas 63
SMU 98, New Hampshire 44
Stephen F. Austin 66, Texas Southern 62
TCU 76, Colgate 49
Texas A&M-CC 47, Texas St. 39
Texas-Arlington 76, UTEP 62

MIDWEST

Ashland 57, Ferris St. 51
Augsburg 79, Gustavus 70
Augustana (SD) 104, Concordia (St. P.) 66
Ball St. 66, New Orleans 52
Bethel (Minn.) 75, Concordia (Moor.) 66
Bowling Green 75, Drake 63
Buena Vista 96, Wis.-Stout 80
Butler 85, Indiana St. 71
Calvin 79, Wheaton (Ill.) 66
Carleton 67, St. Thomas (Minn.) 66
Cornerstone 94, Michigan-Dearborn 78
Dayton 86, North Florida 71
DePaul 96, Chicago St. 72
Detroit 76, Northeastern 73
E. Illinois 79, N. Kentucky 73, OT
Hillsdale 79, Ohio Dominican 55
Hope 93, Carthage 83
IUPUI 78, Miami (Ohio) 64
Illinois 80, W. Carolina 68
Indiana 92, Morehead St. 59
Indiana Tech 77, Concordia (Mich.) 63
Iowa 95, UMKC 75
Kansas 75, Harvard 69
Kent St. 66, Cleveland St. 62
Lake Erie 84, Grand Valley St. 78
Lake Superior St. 76, Wayne (Mich.) 61
Lawrence 77, Illinois College 67
Loyola of Chicago 68, Creighton 65
Marquette 104, Maine 67
Michigan 82, Houston Baptist 57
Michigan St. 76, Binghamton 33
Minn. Duluth 74, Bemidji St. 67
Minn. St.-Mankato 76, Wayne (Neb.) 59
Minn. St.-Moorhead 98, Mary 81
Minn.-Morris 109, Crown (Minn.) 105
Missouri Valley 69, Baker 66
Mount Vernon Nazarene 67, Spring Arbor 59
N. Michigan 68, Malone 67
Nebraska 73, Abilene Christian 63
North Central (Minn.) 85, Northland 75
North Dakota 65, Bradley 59, 2OT
Northern St. (SD) 87, Minot St. 80
Northwestern 81, SIU-Edwardsville 56
Northwood (Mich.) 75, Findlay 56
Ohio St. 89, VMI 62
Park 72, Lyon 58
Purdue 70, New Mexico 58
Ripon 67, Cornell (Iowa) 52
SW Minnesota St. 87, Upper Iowa 81
Saginaw Valley St. 87, Tiffin 73
South Dakota 85, Minnesota 81, 2OT
St. Cloud St. 97, Minn.-Crookston 68
St. John's (Minn.) 72, St. Olaf 68
St. Mary's (Minn.) 85, Macalester 70
St. Scholastica 103, Bethany Lutheran 88
UAB 74, Illinois St. 61
Viterbo 77, Luther 76, OT
Walsh 83, Michigan Tech 71
Wichita St. 68, Saint Louis 53
William Penn 104, Peru St. 86
Winona St. 80, Sioux Falls 69
Wis.-Eau Claire 73, Wartburg 58
Wis.-River Falls 80, Hamline 67
Wis.-Superior 84, Martin Luther 67
Wis.-Whitewater 73, Beloit 71, OT
Wisconsin 76, Temple 60
Xavier 95, W. Kentucky 64

FAR WEST

Air Force 61, Denver 59
Arizona 68, Gonzaga 63
BYU 73, Weber St. 68
California 78, Wyoming 72, OT
Long Beach St. 67, New Mexico St. 53
Oregon St. 66, Nevada 62
S. Utah 68, Utah Valley 54
UALR 64, Idaho 54
Utah 96, IPFW 79

EAST

Albany (NY) 88, Holy Cross 84, OT
Brockport 82, Hobart 81
Brown 76, Bryant 68
Cornell 85, Lafayette 67
Dartmouth 74, Hartford 65
Davis & Elkins 89, Chowan 83
Dominican (NY) 72, Caldwell 63
Drexel 66, La Salle 53
Fordham 86, CCSU 54
Franklin & Marshall 75, Washington (Md.) 50
Georgetown 79, Syracuse 72
Indiana-East 107, Carlow 76
Lehigh 84, Rochester (Mich.) 50
Mississippi 74, UMass 64
Mount St. Mary's 85, Loyola (Md.) 68
NJIT 90, Mass.-Lowell 77
New England 77, W. New England 68
Oakland 92, Robert Morris 74
Old Westbury 74, NY Maritime 53
Penn St. 81, E. Michigan 70
Philadelphia 66, Goldey Beacom 64
Providence 74, Rhode Island 72
Quinnipiac 78, Canisius 76
Seton Hall 84, Rutgers 55
St. Bonaventure 81, Ohio 68
Stockton 64, William Paterson 53
Stony Brook 91, Princeton 77
Thomas (Maine) 83, Castleton 72
Towson 83, Sacred Heart 61
West Virginia 87, Kennesaw St. 54
Wilmington (Del.) 81, Georgian Court 75
Yale 72, Vermont 54

SOUTH

Asbury 82, Fisk 73
Austin Peay 80, Troy 71
Barton 98, Southern Wesleyan 75
Bellarmine 78, McKendree 53
Benedict 76, Lane 64
Berea 81, Indiana-Northwest 76
Charleston Southern 68, Liberty 61
Christian Brothers 80, Shorter 75
Clayton St. 85, Erskine 73
Coll. of Charleston 82, The Citadel 74
Cumberland (Tenn.) 75, Campbellsville 73
Duke 82, Buffalo 59
E. Kentucky 74, Savannah St. 71
Emmanuel (Ga.) 61, Limestone 48
Evansville 85, Murray St. 81, OT
George Mason 63, Penn 44
Georgia Tech 76, Tulane 68
Guilford 70, Bridgewater (Va.) 64
Hampden-Sydney 87, Emory & Henry 83
Hampton 74, Coppin St. 71, OT
High Point 66, Gardner-Webb 64
Jacksonville 86, Jacksonville St. 82
Kentucky St. 84, Claflin 74
Lincoln Memorial 72, Coker 58
Lindsey Wilson 76, St. Catharine 59
Louisville 111, Grand Canyon 63
Martin Methodist at Georgetown (Ky.), ccd
Maryville (Tenn.) 100, Huntingdon 88
Memphis 80, SE Missouri 65
Mercer 68, Alcorn St. 43
Miami 88, Charlotte 60
Middle Tennessee 68, South Alabama 55
Milligan 68, Montreat 66
Mount Olive 78, Belmont Abbey 71
NC A&T 66, Howard 63
NC Central 70, Md.-Eastern Shore 59
NC State 99, Bucknell 86
Newberry 86, Carson-Newman 84
Nicholls St. 89, Loyola NO 74
Randolph-Macon 69, Ferrum 67
Richmond 82, N. Iowa 67
SC State 79, Florida A&M 67
Shaw 88, Alderson-Broaddus 86
South Carolina 81, South Florida 63
Spalding 74, Eureka 66
St. Augustine's 90, William Peace 70
Tennessee St. 74, Stetson 54
Tennessee Tech 81, Lipscomb 78
UCF 88, Ill.-Chicago 58
UMBC 70, Longwood 59
UNC Asheville 103, Johnson & Wales (NC) 36
Union (Ky.) 93, St. Andrews 74
Virginia 67, William & Mary 52
Virginia Tech 80, Ark.-Pine Bluff 45
Winthrop 74, Presbyterian 70

EXHIBITION

Calumet 83, Cardinal Stritch 80, OT
Northwestern (Minn.) 85, Finlandia 77

Schedule

TODAY

SOUTHWEST

Sul Ross St. at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.
Angelo St. at Texas Rio Grande Valley, 2 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Baylor, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Toledo at Green Bay, 2 p.m.
Morgan St. at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.

FAR WEST

Colorado at Colorado St., 1 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Montana St., 2:05 p.m.
Portland St. at Washington St., 3 p.m.
Great Falls at E. Washington, 4:05 p.m.
UC Riverside at Loyola Marymount, 5 p.m.
UC Irvine at Saint Mary's (Cal.), 6 p.m.
MVSU at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Long Beach St. at UCLA, 8 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at Washington, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Wofford at Clemson, 1 p.m.
Radford at Coastal Carolina, 1 p.m.
VCU vs. Florida St. at Philips Arena, 1 p.m.
Marshall at James Madison, 1 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast at FIU, 2:30 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at Southern Miss., 4:30 p.m.
Davidson at North Carolina, 5 p.m.

EAST

St. Francis Brooklyn vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 10 a.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Appalachian St. vs. Hofstra at Madison Square Garden, noon
Mass.-Lowell at Boston College, 1 p.m.
Delaware at Columbia, 1 p.m.
Marist at Manhattan, 1 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Niagara, 1 p.m.
Siena at St. Peter's, 1 p.m.
American U. at Wagner, 1 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Canisius, 5 p.m.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN WINS BROCK TOURNAMENT

BROCK — The Midland Christian boys basketball team won the Brock Tournament with a 72-61 victory against Joshua on Saturday.

The Mustangs went 4-0 in the tournament on the way to the championship.

Daniel Venzant scored a team-high 31 points for the Mustangs (9-3), which hit 10 3-pointers in the win. MCS used a 25-8 run in the second quarter to pull into a 17-point lead at halftime.

Junior Loya poured in a game-high 33 points for Joshua.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 72, JOSHUA 61

MCS (9-3) — Daniel Venzant 31, Ryne Rogers 3, Bryce Waters 11, Jordan Riley 4, Colton Snively 3, Westin Elliott 18, Brett Thomason 2

Joshua — Connor Peters 2, Austin Olivas 3, Michael Ayers 2, Ethan Ervin 3, Mason Sarley 14, Junior Loya 33, Will Boyd 3

MCS	13	25	17	17	—72
Joshua	13	8	19	21	—61

Free throws — MCS 12-21, Joshua 9-12. 3-point goals — MCS 10 (Venzant, Rogers, Waters 3, Elliott 5), Joshua 7 (Olivas, Ervin, Boyd, Loya 4). Total fouls — MCS 14, Joshua 15. Fouled out — none.

Next: MCS at Monahans, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

MIDLAND CLASSICAL WINS RANKIN TOURNAMENT

RANKIN — The No. 9-ranked Midland Classical boys won the Rankin Red Devil Classic championship with a 61-50 victory against Crane on Saturday.

MCA (8-2) was led by Blake Gladson, who scored a game-high 24 points and sunk six 3-pointers in the win. Heath Gladson added 15 for the Knights, which built a 37-24 lead at halftime.

NO. 9 MCA 61, CRANE 50

MCA (8-2) — Conrey Echols 2, Garrett Sparks 3, Heath Gladson 15, Blake Gladson 24, Marshall McCray 8, Cannon Echols 4, Kevin Giffen 2, Josh Rabe 2

Crane — F. Trolesco 4, A. Carrillo 6, C. Carrillo 3, Torres 4, J. Trolesco 4, Esparza 9, Herendin 8, Narinolorena 9, Oyoque 2

MCA	20	17	11	12	—61
Crane	12	12	8	18	—50

Free throws — MCA 4-8, Crane 9-14. 3-point goals — MCA 10 (H. Gladson 3, Blake Gladson 6, Rabe), Crane 4 (A. Carrillo 2, C. Carrillo, F. Trolesco). Total fouls — MCA 16, Crane 9. Fouled out — none.

Next: Embassy Christian at MCA, 6 p.m. Tuesday

LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 72 BIG SPRING 48

LAMESA — The Big Spring boys were outscored 30-10 over the second and third quarters and couldn't recover in a 72-48 loss against Lubbock All Saints, Saturday at the O.W. Follis Tournament.

The Steers went just 12 of 30 from the free throw line in the loss.

LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 72, BIG SPRING 48

All Saints — Stuart 13, Tipton 6, Glubovskiy 2, Harper 2, Berger 5, Hickle 20, Logan 6, Nix 4, Beyouth 5, Sharp 5, Cates 4

Big Spring — Ford 2, Cooper 7, Lundington 2, Knudson 6, Williams 4, Rushin 8, Ortega 9, Jones 6, Scott 4

All Saints	20	10	20	22	—72
Big Spring	17	2	8	21	—48

Free throws — All Saints 18-37, Big Spring 12-30. 3-point goals — All Saints 6 (Stuart 3, Hickle 2, Berger). Total fouls — All Saints 24, Big Spring 26. Fouled out — Rushin.

Next: Lubbock Monterey at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

ODESSA NEW WAY 69 RANKIN 34

RANKIN — The Rankin boys stumbled to a 69-34 defeat at the hands of New Way in a consolation game, Saturday at the Red Devil Classic.

The Red Devils (3-6) were outscored 28-6 in the second quarter and couldn't recover.

New Way individual statistics were unavailable.

ODESSA NEW WAY 69, RANKIN 34

Rankin — C. Wyatt 2, M. Black 8, J. Storie 10, M. Rodriguez 4, Z. Nall 4, A. Martinez 2, A. Gaddis 2, C. Ward 2

New Way	11	28	15	15	—69
Rankin	8	6	10	10	—32

Free throws — New Way 5-13, Rankin 0-6. 3-point goals — New Way 6, Rankin 2 (M. Black). Total fouls — New Way 10, Rankin 7. Fouled out — none.

Next: Fort Davis at Rankin, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Girls

NO. 7 MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY SPLITS FINAL DAY IN MONAHANS

MONAHANS — The No. 7-ranked Midland Classical girls team beat Odessa High, 48-44, but fell to San Angelo Lake View, 61-59 on Saturday in the final day of action at the Monahans Sandhills Tournament.

Delanie Griffin led the Lady Knights (7-4) with 14 points in the win against OHS, while Alissa Beattie scored a team-high 20 points in the narrow defeat against Lake View.

NO. 7 MCA 48, ODESSA HIGH 44

MCA — Alissa Beattie 6, Delanie Griffin 14, Elleri Haest 9, Morgan Jones 1, Lizabelle Russell 10, Makenna Beattie 8

OHS — Walton 25, Jimenez 1, Herrera 1, Fox 12, Wynn 4, Cuevas 1

MCA	12	7	13	16	—48
OHS	10	8	10	16	—44

Free throws — MCA 7-10, OHS 12-20. 3-point goals — MCA 1 (Griffin), OHS 6 (Walton 4, Fox 2). Total fouls — MCA 18, OHS 20. Fouled out — Fox, Haest.

SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 61, NO. 7 MCA 59

Lake View — Brooks 19, Burge 6, Noriega 11, Paez 1, Soliz 24

MCA (7-4) — Alissa Beattie 20, Delanie Griffin 13, Elleri Haest 8, Lizabelle Russell 9, Makenna Beattie 9

Lake View	18	11	14	18	—61
MCA	11	16	17	15	—59

Free throws — Lake View 17-23, MCA 7-10. 3-point goals — Lake View 4 (Brooks 3, Noriega), MCA 8 (A. Beattie 4, Griffin 3, M. Beattie). Total fouls — Lake View 9, MCA 15. Fouled out — Griffin.

Next: Lee at MCA, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

MCS SWEEPS ON FINAL DAY AT SANDHILLS TOURNEY

MONAHANS — Midland Christian closed out the Monahans Sandhill Tournament on a high note on Saturday with two wins, defeating Monahans JV 61-9 and beating Fort Stockton 43-37 in a pair of consolation games.

MCS guard Megan Ashton scored a game-high 16 points versus Monahans JV, and tied teammate Blaire Neatherlin with a game-best 12 points against Fort Stockton.

The Lady Mustangs (10-6) resume play on Thursday at the Lake View Tournament in San Angelo.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 61, MONAHANS JV 9

Midland Christian (9-6) — McKenzie Fryar 1, Megan Ashton 16, Galindo 5, Kayla Ackerman 6, Daniella Anastasio 6, Blaire Neatherlin 14, Skyler Bennett 2, Avery McKinley 11

Monahans JV — Bajaran 1, Cadena 4, Brown 4

MCS	24	21	10	6	—61
Monahans	5	4	0	0	—9

Free throws — MCS 6-14, Monahans 2-4. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Ashton), Monahans 1 (Cadena). Total fouls — MCS 8, Monahans 9

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 43, FORT STOCKTON 37

Midland Christian (10-6) — Fryar 1, Ashton 12, Ackerman 5, Anastasio 3, Neatherlin 12, Bennett 5, McKinley 5

Fort Stockton — Sanchez 3, C. Villarreal 3, Hodgnowder 2, Hodges 6, Arriaga 7, Aaron 7, Zapata 6

MCS	9	14	3	17	—43
Fort Stockton	5	10	13	9	—37

Fre throws — MCS 4-13, Ft. Stockton 10-18. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Anastasio), Ft. Stockton 1 (Sanchez). Total fouls — MCS 15, Fort Stockton 16.

Next: MCS in the San Angelo Lake View Tournament, Thursday

ANDREWS 46, STANTON 40

DENVER CITY — Andrews held off a second-half run by Stanton to win by six points at the Denver City Tournament on Saturday.

Stanton's Payge Grable led all scorers with 18 points, while Rylee Diaz scored a team-high 16 points for the Lady Mustangs.

ANDREWS 46, STANTON 40

Andrews (3-7) — Taylor Bailey 13, Rae Johnson 1, Rylee Diaz 16, Mikyla Alvidrez 11, Janey Leach 5

Stanton — Allred 8, Grable 18, Garza 6, Beasley 0, Glasspie 0, Myrick 7

Andrews	17	13	3	13	—46
Stanton	12	8	10	10	—40

Free throws — Andrews 10-23, Stanton 17-35. 3-point goals — Andrews 2 (Diaz, Alvidrez), Stanton 4 (Grable 2, Allred, Garza). Total fouls — Andrews 17, Stanton 18. Fouled out — Leach. Technicals — None.

DIMMITT 42 ANDREWS 35

DENVER CITY— Trailing 21-15 at halftime, Dimmitt rallied to defeat Andrews behind a 27-14 run in the second half at the Denver City Tournament on Saturday.

Mikyla Alvidrez led the Lady Mustangs (3-7) with nine points in the loss.

DIMMITT 42, ANDREWS 35

Andrews (3-8) — Myranda Bejarano 1, Taylor Bailey 8, Rae Johnson 3, Rylee Diaz 8, Mikyla Alvidrez 9, Janey Leach 6

Dimmitt — Syr Larra 6, Leahy 6, Diaz 7, Sym Larra 9, Thomas 14

Andrews	8	13	8	6	—35
Dimmitt	12	3	18	9	—42

Free throws — Andrews 10-19, Dimmitt 8-22. 3-point goals — Andrews 3 (Diaz 2, Bailey), Dimmitt 4 (Diaz 2, Syr Larra, Sym Larra). Total fouls — Andrews 20, Dimmitt 19. Fouled out — Bailey, Bazan, Thomas. Technicals — Sym Larra

Friday's late box scores

GIRLS

DIMMITT 62, ANDREWS 36 AT DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT

Andrews (1-7) — Taylor Bailey 7, Rae Johnson 2, Rylee Diaz 5, Lauren Hall 1, Mikyla Alvidrez 7, Janey Leach 14

Dimmitt — Syrena 5, Rodriguez 7, Leaky 17, Diaz 12, Wilson 3, Reyes 2, Larra 3, Thomas 13

Andrews	5	12	9	10	—36
Dimmitt	15	22	14	11	—62

Free throws — Andrews 6-14, Dimmitt 6-15. 3-point goals — Andrews 4 (Bailey, Diaz, Alvidrez, Leach), Dimmitt 8 (Leaky 4, Diaz 2, Syrena, Rodriguez). Total fouls — Andrews 15, Dimmitt 14. Fouled out — none.

ANDREWS 78, PRESIDIO 43 AT DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT

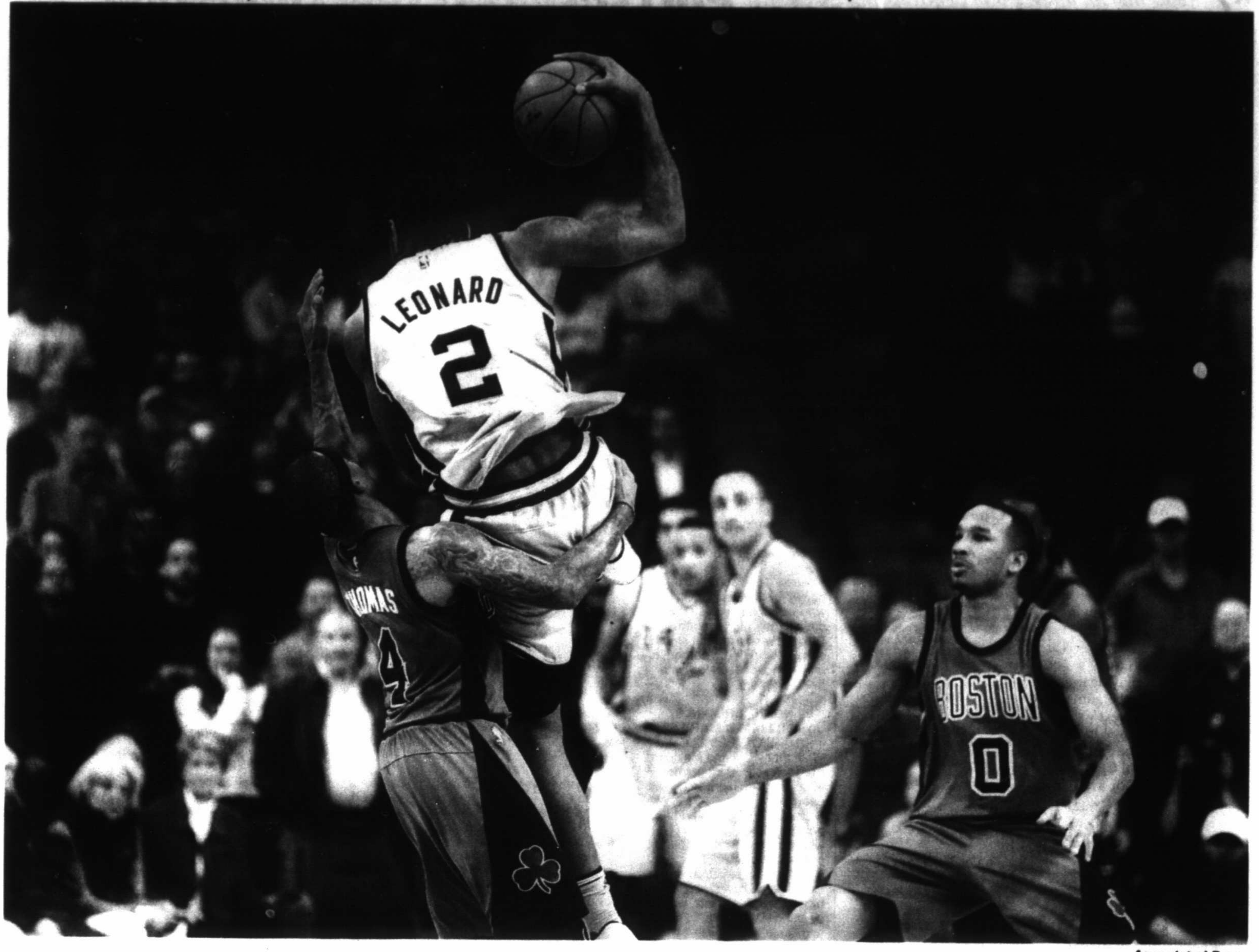
Andrews (2-7) — Myranda Bejarano 6, Taylor Bailey 13, Kataya Bazan 4, Rae Johnson 4, Laura Olivas 2, Rylee Diaz 13, Mikyla Alvidrez 16, Belle Madrilez 6, Janey Leach 14

Presidio — Rohana 6, Carrasco 9, K. Valenzuela 6, A. Valenzuela 3, D. Olivas 8, Rivas 2, Melendez 3, Valles 6

Andrews	19	22	16	21	—78
Presidio	9	15	13	6	—43

Free throws — Andrews 3-5, Presidio 14-26. 3-point goals — Andrews 5 (Bailey 2, Leach 2, Diaz), Presidio 3 (D. Olivas 2, Carrasco). Total Fouls — Andrews 18, Presidio 9. Fouled Out — Bailey.

Next: Andrews at Shallowater, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday



Associated Press

Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas (4) grabs San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) in the air to foul him during the second half Saturday in San Antonio. San Antonio won 108-105.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 108
CELTICS 105

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 17 points and the San Antonio Spurs stayed unbeaten at home this season, holding off the Boston Celtics 108-105.

Boris Diaw had 16 points while Kawhi Leonard and Manu Ginobili each got 15 as the Spurs improved to 11-0 at home.

Isaiah Thomas had 23 points for the Celtics.

Boston missed its last chance when it threw the ball out of bounds on an attempted full-court inbounds pass to Jared Sullinger.

ROCKETS 120
KINGS 113

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 31 points, Dwight Howard added 22 and the Houston Rockets outlasted the Sacramento Kings 120-113 Saturday night for their third straight win.

Houston has won seven in a row against the Kings.

Rudy Gay scored five consecutive points, putting Sacramento up by two with about five minutes left. Houston used an 8-2 run after that, highlighted by a 3-pointer by Trevor Ariza, to go up 109-105.

Harden made a 3-pointer with about 90 seconds left to make it 115-109 and seal the win.

DeMarcus Cousins, who missed the first meeting with the Rockets because of an injury, was hampered by foul trouble and finished with 14 points and nine rebounds. He fouled out with a little over two minutes left.

Ben McLemore scored 19 for the Kings.

WARRIORS 112
RAPTORS 109

TORONTO — Stephen Curry made nine 3-pointers and scored 44 points, leading the undefeated Golden State Warriors to a 112-109 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Saturday.

Curry was 14 for 24 from the field and 9 for 15 from beyond the arc as Golden State pushed its NBA-record start to 21-0. Klay Thompson scored 26 points, and Draymond Green had 16 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the win moved Golden State past the St. Louis Maroons of the Union Association, a predecessor to Major League Baseball, for the best start to a season by a professional sports team.

Kyle Lowry made six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 41 points for Toronto, which has dropped three of four. DeMar DeRozan recovered from an ugly 1-for-10 shooting performance in the first half, finishing with 16 points.

NUGGETS 108
76ERS 105

PHILADELPHIA — Danilo Gallinari scored 24 points for Denver, including the go-ahead slam dunk with under a minute remaining.

Will Barton added 16 points for the Nuggets, who ended a five-game road trip by winning their second straight after snapping an eight-game skid on Thursday.

Robert Covington scored 18 points and Isaiah Canaan had 15 for Philadelphia, which dropped to 1-20.

Philadelphia rookie Jahlil Okafor sat out the second of a two-game suspension imposed by the team on Wednesday after the release of a second video from a nightclub fight in Boston on Nov. 25.

HORNETS 102
BULLS 96

CHICAGO — Nicolas Batum scored 12 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Chicago Bulls 102-96 on Saturday night.

Cody Zeller and Kemba Walker had 17 points apiece for the Hornets, who played their first road game since Nov. 17 in New York. Spencer Hawes added 14 points and Batum also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Jimmy Butler scored 25 points and Derrick Rose had 19 for the Bulls, who fell to 7-2 at the United Center.

HEAT 99
CAVALIERS 84

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 19 points and took the fourth quarter off, Tyler Johnson added 19 more and the Miami Heat took advantage of Cleveland's decision to hold out LeBron James on the way to beating the Cavaliers 99-84 on Saturday night.

Goran Dragic scored 17 points, Chris Bosh added 14 and Gerald Green had 12 for the Heat, who held Cleveland to 36 percent shooting and sent the Cavaliers to their third straight loss.

Richard Jefferson started in place of James and led Cleveland with 16 points. James was given the night off to rest, the first game he has missed for the Cavaliers this season.

Heat fans serenaded him with a "LeBron is tired" chant in the fourth quarter.

TRAIL BLAZERS 109
TIMBERWOLVES 103

MINNEAPOLIS — Damian Lillard overcame a slow start to finish with 19 points and seven assists and the Portland Trail Blazers rallied from 17 points down in the third quarter to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 109-103 on Saturday night.

C.J. McCollum added 17 points for Portland.

Lillard missed nine of his first 12 shots. But his driving layup with 18.8 seconds left helped hold off a charge from the Timberwolves, who also gave up a 17-point lead to the Blazers in their home opener on Nov. 2.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 27 points and 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who fell to 2-8 at home this season.

BUCKS 106
KNICKS 91

MILWAUKEE — Michael Carter-Williams had 20 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks used a 21-4 run in the third quarter to pull away from the New York Knicks for a 106-91 win on Saturday night.

Jabari Parker added 17 points, including a dunk and a jumper during the decisive spurt that pushed Milwaukee to a double-digit lead.

The Knicks trailed by 21 with 7:04 left in the third quarter when coach Derek Fisher replaced his entire starting five following a technical foul on Jose Calderon at the end of the run. Frustrated starters argued with the officials.

The fresh lineup settled the team, though New York could get no closer than nine the rest of the night.

NBA glance

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	12	9	.571	—
Boston	11	9	.550	½
New York	10	11	.476	2
Brooklyn	5	14	.263	6
Philadelphia	1	20	.048	11

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	6	.667	—
Atlanta	13	9	.591	1
Charlotte	11	8	.579	1½
Orlando	11	8	.579	1½
Washington	8	9	.471	3½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	12	6	.667	—
Cleveland	13	7	.650	—
Chicago	11	6	.647	½
Detroit	11	9	.550	2
Milwaukee	8	13	.381	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	4	.810	—
Memphis	11	9	.550	5½
Dallas	11	9	.550	5½
Houston	10	11	.476	7
New Orleans	5	15	.250	11½

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	11	8	.579	—
Utah	8	9	.471	2
Portland	9	12	.429	3
Minnesota	8	11	.421	3
Denver	8	13	.381	4

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	21	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	10	9	.526	10
Phoenix	8	12	.400	12½
Sacramento	7	14	.333	14
L.A. Lakers	3	16	.158	17

Scores & schedule

Saturday's Scores

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Golden State 112, Toronto 109
Charlotte 102, Chicago 96
Portland 109, Minnesota 103
Houston 120, Sacramento 113
Miami 99, Cleveland 84
San Antonio 108, Boston 105
Milwaukee 106, New York 91
Indiana at Utah, late
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Phoenix at Memphis, 2:30 p.m.
Golden State at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.

GOLF GLANCE

LPGA

LPGA Tour Qualifying Scores
Saturday
At LPGA International
Daytona Beach, Fla.
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Marissa Steen	74-76-77-73—300
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Silvia Cavalleri	71-74-75-80—300
Mindy Kim	73-71-74-82—300
Jamie Hullett	77-74-78-72—301
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Megan Grehan	77-75-79-72—303
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Michelle Piyapattra	73-77-72-82—304
Liv Cheng	80-76-74-76—306
Emily Gimpel	77-79-78-76—310
Hayley Davis	73-85-76-77—311
Jenni Jeng	76-80-77-79—312

Other

Hero World Challenge Scores
Saturday
At Albany Golf Club
Nassau, Bahamas
Purse: $3.5 million
Yardage: 7,267; Par: 72
Third Round

Bubba Watson	67-67-63—197
Paul Casey	66-70-63—199
Patrick Reed	69-65-66—200
Chris Kirk	69-65-66—200
Jordan Spieth	67-66-68—201
Bill Haas	67-66-68—201
Brooks Koepka	67-70-65—202
Rickie Fowler	70-68-65—203
Adam Scott	67-70-66—203
Zach Johnson	66-70-67—203
Jimmy Walker	66-67-71—204
Matt Kuchar	70-66-69—205
J.B. Holmes	71-68-68—207
Dustin Johnson	68-69-72—209
Anirban Lahiri	69-70-73—212
Justin Rose	71-72-70—213
Billy Horschel	71-70-73—214
Hideki Matsuyama	75-73-70—218

Nedbank Challenge Leading Scores
Saturday
At Gary Player Country Club
Sun City, South Africa
Purse: $6.5 million
Yardage: 7,831; Par: 72
Third Round

Marc Leishman, Australia	68-68-66—202
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	66-67-70—203
Jaco van Zyl, South Africa	66-68-72—206
Robert Streb, United States	69-66-72—207
Branden Grace, South Africa	68-74-67—209
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	70-71-68—209
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	70-72-68—210
Thongchai Jaidee, Thailand	70-72-69—211
Chris Wood, England	70-71-70—211
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	70-68-73—211
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	71-74-67—212
Victor Dubuisson, France	71-73-68—212
Danny Willett, England	67-75-70—212
Andy Sullivan, England	71-71-70—212
Russell Knox, Scotland	69-76-68—213
Byeong-Hun An, South Korea	72-70-71—213
Scott Piercy, United States	73-68-72—213
Ross Fisher, England	69-71-73—213
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	69-77-68—214
Thomas Aiken, South Africa	73-69-72—214
Keegan Bradley, United States	72-69-73—214
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	72-69-73—214
Shane Lowry, England	74-71-70—215
Tommy Fleetwood, England	71-72-73—216
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	70-72-75—217
Martin Kaymer, Germany	75-71-72—218
Webb Simpson, United States	75-72-72—219
Lee Westwood, England	72-81-72—225
Steven Bowditch, Australia	77-78-77—232

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Yesterday's Answer: LENIN (Vladimir), KHAN (Genghis); CLEOPATRA, LINCOLN (Abraham); GANDHI (Mohandas), CAESAR (Julius); CONFUCIUS, MOSES

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It's now or never as inconsistent Bills host surging Texans

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Inconsistent as the Buffalo Bills have been, safety Corey Graham sees no reason why they can't finally get on a roll to make a late-season playoff push.

"I believe in this team. I believe in what we're capable of doing," Graham said. "We know what it takes. We know what's at stake. We know what we've got to do."

Beating the surging Houston Texans (6-5) today would be a start for Buffalo (5-6), which has run out of room for error in mounting any realistic bid to end the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 15 seasons.

Buffalo has lost two straight and four of six. Injuries are piling up. And so are questions about the porous performance of coach Rex Ryan's prized defense, which is playing well below its high-priced expectations.

"Sometimes when you're backed into a corner, you see what people are made of," Graham said. "It's time for us to fight."

They'll have to do it against an opponent who has won four straight and moved into a tie with Indianapolis atop the AFC South.

End J.J. Watt is leading a defense that's allowed two touchdowns and 35 points in its past four games. And quarterback Brian Hoyer has been efficient in managing an offense led by star receiver DeAndre Hopkins.

"People can try and look at it like it was some sort of overnight switch from five weeks ago," said Watt of Houston's turnaround. "But it's really been a day-to-day process to make this happen. And it's going to continue to be a day-to-day process."

Watt has been a difference maker over the past month. He has 9 1/2 of his NFL-leading 13 1/2 sacks in the past five games.

The Bills, by comparison, have just 16 sacks all season — a considerable drop-off after they led the NFL with 54 last year.

Coach Ryan still isn't sure what to make of Buffalo.

"I'm not admitting defeat by any stretch of the imagination. We have some opportunity," Ryan said. "And clearly right now, in my opinion, we can win the rest of them. But we're also a team that could lose them all."

Some things to watch for as Houston attempts to beat Buffalo for a fourth straight time:

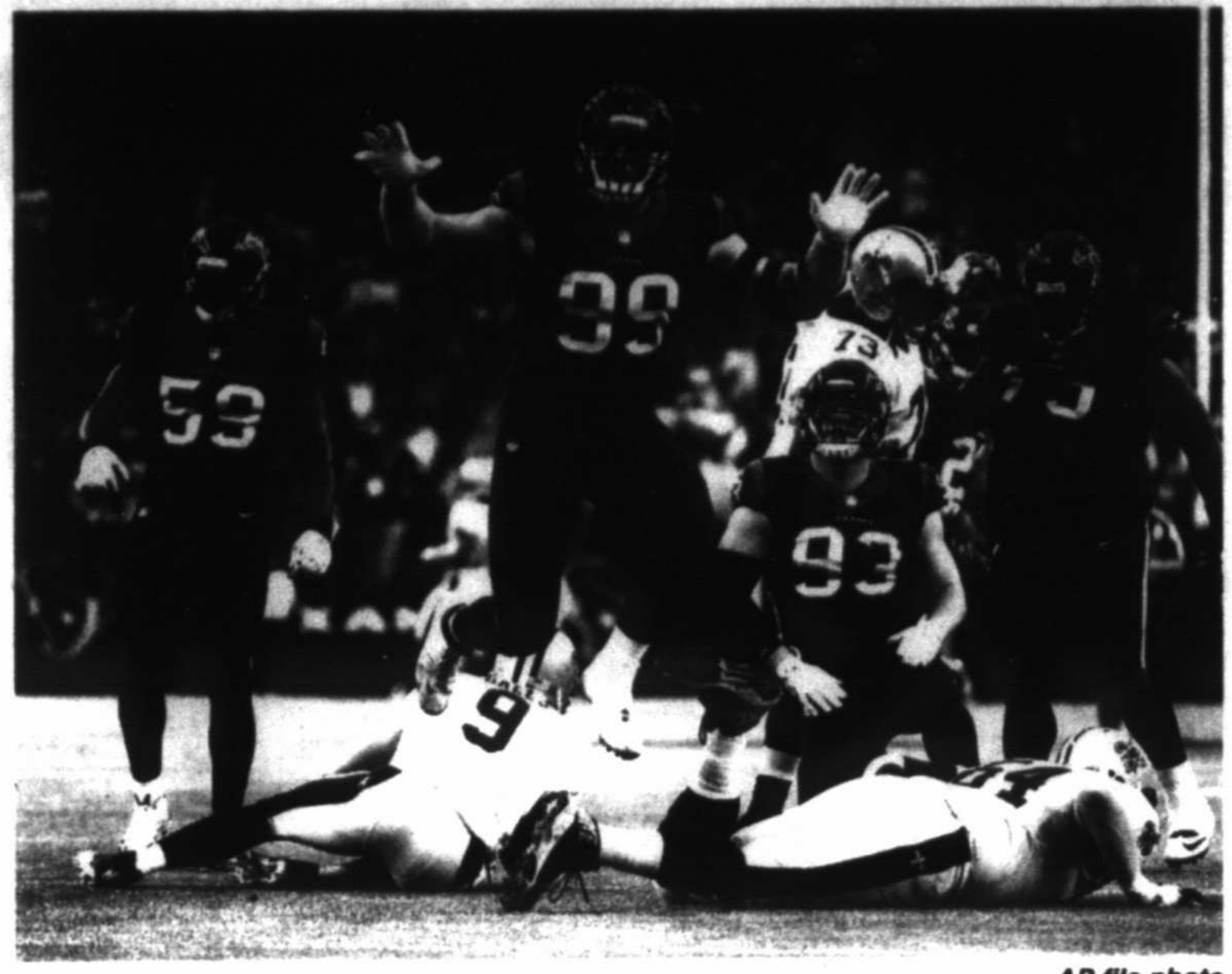
BANGED-UP: Though DE Mario Williams is expected to return after missing one game with a foot injury, the Bills will be minus a number of defensive regulars.

Tackle Kyle Williams (left knee) and his backup Alex Carrington (quadriceps) were placed on season-ending injured reserve this week. Linebacker Nigel Bradham is out with a sprained right ankle. And safety Aaron Williams still isn't cleared to return from a neck injury.

GROUP EFFORT: Texans running back Alfred Blue has started all four games since star Arian Foster suffered a season-ending Achilles tendon injury. But he's far from the only one getting carries. Since Foster was injured, four other players have helped Blue carry the rushing load.

Chris Polk, Jonathan Grimes and Akeem Hunt have all pitched in, and Houston has also unveiled a wildcat formation featuring receiver Cecil Shorts.

Ryan credits Texans offensive line coach Mike Devlin for introducing some of the more exotic schemes. Devlin helped design similar plays for the Jets, when he was working under Ryan.



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On Nov. 29, Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) leaps after sacking New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) during the third quarter of an NFL football game in Houston.

Game notes

HOUSTON (6-5)
AT BUFFALO (5-6)
NOON TODAY, CBS

OPENING LINE — Bills by 6-1/2

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Texans 6-5, Bills 4-5-2

SERIES RECORD — Texans lead 4-3

LAST MEETING — Texans beat Bills 23-17, Sept. 28, 2014

LAST WEEK — Texans beat Saints 24-6; Bills lost to Chiefs 30-22

AP PRO32 RANKING — Texans No. 12, Bills No. 16

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (19), PASS (T12).

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (16), PASS (3).

BILLS OFFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (5), PASS (28).

BILLS DEFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (14), PASS (T22).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Texans have won past three meetings, including last year when DE J.J. Watt intercepted EJ Manuel's pass and returned it 80 yards for touchdown to put Houston ahead for good on Buffalo's second-half opening drive. ... Texans have won four straight, best streak since winning six in row from Oct. 21-Nov. 22, 2012. ... After allowing 199 points through first seven games, defense has allowed 35 in past four. ... Since allowing season-high five TDs in 44-26 loss to Miami on Oct. 25, defense has given up two TDs in past four. ... With 1,081 yards receiving, WR DeAndre Hopkins is 129 short of matching career high set last season. Needs 418 to establish franchise single-season record set by Andre Johnson in 2012. ... Watt needs 1 1/2 sacks to reach 15 for third time in five seasons. ... CB Johnathan Joseph has 12 interceptions, one short of matching Dunta Robinson's career franchise record. .

NFL NOTES

REDSKINS WR DESEAN JACKSON MISSES PRACTICE WITH ILLNESS

ASHBURN, Va. — Wide receiver DeSean Jackson is listed as probable for the Washington Redskins' game against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night after missing practice with an upper-respiratory illness.

Jackson sat out practice Saturday.

The Redskins waived safety Trenton Robinson with an injury designation after he tweaked his hamstring, coach Jay Gruden said. Robinson, who at one point was a starter, was replaced on the 53-man roster by linebacker Carlos Fields, who was signed from the team's practice squad.

Gruden said he expects linebacker Mason Foster to start against Dallas in place of Perry Riley Jr., who is out with a broken bone in his right foot.

Among the Redskins listed as questionable for Monday: TE Derek Carrier, WR Andre Roberts, CB Quinton Dunbar, CB Deshazor Everett, LB Keenan Robinsons, RB Chris Thompson.

NINERS ACTIVATE OL DANIEL KILGORE, WAIVE LB SHAYNE SKOV

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers have activated offensive lineman Daniel Kilgore more than a year after he broke his leg during a game against Denver.

He was activated from the physically unable to perform list and added to the 53-man roster. The Niners waived linebacker Shayne Skov on Saturday to make room for Kilgore. San Francisco plays at Chicago today.

Kilgore hasn't played since breaking his left leg against the Broncos in October 2014.

Kilgore, who has appeared in 40 games since he was drafted by the 49ers in 2011, won the starting job at the beginning of last season. He made seven starts before his injury.

COLTS OWNER PICKS UP RINGO STARR'S DRUM SET AT AUCTION

INDIANAPOLIS — Jim Irsay is reuniting the Beatles piece by piece.

The Indianapolis Colts owner made his latest pricey purchase Friday, picking up Ringo Starr's first Ludwig drum set at auction for $1.75 million.

"Finally, after 45 years, the Beatles are together again," Irsay said in a text message to The Associated Press.

Irsay owns prominent guitars from the group's other three members — Paul McCartney, the late George Harrison and the late John Lennon. Earlier this year, Irsay also purchased a drumhead that will fit the set he just bought.

Associated Press

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	1	0	.909	347	212
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	272	228
Buffalo	5	6	0	.455	266	257
Miami	4	7	0	.364	225	287
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	249	260
Houston	6	5	0	.545	232	234
Jacksonville	4	7	0	.364	236	299
Tennessee	2	9	0	.182	203	257
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	9	2	0	.818	297	193
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	266	230
Baltimore	4	7	0	.364	259	276
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182	213	310
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	9	2	0	.818	252	207
Kansas City	6	5	0	.545	287	220
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	264	280
San Diego	3	8	0	.273	244	307

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	5	6	0	.455	241	267
N.Y. Giants	5	6	0	.455	287	273
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.364	243	274
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	204	261
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	11	0	0	1.000	332	205
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	260	234
Tampa Bay	5	6	0	.455	248	279
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	261	339
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	231	194
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	289	238
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	231	264
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	253	315
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	355	229
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	267	222
St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	186	230
San Francisco	3	8	0	.273	152	271

Scores & schedule

Monday's Scores
Baltimore 33, Cleveland 27
Thursday's Scores
Packers 27, Lions 23
Today's Games
Arizona at St. Louis, noon
Seattle at Minnesota, noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon
San Francisco at Chicago, noon
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon
Houston at Buffalo, noon
Baltimore at Miami, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Denver at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7
Dallas at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

PRO RODEO GLANCE

National Finals Rodeo Results
Friday
At Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
Second Performance

Bareback riding

1. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., 84.5 points on Growney Brothers Rodeo's Beaver Fever, $26,231; 2. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah, 83.0, $20,731; 3. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 82.0, $15,654; 4. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas, 81.5, $11,000; 5. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta, 81.0, $6,769; 6. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 79.0, $4,231; 7. (tie) Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas, and Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo., 77.0; 9. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France, 75.5; 10. (tie) Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, and Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn., 72.5; 12. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah, 71.0; 13. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba, 56.0; 14. (tie) Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas, and Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., NS

World standings: 1. Kaycee Feild, $158,290; 2. Tim O'Connell, $127,026; 3. Steven Peebles, $125,729; 4. Austin Foss, $124,395; 5. Evan Jayne, $123,751; 6. Bobby Mote, $109,486; 7. Jake Brown, $107,994; 8. Will Lowe, $102,396; 9. Orin Larsen, $101,041; 10. Clint Laye, $97,077; 11. Clint Cannon, $96,686; 12. Tanner Aus, $95,660; 13. Caleb Bennett, $91,302; 14. Seth Hardwick, $90,639; 15. Winn Ratliff, $85,755

Steer wrestling

1. (tie) Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, and Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., 3.5 seconds, $23,481 each; 3. (tie) Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, and Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 3.7, $13,327 each; 5. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont., 3.8, $6,769; 6. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 3.9, $4,231; 7. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas, 4.0; 8. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., 4.2; 9. K.C. Jones, Decatur, Texas, 4.3; 10. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., 4.5; 11. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo., 4.7; 12. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., 4.9; 13. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah, 5.2; 14. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala., 5.7; 15. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La., 13.3

World standings: 1. Hunter Cure, $125,874; 2. Ty Erickson, $122,203; 3. Luke Branquinho, $109,672; 4. Kyle Irwin, $107,317; 5. K.C. Jones, $107,216; 6. Clayton Hass, $105,181; 7. Nick Guy, $93,288; 8. Tanner Milan, $89,654; 9. Blake Knowles, $88,074; 10. Dakota Eldridge, $86,438; 11. Baylor Roche, $85,786; 12. Trevor Knowles, $85,359; 13. Tyler Waguespack, $85,245; 14. Casey Martin, $84,041; 15. Seth Brockman, $81,559

Team roping

1. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz./Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., 3.9 seconds, $26,231 each; 2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., 4.0, $20,731; 3. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, Texas/Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas, 4.1, $15,654; 4. (tie) Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla./Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., and Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz./Travis Woodard, Stockton, Calif., 4.2, $8,885 each; 6. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla./Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.4, $4,231; 7. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash./Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 4.8; 8. Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz./Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, 5.6; 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas/Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas, 9.1; 10. (tie) Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn./Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla./Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan., 9.9; 12. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas/Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla., 11.2; 13. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas/Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz., 14.3; 14. (tie) Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., and Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M./Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., NT.

World standings (headers): 1. Clay Tryan, $151,497; 2. Derrick Begay, $131,099; 3. Colby Lovell, $120,136; 4. Aaron Tsinigine, $119,999; 5. Erich Rogers, $109,400; 6. Luke Brown, $103,140; 7. Chad Masters, $102,658; 8. Trevor Brazile, $102,268; 9. Nick Sartain, $93,809; 10. Jake Cooper, $90,933; 11. Clay Smith, $90,113; 12. Matt Sherwood, $86,321; 13. Coleman Proctor, $80,130; 14. Riley Minor, $77,592; 15. JoJo LeMond, $76,303.

World standings (heelers): 1. Jade Corkill, $151,497; 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, $132,219; 3. Kory Koontz, $119,775; 4. Ryan Motes, $118,867; 5. Kollin VonAhn, $109,755; 6. Cory Petska, $105,558; 7. Patrick Smith, $102,268; 8. Travis Woodard, $97,404; 9. Paul Eaves, $96,315; 10. Travis Graves, $95,265; 11. Rich Skelton, $93,809; 12. Junior Nogueira, $86,833; 13. Jake Long, $78,344; 14. Brady Minor, $76,263; 15. Russell Cardoza, $76,060.

Saddle bronc riding

1. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah, 83.0 points on C5 Rodeo's Curly Bill, $26,231; 2. Wade Sundell, Coleman, Okla., 82.5, $20,731; 3. Tyrel Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba, 81.5, $15,654; 4. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas, 81.0, $11,000; 5. (tie) Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La., and Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah, 75.0, $5,500 each; 7. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D., 74.0; 8. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah, 73.0; 9. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 64.5; 10. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta, 54.5; 11. (tie) Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas, Jake Wright, Milford, Utah; Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., Bradley Harter, Loranger, La., Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La., NS.

World standings: 1. Wade Sundell, $151,641; 2. Cody DeMoss, $141,666; 3. Jacobs Crawley, $140,862; 4. Rusty Wright, $131,487; 5. Isaac Diaz, $113,566; 6. Jake Wright, $111,078; 7. Taos Muncy, $108,654; 8. CoBurn Bradshaw, $106,607; 9. Heith DeMoss, $99,085; 10. Cort Scheer, $98,737; 11. Chuck Schmidt, $94,910; 12. Tyrel Larsen, $86,826; 13. Spencer Wright, $84,338; 14. Zeke Thurston, $82,278; 15. Bradley Harter, $81,310

Tie-down roping

1. (tie) Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, and Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla., 7.5 seconds, $23,481 each; 3. (tie) Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas, and Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 7.6, $13,327 each; 5. Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.7, $6,769; 6. Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 7.8, $4,231; 7. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla., 7.9; 8. (tie) Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, and Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas, 8.5; 10. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 8.6; 11. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, 8.8; 12. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas, 9.2; 13. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, 11.0; 14. Tyson Durfey, Savannah, Mo., 12.1; 15. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, NT

World standings: 1. Tuf Cooper, $140,803; 2. Timber Moore, $136,125; 3. Marty Yates, $132,762; 4. Trevor Brazile, $128,209; 5. Hunter Herrin, $127,293; 6. Matt Shiozawa, $115,720; 7. Marcos Costa, $107,669; 8. Caleb Smidt, $101,681; 9. Cade Swor, $101,200; 10. Shane Hanchey, $100,553; 11. Monty Lewis, $97,134; 12. Ryan Jarrett, $95,967; 13. Cory Solomon, $92,483; 14. Sterling Smith, $89,066; 15. Tyson Durfey, $82,060

Barrel racing

1. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas, 13.89 seconds, $26,231; 2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, Texas, 13.93, $20,731; 3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga., 13.94, $15,654; 4. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., 13.99, $11,000; 5. Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, Wyo., 14.03, $6,769; 6. Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas, 14.09, $4,231; 7. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.10; 8. Callie duPerier, Boerne, Texas, 14.18; 9. Deb Guelly, Okotoks, Alberta, 14.21; 10. Jana Bean, Fort Hancock, Texas, 14.35; 11. Vickie Carter, Richfield, Utah, 14.53; 12. Taylor Jacob, Carmine, Texas, 18.79; 13. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas, 19.11; 14. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas, 19.22; 15. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 28.87

World standings: 1. Lisa Lockhart, $193,251; 2. Callie duPerier, $183,692; 3. Sarah Rose McDonald, $160,253; 4. Mary Walker, $135,759; 5. Cassidy Kruse, $124,346; 6. Michele McLeod, $117,628; 7. Fallon Taylor, $117,559; 8. Sherry Cervi, $114,744; 9. Nancy Hunter, $106,686; 10. Taylor Jacob, $90,508; 11. Carley Richardson, $87,820; 12. Jackie Ganter, $87,780; 13. Vickie Carter, $72,768; 14. Jana Bean, $70,162; 15. Deb Guelly, $69,769.

Bull riding

1. Clayton Foltyn, Winnie, Texas, 76.5 points on Rafter G Rodeo's Thunderstruck, $26,231; (tie) Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla.; Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah; Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont.; Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla.; Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas; Chandler Bownds, Lubbock, Texas; Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah; Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash.; Kody DeShon, Helena, Mont.; Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn.; Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas; Caleb Sanderson, Hallettsville, Texas; Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo.; Reid Barker, Comfort, Texas; NS.

World standings: 1. Sage Kimzey, $184,601; 2. Parker Breding, $158,477; 3. Brennon Eldred, $120,041; 4. Wesley Silcox, $115,778; 5. Shane Proctor, $109,744; 6. Cody Teel, $108,672; 7. Clayton Foltyn, $101,457; 8. Chandler Bownds, $96,441; 9. Joe Frost, $93,812; 10. Caleb Sanderson, $86,114; 11. Brett Stall, $86,089; 12. Dustin Bowen, $75,250; 13. Ty Wallace, $73,905; 14. Reid Barker, $73,847; 15. Kody DeShon, $72,633.

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Baylor junior WR Coleman will bypass his senior season

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor junior receiver Corey Coleman, the FBS leader with 20 touchdown catches, will bypass his senior season for early entry into the NFL draft.

Coleman confirmed his decision Saturday after the No. 12 Bears lost their regular-season finale 23-17 to Texas. He had been recognized before the game along with 19 seniors playing their final home games.

"Every time I think about the decision I get really sad because I love this place," Coleman said. "I'm just thankful in coach (Art) Briles for believing in me."

The three-year starter said he discussed the decision with Briles, his mother and others. He had indicated this week that he was strongly considering that.

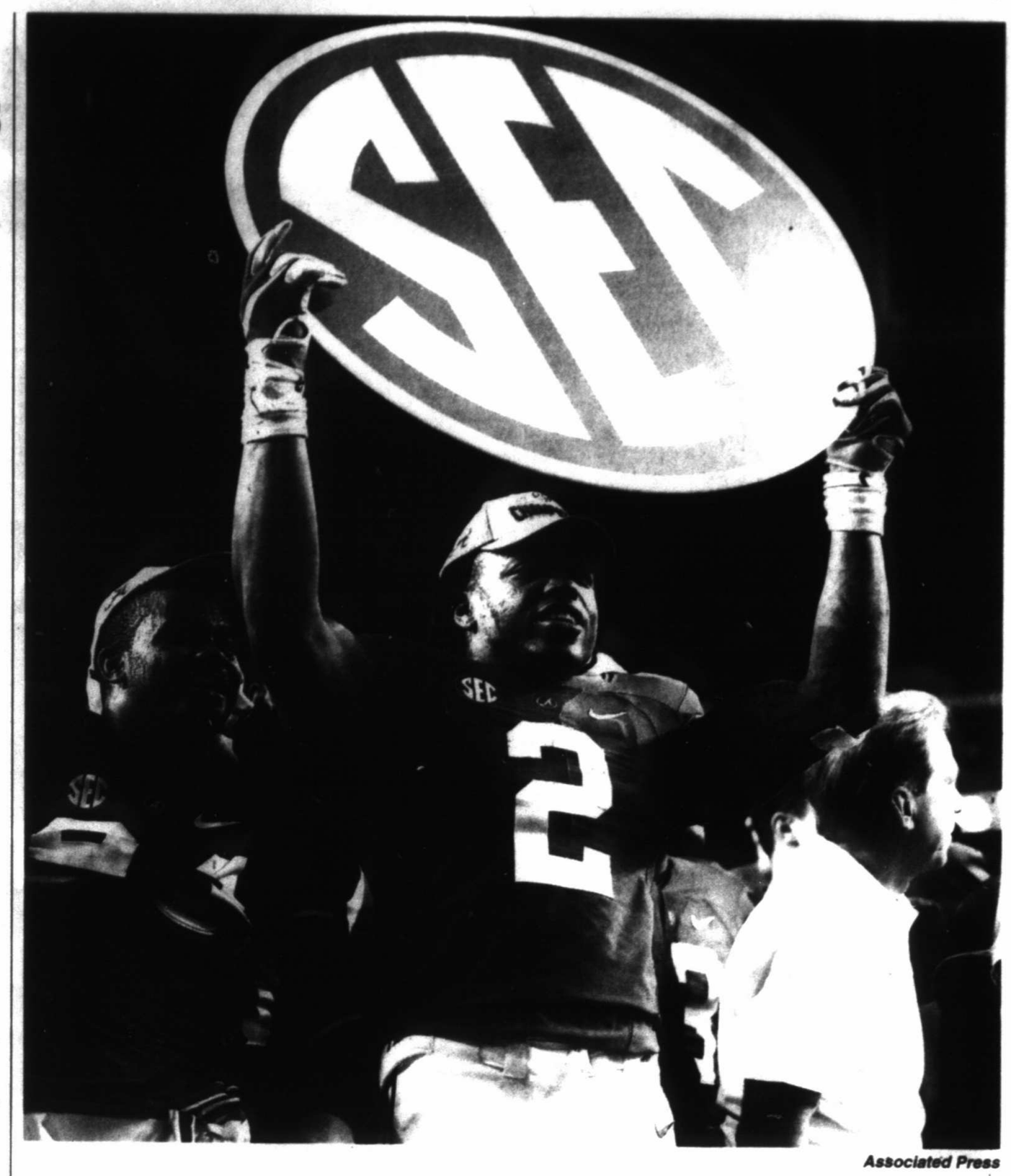
"I think he'll play in the bowl game and then he's going to move on, which we're all in support of," Briles said. "He's done a great job for this university and this football program for four years."

Coleman, who has 76 catches for a Big 12-leading 1,363 yards, said he will definitely play for the Bears (9-3, 6-3 Big 12) in their bowl game, even though that will not be the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day after the loss to the Longhorns.

The Bears went into November undefeated, but lost three of their last four games.

Coleman said the way the regular season ended didn't play any part in his decision, and said a more successful season likely wouldn't have changed his mind either.

"We made the decision of what is best for me. I would have liked to have had a more successful season, but I'm not going to complain," Coleman said. "We're going to go to a bowl game. We're blessed."



Associated Press

Alabama running back Derrick Henry celebrates after the second half of the Southeastern Conference championship game against Florida on Saturday in Atlanta. Alabama won 29-15.

No. 2 Alabama clinches playoff spot

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Alabama locked up another trip to the College Football Playoff.

In all likelihood, Derrick Henry clinched the Heisman Trophy, too.

Henry rushed for 189 bruising yards and the second-ranked Crimson Tide wore down No. 18 Florida with a dominating defensive performance, beating the Gators 29-15 in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

The Crimson Tide (12-1, No. 2 CFP) held the Gators to just 3 yards of offense in the second and third quarters, assuring itself of a spot in the semifinals at either the Cotton or Orange Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Florida, an 18-point underdog, briefly grabbed a 7-2 lead on Antonio Callaway's 85-yard punt return for a touchdown early in the second quarter.

Alabama dominated from there.

Henry came into the game as a Heisman favorite and certainly did nothing to hurt his chances, with a staggering 44 carries against one of the nation's top defenses to earn MVP honors. He put Alabama ahead to stay on a 2-yard run late in the first half, and looked as fresh at the end of the game as he did at the beginning, carrying the ball right to the final seconds.

Henry tied the SEC record for touchdowns in a season (23) and eclipsed Herschel Walker's 34-year-old conference mark for rushing yards in a year, pushing his total to 1,986 with at least one more game still to come.

TEXAS

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Longhorns (5-7, 4-5) held on after building a 20-0 halftime lead, but still have consecutive losing seasons for the first time since 1988-89 in the old Southwest Conference.

"We have something to build on that we can take into the offseason," second-year coach Charlie Strong said. "Not pleased with the year we had. You look at it, you go beat Oklahoma, you bounce back and go on the road and go beat Baylor. I don't have an answer for this team. I wish I did. I wish every week could have been like this."

The NCAA approved a plan this week to make teams with 5-7 records eligible for at least two bowl bids, and as many as five, based on their Academic Progress Rates. Those selections will be made in order of best available APR, and there were at least seven teams above Texas on that list.

Johnny Jefferson ran for 158 yards for Baylor, and had enough yards to convert a fourth-and-4 with 2:31 left before defensive tackle Poona Ford stripped the ball loose and fell on it.

Baylor still had a chance after the Longhorns punted, but Jefferson's pass from the Texas 47 on the last play of the game was incomplete. Jefferson, a running back with a stronger arm, attempted the pass instead of Lynx Hawthorne, the fourth quarterback.

Hawthorne, a junior receiver who last called signals in high school, ran for a touchdown. But he was only 10 of 22 for 64 yards with two interceptions after Johnson had concussion-like symptoms from a hard hit when he fumbled on a run in the first quarter.

"The realization sets in that a lot of the game-plan's essentially out the window," said Briles, who went to mainly wildcat formations after halftime.

The Bears were within 20-17 when Hawthorne scored on an 8-yard keeper with 9:40 left. He took off toward the right sideline, planted his right foot near the 3 and dived forward with the ball in his stretched-out left hand to break the plane for the score.

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After being intercepted by Duke Thomas late in the first quarter, Hawthorne made the tackle along the Texas sideline and was coming up off his knees when he got shoved back to the ground by safety P.J. Locke III.

With Texas celebrating the play and Baylor players trying to protect Hawthorne, a melee ensued. The Bears came across the field from their bench, and there were several scuffles even with referees and coaches between them trying to keep the teams separated. Bears receiver Corey Coleman gave Locke a two-handed shove.

The only penalty was unsportsmanlike conduct against Kevin Vaccaro, though it appeared the Texas safety tripped over Hawthorne after Locke's shove.

Locke also caused the fumble with the hit the knocked Johnson out of the game.

Anthony Wheeler's recovery at the Baylor 18 led to Swoopes' 9-yard keeper for a 17-0 lead.

HOUSTON

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1,000 yards. It was his fourth 100-yard rushing game and the sixth time he's run for two scores.

He was 11 of 21 for 88 yards passing.

"He's a playmaker," Herman said. "He's still got some polishing to do in terms of his quarterback play. When the ball is in his hands you know usually good things are going to happen."

Houston cornerback William Jackson set a school-record by breaking up seven passes. That gives him 20 this season, which is also a record for the Cougars.

Ward's second touchdown came on a 10-yard run that made it 24-3 with less than seven minutes left in the third quarter. He was shaken up on the play after being drilled to the turf as he scored. Ward walked off after a couple of minutes and was attended to by medical staff on the sideline, but didn't miss a play.

That score was set up by another run by Ward when he burst up the middle on a 25-yard scramble and was stopped by a shoestring tackle by Delvon Randall three plays earlier.

Ward evaded several defenders at the line and darted to the outside before dashing 47 yards for a touchdown that made it 17-0 with about 5 1/2 minutes left in the first half. The scramble was Houston's longest rushing touchdown of the season.

COLLEGEFOOTBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAM HOUSTON STATE 34
MCNEESE STATE 29

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Jeremiah Briscoe passed for 313 yards and three touchdowns, and Sam Houston State ended McNeese State's perfect season with a 34-29 win in the second round of the FCS playoffs on Saturday night.

Sam Houston State (10-3), which failed to score on offense in a 27-10 loss to the Cowboys on Nov. 7, rolled up 494 total yards and 26 first downs against the No. 2 scoring defense in the FCS.

Two second-half TD passes from Daniel Sams cut Sam Houston's lead to five, and the Pokes had first-and-goal at the Bearkats' 1-yard line in the fourth quarter. But they punted after penalties and sacks backed them up to fourth-and-39, and Briscoe led a clock-killing 11-play drive to ice the game.

Sams finished 11 of 20 for 147 yards with four touchdown passes and an interception for McNeese State (10-1). He also rushed for 75 yards.

Sam Houston State advances to face Colgate in the FCS quarterfinals, which beat James Madison 44-38 on Saturday.

ARKANSAS STATE 55
TEXAS STATE 17

JONESBORO, Ark. — Fredi Knighten threw two touchdown passes and ran in another Saturday to lead Arkansas State to the Sun Belt Conference title with a 55-17 win over Texas State.

Knighten was 12 of 16 for 192 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown pass to Chris Murray and a 7-yarder to JD McKissic. Michael Gordon had 148 yards rushing on 20 carries and put Arkansas State (9-3, 8-0) on the board with a 3-yard touchdown run.

KANSAS STATE 24
WEST VIRGINIA 23

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Wide receiver Cody Cook led Kansas State to a pair of touchdowns as the emergency quarterback, Morgan Burns returned a kickoff 97 yards for the go-ahead score and the Wildcats beat West Virginia 24-23 on Saturday night to become bowl-eligible.

Taking over for the injured Joe Hubener, Cook ran for a touchdown and hit Deante Burton with a 77-yard scoring strike to help the Wildcats (6-6, 3-5 Big 12) win their third straight game.

Most importantly, it gave Kansas State six wins and its sixth straight bowl berth.

NO. 1 CLEMSON 45
NO. 8 NORTH CAROLINA 37

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Deshaun Watson threw for 289 yards and three touchdowns and ran for two scores, and Clemson held off North Carolina to win Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Watson had 420 total yards and five total touchdowns to set ACC championship game records and assure the Tigers (13-0, No. 1 CFP) a spot in the College Football Playoff.

North Carolina's Ryan Switzer hauled in his second TD catch of the game with 1:13 left to cut Clemson's lead to eight and give the Tigers a scare.

The Tar Heels (11-2) appeared to recover the onside kick, but were called for being offside — although replays didn't show any player in a blue jersey being offside — and had to kick again. The Tar Heels attempted another onside kick and this time Clemson recovered and ran out the clock.

NO. 5 MICHIGAN ST. 16
NO. 4 IOWA 13

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — L.J. Scott kept lunging forward, stretching the ball over the goal line for a touchdown with 27 seconds and No. 5 Michigan State all but locked up a spot in the College Football Playoff, edging No. 4 Iowa 16-13 Saturday in the Big Ten championship game.

Connor Cook led the Spartans (12-1) on a 22-play drive that set up Scott's 1-yard run. A half-dozen Iowa defenders tried to stop Scott, but he wouldn't be denied.

Iowa (12-1) lost for the first time this season — and just barely.

Five times in the final 2 minutes, the Spartans snapped the ball from the Iowa 5-yard line or closer. Finally, after getting bottled up by three defenders on third-and-goal from 1, Scott broke free just long enough to get the ball across the goal line for Michigan State's only TD.

The 82-yard march wiped out Iowa's 13-9 lead, which it got on an 85-yard pass from C.J. Beathard to Tevaun Smith.

NO. 7 STANFORD 41
NO. 24 USC 22

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Christian McCaffrey ran for 207 yards and a score, threw a touchdown pass, caught another and broke Barry Sanders' single-season all-purpose yards record to make his Heisman Trophy case and lead Stanford to the Pac-12 championship.

Kevin Hogan caught the TD pass from McCaffrey, threw one and ran for a third and Solomon Thomas scored on a 34-yard fumble return for the Cardinal (11-2, No. 7 CFP). Stanford will likely play in the Rose Bowl.

Cody Kessler threw for a touchdown and ran for another score for the Trojans (8-5, No. 20 CFP), who lost in their first game since removing the interim tag from coach Clay Helton.

Nebraska, Minnesota, SJSU will go to bowls at 5-7

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Nebraska, Minnesota and San Jose State will be playing in bowl games with 5-7 records.

Championship Saturday began with 75 bowl-eligible teams and two more teams got there, three short of what was needed to fill a record 80 bowl games.

Kansas State took care of business by beating West Virginia 24-23 to finish 6-6. Georgia State, in its sixth season playing Division I football, beat Sun Belt Conference rival Georgia Southern 34-7 for its sixth victory.

South Alabama fell short of six, though, losing 34-27 to Appalachian State.

That makes 77 teams with at least six victories and a .500 record, the minimum to be eligible for a bowl bid.

The NCAA approved a plan earlier in the week to fill bowls in need with 5-7 teams based on their Academic Progress Ratings for 2013-14 school year, the most recent scores available. Nebraska (985) was tops among those teams and has said it will accept a bid.

Next up was Missouri (976), but it announced earlier in the week it would not accept a bid at 5-7 as it worked to replace retiring coach Gary Pinkel.

Kansas State was in a strange spot with a 976 APR and a 5-6 record entering Saturday. No matter what happened against West Virginia, the Wildcats were going to be in line for a bowl bid. Kansas State coach Bill Snyder had said he would let the team decide if it wanted to play a postseason game with a 5-7 record. Now, there will be no question.

Minnesota is next in line at 975, tied with San Jose State. Gophers coach Tracy Claeys has said his team wants to play and because the Big Ten won't be able to fill all its bowl contracts with eligible teams, Minnesota's season will continue.

San Jose State officials said the Spartans would accept a bid at 5-7, but had to sweat it out.

South Alabama wiped out a 24-7 halftime deficit and took a 27-24 lead in the fourth quarter before App State scored the game's last 10 points.

Georgia State's victory was bad news for Illinois (973) and Rice (973), which were next in line among the 5-7s. The season is now over for the Illini and Owls.

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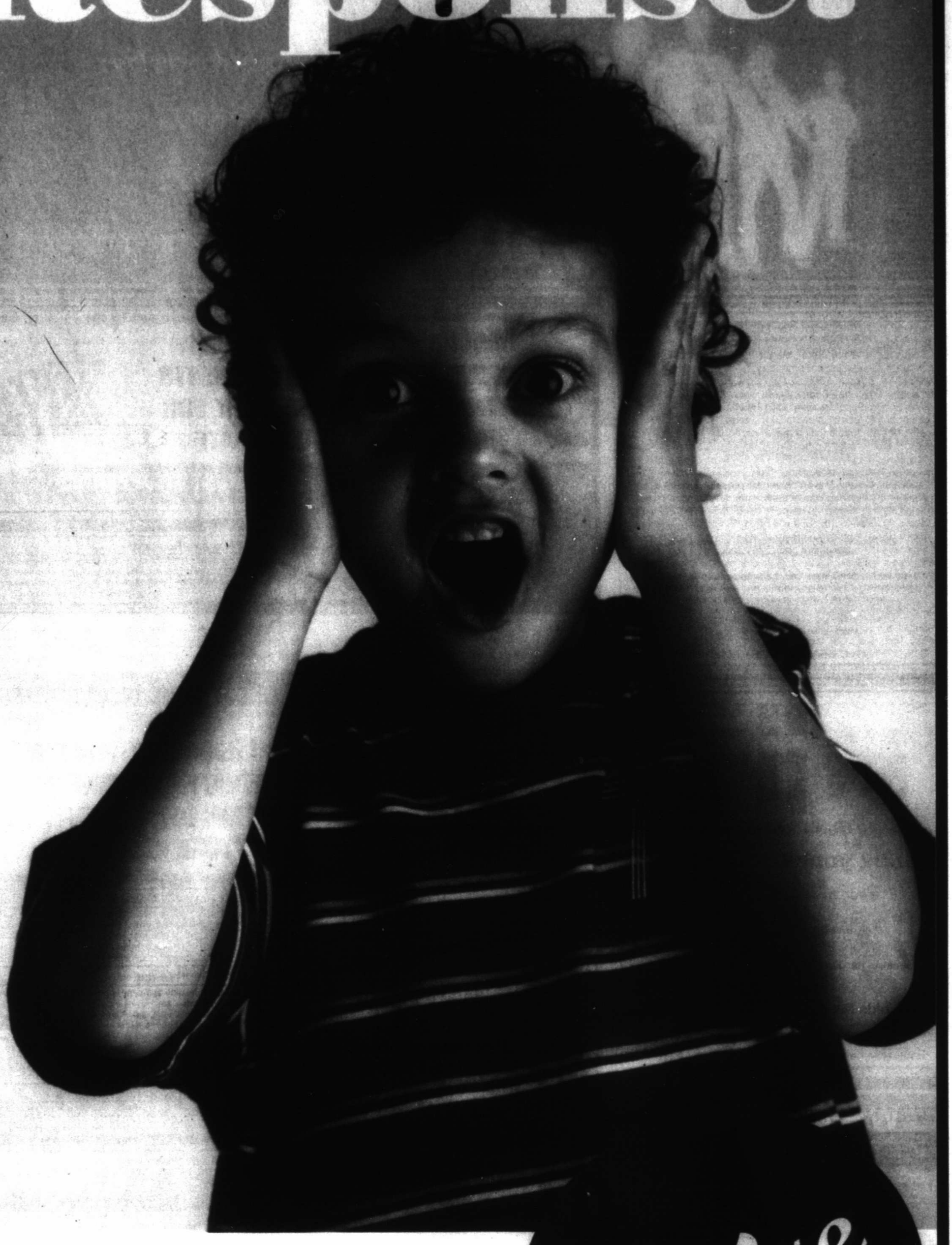

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HOW TO HAVE A CAREER ENCORE

WANT TO FOLLOW A PASSION BUT STILL MAKE A LIVING? START BY TRANSITIONING – NOT DIVING HEAD FIRST – INTO YOUR SECOND ACT

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA
CTW Features

A growing number of American workers want do more than just leave a legacy - they want to live one. So at midlife, an age characterized by new perspectives and priorities, they're looking for a different type of paycheck.

"More people are realizing that with midlife comes a newfound capacity to tap into their accumulated experience and wisdom to accomplish new things, often in ways they were unable to do earlier in their lives," says journalist Marci Alboher, author of "The Encore Career Handbook: How to Make a Living and a Difference in the Second Half of Life." (Workman Publishing Co., 2012)

It's very possible to create a living doing something that you love that also makes a difference in the world, she adds. The key is finding what you love.

When a career transitions, you should plan for a period of reflection and self-assessments. Then you have a chance to test things out in the real world, Alboher says.

"Most people who tell you they love what they do have found a way to craft a career by knitting together something that matters to them with some other talent or skill - and by thinking creatively," she adds. Your encore may be a collection of slashes, such as sales director/ music teacher. Or you could mix pro-bono work with paid gigs. You can also divide the work part of your life into a few different kinds of activities that interest you, such as activist/ writer/ teacher.

"The slash approach is also a common way to transition. By hanging on to a prior type of work, you can support yourself while easing your way into your encore," says Alboher, who after years as a freelance writer and author took a job as vice president for Encore.org, a nonprofit resource center that offers comprehensive information that helps people transition to jobs in the nonprofit world and the public sector.

People of all ages consider an encore career. Those in their mid-forties or early fifties area better positioned to plan ahead and invest in retraining, which could take years to complete. They can take steps toward their encore while still in the midst of their primary careers, much like you'd do if you were planning for retirement. The later you start on your encore, the less likely you may be to invest in lengthy retraining because the horizon of how long you'll work will be shorter.

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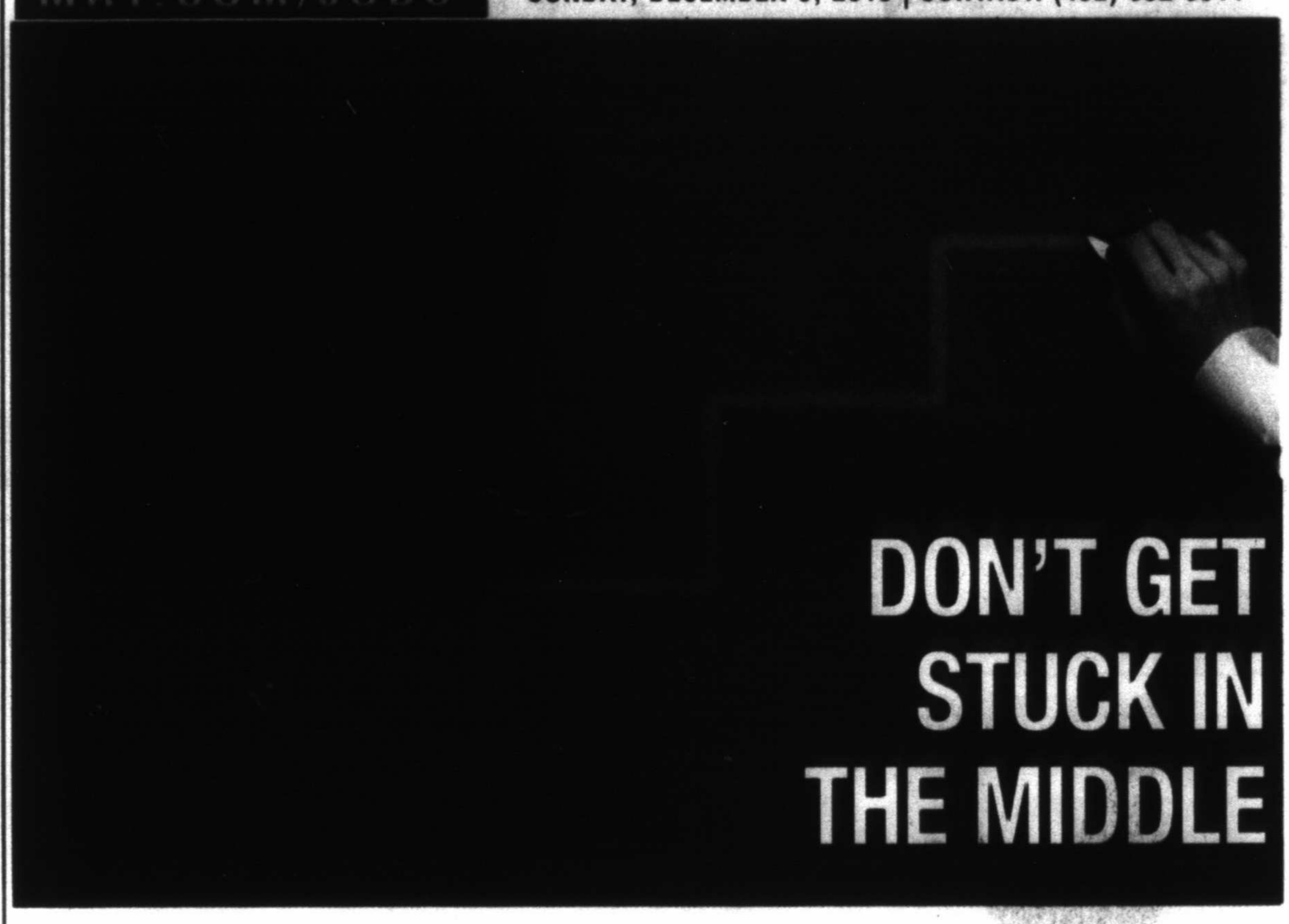

HAVING AN ULTIMATE CAREER GOAL – AND WORKING TOWARD IT AT A STEADY PACE – CAN ELIMINATE CAREER FATIGUE AND PREVENT ON-THE-JOB BURNOUT

BY DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

Two thousand sixteen is the year for you to start thinking about the marathon.

No, not a 26.2-mile race but rather the marathon on your career.

Businessman and author Daniel Steenerson would like to see more professionals think of their careers in terms of a marathon. Instead of start and finish lines, there are a series of fresh starts and long-term goals. And in between are the "middle miles," where fatigue sets in and employees start reporting to work as though on a treadmill.

Though Steenerson typically counsels entrepreneurs - who fail in such high numbers because the business equivalent of a "runner's high" isn't everlasting - his advice about muscling through the middle miles also applies to employees struggling to put one foot in front of the other.

During the middle miles, "It's particularly important to apply a disciplined approach," Steenerson says. "Every day, know what you will accomplish and how."

Make sure your daily routine consists not of walking in place, but taking small steps toward your ultimate goal. Remind yourself that consistency is a quality that employers notice. So though the finish line is still far away, your determination and progress could gain you some fans and cheerleaders along the way.

Since mistakes can happen when fatigue sets in, take a pause if necessary before pressing on to assess and address the underlying causes, advises Russ Hovendick, founder of Directional Motivation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

"Self-assessment is really important," Hovendick says, and begins with a series of questions.

1. Why am I feeling this way?
2. Am I overtaxed or am I bored?
3. Do I need more resources or more of a challenge?
4. Do I need to ask for help?
5. What will revitalize me?

An honest self-assessment may reveal the problem is complacency. "Sometimes, good is the enemy of great. Very often, people who achieve a certain degree of success stop visualizing the finish line," Steenerson says. "They've gotten to where they are good at what they do, have the things in life that they want, so they see no incentive to work harder."

But settling for "good" when great is on the horizon is the same thing as stalling out, with no further development.

If depletion is the underlying cause, it's necessary to refuel, which takes effort. In a marathon, orange slices and cups of water are there for the taking all along the course - all runners do is stick out their hands to accept this refreshment. By contrast, an employee's experience is more like the desert wanderer who must seek out water on hands and knees if necessary.

"When you're in the middle mile and you're dragging, it's very counterintuitive but that's when you have to dig even deeper," Steenerson says.

And just when you think you cannot take on anything else, it may be time to do just that, he adds.

Take classes. Find a mentor. Hire a career coach. Or simply read, "Invest in yourself and get those creative juices flowing," Steenerson says.

Piling more on isn't always the answer. Sometimes paring down is the key to getting ahead. "Maybe you're hitting your head against the wall because you've made things too complicated. Maybe you've become bogged down in details and it's time to simplify," Steenerson says.

With a finish line in sight, business professionals - like runners - experience a sense of elation. Having crossed the finish line, "as soon as you take on a new role or challenge, sit down and make a list of why you want to be in that role," Hovendick says.

Later, with the exhilarating start and the exultant finish both miles away, you can refer back to the list "as sort of a GPS system to keep you motivated and on track," he says.

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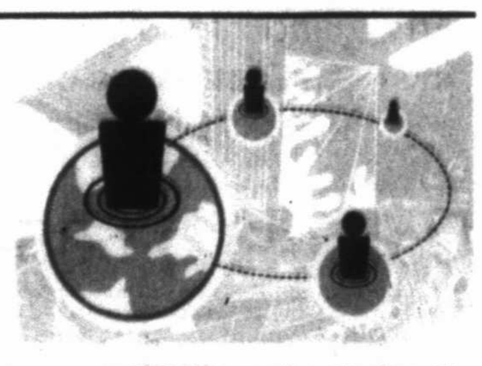
SOCIAL NETWORKS: HELPFUL OR HURTFUL?

Employers now are looking to workers' contacts to bring in new hires. Here's what to know about managing your social profiles in the workplace



Recently, Aliah Wright personally experienced a trend she'd been tracking in her professional role with the Society for Human Resource Management.

"A friend started a new job," Wright relates. "All of a sudden I started getting messages from her, asking me to go through my contacts and see if there was someone in accounting who would like a job with her new company."

Firms can be so hungry for new hires that they ask workers for referrals from their social media contacts, Wright says. Indeed, a new buzzword, "LinkedIn Parties" explains the practice, and anyone hoping to get noticed for a job should actively manage a professional social media presence, Wright acknowledges.

But employers have to be careful not to press too far, says Chicago attorney Peter Gillespie, noting that in 22 states statutes that deal with prohibitions on employers requiring access to workers' social media activity.

These laws can forbid "shoulder surfing," another catchword describing the practice standing over a worker's screen when he's viewing social media, Gillespie explains. But some laws allow employers greater access if the device a worker uses is paid for, or partially paid for, by the firm, adds Kristin Starnes-Gray, an attorney in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The laws, says Gillespie aren't really intended to discourage firms from garnering referrals for new workers, but aimed at giving workers more privacy on social media.

Even without passwords, though, employers can learn of offensive postings and fire workers, says Wright.

It's also possible that job candidates may be pushed out of the running due to postings, although only 20 percent of employers said they screen applicants' social media, according to a 2013 SHRM survey. Indicators of a candidate's race, religion, disabilities or other "protected status" information are often gleaned from social media, notes Gray, and employers risk claims of discrimination in hiring when they vet applicants using their social media.

– Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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NAOMI DYAN ORMAN, Deceased
Cause No. **P18417**
in **COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas**

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 8/13/2015, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **NAOMI DYAN ORMAN,** Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m.**12/14/2015**, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to this Application **should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on December 01st 2015.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

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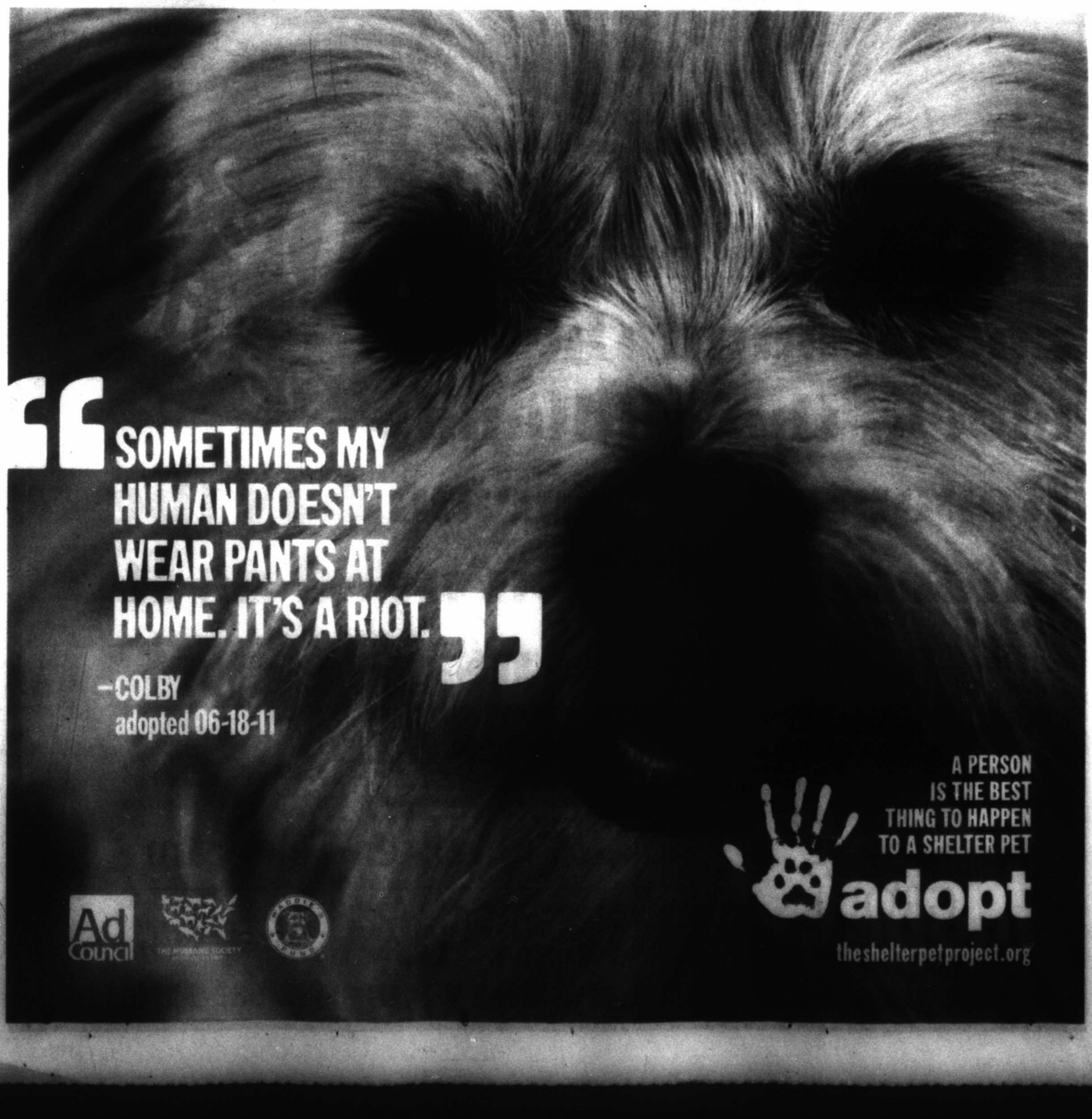

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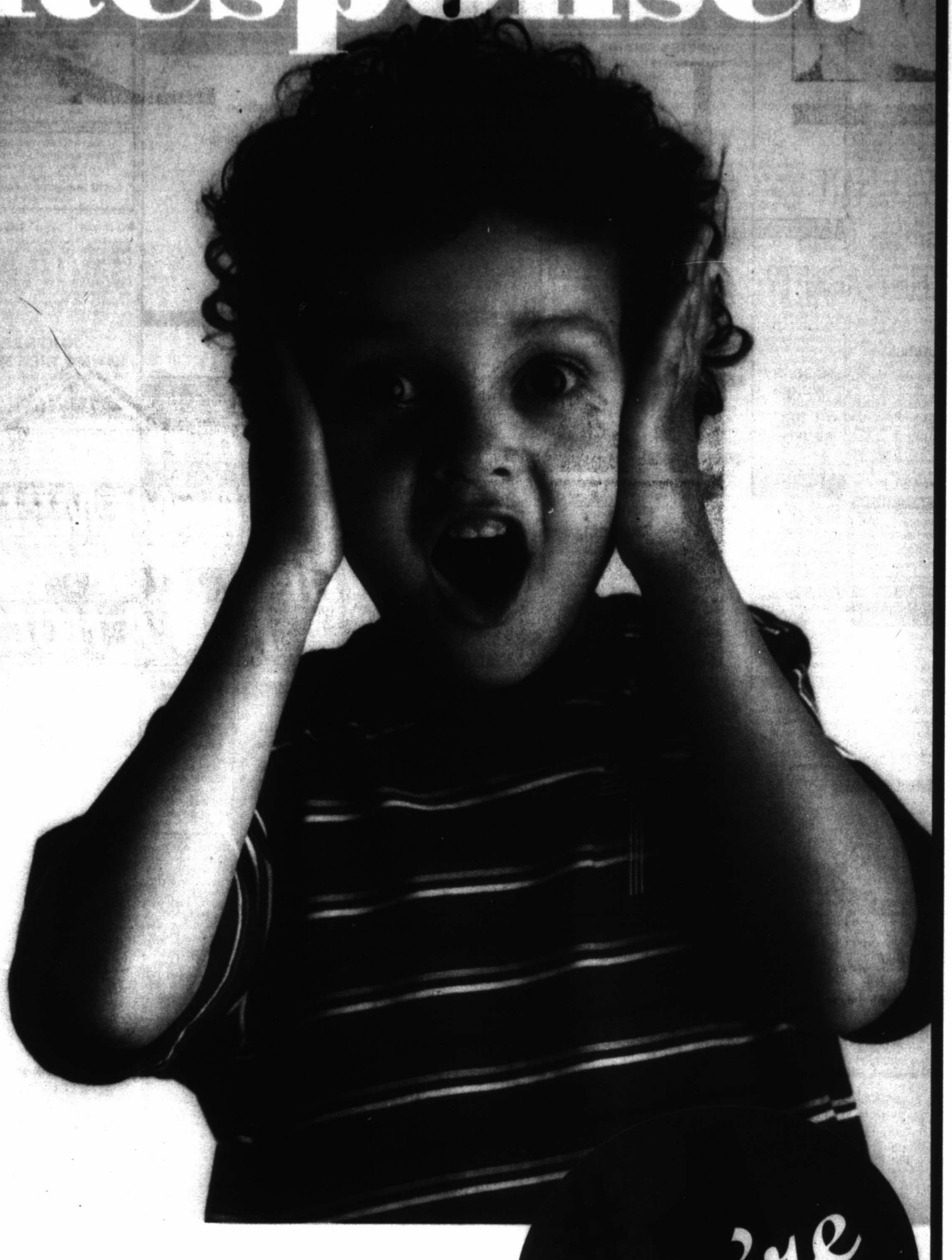

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WILL RATE HIKES TANK THE MARKET?

QUESTION:

The Federal Reserve is expected to hike interest rates in December. If that happens will it sink the real estate market?

ANSWER:

Several times during the past year many predicted that the Federal Reserve would raise rates and nothing happened. As this is written before the December Fed meeting, there is no way to tell what will happen or not happen.

However, let's imagine that the Fed does raise rates. The usual suggestion is that rates will increase by .25 percent. How will this impact the real estate marketplace?

First, it should be said that the Fed does not directly impact mortgage rates. The Fed has the ability to raise and lower certain costs for banks and those expenses get passed through to borrowers in the form of higher or lower rates for bank loans.

Second, the expectation is that if the Fed raises interest rates for banks that mortgage rates will surely follow. However – and this is a crucially important point – that may not be the case because mortgage lenders do not necessarily get money from the banking system. For instance, there's an estimated $3.6 trillion that now earns negative interest in Europe and Asia. If bank rates rise mortgage lenders might want to get capital from other sources – sources that might be elated with returns that are lower than today's rates.

It might seem strange to suggest that mortgage rates could stay level and perhaps even decline if the Federal Reserve raises rates. However, the end of the Fed's quantitative easing program also was supposed to raise mortgage rates, and when the Fed finally ended its massive security purchases in October 2014 mortgage rates nudged up for a few weeks and then quickly fell back. According to Freddie Mac, mortgage rates at the end of October 2015 stood at 3.76 percent for fixed-rate 30-year financing versus 3.98 percent at the end of October 2014.

But what if the Fed does raise interest rates by .25 percent in December and mortgage rates increase by a similar amount?

If someone wants a $150,000 fixed-rate mortgage and the interest rate goes from 3.75 percent to 4 percent, it means that the monthly payment will increase from $694.67 to $716.12, a difference of $21.45 a month.

In the context of a $150,000 mortgage $21.45 is not a lot of money, however it is enough to sink marginal loan applications, and inherently higher rates are simply not good for real estate. Also, once the Fed finally does begin to raise bank rates it's likely that there will be a series of increases, thus a single .25-percent increase is not all we're likely to see.

As always with the Fed it makes sense to see what it actually does – if it does anything – and then wait a few weeks to see how the market is really reacting.

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9 THING TO REMEMBER WHEN SHOPPING FOR A HOME

BEFORE YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH THAT POTENTIAL NEW HOUSE, KEEP THESE POINTS IN MIND

By LINDSEY ROMAIN
CTW Features

It's easy to get swept away in the romance of a new home – those tall ceilings, that spacious backyard, all the great amenities that are nearby. Eager young buyers are especially vulnerable. The mindful first-time homebuyer will keep an eye on the little practicalities that many first-timers ignore. Here are nine points to keep in mind before buying your first dream home.

1. THE HOME IS DESIGNED TO ATTRACT YOU

Sellers spruce up a house before putting it on the market, staging it with attractive furniture and accessories, baking cookies and lighting candles to scent the rooms with a pleasant aroma. What seems like a nice detail could be covering up a problem, such as stinky plumbing or musty odors.

"Go back to the house at another time and request that there be no olfactory or auditory enhancements," says Suzanne Whang, former host of HGTV's "House Hunters" and author of "Suzanne Whang's Guide to Happy Home Buying" (HGTV, 2006).

2. EMPTY ROOMS ONLY SEEM BIGGER

During a walkthrough, think about your own possessions and how they will fill the space. Ignore the furnishings that are there – or not there.

"If the house is empty, remember that furniture will make each room feel smaller," Whang says.

3. TRACK THE APPLIANCES

Make sure the contract honors the appliances that will come with the house. And make sure it's specific.

"Do not just say 'washer and dryer,'" says Diana Brodman Summers, an attorney and author of "How to Buy Your First Home" (Sphinx Publishing, 2005). "Say 'Maytag Model 800 washer and dryer.' That way the seller cannot substitute an old washer and dryer for the one in place when the deal was made."

Brodman Summers advises doing a walk-through of the home the night before closing to ensure that all items in the contract are still there and in the same condition.

4. FACE IT: YOU'LL HAVE TO FIX STUFF

New homes rarely arrive in pristine condition. Be sure to allot some of your budget for repairs, big and small. A pre-purchase home inspection will offer insight into what projects might need to be done. Your agent will highlight potential fixes, too.

5. THE HOUSE WILL LOOK DIFFERENT THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Visit the house and surrounding area at different times during the day and at night.

"You'll want to experience the levels of sunlight and shade in all of the rooms," says Whang, who suggests walking around the neighborhood at different times to see how safe you feel.

6. GAUGE THE NEIGHBORS' HAPPINESS

The best way to know if a neighborhood lives up to the asking price of a property is to get a feel from the folks who live nearby. Chat up neighbors to see if they're comfortable with the area and have had good experiences. It's a good idea to meet people in the area or in your building; you'll want to be sure you'll be comfortable living next door to them.

7. GOOD SCHOOLS COME WITH A PRICE

Have kids? Want kids? A strong school district might influence a purchasing decision, but be aware that a good school means a higher price tag. What makes a school district "good?"

"A person may want to research the school district online," suggests Brodman Summers. "See if it has made the news; look at the demographics of the families in that area; look at school board meeting minutes and the graduation rate."

8. YOUR MONTHLY EXPENSES MAY GO UP

According to Brodman Summers, the monthly mortgage cost on a home is often is higher than a new homeowner expects, due to insurance and taxes, which have the potential to increase. She suggests making a detailed budget and staying conscious of the fact that certain expenses will fluctuate.

9. A LITTLE COURTESY GOES A LONG WAY

"If you really love a house, write a personal letter to the owners," Whang says. "It could make the difference between your offer and a comparable dollar amount from another buyer."

Whang notes that many sellers don't want to sell a family home to buyers who will tear it down or make major renovations, so if your plan is to keep the integrity of the structure, let them know. A little bit of home loving can go a long way to making the best decision.

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NEW CHANGES COMING TO FHA POLICIES

Condo policies to become more lenient, increasing potential buying options for more borrowers

The Federal Housing Administration last month announced that it would make changes to its condominium policies, easing the way for many potential buyers to get into a new home.

The changes, long advocated by the National Association of Realtors, include changes to the FHA's lengthy, complex recertification process; burdensome owner-occupancy requirements; and limits on the types of property insurance that are considered acceptable coverage under FHA's rules. Among the NAR's recommended changes:

• Eliminate the owner-occupancy ratio. Currently, a building requires a 50-percent owner-occupancy for a buyer to qualify for FHA financing, leaving many potential homebuyers to look at looking at properties in locations or communities that don't meet their needs.

• Increase the concentration of building units insured by the FHA to 100 percent. Currently, only 50 percent of a building can be occupied by FHA-insured loans, which often is the only financing available to likely condo purchasers like first-time homebuyers. Removing the limit could make available more potential units to creditworthy borrowers.

• Ease the certification requirements. The Department of Housing and Urban Development certification language often requires attorney advice, and many condo boards find the process much too complicated.

• Increase flexibility on past-due homeowner's association fees. Currently, no more than 15 percent of units can be more than 60 days past due on HOA fees. The NAR wants to increase this time period to 90 days.

Speaking at the Realtors Conference and Expo on Nov. 12, Ed Golding, the FHA's principal deputy assistant secretary, said changes related to insurance and recertification would take place immediately as part of a Mortgage Letter that was released the following day. Policy changes related to owner occupancy, commercial space percentage, FHA concentration and spot approvals would be addressed in a future formal rulemaking, he added. — *Alex Burnham*

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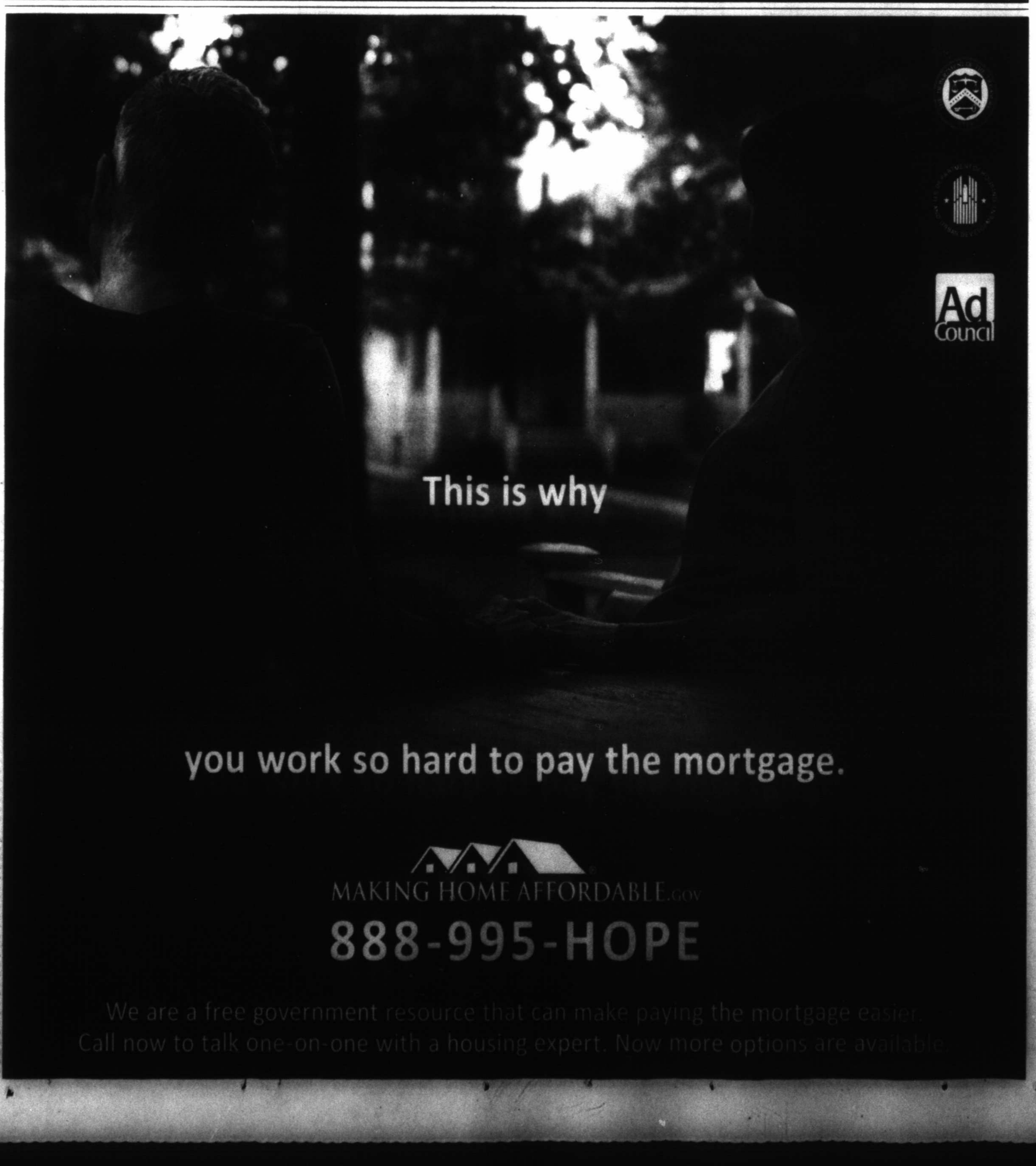

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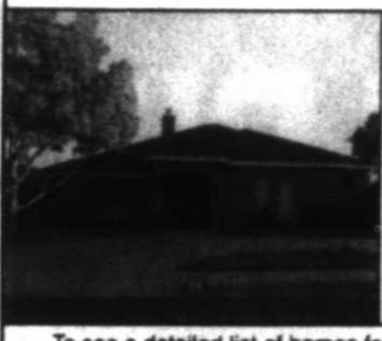

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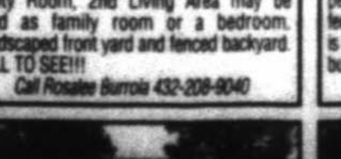

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Know the difference: Loan pre-qualification versus loan pre-approval

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Are you qualified?
To get pre-qualified for a home loan, you must provide a lender approximate income, current debts and any important details from your credit history. The lender uses these figures to calculate how much money you may be eligible to borrow. You may receive a Conditional Qualification Letter, which determines your likelihood of obtaining a loan. However, all information submitted during pre-qualification is subject to verification at the time your actual loan application is submitted. Because your financial situation has yet to be verified, there is no guarantee of a home loan.

Stamp of approval
Typically, pre-approval means that your financial situation has been verified by the lender. When you get pre-approved, you fill out a mortgage loan application and may have to pay an application fee. After an extensive examination of your financial situation, your lender will commit in writing to fund your loan, pending a successful appraisal of the home and a few other conditions.

Just because you're pre-approved for a mortgage loan doesn't mean you have to borrow the money. However, the lender must stand behind its written loan commitment unless something changes with your situation. Think how attractive you'll be as a buyer when your offer for a house comes with a letter pre-approving you for the necessary mortgage loan.

Why would the lender change his mind?
There are some reasons that could cause a lender to withdraw from providing a loan after a pre-approval letter is issued. If your credit situation changes between your pre-approval and the loan's funding, the lender could change your interest rate or even deny the loan application. So, while you're buying a house, abstain from applying for credit cards or other loans.

Dig into your financial history
Don't go into the pre-approval and pre-qualification process without getting a copy of your credit report, which lists your financial history, including total debt and whether you pay bills on time. Checking your credit report regularly is the best way to spot identity theft, credit-report errors or other financial missteps that very well could affect your ability to buy a home.

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501 Scharbauer Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$84,900
3212 Frontier Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living areas	SOLD
3404 Flare Court	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
7217 Raphael St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$232,000
5112 Brighton Place	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$259,900
4808 Lemonwood Lane	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$319,900
6501 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$439,500
3700 Casady Court	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$439,900
5314 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$459,900
5317 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 car garage	$469,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,800
1003 S. Mineola St	Carrasco Homes/ 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$249,500
1505 Mineola St.	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5007 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4302 Coronado Ct.	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$367,500
7117 E. Co. Rd 91	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2+ Car Garage	$410,700
4405 Casa Verde Ct	Ashington Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$425,000
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$429,500
10903 E. Co. Rd. 105	Michael Davis Homes/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$432,900
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$435,000
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$435,000
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$449,000
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$482,500
5308 Balfour Ct	A&E Home Construction/5 Bdrm/ 3 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	$519,900
5302 George Yard Ct	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5417 Secretariat St	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,250,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

14943 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Carport	$123,900
6518 Mockingbird Ln	1.007 Acres	$125,000
3408 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$129,500
6007 Dunbarton Oaks	Mockingbird Oaks	$149,000
14941 Sunflower Ave	Gardendale/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/7.2 Acres	U/C
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
4201 S. Co. Rd. 1185	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$310,000
2012 S. Co. Rd. 1088	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$342,000
7112 FM 307	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car garage	U/C

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 35/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

458 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$150,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

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1400 Webb Lane	Big Spring/4 Acres	$650,000
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3008 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

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4306 Pasadena	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	$1,500
4013 Aspen	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba	$2,200
605 N. D Street	4 Bdrm/2 Ba	$2,300
5309 Brown Heart Lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba	$3,500

Contact Lillian Reynolds @ 432-210-9682

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5317 Half Moon Circle

4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,000

4608 Lemonwood Lane

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917 N. Weatherford Street

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5309 Brown Heart Lane

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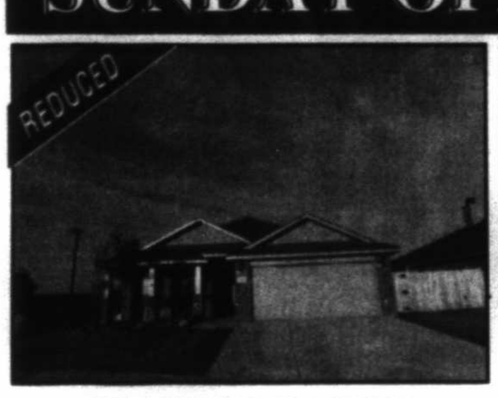

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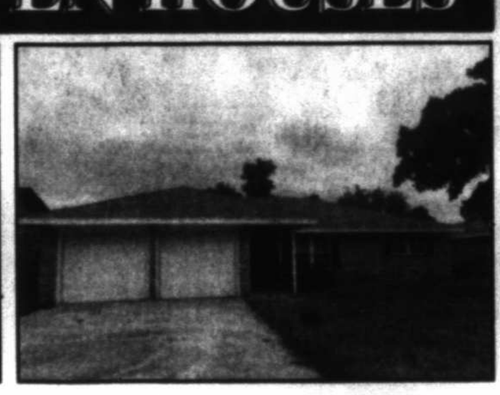
605 MEMORIAL - $215,000

Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home built in 2014. Open floor plan with huge living area with beautiful wood burning fireplace. Formal dining area and lovely kitchen with granite, inside utility room with added storage. Sequestered large master suite with his & her closets, separate tub & shower. Home sits on cul-de-sac, is landscaped and is on a large fenced lot. Will consider lease!

Shown by Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875



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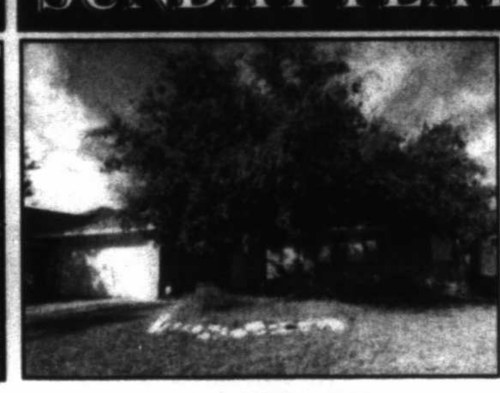
3804 NEELY AVE. - $199,000

Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many updates. Two living areas - one with wood burning fireplace. Kitchen has lovely dark finish cabinets and new tile flooring. Large inside utility/storage is off of kitchen. Nice size bedrooms and two full baths. Large landscaped backyard with storage building. The attic has blown in insulation for more efficient cooling and heating. Carpet allowance.

Call Cassie Hudson, 432-288-9947

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES



5102 LAVACA AVE.

$215,000

Nice three bedroom, 2 bath in Northgate with two living areas and den with lovely, brick fireplace. Updated kitchen. All bedrooms are a good size. Master bath has dual sinks and closets. Landscaped lot with nice size back yard, covered patio and storage shed.

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4408 TREVINO ST.

$209,000

This is a wonderful home with large living area, high ceilings, fireplace, open floor plan with bright dining area, kitchen has new sink & faucet, plenty of counter space with good sized pantry, sequestered master with jetted tub and separate shower/tub/ closets, good size bedrooms, large corner lot & large yard in nice neighborhood with great school districts. Easy access to Loop 250. Move in ready.

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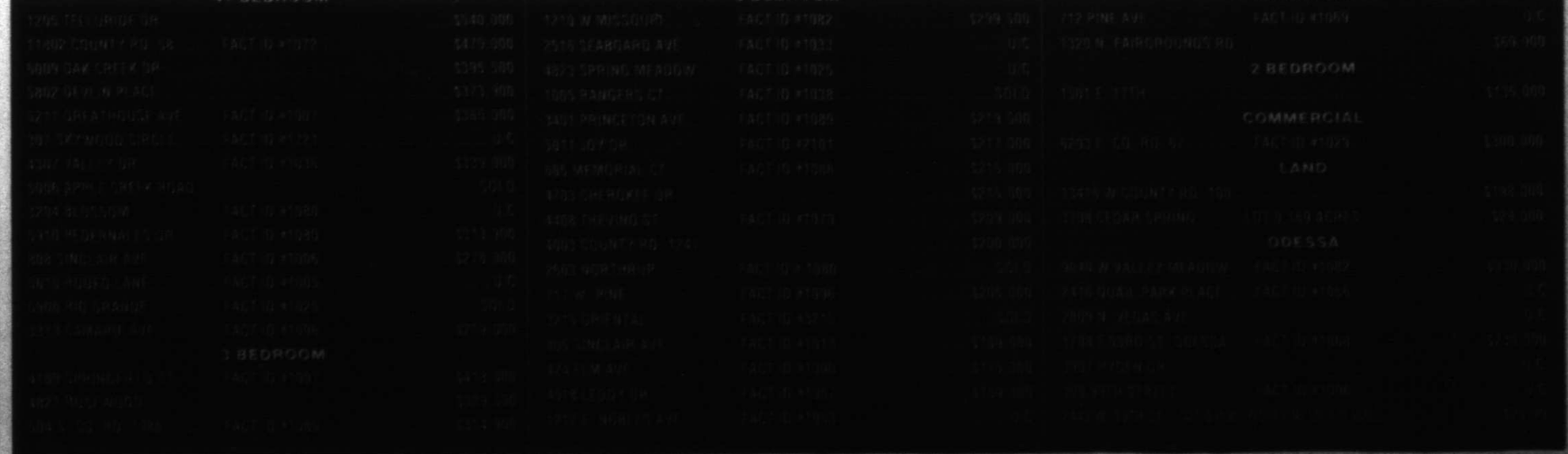

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NEW OFFICE BUILDING ON WALL ST. - Exam rooms, with nice reception area. 2 years new. 2,250 Square Feet. $500,000

3805 ST. ANDREWS COURT - 4 bed. 2.5 baths with generous living spaces. Park like backyard is very impressive. Cul-de-sâc for quiet. $475,000

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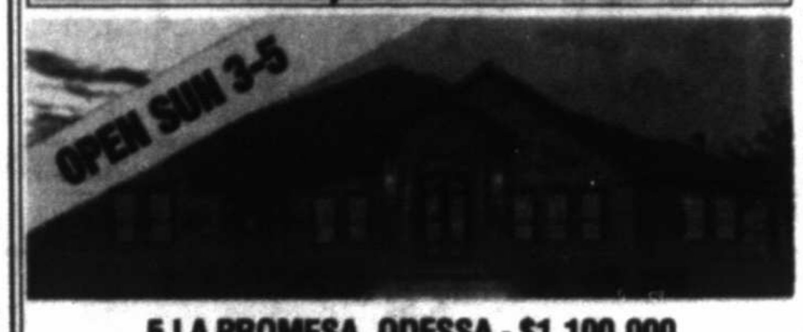

5 LA PROMESA, ODESSA - $1,100,000
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OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

2912 SHANKS
Been searching for country? 3/2.5/2 with marvelous open and big living area. FP, Silestone tops in kitchen, 18 tile, new windows, roof 2007, large nice bedrooms, 2 closets in master, pipe fencing, 1.35 acres. Sprinklers on W/2 including yard. Pristine and clean as a whistle.
Shown by Skeet Doss 432-352-4826

OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00

4303 DAWN
Beautiful two story home located just south of Midland Park Mall. Home features 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, 4 spacious bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, loft,& bonus room.
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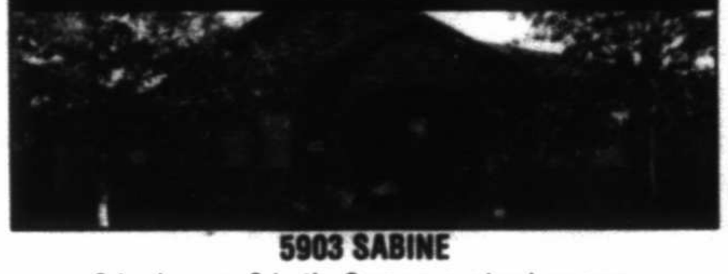
FEATURED HOME

5903 SABINE
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car oversized garage.
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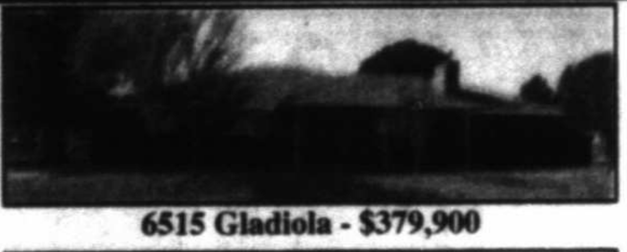
OPEN: 1:00-3:00 P.M.

811 Trinidad Place - $449,500
4 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Shown by Patti Wallace

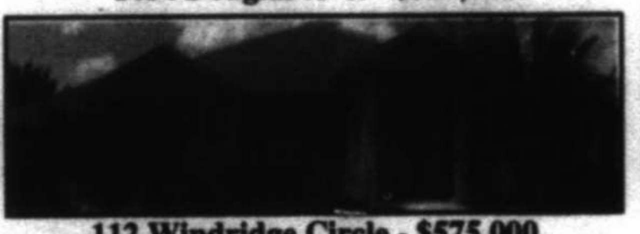
FEATURED HOMES

2503 Culpeper Dr. - $325,000

1404 Douglas Ave. - $325,000


6515 Gladiola - $379,900

5132 Ashdown Place - $249,900


112 Windridge Circle - $575,000

3605 Roosevelt Ave. - $220,000

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS
519 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,150,000
2500 Sinclair Ave.-Tree shaded 3bdrm/2bth townhome in very established neighborhood $395,000
2711 Savoy-Beautiful 4bdrm/2.5bth custom built home w/fabulous attention to detail $379,000
6515 Gladiola-So much space for the money!! 5bdrms/4.5bths with finished basement $379,900
2200 Neely Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths $269,000
2100 Wadley #65-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/3bths $145,900

TWO BEDROOMS
2001 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! $550,000
1911 Woodlawn Dr.-Great location! Low maintenance! SOLD $162,000
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! U/C $135,000
4700 Boulder Dr.-Move in ready! 2 bdrm/2bth condo. Corner lot with view of POOL! $78,000

THREE BEDROOMS
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
2106 N. N St.-Old Midland treasure! 3bdrm/3bth, just amazing! Must see! $775,000
1909 Crescent Pl.-Wonderful townhome in Crescent Place $599,000
112 Windridge Circle-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub $575,000
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
4419 Tanforan Ave.-Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! U/C $419,000
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree $399,900
3810 Coyote-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! U/C $399,500
2500 Sinclair Ave.-Tree shaded 3bdrm/2bth townhome in very established neighborhood $395,000
Lot10Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $376,000
4010 Kingsboro Ct.-Meadow Park jewel! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $350,000
2102 Neely Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland $345,000
1404 Douglas-Lovely 3 bdrm/2bth home in great neighborhood, great plan w/POOL! $325,000
902 W. Pine Ct.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $324,900
3600 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $290,000
900 Neely Ave. - Charming 3bdrm/2bth Highland Park Townhouse with many updates! $290,000
13304 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions $285,000
3011 County Rd. 1185-Wonderful country property close to town w/large open concept plan $279,000
2200 Neely Ave.-Great home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths $269,000
4205 Nelson-Spacious 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous U/C $259,000
5132 Ashdown Place-Tons of space in this 3bdrm/2bth home in Saddle Club South $249,900
3103 Elms Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees $230,000
700 Nolan Ryan Dr-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath open floor plan, all the amenities, great yard, entertaining pergola SOLD $229,900
4717 Boulder Ave.-Beautiful 3 bedroom/2 bath townhouse w/so many updates! $225,000
3701 Oakmont Dr.-Wonderfully kept 3 bedroom/2 bath with some lovely updates! $205,000
9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa! Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan U/C $199,000
2003 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage $199,000
2100 Wadley #65-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/3bths $145,900

FOUR BEDROOMS
519 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,150,000
6418 Saddle Horn Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br, 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage $779,000
2002 Stanolind-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! $779,000
2105 Co. Rd. 1060-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $455,000
Lot11Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc $449,600
811 Trinidad Place - Woodland Park/Mark Payne 4Bdrm/3Bth Beauty with lush landscaped yard, bricked beds & back courtyard $449,500
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/2bth Ashingdon home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! U/C $439,500
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Hurry while you can still choose your selection today $408,320
3806 Wedgwood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect kitchen, large living areas U/C $389,000
7200 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $380,480
2711 Savoy-Beautiful 4bdrm/2.5bth custom built home w/fabulous attention to detail $379,000
Lot9Bk3 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Madows. Call Holly to make selections now $353,760
5000 Mount Vernon Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2.5bth home! Move-in condition! U/C $349,500
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1080-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, good plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,500
2302 Seaboard Ave.-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home U/C $329,000
2503 Culpeper Dr.-Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 bath, updated kitchen, fabulous landscaping plus workshop $325,000
5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa! Immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms U/C $309,900
2821 Frontier Dr.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath in quiet street in Fannin area SOLD $239,000
3605 Roosevelt Ave.-Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/2 car garage $220,000
5201 Co. Rd. 1157- 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country $215,000

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS
2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/8fbths/4hbths. WOW! $2,000,000
6820 Island Circle-6/5.5-Exquisite Greentree jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! $849,000
6515 Gladiola-So much space for the money!! 5bdrms/4.5bths with finished basement $379,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION
Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage $30-3000

TOWN HOUSES AND PATIO HOMES
4300 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home U/C $289,900

FOR LEASE
1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
10801-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease, 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
2615 Neel-Freshly updated 3Bdrm/2Bth home w/Versatile floor plan and updated bathrooms and kitchen For Lease $1,950
4315-B W. Dengar-2bdrm/1bth w/private fenced back yard with patio area for grilling For Lease $1,150

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE
Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home $30-3000
S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,080,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,303,200
2001 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. fishing pond! Willing to subdivide $550,000
3810 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $475,000
1106 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $451,120
800 Neely Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales $399,900
5703 E. Co. Rd. 60-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $399,900
6703 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $300,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
4405 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
11816 W. County Rd. 58 1/2 W - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
2500 Regency Oaks Ct.-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks $87,500
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows U/C $65,000
0 N. Weatherford St.-Residential Lot close to downtown $28,500

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY
1409 Connell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
10 Desta Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,599 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
3415 Caldera-For Lease, beautiful custom office building, approx. 2,132 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
Centennial Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
4000 N. Big Spring-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,507 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
7900 Greening-Industrial sublease, 14,998 sq. ft. on 4.74 acres. In Leeco Industrial development w/city utilities Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111
2211 N. County Rd. 1120-Greenwood property! 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on 30 acres $795,000
901 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $650,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
1023 N Midkiff -5,000 sq. ft. Retail space, terrific high traffic location Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 $299,000
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $199,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES
5213 Arbor Ct.-Odessa! Immaculate and inviting! 4bdr/2.5bth home w/flexible plan and spacious rooms U/C $309,900
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. 3 bdrm/2bth home located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates $249,000
9700 Dublin Ave.-Odessa! Beautifully maintained 3 bdr/2.5bth w/open floor plan U/C $199,000

Homes for Sale

Mark Payne Homes

6017 Rio Grande
$364,500

This home in Heritage Oaks includes 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and a formal dining room. Custom cabinets, stainless steel appliances and beautiful stained concrete are just a few of the features that you will love!

4011 Heritage Oaks
$421,500

Don't miss this 4 bed, 3 bath home on a cul-de-sac. It features a game room, formal dining and an open kitchen with double ovens and a large bar with plenty of seating. MOVE IN READY!

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

4007 Navasota- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$309,500
4009 Navasota- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	$296,500
4011 Navasota- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$282,500
4001 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 4 Car	$478,500
4006 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car	UC

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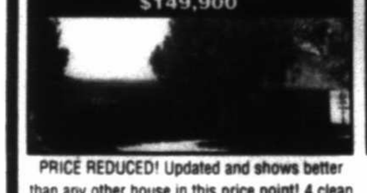
SUNDAY OPEN AND FEATURED HOMES

OPEN TODAY 2:00 - 3:00
4701 Laura Dr.
$149,900



PRICE REDUCED! Updated and shows better than any other house in this price point! 4 clean bedrooms, 2 clean baths, open kitchen with lots of Ceramic tile, ceiling fans, laundry room, fireplace, neat newer heating and air.

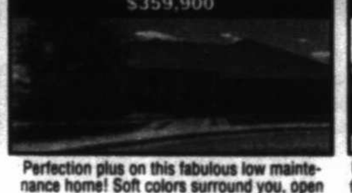
OPEN TODAY 4:00 - 5:00
613 W Kansas Ave.
$199,900

Charming corner cottage. 3 bedroom 2 bath, Old Midland location, hardwood floors, REDONE Kitchen with tons of built-ins, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas or 4 bedrooms and 1 living area, detached 1 car garage, all recent windows, tons of extra parking and concrete for trucks. Neat Place!

OPEN TODAY 1:30 - 2:30
202 W. Cowden
$84,900

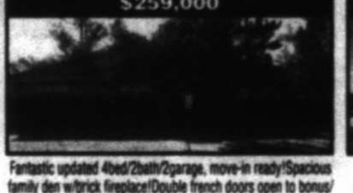
Very charming 2bedroom/1bath/1car home near downtown and just a few blocks from big spring street! House has been very well taken care of and has big yard and nice trees and flowers. Great small home will fit many needs for many different clients for $99,000! Recent roof, paint, carpet, wiring, garage door, dishwasher. Nice big yard for pets or gatherings! Must see!

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30
3001 Baybridge Ct.
$359,900



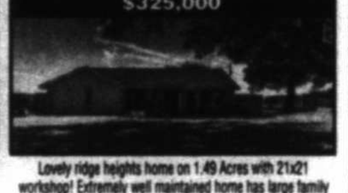
Perfection plus on this fabulous low maintenance home! Soft colors surround you, open plan for kitchen dining area, plantation shutters through-out, luxurious master suite w/dual sinks & huge walk in closet. Beautiful culdesac. This home offers top of the line amenities and serenity!

OPEN TODAY 2:30 - 3:30
2405 Maxwell Dr.
$259,000



Fantastic updated 4bed/2bath/2garage, move-in ready!Spacious family den w/brick fireplace!Double french doors open to bonus/ sun room.Separate formal dining!Spacious kitchen w/recent fridge, sink, hardware w/eating area!double-oven and plenty of cabinetry storage!Sequestered master bedroom!Spacious guest bedrooms&closets w/access to roomy guest bathroom. Landscaping with curb appeal!Sprinkler system!

OPEN TODAY 2:00 - 3:00
4005 S. County Rd. 1184
$325,000



Lovely ridge heights home on 1.49 Acres with 21x21 workshop! Extremely well maintained home has large family room with cozy brick fireplace, vaulted ceiling & window seat. (3 Living areas total!) 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car-garage & enclosed hot-tub room off the master. Covered patio w/ insulated roof. Many recent improvements include roof, a/c, ext. Garage door, paint & custom wood shutters!

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Jeaneen Pruitt Team

Norma Pine	Chris Beckett	Mikel Jenkins	Dakota Boulevard	Dona Satterfield	Jessica Vestal	Debbie Hisse	Ron Crow	J. David Pine	Miranda Sigler	Kristine McCulloch	Deb Soter	Teri Vestal	Jeaneen Pruitt	Amber Pruitt	Ashley Arrellano	Liz Plaisted	Lauren Johnston	Shanna Wolterscheid	Julie Golden	Danielle Stanford	Erin Fevella
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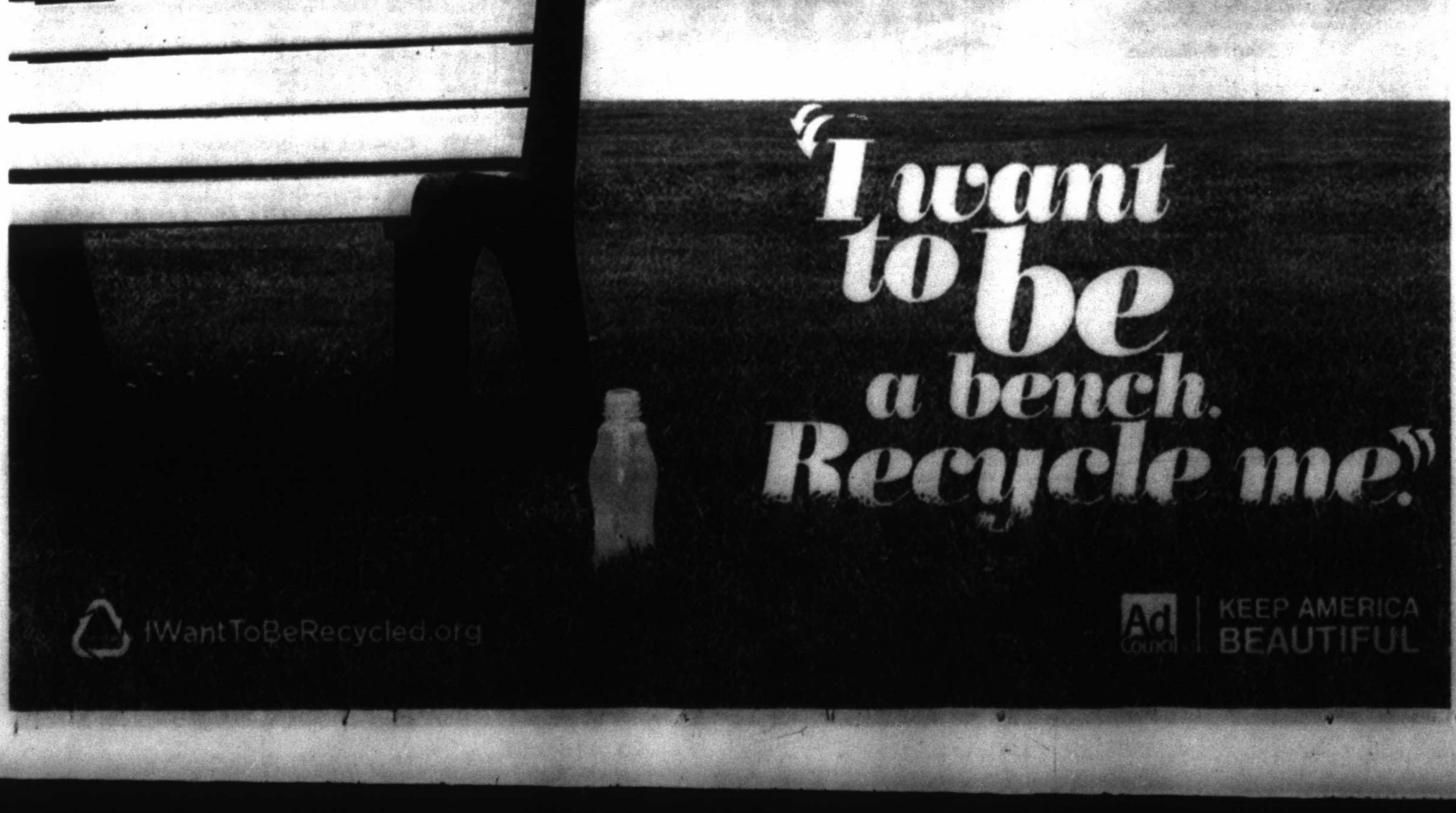

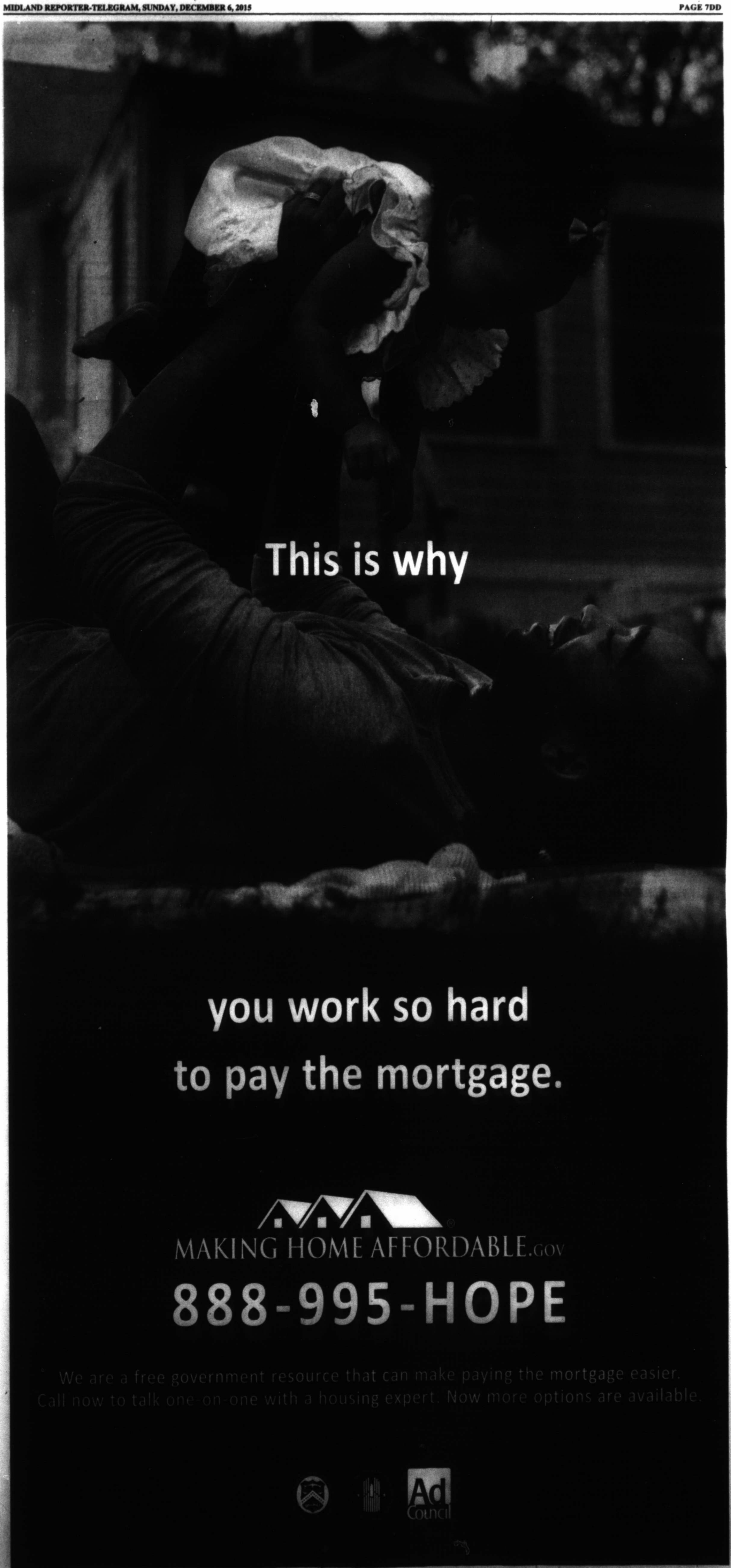
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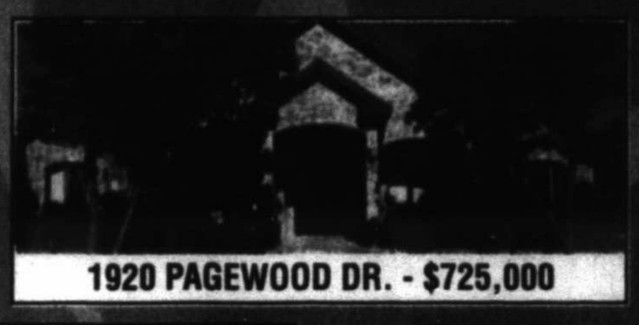
531 SIR BARTON - $2,000,000


1920 PAGEWOOD DR. - $725,000

4300 TUMBLEWEED TRAIL - $650,000

6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE
$645,000

2104 DEEANNA LANE
$600,000

1904 SCR 1121, GREENWOOD
$550,000

58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
$520,000

4204 BAYBROOK PLACE
$500,000

219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE
$435,000

5003 APPLE CREEK RD.
$400,000

3809 TODD
$400,000

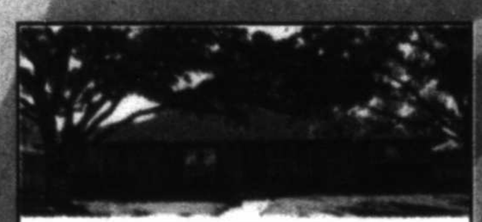
201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE
$400,000

2903 SAVOY
$375,000

503 SOLOMON LANE
$375,000

5012 WHITMAN DR.
$325,000

3004 BAYBRIDGE CT.
$320,000


4203 CRESTRIDGE DR.
$320,000

6118 CANDLESTICK
$315,000

1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$300,000

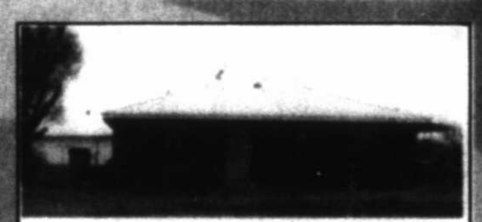
11 MARCHELLE COURT
$300,000

6019 FRIO DR.
$292,900

2313 DENGAR AVE.
$280,000

2303 CAMARIE AVE.
$275,000

901 CHEYENNE ST.
$269,500


1400 N. CO. RD. 1110
$259,900

2604 ADONIA ST.
$250,000

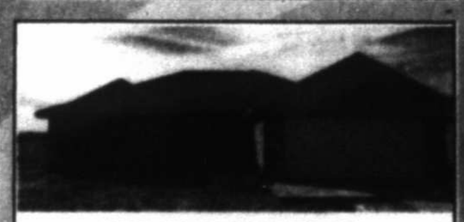
4507 NCR 1284
$240,000

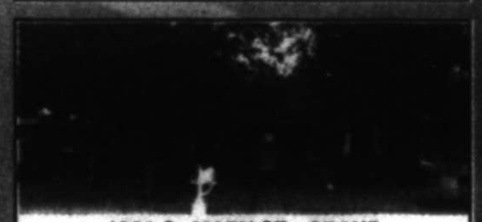
1125 POTTERFIELD RD.
$225,000

2410 CAMARIE AVE.
$217,500

5105 CONCHO DR.
$200,000

3210 WHITTLE WAY
$200,000


805 CHEYENNE ST.
$199,995

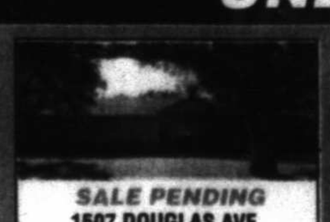

1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE
$135,000

211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE
$85,000

4700 BOULDER DR. #101
$75,000

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
5511 HILLCREST
$500,000


SALE PENDING
1507 DOUGLAS AVE.
$500,000

SALE PENDING
4010 HERTIAGE OAKS
$431,500

SALE PENDING
1904 SPARKS ST.
$425,000

SALE PENDING
6013 RIO GRANDE
$332,500

SALE PENDING
3501 PRINCETON AVE.
$225,000

SALE PENDING
4300 BOULDER DR.
$250,000

SALE PENDING
3529 LONOKE AVE.
$235,000

SALE PENDING
2602 SPARTAN DR.
$215,000

SALE PENDING
2609 SPARTAN DR.
$200,000

SALE PENDING
4603 W. DENGAR AVE.
$195,000

SALE PENDING
4300 AMISTAD DR.
$180,000

SOLD LISTINGS

SOLD
3909 ELDERICA CT. - $250,000

SOLD
4602 W. ILLINOIS AVE - $170,000

SOLD
4409 ARETTA DR. - $155,000

SOLD
513 28TH ST., CRANE - $120,000

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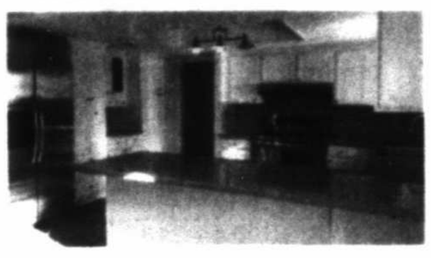
Sunday Featured Homes!



Open House Today 1:00-3:00

Listing Agent
Tina Atkins
Cell 432-661-0062

4904 Lancashire Rd. - $320,000

This lovely home in Saddle Club has something for everyone! The home has four large bedrooms, one of which is perfectly configured for an in-law suite; 3 bathrooms; 3 car garage; a chef's kitchen that boasts professional grade stainless steel appliances with plenty of granite countertop space; high ceilings in the living area; as well as lovely tile and flooring. Come see for yourself Sunday 6 December from 1:00-3:00PM!

1307 E. Pecan

3417 Michigan

4507 Pasadena

Under Contract
2811 Metz

Under Contract
913 N. Main

Sold
5111 Storey

Sold
1712 Cessna

Josie Alvarez
Realtor Associate
296-1395

Wishing you and your family special blessings during this holiday season!

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4902 BROOKDALE
Wonderful low maintenance 4 bedroom 2 bath built in 2008 with a spacious open floor plan. With a large master suite including dual sinks and a large walk in closet! Abundant storage in kitchen including walk in pantry. Good size guest rooms. His and her garages! Yard with a storage shed.
Shown and Listed by Ashley St John

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2300 CIMMARON
4BR/3BA/2 Car, Updated Home.
Listed by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:00-2:00
4100 EDGEBROOK
Mockingbird Heights.
Listed by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:00-2:00
113 S. TYLER - $165,000
3br, 2 ba, built 2013, granite, crown molding, tile!
Listed by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:30
1307 E. PECAN - $185,000
Great new construction.
Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2602 MAXWELL DR. - $265,115
4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, 3 living areas, 2 car garage & oversized 2 car garage workshop.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3215 SOUTHRIDGE - $299,900
Picture Perfect Patio Home! 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 living, 2 garage.
Listed by Lisa Jansa, Shown by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:30-2:30
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118
4BR/2BA/2CA/1 Acre, Vista Del So Addn.
Listed and Shown by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4607 PINE MEADOW #3 - $227,000
3/2.5/2. Come visit about investment opportunity.
Shown by Paul Culver

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4207 VALLEY DR. - $225,000
Spacious 3-2-2, great family home.
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3107 BOARDWALK - $219,900
3 bdrm, 2 bath, built in 2011. Large lot.
Listed & Shown by Darla Davis

OPEN 2:30-3:30
702 S. MARSHALL - $159,200
3br, 2ba, 1 car, built 2006, open living! Extra parking pad, large patio area.
Listed by Pam Messer

OPEN 2:30-4:00
1003 E. CO. RD. 126
4BR/2BA with inground pool. 2.65 acres. Ridgewood Heights.
Listed and Shown by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 3:00-4:00
3417 MICHIGAN - $179,900
Great space, 4 bedroom, 2 bath.
Shown by Josie Alvarez

OPEN 3:00-4:00
802 ELK AVE. - $284,500
Spacious 3 bedroom home with a sparkling pool.
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 3:00-4:00
2024 S. CO. RD. 1063 - $419,900
4BR/3BA/2CAR, 7.5 Acres, Greenwood, Terra Vista Addn.
Listed and Shown by Tracy Farrow

OPEN 3:00-4:00
4701 TIMBER LN. - $226,000
Cute! Cute! Cute! Move in ready 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 living, 2 garage!
Listed by Lisa Jansa, Shown by Kate Christian

OPEN 3:30-4:30
1603 MCDONALD - $199,900
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 dining, sequestered master, 2 car garage.
Listed by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 3:30-4:30
600 LIDDON #52 - $99,500
2 bdrm, 1 bath, many updates! Pool Access!
Listed & Shown by Darla Davis

HOMESTYLE
SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING Sunday, December 6, 2015

Design Truth or Dare

Interior designers discuss the challenges of going big, and the style rewards that come with taking risks

By Dawn Klingensmith | CTW Features

Is your home interior a pale comparison to the Pinterest boards and magazine photos you used for inspiration? Are you attracted to bold design elements but too intimidated to incorporate them in your own space? Do you tell yourself that it takes a certain type of person to "pull off" daring decisions like Atomic Tangerine paint, graphic wallpaper or a novelty chandelier?

You, too, can be the type of person who opts for the unconventional. All it takes is a bit of daring accompanied by knowledge and experience, or at least knowledge of other people's experience. To help you along, a small but spirited group of designers and homeowners accepted an invitation to play "Design Truth or Dare" – sharing the daring projects they've done and the truths they gleaned in the process.

Dare: Not staying true to the architecture.

A home's architectural style is generally supposed to guide interior design decisions, but in the right circumstances, New England-based designer Tiffany LeBlanc has no problem "going against the grain of whatever the house is."

In the Colonial homes in her region, "People expect toile," she says. That didn't stop her from wallpapering a client's dining room with a black metallic ikat pattern and carrying that decidedly non-Colonial vibe throughout the house.

Truth: If your vision is not in keeping with your home's architecture, you can still pull it off provided you define your overall design concept (global chic, for example) and stick with it, says LeBlanc. "Ask yourself, 'Am I staying on point, or am I getting distracted?' Have a theme in mind when you're designing so there's continuity and it doesn't look like a mistake."

Dare: Using all the colors of the rainbow – and then some.

Textile artist Kristin Nicholas had a vision for her home studio, and it did not call for a restrained color palette. It started to take shape when she found out that vinyl composite tile, or VCT (the durable, inexpensive flooring used in hospitals and public schools) comes in hundreds of colors.

She picked out nine bright colors and laid the tiles so the colors "bounce around" rather than blend into one another – the opposite of a true rainbow.

"It was sort of bold, but everyone who walks into the room says, 'Oh, I love the floor.' It came out almost like a patchwork quilt, or maybe 1960s mod," says Nicholas, adding that such colorful flooring is better suited to a craft room, playroom or porch than a main living space.

In contrast to the floor, the studio walls are white, which prevents overstimulation.

Truth: Liberal use of color is fine, says Nicholas, author of "Crafting a Colorful Home" (Roost Books, 2015), but the eyes need a place to rest. Be sure to save some prime real estate for neutral or calming colors.

Dare: Decorating with all-white upholstery.

Chicago homeowner Kara Lashmet's all-white color scheme started with the purchase of a floor-model sofa on sale for half off. Before long, her furnishings were predominantly white, including two upholstered chairs, an ottoman, an area rug and an upholstered headboard.

The rug is already history. "It was a high-quality rug, but it had started to look dingy and wouldn't come clean," she says.

The sofa is on its way out. In a futile effort to keep it pristine, Lashmet drapes blankets over the arms and pays to have it professionally cleaned once a year. In addition, there are household rules regarding the white sofa: No red wine is to be consumed on or around it, and no new jeans are to be worn since the dye transfers onto the upholstery.

"We're so tired of babying the sofa; we're saving for a new one," she says.

Truth: Even with no kids or pets, white furniture is a pain. One way or another, it will end up covered – either by protective fabric (Lashmet's headboard hides beneath a pashmina) or by stains and lint.

Dare: Commissioning a hand-painted wall mural.

"Generally speaking, I don't advise murals. They usually end up looking a little too DYI," says designer Sarah Barnard, Santa Monica, California.

But with a sufficient amount of daring and dollars, it's possible to incorporate a large-scale mural in a main living space that "elevates the room's design," she says.

Barnard achieved not only that but also honored a home's architectural style by commissioning a dining-room mural of a California live oak, a common Arts and Crafts motif. Prominently displayed and intended to be permanent, the mural is not the work of "an artist who does murals for children's bedrooms," Barnard makes clear.

Truth: For a mural that rises to the level of fine art, "expect to pay the same price as you would for a very large piece of original artwork on canvas," Barnard says.

All-white furniture is stylish and bold, but touch to keep clean - even without kids or pets.

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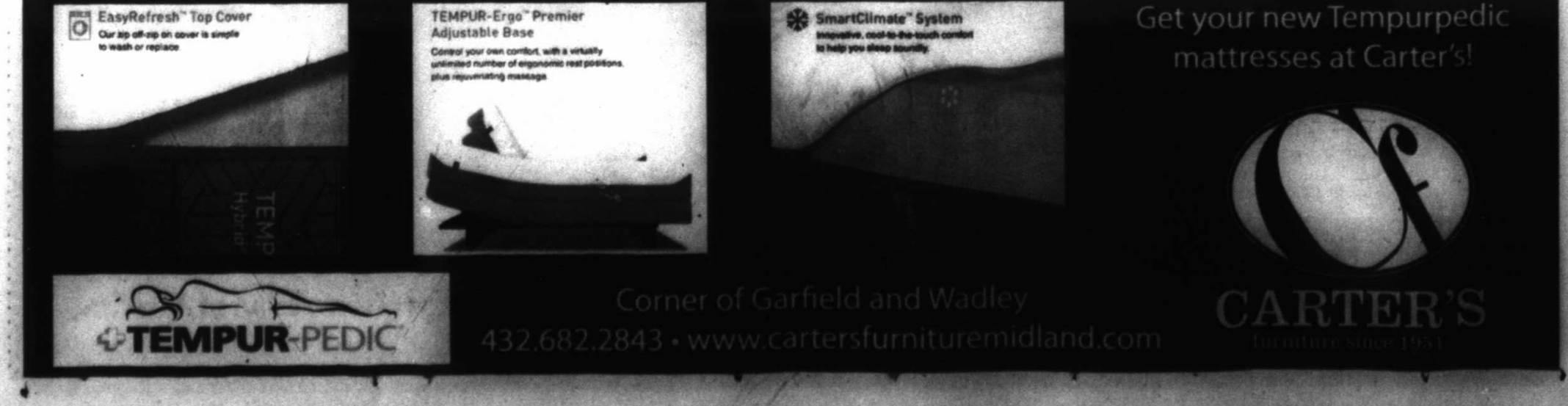

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FEATURED LISTINGS

8 Warwick	3 Bed, 2 Full Bath, 2 Half Bath, 7 Car Garage, Odessa, TX, Carpet Allowance	MLS #104559	UNDER CONTRACT	$550,000
1306 West Co. Rd 130	2 houses, barn with 6 stalls, arena, 2 shops 12.43+/- acres	MLS#106546		$498,000
801 ECR 130	4 Bed, 2 Bath on 5.75 acres Barns, Pens, Stalls	MLS #106761		$380,000
7417 ECR 93	4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, New Construction, 1.10 Acres	MLS#105214	UNDER CONTRACT	$374,900
3400 Alicia Ct.	5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's, pool	MLS# 107193		$304,900
3200 W. Wadley Ave.	3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, 2LA's, 2DA's & atrium	MLS #107277		$272,900
2910 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bed, 2 Bath, 1 LA, 2 DA's	MLS #107282	UNDER CONTRACT	$234,000
6109 South Co. Rd. 1178	4 bd, 2 bath, 1 LA 1 DA, barns, arena, pens, 11.55 acres	MLS#106219	UNDER CONTRACT	$219,900
609 S. Jackson St.	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, NEW PRICE	MLS#106569		$173,900
9252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS#106038		$99,400
6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd.	.97 acres RESIDENTIAL LOT	MLS #102876		$140,000
6714 FM 715	-22 Acres	MLS #96888		$444,000
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808 CALUMET STREET ---------- SOLD
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Listing	MLS	Price
901 CHEYENNE ST. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106037	$269,500
CTC HOMES - CODY FARROW		
7315 E. CO. RD. 93 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106628	$389,900
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
1106 E. CO. RD. 1118 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$335,500
FORMOSA HOMES, LLC		
308 S. DALLAS ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$155,750
TROY HUNT		
805 CHEYENNE ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106624	$199,995
KEA BUILDERS, LLC		
7417 E. CO. RD. 93 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #105214	SALE PENDING
609 S. JACKSON ST Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106569	$176,900
CHRIS HOLLIS HOMES		
58 LAFAYETTE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103004	$520,000
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1203 E.NOBLES Josie Rendon		$202,625
KAHLER HOMES		
6019 FRIO DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107521	$292,900
MA CUSTOM HOMES, LLC		
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105385	$443,745
MARK PAYNE		
4010 HERITAGE OAKS DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106568	SALE PENDING
6013 RIO GRANDE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107272	SALE PENDING
GREG LACY HOMES		
5500 CASA GRANDE TRAIL Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #101011	SOLD
RODAS HOMES		
1406 CHUKAR LANE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103951	SALE PENDING
806 CARVER Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106250	$187,000
EE HOMES, INC.		
7401 E. CO. RD. 93 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106080	$384,000
MASTER BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION		
2604 ADONIA ST. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #101146	$250,000
HARO HOMES		
13017 E. CO. RD. 116 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106968	$514,900

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

Listing	MLS	Price
531 SIR BARTON DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$2,000,000
5409 SECRETARIAT ST Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #104142	$1,500,000
401 AFFIRMED AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106308	$1,325,000
1010 W. CUTHBERT Amy Barnett 352-6714		$899,900
1920 PAGEWOOD DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #1070844	$725,000
7010 CACTUS TRAIL Nathan Pinkerton		$699,000
4300 TUMBLEWEED TRAIL DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107456	$650,000
6324 PRAIRIE RIDGE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106956	$645,000
4001 FAIRWOOD Danny Norwood 413-2764		$629,900
2104 DEEANNA LANE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106091	$600,000
6506 MOCKINGBIRD LANE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105800	SOLD
4204 BAYBROOK PLACE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106071	$500,000
1507 DOUGLAS AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107198	SALE PENDING
5611 HILLCREST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107025	SALE PENDING
1702 W. STOREY Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #106242	SALE PENDING
3511 MEADOWRIDGE LN. Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #106925	$479,900
5316 SCOTTSBORO LN. Lisa Jansa	MLS #106557	SALE PENDING
6208 SEQUOIA DR Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105743	$449,900
2014 EVANS LANE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #106156	$449,900
1101 CASTLEFORD Amy Barnett 352-6714		$499,500
1210 S. CO. RD. 1117 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105385	$443,745
6303 DRIFTWOOD Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #107037	$438,500
1904 SPARKS ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107177	SALE PENDING
5003 APPLE CREEK RD. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107227	$400,000
201 SKYWOOD CIRCLE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107510	$400,000
5911 OAK CREEK DRIVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107517	$399,900
1600 N. I ST Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106753	$399,000
7401 E. CO. RD. 93 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106080	$390,850
2903 SAVOY DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107237	$385,000
2909 SAVOY Lana Flores 385-5843		$375,000
3104 PATRICK Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #103108	SOLD
503 SOLOMON DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104825	$375,000
4212 BAYBROOK Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #104745	$374,900
2904 SAVOY Lisa Jansa	MLS #106440	$359,900
5005 CASTLEFORD RD. Jo Keller 432-269-8319		SALE PENDING
1605 WASHITA Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #106777	$350,000
1406 CHUKAR LANE Josie Rendon 889-8394		SALE PENDING
5012 WHITMAN DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107361	$325,000
3917 GOLF COURSE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #107089	SALE PENDING
4203 CRESTRIDGE DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106916	$320,000
4904 LANCASHIRE Tina Atkins		$320,000
6118 CANDLESTICK DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104691	$315,000
11 MARCHELLE CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106092	$300,000
5711 SAN SABA Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254	MLS #104259	SALE PENDING
3 CAMBRIDGE Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #105047	$295,000
2313 FANNIN AVE Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS# 107439	$290,000
2313 DENGAR AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107020	$280,000
4809 RICHMOND DR. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104925	SALE PENDING
2300 CIMMARON AVE. Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #103839	$269,000
2902 MAXWELL DR. Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106719	$265,115
6903 RANCHLAND DR. Lisa Russell		$263,900
2917 GODDARD PL. Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #103424	$259,000
2811 METZ Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #105669	$249,900
4902 BROOKDALE Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #104949	$245,000
305 S. JEFFERSON ST DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105321	$235,000
2801 DURANT Lisa Jansa	MLS #105560	SOLD
2402 CAMARIE Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #104861	$215,000
4602 DENGAR AVE. Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #105413	SALE PENDING
1416 SPARKS Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #103539	$209,000
3606 SHELL AVE. Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #103666	$206,000
806 CARVER Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106250	$187,000
2622 MARIANA Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105593	$184,900
2408 NEELY AVE. Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #102414	$180,000
3417 W. MICHIGAN Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #107170	$179,900
4802 W. ILLINOIS AVE. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104488	SOLD
1510 N. TERRELL Nathan Pinkerton	MLS # 105799	$159,900
1622 HICKORY Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #105629	$159,900
3502 BAUMANN Lavonne Johnson 618-5002	MLS #105564	SALE PENDING

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

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4100 EDGEBROOK Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107075	$459,900
3809 TODD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105012	$400,000
2206 COUNTRY CLUB Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #107175	SOLD
1909 BRUNSON Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #107386	$379,900
4012 TRINITY COURT Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #104840	SALE PENDING
1910 SPARKS ST Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #105239	SALE PENDING
3004 BAYBRIDGE CT DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106395	$320,000
5511 CARMEL CT Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #106054	SALE PENDING
1201 OVERSHINE LN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105501	$300,000
3215 SOUTHRIDGE CT Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #107157	$299,900
4304 BOULDER Danny Norwood 413-2764		$299,900
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	$299,000
6009 MEDINA Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276	MLS #107402	$294,900
3100 CHELSEA PLACE Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106889	$294,900
802 ELK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #106248	$289,500
2911 CALDERA Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #105666	$285,000
3220 CHELSEA PLACE Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #106821	$279,900
2509 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107134	$279,900
2303 CAMARIE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106749	$275,000
1009 VENTURA AVE Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #105620	$274,900
3200 W. WADLEY AVE. Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #107277	$272,900
1810 WASHITA Madison Shaw 528-4640		[illegible]
6009 RIVER FRONT DR Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #106900	[illegible]
2516 HUMBLE AVE Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #104009	[illegible]
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1414 CERRILLOS AVE. Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106221	SALE PENDING
6202 OLYMPIC CT Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #106886	$233,000
2505 NEELY Danny Norwood 413-2764		$229,900
4804 SUNSHINE PKWY Pam Dodd 413-0780		SALE PENDING
4202 VALLEY DR Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105948	$229,000
1412 VENTOR Lisa Jansa	MLS #107541	$229,000
4607 PINE MEADOW DR Paul Culver 934-1021		$227,000
4701 TIMBER LN Lisa Jansa	MLS #106731	$226,000
1125 PORTERFIELD RD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107319	$225,000
3501 PRINCETON AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106775	SALE PENDING
4207 VALLEY DR Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #105776	$225,000
3405 SINCLAIR AVE Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #106570	$225,000
4407 PASADENA DR Cherith Hamilton 556-0306	MLS #107148	$225,000
1610 W. INDIANA Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #102450	$224,900
3107 BOARDWALK Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #107012	$219,900
2410 CAMARIE AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105951	$217,500
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4504 PATMAN Karen Foster 559-4086		$209,900
3003 BOARDWALK Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107318	$209,000
1203 NOBLES AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #105412	$202,625
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903 CANDLESTICK DR Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #106081	SOLD
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4603 W. DENGAR AVE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106917	SALE PENDING
3329 W. SHANDON Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #106352	$194,500
2408 APPERSON DR Sandy J Hanson	MLS #106114	$189,000
4503 WATSON CT Amanda Gunter 413-7330	MLS #106673	SALE PENDING
1300 CHUKAR LANE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106547	$185,000
2105 NORTHRUP DR Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121	MLS #10357	$184,000
3600 JORDAN Danny Norwood 432-413-2764	MLS #106965	$181,800
4300 AMISTAD DR. DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107363	SALE PENDING
113 SOUTH TYLER Pam Messer 432-349-3075	MLS #106445	$179,500
1400 AINSLEE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #107202	$179,500
3300 TERRACE AVE Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105565	SALE PENDING
1400 AINSLEE Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105276	$175,000
400 CRENSHAW Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #10613	SALE PENDING
4507 PASADENA Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #106995	$169,900
4720 RIC DR Lisa Jansa	MLS #107536	$169,000
2511 EMERSON DR Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #106045	SALE PENDING
313 ROCKY LANE Lavonne Johnson	MLS #104500	SALE PENDING
4426 FAIRGATE Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #105359	SALE PENDING
1605 W LOUISIANA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #106185	$165,000
113 S. TYLER Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #106445	$165,000
4706 COUNTRY CLUB Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105980	$165,000
3804 CEDAR SPRING Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #106066	$164,500
4406 GULF AVE Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106247	$159,900
1113 GULF AVE Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105199	$159,900
702 S. MARSHALL Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #107322	$159,200
308 S. DALLAS ST Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	$155,750
4001 MONTY Virginia Elizondo	MLS #107324	$155,000
4403 ANETTA DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106416	SOLD
2602 SPARTAN DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107230	SALE PENDING
409 W. COWDEN Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #106637	SALE PENDING
307 S. ADAMS Lana Flores 385-5843		$150,000
5111 W. STOREY Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #105789	$139,900
3213 W. ILLINOIS Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #107188	$135,000
4203 PLEASANT DR. Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015	MLS #105487	$129,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105613	$118,000
403 SPRABERRY DR. Samantha Smith 978-3588	MLS #105232	SOLD
4304 THOMASON Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #103796	$106,700
4327 CEDAR SPRING Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #104223	SOLD

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

Listing	MLS	Price
219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105215	$435,000
2510 QUAIL POINT Lisa Russell	MLS #105892	$240,000
2402 CASTLEFORD Larry Hatfield 349-4788		SALE PENDING
907 VENTURA AVE Danny Norwood 413-2764		$209,900
5105 CONCHO DR DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106360	$200,000
3208 CAMARIE Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107078	$169,900
1306 COLLEGE AVE Kim Merrill 664-4702		$130,000
4203 PLEASANT DR Reannah Wyatt 210-2759015	MLS #105487	$129,900
2210 COLLEGE AVE Skye Farris 294-3336	MLS #105098	$124,500
330 E. CLOUD Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102286	$120,000
3330 CALDERA # 248 Cheryl Parrish 432-352-3053	MLS #106220	$109,900
600 LIDDON AVE. #52 Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #105729	$99,500
1315 E. COWDEN Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #105398	$94,000
4700 BOULDER #1301 Ashley St. John	MLS #107054	$89,900
311 S. BENTON Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #105052	$88,000
3207 DELANO Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105904	$79,500

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

Listing	MLS	Price
6704 E. CO. RD. 107 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106602	2 Acres/$729,900
801 E. CO. RD. 130 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104808	$599,000
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284 Lisa Jansa 618-3389	MLS #104991	$575,000
1904 S. CO. RD. 1121, GREENWOOD DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #107015	$550,000
2101 S. CO. RD., GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #107160	SALE PENDING
1306 W. CO. RD. 130 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106546	$498,000
2007 S. CO. RD. 1063 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #105715	SALE PENDING
2024 S. CO. RD. 1063 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106536	7 Acres/$419,900
2025 S. CO. RD. 1066, GREENWOOD Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107205	$399,900
12900 FM 307, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		5 Acres/$399,900
1003 E. CO. RD. 126 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #107245	$399,500
1310 E. CO. RD. 127 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #107430	$397,000
7315 E. CO. RD. 93 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106628	SALE PENDING
801 E. CO. RD. 130 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106761	$380,000
10111 W. CO. RD. 150 Angie McKay	MLS #106817	$339,900
1106 S. CO. RD. 1118 Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #106626	$335,500
9103 W. CO. RD. 160 Lisa Russell	MLS #107091	$275,000
1400 N. CO. RD. 1110 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103113	$259,900
1406 W. CO. RD. 143 Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #107427	2 Acres/$249,900
10502 FM 307, GREENWOOD Michelle Lesikar 230-3633		SALE PENDING
4507 N CO. RD. 1284 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106158	$240,000
4401 FM 307 Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #107321	$240,000
2714 S. CO. RD. 1052 Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #107194	$198,000
5402 E. CO. RD. 136 Samantha Smith 432-978-3588	MLS #106946	$120,000
505 E. CO. RD. 136 Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #107461	$54,900
6109 S. CO. RD. 1176 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #106219	SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116 Mark Philliber	MLS #93898	SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

Listing	MLS	Price
8 WARWICK, ODESSA Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #104602	$550,000
2106 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105659	$295,000
17039 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #107346	5.14 Acres/$279,900
309 LAMAR CT., ODESSA Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98183	$249,900
3909 ELDERICA CT., ODESSA DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #106607	SOLD
4810 N. COUNTY RD. 1123 Skye Farris 432-294-3336	MLS #105921	$230,000
106 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA, TX Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #105898	$205,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #105750	SALE PENDING
10977 DRAKE, GARDENDALE Lisa Jansa	MLS #105721	1.6 Acres/$139,900
1221 S. MARY ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #102029	$135,000
404 S. ODESSA ST Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #107041	$105,000
313 20TH ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105709	SOLD
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256 Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #106038	$99,400
211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE, TX DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #104054	$85,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

Listing	MLS	Price
807 E. 2ND ST., ODESSA Sue Lytle	MLS #107382	
3114 SUNBURST Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #102751	$1,900,000
3400 W. 7TH ST., BIG SPRING Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106813	$1,500,000
5308 WALL ST Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #99121	$799,000
1002 MARIENFELD Josie Rendon 889-8394		$489,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.817 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	11.252 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.479 Ac/$284,370
17039 INDIAN BLANKET TR., GARDENDALE Denise Brasher 889-5022	MLS #107346	5.14 Acres/$279,900
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.296 Ac/$209,160
401 MIDLAND DR Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #103887	$90,000

LAND AND LOTS

Listing	MLS	Price
CO. RD. 55 Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #102675	5 Acres
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #103592	363 Acres/$545,895
2415 IDLEWILDE DR Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #102445	SALE PENDING
FM 715 Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96888	22 Acres/$444,000
1108 W. HWY. 80, STANTON Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #107158	0.743 Acre/$320,000
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102471	11.25 Acres/$253,170
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102472	9.47 Acres/$213,300
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102473	9.29 Acres/$209,160
S. HWY. 137, STANTON Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #102474	7.8 Acres/$175,882
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
6601 CO. RD. 41 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #103862	$125,000
7208 E. CO. RD. 111 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103299	$122,000
CO. RD. C2701; MARTIN CO Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #106784	21.54 Acres/$105,000
CO. RD. 54 Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #100052	$105,000
7209 E. CO. RD. 112 Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #103298	$82,500
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106537	$68,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS3 106538	$68,000
GREENWOOD-CHAMPION RUN ADDN. 1.5 ACRES Tracy Farrow	MLS# 106544	$68,000
6607 CACTUS TR Denise Brasher	MLS #107064	0.921 Acre Lot/$65,000
3202 S. CO. RD. 1130 Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #107116	5 Acres/$62,500
0000 W. Co. Rd. 35 1.393 Acres Kim Merrill 432-664-4702	MLS #106349	$45,000
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
813 N. MAIN Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #107210	$20,000

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

Listing	MLS	Price
3529 BOYD AVE Lydia Scudder	MLS #103042	SALE PENDING
4700 BOULDER DR. #101 DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #105377	$75,000

FOR LEASE

Listing	MLS	Price
2401 DARTMOUTH Barnett	MLS #102010	$3,750/MONTH
4012 TRINITY COURT Reece Bivens 230-8647	MLS #106704	$3,000/MONTH
503 COMISKEY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #105891	$2,950/MONTH
6210 MILE HIGH Karen Foster 559-4086		$2,950/MONTH

FOR LEASE

Listing	MLS	Price
3330 CALDERA #146 Cheryl Parrish 352-3052	MLS #107049	$2,800/MONTH
6903 RANCH HAND Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #107039	$2,350/MONTH
3806 MONTY DR. Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #106765	$1,950/MONTH
3410 STOREY AVE. Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #107354	$1,550/MONTH
4321 A. STOREY Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #106206	$1,400/MONTH
4303 A DENGAR Mero Elizondo 349-6490	MLS #106657	$1,000/MONTH
6209 CROSLEY Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #107358	

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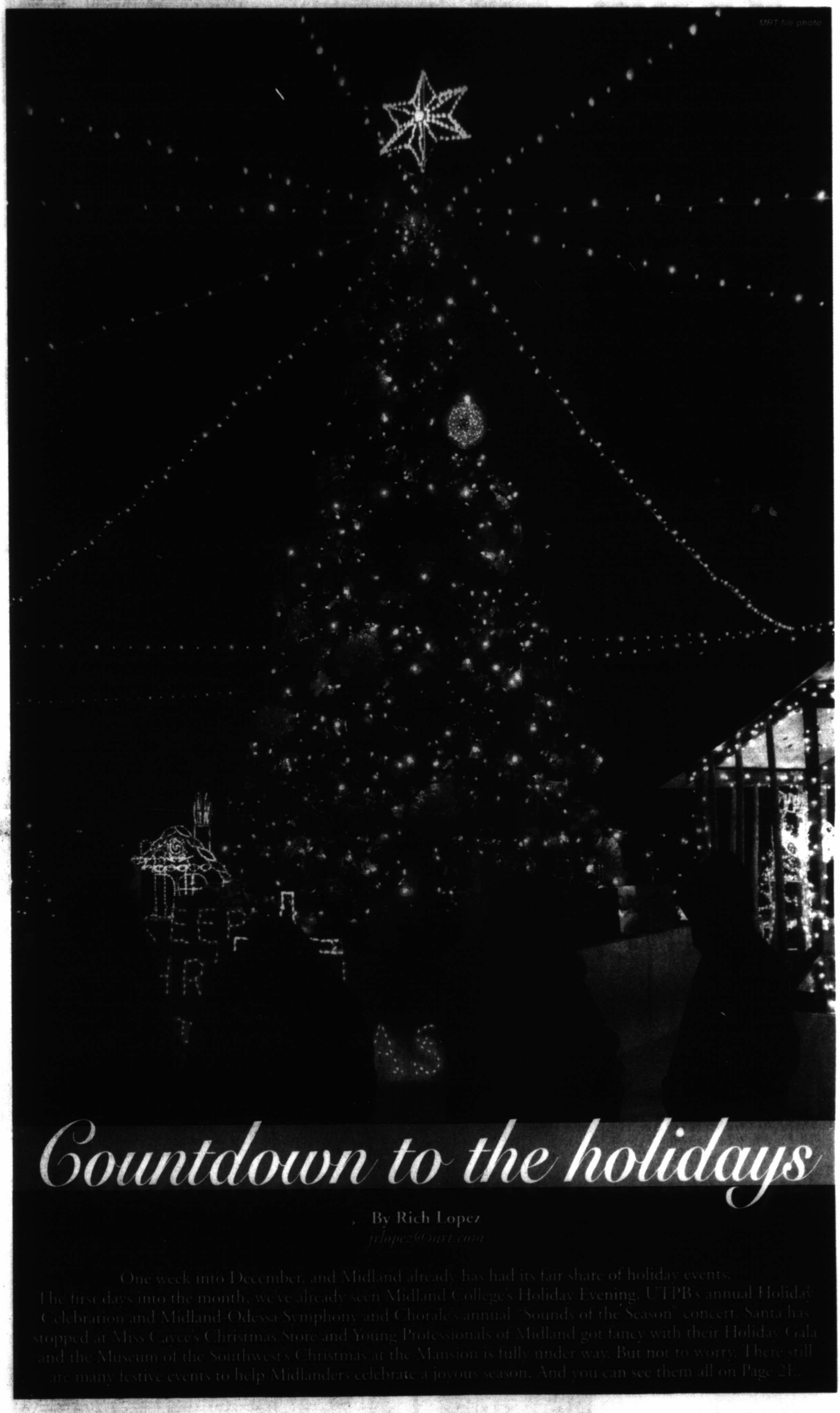

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Countdown to the holidays

By Rich Lopez
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One week into December, and Midland already has had its fair share of holiday events.

The first days into the month, we've already seen Midland College's Holiday Evening, UTPB's annual Holiday Celebration and Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale's annual "Sounds of the Season" concert. Santa has stopped at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store and Young Professionals of Midland got fancy with their Holiday Gala and the Museum of the Southwest's Christmas at the Mansion is fully under way. But not to worry. There still are many festive events to help Midlanders celebrate a joyous season. And you can see them all on Page 2E.

5 QUESTIONS

With Jason Kelliher | actor

Midlanders might know Jason Kelliher from his recent turn onstage in Midland Community Theatre's "Becky's New Car," in October. By day, the Texas A&M alum is a civil engineer for Burgess and Niple Inc. And he's just as busy when he's not doing either. He also serves on the board of directors for Summer Musicians and is a member of Young Professionals of Midland, the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement as an actor/performer?

Kelliher: I really enjoyed the transformation and audience reaction in "Larry's Best Friend," where a relatable and likeable guy slowly transforms into a pathetic, overmedicated sloth and finally into a hateful antagonist at the end. I played Larry, an atheist engineer, whose son transforms into a human thanks to a seen seed by a shaman. Everything goes downhill for Larry after that. The audience is hoping Larry can get it together, but there's a big moment when the audience turns. Every night, I could hear murmurs and whispers of "Oh, he's just a jerk!" and worse. It made me happy to know I succeeded in creating a character they really didn't like. Ultimately, Larry gets what he deserves with a giant uproar from the audience. So, cheers at my demise equals good job.

MRT: What would you say is your best quality and why?

Kelliher: I like to think I live to serve others, helping to build a sense of community and belonging for everyone. I like to solve problems. I'm going to use a lifeline on this one. My girlfriend.

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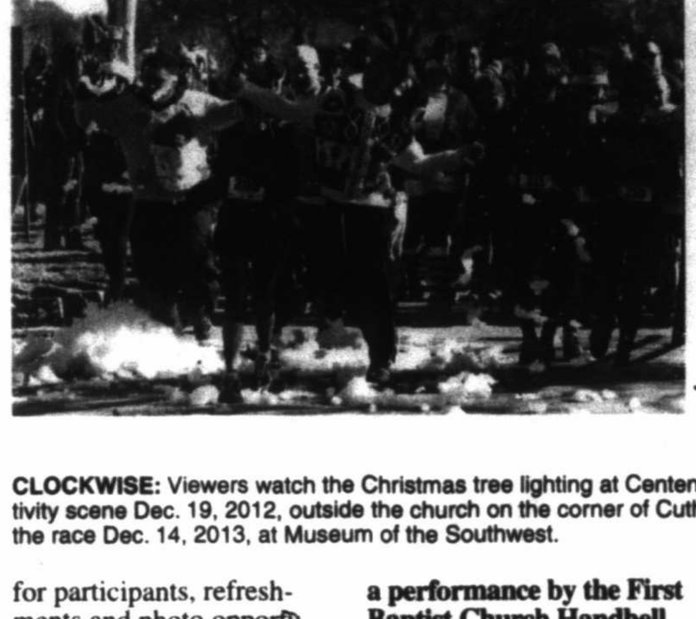

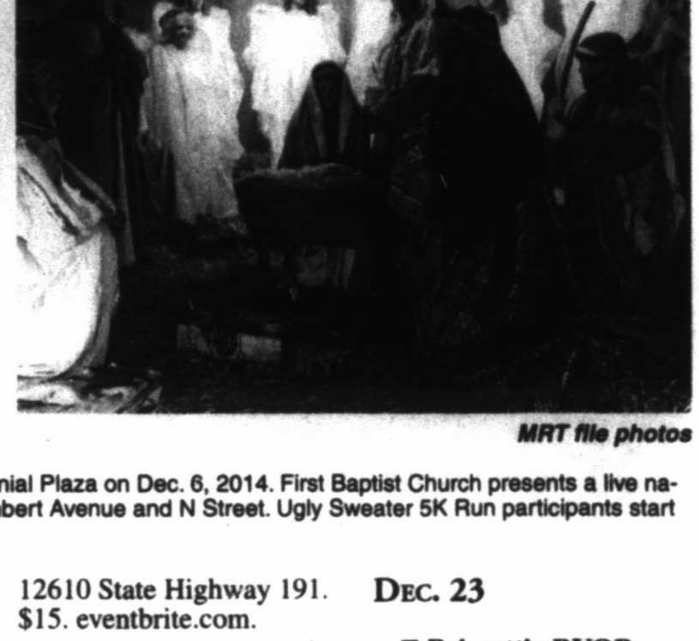

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CLOCKWISE: Viewers watch the Christmas tree lighting at Centennial Plaza on Dec. 6, 2014. First Baptist Church presents a live nativity scene Dec. 19, 2012, outside the church on the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and N Street. Ugly Sweater 5K Run participants start the race Dec. 14, 2013, at Museum of the Southwest.

Ongoing

■ **"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown"** exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" special and more. Through Jan. 31 at Durham Children's Museum. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Admission free throughout December. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ **Casa de Amigos' second annual Festival of Trees at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.** View a dozen trees decorated and donated by local businesses and organizations through Dec. 18. On Dec. 19, the trees will then be given to Casa de Amigos families. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

■ **Miracle on Tyler Street will feature a Winter Wonderland Village** on display through Dec. 31 at Greater Ideal Baptist Church's Family Life Center, 301 S. Tyler St.

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas cartoons in the Blakemore Planetarium.** Classic holiday cartoons will be screened daily throughout December. Noon. Tuesday-Saturday at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Today

■ **The Song of Christmas adult choir and orchestral concert in the Worship Center.** 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org.

■ **"The Messiah" by the Chancel Choir** during traditional services. 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodist-midland.com.

■ **Holiday Gathering at Holy Trinity.** The public is invited to this Parish Hall event and encouraged to bring Christmas cookies for sharing and their favorite creche or Nativity models for viewing. The event also includes a carol singalong around the tables. 6 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave. holytrinity.org.

Monday

■ **Fiesta Navidad! featuring Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano,** 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $20-$40. wagnernoel.com.

Tuesday

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas Luncheons with food provided by The Market Grill and Bar.** Registration is required. Noon. Tuesday and Wednesday. Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. $35; $190 for table of six; $250 for table of eight. museumsw.org.

■ **Holiday Open House at the Library.** The Midland County Public Library invites the public to the Centennial branch for refreshments, activities, and an MOSC chamber ensemble concert. 4:30 p.m. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

■ **Betenbough Homes annual Christmas event will feature train rides, crafts, snack and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus for photos.** The event benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters. 6-8 p.m. at Betenbough New Home Center, 6718 N. Highway 349. Free. betenbough.com.

■ **Q & A with Santa and Mrs. Claus.** Everything people wanted to know about the famous holiday couple can be found at this talk-back session. 6:30 p.m. at Ector County Library, 321 W. Fifth St., Odessa.

■ **Mannheim Steamroller Christmas,** 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $62-$117. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Wednesday

■ **Silent Night BYOB Class.** Students are encouraged to bring beverages and snacks. 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Red White and Brush Studio, 4604 Sinclair Ave. Free. redwhiteandbrush.com.

Thursday

■ **Holiday Open House at the Library.** The Midland County Public Library invites the public to the downtown branch for refreshments, activities, and an MOSC chamber ensemble concert. 4 p.m. MCPL Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

■ **Lincoln Center at the Movies presents "George Balanchine's The Nutcracker" by the New York City Ballet.** 12:55 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Friday

■ **Midland Community Band Christmas Concert,** 7 p.m. at Allison Fine Arts Building in Midland College. Free.

■ **"Very Merry Midland: Songs of Christmas on Display"** is a walking tour of Wall and Main streets with window displays bringing Christmas carols to life with scenes and mannequins. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Dec. 11-19. On Dec. 12 after the parade, displays will feature local news anchors and Wall Street Lofts will offer hot drinks and selfies with Santa Claus.

■ **Yuletide at the Yucca by the Pickwick Players** will feature performances by Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O' Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico and the Pickwicks. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $6-$12. mctmidland.org.

■ **"Gold, Frankincense and MRRRP"** is a musical revue of the holidays. 7:30 p.m. Opens Friday and runs through Dec. 19 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

Saturday

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: Third Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run.** The annual event features a 5K fun run and One-Mile Reindeer Dash. The event features awards for participants, refreshments and photo opportunities. Register at active.com or the museum's website. 11 a.m. (early registration at 9 a.m.), at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas Open House** will feature choir performances, the model train set and demonstrations and Santa Claus appearances. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: Gingerbread Workshop.** Guests will bring a pre-constructed gingerbread house and decorate with supplies provided by the museum. Completed houses will be on display in the Blakemore Planetarium throughout December. 1-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ **Saturday Movies at the Library: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."** Free popcorn and all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 p.m. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.2015

■ **Christmas Parade: "Into the Future: Christmas 2115."** The city of Midland's annual lighted parade will have a futuristic theme. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Plaza, 100 N. Loraine St. midlandtexas.gov/Christmas.

■ **"The Nutcracker" by the Midland Festival Ballet.** Saturday and Sunday. $18-$59 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Dec. 13

■ **Mr. Grinch Child/ Family Painting Event.** 2 p.m. at Tea2Go, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $25 per person. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ **Sing We Now of Christmas children's choir program in the Worship Center.** 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. fbc-midland.org.

Dec. 15

■ **Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Handbells in Concert featuring a performance by the First Baptist Church Handbell Choir.** 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. Free. Drinks and dessert provided. petroleummuseum.org.

■ **Living Nativity by First Baptist Church** on the corner of "N" Street and Cuthbert Avenue. Through Dec. 17. fbc-midland.org.

■ **Alamo Junior High School Orchestra Holiday Concert led by Jeff Davis.** 7 p.m. at MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

■ **"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical,"** 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $31.50-$85. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Dec. 16

■ **Christmas at the Mansion: ReinBeer V** features more than a dozen craft beers for tasting, an open bar and food. Tickets required, but the event is sold out. 7-10 p.m. at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St. museumsw.org.

Dec. 17

■ **Snowmen and Sangrias painting class.** 6:30 p.m. at The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield St. $30. redwhiteandbrush.com.

■ **Robert Earl Keen's Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee,** 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $27-$52. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Dec. 18

■ **A Stonegate Christmas: Holiday Hayrides.** 6 p.m. Dec. 18-20 at Stonegate parking lot, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. Free. stonegatefellowship.com.

■ **Taste of Country Christmas Tour with Chase Rice,** 10 p.m. at Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $15. eventbrite.com.

Dec. 19

■ **"How to Catch Santa" Storytime** will feature a read-aloud for the entire family. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

■ **Saturday Movies at the Library: "The Polar Express."** Free popcorn and all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 2 p.m. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Dec. 20

■ **MOSC: A Lone Star Brass Christmas,** 3 p.m. in the Rea-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

■ **Paint Your Own Ornaments Family Class for all ages.** 3 p.m. at Red White and Brush Studio, 4604 Sinclair Ave. $20 per person for children or adult and will include three ornaments per person. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are encouraged to bring. redwhiteandbrush.com.

■ **Catching Snowflakes Family Painting Event.** 3:30 p.m. at Tea2Go, 2900 W. Loop 250 N. $25 per person. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ **Ugly Sweater Party 2015 hosted by Symphony Young Professionals.** $50 Amazon gift card prize to the ugliest sweater. 5 p.m. at Beer Garden at Garden View Nursery, 7112 W. Highway 80. RSVP required by Dec. 15. mosc.org.

■ **"Miracle on 34th Street" presented by TCM.** The holiday classic stars Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood and Maureen O'Hara and screens with a TCM introduction. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Dec. 23

■ **Poinsettia BYOB Class.** Students are encouraged to bring beverages and snacks. 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Red White and Brush Studio, 4604 Sinclair Ave. $30. redwhiteandbrush.com.

■ **"Miracle on 34th Street" encore screening.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Dec. 28

■ **After-Christmas Camp** features swimming, gymnastics, games and more. For ages 3-10 from 1-5 p.m. Dec. 28-30. COM Aquatics, N. A. St. $50 per day, $125 for all three days. comaquatics.com.

Dec. 29

■ **Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker,** 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $30-$70. wagnernoel.com.

Dec. 30

■ **Auld Lang Syne BYOB Class.** Students are encouraged to bring beverages and snacks. 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. at Red White and Brush Studio, 4604 Sinclair Ave. $30. redwhiteandbrush.com.

Dec. 31

■ **Sixth Annual New Year's Eve Throwback Celebration goes heavy metal with tribute bands Destroyer (KISS) and Blizzard of Ozz (Ozzy Osbourne).** VIP tables available. Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $25. midlandhorseshoe.com.

What did we miss? We'll keep updating the list on MRT.com. Email your events to Rich Lopez at jrlopez@mrt.com.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE
Yuletide AT THE YUCCA
A Holiday Dance Celebration
Friday, December 11 at 7:30
Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 PM
at the Historic Yucca Theatre
Performances by:
Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O' Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico, and MCT's Pickwick Players
Thanks to our sponsors
Tickets: $12 for Adults and $6 for children (12 and under)
Available through the MCT Box Office (432) 570-4111 or
www.mctmidland.org

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(fellow actor Sarah Ross) says, "Your best quality is that people can count on you to help, and you never let people down. If you say you're going to do something, you do it. Trustworthiness. That's the word."

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Kelliher: I make a few things exceptionally well. As evident by the an almost complete lack of leftovers, people really love my smoked turkey. I make a pretty mean sausage and shrimp gumbo. I skip the rice completely and instead put a big dollop of potato salad at the bottom of the bowl and then ladle the gumbo over the top of that. I like it that way, and I've converted several others into doing it this way, as well. And I always get requests to make chili.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Kelliher: I love craft beers and fancy cocktails, preferably with whiskey or gin.

MRT: What's in your music player right now?

Kelliher: In my vinyl player at home, I think I have Metallica's "Ride the Lightning" or maybe Foreigner or Creedence Clearwater Revival. Last played on Spotify was Blues Traveler, and currently playing on my phone is Imagine Dragons' "Warriors."

Soldier who lost all 4 limbs hopes book inspires others

By David Sharp
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — A soldier who lost all four limbs during an explosion in Afghanistan hopes to inspire others with his story of how he recovered from his injuries and got on with his life partly by helping other amputees.

Travis Mills is raising his family, delivering motivational speeches and helping other wounded warriors through his foundation.

With his book, "Tough As They Come," he's added author to his accomplishments.

"My message is pretty clear. Never give up. Never quit. Find your motivation. Find your goals. And keep moving," he said Tuesday.

He joked with people at a bookstore, patiently signing books with a Sharpie, using his prosthetic hand. He's right-handed and the prosthesis is on the left hand, making it even more difficult to write.

Mills, 28, was an Army staff sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division on his third deployment when an improvised explosive device detonated when he dropped his backpack on the ground during a foot patrol on April 10, 2012. The blast disintegrated his right arm and leg. His other leg was left dangling and his remaining wrist was shredded.

The former 6-foot-3, 230-pound athlete awoke four days later, on his 25th birthday, to learn he had no limbs. He endured 19 months of rehabilitation. He told his wife to leave, but she stayed by his side.

Mills isn't alone in having lost parts of all four limbs. He's one of five quadruple amputees to survive the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he's met the others.

Mills' recovery was remarkable. He's been snowboarding and mountain biking. He's jumped out of planes. He's started a foundation that bought property formerly owned by cosmetics pioneer Elizabeth Arden with a goal of transforming it into a fully accessible summer retreat to help other wounded veterans and their families.

He's visited war amputees at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and traveled to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston to meet with Boston Marathon bombing victims who lost limbs.

He's happy to be able to provide hope.

"I'm able to inspire and change people. I don't do it by saying, 'You think you have it bad? Then look at me.' I'll never play that card," Mills said.

Collaborating with Marcus Brotherton on a book that Mills describes as equal parts "Saving Private Ryan" and "Forrest Gump" seemed like a logical step because others draw inspiration from the story of a small-town boy from Vassar, Michigan, who's managed to maintain a positive outlook after debilitating injuries.

Tuesday's book-signing event was the first near his hometown of Manchester, Maine, and the store ran out of books. Signings also are planned this month in Texas, where he lived after leaving the hospital, and in Michigan.

Mills said part of maintaining a positive outlook is keeping things in perspective. He said he's lucky that modern medical care saved his life. He's grateful that his wife, Kelsey, stuck with him. He's happy to be able to make waffles for breakfast and to drive his 4-year-old daughter Chloe to preschool every day.

It's common for people to refer to Mills as a "wounded warrior."

He said he's living with scars, but he's no longer wounded.

"I don't want people to pity me. I'm not a sob story. People need to understand that it's up to them to change their outlook on life and how they view themselves," he said.

BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Audible.com best-sellers for week ending Nov. 27:

Fiction

1. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)
2. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)
3. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)
4. "The Martian" by Andy Weir, narrated by R.C. Bray (Podium Publishing)
5. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)
6. "Cross Justice" by James Patterson, narrated by Ruben Santiago-Hudson (Hachette Audio)
7. "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)
8. "The Fellowship of the Ring: Book One in the Lord of the Rings Trilogy" by J.R.R. Tolkien, narrated by Rob Inglis (Recorded Books)
9. "The Guilty" by David Baldacci, narrated by Kyf Brewer (Hachette Audio)
10. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale (Pottermore from J.K. Rowling)

Nonfiction

1. "The Great Escape" by Paul Brickhill, narrated by Robert Whitfield (Blackstone Audio Inc.)
2. "The History of the Ancient World" by Susan Wise Bauer, narrated by John Lee (Audible Studios)
3. "Unfamiliar Fishes "by Sarah Vowell, narrated by Fred Armisen, Bill Hader, John Hodgman, Catherine Keener, Edward Norton, Keanu Reeves, Paul Rudd, Maya Rudolph, and John Slattery (Simon & Schuster Audio)
4. "Why Not Me?" by Mindy Kaling, narrated by the author with Greg Daniels and B.J. Novak (Random House Audio)
5. "Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics" by Richard Thaler, narrated by L.J. Gasner (Audible Studios)
6. "Forensic History" by The Great Courses, narrated by Professor Elizabeth A. Murray (The Great Courses)
7. "The Plantagenets: The Warrior Kings and Queens who Made England" by Dan Jones, narrated by Clive Chafer (Blackstone Audio Inc.)
8. "Rich Dad Poor Dad: What the Rich Teach their Kids about Money - that the Poor and Middle Class Do Not!" by Robert T. Kiyosaki, narrated by Tim Wheeler (Rich Dad on Brilliance Audio)
9. "Modern Romance: An Investigation" by Aziz Ansari and Eric Klinenberg, narrated by the authors (Penguin Audio)
10. "The Wars of the Roses" by Dan Jones, narrated by John Curless (Recorded Books)

A diverse collection of favorite books

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

It is gift-giving season once again and time for my fifth annual roundup of favorite books that are diverse, but not about diversity. In other words: Books that plumb universal themes written by, or about, people traditionally not seen much in mainstream publishing.

There have been so many, as there are every year, that in this column I must leave out truly excellent books — like Don Winslow's "The Cartel," Luis Alberto Urrea's "The Water Museum" and Evan Osnos' "Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China" — that I've already written about at length.

I'm also not including a couple of excellent reads — "The Interior Circuit," a love letter to Mexico City by Francisco Goldman, and "Behind the Kitchen Door" by Saru Jayaraman, about how restaurant workers toil for some of the lowest wages in America — that are more heartbreaking than entertaining (read them anyway; you won't regret it).

Let's start with "Brilliance" by Marcus Sakey. This story is straight dystopian science fiction about a minority of people born with extraordinary gifts such as the ability to read body language the way you and I read billboards, or the ability to sense patterns in financial markets. As you might imagine, these "brilliants" are feared and loathed by the "normals," and there may be a government conspiracy underway to contain them and neutralize their special powers.

I was hooked by the description of Alex Vasquez, a young genius with "a face you wouldn't notice and a mind that could see the logic of computer programs unfolding in three dimensions, who didn't so much write code as transcribe it. Who had waltzed through MIT's graduate program at age 15. Vasquez had a talent of wondrous power, the kind they used to say happened only once a generation."

It's not often you see female, Hispanic characters like this in fiction.

Speaking of strong female characters, let us move on to a blast-from-the-past pick, "The Twenty-Seventh City" by Jonathan Franzen. I wanted to see for myself what all the Franzen fuss was about and decided to start with his 1988 debut novel.

Set in St. Louis, in the mid-'80s, the story revolves around S. Jammu, the city's new police chief. U.S.-born but most recently the top law enforcement officer in Bombay, India, this Machiavellian young woman is so charming that her authoritarianism is accepted.

The police board president calls her one day to complain that she had recruited 190 blacks for the police force and only 35 whites. In her typically confident manner, she responds to the implication of inequality: "Oh yes. Thirty-five was too many. Whites had accounted for barely 10 percent of the applications." Case closed.

Staying on the theme of strong Southeast Asian voices, "Modern Romance" written by comedian Aziz Ansari with Eric Klinenberg, is a hilarious look at how people find love in our always-on, hyper-connected, social-media-driven 21st-century milieu.

If you are married, this well-researched, multi-continent look at modern dating rituals will make you thank your lucky stars you're not single. The unattached will laugh so they don't cry.

"I tend to romanticize the past, and though I appreciate all the conveniences of modern life, sometimes I yearn for simpler times," Ansari writes. "Wouldn't it be cool to be single in a bygone era? I take a girl to a drive-in movie, we go have a cheeseburger and a malt at the diner, and then we make out under the stars in my old-timey convertible. Granted, this might have been tough in the '50s given my brown skin tone and racial tensions at the time, but in my fantasy, racial harmony is also part of the deal."

Lastly, two that take place in far-off lands.

"Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free," by Hector Tobar (everything he writes is gold) is gripping and not to be missed even if you think you know how the miner saga ended.

Same goes for "Blood-Drenched Beard" by Daniel Galera. It's a mercurial coming-of-age story about a boy traveling across south Brazil with his dead father's dog, on a quest to understand his family's secret past. It's moody and sometimes violent, but never boring. Like all the other books I've mentioned here, it's so, so good. Enjoy!

WEDDING & ENGAGEMENT

Foster - Runyan

English Elise Foster and Scott Edward Runyan were united in the covenant of marriage on Friday, June 12, 2015. The double ring ceremony was held at Clark Gardens in Weatherford, Texas at 7 o'clock in the evening. Reverend Jay Gage officiated. Music was provided by cellist and violinist of Serenata Strings. A solo was performed by Wilson Bell, with accompaniment by Sondra Bell, both cousins of the bride.

Scott is the son of Dana and Edward Runyan of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Runyan and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Josting, all of Midland.

English is the daughter of Bonnie and Ronald Foster of Edmond, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Gladys McGee of Minden, Louisiana, the late Mr. Robert P. McGee, Jr. of Natchez, Mississippi, and Mrs. Ollie C. Foster and the late Mr. Clovis Foster, both of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The bride wore a handmade portrait neckline sheath dress created of scalloped eyelash Alencon lace, adorned with crystal beads, sequins and pearls. The dress was enhanced with a detachable tulle overskirt with a signature organza bow. She carried a white bouquet of tulips, calla lilies and roses edged with flowing green amaranths.

Cousins of the bride, Denisha Foster and Rachel Poole, served as bridesmaids. Also serving as bridesmaids were the bride's friends - Lauren Fredman, Charlotte Long, Katharine Milburn, and Mary Beth Shenk. Elise Oliver, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Steven Runyan, the groom's brother, served as best man. Groomsmen included Ronald Edward Foster, brother of the bride, as well as friends of the groom - Austin Jones, Samuel Sirgo, Brian Spikes, and Canyon Van Cleave. Graeme Runyan, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

Hostesses were Allie McGee, cousin of the bride, as well as Amanda Stockard and Julia Stockard, cousins of the groom. Ryan Kidwell and Randy Kidwell, the groom's cousins, served as ushers. Also serving as ushers were Paul McGee, cousin of the bride, and friend of the groom, Blake Sellars. Danielle Runyan, sister-in-law of the groom, and Alexis Smith, cousin of the bride, were scripture readers.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a Mexican Fiesta dinner in honor of the couple in the mansion on the grounds at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford, Texas. Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception of dining and dancing was held on the grounds of Clark Gardens.

After a two week honeymoon along the California coast, the couple returned to their home in Fort Worth, Texas, where they are both employed by the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Meissner - Chavez

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Meissner of Midland, and Tony W. Rodriques of Lamesa, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Irene, to Mr. Jesse Chavez, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Chavez.

The bride-to-be was home-schooled and graduated in 2011; she graduated from Midland College in 2015 and is attending UTPB as an English major.

The groom-to-be graduated from Midland High in 2011; he will graduate from Midland College in December 2015, and will attend UTPB, majoring in Petroleum Engineering.

The wedding will take place in February.

Right at home: fun and festive holiday gift paper

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Why settle for run-of-the-mill holiday gift wrapping when there are dozens of wonderful papers available?

This year's designs reflect what's going on in decor, with metallics of all kinds, and masculine and feminine motifs playing off each other, said Krissa Rossbund, senior style editor at Traditional Home magazine.

There's also room for adding your own touch.

Yin and yang

"There's wonderful visual tension right now in design that has a masculine slant," Rossbund said. For instance, The Container Store's got a repeating deer print on a blue background, and a handsome gold antler print on black; both have a menswear vibe, great for wrapping guy gifts. (www.containerstore.com)

Rifle Paper Company's got some designs that aren't overly Christmas-y yet evoke the season. Graphite Lace puts a feminine print on a chic gray background. Holiday Greens renders flowers and greenery in rich, earthy hues. Blush, mint, charcoal, gold and cream in a similar print make for a Winter Wonderland. (www.rifleparperco.com)

Pier 1 has a realistic, birch-bark printed paper, and a homespun plaid that reverses to poinsettias and holly. (www.pier1.com)

Having fun

Yummy, photo-printed gingerbread cooks up a luscious paper at Zazzle. Black may not seem like a seasonal color, but with brightly colored ornaments, holiday lights or reindeer in the foreground, you have a paper that pops. The retailer also has some personalized options that let you add a family photo or name to a design of your choice. (www.zazzle.com)

Royal-blue paper studded with glitter creates an elegant wrap at Paper Source. And for fun, there's a Hanukkah paper populated with herds of

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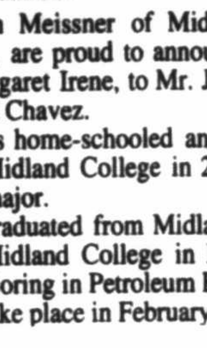
Don't count out elephant ear bulbs during winter

NEIL SPERRY



Courtesy photo

Dear Neil: We have a large row of elephant ear bulbs. Should we dig them or mulch them for the winter?

Answer: Elephant ears are some of the most winter-hardy plants of their family. They typically will survive the winters in the southern two-thirds of Texas, but extreme cold could do them harm. Still, they're usually better off in the ground than if you were to try to dig and store them. Mulch over them with shredded tree leaves soon, before really cold weather rolls across Texas. For the record, the new leaves you get next spring will be smaller than this year's. Leaves will get progressively smaller with each passing year, until eventually you may want to start over.

Dear Neil: We are reworking some perennial beds that used to be in full sun. However, our trees have grown to cover them, and our daylilies have not bloomed well for several years. By moving them now, will they still bloom next spring, or have they already formed any flower buds they might have had?

Answer: If you move daylilies in September or early October, they will normally bloom well the following spring. However, you're a couple of months behind that schedule, and the plants are probably almost dormant. Nonetheless, moving them now will certainly be to their advantage compared to leaving them in the shade. They do not form buds until spring.

Dear Neil: I am confused. What performance differences (yield, size, texture, taste, etc.) can I expect from various types of vegetable seeds? Should I buy heirloom, open-pollinated, hybrid, or organic? Tomatoes are most critical to me. Is there such a thing as "hybrid vigor?"

Answer: Great question. "Heirloom" refers to pass-along varieties that have been handed from one generation to the next. "Open-pollinated" is essentially the same thing, since pollination of the heirlooms was not being done by man's hand. "Organic" in reference to seeds would be difficult to prove, and wouldn't be a big concern, at least to me. "Hybrid" types of flowers or vegetables are those created by scientists to bring the best traits from two or more parents. While I was in graduate school at Colorado State University, I was involved in a breeding program with zinnias. I saw first-hand the great benefits of hybrids and hybrid vigor. In reference to tomatoes, while heirloom types may theoretically have special flavors, you really pay the price for it. People tell me every year that their heirloom tomatoes only produce a handful of fruit, while the hybrid types produce many pounds over a long period of time. That's also been my experience in growing both types. And hybrids are also bred to be resistant to diseases and insects. Breeders also hybridize for maximum flavor. Give me hybrids for the bulk of my plantings!

Dear Neil: Do you have an all-year schedule of fertilizing and watering? I'm trying to know how best to care for my lawn and landscape, and timing is a challenge.

Answer: It would take too much space here to give all those details. If you have my newest book (Neil Sperry's Lone Star Gardening, available only from www.neilsperry.com), Chapter 2 is exactly what you have requested, four pages per month. I also have a good bit of information on my website and in my Notes on my Facebook page.

Dear Neil: Is it better to move hostas in fall, or just as their new growth begins in the spring? Mine haven't grown really well.

Answer: I vote for fall, because they sprout out so rapidly in spring. If you hit a few days of rainy weather in spring (easy to do), you could miss your opportunity for that year. Don't wait much longer, however, if you intend to do it before winter. Hostas have enough trouble growing in Texas' heat. You need to give them enough time to get established. Other perennials are more reliable.

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JEFF FLOYD

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Fall colors remain brilliant in West Texas

We've been enjoying one of the most fabulous fall color displays I can recall in years. The stunning reds, oranges and yellows are partly a response to shorter days. If you're inclined to think more like a plant, (hoping my favorite botany professor will forgive the attribution), it's the longer nights and moderate temperatures that have set our landscapes ablaze.

Plants adjust beautifully to environmental cues. Chemical changes within plants are prompted by exposure to a precise ratio of dark and light. The benefit for the plant is a forward-looking approach to a long winter nap or dormancy as it is known by botanists.

Dormancy in West Texas isn't necessarily the same as dormancy in colder climates. There is still a little activity going on inside woody plants such as trees, shrubs and vines even during the coldest part of the season.

Fall is considered the best time to plant trees for a head start toward a successful establishment. Our soils almost never freeze, allowing root growth to continue long after the tops of woody plants have been lulled to sleep.

You might be surprised to learn that most of the pigments making up the brilliant colors are present throughout the summer yet hidden by an abundance of chlorophyll. The green pigment chlorophyll captures energy from the sun and uses it to turn carbon dioxide and water into sugar through the process we call photosynthesis. So critical is chlorophyll to the plant's survival that the pigment is concentrated in special cells located on all surfaces of leaves.

Chlorophyll doesn't simply fade from leaves. Rather, it is taken up by the plant and stored for use elsewhere. As night lengthens, plants begin to take back this valuable resource and store it in nearby cells before they begin to shed their leaves. As the green molecules are moved out of the leaf, the remaining shades of red, yellow and orange pigments are revealed. We don't always get to these splendid colors. Oftentimes, a freeze will zap leaves before they have time to respond to changes in the length of night.

An interesting thing you might observe if you look carefully this year is the distribution of green, red, orange and yellow leaves

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ROGER CORZINE

Master Gardener

Care for a Christmas cactus by learning about it

There are two varieties of cacti that are commonly called Christmas cactus. To the untrained eye, they will look the same, but there are differences in their structure. Both usually bloom about the same time toward the end of the year.

In researching for this article, there seems to be uncertainty in the scientific naming process about these two species.

To the trained eye, there are differences in the plant parts that look like leaves, which are actually stems (botanically called phylloclades) and some differences in the flower structures also.

The schlumbergera truncata variety usually blooms about a month before the schlumbergera bridgesii variety and is referred to as a Thanksgiving cactus in some areas. I have never heard these plants called anything but Christmas cacti in this area. My research indicates that it is not easy to get these plants to produce seeds, so propagating them from stem cuttings is the easier way to get more of these plants by the average grower.

If you find this plant in bloom now in a plant center or nursery and like it, just call it a Christmas cactus and buy it as I did.

These plants have been cultivated since their discovery in Brazilian forests sometime near 1800 but have been hybridized by botanists to create a variety of flower colors such as red, rose, purple, lavender,

peach, orange, cream and white.

Red seems to be the most popular flower color probably because we associate the colors red and green with the Christmas season.

As do most plants, these cacti prefer a place to grow like their native Brazilian habitat. In their native area they are often found growing in the crotch of a tree where a limb branches off the main tree trunk. Leaves and other plant debris collect in these crotches and make a nice planting bed for these cacti. So it appears they like a light growing medium that drains well. Thus I am describing a soil mix of compost, loam and a little sand. However, I have found that a good variety of potting soil is much easier to obtain and also works very well with these cacti.

The temperatures they prefer in the spring and summer months, which are their main growing season, range between 70 to 80 degrees. During this growing season, they should protected from direct sunlight because they tend to burn and become discolored.

For the fall months, they prefer a little more light and a little bit cooler temperature to stimulate flower

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Reflecting on Bob Ross and art practice

WENDY EARLE
Curator at Museum of the Southwest

Since I started this column, I have written almost exclusively on art and arts-related items already in the world. Perhaps it's time to start writing about the process of creating art, something that has been on my mind a lot lately.

I've been binge-watching Bob Ross's "The Joy of Painting," which is available for streaming on several different platforms online. It's a show that is well captured in pop-cultural memory through several parodies and tongue-in-cheek references. Heck, Bob Ross is even a popular Halloween costume these days by simply donning an afro and carrying a paint palette, with an additional person dressed up as his painting complete with happy little trees and clouds.

For those who haven't seen the show, I highly recommend watching an episode or two.

Ross usually starts with a seemingly blank canvas, although it's usually been prepped with liquid white paint, which allows for easily blending and shading as other colors are applied. Using this wet-on-wet technique and with just a few tools like a two-inch brush, fan brush and palette knife, he walks viewers through the creation of a complete landscape in just 30 minutes. With more than 400 episodes, there are myriad works and different landscape painting techniques that the viewers are introduced to. As a bonus, it's incredibly soothing to watch the scene slowly appear, guided by Ross' calm instructions and many platitudes.

One of my favorites is, "There are no mistakes, just happy accidents."

Although many viewers might watch "The Joy of Painting" for its instructions or to see the finished painting, I'm more interested in watching a painter in action and to see one of the many ways that art is created. Even if you aren't a fan of the final painting, watching Ross' process can be an inspiration to get up off the couch and start producing art on your own.

Making art can be difficult, as it involves time-consuming physical work combined with the necessity of creativity and trying to make something that hasn't been done before. Generally speaking, it gets easier if you find a way to start and keep working.

Establishing an art practice is a daunting task, so every bit of motivation is important. Many find surrounding themselves with art created by others is essential to the process, while some people only want a blank slate in a quiet room.

Bob Ross helped many people start their art practice and continue working through all their frustrations and accidents, happy or otherwise.

Having an episode of "The Joy of Painting" on in the background helps me continue my work. My stark, abstract geometric compositions are nothing like the paintings of Ross, whose idyllic, natural scenes are bursting with trees, water and mountains. However, I will keep painting with Bob encouraging me to work through my struggles and to enjoy the process of being creative.

Brady man was B-17 machine gunner in WWII

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Storyteller

Herb Cavness of Brady was a teenager when he entered World War Two in 1943. He was a waist gunner on a B-17 and flew 25 missions in Europe with the 8th Air Force.

"We were stationed in England and flew out of there," he said. "Our missions were mostly over Germany."

Cavness handed me a sheet of paper that gave an accounting of all his missions. Many of them lasted 10 hours. His plane was shot at during 22 of the 25 missions. He rated the flak as weak, moderate and 10 missions he rated as heavy.

His plane bombed tanks, plane factories, oil refineries, naval yards, barracks, armament plants, submarine depots and airfields. Targets included Dresden, Frankfurt, Bremen, Hamburg, Dortmund, Hanover, Nuremburg and 14 other places. His squadron lost 13 planes. He had to make two emergency landings but was not hurt. His plane had a young crew.

"My pilot was just two months older than me. It was just a bunch of boys. Our radio operator was 31. We called him Pop," Cavness recalled.

In addition to manning a 50-caliber machine gun, he had another duty.

"When we got on a bomb run, the bomb bay doors would be open. I took a walkaround oxygen bottle and went into the bomb bay and pulled the safety pins on the bombs so they would drop. And at 20,000 feet up with the bomb by doors open, it is cold," he said.

The missions were long, and crew members got hungry.

"Before we left, they gave each of us a candy bar," he said. "When we'd come down to 12,000 feet, we took our oxygen masks off and ate that candy bar. That was our lunch. We didn't have any water because it would have frozen."

When the war ended, he came home.

"We flew our old combat plane back to the states. We got out of the airplane and two pilots got in it and took off for the junkyard. It was scrapped in December of 1945."

Cavness and his 9-man crew were to get a short course in the B-29 and go to the Pacific and join the fighting there.

"But they gave us 30 days leave and while I was at home the Japanese surrendered and I didn't have to go."

Although he served less than two years in the military, the memory of that time remains fresh in his memory. He has attended reunions of 8th Air Force personnel. Mr. Cavness is in great health at age 90. He weighs 115 pounds. The most he has ever weighed was 149 and a half. He said he tried for 150 but just couldn't quite do it.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and travels the state listening to stories. Contact him at ts@crcom.net

What's in season? Onions, and there's lots to do with them

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Onions are great at boosting the flavor in a variety of dishes, and there are many popular types.

The most common and cheapest to buy is the yellow onion. Red and sweet onions are milder in flavor and don't store as well as yellow onions. Green onions and chives (which are thin green stems) are mild in flavor.

No matter the variety, onions can be used in most recipes to boost flavor. They are good sources of fiber and vitamin B6. According to the National Onion Association, they are also high in Vitamin C and calcium.

When choosing a whole onion, select one that is firm, heavy for its size and scentless. The outer skin should be dry and papery. The tips listed below for cutting onions will save time, tears and uneven cooking.

To reduce tearing, chill the onion 30 minutes before cutting. Always use a sharp knife.

- Peel off outer layer of skin. Make sure not to contaminate the cutting surface and clean the knife before proceeding to the next step.
- To dice, cut the whole peeled onion in half, from root end to stem end.
- Lay each half cut side down on cutting board. Make multiple, evenly spaced cuts from root end to stem end of onion, being careful not to cut through the root end. Adjust the space between each cut to obtain the desired dice size.
- Hold the onion together and make horizontal cuts parallel to the cutting surface. Be sure to leave the root intact.
- Make multiple cuts across the onion, adjusting the number of slices for desired dice size. Dispose of hard root end.
- Separate onion pieces. Add to recipe for layers of flavor.

Layered black bean dip

Servings: 16
Total cost: $2.48
Serving cost: $0.15

- 1 can black beans (15 ounce, drained and rinsed)
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup salsa (thick and chunky)
- 1/2 cup sour cream (light)
- 1/4 cup green onion (chopped)
- 2 ounces cheddar cheese, reduced fat (grated)

Mash beans and mix with onion powder, dried oregano, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Spread on a serving dish.

Top with salsa, sour cream, green onions and grated cheese.

Suggestion: Serve as a dip for raw vegetables such as celery, carrot sticks, and pepper slices.

PAPER

From 4E

llamas. A page of hand-drawn Hanukkah wishes in white on blue would be just as pretty framed as it would be as wrapping paper. (www.papersource.com)

Class act

At Paper Mojo, find some art papers perfect for small and special gifts. One refined, color-saturated paper is hand-marbled by Brazilian artist Renato Crepaldi.

"We were originally attracted to Renato's work because of his vibrant colors and crisp lines," said company co-founder Shelly Gardner-Alley. "He's exhibited his work in art galleries around the world."

The retailer also has Japanese prints known as "chiyogami" silkscreened onto papers made with kozo plant fibers, available on special order. And an Indian paper is embossed with myriad metallic pebbles, giving the impression that you're wrapping something in hammered gold. Also, there are Snow & Graham's striking yet simple papers: Designs include ribbon candy and holiday lights. (www.papermojo.com)

Recycled cotton fiber is used to make eco-friendly papers at Luxe Paperie. On one, silvery reindeer strut across a rich yellow background; on another, a gold, French, damask-inspired design on deep red looks like luxe linen. Mod Moroccan and ikat patterns are rendered in soy inks on recycled content paper. (www.luxepaperie.com)

Personal touch

Rossbund suggests making gift wrap your own by opting for a solid "signature" color. Opt for a couple of big rolls in colors you love, and then customize them with add-ons like contrasting ribbon bows or even yarn.

"A skein of yarn is a cost-friendly solution and adds a welcoming warm texture to packages that's reminiscent of a cozy sweater," she said. "Get creative using knots instead of bows for a simple, graphic appearance."

SPERRY

From 4E

Dear Neil: I have two Shumard red oak trees in my front lawn. They were planted by a nursery five years ago, but one is now 18 inches and the other 12 inches at the ground. The smaller tree produces catkins and acorns (pictured). The larger tree produces neither. They get the same care. Why the difference? Could one tree be a hybrid?

Answer: I'm assuming these trees were dug and transplanted (as opposed to coming from containers). They could have reacted differently simply because of differences in their handling during the move. That is absolutely normal. And the leaves both look like Shumard red oak leaves. They are all wind-pollinated, so technically, all oaks are hybrid trees. You'll see a ton of differences in live oaks, less so with Shumard red oaks, but still there will be some. My suggestion at this point: continue to give both trees outstanding care. Be sure the lethargic tree doesn't have some type of root problem (root flare too deep in soil, shallow soil, etc.). They will probably even out over time.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Are Plastic Eggs OK?

Dear Heloise: I loved your recipe for an omelet in a bag. However, my question is: Are they safe and healthy (the eggs interacting with the plastic)? My grandkids thought it was great fun to cook the eggs that way (with delicious results), but their mom was a bit concerned about the safety. — Ellen C., via email

Tell Mom the answer is yes, it's OK to "boil eggs in a bag," if the bag is made specifically for such. These bags are available on the Internet through commercial food-supply companies. Note: Only two eggs per bag; cook time 13 minutes.

As for a regular bag, I tested and tried this many times, with great success. However, there is some concern today about using a regular food bag in boiling water, but as far as I can find out, there's no definitive answer.

Heloise update: You can safely use a bag made to steam food in the microwave. I tested (several times) two medium eggs, on high, for about 1:30, and they came out perfect! Why waste 13 minutes boiling water when 1 1/2 minutes in the microwave does it? — Hugs, Heloise

Celery sticks

Dear Heloise: Thanks for your great advice in The Dallas Morning News. Celery only fits crosswise in my vegetable drawer, and carrot bags have some that are really large. I cut about 3 inches off the stalk and make celery sticks. I make carrot sticks with the really large carrots. Crisp both in ice water. They disappear when readily available. — J.M., via email

Vinegar mother

Dear Heloise: An article years ago referred to the feathery blob in vinegar called "mother." You called the manufacturer, who said that it was a harmless bacterium that grows after packing.

My questions are: Do you shake the bottle to mix, then use it in a recipe? Can you use it straight (say, 1/4 cup of vinegar that contains the mother), or should you strain it out? — N.T., Evansville, Ind.

Good questions, and new ones about vinegar, too! The answer? It's up to you! You can strain the "mother" out, or you can leave it and pour into the measuring cup or dish. Shake if you want to — either way, mother is good in this case. — Heloise

Added space

Dear Heloise: We have a small kitchen, and when we entertain, there isn't a lot of counter space, especially if serving food buffet-style. I bought some plywood, and my husband cut it into two pieces to fit over our double sinks. I covered them with contact adhesive-backed paper to match the kitchen's colors. When we entertain, I use the boards over the sinks to provide quite a bit of extra counter space. — A Reader, Omaha, Neb.

No dull cheese platters here. Time to add kielbasa relish

Associated Press

There's nothing wrong with a standard issue platter of delicious cheeses set out as part of a holiday party spread. In fact, we often find ourselves hovering around it. After all, eating cheese is far more enjoyable than small talk with strangers.

But wouldn't it be great if that same cheese platter was jazzed up a little? Because while cheese is great, cheese and meat is even better. And while you could just add some sliced prosciutto to the platter, why not go over the top for the holidays? Why not make this simple sweet-and-sour kielbasa relish?

This recipe boasts big sweet-savory-sour flavors that are the perfect complement to cheese. It also comes together quickly and easily and can be made up to five days ahead. If refrigerated, warm briefly on the stove or in the microwave.

Sweet-and-sour kielbasa relish

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Servings: 10

12-ounce kielbasa, finely diced
1 large yellow onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, diced
14 1/2-ounce can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

In a large, deep skillet over medium, cook the kielbasa, stirring often, until caramelized and well browned, 6 to 7 minutes. Add the onion and garlic and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes, brown sugar, vinegar and red pepper flakes. Continue to cook, maintaining a simmer until thick and jammy, 10 to 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, then allow to cool slightly. Serve warm.

CACTI

From 4E

bud development.

In winter and after blooming is over, they prefer a little stronger light along with a temperature that remains above 50 degrees.

Please notice I have used "prefer" in these directions. I have grown these plants and have seen them at other homes and greenhouses, and I know they did not get their preferences all the time and still have done well.

There is one other item that I want to mention, and that is that they really do not like to be moved when they are developing their flower buds. They will tell you this themselves by dropping all their buds. Thus, no flowers that year. So with a little care and effort, you should be able to have and enjoy a Christmas cactus.

For more information contact The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Midland Branch at 432-686-4700.

FLOYD

From 4E

on some trees planted near street lamps.

In a few instances, deciduous trees such as Bradford pears and red oaks have retained some of their green leaves. In those trees, the leaves located closest to the light source are retaining chlorophyll because the street lamps are interrupting their period of darkness. This fun observation helps confirm the influence of increasingly longer nights as plants move into winter dormancy.

Delight in the beautiful fall colors this year. With any luck, we won't have to wait too many winters to enjoy the show again.

To learn more about fall colors or any plant related topic, contact me by calling 432-686-4700 in Midland or emailing jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Couple's invitation to holiday party will not be in the mail

DEAR ABBY: Every year my husband and I throw a formal holiday party. We invite a small group of our closest friends, and everyone always has a wonderful time. Over the years we have grown apart from some of these couples.

This year as we were starting to plan, my husband asked if we could trim the guest list. There is one couple in particular we rarely see. They have fallen out of favor with some of the other guests, too.

We've done this party for many years with the same group. When we see this couple, they talk excitedly about it with anticipation. I feel uneasy about how to politely exclude them. The event is mentioned on social media, and I know they'll find out if we uninvite them.

I'm a peacekeeper. I don't like hurting others, especially this couple, who have a tendency to spout off when they feel someone has offended them. Any suggestions? — PARTY PERSON IN THE WEST

DEAR PARTY PERSON: The next time this couple — or any of the other couples you no longer want to invite — raises the subject of your party, tell them that you and your husband need to trim the guest list and they should make other plans for the holidays. Do not apologize for it and don't make excuses. If any of the invited guests ask you why the others weren't included, explain that you need to limit the invites to those friends you see on a regular basis.

DEAR ABBY: I have a mother-in-law-to-be problem, but not the usual one. She doesn't hate me — in fact, she loves me. She invites me to wine tastings and lunches, lets me drive her sports car, and brings me gifts when she comes to visit.

The problem is, she's nasty to my fiance, so much so that if he ever decided not to speak to her again, I'd stand by him. It hasn't come to that, so I'm stuck sitting silently at dinner while she berates him.

I don't want her to dislike me (especially with the wedding planning coming up), but I really don't like the disrespectful way she mistreats my fiance. What should I do? — DAUGHTER SHE NEVER HAD

DEAR DAUGHTER: Recognize that this unhealthy dynamic has likely been the status quo since your fiance was a boy, which is why he accepts her verbal abuse. However, after your honeymoon, tell your new husband how upsetting it has been for you to listen to his mother berate him. Suggest that he talk to a licensed therapist to understand why he tolerates it. After that, family counseling may be in order if his mother is willing. If not, spare yourself the pain and see less of her.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: The eight days of Hanukkah begin at sundown. (I can't believe how early it has fallen this year.) Happy Hanukkah, everyone! A joyous Festival of Lights to all of us!

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10 creative ideas to celebrate a 25th anniversary

By Diana Marszalek
Associated Press

The Baby Boom generation has put its own stamp on many traditions, so why should 25th wedding anniversaries be different? Many couples are ditching convention when it comes to marking the milestone.

"When they get to these more dramatic occasions, so many couples want to do something exciting and different," said Charles Schmitz of St. Louis. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are marriage counselors and authors, most recently of "How to Marry the Right Guy" (Briarcliff, 2014). "They don't want to go to their favorite Italian restaurant."

Schmitz said that "upending experiences," whether that's going on safari or serving dinner "all splendid in nothing," strengthen marriages, especially when they involve "thinking about those wonderful moments in our relationships.

"It's celebrating those milestones like you're letting your hair blow in the wind riding in a torch-red Mustang convertible," he said.

For many of us, however, that may be easier said than done; there are time and money constraints, to say nothing of not owning that Mustang — yet.

Celebrating your 25th in a meaningful way doesn't require big expenditures or elaborate staging, said Pepper Schwartz, a University of Washington-Seattle sociologist who works with AARP's Life Reimagined program.

"A 25th anniversary can be celebrated in two ways. One is celebrating who you have been to each other. The other is celebrating the future," she said.

Keeping the occasion in perspective — i.e., not freaking out — is also wise.

"This isn't the last thing you do before you jump off the face of the Earth," Schwartz said. "It's a big moment, and it deserves to be celebrated by something memorable that makes you excited for the future."

Here are 10 ideas to do that, some of which require very little money or planning.

As Schwartz said: "You mark the day, but it doesn't have to be a trip to Africa."

1. Change things up at home. That could mean anything from stringing celebratory lights outside to sprucing up the house. Paint the bedroom wall or rearrange your living room furniture. It doesn't matter what, as long as it's "just something that said, this changed on our 25th," Schwartz said.

2. Do something especially romantic at home. Read poetry to each other by candlelight, for instance. Or have your favorite food for dinner, even if it involves marshmallows.

3. Mark the day permanently, which doesn't necessarily mean getting a tattoo (although if you're considering it, now could be good time). Inscribe a small plaque with the date and occasion, and put it on a piece of outdoor furniture. Or have a professional photo taken of the two of you. Write your names in a slab of wet cement.

4. Have a day of service — to each other. If you usually cook and your spouse mows the lawn, switch jobs for the day. Neither of you will get off scot free, but the effort shows you're willing to help carry the burden.

5. Have a day of service — to others. Do something charitable, whether it's making a donation somewhere or serving dinner at a shelter. It's nice to be reminded after 25 years how good we have it.

6. Learn something new together. It doesn't matter what: speaking French, tending to bonsai trees, restoring cars, learning massage therapy. When not in class, you can study together, and eventually apply your new skills.

7. Start an annual tradition doing something you both enjoy. Planting a tree, say, or going to a pottery place to make an anniversary plate. Not only do you and your spouse get a shared experience year after year but, depending on the activity, you could create a collection of mementoes, too.

8. If you're going to travel, make it an adventure. Hike the Grand Tetons, go whitewater rafting or learn to scuba dive. If you have the itch to travel but not the cash, look into a house exchange. And sure, if you really want to, it's OK to go to Disney World without the kids.

9. Have a party, but make it sort of retro. You were married in the 1990s after all! Event planner Jason Jani, owner of the SCE Event Group, suggests making a playlist of songs from the year you were married and showing videos from the wedding. If you're renewing your vows, invite your bridesmaids and groomsmen back to recreate their roles. And if you still have your dress, wear it.

10. Finally, when all else fails, you can do what Schmitz said: Let your hair blow in the wind while riding around in a torch-red Mustang convertible. He and his wife did buy a Mustang, and make sure to drive it with the top down at least once a month regardless of the weather. Perhaps you can borrow one.

Parental Guidance: Entice toddler by making fruits, veggies more appealing

By Beth Whitehouse
Newsday

Q: I can't get my 2-year-old to eat any vegetables or fruit. How unhealthy is this? I do give him a multivitamin nightly.

"That's the single biggest battleground between parent and child concerning eating at 2 years old — vegetables," says Suzette Smookler, director of clinical nutrition at Stony Brook Medicine.

If he's taking an age-appropriate vitamin, that should fulfill nutritional requirements. However, you don't want a child growing up to think the vitamin is the answer, Smookler says. He will miss out on benefits such as fiber, she said.

What's unusual about your situation is that usually if the child won't eat vegetables, he will eat fruit. Your child wants neither.

The most important thing is to drop any battling, Smookler says. "The more anger there is about it, the more the child isn't going to eat it," she says.

Offer small quantities of certain fruits and vegetables cut into finger food, she says. Consider texture — sometimes a child is turned off by texture rather than taste.

Start with colorful fruits such as watermelon or cantaloupe cut into small pieces. "Remember that a portion for a 2-year-old is different from a portion for a 30-year-old," Smookler says. A couple of mouthfuls worth is a sufficient serving, two to four times a day.

Don't turn to juices such as orange or apple, Smookler says, as it has too much fructose and can encourage a child to desire only sweet fruit.

As for vegetables, she suggests starting by slicing thin, curly strips of carrot or small pieces of red pepper.

Look for cookbooks geared to enticing toddlers to eat vegetables and fruit by preparing them in entertaining ways or by sneaking them into foods he'll eat, like muffins.

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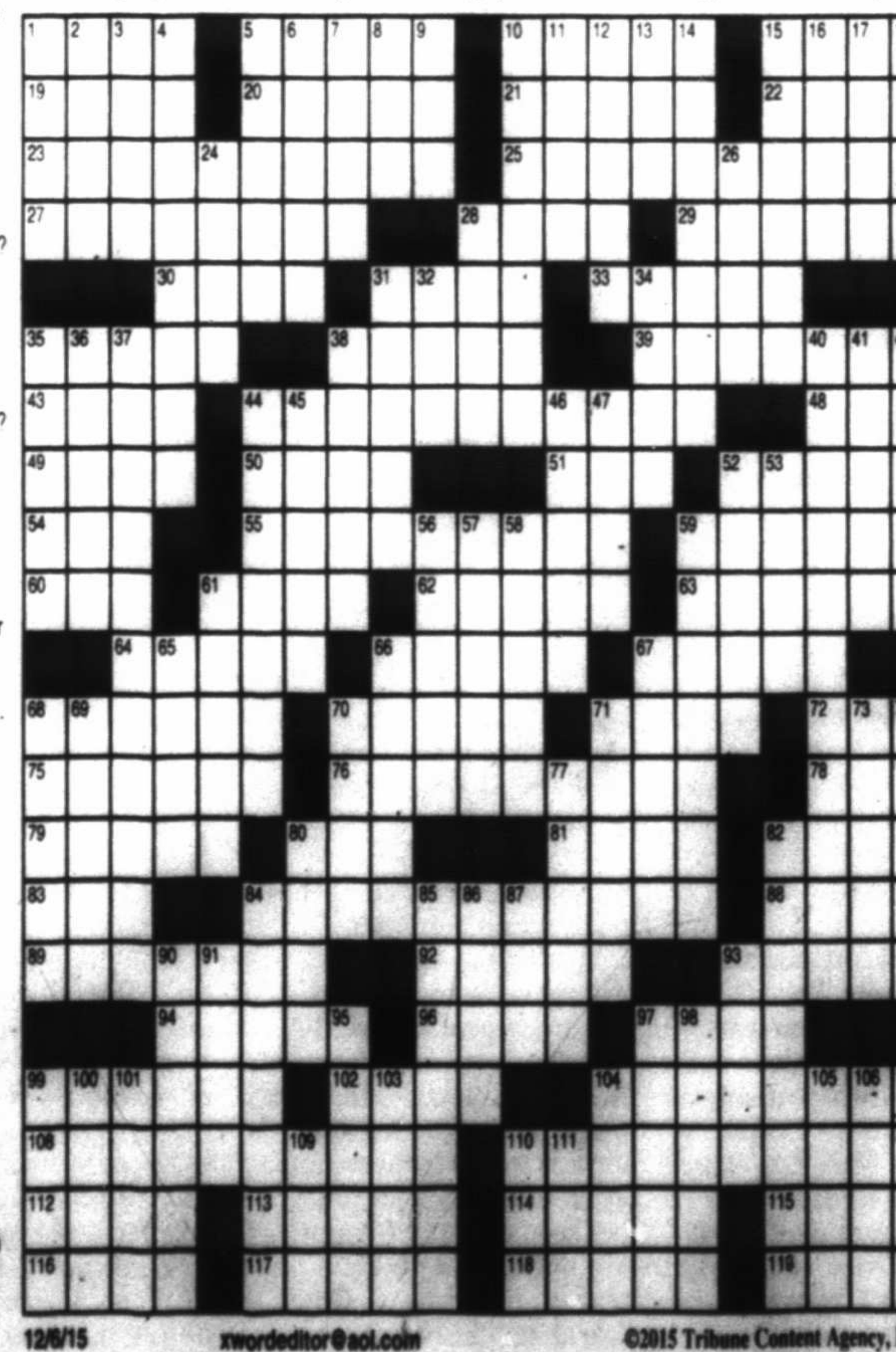
ACROSS
1 "SOS" group
5 Race site for more than 300 years
10 Traffic stoppers?
15 Goes on and on
19 Tradition born under King Kamehameha II
20 The "It Girl" Bow
21 Youngest of three dramatic sisters
22 Inner: Pref.
23 Gust that rattles the blinds?
25 Humor among buddies?
27 No longer used
28 Tweeting source
29 "Très sexy!"
30 Rich deposit
31 Nouveau-Mexique, e.g.
33 Put away
35 Plumbing piece
38 1983 Indy 500 winner Tom
39 Sprint, for one
43 Colorado tributary
44 Where mixologists learn the ropes?
48 Genetic info carrier
49 Heaps
50 "Rubáiyát" rhyme scheme
51 Rare indication?
52 Peanuts, say
54 Gere title role
55 Commonplace ballet technique?
59 Steadfast
60 NYSE regulator
61 Cancellation of a kind
62 "__ we all?"
63 Tracks down
64 Made judgments on diamonds
66 Winner of 82 PGA Tour tournaments
67 Pipe cleaner
68 Zen enlightenment
70 "That sounds bad!"
71 Chiefs coach Andy
72 Short lines at the register?
75 Garfield, e.g.
76 Holiday season store statistic?
78 PX customer
79 Start of an attorney's conclusion
80 Masters gadget
81 Kiddie-lit monster
82 D-Day city
83 Round fig.
84 Buzzers that can't be seen?
88 Split-resistant lumber
89 "Whatever you say, honey"
92 Sends
93 Cheap shots
94 Greenery-covered, as walls
96 Liable to snap
97 Heath-covered wasteland
99 Captivate
102 Mystery writer Buchanan
104 Solitary sort
108 Ordinary dolt?
110 Termite?
112 Generous offer
113 Backspace over
114 Did some whittling, say
115 Hindu melody
116 American-born Jordanian queen
117 Trifled (with)
118 Tips off
119 Keycard receiver

DOWN
1 "One more thing"
2 Light source
3 They're heard in herds
4 Bank offering
5 Had a yearning
6 Political list
7 Encrust
8 Smelter raw material
9 Carwash challenge
10 Line at the beach?
11 LAX postings
12 Real cards
13 "Inside Politics" airer
14 Repeat
15 Start of a quaint business sign
16 "Diana" singer
17 Co. known for music compilations
18 Former Cubs slugger
24 Brake
26 "Piano Man" pianist
28 "Avatar" race
31 Room-size computer unveiled in 1946
32 Jack's value sometimes
34 Somewhat
35 "Holy moly!"
36 Bath quantity?
37 Tools for removing reputation stains?
38 Clog cousin
40 Complaint department?
41 Rouen relative
42 Fabricates
44 Mom's mealtime encouragement
45 Critiqued
46 Drudgery
47 Veggie sometimes pickled
52 High-end violin
53 Tandoori bread
56 She adopted Tigger
57 Hospital holding area, briefly
58 Principal roles
59 Big steps
61 Fat-shunning fellow
65 Hang-around-the-house wear
66 Scintilla
67 Mower handle?
68 Highly seasoned
69 High-altitude home
70 Was in the hole
71 First host of "America's Got Talent"
73 High-tech classroom
74 Concocts, with "up"
77 Tom Sawyer's aunt
80 Lose energy
82 Sci-fi film classic
84 Do cover
85 Fixed
86 Zip, in Zaragoza
87 Pudding fruit
90 Romantic evening switch
91 Rachael Ray sautéing initialism
93 Transvaal settler
95 Hold up
97 Item sold in a kit
98 How music may be sold
99 Business sch. subject
100 Prohibition
101 It's used in rounds
103 Shot contents
104 Lounge around
105 Mirror shape
106 Component of some small Ferraris
107 Kegger venue
109 HUN neighbor, to the IOC
110 It may be dry or sparkling
111 Laudatory verse



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

More bad luck

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 4
♥ J 6 5
♦ A K 6 5
♣ J 7 6

WEST
♠ J 8 6 3
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ 9 3 2
♣ 9 4

EAST
♠ Void
♥ Q 10 9
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A K Q 10 8 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 7 5 2
♥ A K 2
♦ 8 4
♣ 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♦	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

The usual gang was fighting the battle of the boards at the club's Saturday night duplicate.

When Hard Luck Louie was South, the auction went as shown. East won the opening club lead and continued with high clubs. Louie had to decide what to do on the third round of clubs. He reasoned that West, who was short in clubs, was likely to be long in spades. Inspired, Louie ruffed the third club with the king of spades and cashed the queen of spades, prepared to finesse against West's jack of spades on the next trick. Louie was crushed when East showed out on the first trump. Even with a finesse, he couldn't pick up West's trumps and drifted down one when the queen of hearts failed to fall under the ace and king. "How do you like that!" said Louie. "4-0 trumps and no luck in hearts. If it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all."

Lucky Larry declared the same contract later in the evening, facing the same problem on the third round of clubs. Larry decided that the chance of avoiding a heart loser was remote. Rather than ruffing the third club, Larry discarded his low heart. East shifted to a diamond, won in dummy with the ace. Larry led a low spade to his king, noting East's void, and led a low spade to dummy's 10. He cashed the ace of spades, crossed back to his hand in hearts, and drew the last trump. Making four!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015:
This year you have an unusually strong drive to manifest more of what you want. As a result, you will expand your inner circle and meet many new people, which will create even more opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have a big effect on a loved one. You know how to turn this person's world upside down. You might wonder whether to share a special confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have a lot of plans to make this holiday work for others. Your pace could become quite hectic and demanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might feel invigorated by an interaction with a loved one. Somehow, when you're around this person, you lose your sense of responsibility for a short while.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Stay on top of what needs to happen. A meeting in the morning will make you consider the holidays and your responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★
The romantic nature of the holidays flows into your life. If you are attached, you can't seem to find enough mistletoe for you and your sweetie to stand under.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your more possessive side emerges, especially if you feel that you are not getting the attention you want, or that someone is slighting you in some way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might be on a collision course with a family member, but you'll find a way around it. You have a style about you that appeals to most people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Continue playing it low-key for a few days by doing what you want and not necessarily what you should.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Where you find a friend demanding a lot from you is probably where you want to be, once this person calms down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take charge and share your feelings with an important person in your life. You are unlikely to be on the same page, no matter how much you discuss an issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care a lot about. Your conversation will have a touching tone to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be at a point where you simply want to relax and enjoy a very special person in your life.

BORN TODAY
Lyricist Ira Gershwin (1896), Rep. Mia Love (1975), actor Noel Clarke (1975)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	F Troop	F Troop	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Rain	Fox NFL Sunday (L)		Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Walking	Mission	In Touch Ministries		Zion	R/Manusc	Day Disc.	Enarson	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Motorspr	Mercury	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		Dew Tour Preview	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	D.Tiger	C.George	C.George	Sid	Rogers	Odd Sqd	Odd Sqd	Arthur	Cyberch.	Wild K.	Maya&M.
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Rosa Guadalupe		Al punto		Derecho		Pocoyo	Amigos
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	RawTrav.	The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	★★ Serendipity John Cusack.			(:05) ★★ The Cat's Meow Cary Elwes.				★★ Crazy/ Beautiful			Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		★★★ A Civil Action John Travolta.				The Ties That Bind		First Look / (:15) The Theory of Everything				(:20) 3 1/2 Minutes	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:20) Witness "Rio"		(:15) The Secret Life of Walter Mitty				(:15) ★★ Shallow Hal Gwyneth Paltrow.				(:10) Wild	
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:50) ★★★ The Phantom of the Opera				(:15) ★★ Four Weddings and a Funeral				(:15) GetOn	(:50) Taken 3 Liam Neeson.		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) Belle		(:55) ★★ Wild Wild West			(:45) ★★ The Lake House Sandra Bullock.				(:25) Annabelle		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★ Dreamcatcher Morgan Freeman.				(:15) The Fast & the Furious: Tokyo Drift				(:05) ★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack.			
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ Bubble Boy			(:40) ★★★ Death Becomes Her				(:25) ★★ Labor Pains			Sugar and Spice	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	60 Minutes Sports		Inside the NFL		Boxing Showtime Championship Boxing					Comedy	★★★★ Boyhood	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:15) ★★ Another Stakeout				(:05) ★★ The Paper Michael Keaton.				★★ Judge Dredd			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	C.Minds "The Lesson"		C.Minds "Haunted"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Mind "100"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★ Tremors		★★ Doomsday ('08, Act) Caryn Peterson.					★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith.				
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Creflo	P. Popoff	Miracles	Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	(:35) Payne	(:05) Payne	(:35) Payne	(:05) Payne	(:40) Payne
BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Below Deck		Après Ski		Après Ski		Ski "Sliding Downhill"		Girlfriends' Guide	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Stuffins	PJ Masks	M.Mouse	Sofia 1st	Holiday	Toy Story	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Jessie	Austin	Friends Whenever	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL "Sunday Edition"		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)				Football Playoff	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	College Football Final		OLines	Report	SportsCenter						Fantasy Football (L)	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★ A Very Brady Christmas				Home Alone 5: Alone in the Dark				Year Without Santa		DrumBoy	Movie
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Giada	Pioneer	Big Bite	Patricia H	Cooking	Holiday	Heart (N)	Christmas Bobby (N)	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Diaries	Cowboys	Huddle	Texans	Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		Countdown (L)		NCAA Big 12	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Morgan Freeman, Tom Cruise.						Avatar
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) Finding Chr...		12 Gifts of Christmas Katrina Law.				Tis the Season for Love Garry Chalk.				Snow Bride	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Flip/ Flop	Flip/ Flop	Flip/ Flop	Flip/ Flop	Flip/ Flop	Flip/ Flop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Book of Secrets		Secrets "West Point"		Book of Secrets		Hunting Hitler		Hunting Hitler		Hunting Hitler	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Unsolved Mysteries		★★★ Home for the Holidays			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	PoliticsNation		Up		Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00) Match of Week		Match of the Day				Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Liverpool at Newcastle United (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Dino	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	ALVINNN	Cat Noir	ALVINNN
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Lip Sync	★★★ Back to the Future		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	★★ Pandorum ('09, Hor) Ben Foster, Dennis Quaid.					★★★ Star Trek: Nemesis			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ All About the Benjamins Ice Cube.				Movie
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★★★ Mrs. Miniver			★★★ A Christmas Carol			★★★★ The Man Who Came to Dinner				Holiday Affair	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Liverpool at Newcastle United (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "DR 1-102"		LawOrder "Missing"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law&O. "Slaughter"		★★★ Wanted	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	Turning	Miracles	J.Osteen	Chrisley	★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall Jason Segel.					NCIS	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	LawOrder "Monster"		Law&O. "Cherished"		The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engage...			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 6, 2015

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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	Skating Family Skating Tribute				Paid	Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Houston Texans at Buffalo Bills Site: Ralph Wilson Stadium -- Buffalo, N.Y. (L)								(:05) Off Road Racing		FaceNtn	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	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	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Z. Levitt	Sal.	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		Joshua	Biblical	House	About Us
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	USSA Ski & Board		PGA Golf Hero World Challenge Site: Albany Golf Course (L)						USSA Alpine Skiing		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Innovati	2.Opinion	Yoga	W.L.Yoga	Sewing	Giada Valenti			Classical Rewind 2 (My Music)			Salute
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mickey	Mickey	Handy	Handy	Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		America	Gigging	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	The Good Wife	
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:45) ★★ Cocktail Tom Cruise.			★★ Serendipity John Cusack.			(:05) ★★ Mystery, Alaska Russell Crowe.				(:05) The Program	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:20) 3 1/2 Minutes		★★★ Music and Lyrics			(:45) Ties That Bind		1stLook	★★ Dreamgirls ('06, Mus) Jamie Foxx.			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(11:10) Wild		(:10) Vice		★★ A.I.: Artificial Intelligence Haley Joel Osment.					★ Exodus: Gods and Kings		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:45) The Leftovers		(:45) The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Downey Jr.					(:10) ★★ A Good Year Russell Crowe.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(:05) ★★ The Brothers Grimm				(:05) The Grand Budapest H...		(:45) The Knick			(:40) A Walk Among the To...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Into the Storm			(:35) ★★★ Moulin Rouge! Nicole Kidman.			(:45) ★★★ Super Troopers					Ouija
PLEX			96			Movie	(:25) ★★ Fire in the Sky			(:20) Invasion of the Body S...		(:45) ★★★ Death Becomes Her					Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:00) ★★★★ Boyhood Ellar Coltrane.				(:55) ★★ Mission: Impossible III				Spymasters: CIA in the Crosshairs			
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:40) Wrecked		(:10) A Glimpse Inside the ...			(:40) ★★★ Rounders Matt Damon.				(:45) ★★ Snowpiercer		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	What Would You Do?		You Do?		You Do?		You Do?		The First 48		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Demolition Man ('93, Sci-Fi) Sylvester Stallone.					★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.						
BET	58	-		40		(:10) Payne	(:40) Payne	(:15) Payne	(:45) Payne	(:15) Payne	(:50) House of Payne		Peeples ('13, Com) Kerry Washington, Craig Robinson.				
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
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	Bush "Shots Fired"		Alaskan Bush People		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	I Didn't	Girl World	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Friends	Underc.	Bunk'd	Austin	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(11:00) College Football Playoff "Selection Day" (L)						MLS Soccer MLS Cup (L)					SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Weightlifting		NCAA Basketball Duke at South Carolina (L)				NCAA Basketball Michigan vs. Princeton (L)				Fitness	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★ A Christmas Carol			★★★ The Polar Express Tom Hanks.				(:45) The Nightmare Before Christmas				Movie
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		America's News HQ							
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Pioneer	Brunch (N)	Cookie Challenge		Chopped "Wild Ride"		Chopped		Chopped Junior		Holiday Baking	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Mo. St./Ok. St.				UFC "Debuts" (N)		Texans Wrap (L)		UFC FB	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball (L)	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★★ Avatar ('09, Fant) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.							★★★ Prisoners ('13, Thril) Hugh Jackman.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) Snow Bride		Just in Time for Christmas				Once Upon a Holiday Briana Evigan.				A Christmas De...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	LoveList "Nanny Nook"		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Hitler "The Tunnel"		Pearl Harbor "24 Hours After"				Ax Men		Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Wishin' and Hopin' Molly Ringwald.				Twelve Wishes for Christmas				Holiday Switch ('07, Dra) Nicole Eggert.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		CaughtCam "Fury"		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				Goal Zone (L)			Premier League		Racer TV	Motorsport Hour		Motorsport Hour (N)		Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	H.Danger	Thunder	Ho Ho Holiday	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(10:30) Back to the Future			★★★ Back to the Future II Michael J. Fox.					★★★ Back to the Future III			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★★ The 13th Warrior Antonio Banderas.				★★★ The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.					The Lost World:...	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:30) ★★ Rush Hour 3			★★ The Replacements ('00, Spt) Keanu Reeves.					★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Sun Valley Serenade				★★★★ An American in Paris				★★★★ The Quiet Man		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Enfoque	Miss Bala ('11, Cri) Stephanie Sigman.				Drive			Noticiero	Videos	Mi villano favo...	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★★★ Wanted			★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock.					★★ The Hunger Games			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS		NCIS "Red Cell"		NCIS		NCIS "Bait"		NCIS "Kill Screen"		NCIS "The Tell"	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		BlueB. "Parenthood"		Blue Bloods	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Swan Song" (N)		Blood & Oil "The Art of the Deal" (N)		Quantico "Quantico" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Monopoly	(:05) Paid Program	(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		60 Minutes		Sinatra 100 Celebrate the late Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday. (N)				CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Lovely But Lethal"			M*A*S*H	The Odd Couple	Honey-mooners	Cheers	B.New-hart	MaryTylerM.	Taxi
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	The OT (L)	TheSimpsons (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Family Guy (N)	Last Man (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Texans Show	Jack Van Impe	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Lars Enarson	Creation Proclaims
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Pittsburgh Steelers Site: Heinz Field -- Pittsburgh, Pa. (L)							(:35) News	Country Reporter	Wild America
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	(5:30) A Salute to Downton Abbey		Secrets of Chatsworth		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Season Five"		The Royal Paintbox		The Forsyte Saga		The Forsyte Saga	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		La Banda				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle		Scandal		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Office	NameG.	Fam.Feud
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:05) The Program		★★ Bandits ('01, Com) Bruce Willis.				(:05) ★★★ Homegrown				Alone in the Dark	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:15) ★★ Get Hard ('15, Com) Will Ferrell.				The Leftovers (N)		(:15) GetOn	Together	(:15) Leftovers "I Live Here Now"			Get On
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:30) Exodus: Go...		The Leftovers		★★ Fifty Shades of Grey				(:10) ★★★ Unbroken Jack O'Connell.			
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) Focus ('15, Com/Dra) Will Smith.				Taken 3 ('14, Act) Liam Neeson.				The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Downey Jr..			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★★ Transformers ('07, Act) Shia LaBeouf.					★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Will Smith.					Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:30) Ouija		The Knick		★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.			(:40) ★★ The Other Woman				Movie
PLEX			96			(5:30) Bubble Boy		★★ Sugar and Spice			(:25) ★★ Labor Pains			★★★ Starting Out in the Evening			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland		The Affair "209"		Homeland (N)		The Affair "210" (N)		Homeland		The Affair "210"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:45) Snowpiercer		★★ Out of Sight George Clooney.				(:05) ★★★ Camp X-Ray Kristen Stewart.				(:05) Blood Out	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48		First 48 "Blood Lust"		The First 48		First 48 "Blood Feud"		The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Badlands "The Fort"		Into the Badlands		Into the Badlands		Badlands (N)		Into the Badlands		Into the Badlands	
BET	58	-		40		(:05) ★ Johnson Family Vacation				(:25) ★★★ Akeelah and the Bee ('06, Fam) Laurence Fishburne.						P. Popoff	Ministries
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Work Out NY (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Work Out New York		Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Marijuana Country		Cocaine Cowboys	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Heroes: An All Star Tribute (N)				Anthony Bourdain		CNN Heroes: An All Star Tribute			
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska: Exposed (N)		Alaska "The Fall" (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Alaska "The Fall"		Alaskan Bush People	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Girl M.	Holiday	Underc.	Friends	Austin (N)	Liv/Mad	Frozen	(:35) Girl M.	Underc.	Friends	Austin	Liv/Mad
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FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ How The Grinch Stole Christmas					Making	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacati...				J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Stossel		Fox News Reporting		Greg Gutfeld Show		Stossel		Fox News Reporting	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Holiday Baking (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Holiday Baking	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	(5:00) NBA Basketball Dal./Was. (L)			Maverick	WPT Poker		UIL Champ. (N)		Xterra (N)	School (N)	WPT Poker	
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LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	The Flight Before Christmas Mayim Bialik.				Last Chance for Christmas Gabriel Hogan.				The Flight Before Christmas			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Trafficked		Sex Slaves		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad		Lockup		Lockup	
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SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) The Lost World: Jurassic Park				★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★★★ Hellboy ('04, Sci-Fi) Ron Perlman.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	★★ Happy Gilmore Adam Sandler.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) The Quiet...		The Twelve Chairs ('70, Com) Mel Brooks.				★★★ It's in The Bag Fred Allen.				Bardelys the M...	
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TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Up in Smoke"		NCIS		NCIS "Canary"		NCIS		Modern	Modern	Satisfaction	
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Home Videos		Mother	Mother

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

"Peter Pan" runs through Dec. 19 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28 adults, $20 youth and seniors. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. mctmidland.org.

AUDITIONS: "The Fantastiks" is the opening musical of the Permian Playhouse's 2016 season. Auditions are for men and women 16 years and older. 7 p.m. Today and Monday. Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

MONDAY

Fiesta Navidad! featuring Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $20-$40. wagnernoel.com.

Casa de Amigos' Second Annual Festival of Trees at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. View a dozen trees decorated and donated by local businesses and organizations through Dec. 18. On Dec. 19, the trees will then be given to Casa de Amigos families. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

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 colledge. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $62-$117. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Holiday Open House at the Library. The Midland County Public Library invites the public to the Centennial branch for refreshments, activities, and an MOSC chamber ensemble concert. 4:30 p.m. MCPL Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250.

Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas cartoons in the Blakemore Planetarium. Classic holiday cartoons will be screened daily throughout December. Noon. Tuesday-Saturday at at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Tuesday Night Open Mic Comedy hosted by Cesar Udave and Willy Olguin. 7 p.m. weekly at Wyndham Garden, 3100 W. Wall St.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Palette Club Painting session from 9 a.m.-noon weekly. Meeting and demonstrations on the second Tuesday of the month. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio-Every Tuesday -Thursday at 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

Midland Arts Association Meeting, noon at Midland College, Room 185. midlandartsassociation.org.

MusikGarten classes for infants 3-5 years. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1412 W Illinois Ave. Call 432-683-4207 for class times and registration.

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.

THURSDAY

Holiday Open House at the Library. The Midland County Public Library invites the public to the downtown branch for refreshments, activities, and an MOSC chamber ensemble concert. 4 p.m. MCPL Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at Allison Fine Arts Building in Midland College. Free.

"Gold, Frankincense and MRRRP" is a musical revue of the holidays. 7:30 p.m. Through Dec. 19 at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St. Odessa. permianplayhouse.com.

"Say Nicklaus" is a theatrical experience that combines a concert by the Ragtown Gospel Band and the play about house parents of an orphanage during the holidays. Through Dec. 19. (no Thanksgiving weekend performances). Ragtown Gospel Theater, 870 Ragtown Road, Post. $20. ragtowngospeltheater.com.

SATURDAY

Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas Open House will feature choir performances, the model train set and demonstrations and Santa Claus appearances. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The Nutcracker" by the Midland Festival Ballet. Through Dec. 13. $18-$59 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. midlandfestivalballet.org.

"The Magic Flute" presented by The Met: Live in HD. 12:55 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Courtesy photos

Artist Rob Vander Zee takes viewers to his "New Eden" at the Ellen Noel Art Museum where his works are on display in "Present and Future Worlds" through Dec. 20.

ON DISPLAY

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas special" and more. Through Jan. 31, 2016, at Durham Children's Museum. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Turner Memorial Art Gallery currently closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woitena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. Admission free throughout December. Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave.museumsw.org.

"Charles E. Burchfield: Weather Event" closes today. "Changing Weather: Works by Judy Youngblood" through Tuesday. "Rob Vander Zee: Worlds of Present and Future" through Dec. 20. Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. Odessa. Free admission. noelartmuseum.org.

Fall Art Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland. Through Thursday. The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. A. St. midlandss.org.

"Some Things Have Meaning, Others Don't." Works by Zipora Fried feature sculptures, drawings and video. Through Jan. 4 at Marfa Contemporary, 100 E. San Antonio St., Marfa. marfacontemporary.org.

"Apparat" features works by 13 artists. Through Feb. 14, 2016. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. ballroom-marfa.org.

Artizen Outlet, 436 Andrews Highway. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 432-770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios, 700 Andrews Highway. 432-664-3197. artquestlx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays-Saturdays. Current screenings include "Zula Patrol: Under the Weather" at noon, "From Earth to the Universe" at 2 p.m. and "Two Small Pieces of Glass" at 4 p.m. 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

Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. 432-682-5785. haleylibrary.com.

Midland Arts Association presents works by Janet Haney, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays, in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during December. 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.

Midland Shared Spaces Gallery Fall Exhibit with featured artists from ArtQuest, Artizen Outlet, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland through Dec. 10. 685-0400. sharedspaces.org.

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.

Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

DECEMBER

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series: Handbells in Concert featuring a performance by the First Baptist Church Handbell Choir. James Ward, associate professor at Angelo State University. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. Free. Drinks and dessert provided. petroleummuseum.org.

"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $31.50-$85. broadwayinthebasin.com.

Christmas at the Mansion: ReinBeer V features more than a dozen craft beers for tasting, an open bar and food. Tickets required but the event is sold out. 7-10 p.m. Dec. 16. at Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Robert Earl Keen's Merry Christmas from the Fam-O-Lee, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $27-$52. broadwayinthebasin.com.

"The Wizard of Oz." Shows at 7 p.m. 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 19. The show runs Dec. 17-19. The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. globesw.org.

MOSC: A Lone Star Brass Christmas, 3 p.m. Dec. 20 in the Res-Greathouse Hall at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

"Miracle on 34th Street" presented by TCM. Starring Edmund Gwenn, Natalie Wood and Maureen O'Hara and screens with a TCM introduction. Dec. 20 and Dec. 23 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker, 7 p.m. Dec. 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM 1788. $30-$70. wagnernoel.com.

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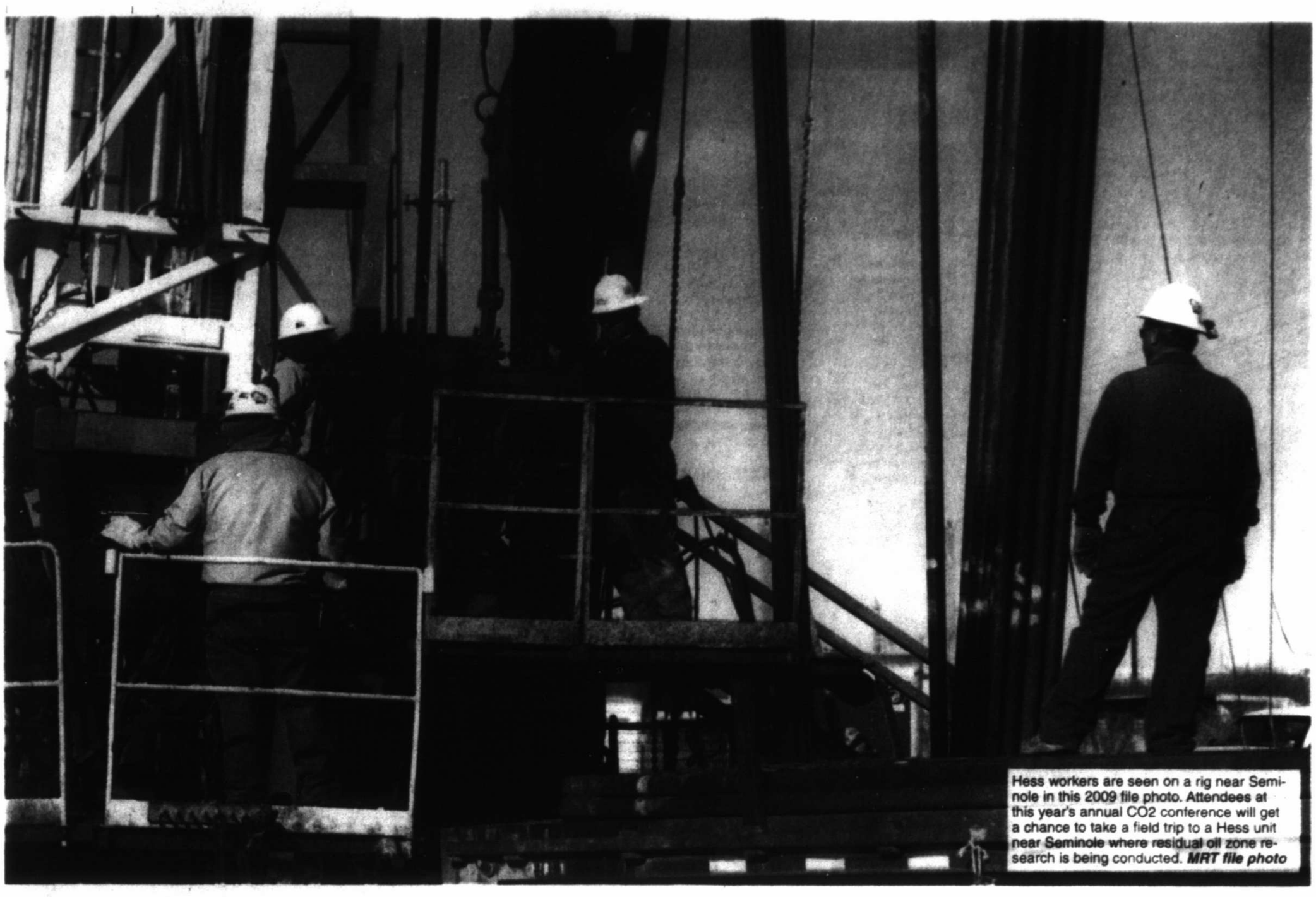

Hess workers are seen on a rig near Seminole in this 2009 file photo. Attendees at this year's annual CO2 conference will get a chance to take a field trip to a Hess unit near Seminole where residual oil zone research is being conducted. *MRT file photo*

SPOTLIGHT ON CARBON DIOXIDE

Annual CO2 Conference to focus on greenhouse gas emissions

By Mella McEwen
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As interested parties from across the Permian Basin, across the state, across the country and even across the globe gather at Midland Center this week for the 21st CO2 Conference, climate talks are continuing in Paris.

Representatives from more than 190 countries have gathered for a United Nations-sponsored climate conference. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from coal, oil and natural gas are at the top of the agenda.

Steve Melzer, conference chairman, agreed the timing of the two events is interesting. The focus on carbon fuels and their impact on the environment "is not going away," he said.

The Midlander said a combination of technological advances, economics and social agendas have expanded the conference's focus from its original intent of offering case histories and best practices on carbon dioxide-based enhanced oil recovery technology.

The annual event will kick off Tuesday with the 13th annual Carbon Management Workshop featuring a variety of presentations on developments about carbon use, capture and storage both domestically and internationally.

The daylong workshop will include a luncheon address by Dan Cole, senior vice president at Denbury Resources. Melzer said Cole will discuss "how complicated the world has become" in trying to develop both carbon capture and storage and its use in enhanced oil production because of regulatory and legislative action.

"Denbury has had this as a strategy for two decades, and they've been working hard at clearing the air. The Environmental Protection Agency has thrown a monkey wrench into the deal, and some states have passed legislation," Melzer said.

It boils down to a conflict between those that are resource-oriented and those that are environment-oriented. And when a project is proposed that could benefit both, such as Summit Power's Texas Clean Energy Plant that is to be built near Penwell, it encounters a bumpy road, Melzer said. Summit Chief Financial Officer Jeff Brown is expected to give an update on the proposed plant, which would use clean-coal technology to capture the CO2 and other byproducts and sell them to industry.

He said studies have shown that the carbon footprint from capturing CO2 generated by coal-fired power generating plants is equal to using that CO2 in enhanced oil recovery projects, keeping it underground.

Those efforts have drawn support among some environmental groups, according to Melzer.

"We have several environmental groups working Congress hard on helping close the gap between cost and the value of CO2," he said.

The challenge is that capturing CO2 is an energy-intensive process, he said. And the technology to capture that CO2 economically is still a work in progress, he said. Too, many companies balk at the $1 billion price tag for building a demonstration project at a reasonable scale to demonstrate the technology.

"Some argue it's a matter of integrating the various technologies," Melzer said.

Technology will be a focus of the Wednesday session, which will include a morning seminar on residual oil zones. That will be followed by an afternoon field trip to Hess Corp.'s Seminole San Andres Unit, where Hess has been conducting ROZ research along with primary and tertiary recovery operations.

The CO2 Conference is Thursday and features the traditional sessions on CO2-based EOR project case histories and discussions on related issues such as taxes, supply and pricing.

"The biggest driver is that the people doing CO2-based EOR projects are long-term thinkers. They look past drops in oil prices," Melzer said.

"There are the contrarians who say now is the time to deploy these projects because CO2 is available now, when it hasn't been recently; they can contract for the CO2. Occidental is implementing its South Hobbs project and has contracted CO2 supplies, though they won't get any oil out for a year. If you have the cash flow to handle a project, you can turn a negative into a positive."

The conference will conclude with a half-day session Friday.

An estimated 10 percent of those attending the week's events are international visitors, according to Melzer. Those in attendance are expected to come from Denmark, Japan, the United Kingdom, and, for the first time, South Korea.

Tall City Exploration completes $803M assets sale

By Mella McEwen
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Tall City Exploration last week closed the previously announced sale of virtually all of its exploration and production assets in Howard and Borden counties for $803 million.

The sale was to Moss Creek Resources LLC, a U.S. subsidiary of China-based Ningbo Dingliang Huitong Equity Investment Center, a limited liability partnership.

Another Midland-based operator, Plymouth Petroleum, also agreed to sell oil fields in the deal, which totaled $1.3 billion.

Moss Creek Resources LLC was a recently formed entity by Blue Whale Energy North America Corp. for the purposes of this transaction. Blue Whale is a U.S. subsidiary of Blue Whale Energy Ltd., an energy investment company based in Beijing.

"We're 3 years old; we built this business for just such a transaction," said Mike Oestmann, chief executive officer at Tall City.

"We set out in 2012 to identify and buy acreage, drill wells and sell the proven acreage," he said, noting that in November 2014 the company sold its Reagan and Crockett county assets to American Energy-Permian Basin for $440 million.

Tall City was formed in 2012 with an investment from what was then Henry Petroleum.

"It speaks a little to how Midland operates: We're competitors, but we also help each other," Oestmann said.

Tall City's formation was also aided by a $300 million equity commitment from Denham Capital, an energy- and resources-focused global private equity firm.

"We couldn't be more pleased. We put together that partnership to do just what we did," said Jordan Marye, partner at Denham Capital.

Marye said the partnership was formed "to see if we couldn't push the boundaries of the play, which we did. It worked really well."

He praised the entire Tall City Exploration team, led by Oestmann and Joseph Magoto, president, as being "extremely good at what they do, having good character and being professional."

He said the company built its acreage position and drilled wells during a very competitive environment fueled by $100 oil prices and optimized those assets in a down market of $40 oil.

The sale to Moss Creek leaves Tall City with just a few hundred acres left, Oestmann said.

"For the foreseeable future, we will be working closely with the buyers as they set their drilling program; then we'll look for new opportunities later in 2016," he said.

The sharp decline in crude prices and resulting impact on the oil and gas economy might alter those opportunities, Oestmann said.

"We bought acreage and drilled wells at $100 oil and sold at $40 oil. The environment has changed a lot," he said.

Oestmann said he wouldn't say costs have come down commensurate with oil prices.

"We may have to look at different opportunities; I don't exactly know what to do next. But before we go charging off, we'll evaluate opportunities," he said.

Moss Creek is acquiring assets comprised of the oil and gas rights to leases on about 71,000 acres in Howard and Borden counties and interest in 34 horizontal and six vertical wells that produce about 3,750 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Oestmann said the company drilled the first horizontal Wolfcamp well in Howard County and has taken it from being on the edge of the vertical Wolfberry play.

"I think Howard County is no longer on the edge of the Horizontal Wolfcamp. It's surprising, the quality of the Lower Spraberry there. Those reserves exceed the Wolfcamp," he said.

The company entered the area "clearly for the Wolfcamp. But the logs kept showing the Wolfcamp was interesting, but 'look at the Spraberry,'" he said. Horizontal drilling in the Lower Spraberry unlocked reserves 15 percent higher than from the Wolfcamp, he said.

The company was able to sell its Howard and Borden county assets in a $40 oil environment because of how prolific the rocks are, Oestmann said.

As for the next version of Tall City, Oestmann said, "We hope to do it again. There are multiple benches and good quality rocks in the Permian."

For his part, Marye said Denham Capital looks forward to continuing work with Tall City.

"We're excited to be partners with Tall City. Our job is to secure capital and provide talented folks with the resources they need," he said.

The economic downturn that the nation's oil and gas industry is experiencing hasn't significantly dampened his enthusiasm.

"In lean times, people flock to quality, and the Permian Basin is one of the few areas where you can drill wells and have a chance of making money. Folks in the oil and gas industry say the Permian Basin will end up being the best house on the best block," he said.

"It's still very tough sledding now, and as good as the Permian Basin is, there's not a lot of people making money right now. That's where the quality of the people you partner with comes into play. That's why we're fortunate to team with Tall City," he said.

BC Operating, Nadel and Gussman form joint development agreement

By Mella McEwen
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The word "legacy" has frequently been used to describe the Permian Basin and the oil and gas reserves it has been producing for close to 90 years.

And legacy is behind the just-announced joint development agreement between Midland-based BC Operating and Nadel and Gussman LLC of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Under the agreement, the two companies will combine their acreage and reserves in southern Eddy and Lea counties in New Mexico. The combined position consists of an acreage footprint of about 50,000 net acres, and 5,500 barrels of oil equivalent per day of operated production.

BC will serve as operator of the combined acreage, including all existing wells. The large-scale position has multiple targets in the Permian Basin, including Wolfcamp, Avalon, Delaware and Bone Spring production.

"These were legacy acreage positions in Lea and Eddy County that fit really well within each other's footprint," said Will Crump, president of Crump Energy Partners. "By combining our acreage, we were able to create a world-class asset in the Northern Delaware Basin. Recent well results have shown that we have a great resource, and the scale of the

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Yvette Garcia fills up with gas at the grand opening of Pemex in the 7900 block of Park Place Boulevard on Thursday in Houston. The national energy company of Mexico, Pemex is launching its brand in the U.S. with retail gasoline stations, starting in Houston.

Pemex launches first gas station outside of Mexico

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Mexico's national oil company launched its first gasoline station outside of the country's borders on Thursday in Houston, the first of several stations planned for the city.

After Mexico opened its borders to foreign investment in the country's oil fields in 2014, state-owned Petróleos Mexicanos, know as Pemex, has started to test its brand strength by competing in the U.S., with that effort beginning in Houston, said José Manuel Carrera Panizzo, the company's chief of alliances and new business development.

"We want to be put to the toughest test," Carrera said of the competitive Texas gasoline market. "We're trying to bring Mexico closer to American consumers."

"In terms of historic importance, it's the first time Pemex puts a gas station outside the Mexican borders," he said. "We're very excited."

Carrera said Pemex is initially opening just five U.S. stations as a pilot test for the brand, but may eventually expand further. The other four gas station openings are all in the Houston area — three in Southeast Houston and one in West Houston.

The first gas station that opened Thursday is on the 7900 block of Park Place Boulevard. Carrera said Pemex is specifically marketing to Mexican nationals and Hispanic consumers.

The gas station includes a taco shack in the convenience store, but the gasoline is U.S.-produced and all the other convenience store items are standard American fare.

Houston Chronicle

A group of mariachis entertain guests during the grand opening of the Pemex gas station in Houston

Refineries ready for technological upgrades

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

A shift has begun in the control rooms of massive refineries and petrochemical plants that's taking advantage of technology already being used in mobile phones and tablets.

Ultra-high definition monitors, mobile touch screen controls and other tech are helping simplify work being done at major plants while boosting efficiency and safety, executives of a business unit within New Jersey-based engineering and manufacturing conglomerate Honeywell said during a tour one of its Houston facilities.

"The last couple of years our personal lives had better systems than our work lives," said Vimal Kapur, president and CEO of Honeywell Process Solutions, while showing off the new technologies available at Honeywell's Customer Experience Center in Houston's Westchase district. The center has been in Houston for about four years and employs about 1,000 area workers.

Honeywell's new Experion Orion Console features 55-inch, ultra-high definition monitors and 24-inch touch screens that replace keyboards. There are alarm light bars that switch from blue to yellow to red if there are problems with particular aspects of plant operations.

"If you've been to NASA, there's no difference conceptually," Kapur said. "The technologies are very similar."

The problem is convincing companies to make changes when upgrades cost money and give employees unfamiliar equipment. Changing industrial control systems also means operational down time at plants, which can equate to millions of dollars in lost revenues if not properly planned.

"Plant operators are very resistant to change. Change is seen as a negative," said Jamie Salom, Honeywell systems consultant, arguing that people just need to see the new technology in action and test it themselves. "Within 15 minutes, they're converts."

Honeywell's competitors — ABB, Rockwell Automation, Siemens, General Electric — are also starting to provide similar technology.

Refineries and petrochemical plants are the biggest growth areas, but Honeywell also is targeting oil and gas rigs, paper plants and other manufacturers.

Still, industrial plants are slow to adopt new technology, which advances at a much faster rate and can create an increasing technology gap, Kapur said.

"Adoption rates are very slow," Kapur said. "They're not slow because of intent; they're slow because of practicality. They simply can't shut down their plant and they're worried about the return on investment."

But that has begun to change as some of the first movers adopt new systems and technologies, he said. In the past 30 days, Honeywell has announced installing Experion systems at refining, petrochemical and liquefied natural gas plants in Russia, Finland, Iraq, New Zealand and Brazil. The ICL Brasil chemical plant will the first Experion system to use the new Orion Console.

"The adoption rate after the initial resistance is very high," Kapur said. "You may take 18 months to think about it, but after that it shoots up very quickly."

UT has advice for boom towns gone bust

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

South Texas boom towns are hoping to avoid becoming ghost towns now that oil prices have crashed.

Thomas Tunstall, a research director at the University of Texas at Austin, has some ideas for how they can avoid that fate.

For starters, think beyond oil. Way beyond oil — to things such as olives, tourism tied to the Texas Revolution, recreation on lakes and river, foreign trade, ecotourism and even spinach, a historic crop in the "Winter Garden" counties, long known for year-round farming.

"They should be thinking about diversification," Tunstall said.

In a new study published in the The Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy, Tunstall points out the challenges and successes of various South Texas communities.

The paper was written during the height of the boom and then went through a long peer-review process. It points out the uphill fight to do do any economic development during boom times. Small communities simply didn't have the time to think of anything else other than being overwhelmed by oil field companies and workers. They were in crisis management mode.

"It was written when things were booming," Tunstall said. "They had their hands full at that moment. It doesn't preclude them from putting in vision plans or more long-term plans."

He wrote:

"The situation in South Texas is rife with challenges as a result of the shale oil and gas boom. For example, there is clearly the potential for crowding-out effects to impact other industries. Restaurants and retail stores have reported difficulty hiring and now offer signing bonuses or have resorted to paying workers twice the minimum wage. School districts and city offices are losing employees to the energy industry. Housing is in short supply, rents have doubled or tripled, and most hotels are regularly sold out. Given these circumstances, it would be very unlikely for a company unrelated to the oil and gas industry (or its support) to consider locating in the area."

Some communities worked to diversify anyway. Tunstall points out Gonzales, home of the Texas Revolution's "Come and Take It" motto, has been particularly successful in working to build up an identity attached to history instead of just oil.

Near Asherton, some ranchers have started olive groves.

"They're planting more and more groves in Texas," Tunstall said. "For some it's a hobby. Some are making it more of a business. South Texas is a good environment for olive trees. As much as we consume and import olive oil, why not produce more of it here?"

Williston sets deadline for elimination of oil crew camps

■ Mayor says he'll push for temporary housing

Associated Press

WILLISTON, N.D. — Williston's City Commission has set a July 1 deadline for the elimination of oil field crew camps within city limits, but the issue still might not be resolved.

Commissioners on Tuesday voted 3-2 to approve an ordinance setting the deadline, after debate about its impact on the energy industry. However, Mayor Howard Klug said he will push for an amendment that could allow some temporary housing.

"It will be at the direction of the mayor, because I made a promise to get it done," he told The Williston Herald after the meeting.

Some people believe crew camps are unsightly and can increase problems including crime. They also say construction of new apartments and hotels in the oil patch hub has caught up with population growth. A recent report from a consultant concluded that if all crew camps in the city and surrounding Williams County were to close, there would still be a surplus of nearly 1,300 apartments and hotel beds in Williston.

Oil company officials say hotel rooms and apartments in Williston are costly, and they still need temporary housing for seasonal workers. Some crew camp operators have filed written protests against the ordinance, Assistant City Attorney Jordon Evert said.

Commissioner Deanette Piesik proposed restricting crew camps to oil companies providing housing for their own employees; requiring them to reduce housing by half, to about 1,000 beds; and extending the elimination deadline to 2019. The idea drew support, but Evert said it would need to first go through the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I believe we can pass this motion as is, and then start working with the operators that have camps that they are using for their own crews and have a compromise by the second meeting in January," Klug said. "At that point it gives us the opportunity to bring it back to the Planning and Zoning (Commission) with recommendations from the City Commission.

"The commission would have a chance to go back and rewrite something that would stick around for a lot longer than the date we have," the mayor said.

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Kinder Morgan's credit rating comes under fire

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A major credit shop questioned pipeline giant Kinder Morgan's investment grade rating Tuesday, a day after the Houston-based pipeline giant offered more support to a debt-laden affiliate.

Moody's on Tuesday shifted Kinder Morgan's credit outlook from stable to negative. Instead of downgrading the company, the move acts as a notice that a downgrade might be coming in the future, which would have a major impact on Kinder Morgan's $44 billion in debt.

On Monday, Kinder Morgan increased its stake in the ailing Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, or NGPL, from about 20 percent to 50 percent. The deal gives Kinder Morgan a better position throughout the natural gas-hungry Chicago-area markets, but also makes the company further responsible for the $3 billion in debt drowning NGPL.

Moody's and another major debt agency Fitch Ratings have both called NGPL's financial situation unsustainable. The company was meeting debt obligations by drawing money from a short term revolver, and was unlikely to avoid default unless its two parent companies — Kinder Morgan and Brookfield Infrastructure — offered support or restructured the business. Earlier this year, there were rumors that NGPL might simply be sold off.

However, Monday's deal appeared to be a gesture of support from Kinder Morgan. Moody's responded by wondering whether Kinder Morgan could afford to throw NGPL a lifeline without proving an anchor for its own finances.

"The negative outlook reflects Kinder Morgan's increased business risk profile and additional pressure on its already high leverage that will result from its agreement to increase ownership in NGPL, a distressed company," said Terry Marshall, senior vice president at Moody's, in a statement. "NGPL is facing potential default on its pending interest payments, suggesting that KMI will need to provide cash injections, which will likely be debt funded initially."

Kinder Morgan's current debt rating from Moody's qualifies the company for the lowest type of investment-grade rating. A downgrade could force the company out of the investment grade range and onto the high-yield debt markets, increasing the amount Kinder Morgan would have to pay to raise new money through debt.

But on Tuesday, Fitch Ratings, another major credit shop, disagreed with Moody's and said Kinder Morgan's deal to prop up Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America wouldn't affect its credit in the short term.

Moody's said a downgrade would be more likely if Kinder Morgan's leverage — the ratio of debt to adjusted, pretax earnings — rises above 5.8 times and doesn't come back down.

Currently, Kinder Morgan calculates its own debt to earnings ratio at near the 5.8 times cutoff, but Moody's forecasts that to rise to 5.9 times by mid-2016 when accounting for the rating's firms standard adjustments.

In October, Kinder Morgan executives said they're targeting a ratio of 5.6 times by the end of this year.

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position will allow us to effectively and economically develop the asset."

BC Operating is the operating company for and owned equally by Crump Energy Partners II LLC and Crown Oil Partners V LP, both based in Midland. Nadel and Gussman has been in the energy business since the 1920s. Both BC and Nadel and Gussman are privately held, multi-generational family energy companies.

BC expects to add more acreage, strengthening the combined position.

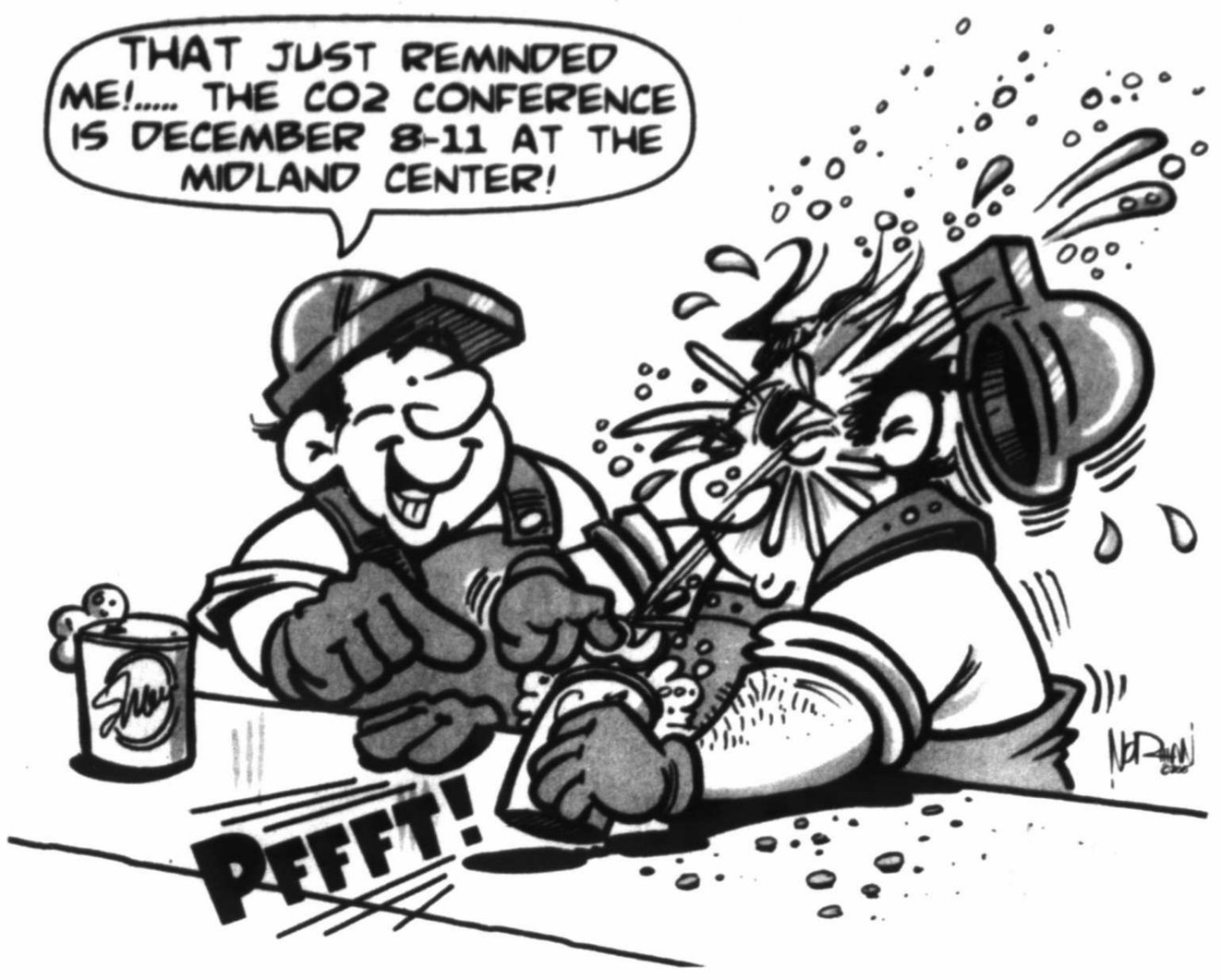
"We will continue to block up our existing acreage position in Eddy and Lea counties. We fully believe the economics in this area are sufficient for development, even in today's commodity price environment," said Brandon Black, vice president of Crown Oil Partners.

BC expects to run at least one drilling rig in 2016, and Crump and Black said they have an extremely talented technical staff and are more than adequately staffed to accelerate development "if and when we decide."

"The Permian Basin has held up as the best basin in the U.S. Most of the recent activity and headline deals have been made in the Midland Basin, and we certainly believe the Delaware economics are as competitive as the Midland Basin," the men said. "In addition, the long-term leases and legacy, held-by-production acreage in this joint development agreement only enhance the attractiveness of this position."

Crown and Crump have assets in New Mexico outside the joint development agreement, as well as additional holdings in Texas. Nadel and Gussman has additional assets in Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Texas and North Dakota.

Crump Energy Partners is supported by an equity commitment from Quantum Energy Partners, while Crown Oil Partners is financially partnered with Post Oak Energy Capital and Wells Fargo Energy Capital.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$38.10	Sun*	$36.50
Flint Hills Resources*	$36.50	Nymex futures	$41.64*
Phillips 66	$36.56		
Plains*	$36.50		
Shell Trading	$36.60		

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Dec. 2

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price Dec. 2	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.033	$2.165	$43.874
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$1.970	$2.190	$3.775
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$1.990	$2.215	$3.885
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$1.973	$2.200	$3.758
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.000	$2.250	$3.780
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$1.910	$2.147	$3.819
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$1.955	$2.136	$3.777

By scrapping 150 projects, Big Oil could become 'structurally impaired'

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Blindsided by a brutal downturn, oil companies have scuttled plans for scores of costly energy projects in an industry-wide retreat that could wipe out 19 million barrels from the world's daily regimen of hydrocarbons over the next few years, a new report says.

Oil companies have canceled or delayed final investment decisions on about 150 projects that are tied to 125 billion barrels of oil equivalent, which could stay underground for several years longer than expected amid a steep drop in crude prices, energy investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. said Tuesday.

"By not sanctioning projects today, you're putting a hole in production in 2017, 2018 and 2019 — potentially a big hole," said David Pursell, head of macro research at Houston energy investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

Analysts had expected U.S. oil production, which is down by 500,000 barrels from its peak in April, to drop more rapidly than it has this year and help crude prices recover quickly from multi-year lows.

But one of the lessons of the year-long price slump has been that if crude prices stay low long enough, other sources of crude will have to share in the global output decline that's expected to eventually put oil supply and demand back into balance. Outside of the 13-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, all kinds of crude production are at risk when Big Oil is forced to weigh investment returns against scenarios in which crude prices remain depressed for years.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration believes the harvest of liquid fuels in non-OPEC countries like Russia and the United States is going to sink in the fourth quarter of 2015, the first absolute decline since mid-2011. Non-OPEC production growth is expected to sink by 520,000 barrels a day — its lowest point next year — in the first quarter of 2016.

"It's really about how long are we down at these (oil price) levels, because the longer you're down here, every month or two it just puts more stress on the balance sheets," said Pearce Hammond, an analyst at Simmons & Company International.

Tudor Pickering projects about 3 million barrels of the industry's deferred daily production will come from Canadian oil sands projects, among the industry's most expensive prospects, because the viscous crude is too thick to move easily underground. Another 5 million barrels will likely be delayed in war-torn Iraq and Kurdistan, where the regional government has previously failed to make payments to the western oil companies that drill into reservoirs there.

Elsewhere, in Mozambique, Australia and Canada, progress on liquefied natural gas plants has been slow. Tudor Pickering expects 20 billion cubic feet a day of LNG production capacity will be deferred as Big Oil delays plans on 20 projects. "Virtually all (LNG) project sanction decisions outside of the U.S. have been pushed back," the investment bank said.

Canada and Norway topped the investment bank's list of deferred projects by country. A "surprisingly" few deep-water projects have been deferred in the Gulf of Mexico and Brazil, Tudor Pickering said, but the industry has shelved plans for more deep-water ventures in Angola and Nigeria, which were in trouble even before oil prices fell, because of unattractive terms offered by the Angolan government and fiscal issues in Nigeria. In terms of daily production, about 6 million barrels buried in the earth's deepest depths will remain there for longer than oil companies intended.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Desk & Derrick to install 2016 officers

The Midland Desk & Derrick Club will install its 2016 officers at 5:45 p.m. Monday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. The event begins with a social reception.

Kate Ediger of Roswell, New Mexico, the association's Region V director, will install the officers. Joyce Nolly will serve as the 2016 president of the Midland chapter.

PBGS schedules December luncheon

Members of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Center.

Gareth Taylor, president of Rock Solid Images, will give a technical presentation on "Multi-Attribute Rotation Scheme: A Tool For Reservoir Property Prediction From Seismic Inversion Attributes."

Cost is $15. Reservations can be made by email at pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com.

HOUSTON

Raymond James expects Iraqi oil surge to slow in 2016

Iraq had added roughly 1 million barrels per day of oil production in 2015, surprising analysts and adding to a global glut of crude that has driven down international oil prices.

But those rapid gains are likely to fall off in 2016 and beyond, as Baghdad slows investment in the country's oil fields and boost from short-term gains fades, according to a new analysis by financial services firm Raymond James.

Following nearly a decade of steady, 200,000 barrel per day growth each year, Iraqi oil production jumped from roughly 3.4 million barrels per day in February of this year to 4.4 million barrels per day in June. The second largest member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Iraq was ranked the world's fastest growing oil producer in 2015, according to an analysis by financial services firm Raymond James.

Two factors largely drove those increases, Raymond James said.

First, the Iraqis split the benchmark grade of crude oil that they offer into two separate barrels back in May. The split helped to tighten the consistency of the oil Iraq shipped to its customers, boosting refinery usage and clearing a bottleneck that had trapped as many as 350,000 barrels per day of Iraqi exports, Raymond James analysts said.

Second, production from Kurdistan, in the northern part of Iraq, has grown from an average of about 200,000 barrels per day in 2012 and 2013 to roughly 550,000 barrels per day average in 2015. Those gains have been made thanks to better pipeline infrastructure and increased Kurdish autonomy from Iraq's central government in Baghdad, Raymond James said.

Together, those factors account for as much as 700,000 barrels per day of additional Iraqi production. The Raymond James analysts said they expect the country's production to keep growing in 2016, but don't expect a similar surge.

Recently, Iraq has struggled to sustain investment in its oil and gas fields thanks to both low prices and the country's ongoing war with the Islamic State in the northern part of its country.

The war has had little impact on existing oil production. Iraq's three largest oil fields and as much as 80 percent of its oil production sits far from the fighting along near the southern tip of the country. Much of the other output comes from Kurdistan, which lies closer to the front lines but is well protected by Western-supported Kurdish forces.

But the defense outlays have eaten into government funding that could have instead flowed into the country's oil fields. The Iraqi rig count has fallen by about 48 percent from its June 2014 peak, and the government has told contractors to throttle their spending in the oil patch, Raymond James analysts said.

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Concho County

SPIRAL ENERGY CORPORATION, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 THIRSTY RIVER, 2000 FWL 1600 FSL, SEC 117 BLK 72, T&NO SUR., A-886 2900', 4 SE EDEN API# 42-095-32421

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Reeves County

APACHE CORPORATION, WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H LADYBIRD STATE, 889 FEL 2492 FSL, SEC 5 BLK C12, PSL/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-4726 9000', 14 SW TOYAH API# 42-389-34932

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Black River 25 Fed Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R26E; 192/S & 2167/W; 1/2 mi S Black River; Rot 11790 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43377

ConocoPhillips Co.
Golden Spur 36 Com W1 #1
Wildcat; Sec 36 T26S R31E; 282/S & 570/E; 24 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18830 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43374

ConocoPhillips Co.
Golden Spud 36 Com W1 #2
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R31E; 315/S & 570/E; 24 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18834 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43375

Lea County

Apache Corp.
Quilmes 29 State #4
Wildcat; Sec 29 T10S R37E; 245/S & 660/W; 12 mi SE Crossroads; Rot 10700 San Andres; API #30-025-42806

XTO Energy Inc.
Charro Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 23 T24S R32E; 170/S & 660/W; 12 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15520 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42794

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 Federal P 6 #5
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 266/N & 1778/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14148 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42795

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 Federal P 6 #6
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 247/N & 1763/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14233 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42796

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 19 Federal P 6 #5
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 227/N & 1747/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13954 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42797

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 19 Federal P 6 #6
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 207/N & 1732/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13780 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42798

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 19 Federal P 6 #7
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R33E; 188/N & 1716/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13959 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42799

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

RMB Operating LLC
University Lands "14-5O" #1
Farmer (San Andres);
330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 14, Blk 50, Abst. 511U, ULS, 23 ne Ozona; TD 2700; Comp 10/27/2015; producing from 2314 -2468. treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 65 BO, 60 MCF, 25 BW, 31 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-42232

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Outlaw State #6
Artesia; Sec 29 T17S R28E; 990/S & 1650/E; EL 3701 GL, TD 4961, PBTD 4913; Spud 12-26-14 Comp 3-27-15; production is through treated perfs: 3450-3687. Treat: 3612 gals 15% acid, 150,098# sd. IP: 4-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 140 BO, 381 BW, 191 MCF, GOR 1293. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 415 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4961 w/950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3780; API #30-015-42556

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #592
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 900/N & 2310/E; EL 3585 GL, TD 4490, PBTD 4425; Spud 1-20-15, Comp 2-5-15; production is through treated perfs: 4013-4288. Treat: Acdz w/1009 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/51,821 gals gel, 50,237# 16/30 brady, 15,902# 18/30 SLC. IP: 2-12-15 Pump 24 hrs 86 BO, 211 BW, 38 MCF, GOR 442, Gty 39.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 293 w/530 sx, 8 5/8 @ 995 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4475 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4376; API #30-015-40600

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #598
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 1390/S & 915/E. BHL: 1313/S & 1001/E; EL 3613 GL, TD 4560, PBTD 4490; Spud 11-13-14, Comp 12-4-14; production is through treated perfs: 4100-4390. Treat: Acdz w/1099 gals 15% acid, Frac w/201,421 gals gel, 213,312# 16/30 brady, 29,946# 16/30 SLC. IP: 12-11-14 Pump 24 hrs 43 BO, 216 BW, 77 MCF, GOR 1790, Gty 39.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 308 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 973 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4541 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4463; API #30-015-40700

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #653
Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 2310/S & 990/E; EL 3581 GL, TD 4500, PBTD 4448; Spud 1-12-15, Comp 1-29-15; production is through treated perfs: 4059-4359. Treat: Acdz w/1-31 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/215,600 gals gel, 228,718# 16/30 brady, 28,794# 16/30 SLC. IP: 2-9-15 Pump 24 hrs 34 BO, 215 BW, 158 MCF, GOR 4647, Gty 38.4. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 252 w/890 sx, 8 5/8 @ 917 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4491 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4403; API #30-015-40711

Mewbourne Oil Co.
RIO Bravo 7 B3NC Federal #1
Deadman Draw; Sec 7 T21S R25E; 225/S & 2140/W, BHL: 331/N & 2116/W; EL 3496 GL, TD 12775 MD, 7030 TVD, PBTD 12747 MD, 7030 TVD; Spud 2-1-15, Comp 4-22-15; production is through treated perfs: 8120-12742. Treat: 20,000 gals 15% acid, 3,562,734 gals slickwater carrying 1,098,540# 100 mesh sd &990.140# 40/70 white sd & 445,100# 40/70 oil plus sd. IP: 4-23-15 Flow 24 hrs 36 BO, 2406 BW, 0 MCF, TP 3400, CP 200, Gty 48.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 416 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1428 w/730 sx, 7 @ 6514 w/1050 sx, 4 1/2 @ 12775 w/600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6246; API #30-015-42918

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Lone Tree Draw 13 State Com #8
East Carlsbad; Sec 13 T21S R27E; 150/N & 1980/E. BHL; 290/S & 1995/E; EL 3171.6 GL, TD 12326 MD, 7764 TVD, PBTD 1235.4; Spud 2-18-15, Comp 4-28-15; production is through treated perfs: 7929-12284. Treat: Frac w/24,132 gals 15% HCL acid, 6,634,434# 20/40 white sd. IP: 5-25-15 Flow 24 hrs 544 BO, 713 BW, 707 MCF, GOR 1299.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 318 w/330 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2807 w/670 sx, 7 & 5 1/2 @ 12397 w/1595 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7266; API #30-015-41738

Oxy USA WTP LP
Simpson-CDM Com #1
Cedar Hills; Sec 29 T21S R27E; 480/N & 310/E. BHL: 490/N & 210/W; EL 3161.9 GR, TD 13077 MD, 8733 TVD, PBTD 12950 MD; 8733 TVD; Spud 10-5-14, Comp 2-3-15; production is through treated perfs: 7353-8926, 9043-12933. Treat: 568781 gals trt wtr + 44980 gals 15% acid, 2311970 gals 18# BXL w/3546700# sd. IP: 1-27-15 Flow 24 hrs 144 BO, 1392 BW, TSTM MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 250. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 409 w/810 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2850 w/1630 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13076 w/1620 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7932; API #30-015-42012

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 27 State Com #4
East Pierce Crossing; Sec 27 T24S R29E; 700/N & 173/W, BHL: 675/N & 169/E; EL 2923 GR, TD 13587 MD, 8826 TVD, PBTD 13515 MD, 8826 TVD; Spud 7-17-14, Comp 10-30-14; production is through treated perfs: 9110-10340. Treat: 276613 gals trt wtr + 45500 gals 15% acid + 1629937 gals 15# BXL + 1259294 gals 20# BXL + 4904520# sd. IP: 11-24-14 Flow 24 hrs 1412 BO, 672 BW, 1327 MCF, 28/64" Ch, TP 1700, GOR 939. Csg:11 1/2 @ 464 w/910 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3115 w/880 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13585 w/1620 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8152; API #30-015-42063

Chevron USA Inc.
Skeen 2 26 27 State #4
Delaware River; Sec 2 T26S R27E; 175/N & 400/E, BHL: 250/S & 400/E; EL 3159 GL, TD 12,780, PBTD 12,470; Spud 6-14-14, Comp 9-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 8304-12554. Treat: 119 bbls HCL acid. IP: 9-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 278 BO, 1363 BW, 366 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 467 w/520 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2235 w/930 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12745 w/1690 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7314; API #30-015-41118

COG Operating LLC
Asio Otis Federal #3
Welch; Sec 18 T26S R27E; 50/S & 1550/W, BHL: 353/N & 1975/W; EL 3339 GI, TD 10299 MD, 5594 TVD, PBTD 10132 MD, 5594 TVD; Spud 7-12-14, Comp 9-5-14; production is through treated perfs: 5757-10117. Treat: Acdz w/69255 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3339901# sd & 2813700 gals fluid. IP: 11-8-14 Pump 24 hrs 187 BO, 2911 BW, 715 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 355 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1975 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10287 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5096; API #30-015-42395

COG Operating LLC
Barn Owl Federal #2
Welch; Sec 19 T26S R27E; 520/N & 1450/E. BHL: 334/N & 1894/E; EL 3318.5 GL, TD 14118, PBTD 14100; Spud 7-29-14, Comp 10-11-14; production is through perfs: 9527-14005. IP: 11-23-14 Flow 24 hrs 405 BO, 1897 BW, 1172 MCF, CP 1000. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 360 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2030 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14105 w/2750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9023; API #30-015-42472

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Cassippeia BQD State Com #2
Hay Hollow; Sec 24 T26S R27E; 10/S & 990/E. BHL: 279/N & 647/E; EL 3109 GI, TD 12,484, PBTD 12,389; Spud 7-10-14, Comp 11-12-14; production is through treated perfs: 8014-12376. Treat: Acdz w/38,250 gals 15% HCL acid, Frac w/6,338,782# 16/30 RCS, 320/40 RCS & 20/40 white sd. IP: 11-17-14 Flow 24 hrs 522 BO, 2367 BW, 718 MCF, 38/64" Ch, CP 900. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 420 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2436 w/545 sx, 5 1/2 @ 121437 w/2125 sx; API #30-015-41797

Lea County

V-F Petroleum Inc.
State 11 #2
Vacuum; Sec 11 T17S R35E; 660/S & 2150/E; EL 3937 GI, TD 11,500, PBTD 5,255; Spud 9-12-14, Comp 7-12-15; production is through perfs: 4676-4802. IP: 7-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 5 BO, 85 BW, 10 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 475 w/495 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3402 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5362 w/1140 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4679; API #30-025-41969

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Sun McKay Federal #3
Lusk; Sec 10 T19S R32E; 330/N & 1980/W; EL 3667 GL, TD 13,885 MD, 9225 TVD, PBTD 12784 MD, 9507 TVD; Spud 7-13-14, Comp 10-8-14; production is through treated perfs: 9746-13,699. Treat: 60,984 bbls frac fluid, 14,00 bbls acid, 109,480# 40/70 white, 1,293,300# 20/40 oil plus. IP: 11-18-14 Flow 24 hrs 247 BO, 492 BW, TSTM MCF, 64/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 75. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1350 w/1120 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3373 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13860 w/1990 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9269; API #30-025-41927

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #32
Lusk; Sec 20 T19S R32E; 1980/S & 400/W, BHL: 2188/S & 340/E; EL 3573 GL, TD 13601 MD, 9295 TVD, PBTD 13550 MD, 9295 TVD; Spud 12-17-14, Comp 3-3-15; production is through treated perfs: 9443-13450, 13500-13510. Treat: Acdz w/85757 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/63338037# sd & 5219879 gals fluid. IP: 3-11-15 Pump 24 hrs 510 BO, 1741 BW, 123 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 900 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4280 w/2225 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13601 w/2750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8734; API #30-025-42210

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #32
Lusk; Sec 20 T19S R32E; 1980/S & 340/E. BHL: 2188/S & 340/E; EL 3573 GL, TD 13601 MD, 9295 TVD, PBTD 13550 MD, 9295 TVD; Spud 12-17-14, Comp 3-3-15; production is through treated perfs: 9443-13450, 13500-13510. Treat: Acdz w/85757 gals 7.5% acid, Frac w/63338037# sd & 5219879 gals fluid. IP: 3-11-15 Pump 24 hrs 510 BO, 1741 BW, 123 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 900 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4280 w/2225 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13601 w/2750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8734; API #30-025-42210

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Scharb 10 B3MD State #1
Quail Ridge; Sec 10 T19S R34E; 185/S & 700/W. BHL: 332/N & 455/W; EL 3845 GL, TD 15150, PBTD 15106; Spud 6-19-15, Comp 8-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 11057-15110. Treat: Frac w/4,121,544 gals slickwater carrying 1,270,570# 100 mesh sd & 826,768# 30/50 white sd & 428,349# 40/70 Oil Plus sd. IP: 8-23-15 Flow 24 hrs 380 BO, 432 BW, 237 MCF, 19/64" Ch, CP 700. GOR 624, Gty 44. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1806 w/1500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3566 w/850 sx, 7 @ 11003 w/950 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10158-15150; API #30-025-42521

COG Operating LLC
Black Pearl 1 Federal #4
Lea; Sec 1 T20S R34E; 190/N & 1160/W. BHL: 342/S & 781/W; EL 3696 GL, TD 15535 MD, 10959 TVD, PBTD 15460 MD, 10956 TVD; Spud 6-19-15, Comp 8-21-15; production is through treated perfs: 11045-15333, 15410-15420. Treat: Acdz w/72274 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6873762# sd & 7091146 gals fluid. IP: 9-7-15 Flow 24 hrs 797 BO, 1070 BW, 1263 MCF, 10/64" Ch, TP 1600, CP 100. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1856 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3491 w/1025 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15510 w/2710 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10353; API #30-025-42295

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Style 907 Stands tall in the toughest of environments

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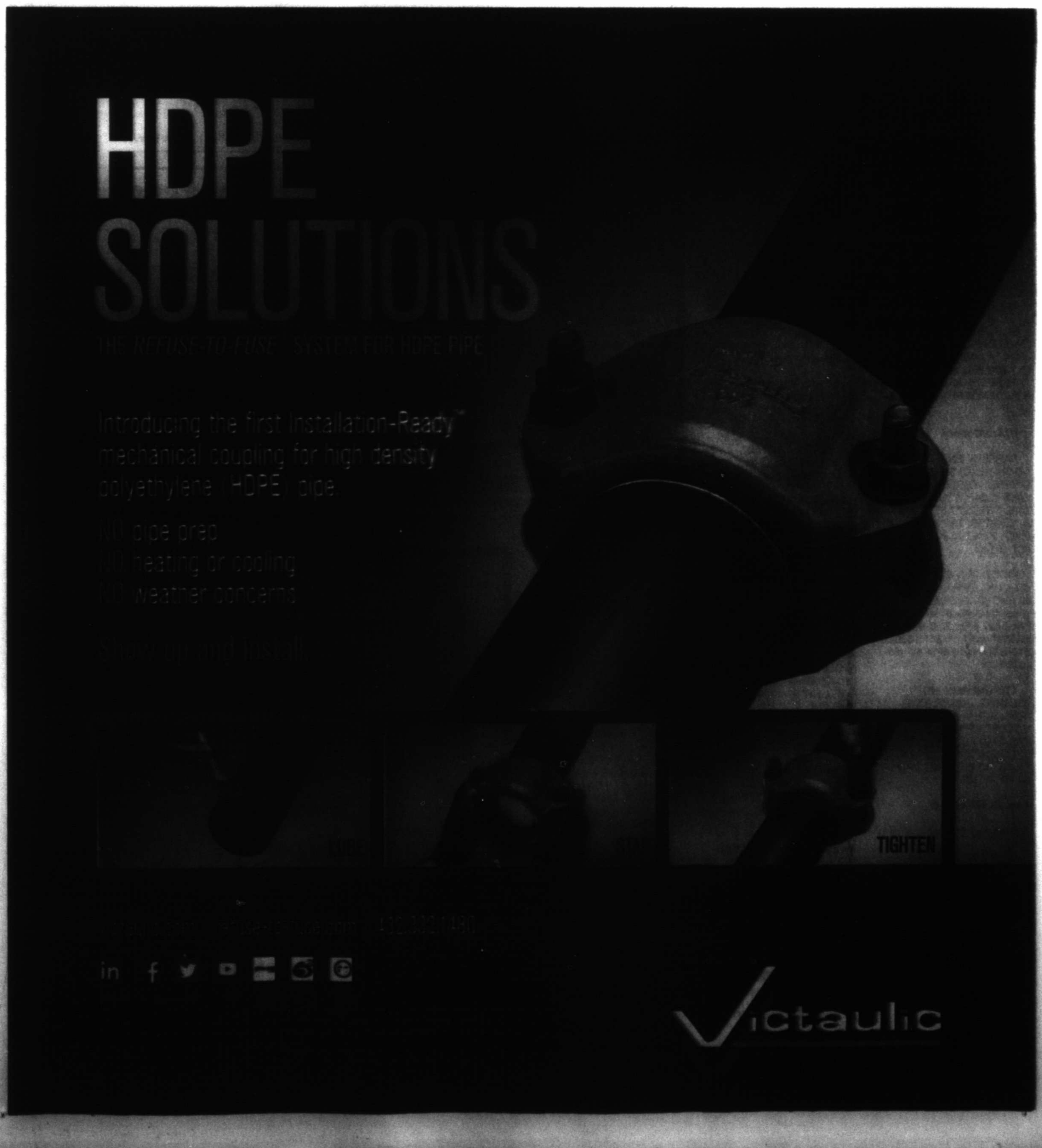

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Hawk 35 Federal #7
Red Hills; Sec 35 T24S R33E; 500/N & 2007/E. BHL: 229/N & 1886/E; EL 3519 GL, TD 14737 MD, 9440 TVD, PBTD 14628; Spud 3-23-15, Comp 7-20-15; production is through perfs: 9759-14628. IP: 8-31-15 Flow 24 hrs 1535 BO, 1635 BW, 1107 MCF, 40/64" Ch, TP 724. CP 1134. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1329 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5119 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @14737 w/1865 sx; API #30-025-42410

EOG Resources Inc.
Hawk 35 Federal #8
Red Hills; Sec 35 T24S R33E; 500/N & 1977/E, BHL: 230/N & 1379/E; EL 3519 GL, TD 14728 MD, 9457 TVD, PBTD 14628; Spud 4-7-15, Comp 7-19-15; production is through perfs: 9796-14628. IP: 8-21-15 Flow 24 hrs 1583 BO, 1964 BW, 1260 MCF, Open Ch, TP 393, CP 1123. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1305 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5150 w/1250 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14728 w/1355 sx; API #30-025-42411

COG Operating LLC
Coachman Fee Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 21 T25S R35E; 210/N & 380/W. BHL: 737/S & 375/W; EL 3243 GR, TD 16502, PBTD 16365; Spud 6-2-15, Comp 8-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 12679-16340. Treat: Acdz w/77112 gals 7.5%, Frac w/7106838# sd & 7069188 gals fluid. IP: 9-5-15 Flow 24 hrs 969 BO, 3152 BW, 1035 MCF, 25/64" Ch, TP 2800. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 858 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5370 w/1250 sx, 7 @ 12625 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16502 w/525 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11497; API #30-025-42508

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ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1X LAURA HOOVER ESTATE 51, 660 FSL 1080 FWL, SEC 51 BLK MM, T&STL SUR., A-4195 7580', 32 SW OZONA API# 42-105-35798

EP ENERGY E&P CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4101DH UNIVERSITY SALT DRAW, 2565 FSL 2598 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 41, UNIVERSITY LANDS SUR. 8999', 7 SE BARNHART API# 42-105-42271

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Runnels County

SD ROYALE ENERGY, INC., BALLINGER (PALO PINTO) (O) DRILL Well# 1 ROYALE LYNN, 272 FSEL 1705 FNEL, SEC 1, HE&WT SUR., A-1030 5000', 4 N BALLINGER API# 42-399-35480

SDB O&G, LLC, N MOTLEY (PALO PINTO) (O) DRILL Well# 1A UNDERWOOD, 1135 FNL 693 FEL, SEC 13, H&GN SUR., A-276 4000', 10 NW BALLINGER API# 42-399-35481

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BROOK M-1A, 2453 FNL 2497 FEL, SEC 9 BLK N, HE&WT SUR., A-241 10900', 21 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-40154

XTO ENERGY INC., WILSHIRE (PENN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1913WB MCELROY RANCH B, 437 FWL 2190 FSL, SEC 119 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-70 11500', 10 E CRANE API# 42-461-39565

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Culberson County

CAMBRIAN MANAGEMENT, LTD., W FORD (O) DRILL Well# 15 COMANCHE 46, 1650 FSL 990 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/ WH ROGERS SUR., A-2067 5500', 74 NE VAN HORN API# 42-109-32867

CARRIZO (PERMIAN) LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H FORTRESS STATE UNIT, 573 FWL 348 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 111, STATE OF TEXAS SUR., A-8845 11000', 61 NE VAN HORN API# 42-109-32868

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H JET PILOT 24 UNIT A, 350 FSL 1700 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/ D DEVITO SUR., A-7001 10474', 20 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32864

Glasscock County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., GRYBRG TCO (GRYBRG) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1 BOOKS, 700 FNL 1945 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ WA WILKINS SUR., A-1067 10375', 9 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-31047

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 303H FRIO NS 34-39 03, 250 FNL 2210 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ GL BOGARD SUR., A-870 9500', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37216

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 302H FRIO NS 34-39 02, 250 FNL 1317 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ GL BOGARD SUR., A-870 9500', 12 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37215

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RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WOODY 4, 400 FNL 461 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-396 12000', 15 S STANTON API# 42-173-37212

Howard County

AMERICO ENERGY RES., LLC, VAREL (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1818 GUITAR TRUST ESTATE D, 450 FSL 2300 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-567 3650', 9 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38581

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# L 1H PONDEROSA UNIT, 330 FEL 1420 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 34 T3N, T&P SUR., A-531 10000', 3 SE ACKERLY API# 42-227-38582

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2AH TALBOT B, 2276 FEL 600 FNL, SEC 45 BLK 32 T2N, T&P SUR., A-285 7800', 8 N BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38577

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Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H SHOCK-N-AWE UNIT 29-41, 970 FWL 2140 FNL, SEC 41 BLK 29, PSL/WD NELSON SUR., A-1195 13000', 8 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32647

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2604H LUDEMAN G, 200 FSL 577 FWL, SEC 26 BLK C25, PSL/AJ PETERS SUR., A-1212 13000', 20 NW KERMIT API# 42-301-32650

MATADOR PROD. CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204H BILLY BURT 90-TTT-B33 WF, 3345 FNEL 1234 FSEL, SEC 90 BLK 33, H&TC/ BH HOPPER SUR., A-387 12000', 5 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32648

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Midland County

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BOLD OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HM BOLD HAMMAN 45, 1733 FSL 1480 FWL, SEC 45 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-32 11500', 4 E MIDLAND API# 42-329-40349

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Pecos County

APACHE CORPORATION, N CHENOT (WICH ALB) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2 OGDEN ESTATE, 5819 FNL 903 FWL, SF-013226 RALPH R OGDEN SUR., A-9243 4888', 25 SE FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-31118

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JILPETCO, INC., WHITE & BAKER (O) DRILL Well# 15 WWJD, 1654 FNL 1252 FWL, SEC 91 BLK 194, GC&SF SUR., A-4369 3000', 18 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-39339

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MESQUITE UNIT 2-2, 330 FSWL 467 FNWL, SEC 2 BLK 2, H&GN/ CV STARKEY SUR., A-1274 13000', 13 SE ORLA API# 42-389-34911

ENDURANCE RES. LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GATEWAY 22, 253 FNL 1337 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 53, PSL/G HOPPER SUR., A-3570 11000', 19 SW ORLA API# 42-389-34930

RBJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC, JESS BURNER (DEL) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 ORLA 652 SWD, 2266 FSL 2190 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 56 T2, T&P SUR., A-584 7560', 2 NE ORLA API# 42-389-34929

RBJ & ASSOCIATES, LLC, COLLIE (DELAWARE) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 MOSQUITO LAKE SWD, 494 FWL 290 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 5, H&GN/D BELINKOFF/ M WINKLER SUR., A-5919 7950', 3 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34933

Winkler County

APACHE CORPORATION, KEYSTONE (HOLT) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 SOFTAIL 10-17, 1650 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 17 BLK B10, PSL SUR., A-1603 9200', 9 SE KERMIT API# 42-495-33323

APACHE CORPORATION, KEYSTONE (CLR FRK) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 4 SETH CAMPBELL, 639 FSL 852 FEL, SEC 18 BLK B3, PSL/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1356 5500', 2 NE KERMIT API# 42-495-05719

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Gaines County

COBALT OPER., LLC, AMROW (DEVONIAN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2 AR, 6234 FNL 3641 FEL, SEC 311, GAINES CSL SUR., A-1058 12800', 15 SE SEMINOLE API# 42-165-30005

Scurry County

APACHE CORPORATION, KELLY-SNYDER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 103 PL FULLER NCT 1, 909 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 497 BLK 97, H&TC/W KERR SUR., A-2051 7600', 12 N SNYDER API# 42-415-03957

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 37-20 SACROC UNIT, 563 FSL 268 FEL, SEC 384 BLK 97, H&TC/T MARTIN SUR., A-1762 7250', 7 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-35165

Yoakum County

E R OPER. CO., E SABLE (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GOOGINS 249, 200 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 249 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-149 5500', 6 NW PLAINS API# 42-501-36594

XTO ENERGY INC., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 63W HO MAHONEY, 1309 FSL 1508 FEL, SEC 742 BLK D, JOHN H GIBSON SUR. 9600', 7 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-32692

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Coffee Federal #22
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 10/N & 825/W; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6424 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43366

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Emerald PWU 20 #11
Scanlon Draw; Sec 20 T19S R29E; 2434/S & 284/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13660 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43371

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Emerald PWU 20 #62
Scanlon Draw; Sec 20 T19S R29E; 1238/S & 248/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13555 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43372

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Burton Flat Deep Unit #82
East Avalon; Sec 2 T21S R27E; 2444/S & 200/E; 6 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12150 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43380

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Lost Tank SWD St #11
SWD; Sec 36 T21S R31E; 2080/S & 2397/E; 8 mi S Halfway; Rot 15158 Devonian; API #30-015-43367

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit D12 #192
Los Medanos; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 2600/S & 1910/W; 14 mi SW Halfway; Rot 24838 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43370

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit D12 #193
Los Medanos; Sec 25 R22S R30E; 2420/S & 1910/W; 14 mi SW Halfway; Rot 24727 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43368

BOPCO LP
James Ranch Unit D12 #194
Los Medanos; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 2420/S & 1980/W; 14 mi SW Halfway; Rot 25521 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43369

Matador Production Co.
DR K 24-23-27 RB #203
Forehand Ranch; Sec 23 T23S R27E; 2153/S & 330/E; 3 mi E Loving; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43378

Matador Production Co.
DR K 24-23-27 RB #206
Forehand Ranch; Sec 23 T23S R27E; 2183/S & 330/E; 3 mi E Loving; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43379

Strata Production Co.
Forty Niner Ridge Unit #33
Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 16 T23S R30E; 300/S & 1980/W; 10 1/2 mi E Loving; Rot 7750 Delaware; API #30-015-43358

Strata Production Co.
Forty Niner Ridge Unit #34
Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 32 T23S R30E; 1497/S & 665/W; 10 mi NE Malaga; Rot 7750 Delaware; API #30-015-43359

Cimarex Energy Co.
Black River 25 Fed Com #1
West Willow Lake; Sec 25 T24S R26E; 192/S & 2127/W; 1/2 mi S Black River; Rot 23118 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43373

Lea County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Crazy Wolf 1/2 B2CD Federal Com #1;
East Lusk; Sec 1 T19S R32E; 1301/N & 2570/E; 10 mi NE Halfway; Rot 17257 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42793

Nadel & Gussman Heyco LLC
Harlequin 27 22 Federal #1
Lea; Sec 27 T19S R34E; 2590/N & 510/E; 12 1/2 mi NE Halfway; Rot 15190 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42804

Matador Production Co.
Connie 03 20 35 RN #122
South Pearl ; Sec 3 T20S R35E; 1828/N & 358/W; 8 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15200 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42805

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 14 Federal P 5 #1
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 10/S & 623/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13851 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42800

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 14 Federal P 5 #2
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 10/S & 673/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13862 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42801

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 23 Federal P 5 #1
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 10/S & 648/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13856 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42802

Chevron USA Inc.
SD WE 23 Federal P 5 #2
Jennings; Sec 14 T26S R32E; 10/S & 698/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13864 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42803

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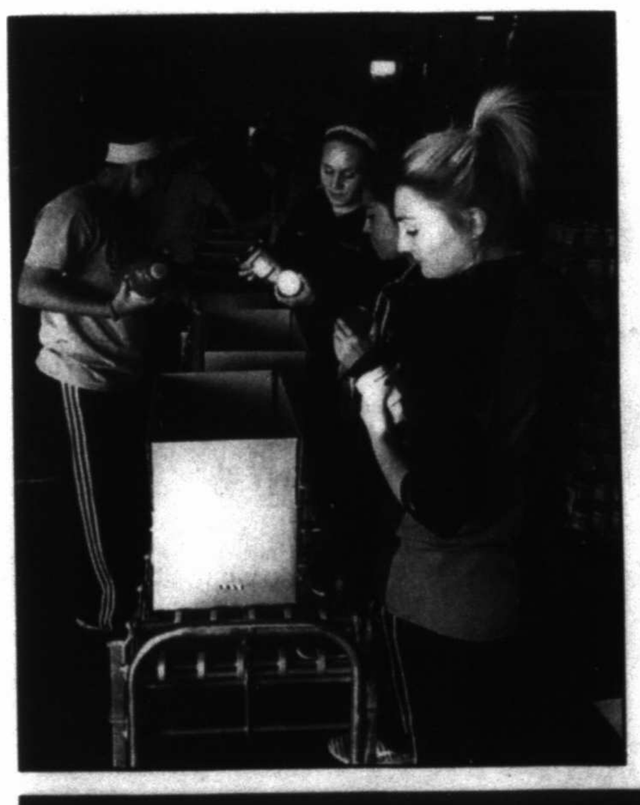
When UTPB Softball coach Tiala Tagaloa started a year and a half ago, one of her first priorities was making sure her new team was involved in giving back to their community.

"I feel like a big part of being a student athlete is to give back," Tagaloa said. "There are a lot of people that have given to them along the way so they could get to where they are and I want them to realize it's important to give back because the world doesn't survive on people only being willing to take instead of people willing to give. I want them to be outstanding citizens when they leave here."

UTPB softball has put in a total of 537 hours of community service in the fall semester, just over 23 hours per individual. The Falcons have participated in over nine events so far, beginning with helping freshman find their way around campus in late August. UTPB helped set up and manned stations with a pair of 5k races; Cups for a Cause and the United Way UV Splash.

Other events the Falcons volunteered at include Habitat for Humanity where they helped in the construction of a new home, packing 192 boxes of food at the West Texas Food Bank, and the OGSA Fall Festival Trunk or Treat.

"I think initially some of the girls weren't quite sure about it because they really hadn't done much community service before, but once we started doing it they realized how rewarding it is to make an impact and to give back without expecting anything in return," said Tagaloa. "Regardless of where we individually originate from, we are all currently members of the Odessa community and want to give Odessa someone to cheer for on the field and out in the community for making a positive impact."



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