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Craddick's ascension puts family in elite company

Family makes statement with rare father-daughter accomplishment

By Stewart Doreen
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■ **Analysis**

Without a whole lot of fanfare, Christi Craddick took the oath of office and joined Barry Smitherman and David Porter on Texas' Railroad Commission.

But after raising her right hand and taking the oath from District Judge Rodney Satterwhite, of Midland, the Midland High School graduate officially began serving her first term.

There are obvious reasons Craddick's campaign victories in the Republican primary and general election are noteworthy to Midlanders. One aspect obvious to those in the energy industry here in the Permian Basin is a second former Midlander joins the three-person commission that oversees oil and gas; Porter is the other.

For those who follow politics, Craddick's victories and subsequent swearing-in follow another political achievement already in Texas record books. Christi's father, Tom Craddick, was the first Republican speaker of the Texas House since Reconstruction. Now she claimed a statewide victory.

It was nearly impossible to find a comparable family duo in Texas — short of the Bush family, of course. Rice University's Mark Jones, professor and chairman of the Department of Political Science, said it is particularly rare to have a father-daughter combination in or outside the state.

The significance? Jones was quicker with his answer here — "within the Republican Party, there is still respect for Tom Craddick."

"Within the party, (the Craddick) name still carries weight and respect," Jones said. "That was instrumental to the victory over (former state Rep. Warren) Chisum (in the GOP runoff in July). The respect people had for her father was considerable."

More than a name

While Ernie Angelo, a former Republican National Committee member and former Midland mayor, admitted being a Craddick was helpful — he said "she had credibility with the people who have the funds that helped her" — he also was quick to point out there was more to the nearly 20-point victory over Chisum in the Republican Primary runoff.

In 2012, the upstarts in Texas' political circles rode the

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CANINE CALL OF DUTY

Courtesy photo

Besy, a 5-year-old German shepherd, takes a break with his handler, Staff Sgt. Samantha Navarrete, a native Midlander, in this undated photo. Besy is the inaugural recepient of the K9 Medal for Exceptional Service from the organization K9s of the War on Terror Inc.

Dog, handler awarded first war on terror medal for canines

By Micah Mills
Reporter-Telegram

A dog is said to be a man's best friend. Dogs are loyal, smart, caring and kind, but some dogs go above and beyond. Besy, a 5-year-old German shepherd, goes beyond his call of duty every day as military working dog.

Besy and his former handler, Staff Sgt. Samantha Navarrete, a native Midlander, are being honored for their work in Afghanistan with the first K9 Medal for Exceptional Service from the organization K9s of the War on Terror Inc.

"To receive the medal the canine has to have demonstrated exceptional acts in the war on terror," said Alan Driscoll, president of K9s of the War on Terror. "In Besy's case, he uncovered a substantial amount of explosives."

For a canine to receive this award it must go through a lengthy review process. Driscoll, chairman of the Medals Review Committee, reviews all the applications before passing them to the rest of the committee. The committee then reviews and researches the potential recipients before deciding on the award winners.

"I think, to me, it is a very good honor because I am the first to do so," Navarrete said. "For Besy, I think it is a triumph because he was deployed to Afghanistan twice, and he can now be recognized for it."

In the past, canines were denied the recognition, so this new award is considered a high honor. In past wars, such as World War II and Vietnam, medals — including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star — were awarded to military dogs that have performed heroic services. The awards were later recanted under the basis that recognizing canines was demeaning to men and women in the military.

"If Besy could speak in honor of this award, I think he would say that he is honored to receive it and that he hopes that all his past, present and future canine comrades could receive this honor, as well."

Besy and Navarrete are no longer a team. They were split up a few months after deployment. Navarrete is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., as is Besy, who is with another handler.

NRA: Paper tiger or sleeping tiger?

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans rejecting a U.N. treaty on disability discrimination earlier this month won headlines, but a similar blow last July to the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty drew mostly yawns.

That may have happened because once the powerful National Rifle Association weighed in — the pact, they said would put "international controls" on guns and "undermine the constitutional rights of law-abiding American gun owners" — the outcome became a foregone conclusion.

The NRA had dialed up opposition from its four-million-plus members, who flooded House and Senate offices with emails, letters and phone calls. U.N. negotiators insisted the treaty was aimed at terrorists and drug lords and would not impose any restrictions on civilian gun owners whatsoever. Nonetheless, without U.S. support, they shelved it.

Thus, the NRA notched another in a long line of political victories dating back at least to 1934 when the NRA succeeded in watering down the National Firearms Act, approved by Congress in response to Prohibition-era gangsters and bank robber John Dillinger's killing spree with a looted arsenal of submachine guns, rifles and revolvers.

Since then, the NRA has enjoyed a legislative winning streak virtually unrivaled on Capitol Hill, from opposition to armor-piercing bullets in the 1980s to a more recent drive to emasculate the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the federal agency charged with enforcing federal firearms laws.

"They are a very powerful organization," said former Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Texas, a staunch gun-rights supporter who tangled with the NRA a few times up to his defeat in 2004, when the group endorsed his rival, Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas. "They promote their views, and they do a pretty darn good job of it."

But in the wake of the Newtown, Conn., school shooting, in which Adam Lanza took the lives of 20 children and six adults with a Bushmaster .223 AR-15 semi-automatic rifle before ending his own, that all may be changing.

With President Obama, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and other Democrats on Capitol Hill responding to growing public sentiment in favor of gun control, the NRA hunkered down in "no comment" mode for a week after the shootings before finally attempting to stake out their own turf.

On Friday, instead of retreating, NRA

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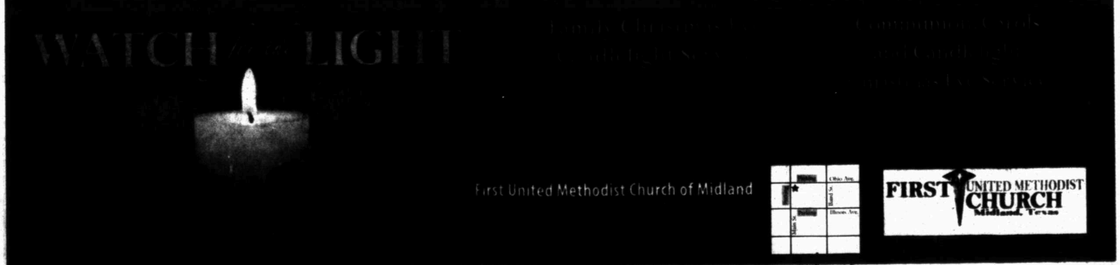

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Online this week at MyWestTexas.com, Facebook

■ The Midland Reporter-Telegram's 30 days of shopping wrapped up today, but make sure you follow us at Facebook.com/TheReporter-Telegram on New Year's Eve for the biggest digital competition of the year.

We will be giving away $1,000 in prizes and gift card each hour until the ball drops on Times Square.

■ Also check out MyWestTexas.com on Monday to view a photo gallery of Christmas lights and decorations from all over the country, including the Tall City.

■ More November and December restaurant reports will be available this week.

Drop-off areas for Christmas trees

The city of Midland has two drop-off areas designated for Christmas tree disposal. Residents are encouraged to take their trees to these areas:

■ Citizens Collection Station, 4100 Smith Road (north of Claydesta Post Office off of Veterans Airpark Lane)

■ Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. (behind the Armory; enter off Lamesa Road)

Parks and sanitation crews will pick up the trees from the Hogan Park location and haul them to the city landfill for mulching. The mulching saves landfill space and can be used later as fertilizer.

Please note that the disposal of trees in areas besides the listed sites is considered illegal dumping.

Landfill Hours
Monday — closed
Tuesday — closed
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday — 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Source: City of Midland

How to help the train crash victims

The following are ways that you can help the victims of Nov. 15 train crash:

Bank accounts

Separate bank accounts have been set up at Security Bank, Western National Bank, My Community Federal Credit Union and Complex Community Federal Credit Union for the families affected by Thursday's train accident.

Donations will be accepted at all branch locations.

At Complex Community Federal Credit Union, make donations to CCFCU and put Hunt for Heroes donation on the memo line. An account number is not needed.

At Western National Bank, make donations to Western National Bank or Hunt for Heroes. The account number is 94003157.

At Security Bank, make donations to Security Bank. An account number is not needed.

At My Community Federal Credit Union, make donations to MCFCU. An account number is not needed.

Know a soldier coming home?

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Award winning picture

This image taken by the Reporter-Telegram's James Durbin at this year's Commemorative Air Force AirSho won second place for Feature images in the National Press Photographers Association October clip contest. Pictured are Zaniel Payen, 4, and Emanuel Duran, 5. They are watching a performance by the AeroShell Aerobatic Team during AirSho 2012.

Support groups, club meetings this week

(Subject to change due to the Christmas holiday)

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m..third Saturday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Mondays, clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Tuesdays, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m.Thursdays, Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, second and fourth Wednesdays, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m. Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Toastmasters Clubs

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays. 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Dance clubs

■ High Sky Squares, second and fourth Tuesdays, M-Squarena Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Round dances begin at 7 p.m.; squares at 8 p.m.; 697-0281.

■ Tall City Cloggers, 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the M-Squarena Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130; Lynn Meyers, 528-0374.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

Recycling sites around Midland

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 -- has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Grande Communication Stadium – Cardboard, paper No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Wal-Mart Supercenter – 200 West Interstate 20 – Cardboard, paper and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Western Park Plaza – 1020 Andrews Highway – Cardboard, aluminum, No. 1 and 2 plastics, paper and aluminum

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) – 3200 N. Garfield Road – Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Citibank Ballpark west side – 5514 Champions Drive – Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B – 3325 W. Wadley Ave. – No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado – 2208 N. Big Spring St. – Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

It's been dry, but not that dry

The National Weather Service has not reported more than a trace of rain since Oct. 22 — 0.07 inches fell on that day.

That was 61 days ago with trace or no rain. Still another two weeks of dry weather is needed to crack the top 10 most consecutive days with trace or no rain.

The longest streak was 103 days during a stretch from Oct. 20, 1950 to Jan. 30, 1951.

Top 10 consecutive days with trace or zero precipitation

1.	103	Oct. 20, 1950-Jan. 30, 1951
2.	99	Oct. 11, 1973-Jan. 17, 1974
3.	92	May 21-Aug. 10, 2011
4.	88	Sept. 26-Dec. 22, 2010
4.	88	Feb. 10-May 8, 1946
6.	82	Oct. 15, 2008-Jan. 4, 2009
7.	81	Oct. 10-Dec. 29, 1946
8.	77	Jan. 6-March 23, 1943
8.	77	Dec. 4, 1966-Feb. 18, 1967
10.	75	Sept. 24-Dec. 7, 1988
10.	75	March 6-May 19, 2011

Source: City of Midland

Coming Soon

■ Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, Jan. 3-12, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.

■ Concert, Ray Price, Jan. 10, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

■ B.B. King, Jan. 15, Wagner Noel PAC.

■ MOSC Masterworks III, Jan. 19, Wagner Noel PAC.

■ The Music Of ABBA, Jan. 20, Wagner Noel PAC.

■ Oak Ridge Boys, Jan. 21, Wagner Noel PAC.

Water Worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Friday's total: 13,404,000 gallons

Saturday's total: 13,432,000 gallons

Sunday's total: 12,644,000

Monday's total: 12,658,000 gallons

Tuesday's total: 13,040,000

Wednesday's total: 11,047,000 gallons

Thursday's total: 11,567,000 gallons

Total storage by CRMWD in their lakes, as of Friday, was 159,766 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 104,957 acre-feet.

The average delivery from the CRMWD for November was 10,035,067. The average for December after Thursday was 9,570,850.

Source: CRMWD

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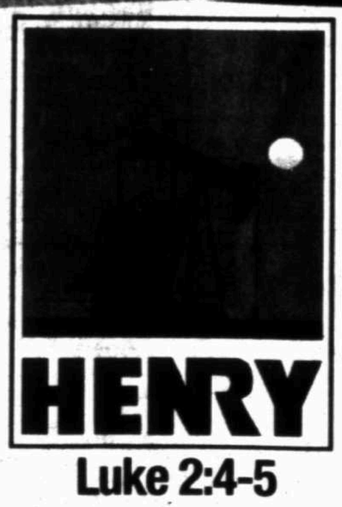

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Luke 2:4-5

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

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Parents struggle to find gender-neutral toys

By Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this file photo provided by Hasbro, McKenna Pope poses in front of earlier models of the Easy-Bake Oven during her trip to the Hasbro headquarters in Pawtucket, R.I. Hasbro announced it has been developing an Easy-Bake Oven in the gender-neutral colors of black and silver. It made the announcement after meeting with Pope, whose online petition asking the company to make one attractive to all kids gathered tens of thousands of signatures. Hasbro says it knows both boys and girls have fun playing with the Easy-Bake.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A 13-year-old girl's campaign to get Hasbro to make an Easy-Bake Oven that isn't purple or pink so it would appeal to her little brother is a fresh sign of movement in an old debate. Parents who hope to expose their children to different kinds of play — science sets for girls and dolls for boys, for example — can find themselves stymied by a toy industry that can seem stuck in the past when it comes to gender roles.

Hasbro wasn't the only target of criticism this year.

One of the year's hottest toys, the LEGO Friends Butterfly Beauty Shop, specifically aimed Legos at girls but turned to tired gender stereotypes with its focus on a beauty shop and inclusion of characters with curves and eyelashes. Barbie turned builder with a new construction set. But while some praised it, others criticized it for being too pink.

Toy experts say the industry reflects cultural norms and toy companies are giving people what sells. Plenty of parents find nothing wrong with buying pink frou-frou toys for their girls and avoiding stereotypically "girl" toys for their boys in favor of guns and trucks. But other parents are sent into knots by an unapologetically gender-specific toy industry.

"There's a lot of pressure to conform to those gender stereotypes from the time you're pregnant," said Teresa Graham Brett, a higher-education consultant from Tucson, Ariz., and mother to two boys, ages 6 and 11.

Children naturally begin to identify themselves as boys and girls around the ages of 3 and 4, said Dr. Susan Linn, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School, who cofounded the advocacy group Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

"When a child's environment is filled with rigid messages about, 'This is what boys do; this is what girls do,' it limits their ability to reach their full capacity," Linn said. "It's not like girls are born with the predilection to pink, but they're trained to it, so it becomes what they want and need. There are neurological differences between boys and girls at birth. But our goal should be to provide them with a range of experiences so they can develop all of their tendencies."

Large toy stores and most large online retailers often divide toys up by gender. On Amazon, or on the websites for toy makers Mattel or Hasbro, for example, toys are sorted by age, category and gender. A person who wants to buy a baby doll on the Toys R Us website will find hundreds of choices categorized for girls and five for boys. Three of those are dressed in pink.

In recent years, Toys R Us was criticized for an ad selling three microscopes, silver, red and pink. The pink one was the least powerful.

"Toy companies are businesses, so they are responding to and making their products based on consumer demands. They're meeting with moms, focus groups. They're doing what makes sense," said Adrienne Appell, a spokeswoman for the Toy Industry Association.

Chris Byrne, content director for timetoplaymag.com, said the market ultimately decides what makes it onto store shelves and into people's homes.

"The toy industry is always going to reflect the culture at large, and it's going to reflect the market," he said.

That's even true for a soon-to-be-released toy that has gotten a lot of attention for seeking to subvert gender stereotypes. GoldieBlox, a construction toy, was invented by Debbie Sterling, who holds a degree from Stanford in product design engineering and who aimed to make a toy to spark an interest in girls in science and engineering. She was turned off by what she saw in a visit to a toy store.

"I felt like I was in the 1950s," she said. "The girls section was pink. It was teaching a girl how to be a housewife and a princess and pop star."

Meanwhile, she described the boys section as dynamic, with kits to make interesting things like roller coasters and "smarter more complex, engineering math and science toys."

The toy's main character is Goldie, a female engineer, and it is scheduled to be on store shelves in April. In a concession to commercial realities, the toy's color scheme includes a liberal dose of pink.

"There's a lot of parents out there, they're conditioned by this. They won't even pick up something if it doesn't cue that it's a girl," she said. "I don't want girls to miss out on GoldieBlox because it wasn't overtly messaged for them, at least in the early stages."

Some things are changing in the industry. This year, the London department store Harrods redesigned its toy department to organize it by theme rather than by gender. Swedish toy firm Top-Toy published a gender-neutral catalog in which boys were shown playing with a kitchen set and hair dryer and a girl was shown shooting a toy gun.

Hasbro this week announced it has spent the past 18 months developing an Easy-Bake Oven in the gender-neutral colors of black and silver. It made the announcement after meeting with McKenna Pope, the Garfield, N.J., 13-year-old whose online petition asking the company to make one attractive to all kids gathered tens of thousands of signatures. Hasbro says it knows both boys and girls have fun playing with the Easy-Bake.

Parents who are sensitive to gender issues say they sometimes have to challenge their own notions. Brett said her older son was interested in toys aimed at both genders as a little boy. But when son number two came along five years later, she was surprised to see he had a stronger preference to play with guns and Army men.

"I really needed to let go of controlling what I thought he should play with as an enlightened boy," she said. "They may choose to do what is stereotypical, and they should have the right to choose that, as well."

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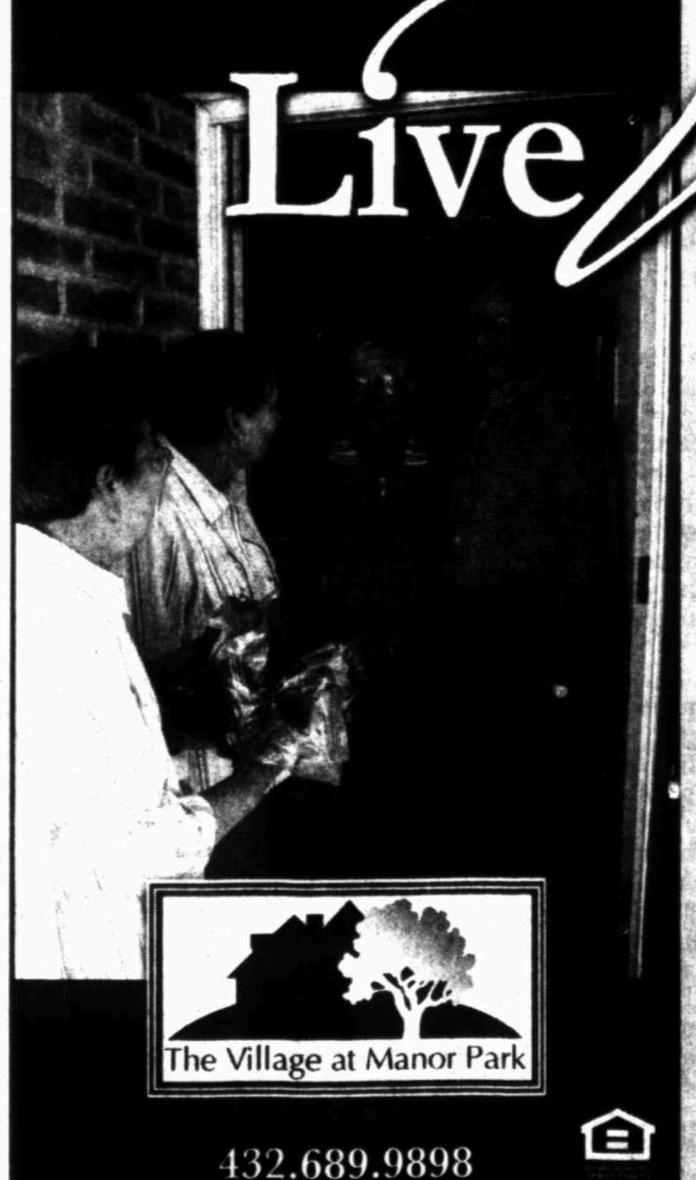

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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Thursday
The Nutcracker by the Moscow Ballet, Dec. 27, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Christmas Eve services

- First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St., will offer a family Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 p.m. and a Communion, Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m..
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N. Garfield St., will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m.
- Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N Loop 250 W, will have two candlelight services on Christmas Eve at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- Memorial Christian Church,1001 Andrews Hwy., will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.
- St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N., will have a Christmas Eve service at 8 p.m.
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 Main St., will have a Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight service 5:30 p.m. For more information cal 683-3339.
- The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will have a Christmas Eve service with a children's pageant at 5:30 p.m. and a traditional service at 8 p.m.

Restaurants open Christmas:

- Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave., 5 p.m.-2 a.m., 694-9400.
- Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St., open 24 hours a day, 520-5306.
- Furr's, 1116 N. Midkiff Road, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 694-1619.
- Grand Buffet, 2510 W. Louisiana Ave., 11 a.m.-9 p.m., 688-8881.
- IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-5759; 301 E. I-20, 686-0537, 24 hours a day.
- MD Pizza Factory, 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13, 4-8:30 p.m; 692-4440
- Way Out West Steak and Buffet, 515 Andrews Highway, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 697-4196.

Grocery store hours

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Christmas Day: Closed

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Christmas Eve: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Christmas: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Andrews Highway location only, other two stores will be closed)

Wal-Mart
Christmas Eve: Closing 8 p.m.
Christmas: Closed

Christmas Eve weather

Warmest Dec. 24

1955	82
1964	79
1971	78
1969	74
1977	72

Lowest lows

1983	6
1953	8
1966	14
1990	14
2004	16

Snowfalls

Year	inches
2011	5.8
1943	4.9
1975	1.3
2009	0.5

Christmas Day weather

Warmest

1955	78
1964	77
1942	76
1971	74
2005	73

Lowest lows

1983	7
1953	14
1998	17
2004	19
2009	19

Snowfalls

Year	inches
1939	1.7
1997	1.0
1987	0.4
1974	0.1

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All or Nothing (morning): 1-4-5-7-8-10-15-17-18-19-22-23
All or Nothing (day): 2-3-6-10-11-16-17-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing (evening): 2-3-8-9-13-16-17-20-21-22-23-24
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Today in history

Today is Sunday, Dec. 23, the 358th day of 2012. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On Dec. 23, 1972, in what became known as football's "Immaculate Reception," Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers caught a pass thrown by Terry Bradshaw and scored a touchdown after the ball had been deflected during a collision between Jack Tatum of the Oakland Raiders and the Steelers' John Fuqua; the Steelers won the game (and an AFC divisional playoff) 13-7, despite controversy over the exact circumstances of the play.

On this date:
In 1991, fire destroyed a house in Corsicana, killing three young children; their father, Cameron Todd Willingham, was convicted of starting the blaze and was executed in 2004, although some experts raised questions about whether the fire had been deliberately set.

Associated Press

CRADDICK

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grassroots to wins over more established opponents, including Sen.-elect Ted Cruz.

Craddick also hit Texas' highways, traveling from the Austin area to meet with local conservative groups and Republican Women's organizations while also winning favor with people in the oil and gas industry.

"You have to give Christi credit," Angelo said. "She showed she will do what it takes to win a state primary. She earned it."

Texas Republicans have not lost a statewide election going back to 1994, and that trend continued easily this November. Craddick collected more than 56 percent of the vote in the general election.

Politics is in her blood. Her resume also boasted a position as a national convention officer and work at numerous county and state conventions. She also had campaigned and raised campaign dollars for others.

"This wasn't about me; it's about Christi," Tom Craddick said.

"We let her do her own thing. Near the end of the runoff, she was going to Houston and not getting back until 3 a.m."

In winning statewide, Craddick found a way to do something her father never attempted. Tom Craddick said he thought briefly about running for governor in the early 1990s. Ann Richards was governor at the time, and a poll showed Craddick with high name ID. However, George W. Bush called and said he was going to run, leaving Craddick with an attractive plan B.

"I was interested in being speaker," he said.

MRT file photo

Christi Craddick and her father, Tom Craddick, talk with Dave Joyner on July 18 before the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon. The father-daughter duo both hold state offices, a rarity in Texas politics, according to observers.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

It was at the end of the 2011 legislative session that Christi Craddick suggested a run might be in her future. Michael Williams and Elizabeth Ames Jones, both commissioners at the time, saw potential candidacies for Kay Bailey Hutchison's Senate seat and were ready to put the commission in their rearview mirror.

After capturing the most votes in the GOP primary and runoff and November's general, she became the youngest female elected statewide in Texas, according to her father.

As with any newcomer to the political scene, it is easy to wonder if Craddick will have any desire to serve one term or multiple terms on the commission and then run for another office. As Williams and Ames Jones recently found out, the Railroad Commission hasn't offered a stepping stone for other statewide offices.

Jones pointed to the energy sector's resurgence and how it offers a commissioner a statewide position, which makes it easier to raise money.

Angelo said it depends on the individual and timing. With Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst having occupied their respective seats for so long, there is a log jam of GOP rising stars — including Attorney General Greg Abbott, Comptroller Susan Combs, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples — waiting for their turn. George P. Bush also has taken the first steps toward running for statewide office.

"We have to see what she does with the opportunity," Jones said. "Certainly there is an opportunity."

Jones said it will be interesting to see how his daughter's ascension will affect Tom Craddick's legislative session. Jones expects the elder Craddick to exercise influence for a more conservative party and state government.

However, Jones also sees parallels to the father-son duo of Ron and Rand Paul.

"Ron Paul made a conscious effort not to hurt the Romney campaign and to not damage the political future of his son," Jones said. "You might see Tom Craddick behave in a similar manner."

Tom Craddick, who has represented Midland during six different decades going back to 1969, sees himself continuing to represent an area active in oil and gas issues.

"I represent my district and the state," Craddick said. "She (Christi) is ecstatic, and Nadine and I are so proud of her. It is hard to express it."

Boeing engineers use spuds to improve in-air Wi-Fi

Associated Press

CHICAGO — If the wireless Internet connection during your holiday flight seems more reliable than it used to, you could have the humble potato to thank.

While major airlines offer in-flight Wi-Fi on many flights, the signal strength can be spotty. Airlines and aircraft makers have been striving to improve this with the growing use of wireless devices and the number of people who don't want to be disconnected, even 35,000 feet up.

Engineers at Chicago-based Boeing Co. used sacks of potatoes as stand-ins for passengers as they worked to eliminate weak spots in in-flight wireless signals. They needed full planes to get accurate results during signal testing, but they couldn't ask people to sit motionless for days while data was gathered.

"That's where potatoes come into the picture," Boeing spokesman Adam Tischler said.

It turns out that potatoes — because of their water content and chemistry — absorb and reflect radio wave signals much the same way as the human body does, making them suitable substitutes for airline passengers.

"It's a testament to the ingenuity of these engineers. They didn't go in with potatoes as the plan," Tischler said.

Recapping the serendipitous path that led to better onboard wireless, Tischler said a member of the research team stumbled across an article in the Journal of Food Science describing research in which 15 vegetables and fruits were evaluated for their dielectric properties, or the way they transmit electric force without conduction.

Its conclusions led the Boeing researchers to wonder if potatoes might serve just as well as humans during their own signal testing. Despite some skepticism, they ended up buying 20,000 pounds of them.

Video and photos of the work, which started in 2006, show a decommissioned airplane loaded with row upon row of potato sacks that look like large, lumpy passengers. The sacks sit eerily still in the seats as the engineers collect data on the strength of wireless signals in various spots.

The Boeing engineers added some complicated statistical analysis and the result was a proprietary system for fine tuning Internet signals so they would be strong and reliable wherever a laptop was used on a plane.

Boeing said the system also ensures Wi-Fi signals won't interfere with the plane's sensitive navigation and communications equipment.

"From a safety standpoint, you want to know what the peak signals are, what's the strongest signal one of our communications and navigation systems might see from a laptop or 150 laptops or 350 laptops," Boeing engineer Dennis Lewis explains in a video.

In a nod to the humor in using a tuber to solve a high-tech problem, researchers dubbed the project Synthetic Personnel Using Dialectic Substitution, or SPUDS.

The company said better Wi-Fi signals can be found already on three Boeing aircraft models flown by major airlines: 777, 747-8 and the 787 Dreamliner.

Low-water rivers offer glimpse of history

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — From sunken steamboats to a millennium-old map engraved in rock, the drought-drained rivers of the nation's midsection are offering a rare and fleeting glimpse into years gone by.

Lack of rain has left many rivers at low levels unseen for decades, creating problems for river commerce and recreation and raising concerns about water supplies and hydropower if the drought persists into next year, as many fear.

But for the curious, the receding water is offering an occasional treasure trove of history.

An old steamboat is now visible on the Missouri River near St. Charles, Mo., and other old boats nestled on river bottoms are showing up elsewhere. A World War II minesweeper, once moored along the Mississippi River as a museum at St. Louis before it was torn away by floodwaters two decades ago, has become visible — rusted but intact.

Perhaps most interesting, a rock containing what is believed to be an ancient map has emerged in the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri.

The rock contains etchings believed to be up to 1,200 years old. It was not in the river a millennium ago, but the changing course of the waterway now normally puts it under water — exposed only in periods of extreme drought. Experts are wary of giving a specific location out of fear that looters will take a chunk of the rock or scribble graffiti on it.

"It appears to be a map of prehistoric Indian villages," said Steve Dasovich, an anthropology professor at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. "What's really fascinating is that it shows village sites we don't yet know about."

Old boats are turning up in several locations, including sunken steamboats dating to the 19th century.

That's not surprising considering the volume of steamboat traffic that once traversed the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Dasovich said it wasn't uncommon in the 1800s to have hundreds of steamboats pass by St. Louis each day, given the fact that St. Louis was once among the world's busiest inland ports. The boats, sometimes lined up two miles deep and four boats wide in both directions, carried not only people from town to town but goods and supplies up and down the rivers.

Sinkings were common among the wooden vessels, which often were poorly constructed.

"The average lifespan of a steamboat on the Missouri River was five years," Dasovich said. "They were made quickly. If you could make one run from St. Louis to Fort Benton, Mont., and back, you've paid for your boat and probably made a profit. After that, it's almost like they didn't care what happened."

What often happened, at least on the Missouri River, was the boat would strike an underwater tree that had been uprooted and become lodged in the river bottom, tearing a hole that would sink the ship. Dasovich estimated that the remains of 500 to 700 steamboats sit at the bottom of the Missouri River, scattered from its mouth in Montana to its convergence with the Mississippi near St. Louis.

NRA

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executive vice president Wayne LaPierre embraced the "more guns, less crime" philosophy popular among gun rights advocates. He put forward a plan to place armed volunteer guards in schools.

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," LaPierre said.

In doubling down on more guns as the solution to gun violence, the NRA was wary of its reputation among pro-gun rivals as too cozy with the Washington establishment, and too willing to compromise.

Earlier last week, one such group, Gun Owners of America, contrasted its belief that designated gun-free zones made schools a tempting target to NRA's silence on the issue.

"One of great untold stories about NRA is that it's in a constant battle with grassroots members," said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University who says he is a gun owner and on-again, off-again NRA member. "There is a feeling that NRA lobbyists in Washington have gone native, that they're more interested in making deals than protecting gun rights."

An example: The NRA opposed gun-buyer background checks contained in the Brady bill approved by Congress in 1993 and fought an element of it all the way to a 1997 victory in the Supreme Court.

But ultimately the NRA supported background checks once they became computerized and gun purchasers waited minutes rather than days for the FBI system to approve or deny them.

In 2007, the NRA also signed off on improving the background check's ability to flag prospective purchasers disqualified by mental illness. Gun Owners of America opposed the measure.

The Connecticut shootings capped what appears to have been a losing year for the NRA. In the 2012 elections, the organization saw it's investment of more than $18 million against President Obama and Democratic Senate nominees go down in flames.

Still, the secret of the NRA's long record of success lies in its intimate connection with its gun-owner membership, its ability to turn on and turn off political heat in lightening quick fashion, whether it be the halls of Congress, the state capitals or local town councils.

"On the Hill, the tradition is if you cross the NRA, there's a price to pay," said Josh Sugarmann, a Newtown, Conn., native and gun-control advocate who is executive director of the Violence Policy Center and author of a book "NRA: Money, Firepower and Fear."

"You cross victims of gun violence, there's been no price to pay. Usually there's no balance between the NRA and Americans who favor gun control. That balance, unfortunately, only arises in the aftermath of shootings like those in Newtown."

Though the NRA may be on the defensive, veteran observers of the Washington influence game say doubters who discount the group's clout do so at their peril.

"The NRA is a stakeholder in any discussion of the problem of improper use of firearms or excessively militarized hardware," said Baker. "They have to be part of the discussion."

Reports: Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood marries new wife

Associated Press

LONDON — Two British newspapers say Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood has married his fiancee, Sally Humphreys, at a ceremony at London's Dorchester Hotel.

The Sun and the Daily Mirror carried photographs of the 65-year-old rocker with a pale boutonniere and a dark blue suit, and his 34-year-old bride in a traditional white gown and a clutch of matching white flowers.

The Sun quoted Wood as saying "I'm feeling great" as he and his bride kissed and posed for pictures outside the exclusive hotel in London's upscale Mayfair district.

The newspapers said the guests included singer Rod Stewart and his wife, Penny Lancaster, as well as ex-Beatle Paul McCartney and his wife, Nancy Shevell.

A call and an email to Wood's U.S.-based agent weren't immediately returned Saturday.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MIAMI

Bay of Pigs veterans remember release from Cuba

Veterans from the failed Bay of Pigs invasion are celebrating 50 years since their release from Cuba.

The first planeload of prisoners arrived at Homestead Air Force Base on Dec. 23, 1962. Some survivors from those flights planned a reunion Saturday at the Bay of Pigs Museum in Miami's Little Havana.

More than a 1,100 Bay of Pigs fighters were held for 20 months following the disastrous April 1961 invasion to overthrow Fidel Castro's government. They were eventually released under an agreement in which Cuba would receive more than $50 million worth of food and medical supplies.

ALABAMA

Arrest made after 2 killed at nightclub

HOOVER — Police have arrested a suspect in the shooting deaths of two people overnight at a nightclub near Birmingham, Ala.

Hoover police Capt. James Coker said U.S. marshals made an arrest at 7 a.m., seven hours after the shooting inside Martini's Lounge in Hoover, Ala. The suspect has not yet been charged. Coker said the suspect is male but did not release his name.

The victims are a 19-year-old man, Monterio Alonzo Peebles-Kellogg and a 20-year-old woman, Lakenya Chaniese Moton. Both lived in Birmingham. They were declared dead at the scene.

A third victim was treated at UAB Trauma Center and released after gunshot injuries that were not life-threatening. Coker didn't give the person's identity.

Coker said the circumstances are still under investigation.

FLORIDA

Reggae's Buju Banton awaits ruling on mistrial

TAMPA — A Florida juror who voted to convict Jamaican reggae singer Buju Banton on drug charges has denied improperly researching the case during trial, despite a weekly newspaper's report that quoted her as saying that she did.

Banton is serving a 10-year prison sentence for his convictions on cocaine conspiracy and trafficking charges stemming from a 2009 arrest. The Grammy winner faces an additional five years for his conviction on a related gun possession charge, but his resentencing hearing was postponed to investigate the report of juror misconduct.

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Judge OKs settlement in BP Gulf class action suit

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge has given final approval to BP's settlement with a bulk of businesses and individuals who lost money because of the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

BP PLC has estimated it will pay $7.8 billion to resolve economic and medical claims from more than 100,000 businesses and individuals hurt by the nation's worst offshore oil spill. The settlement has no cap; the company could end up paying more or less.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, who gave his preliminary approval in May, made it final in a 125-page ruling released Friday.

"None of the objections, whether filed on the objections docket or elsewhere, have shown the settlement to be anything other than fair, reasonable, and adequate," he wrote.

After Barbier's preliminary approval in May, thousands of people opted out of the settlement to pursue their cases individually. More than 1,700 changed their minds and asked to be added back in by a Dec. 15 deadline, Barbier said.

BP and attorneys for the plaintiffs who were part of the settlement said they were pleased.

"We believe the settlement, which avoids years of lengthy litigation, is good for the people, businesses and communities of the Gulf and is in the best interests of BP's stakeholders," company spokesman Scott Dean said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press. "Today's decision by the Court is another important step forward for BP in meeting its commitment to economic and environmental restoration efforts in the Gulf and in eliminating legal risk facing the company."

A statement from plaintiffs' attorneys Steve Herman and Jim Roy praised the settlement program's administrator, Pat Juneau.

"This settlement has — and will continue to — bring the people and businesses of the Gulf the relief they deserve," the attorneys wrote.

The April 2010 blowout of BP's Macondo well triggered an explosion that killed 11 rig workers and spewed out more than 200 million gallons of oil, closing much of the Gulf for months to commercial and recreational fishing and shrimping.

There is still a lot of litigation left, including a trial to identify the causes of BP's blowout and assign percentages of fault to the companies involved, Barbier wrote. That trial is scheduled next year.

The agreement covers people and businesses in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and some coastal counties in eastern Texas and western Florida, and in adjacent Gulf waters and bays.

"This is a positive development, but my focus remains on holding BP and the other defendants accountable for the extraordinary economic and environmental damage inflicted on Alabama," said Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange in a statement.

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Scandinavian dish lives on despite bland taste

By Patrick Condon
Associated Press

LITCHFIELD, Minn. — Dozens of Minnesota Scandinavians and the people who love them flock to the VFW Club in Litchfield every Thursday from November through January, where a $20 bill will get you a big steaming hunk of the frequently mocked fish dish known as lutefisk. It comes with meatballs, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and the potato flatbread known as lefse — all of which helps to make up for the dubious entree.

"Butter helps it slide down your throat," said Dennis Voss, the husband of a Norwegian-American, revealing his own survival secret for stomaching the gelatinous blob as they dined with friends on lutefisk amid a bustling lunchtime crowd.

America's rising foodie culture has inspired a new generation of chefs and adventurous eaters who have mined ethnic and antiquated food traditions to create gourmet delicacies. Even Scandinavian cuisine, not usually considered the most savory, is sharing the spotlight. It's winning plaudits at restaurants from Minneapolis's nationally recognized Bachelor Farmer to Copenhagen's world-renowned Noma, where globe-trotting diners wait months for reservations.

But lutefisk, a dried white cod reconstituted in caustic chemicals, is one heritage dish that has remained stubbornly unimproved. Yet it lives on in places where people of Scandinavian descent are numerous.

A list of churches, Scandinavian cultural gatherings, restaurants and clubs that serve lutefisk runs to 22 pages on one website dedicated to the dish, showcasing sites in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas, Montana, and Washington, as well as snowbird outposts like Arizona and Florida.

Every year during the holidays, a loyal legion shows up to partake. While their ancestors needed hardy food that wouldn't spoil, lutefisk fanciers agree the reason to eat it now is less obvious — or entirely lost on most people.

"You have to try it at least three times," says Voss, 79.

Tradition — and even the ridicule lutefisk widely evokes— provide much of the answer.

The heart of lutefisk country is west of Minneapolis, where eastern river valleys flatten into western prairies that were heavily settled by Scandinavian immigrants in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Further west from Litchfield, a sign in the tiny town of Madison welcomes visitors to "Lutefisk Capital U.S.A."

The VFW's lutefisk special comes in "Ole" (large) and "Lena" (small) portions. The fish resembles a quivering hunk of white Jell-O, and is served with an equally snow-white cream sauce and a small cup of melted butter, which really does help. The demographic is noticeable: "You got to have white hair to eat it," said Voss.

Chris Dorff, president of Olsen Fish Company in Minneapolis, a major supplier of lutefisk, said he's read histories that trace the dish to the time of the Vikings. The unusual process of drying and later re-hydrating it was born of necessity in a part of the world where long winters required creativity in food storage and preparation.

"It wasn't about enjoying food, like the Italians," said Dorff, whose company still buys all its dried ling cod for lutefisk from Norway. "It was about sustenance."

The tenacious blandness has provided fodder for everyone from amateur humorists like Jim Nord Harris, the Minneapolis-area retiree who runs the LutfiskLoversLifeline.com web site, to Minnesota's homegrown satirist Garrison Keillor. Harris, whose mother was Swedish, uses that country's spelling; Norwegians add the 'e'. Most pronounce it LOOT-uh-fisk.

"Ole and Lars were talking," Harris said, mining his arsenal of lutefisk jokes. "Ole says to Lars, I've got these skunks living under my porch. So Lars says, just throw some lutefisk under there. A week later Lars asks Ole, did you get rid of them skunks? And Ole says I sure did, but now I've got Swedes living under there."

Chefs who have found redeeming qualities in other bland Scandinavian staples have mostly avoided the lutefisk challenge. On the menu at Minneapolis's Fika, a restaurant at the city's American Swedish Institute, you'll find grilled white asparagus in an emulsion of shallot and pine essence, topped with house-made gravlax and syrup made from pine cones and pine buds. At Bachelor Farmer, owned by Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton's adult sons and which recently landed a spot on Bon Appetit magazine's 2012 list of the 10 best new restaurants in America, you'll find a modern take on Swedish meatballs and other Scandinavian-inflected delicacies. But no lutefisk.

Paul Berglund, the chef at Bachelor Farmer, never tried lutefisk until recently. He found it "not that gross."

Michael Fitzgerald, the chef at Fika, finally learned to cook the fish in November when the institute threw its annual lutefisk dinner, serving about 400 people. He poached it with white wine and herbs, then baked it for about 20 minutes. "It didn't turn out too bad," he said. That's in contrast to the traditional preparation: drop it in boiling water for about 8 minutes.

"If you overcook it, even by a minute or two, it's going to take on a kind of unappealing jelly consistency," Dorff said.

Berglund said he wouldn't rule out putting lutefisk on the Bachelor Farmer menu someday. "But only if I could figure out a way to do it that would make it nearly impossible to dislike," he said.

Dorff said his lutefisk sales drop about 5 percent every year, but he has no plans to stop making it. They still sell about half a million pounds a year, he said.

A recent visitor asked Dorff if he really likes lutefisk. There was a very long pause.

"Yeah, I do," Dorff said. "It's just one of those things. I'd prefer a piece of halibut or some crab legs. But I like it. It's got butter on it. Butter is good."

Associated Press

Ryan Bosma serves lutefisk to Marian Rasmussen at the VFW in Litchfield, Minn., on Thursday. Dozens of Minnesota Scandinavians and the people who love them still flock to the VFW Club in Litchfield every Thursday from November through January, where a $20 bill will get you a big steaming hunk of the frequently mocked fish dish known as lutefisk.

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Budding boilo baron peddles holiday cocktail

By Michael Rubinkam
Associated Press

RINGTOWN, Pa. — A peculiar sort of alchemy takes place each Christmas season in Pennsylvania coal country, where skilled practitioners huddle over big pots of steaming liquid, coaxing a potent but soothing elixir from secret recipes handed down through the generations.

This alcoholic yuletide cocktail, called boilo, has been a household staple for more than a century, sipped warm or hot to celebrate the holidays and ward off winter's chill. Boilo parties are in full swing right now as coal-region kitchens fill with the fragrant, intoxicating aroma of spices and citrus.

"It warms you up," said Chris Brokenshire, "and it warms your spirits, too."

The 40-year-old forklift operator from Ringtown knows of what he speaks. He's been making and drinking boilo for nearly 20 years. And now he's hoping to export this obscure cultural oddity to the masses, developing a drink mix that he began selling last month in a few brick-and-mortar stores in Schuylkill County — the epicenter of the boilo-making tradition — as well as online at his website.

Purists may sniff that Brokenshire's powdered boilo mix is a rather generic facsimile of the homemade concoction that's typically made with ingredients like honey, oranges, lemons, caraway and anise seeds, cinnamon sticks, ginger ale, and whiskey.

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Chris Brokenshire poses with his creation, a drink mix based on a traditional Pennsylvania coal-region cocktail called boilo, in Ringtown, Pa., on Dec. 12. Brokenshire is trying to commercialize the drink, which has been around for at least a century and is typically consumed around the holidays.

But people are buying it as fast as his manufacturer can produce it and Brokenshire can bag it. Brokenshire sold out of his initial run of 1,000 bags within a few weeks, and he projects he'll sell 30,000 bags by April, when the arrival of warmer weather marks the end of the traditional boilo-making season. He dreams of replicating — on a smaller scale — the success of Yuengling beer, another coal-region staple that has crossed over to the mainstream.

The budding boilo baron figured his target market would be consumers who don't have a good recipe of their own, and those who simply don't have time to make it from scratch. But he had no idea what to expect when those first $8.99 bags hit stores. After all, this is a tradition in which family recipes are treated like fine heirlooms.

"It was a very scary thing," said Brokenshire, who invested $30,000 in the fledgling business, and whose father and fiancee are helping him get it up and running. "I didn't know how the community would react, because it is so popular and (a commercial version) has never been tested and tried."

The early returns have him ecstatic.

"It's just shooting through the roof," he said. "I never expected to be in a situation like this."

The invention of Lithuanian immigrants, boilo shares ingredients with krupnikas, a traditional spiced honey liquor that has been consumed in Lithuania and Poland (where it is called krupnik) for centuries. Yet the name is unique to a handful of Pennsylvania counties where anthracite coal was mined by European immigrants more than 100 years ago. The cocktail also appears to be related to viryta, a drink popular with the Lithuanian-American community of Baltimore. In fact, viryta is derived from the Lithuanian word for "boil" or "cook."

Leonas Putrius, a researcher at the Lithuanian Research and Studies Center in Chicago, confesses to never having heard of either boilo or viryta before being asked about it. But he said it's clear that immigrants took a little of the Old World with them to the New.

"The first wave of immigrants brought their culture with them and made localized versions of an old tradition," he said.

Ann Wargo, 87, the daughter of Lithuanian immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania's coal region in the late 1800s, recalls a time when all boilo was made with moonshine, either "because they couldn't get anything else, or they didn't have the money to get anything else."

It was strong stuff. "I imagine they probably got into another world" after drinking it, she quipped.

Like most modern boilo makers, Wargo forgoes the illicit hooch in favor of Four Queens, a $10 whiskey distilled in New Jersey.

In a nod to that tradition, Brokenshire's mix calls for the addition of Four Queens (as well as honey and water). Put it in the blender, nuke it for a few seconds, and you have instant boilo.

Mark Kowalonek, third-generation proprietor of the century-old Kowalonek's Kielbasy Shop in Shenandoah, was the first merchant to stock the mix. He hasn't been able to keep it on the shelf.

"We may not sell many to the (local) people because everybody makes it," he said. "But from far away, people are just grabbing them up."

Deal reached to reopen peanut butter plant

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A troubled New Mexico peanut butter plant that had its licensed yanked after it was linked to a widespread salmonella outbreak reached a deal Friday to resume some operations the day after Christmas under the watchful eye of federal regulators.

A consent decree filed in federal court said Sunland Inc., the nation's largest organic peanut butter producer, can reopen if it hires an independent expert to develop a sanitation plan, which then must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Conditions at the plant prompted the FDA in November to for the first time use new authority to revoke the company's operating certificate without a court hearing. The action came after the plant was linked to a salmonella outbreak that sickened 42 people in 20 states this fall.

Friday's filing reinstates Sunland's food facility registration. But the company cannot process or distribute food from its peanut butter or peanut mill plants in Portales until it has complied with the consent decree's requirements and receives written authorization from the FDA.

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Click, print, shoot: Downloadable guns possible

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Download a gun design to your computer, build it with a three-dimensional printer that uses plastics and other materials, and fire it minutes later. No background checks; no questions asked.

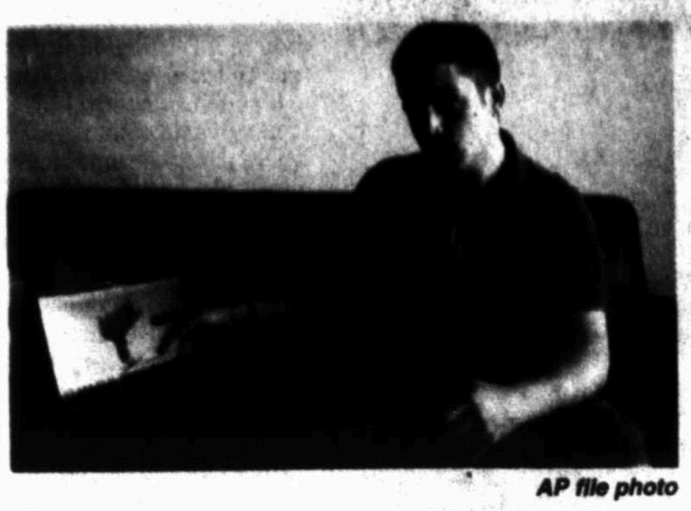
Sound far-fetched? It's not. And that is disquieting for gun control advocates.

Rep. Steven Israel, D-NY, said the prospect of such guns becoming reality is reason enough for the renewal of the Undetectable Firearms Act, which makes it illegal to build guns that can't be detected by X-ray or metallic scanners. That law expires at the end of 2013.

At least one group, Defense Distributed, claims to have created downloadable weapon parts that can be built using the increasingly popular new-generation of printer that can create 3-D objects with moving parts.

University of Texas law student Cody Wilson, 24-year-old "Wiki Weapons" project leader for Defense Distributed, said the group last month test fired a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle — one of the weapon-types used in the Connecticut school massacre. Video posted by the group on YouTube indicates the gun was built with some key parts created on a 3-D printer and fired six times before it broke.

No independent observer verified the test. Federal firearms regulators said they are aware of the technology's gun-making potential but do not believe an entire weapon has yet been made.



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"Wiki Weapons" project leader Cody Wilson points to his laptop screen displaying an image of a prototype plastic gun on the screen, while holding in his other a weapon he calls "Invividual Mandate," in Austin on Oct. 3.

Still, Israel said the Defense Distributed effort was chilling.

When the Undetectable Firearms Act was last renewed in 2003, "a gun made by a 3-D printer was like a Star Trek episode, but now we know it's real," he said.

Even with gun control pushed to the top of the national political conversation, Wilson is steadfast about reaching his goal of making a fully downloadable gun.

He keeps three AR-15 parts — one black, one white and another green — in his tidy student apartment in Austin. This weekend, he and his partners plan to print four new lower receivers — the segment of the gun that includes the trigger, magazine and grip.

Wilson was saddened by the Connecticut school attack but said Thursday that protecting the right to bear arms by giving everyone access to guns is more important in the long term than a single horrible crime.

"Clearly what happened in Connecticut was a tragedy," he told The Associated Press. "Still, by affording the Second Amendment protection, we understand events like these will happen."

He said he discussed with his partners whether they should suspend their effort, and they all decided it was too important to stop.

Wilson acknowledged there still are many technical hurdles to creating a complete gun from a 3-D printer and provided no estimate on when the goal might be reached.

Special Agent Helen Dunkel — of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which helps enforce gun laws — said the agency is familiar with Wilson's project. She didn't offer an opinion but noted there is nothing illegal about making many types of guns at home. Exceptions would be high-powered weapons such as machine guns and guns not detectable by airport scanners.

Advances in 3-D printing technology are fueling Wilson's goal. The printers were developed for the automobile, aerospace and other industries to create product prototypes from the same hard plastics used in toys such as Legos. Hobbyists mainly use the printers to design Christmas ornaments, toys and gadget accessories.

Prices of the machines have fallen as the consumer market grows, leading to a surge in interest from people in the so-called "maker" scene. Low-end 3-D printers can now be purchased online for as little as $1,500. More high-end printers needed to make gun parts cost at least $10,000.

Stratasys Ltd. makes 3-D printers, but gun-making was never something envisioned for the machines, said Shane Glenn, director of investor relations at the Eden Prairie, Minn.-based company.

"The gun issue is something that the 3-D printing industry will have to address going forward," Glenn said.

Right now, most people interested in 3-D printing rent time on one of the machines. There are a number of businesses and co-ops in major cities that allow access to the machines for a nominal fee.

Early schematics created by Wilson's group were posted on Thingiverse, a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based website that serves as a hub for 3-D printing aficionados. After the school shooting, Thingiverse took down the links.

Spokeswoman Jenifer Howard said the focus of the website is "to empower the creative process and make things for good."

Thingiverse's terms of service state the site cannot be used to share content that contributes to the creation of weapons.

Wilson said his group has posted the links to the schematics on its own website.

Paul Saffo, a Silicon Valley technology forecaster who teaches at Stanford University's engineering school, said the Defense Distributed work carries on a tradition of tech geeks using innovation to make a political point, in this case on gun control and Second Amendment freedom.

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Too late for employers to accurately withhold January taxes

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Workers probably won't feel the full brunt of next year's tax increases in their January paychecks, but don't be fooled by the temporary reprieve.

No matter what Congress does to address the year-end "fiscal cliff," it's already too late for employers to accurately withhold income taxes from January paychecks, unless all the current tax rates remain unchanged, which is an unlikely scenario.

Social Security payroll taxes are set to increase on Jan. 1, so workers should immediately feel the squeeze of a 2 percent cut in their take-home pay. But as talks drag on over how to address other year-end tax increases, the Internal Revenue Service has delayed releasing income tax withholding tables for 2013.

As a result, employers are planning to withhold income taxes at the 2012 rates, at least for the first one or two paychecks of the year, said Michael O'Toole of the American Payroll Association.

If employers don't withhold enough taxes in January, they will have to withhold even more taxes later in the year to make up the difference. Otherwise, taxpayers could get hit with big tax bills, and possibly penalties, when they file their 2013 returns.

The tax increases could be steep. If Congress fails to act, workers at every income level face significant tax increases next year as part of the year-end fiscal cliff.

A taxpayer making between $50,000 and $75,000 would get an average tax increase of $2,400, according to the Tax Policy Center, a Washington research group. If the worker is paid every two weeks, that's about $92 a paycheck, on average.

Someone making between $75,000 and $100,000 would get a tax increase averaging nearly $3,700. If the worker is paid every two weeks, that's about $142 a paycheck.

O'Toole said it would take most employers two weeks to four weeks to update their payroll systems, once new tax withholding tables are released. For some small businesses, it could take longer.

"Employers can't really just come up with withholding tables on their own, depending on what the rates are," O'Toole said. "The smaller companies that do not use a payroll processing service probably would have more problems than anyone else."

On Friday, the IRS said it plans to issue guidance by the end the year, though it won't be early enough to affect paychecks in early January.

"We are aware that employers have questions with respect to 2013 withholding," the agency said in a written statement. "Since Congress is still considering changes to the tax law, we continue to closely monitor the situation. We intend to issue guidance by the end of the year on appropriate withholding for 2013."

About three-quarters of taxpayers got tax refunds this year, averaging $2,707, according to the IRS. That gives most taxpayers some leeway to manage their income tax withholding. However, many people rely on tax refunds to pay bills or make major purchases.

"The reality is, the vast majority of Americans do live paycheck to paycheck and that tax refund is their most significant payday of the year," said Bob Meighan, vice president of TurboTax, an online tax preparation service.

Effect of looming 'fiscal cliff' tax increases

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Average tax increase: $1,729.

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Annual income: $75,000 to $100,000.
Average tax increase: $3,688.

Annual income: $100,000 to $200,000.
Average tax increase: $6,662.

Annual income: $200,000 to $500,000.
Average tax increase: $14,643.

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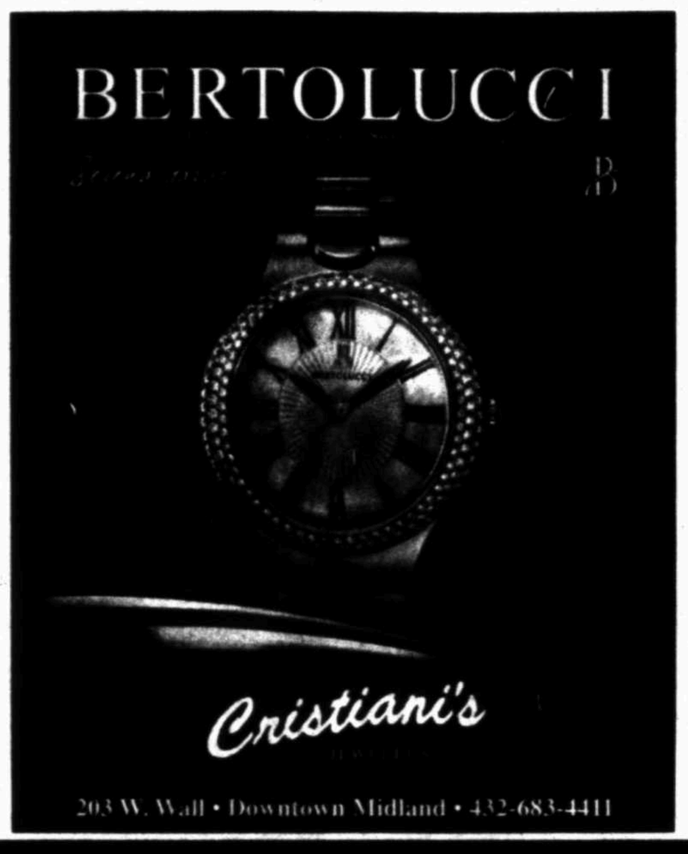

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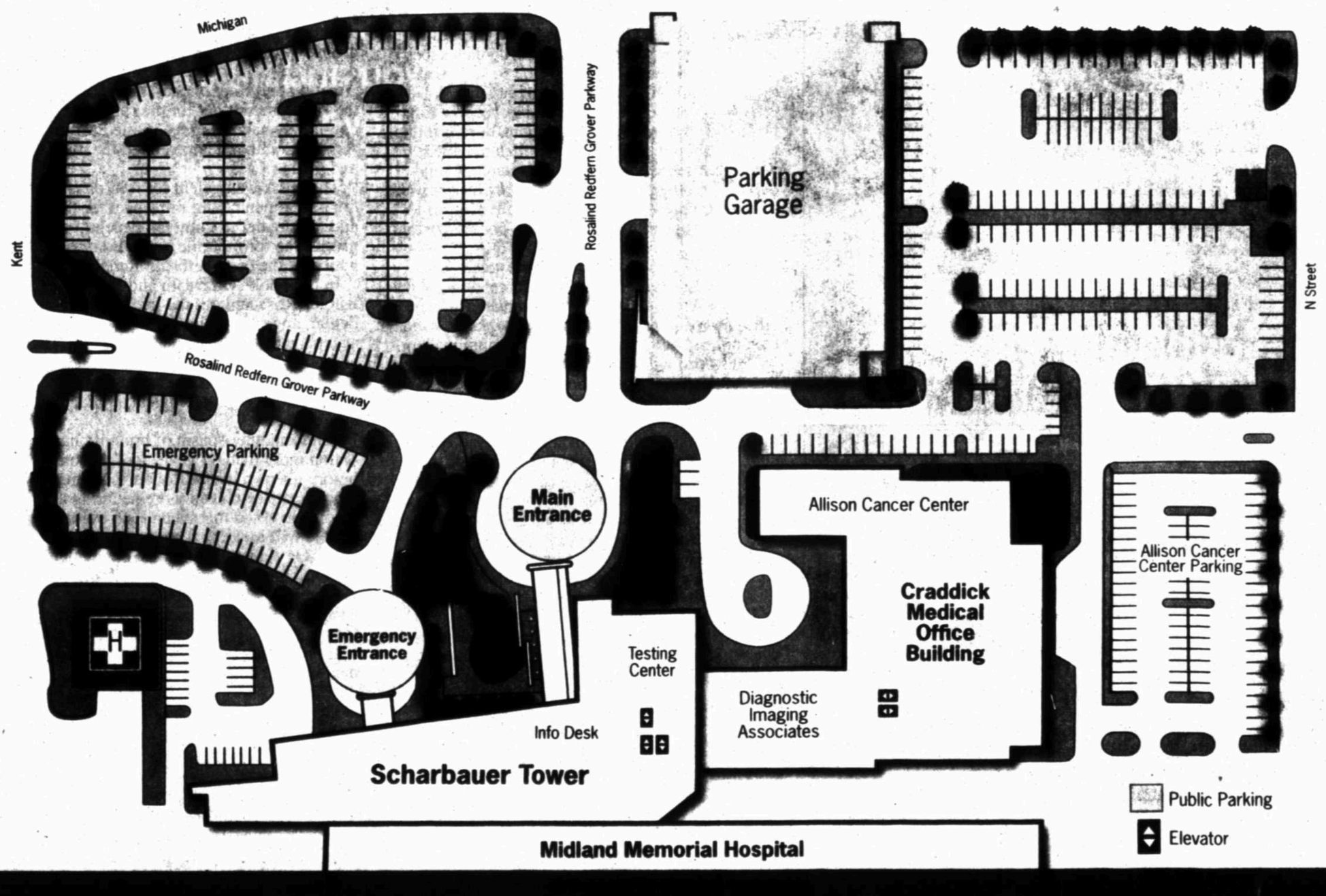

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OPINION

Filibusters continue to frustrate progressives, Reid

■ The fact that the Constitution helps protect the minority doesn't matter when there's an agenda to pass.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Ideas are not responsible for the people who believe them, but when evaluating Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's ideas for making the Senate more like the House of Representatives, consider the source. Reid is just a legislative mechanic trying to make Congress' machinery efficiently responsive to his party's progressivism. And proper progressives think the Constitution, understood as a charter of limited government, is unconstitutional.

They think the "living" Constitution gives government powers sufficient for whatever its ambitions are, enabling it to respond quickly to clamorous majorities. Hence the progressive campaign to substantially weaken the ability of senators to use filibusters to delay action.

Until 1917, it was generally impossible to stop extended Senate debates. Then — during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, the Democrats' first progressive president — the Senate adopted the cloture rule whereby debate could be ended by a two-thirds majority vote. In 1975, the requirement was lowered to three-fifths. If there is now another weakening of minority rights, particularly by a change brought about by breaking Senate rules, the Senate will resemble the House. There the majority controls the process and the disregarded minority can only hope to one day become the majority and repay disregard in kind.

Wilson was the first president to criticize the American founding, which he did because the Constitution bristles with delaying and blocking mechanisms, especially the separation of powers. The point of progressivism, say its adherents, is to progress up from the Founders' fetish with limiting government and restraining majorities. Hence progressives' animus against the filibuster, which protects minority rights by allowing for the measurement of intensity as well as mere numbers.

Since there have been 50 states, Republicans have never had 60 senators. Democrats have had that many after 11 elections. Both parties are situational ethicists regarding the filibuster — in 2005, a Republican Senate majority threatened to forbid filibusters of judicial nominees during George W. Bush's administration. It is, however, when filibusters impede the liberal agenda that excited editorials are written and solemn seminars are convened to deplore the "constitutional crisis" of a "dysfunctional Congress."

Recourse to filibusters has increased in tandem with, and partly because of, the 70 times Reid has used a parliamentary device ("filling the tree") to limit and even deny the minority's right to offer amendments to legislation. Furthermore, 69 times Reid has bypassed committees, bringing bills written in private directly to the Senate floor without any Republican participation. The filibuster is a means whereby the minority can give an overbearing majority an incentive to compromise. Yet progressives simultaneously complain about the filibuster and the absence of compromise.

Under Senate rules, it takes 67 votes to change the rules. Reid, however, may decide that in January, on the first day of the new session, the supposedly "new" Senate can adopt new rules by a simple majority. This ignores the fact that the Senate, unlike the House, is a continuing body because, with staggered elections, no more than one-third of its members can be new — and not nearly that many ever are new — at any time.

The Senate can adopt new rules by a simple majority only by ignoring its long-standing rules. In the 2005 argument about filibustering judicial nominees, Sen. Joe Biden believed, or was told he believed, this "arrogance of power" ignored the fact that "the Senate is not meant to be a place of pure majoritarianism."

Four House Democrats have asked a federal court to declare Senate filibusters unconstitutional. They say the supermajorities needed to end a filibuster infringes the principle of majority rule and dilutes the votes of members of the House. The court has many reasons, each sufficient, for refusing to so rule, including these two:

The Constitution says each house of Congress "may determine the rules of its proceedings." Also, the Constitution requires of Congress six supermajorities (for ratifying treaties, proposing constitutional amendments for ratification, impeachment convictions, overriding vetoes, expelling members and removing an incapacitated president who objects to removal). It is a perverse non sequitur to say that if the Constitution does not mandate a particular supermajority, it is impermissible.

Conservatives believe that 98 percent of good governance consists of stopping bad — meaning most — ideas. So conservatives can tolerate liberal filibusters more easily than liberals, who relish hyperkinetic government, can tolerate conservative filibusters. Come January, 21 of Reid's 55 Democrats will have come to the Senate in 2009 or later. They have never been in the minority. They must remember this: Some day they may be.

OUR VIEW

Good to see Warren follow through with imperatives for MISD

Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren recently unveiled a list of 10 imperatives for the district in regard to academic excellence, staff recruitment and retention. These are certainly areas in which the district needs to excel in order to move forward.

We are glad that these "imperatives" are coming after the bond election. In our opinion, that gives the district more credibility in the seriousness of the endeavor. In other words, this was not a "campaign promise," but a real attempt at moving the district in the right direction.

Evidently, Warren agrees with us on this issue because he said, "We want to make sure everyone is aware we have a plan, so there's no perception that Ryder said all these things during the bond process and is not going to follow through — that the only thing that is important is just the facilities. That's not the case."

Now that the elementary school concerns have been met in overwhelming approval by the public, it is time to plan how to make the facilities fit with our students, teachers and administrators. We agree with Warren that we need a plan and we need to pay more than mere lip service to the plan.

Certainly, MISD needs to improve in performance and ensure our teachers are appropriately paid and retained.

We were pleased that at the top of the list of imperatives is the issue of student-teacher classroom ratio. We desire to see in place a proper ratio that is appropriate for each age group.

During a recent regular meeting, Warren presented sort of a wish list to trustees as an information-only item. The list suggests setting a district cap for student-teacher ratios in all classes, evaluating the salary schedules for all district employees, providing bonuses or salary stipends for teachers in critical instruction areas, reconfiguring secondary schools, implementing a merit pay program for teachers and creating a budget action plan now that MISD has become a Chapter 41 district and must send money back to the state.

We don't know where the board will go with the list or how far they intend to implement the ideas. A time frame has not been set for implementation, so it may be too early to assess where the list of MISD imperatives will take us.

But at the very least, a real plan is on the table. Without a plan that is followed and completed, there's little chance for change or productive advancement to take place. We urge the school board to complete this vision with a high degree of support.

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Time for 'gas bags' to be silent

■ Gone are the days of allowing people to grieve, especially when there is theological and ideological opportunism.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Maybe this time would be different. Maybe the snuffing out of 20 children's lives would give pause to those who would abuse the bottomless grief of others to promote their own shallow convictions.

It was not to be.

Sandy Hook Elementary was still a crime scene, small bodies still strewn about its classrooms and hallways when the exploitation of tragedy began.

"We ask why there is violence in our schools, but we have systematically removed God from our schools," former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said on Fox News. "Should we be so surprised that schools would become a place of carnage?"

Even if you believe that faith has become too far removed from the public square, does it follow that you should be smug, rather than horrified, when children who play in that square are murdered? And the notion that crimes are absent when prayers are present will provide little comfort to the countless victims of pedophile priests, pastors and rabbis.

Shirley Phelps-Roper of the detestable Westboro Baptist Church, infamous for celebrating the deaths of American military personnel as divine retribution against a sinful nation, took to Twitter to announce her clan's latest act of triumphalism.

"Westboro will picket Sandy Hook Elementary School to sing praise to God for the glory of his work in executing his judgment," she tweeted.

Theologians are evidently mistaken in believing that the worship of gods like Moloch and Baal that demanded the sacrifice of children disappeared from history thousands of years ago. The various imputations of a heavenly motive behind the horror in Newtown may have been the worst examples of sacrilege. They weren't the only ones.

Michael Moore, who has made a fortune turning tragedy into satire in films such as "Bowling for Columbine," found a way to excuse the killer while blaming America.

"Guns don't kill people," Moore said at an event in New York City hours after the massacre. "Americans kill people, because that's what we do. We invade countries. We send drones in to kill civilians. We've got five wars going on right now where our soldiers are killing people — I mean, five that we know of."

In the rush by professional gas bags and interest groups — short on accurate information — to demonstrate their expertise in blaming the Second Amendment, Republicans, autism, the media and the shooter's mother for the carnage in Connecticut, it may have been the vilified National Rifle Association that demonstrated the most dignity and grace.

The NRA went silent for four days before issuing a statement: "Out of respect for the families, and as a matter of common decency, we have given time for mourning, prayer and a full investigation of the facts before commenting."

In her book "On Death and Dying," Elisabeth Kübler-Ross laid out the five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and finally acceptance. 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, Newtown and other pathetic examples suggest that as a society, we need to insert an additional stage between denial and anger: theological and ideological opportunism.

When another spasm of brutality had seized the nation more than 44 years ago, and only months before his own death, Robert F. Kennedy spoke in words that seem even more haunting after Sandy Hook. He noted that when such events occur, some people will look for scapegoats, others for conspiracies. He acknowledged that no single program or resolution can vanquish the mindless menace of violence. Kennedy prefaced his remarks by saying, "This is a time of shame and sorrow. It is not a day for politics."

If only more people would be so thoughtful the next time tragedy strikes.

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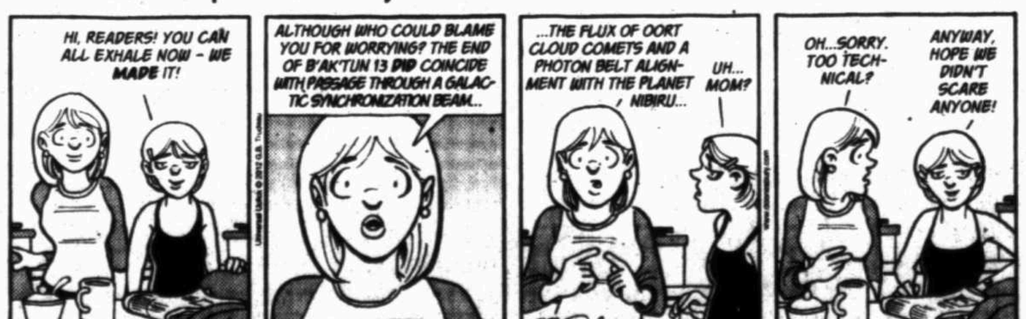

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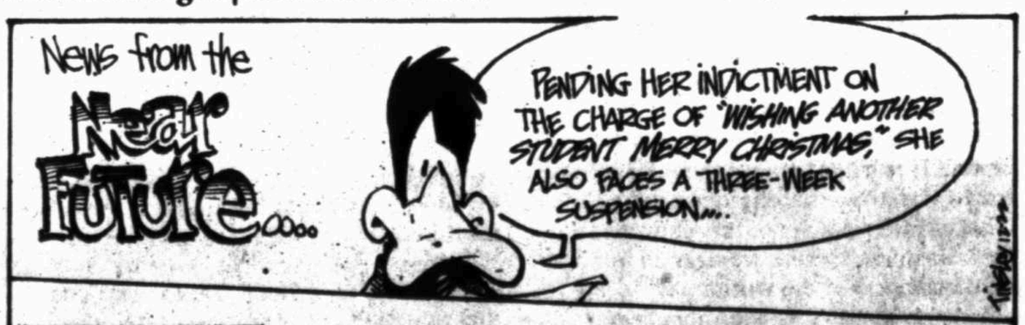


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't have to be an authority on Constitution to know its worth

I guess we all know now that Thomas Flournoy is the country's foremost authority on the Constitution and constitutional law. Compared to Thomas, the remainder of the country is like a pack of drunken termites trying to dance on a spinning wooden top. Now Thomas wants to believe that the Constitution was written by the members of the Christian church down on Pennsylvania Avenue. That's not true, but if Thomas wants to believe that, it's OK with me. I only have a couple of questions. One: Why was Jesus omitted from the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? Where in the Constitution does it say gay marriage is against the law? Now remember, religion is not to enter into the discussion.

I really get confused and need someone like Thomas, being an authority on the Constitution, to point out religious issues, moral issues and political issues. Now, to make Thomas feel better, I am a Catholic and believe in the teaching of the holy church. I guess most people get confused when they think the Constitution is a religious document or a political document free from religion.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution forbids state-sanctioned religion yet guarantees the right to its expression.

The U.S. Constitution was written by individuals who viewed nature and its laws as consistent with the existence of a deity. I too believe in God and am grateful to the framers for crafting a system by which religious beliefs cannot be legislated.

The U.S. Constitution is one of the most amazing and enduring legal documents ever created. It was written in 1787. The Bill of Rights was added in 1791. Since the Bill of Rights was added, the Constitution has been amended only 17 times. It is a document that has stood the test of time because the Founding Fathers wrote it in broad terms but also created enough structure in our government to give America a sound foundation.

Where are all these oaths? Politicians don't take the same oath as the military.

Earl Kingsley

Maybe letter-writer should read Constitution

I graduated from Trinity University with a BA and MA in government, and I am nowhere near the constitutional expert Thomas Flournoy is on the Constitution. I contacted a friend and professor at Trinity University about impostor presidents.

Historians say Americans have long accused their presidents of being illegitimate office holders for all sorts of dark and bizarre reasons.

"Heavens, where do I start?" said David Crockett, an associate professor of political science at Trinity University.

You can go back to the 19th century, where calling a president illegitimate was a common and nasty practice, says Thomas Schwartz, a presidential historian at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee.

I found out that Thomas Jefferson was the first impostor. Christians accused him of being an impostor president because he wasn't a Christian. John Tyler was accused of the same because he was the first president to assume office because of the death of the president. Rutherford Hayes was dubbed an impostor because he assumed office after losing the popular vote in a disputed election he won by electoral votes. Martin Van Buren was accused of being an unworthy impostor because he wore a woman's corset because of a back injury.

Teddy Roosevelt deemed his successor, William Taft, an impostor because he didn't like the man or his policies. Teddy said, "Taft was a fathead." Southerners deemed Lincoln an impostor, and Andrew Johnson was deemed an impostor because he got drunk at the inaugural ball and, therefore, wasn't qualified.

Chester Arthur was the first impostor president accused of not being an American citizen. Chester's mother was a Canadian, and they lived on the Canadian border. They accused him of using his dead brother's birth certificate. Andrew Jackson was accused of being an impostor because he was born in a British colony and both his parents were foreigners.

Erratic behavior of a president caused people to deem him illegitimate. I guess Thomas has a reason that President Obama is an impostor, and to him it's justified.

Thomas, I have read the authentic Constitution and suggest you do the same.

Anna Jabeeze-Hall

So-called Constitution expert should read up on framers

Excuse us all, Thomas Flournoy, for all our errors in our knowledge of the Constitution. I am sorry, and I beg you to forgive the two ladies who I thought were knowledgeable of the Constitution. I think both ladies were knowledgeable of the Constitution and presented no attack on you, but you can't correct someone who has never been wrong.

I know you're going to be all over me like butter on bread, but you did make an error. You told Jannell Junker that the framers of the Constitution were concerned over the establishment of a religion like the Church of England. Thomas, the framers in general were most concerned about the Catholic Church and their foreign influence. In early America, Catholics were forbidden to own property, teach school, vote, sit on a jury, hold city, county or state office except in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Only one Catholic signed the Constitution, and only two signed the Bill of Rights. Being considered second-class citizens, the two Catholics who signed the Bill of Rights were not able to sign until after it was approved.

I also think if you read up on the framers of the Constitution you will also agree that they were not a band of Christian brothers guided by Jesus. Check out George Washington's statement: "We are not a Christian nation." Read up on Ben Franklin, Thomas Payne, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. It was Adams who said, "We would be much better off if there were no religion in this country at all." John Adams and Ben Franklin were Free Thinkers. Thomas Payne and Thomas Jefferson were far from being Christians. If you want to believe they were, that is OK with me.

Thomas, I am sure you are a constitutional expert and the Supreme Court has you on standby for guidance and to inform them of their errors.

When does an error or lie become the truth? When it goes uncorrected. You might consider writing for Sarah Palin. Her errors of the Constitution and history are numerous.

Alice Ware

Americans are desensitized to violence

Can we please stop airing gun violence over and over on TV? Put yourself in the shoes of the families of the victims. I wonder if they even turn on their television sets at this point. Because gun violence is all over the news, it causes others to do the same for their own personal fame.

With the dropout rate being so high, one wonders if those youths are playing violent video games when they should be doing their homework. Because so much real violence is shown over and over, one becomes desensitized to the hurt real people are going through. What kind of journalism is it when they put a mike in the face of those grieving families?

Canada has as many guns per population as we do; it just chooses not to sensationalize the violence and, therefore, has a much lower rate of violent crimes than the good old USA.

Emerson Stone

Thief misses Christmas spirit

To the Grinch who stole Rudolph from my front yard on C Street on the night of Dec. 16: Where is your Christmas spirit? To you, our Rudolph sign is probably just a yard decoration.

However, to my family, our Rudolph is a special reminder of my grandmother's love. The sign was made for my grandmother, Katy Evans, the year she passed away, and her name is painted on the back. My mother has displayed our Rudolph in her yard for past 26 years.

This year, the sign was passed on to me and my baby boy. I had hoped to raise my child with the tradition of Rudolph in our yard.

We pray Rudolph will find his way home to our house. If he doesn't return, I believe someone will be getting coal in his stocking this year.

Meredith Canon

America has no problem letting mentally ill go untreated

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Newtown is the latest locale in America to become synonymous with senseless slaughter. The shock and the horror are so intense, it almost guarantees that Congress will act.

There will inevitably be an enormous brouhaha around guns and ammunition, leading to nothing likely to prevent the next massacre. Democrats are talking about a renewed assault-weapon ban and a prohibition on high-capacity magazines. But Adam Lanza could have killed just as indiscriminately with any semiautomatic gun, and if he didn't have a high-capacity magazine, he could simply have reloaded with smaller magazines, something the Virginia Tech and Columbine killers managed to do.

If we are going to have a rush to action, it shouldn't be on guns. It should be on mental illness. It doesn't make for high political drama or emotional cable chatter, but getting treatment for more of the most seriously mentally ill might actually prevent future shootings. Even if it doesn't, it would improve the lives of sick and vulnerable people.

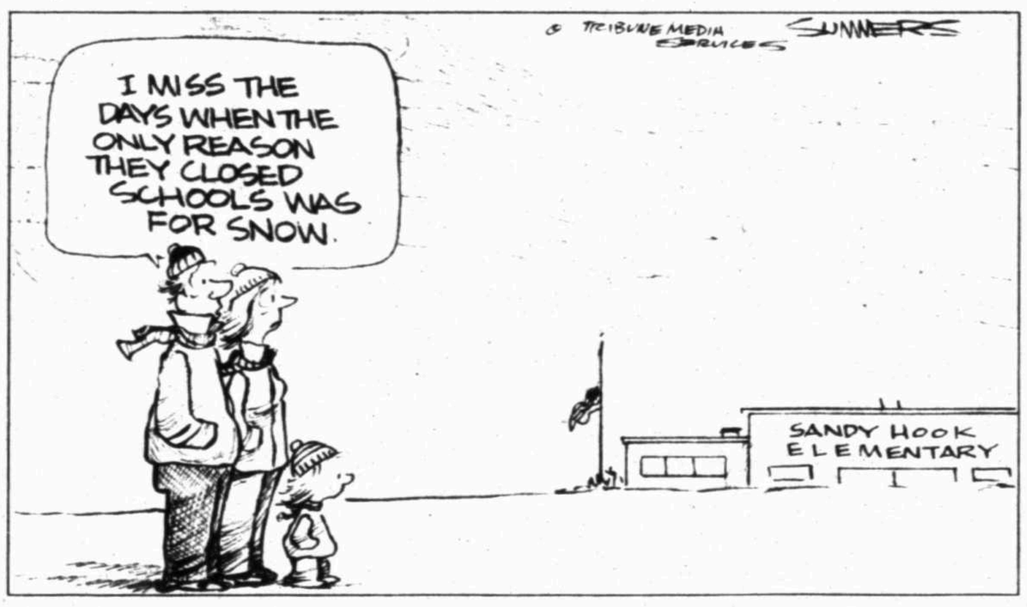
Adam Lanza's mother, Nancy, lived alone with him and, by all accounts, was utterly devoted to her youngest child. Then, one morning he shot her four times in the head. If Lanza was mentally ill, this would accord with the pattern. Parents are the most likely to be victims of the violence of their mentally ill children.

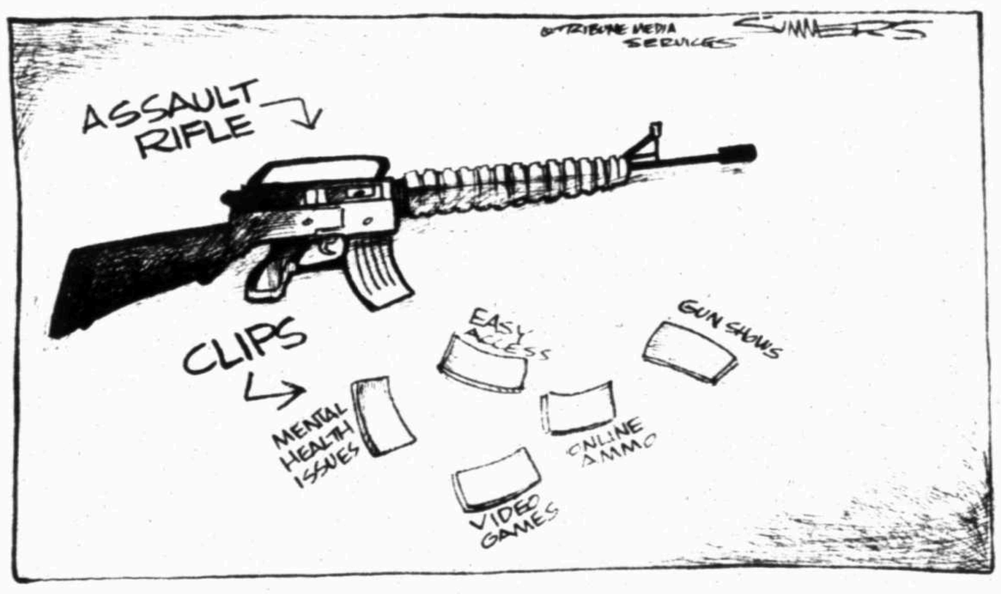
We may never know what the dynamic was in the Lanza home. For too many parents of the mentally ill, though, it goes something like this: Their child becomes withdrawn, delusional and erratic. If they call the mental-health system, they are told to bring the child in for an appointment and the sick child won't go. If the parents call the cops, the cops show up and say the child doesn't appear to represent a threat to himself or others and they leave. If they take him to the hospital, he is quickly released back to the parents even if he is admitted. The choice might become living with a deteriorating child increasingly out of his mind or forcing him out of the home and into the streets.

Yes, this is 21st-century America. Where we have better means to treat mental illness than ever before, but choose to let the insane people decide to get it or not. Where we supposedly de-institutionalized the mentally ill by closing down psychiatric hospitals, and then reinstitutionalized them behind bars. The number of psychiatric beds on a per capita basis is back at 1850 levels, and there are three times as many seriously mentally ill people in jail or prison than in hospitals, according to the Treatment Advocacy Center. Where we let sick people sleep on the streets. About a third of homeless men and two-thirds of homeless women are seriously mentally ill. Imagine the national outrage if people with Alzheimer's were permitted to wander around the streets uncared for. But, by some perverse logic, it's considered OK for schizophrenics.

The federal government can act on this travesty only at the margins. It is largely up to the states. They can make a real difference by stopping the further closure of public hospital psychiatric beds and making it easier to compel treatment. Civil-commitment laws that require imminent danger to self or others are too strict. As DJ Jaffe of Mental Illness Policy Org puts it, that standard doesn't prevent violence, it *requires* violence in order to get care to someone too irrational to realize that he needs it.

When they are treated, the seriously mentally ill aren't more violent than the general population. If untreated, though, they are. The evidence is in our ongoing roll call of horrors perpetrated by the deranged. We don't know yet if Adam Lanza was mentally ill, or if a better system would have helped him. We do know that somewhere out there a young man is about to get very sick. He could become the next Jared Loughner or James Holmes — unless someone gets him treatment.





What to take from shootings: In the end, God still delivers us from evil

WILLIAM MCKENZIE
Dallas Morning News

Here we are, only days past Hanukkah, less than a week until Christmas, and the spot on the yearly religious calendar when many of us proclaim peace on earth and goodwill to man.

Yet here we are watching from afar as 20 young students and six adults from their Connecticut school are buried, all because a young man who showed signs of mental illness went berserk with a deadly weapon, killing even his own mother, the woman who gave birth to him.

Mass slayings are nearly impossible to imagine, largely because they strike a discordant tone with the rest of American life. We turn on the news and hear about murders in, say, Aurora, Colo., and still must go about our routines of work, family and community.

But the slayings in Newtown are especially jarring because they occurred amidst these annual religious celebrations. What are we to make of this contrast? This is a period where we hear about transformation of the world, yet we are waking up to this inconceivable horror.

Recently, well before most of us had even heard of Newtown, I asked panelists of the Dallas Morning News' Texas Faith blog whether it was really possible to heal the world. The discussion centered on an essay this month by Rabbi Michael Lerner in the journal Tikkun. Lerner described Hanukkah as "the holiday celebrating the triumph of hope over fear, light over darkness, the powerless over the powerful."

Only a week later, I was asking the same panel of theologians, academics and laypeople how they would draw upon their traditions to counsel those grieving in Newtown. The empirical evidence in those classrooms would lead you to conclude that fear won out over hope last Friday, that darkness triumphed over light there. At the very least, it leaves you wondering how to reconcile the deaths of young children with religious proclamations about remaking the world.

To the credit of the Texas Faith panelists, they each counseled listening to the unfathomable grief of the families caught up in this tragedy. Be with them. Sit still. Listen quietly.

Some of us, however, will wonder, where was God? I have no answer. But my theology does teach this: God is with us amid hell, amid carnage, amid suffering.

For Christians, that is why we trek to Christmas Eve services, year after year. We go because of the Word made flesh, as John declares.

The Word-in-the-flesh is about a child for whom there was no room at the inn. But after a life of identifying with the suffering, He rose to "bring life on the other side of death, employing a power beyond human capacity."

That's how my Presbyterian minister, Joe Clifford, put it on the Texas Faith blog after the slayings. And this is how he concluded it:

"This story informs my understanding of God's presence and our comfort in the midst of inexplicable tragedy. I can't imagine the horror those children and teachers faced in the final moments of their lives, but God can. I can't imagine the grief of those whose loved ones were taken by the mania of a madman, but God can. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child, but God can. I can't imagine new life on the other side of such tragic death, but God can. For people of faith, that is our only comfort in life and in death."

None of that leads to an instant healing of the world. Nor does it prevent us from working for a better tomorrow, including creating a safer world for our children, as the president implored us to do last week. But it does lead to this conclusion: God is the one who delivers us from evil.

So, yes, these twin events can occur simultaneously. The deaths in Newtown actually make the proclamations of hope and renewal even more important.

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MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 64 Low: 34

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 41 Low: 18

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 74 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 33 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph, becoming north after midnight.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 64 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph, becoming south in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 34 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph, becoming west after midnight.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 41 and a low around 18.

The high on Saturday reached 62, while the low dropped to 33. The record high for Dec. 22 is 79 set in 1933. The record low is 4 set in 1989.

Precipitation		Saturday's temperatures	
Friday	0.00 in.	High	62
Saturday	0.00 in.	Low	33
Month total	0.00 in.	Normal high	57
Year total	12.72 in.	Normal low	30
Normal total (year to date)	14.44 in.	Sunrise	7:46 a.m.
		Sunset	5:50 p.m.

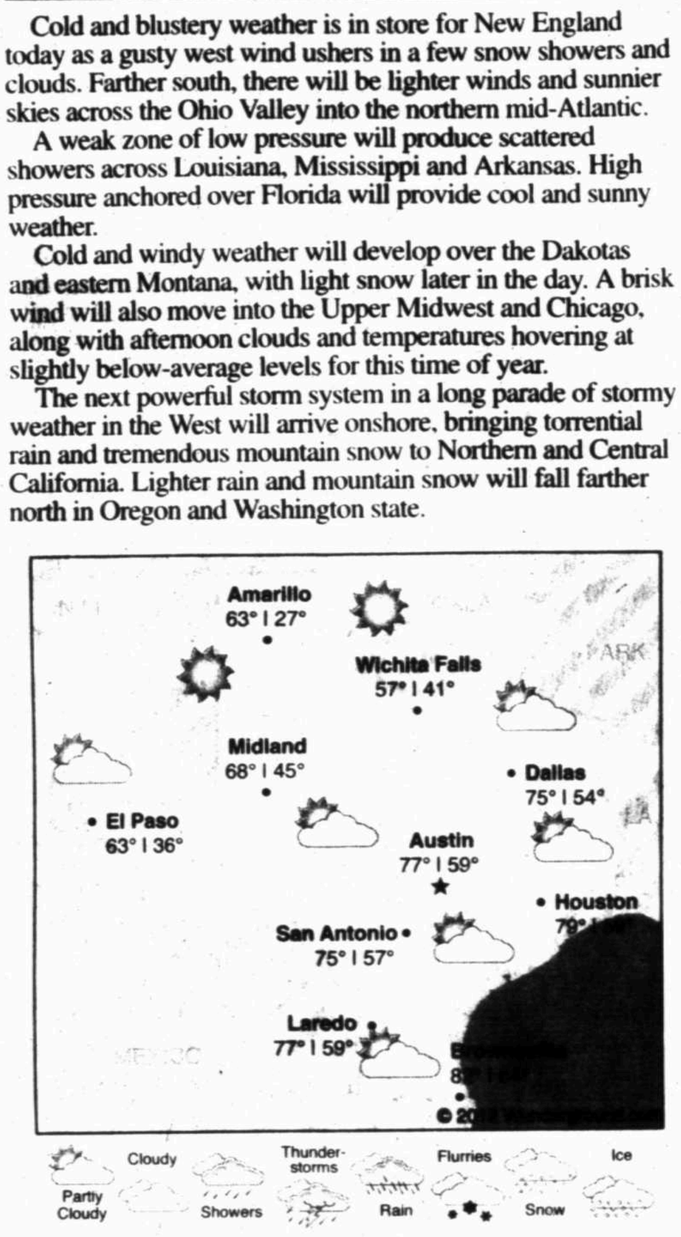
National forecast

Cold and blustery weather is in store for New England today as a gusty west wind ushers in a few snow showers and clouds. Farther south, there will be lighter winds and sunnier skies across the Ohio Valley into the northern mid-Atlantic.

A weak zone of low pressure will produce scattered showers across Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. High pressure anchored over Florida will provide cool and sunny weather.

Cold and windy weather will develop over the Dakotas and eastern Montana, with light snow later in the day. A brisk wind will also move into the Upper Midwest and Chicago, along with afternoon clouds and temperatures hovering at slightly below-average levels for this time of year.

The next powerful storm system in a long parade of stormy weather in the West will arrive onshore, bringing torrential rain and tremendous mountain snow to Northern and Central California. Lighter rain and mountain snow will fall farther north in Oregon and Washington state.



Ark., Okla. could see snowfall this Christmas

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Snow could fall across parts of Arkansas and Oklahoma on Christmas, potentially creating problems for holiday drivers, the National Weather Service warned Saturday.

Snow is expected to start falling in Oklahoma late Monday and continue Tuesday as the storm barges into Arkansas, meteorologists said.

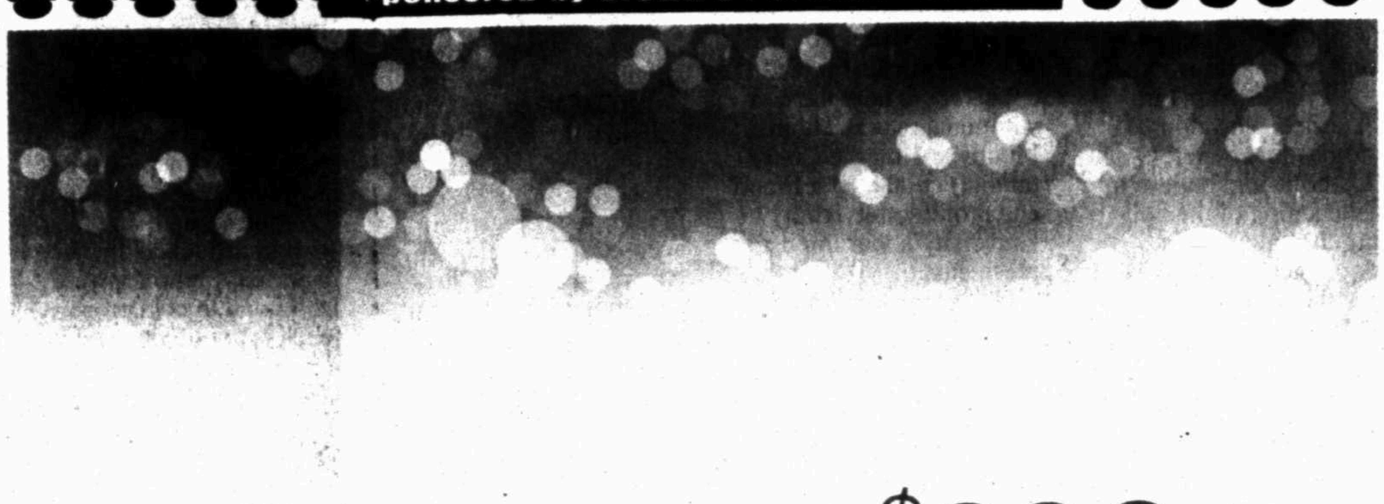
Parts of southeast Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas could see 3 to 5 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service office in Tulsa, Okla.

"With that kind of snowfall, it's going to cause some travel problems," weather service meteorologist Craig Sullivan said. "The temperatures are going to be significantly below freezing, so whatever falls is going to accumulate on the roadways pretty quickly."

A weather service statement sent from the Little Rock office said it's not clear which areas in Arkansas will see the most snow stick around.

But even a little bit of snow — combined with below-freezing temperatures — could hamper driving conditions.

"When it's cold and the temperatures are down in the teens and 20s like they're going to be, you're going to get some slick roads, even with an inch of snow," said Sullivan, who works in Tulsa, Okla.



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Hostess expects to split up snack cakes in sale

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twinkies, Wonder Bread and Devil Dogs are likely to return to shelves in coming months but probably not under the same owners.

Hostess Brands Inc. said in bankruptcy court Friday that it's narrowing down the bids it received for its brands and expects to sell off its snack cakes and bread to separate buyers. The testimony came from an investment banker for Hostess, which is in the process of liquidating.

A likely suitor has emerged for the namesake Hostess brand, which includes Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Ho Hos, along with Dolly Madison cakes, which includes Coffee Cakes and Zingers, said Joshua Scherer, of Perella Weinberg Partners. He said another viable bid was made for Drake's cakes, which includes Devil Dogs, Funny Bones and Yodels. That bidder also wants to buy the Drake's plant in Wayne, N.J., which Scherer said is the country's only kosher bakery plant.

Additional bids have been submitted for its bread brands, which include Wonder and Home Pride. Hostess expects to file binding "stalking horse" bids for many of its brands in January. Those filings would be followed by a four-week auction process to allow competing bids. Scherer said the auctions could be very active for some of the brands, given the number of parties that have expressed interest. Sales could be completed by as early as mid-March.

About 30 plants could also be sold with the brands, Scherer said, with six plants, several warehouses and a fleet of trucks likely to be closed or scrapped.

Hostess has hired a firm Hilco to act as a sales agent for those additional assets; the firm will also give Hostess a $30 million loan to maintain operations during its liquidation, which is expected to take about a year.

Hostess, based in Irving, Texas, has said potential buyers include major packaged food companies and national retailers, such as big-box retailers and supermarkets. The company has stressed it needs to move quickly in the sale process to capitalize on the outpouring of nostalgia sparked by its bankruptcy.

To begin winding down its operations late last month, Hostess had said it would retain about 3,000 workers to shutter plants and perform other tasks. On Friday, an attorney for Hostess said in court that figure was down to about 1,100 employees. The liquidation of Hostess ultimately means the loss of about 18,000 jobs, not including those shed in the years leading to the company's failure. CEO Greg Rayburn, who was hired as a restructuring expert earlier this year, is earning $125,000 a month.

The company's demise came after years of management turmoil and turnover, with workers saying the company failed to invest in updating its snack cakes and breads. Hostess filed for its second Chapter 11 bankruptcy in less than a decade this January, citing steep costs associated with its unionized workforce.

The company was able to reach a new contract agreement with its largest union, the Teamsters, the bakers union rejected the terms and went on strike Nov. 9. A week later, Hostess announced its plans to liquidate, saying the strike crippled its ability to maintain normal production. Although Hostess sales have been declining over the years, they still clock in at between $2.3 billion and $2.4 billion a year.

When asked how much the brands are expected to fetch from buyers, Scherer said he would rather not say.

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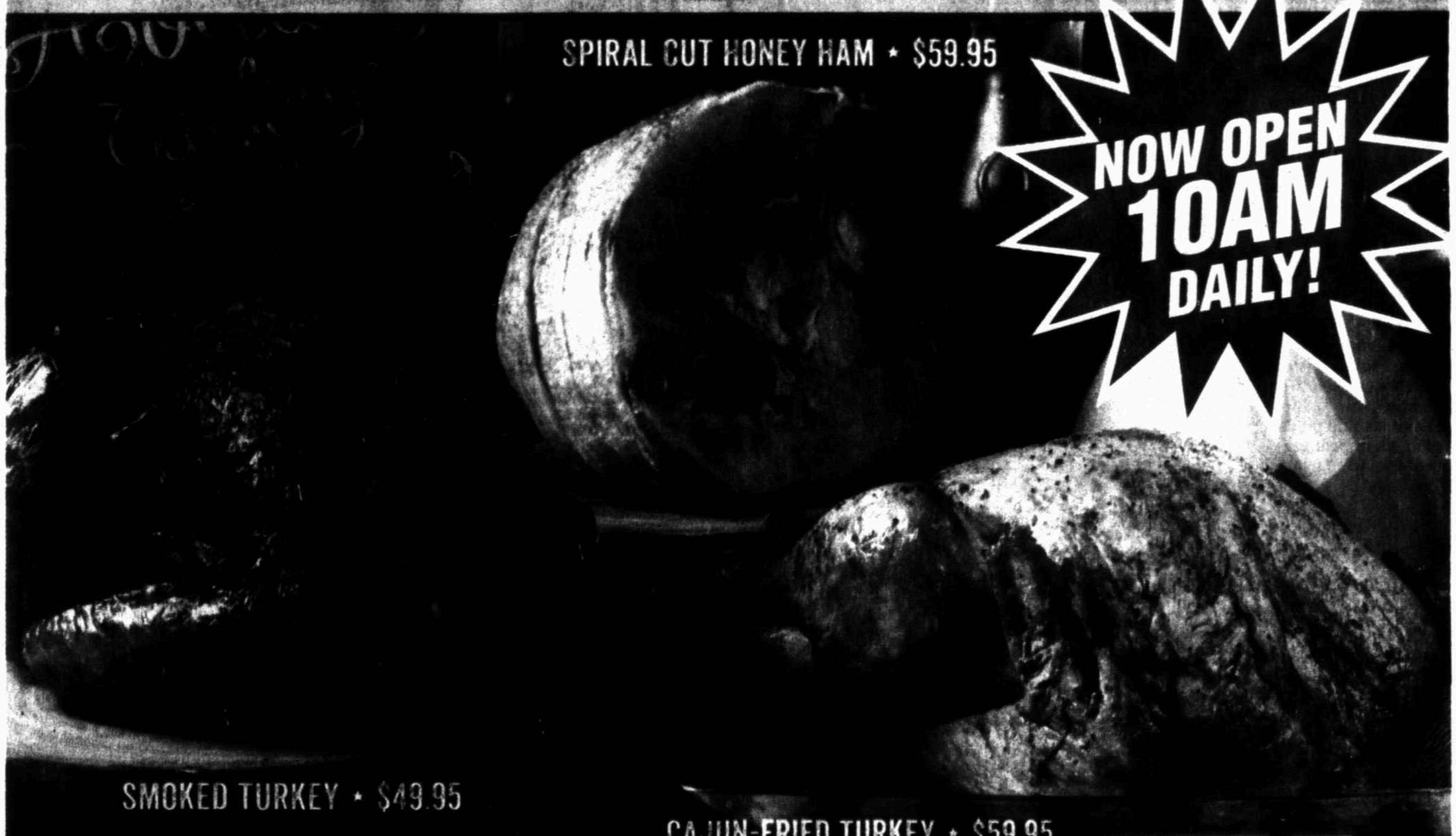

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JERUSALEM

$500 million in checks left at holy site

Worshippers usually leave notes to the Almighty at one of Judaism's holiest sites. But half a billion dollars?

Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, who oversees Jerusalem's Western Wall, said a worshipper found an envelope at the site Wednesday with 507 checks in the amount of about $1 million each. They were not addressed to anyone, and it's doubtful they can be cashed.

Rabinovitch said most are Nigerian. Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said some were from the United States, Europe and Asia.

Rabinovitch said he has found similar checks in Western Wall charity boxes before, but they all bounced. He said most of them were written by people from Africa.

The rabbi said he thinks the check writers "wanted to give all they had to the Creator of the universe."

BERLIN

German scientists seek to clone perfect Christmas trees

The hunt for the perfect Christmas tree may soon become a lot easier: just pick a nice clone.

That's what German scientists are now working on: They are searching a way to ensure that the sensitive saplings of the popular Nordmann fir species grow into impressive specimens.

The fir is native to the Caucasus, but is often cultivated on massive plantations in Germany.

Biologist Kurt Zoglauer, of Berlin's Humboldt University, said Friday 40 percent of trees don't make the cut when they mature after 10 to 14 years. Some are stunted by frost, while others turn out the wrong shade of green.

Zoglauer's team therefore hopes to refine a method to clone particularly hardy and beautiful trees by 2016.

The project is supported by a German government grant.

DENVER

Sirens are just a test, not doomsday signal

Officials in Denver want people to know this is only a test.

The city tested new outdoor warning sirens on Friday, and they were well aware of all the talk about the Mayan calendar and time running out for the world's population.

In announcing the drill, officials said they wanted to make sure that people knew that the wailing sirens didn't mean it was the end of the world.

A chorus of books and movies has sought to link the Mayan calendar to rumors of impending disasters ranging from black holes and solar storms to a change in the Earth's magnetic field.

Scientists said predictions of an impending apocalypse were a bunch of hogwash.

OREGON

Bend locksmith returns $50,000 found in used safe

BEND — A thank-you note to a Central Oregon locksmith was addressed to "the most honest man in Bend" after he returned $50,000 he found in a safe's secret compartment.

Bryan Donnell retrieved a customer's 1,000-pound safe last week. He's used to finding jewels and some cash but nothing like the stacks of $100 bills wrapped in rubber bands.

The safe's former owner, 57-year-old Dale Parkinson, told The Bulletin of Bend, Ore., that he and his wife pulled the money from their life savings in 2007, fearing a potential financial collapse.

They also bought a safe, and snuck $50,000 into a secret compartment.

Asian toad stowaway gets new home in South Africa

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — They say cats have nine lives. Now a Chinese toad has joined that club of wily survivors.

South Africans are marveling at the endurance of a toad that got trapped in a cargo shipment from China to Cape Town after jumping into a porcelain candlestick that was made there. South African officials reportedly planned to put down the creature, fearing it would cause harm as an invasive species if it were let go in the wild.

But the toad got a last-minute reprieve. Mango Airlines, a South African airline, transported the toad on Friday to Johannesburg for delivery to an animal sanctuary after officials decided to find a way to let the globe-trotting toad live. The two-hour flight was a breeze compared to the trip from China, an odyssey of many weeks and thousands of miles across the Indian Ocean.

Associated Press

In this photo taken on Wednesday and made available by the Independent Newspapers Limited South Africa, an Asian toad that was found inside a candlestick at a Cape Town South Africa store.

Airline spokesman Hein Kaiser said the toad got "first-class treatment," sitting in the cockpit in a transparent plastic container with escort Brett Glasby, an animal welfare inspector. There was even a mock ceremony in which the toad's boarding pass was handed to Glasby.

"He was the star of the show on the flight," Kaiser said of the amphibious passenger. "I think every passenger stopped to have a look."

On landing in Johannesburg, the toad, dubbed Jack B Nimble, was brought out of his container for a celebrity-style photo call.

Observers said the mottled brown toad seemed like a cool customer. "Pretty chilled," as Kaiser put it.

It belongs to the Asian Gold Toad species, which breeds during monsoon season. It is believed to have survived the trip from China by hardening its skin to prevent it drying out and also slowing its breathing and heart rate, methods that help the species survive in times of drought.

"We've had snakes in the imported timber, scorpions in fruit. We were called because it was right inside the candlestick, and we had to break it to get it out," Glasby, the inspector, told The Star, a South African newspaper. "It was manufactured in China, and the box was not opened between China and the store here, so we can deduce it has come all the way from China."

A startled customer at a store spotted a toad leg sticking out of the candle holder, according to the Cape Town region's animal protection agency, the SPCA.

Conservationists fed the toad worms and crickets after its rescue. By all accounts, the toad ate like a horse.

Its new home is the Montecasino entertainment complex in Johannesburg. The toad will be in quarantine for a couple of weeks and is slated for display next month.

The toad's adventures got rave reviews on the SPCA's Facebook site.

"What a special Christmas story!!" one posting said. "Most famous Toad in the world," said another.

Owner protests to get pet monkey back

Associated Press

TORONTO — A woman whose pet monkey was found wandering in an Ikea parking lot protested Wednesday with some 15 other people at a Toronto Animal Services office Wednesday in an effort to get him back.

Yasmin Nakhuda alleges the Japanese macaque, named Darwin, was illegally taken from her by animal control officials and moved to a sanctuary in Sunderland, Ontario, where he now lives.

The young monkey captured worldwide attention earlier this month when he was spotted wandering the store parking lot in a little coat.

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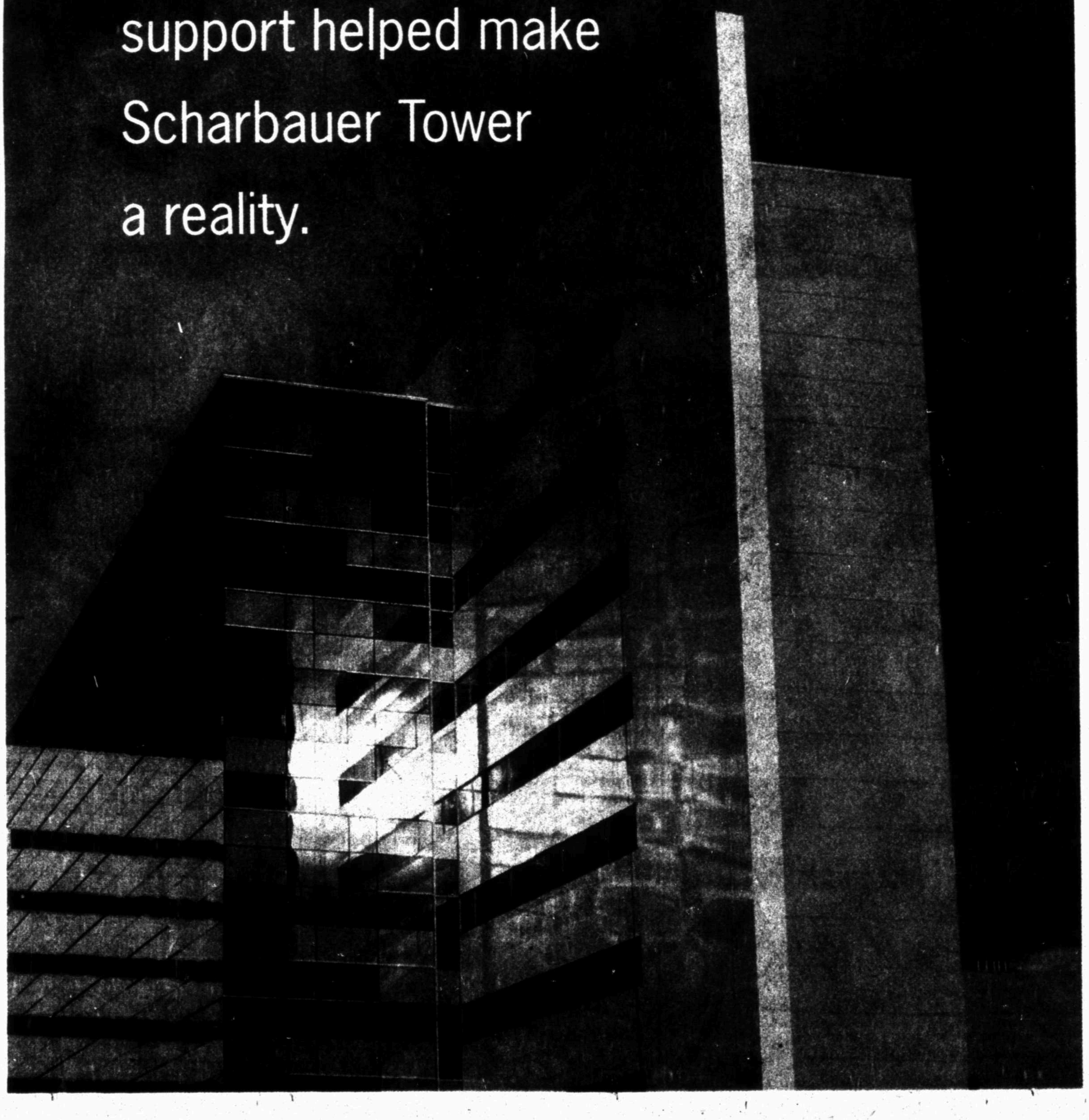

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Perry faces awkward policy debates, scrutiny

Spokeswoman: Governor will 'thoughtfully consider' mounting reform requests

By Jay Root
Texas Tribune

Gov. Rick Perry was at the height of his power in 2011 when the most Republican Texas Legislature in modern times enacted deep spending cuts and handed him one victory after another.

But after a botched run for the presidency and growing disenchantment among tea party activists, Perry is facing some potentially awkward policy discussions when the Legislature convenes in January, as well as deeper scrutiny of an administration that has endured for 12 years.

For starters, fellow Republicans want to ban a provision Perry has used to "double dip" — taking both his salary and his state pension — a benefit that has boosted his earnings by more than $90,000 a year. Rep. Jason Isaac, R-Dripping Springs, has filed a bill to end the perk, reserved for long-serving elected officials. It would not apply retroactively to the governor.

Meanwhile, tea party conservatives are upset about all the money going to "corporate welfare," including tax subsidies and incentive payments that Perry champions as vital to luring companies to Texas. Perry said the state economy is stronger as a result, but not all Republicans agree.

Rep. James White, R-Hillister, who represents a conservative swath of southeast Texas, said he does not understand why big corporations get tax dollars when his district needs more money for roads and schools.

"We are against any type of program that unfairly picks winners and losers," he said. "I'm not against the governor, I'm just telling you what I'm for."

The Legislature is also poised to look more closely at the grant-awarding practices at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, overseen in part by Perry appointees. Investigations of the agency have again put allegations of "crony capitalism" — a tag opponents of Perry have long hung on him — into the political spotlight.

"He's in a different position — diminished, perhaps, but not done," said James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at

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SANTA'S MISSION

Joseph Basco/Reporter-Telegram

Randy Lalk, board president of Mission Center Adult Day Services, is dressed like Santa during the center's Christmas party Friday. The center celebrated with sugar-free fruit cakes and Christmas songs

Adult service center holds Christmas party

By Joseph Basco
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Elderly adults were treated to a visit from Santa on Friday during Mission Center Adult Day Service's annual Christmas party.

"I'm here to give presents to the clients," said board President Randy Lalk, who dressed up as Santa for the first time. "Even though I call them clients, they're still kids. They're God's children."

Lalk handed out sugar-free fruit cakes in a box that resembled a Christmas present and sang Christmas songs for the crowd.

Board member Barbara Mamoulides said Lalk made a difference to the party with his efficiency and professionalism.

"If given the opportunity, I'll be Santa again," he said.

The party, which the center has hosted for 20 years, is a time for the clients and family members to socialize and form bonds, Mamoulides said.

"They could be at home alone," Mamoulides said. "But here, they have friends and play games together."

The center is a place for elderly and disabled clients to stay during the day while their caretakers work, she said.

One client, Mary Boyette, said she has been going to the center for a decade or more.

Boyette said she spends time making puzzles with other clients. But on Friday, she spent time enjoying the time of the year.

"Christmas means a lot to me," Boyette said with a grin. "I love Christmas with all the decorations and pretty songs."

Mamoulides said Boyette is always in a happy mood, which makes other clients happy, as well.

The center, which currently serves 50 clients, will move into Midland Shared Services next year, Mamoulides said.

The new facility will enable Mission to serve about 80 clients.

She said the Christmas party will continue.

"These are the folks who made our country great," Mamoulides said. "Honoring them with a Christmas party shows respect."

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

No matter your age, Christmas is still exciting

There is nothing in the world equal to Christmas Day. It's absolutely the greatest day of the year whether you are old or young.

Christmas is a day when we are connected as families through religious fervor and through traditions and in total wonderment. Our very souls come alive with merriment, and our whole being tingles with anticipation. It's a magical time with great feelings of worship and expectation. There's nothing to rival Christmas morning.

Of course, Christmas changes as the years go by. I still remember the days of anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus and how I would try to stay up all night to catch him in the act of delivering my gifts, ultimately failing miserably by falling asleep only to awake once again after the fact.

I remember the wonder of those days as gifts magically appeared on Christmas morning, turning every wisp of air into that magical moment of surprise and tremendous gratitude. Well, that's what happened on most Christmas mornings in my household.

There are always a few Christmas mornings that drag in a disappointment or two. There was this one Christmas I asked for a bicycle, and I got the wrong model.

I sent to old St. Nick himself a picture right out of the Sears & Roebuck catalog of the bike I wanted. How could he have made such a mistake? I was upset for weeks after that snafu.

The wife tells me Santa brought her a boy's watch one Christmas and she was made to wear it. Oh, the humiliation of it all.

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Gun culture stays strong in Texas amid national debate

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Texas is the poster state for guns, and we probably won't have the same full-spectrum debate on gun violence at the state level that voters elsewhere will see in the wake of the killings at the elementary school in Connecticut.

Even in those other precincts, the meaningful part of the debate probably won't last long; those who hope to change the gun laws will have to act quickly, before everyone drifts back to whatever position they held before Newtown.

The proposals cover familiar ground, from disarmament and new restrictions on guns and accessories to escalation and expanded rights.

From the argument that a downsized gun culture will result in less violence to the argument that everyone will be safe if there is always a gun in the hand of someone who can return fire. Guns nowhere vs. guns everywhere.

Washington finds itself in one of those rare windows where a trauma reopens an issue where negotiation has become impossible, forcing one side or the other to give a little.

Texas might get some new laws, but don't bet on new restrictions. Texas is more likely to to beef up security than to disarm, more likely to to allow guns in more places than to back away from them.

Rep.-elect Jason Villalba, R-Dallas, announced he is filing legislation that would allow school districts to designate trained and certified faculty members to carry guns in public schools.

Not every teacher would be included; the idea is to put defensive guns in place. On the other side, Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, will file legislation that would require training for buyers of certain guns, ban high-capacity ammunition clips and use tax credits to finance a gun buyback program.

Gov. Rick Perry told a group in North Texas that the state should allow more guns for self defense in more places, including schools, and should watch out for a "knee-jerk reaction" from the federal

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Iron Butterfly bassist dies of natural causes

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Coroner's officials say Lee Dorman, bass guitarist for the 1960s psychedelic rock band Iron Butterfly, died of natural causes in Southern California and there won't be an autopsy.

A statement from the Orange County coroner's office said Dorman was under the care of a physician when the 70-year-old was found dead in his car Friday at his home in the coastal town of Laguna Niguel.

Authorities have said Dorman may have been on his way to a doctor's appointment when he died.

No services have been announced.

Iron Butterfly rose to prominence in the late 1960s. According to the band's website, its second album, "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida," sold more than 30 million copies. The title track's distinctive notes have been featured in numerous films and TV shows.

Notorious dentist who killed husband wants parole

By Brian Rogers
Houston Chronicle

Clara Harris, the Friendswood dentist who made national headlines 10 years ago by running over her husband in a Mercedes-Benz, could be back on the street in weeks after asking prison officials on Thursday to consider paroling her.

"I think she has a really good chance of getting out," said Emily Detoto, Harris' former attorney and now friend. "She's been a model prisoner. She's never gotten into trouble, and she's worked."

In February, Harris will have served half of her 20-year sentence for the July 24, 2002, manslaughter of 44-year-old David Harris and will for the first time be eligible for parole.

Detoto said the parole board will look at letters from supporters and detractors, how the 54-year-old spent her time in prison and whether she is a danger to the community among other factors before making its decision.

On Thursday, Harris was interviewed by a parole officer who will forward a report to the three-person parole board with the other records about Harris. The earliest she could be released is Feb. 9, said Harry Battson, a spokesman for the Texas Board of Pardons and Parole. The agency is expected to make a decision before then.

Other observers said it was unlikely that Harris will be paroled on her first attempt.

"It's extremely rare for someone convicted of a crime of that magnitude to be paroled on their first review," said Andy Kahan, victim advocate for the city of Houston. "It would send a negative message to other victims and their families."

If they decide not to let Harris out, parole board officials will consider the request annually until 2023, when Harris' sentence will end.

In 2005, Harris told the Houston Chronicle that she wanted to be paroled as soon as possible to raise her twin sons, who were 3 when their father died.

She won a custody battle against the boys' paternal grandparents, and her sons, who live with family friends, visit her about once a month at the Mountain View Unit outside of Gatesville in Central Texas.

In prison, Harris works converting printed textbooks into Braille for blind students.

In 2002, Harris and her orthodontist husband were building a successful string of dental offices when she found him with his mistress at the Nassau Bay Hilton hotel.

He had previously promised to end the extramarital affair with his former receptionist.

Harris knew where her husband was because she hired a private investigation firm to follow her husband. A private investigator was in the hotel parking lot and videotaped the crime, which was shown at trial.

Harris has said she has no memory of the incident, and her sentence was capped at 20 years when jurors decided she acted with "sudden passion."

When he has killed, David Harris' 17-year-old daughter from a previous marriage was in the passenger seat. She testified against her stepmother in 2003 and could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Obituaries

Bonnie Fielder

A brilliant and beloved friend and mentor, Bonnie Cummins Fielder, passed away on Monday, December 17, 2012 two months shy of her 87th birthday. Her husband, Parker C. Fielder, predeceased her. In addition to her years as a classroom teacher, Bonnie taught all who knew her the beauty of the classical arts, the importance of world travel, and the joy of getting lost in a good book.

Bonnie possessed an amazing intellect and was fiercely independent and self-reliant, and remained so until her final hours. She was never a bystander and always took an active role every arena of her life. As a member of the City Council in Westlake Hills in the early days, when they could not find an expert on domestic septic systems she decided to teach herself all she could about household plumbing and became the council's unofficial expert. When she decided to buy a home, instead of paying a realtor fee, she obtained her own license.

A world traveler, Bonnie had an insatiable curiosity about the world and actively investigated cultures and customs different from her own. Eschewing standard package trips as "too touristy," she became adept at exploring the world beyond brochures and would share wonderful stories about following footpaths on the shores of the Amazon or wandering the back streets of towns in Germany stepping over the rubble of the Second World War. She started her own company, Cummins World Tours, so she could introduce her passion for world travel to her high school students. Many were the beneficiaries of her custom excursions as Bonnie delighted in introducing them to the magic of mingling with the locals at a neighborhood pub or exploring the wonders of a village market far from the beaten path.

From her earliest years, her greatest love was classical music. She once said that she was probably the only elementary school student in Uvalde, Texas, who couldn't wait to listen to opera on the radio. "They really didn't know what to make of me," she chuckled. A dedicated and active member of the Wednesday Morning Music Club, the Fielder Vocal Competition is named in her honor. She was also a generous supporter of many promising vocal students by providing scholarships, travel and coaching expenses, living quarters, and practical advice about careers and life in general to them. She loved showcasing their talent during her legendary living room soirees. Bonnie became a maternal surrogate to many with relationships enduring far beyond their college years, and took great pride in their professional accomplishments.

For those wishing to make a donation in her memory, the Bonnie Cummins Fielder Scholarship Fund has been set up at University Federal Credit Union. Please contact Ms. Ashley Marquez, 701 S Capital of Texas Hwy, Building J, Austin, Texas 78746. Phone 512-467-8080, extension 22774.

At Bonnie's request, there will be no memorial service. A final celebratory soiree honoring her memory will take place in the spring with many of her beloved students and friends gathering one last time to celebrate the accomplishments of a brilliant woman whose memory we now carry within our hearts.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811

Charles Burbank

Charles R. Burbank, devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away in his home on Thursday, December 20, 2010.

Charles was born in St. Louis, Missouri on December 5, 1933 to Harry and Cecil Burbank. After graduating from Ritnour H.S., he attended Hannibal LaGrange College for two years before entering the Armed Services where he served in an Army Artillery unit. Following his military service he continued his studies at Baylor University culminating with a Master's Degree in Education.

During his time at Baylor, he met and married Marilyn Burbank in May, 1958. They lived in Waco, Texas for twenty years where Charles worked in Business and Education. During this period they were blessed with a son, Charles R. Jr.(Chuck) and a daughter, Teresa Michelle (Tracey).

Their next move was to a ranch in Central Texas where Charles pioneered special education services to rural school districts. Life for the Burbanks was like Green Acres, as they were all city people. This was a very special and rewarding period. Following the years on the ranch, Charles and his family moved to a Dallas suburb where he served as a high school principal.

The last professional move was to Midland, Texas where he and his wife both continued to work in the field of education. During this time, Charles, his wife and daughter all learned to fly and earned their private pilot licenses. Charles retired in Midland and opted to stay there. After retirement, he took up painting, attended classes at Midland College, and traveled with his wife. He was always reading, working on projects, and using the computer. Over the years, his caring and gentle nature touched many people just as he was touched by them.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Marilyn, son Charles Jr., and his wife Sharee, daughter Tracey Lewis and husband Morris, grandchildren Jonathan Burbank and wife Holly, Benjamin Burbank and wife Mariana of Connecticut, Connor and Brianna Lewis of Salt Lake. Also surviving Charles are his brothers Bill Burbank and wife Ann of San Jose, Tommy Burbank and wife Jenny, Jerry Burbank and wife Jackie, and Bo Burbank all of Missouri, Russell Burbank and wife Nancy of Little Rock, Arkansas, and sisters Earline McDaniel of North Carolina, and Erna Maye and David Hammock of Missouri. In addition to these he leaves his sister-in-law Michelle Forsyth and husband Peter of Tyler, Texas,

A memorial service and celebration of Charles' life will be held at the Living Word Church, Houston, on Friday, December 28 at 2:30 pm.

Francisco H. Sanchez, Jr.

Funeral services for Francisco "Frank" H. Sanchez, Jr. have been set for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 23, 2012 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. Tim Schwertner and Deacon Clemente Villa officiating interment will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Frank, age 78, passed away in Midland, on Saturday, December 22, 2012. He was born in Stanton, Texas on July 6, 1934 to Francisco and Maria Sanchez. He married Josefa Ornelas in Candelaria, Texas in 1959. He was employed with and retired from the Martin County Hospital after many years of faithful service.. Frank was instrumental in the operations at Sanchez Mortician Services and Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

He is preceded in death by his parents Francisco and Maria Sanchez, siblings, Simon Sanchez, Hipolito Sanchez, Casimiro Sanchez and Emma Esparza.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Josefa of Stanton, Texas. Four sons; Fabian Sanchez and wife Heidi of Olympia, Washington; Guadalupe Sanchez and wife Yvette, and Oscar Ornelas Sanchez and wife Anita of Midland, Texas; George Sanchez and wife Jennifer of Harlingen, Texas; two daughters, Christina Tayyem and husband Ziad of Arlington, Texas and Nancy Ellington and husband Brian of Midland. Two sisters, Trine Salazar of Stanton and Maria Alvesia Sanchez of Midland; four brothers Ernie Sanchez and Nick Sanchez of Stanton, Ysidrio Sanchez and Basilio Sanchez of Midland; 15 Grandchildren; Kiara Sanchez, Zackery Sanchez, Ariel Sanchez, Marisol Sanchez, Araceli Sanchez, Natali Sanchez, Zak Tayyem, Nadia Tayyem, Alysandra Lujan, Bryce Ellington, Andrea Ellington, Sarah Sanchez, Francisco "Frankie" Sanchez, Alex Sanchez and Miranda Sanchez.

Rosary will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Death Notices

Betty Meralea Lewis

Betty Meralea Lewis, 64, of Odessa, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2012 in Odessa, Texas at Hospice House.

Visitation Sunday afternoon at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral service at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at Grace Christian Fellowship. Burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Meralea is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Survivors: Daughters, DeLisa Gempel, and Kimberly (Scott) VanHorn; sons, Christopher Lewis, and Jeffery Martin; five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

Christina Bartlett

Christina Bartlett, 46, of Midland, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 28, 2012 at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Survivors include father, William Bartlett and mother, Virginia Helen (Richter) Bartlett.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GALVESTON

Cruise ship full of sick passengers docks

A Crown Princess cruise ship on which about 100 passengers came down with a stomach virus during a 20-day trip to Italy has docked in Galveston, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

The Houston Chronicle reported about 96 passengers and six crew members contracted norovirus, a highly contagious gastrointestinal illness that includes vomiting, diarrhea and fever.

Sick passengers were quarantined for three days. They received medical care in their rooms, which were also sanitized three times a day.

"I thought I was gonna die," said 63-year-old Gail Olezene, of San Antonio. Olezene said she got sick three days after the Crown Princess left for Italy.

She was upset the company charged her for the medical care she received.

"We got sick on their ship, and they charged us to make us better," Olezene told the Houston Chronicle. "The fact that they charged us anything was outrageous."

The ship left Venice on Dec. 2 and arrived in Galveston early Saturday. On Thursday, officials with Princess Cruises released a statement saying the number of sick passengers aboard the ship had returned to normal levels.

Spokeswoman Karen Candy said the ship would be disinfected in Galveston. Passenger Cathy Michaud, 65, said the ship was sanitized when the virus spread, and extra precautions were taken.

"We couldn't even touch the salt shakers," she said.

Rosemary Nonhof, a 67-year-old from Spring, said she enjoyed the trip — even though she caught the virus.

"I'd rather be sick on a cruise than sick at home," Nonhof said.

FORT WORTH

Texas mall police use Mace on Air Jordan shoppers

Security officers at a Fort Worth mall used Mace to calm and disperse a crowd of hundreds who were waiting to buy Air Jordan sneakers after an off-duty officer was nearly trampled.

Fort Worth police spokesman Sgt. Pedro Criado told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that a crowd of more than 350 people at Hulen Mall wanted to buy a limited re-release of red-and-black Nike Air Jordan sneakers.

He said the crowd pushed through barricades, knocking down an off-duty officer. Criado said the officer was nearly trampled and shot "a short burst" of Mace into the crowd.

Criado said the crowd quickly dispersed. No one was injured.

The sneakers cost between $150 and $200. Many stores are using a voucher system to avoid crowd-control problems.

AUSTN

Officers fired from helicopters 5 times

Officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety have fired from helicopters five times in the past two years, disabling one vehicle.

The Austin American-Statesman reported its findings Saturday. The newspaper said the information came from records obtained through a public information request.

The information request was made after an October incident in which a trooper in South Texas fired from a helicopter, killing two Guatemalan men who had been hiding under a blanket in the bed of a pickup. A third man was injured.

Other border states have said they do not allow officers to fire from helicopter.

The Texas department has said its officers are allowed to fire from a helicopter if they believe it could put an end to a high-speed chase that threatens bystanders.

DALLAS

Dallas group gives homeless opulent Christmas

Hundreds of Dallas homeless will spend Christmas Eve like Cinderella at the ball.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday 500 homeless people will be wined and dined at the plush Omni Dallas Hotel after walking across a red carpet. As they munch on a three-course lunch including short ribs and warm chocolate cake, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet will serenade them and Mayor Mike Rawlings will serve the food as head waiter.

The annual holiday tradition coordinated by SoupMobile began in 2005. In past years, the homeless were treated to a special evening at the Hyatt Regency, but a major renovation at the hotel threatened to end the event.

But the Omni deeply discounted its prices so Soup Mobile could hold the Celebrate Jesus event this year.

HOUSTON

Dow investigates cause of fire at plant

Dow Chemical Plant is investigating the cause of a small fire at its Freeport facility. No one was injured in the fire.

The Houston Chronicle reported the fire erupted Friday evening after a safety relief device made a loud noise at the company's Oyster Creek site. The company said a brief fire was quickly extinguished. No one was injured.

An investigation into the incident has been opened.

DALLAS

Dallas school district communication chief to quit

The Dallas Morning News reported the communication director of the city's school district plans to resign after her $185,000 annual salary was broadly criticized.

Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Mike Miles hired Jennifer Sprague in the spring.

The Morning News reported Saturday that Sprague had worked with Miles at his former school district in Colorado Springs. Officials plan to announce Sprague's resignation after Christmas. It is unclear whether she will be paid severance.

Miles has acknowledged he should have interviewed more candidates for the job Sprague filled. He has also said he might pay his cabinet members too much.

Sprague would be the second person in Miles' cabinet to resign recently. Chief of Staff Alan King resigned in October.

Findings of a district audit are to be released in January.

Dallas-area schools teach Hindi

By Deborah Fleck
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — While many area schools have classes in Chinese and Arabic, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD offers another Asian language that's not often studied: Hindi.

Plus, the district offers these languages not only in high school but starting in seventh grade.

"We wanted to give the students two more years to set a strong foundation through high school," said Bhavani Parpia, International Business Initiative coordinator. The Dallas Morning News reported the district became the first in the nation to implement the IBI with Hindi language instruction starting in seventh grade. In Texas, it's also one of only a few public school districts to offer Chinese starting in seventh grade.

"We've been lucky," Parpia said. "We have a fantastic superintendent who sees the big picture. He gives me the OK to securing funding."

Gene Buinger has served as superintendent since 1999. He recently announced his retirement, which will be effective in June. During his tenure, Buinger implemented the International Baccalaureate program and the International Business Initiative. He also started sister school programs in Yichang, China, and Mussoorie, India, with plans to add a third one in the Middle East. One group of students has already visited China and another group will head to India in March.

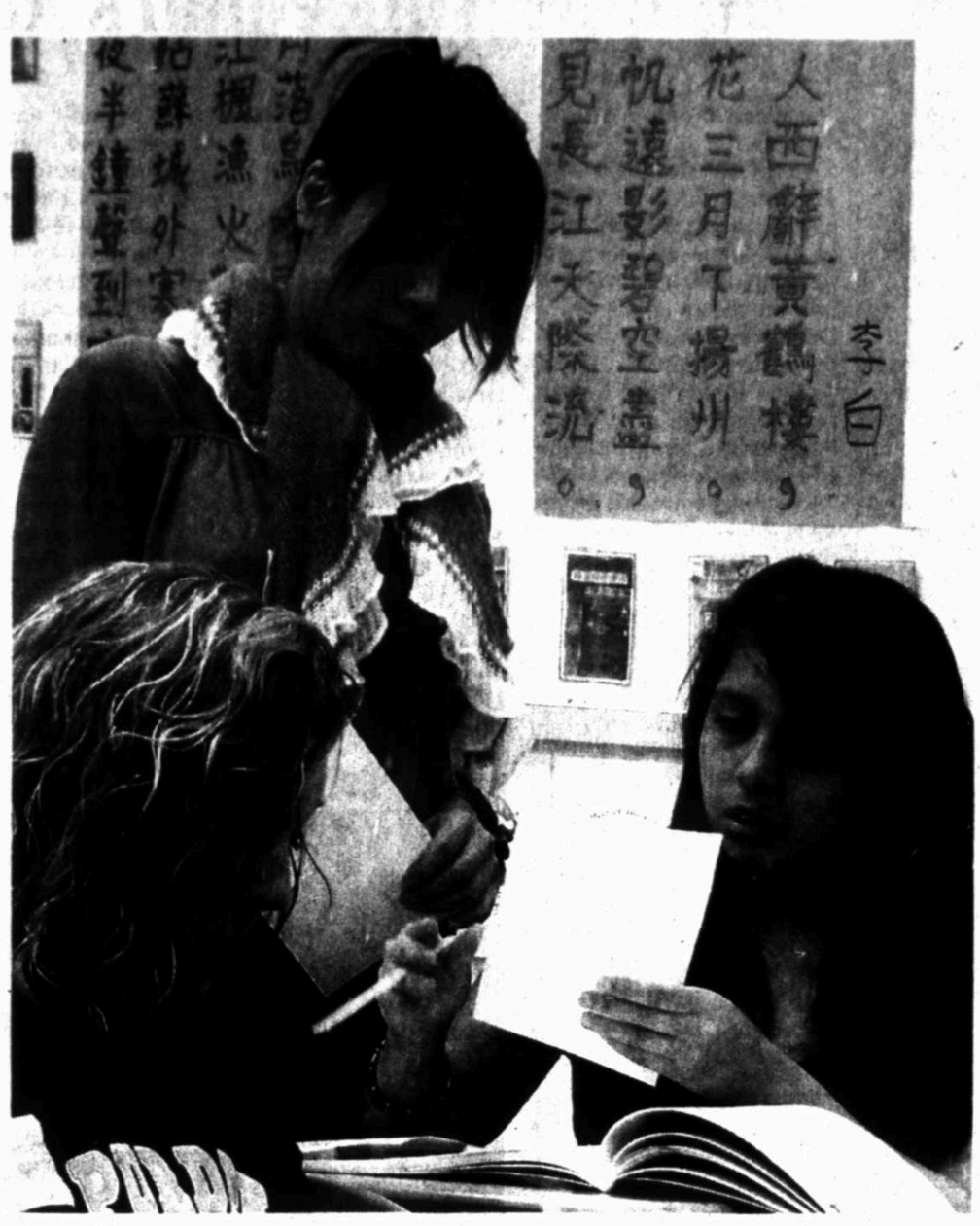
Buinger's interest in global education, combined with Parpia's passion for international language studies, has led to student success. The district's passing rate on IB exams is 83 percent, which is higher than the U.S. passing rate of 66.9 percent and the world passing rate of 78.4 percent.

Students enrolled in the Asian languages program have a 100 percent passing rate on the Hindi IB exam and a 78 percent passing rate on the Mandarin IB exam. Arabic was introduced last year. The district started teaching Chinese and Hindi in 2007.

"We are certainly heading in the right direction," Buinger said.

The district's Asian language focus has put it in the spotlight. Al Jazeera, an international media company, recently visited Tamara Haddad's Arabic class at Central Junior High.

As students conversed in Arabic and learned about Morocco, a cameraman filmed the interaction. Students demonstrated how to serve Moroccan tea and then shared Moroccan sweets.



Sarah Einselen/Pharos-Tribune

Yi-Chun Lin, Logansport High School's newest language instructor, assists sophomore Elizabeth Barba, right, and senior Kaleigh Wilkinson with a Chinese assignment Dec. 5 in Logansport, Ind. Lin's students address her as "lao shi," or "teacher."

Abderrahim Foukara, head of Al Jazeera's U.S. bureau in Washington, D.C., accompanied the camera operator and briefly spoke to the students.

"Now you will be famous and featured around the world," Foukara said.

Students in the language classes are diverse. The district said 72 languages are spoken among its students.

Parents' support for the Asian language classes has been growing, Parpia said. She informs parents about the classes through meetings and offers summer introductory classes.

"I've had to turn parents away," she said.

That's unlike what happened in the Mansfield ISD last year when parents complained about incorporating Arabic into the curriculum. The outcry caused the district to amend its grant proposal for the program. The U.S. Department of Education, which offers the Foreign Language Assistance Program grant, then rejected the revised proposal.

"Our parents see the value in learning these languages," Buinger said. He added that he believes Chinese will replace French as a core second language in schools. And Hindi and Arabic may not be far behind.

According to the Asia Foundation, more than 60 percent of the world's population resides in Asia. Of the 10 nations with the largest populations, six are in Asia: China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Japan.

Texas to investigate why agency failed to catch cheating

Associated Press

EL PASO — State auditors will investigate how the Texas Education Agency failed to catch a broad cheating scheme at El Paso's largest school district that sent the former superintendent to prison.

Auditor John Keel announced Friday he had agreed to a request from Education Commissioner Michael Williams to look into how the agency handled complaints that the El Paso Independent School District was pushing out struggling students by transferring them or having some deported in an attempt to boost its federal ratings.

"The audit is currently in the planning phase, and we are gathering information to understand the agency's operations," Keel wrote in a letter to Williams.

The three-month probe will end in March, according to the El Paso Times. A final report will be released in June.

The scheme came to light after then-state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh accused the district of deporting and transferring struggling students or sending to them to charter schools to prevent them from taking sophomore tests that counted toward federal ratings.

The Texas Education Agency twice in 2010 cleared the district of wrongdoing, and former Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia used the agency's findings to accuse Shapleigh of attacking children. But Garcia was later sentenced to prison after he admitted he devised the plan.

Initially, the auditor said the investigation would not begin until fiscal year 2014. It remains unclear why he changed his mind.

The investigation will have two goals. The first will be to determine whether the state agency has "effective processes and related controls" to uncover noncompliance with school accountability requirements, Keel said.

The second objective will be to figure out how the agency "failed to identify the reporting of inaccurate data and other instances of noncompliance" in the El Paso district.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

What goes around comes around. As adults, the wife and I chastised our two girls one Christmas for being unappreciative of their Christmas gifts. That Christmas we traveled to Oklahoma to share Christmas with the wife's family members. We traveled light and our girls got fewer gifts than their cousins. They were jealous.

But I will admit my girls learned the art of being thankful after that Christmas experience and a well-placed lesson on being grateful. The lesson was laced with how little Chinese girls would be thrilled to have what they have. They say that works with eating food, too.

Now, this cycle has started all over again as we get to watch our grandchildren experience Christmas with a new set of traditions and a refreshed vigor of anticipation. Christmas with grandkids is even better than the Christmases I had when I was young. I love watching them open their gifts on Christmas morning.

There is still this one Christmas flaw. Why do kids think they have to get up before the crack of dawn to start Christmas morning? Wouldn't we all be better off if we got our beauty rest and started opening Santa's gifts somewhere around 10 a.m.? Why does it have to be dark outside to start Christmas Day?

It would be nice to have that hot cup of coffee first. Shouldn't kids learn the art of reigning in excitement and anticipation? I've decided we're raising kids who don't know how to control their emotions.

The wife tells me I talk a good talk, but I've missed the point once again. She said if I really feel that way, I come nowhere close to remembering the joy of Christmas. She said I'm just an old curmudgeon not even deserving of a "Bah, humbug."

So, here's hoping you haven't forgotten how to experience the real thrill of this holiday. And, as always, I hope you have a very merry Xmas with Christ in it.

Thought for the Week: "Expectancy is the atmosphere for miracles." — Edwin Louis Cole

Second anniversary of Hailey Dunn's disappearance marked with prayer

Abilene Reporter-News

COLORADO CITY — The message Monte Wike had for group assembled at dusk Saturday afternoon for a candlelight vigil for missing teenager Hailey Dunn was in keeping with the holiday season.

"The greatest gift we can pass on is love," said Wike, the pastor of First Christian Church in Colorado City. "And that's what this group does. Bless all that are in this search."

About 30 people met at the Ruddick Park pavilion to express their determination to continue the search for Hailey, who was 13 when she was last seen Dec. 27, 2010. They lit candles and hung purple ornaments on a 5-foot Christmas tree in honor of the missing girl. Many in attendance wore T-shirts with Hailey's picture and the words "Hope For Hailey" on the back.

Hope is what the group intends to hang onto.

"That's all you can do," said Mayor Carol Sue Dakan, who promised whatever help the city could give.

"The city is completely behind Billie (Hailey's mother, Billie Jean Dunn)," Dakan said. "We'll do whatever we can."

Billie Jean Dunn, who now lives in Austin, was at the vigil and spoke briefly to thank the crowd for showing up and remembering her daughter. Hailey's father, Clint Dunn, also was there but didn't speak.

Most people at the vigil were family and close friends of Hailey's, said event organizer Stacie Campbell, although some, like Campbell, had never met her.

"I can't wait to meet the child," said Campbell shortly before the vigil ended. "I want to hear that laugh I've heard so much about."

The actual anniversary of Hailey's disappearance will be marked by a "walk of faith" at 3:15 p.m. Thursday. People wearing pink flip flops, as Hailey did, will walk from the house where she lived to her father's house and then to her friend's house, where tracking dogs lost her scent. Holly Jenkins, who helped search for Hailey, said the walk takes about 20 minutes.

"Anybody can walk with us," she said. "And, then we go home and, of course, she (Hailey) doesn't."

Jenkins said the walk will be held each year "until we know something. She deserves for us to hope for the best."

Campbell made a bold prediction for Aug. 24 next year, Hailey's birthday.

"We'll have her for 16th birthday party," she said. "I know she doesn't like pink, but a sweet 16 party for a girl has to be pink."

Campbell's optimism was not out of place Saturday as many spoke about the hope they have of finding Hailey, even after two years.

"You can't give up," said Wike. "When you give up hope, it's over."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Terineka Y. Cannon, 33, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in a drug-free zone.

Stephanie C. Chavarria, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in a drug-free zone.

Paul E. Evans, 45, of Houston, was arrested Friday on charges of sexual assault and failure to register as a sex offender.

Robert W. Horton, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of delivering marijuana greater than five pounds but less than or equal to 50 pounds.

Jeffrey E. Lenard, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Florencio A. Lujan, 41, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of sexual assault.

Quentina L. Niblett, 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of probation.

Aaron Ponce, 26, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

David U. Suchil, 37, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of parole.

Keith C. Turman, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on two charges of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stoppers fugitive

ANDREA BUSHONG

DOB: 08-13-79
Height and weight: 5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds
Charge: CT I & II theft o/$1,500 u/$20,000 — Grand jury indictment

- Wanted as of 12/22/12
- Warrant #CR40737
- $250 Reward to the first person who calls Midland Crime Stoppers this week with information that leads to this fugitive's arrest.
- Call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP, online at midlandcrimestoppers.com or text TIP247 plus your message to 274637
- As always you will remain anonymous
- NEVER attempt to apprehend this subject yourself. Subject may be armed or dangerous.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closing on December 24, 2012 at 3 pm and will reopen with normal business hours on December 26, 2012, to allow our employees to celebrate the holidays with their families.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Please join us at Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at

St. Ann's Catholic Church
1906 W. Texas Avenue
432-682-6808

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve

5:00 P.M. **Children's Christmas Mass** with Children/Youth Choirs (Doors open at 4:00 P.M.)

8:00 P.M. **Vigil Mass of Christmas** Preceded by Carols at 7:30 P.M.

11:00 P.M. **Choral Christmas Eucharist** Preceded by Carols with combined Choirs & Brass at 10:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Mass for Christmas Day

10:00 A.M.
With Musical Prelude beginning at 9:30 A.M.

5:00 P.M.
Misa en Español

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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Christmas Eve - 12/24
6 am - The Cat in the Hat Knows A Lot About Christmas
9 am - Super WHY! 'Twas The Night Before Christmas
10 am - Sid the Science Kid - Sid's Holiday Adventure
10:30 am - Shalom Sesame - Chanukah: The Missing Menorah
7 pm Once Upon a Christmas Cheery
8 pm - Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir
9 pm - Christmas at St. Olaf
10 pm - Christmas with Wartburg
11 pm - Yuletide Joy: The Crane Candlelight Concert

Christmas Day - 12/25
7 am & 7 pm - Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas
8 pm - Nature: Christmas in Yellowstone
9 pm - Frontline: From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians

New Year's Eve - 12/31
7 pm - Live from Lincoln Center: One Singular Sensation

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GUNS

From 1B

government in the wake of the Connecticut killings.

Jerry Patterson, the Texas land commissioner and the former state senator who authored the state's concealed handgun law, said he fears changes that would do no good: bans on sales of assault weapons or on high-capacity clips. He is all for keeping guns away from people with mental problems and said the laws could be changed there to some benefit. But he is in the camp that favors ubiquity over scarcity.

"In all these mass shootings where we have a deranged person in complete and absolute control, another person there with a handgun or a firearm would change the dynamic, even if that person was a terrible shot," Patterson said.

"It's not a matter of whether we should have armed people in the schools," he added. "It's a matter of how many, and what's their training."

Patterson might be the best-known gun advocate in a state full of them. He is popular in his party and in particular, with its passionate tea party wing. To the extent that that's the mainstream of Texas politics, he's right in the middle of it.

Here's a one-sentence peek into state gun policy: The fastest way through security at the Texas Capitol is with a concealed handgun permit, which allows the bearer to skip the lines, the metal detectors and the scanners, and to enter the seat of government conveniently armed and unsearched.

We used to let people smoke everywhere. The police used to stop drunken drivers to tell them to be extra careful driving home.

Maybe more guns will turn out to be a healthier choice. Whether or not that is true, it seems the current political preference in Texas is to expand the presence of guns as a stopgap against gun violence.

OLDE BALLINGER CHRISTMAS

Kimberley Meyer/San Angelo Standard-Times

Programmable white lights draping the facade of the historic Runnels County Courthouse catch the attention of passersby on Dec. 17 in Ballinger. Since 1988, the annual lighting takes place in conjunction with the Christmas in Olde Ballinger events.

PERRY

From 1B

Austin and a Texas Tribune pollster. "He may well have worn out his welcome with the conservative end of the base in Texas."

Incoming Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, said the governor still has a lot of strengths. His seasoning and veto power give him a lot of authority.

"I'm sure the perception is after his presidential run he's dropped a notch," he said. "He certainly has the opportunity to bring it back up with a good session."

Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said the governor would "thoughtfully consider" any reforms that come his way.

Perry rode the tea party wave during his 2010 re-election campaign, and in the 2011 session he successfully championed new abortion restrictions, curbs on lawsuits and a voter ID bill. Perry continues to court the tea party, possibly with an eye toward a 2014 re-election bid or another stab at the presidency in 2016.

Perry this week spoke to the Northeast Tarrant County tea party near Fort Worth, where he again bashed Washington and touted his support for allowing teachers to carry firearms in the wake of the Connecticut shootings.

But one of the group's leaders, Konni Burton, said many tea party activists have soured on the longest-serving governor in Texas history.

"Most tea partiers would like to see Perry move on and elect another governor," Burton said. "We don't really like lifelong legislators."

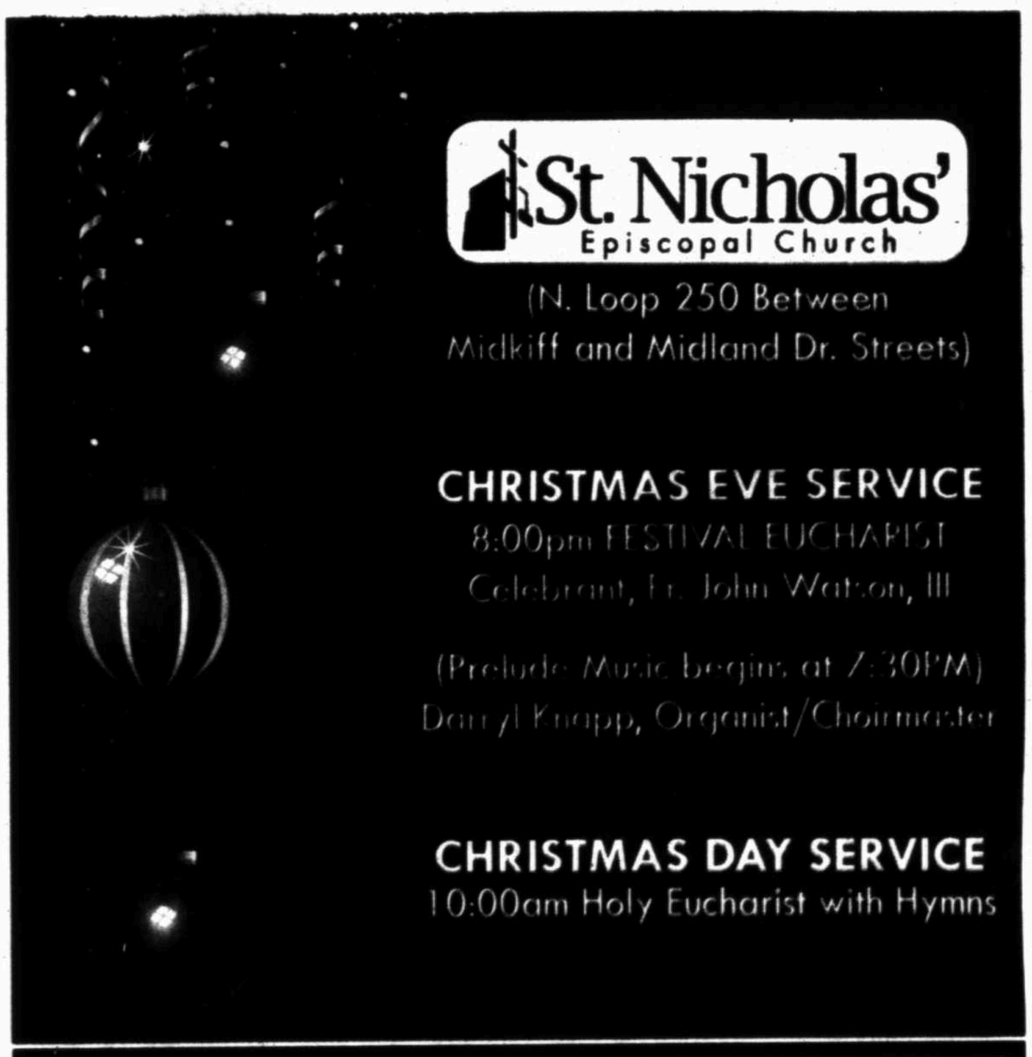
A tea party umbrella group that advises the Legislature has now gotten behind a proposal that would limit statewide officeholders to two consecutive four-year terms in office. Exactly 12 years ago — on Dec. 21, 2000 — Perry was sworn in as governor; in less than three months, his longevity in that office will exceed Franklin D. Roosevelt's tenure in the White House.

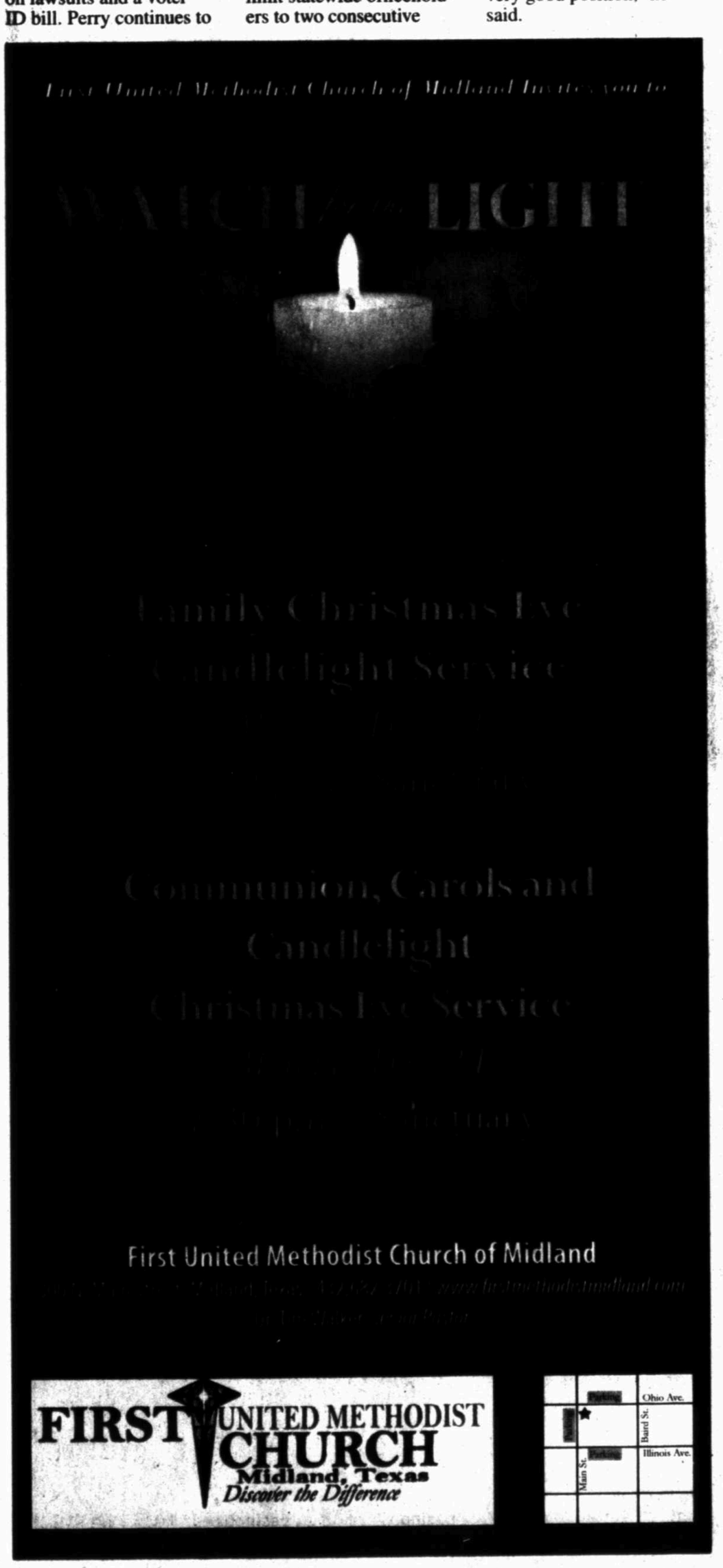
Sen. Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, is proposing the term limit measure, which would require voter approval. He said it has nothing to do with any statewide incumbents, all of whom are Republicans. The bill exempts people in office now.

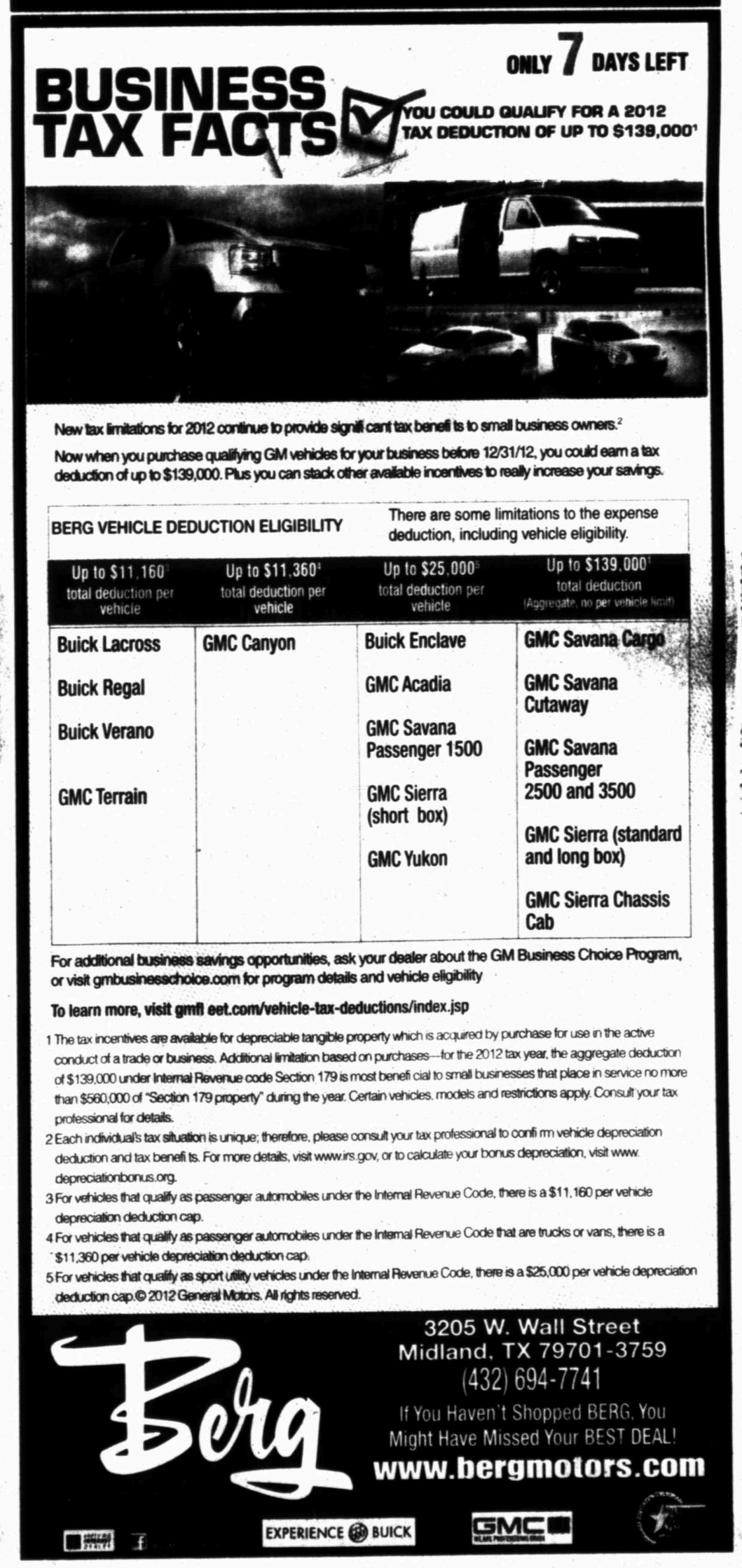
"I've tried to keep personalities out of this," Eltife said. "I don't want to make the current statewide officeholders a target of this legislation."

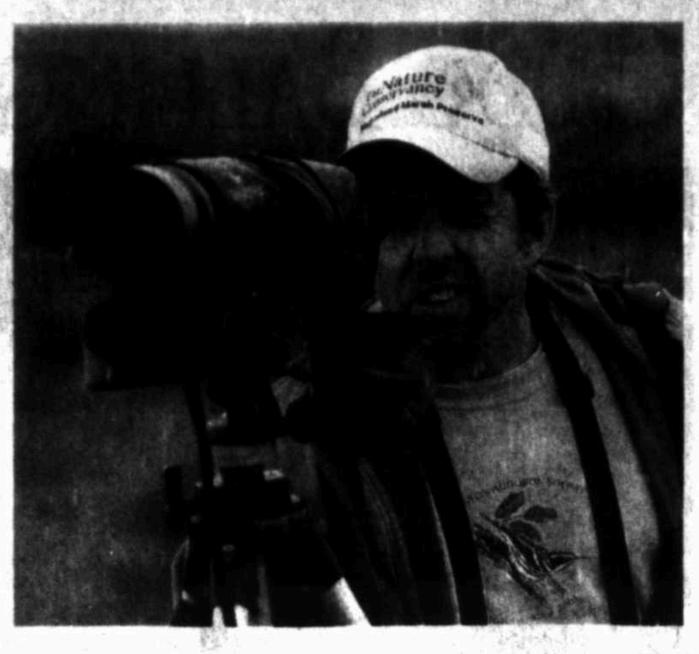
Taylor, the incoming senator from Friendswood, dismissed the notion that Perry is down and out.

"I think he's still in a very good position," he said.









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LEFT AND MIDDLE: Rich Kostecke, a bird expert and associate director of conservation, research and planning at the Nature Conservancy, carries his sighting scope and then looks through it Dec. 17 during an annual 24-hour Christmastime bird count along the Texas Gulf Coast. **RIGHT**: Kostecke keeps track of all the different species of birds he spots during the count.

Annual bird counts give scientists climate clues

Associated Press

MAD ISLAND — Armed with flashlights, recordings of bird calls, a small notebook and a stash of candy bars, scientist Rich Kostecke embarked on an annual 24-hour Christmastime count of birds along the Texas Gulf Coast. Yellow rail. Barn owl. Bittern. Crested Cara-Cara. Kostecke rattled off the names and scribbled them in his notebook.

His data, along with that from more than 50 other volunteers spread out into six groups across the 7,000-acre Mad Island preserve, will be analyzed regionally and then added to a database with the results of more than 2,200 other bird counts going on from mid-December to Jan. 5 across the Western Hemisphere.

The count began in 1900 as a National Audubon Society protest of holiday hunts that left piles of bird and animal carcasses littered across the country.

It now helps scientists understand how birds react to short-term weather events and may provide clues as to how they will adapt as temperatures rise and climate changes.

"Learning the changes of habit in drought could help us know what will happen as it gets warmer and drier," said Kostecke, a bird expert and associate director of conservation, research and planning at the Nature Conservancy in Texas.

Scientists saw birds change their habits during last year's historic drought that parched most of Texas. Some birds that normally winter on the coast — such as endangered whooping cranes — arrived and immediately turned back when they couldn't find enough food. Other birds didn't even bother flying to the coast. Snowy owls, who sometimes migrate from the Arctic to Montana, suddenly showed up as far south as Texas.

There has been some rain this year, but Texas still hasn't fully recovered from the drought and many areas remain unusually dry. Wetlands, a crucial bird habitat, have been damaged. Trees and brush are dead or brown. There are fewer flooded rice fields, prime foraging grounds for birds. And sandhill cranes, for the second winter in a row, are staying in Nebraska.

An initial report on the 24-hour count that began midnight Monday and ended midnight Tuesday included 233 different species — a drop of 11 from last year when 244 were counted on Mad Island.

While the area likely still has one of the United States' most diverse bird populations, the species that were missing raise questions. Where are the wild turkeys? Why were no black rails found? What about fox sparrows and the 13 other species that are commonly counted on the preserve?

"There are several possibilities," Kostecke surmised. "Conditions may be better in the east, like Louisiana. Some may still be north, because it's been mild, and they tend to follow the freeze line."

With weather in the north still relatively warm, some birds might choose to stay put and conserve energy for the nesting season, Kostecke added.

Similar changes in bird behavior could be seen this year in the Midwest and parts of the South, areas that have been gripped by a massive drought that covered two-thirds of the nation at its height.

The drought's severity is unusual, but scientists warn that such weather could become more common with global warming. Birds — as well as other animals — will have to adapt, and the data collected in the Christmas count gives crucial insight on how they might do that.

The dataset is notable for its size and the decades that it covers. Along with showing how birds adapt to climate change, it reveals the impact of environmental changes, such as habitat loss, which has contributed to a 40 percent decline in bird numbers during the past 40 years, said Gary Langham, vice president and chief scientist for the National Audubon Society.

"We've converted the landscape dramatically, and then you add climate change to the mix ... and the results are more alarming," Langham said.

Scientists have used the data to predict bird populations and behavior in 2020, 2050 and 2080. They also could use it to advance conservation work or calls for emergency action, he said.

Birds, though, are only one part of an ecosystem. As they move from place to place, they encounter new predators and species that may be competing for the same food. Vegetation also is changing as the Earth warms and some areas become more drought-prone. What happens as all these changes take place?

"It's the million dollar question. When you have that kind of ecological disruption, no one knows what happens," Langham said. "There are going to be winners and losers. There will be some that become more common, and some that will go extinct."

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Head of national nuke security agency to depart

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The man who has led the nation's nuclear security agency since 2007 is stepping down next month after presiding over a 20 percent increase in the agency's budget but also some management missteps that have raised questions about the agency's ability to carry out its mission.

Tom D'Agostino announced Friday he is leaving the National Nuclear Security Administration, which funds and oversees work at the Sandia and Los Alamos national labs in New Mexico.

The research centers employ about 20,000 people in the state. He was appointed to the post by President George W. Bush.

D'Agostino issued a statement saying he wants to spend more time with family and says periodic leadership changes make organizations healthier, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

His announcement came the same day the agency ordered security stepped-up at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Lab spokesman Kevin Roark declined to say why security was increased or if it had anything to do with a new but inoperable $213 million security system around the lab's most sensitive nuclear facilities.

The system was supposed to be up and running this summer, but officials now say it will take an additional $41 million and another six months to fix.

Roark said lab officials never discuss the reasons behind security alerts, but he noted Friday's order was exclusive to Los Alamos.

In addition to the national labs, the National Nuclear Security Administration oversees the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile, works on nuclear proliferation issues, oversees nuclear reactors on naval ships and plans for nuclear emergencies.

Sites it runs also include the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where a security breach earlier this year by three anti-nuclear protesters and a scandal involving private guards getting copies of security skills test questions led to questions about the NNSA's oversight of private contractors.

Last month, five security workers at Los Alamos were fired for taking unauthorized visitors to a shooting range on the lab's campus.

D'Agostino came to the NNSA after a career in the Navy, serving aboard the USS Skipjack, a nuclear-powered attack submarine. He was deputy director of the NNSA, overseeing much of its nuclear weapons work, beginning in 2006, and took over the agency's top job in August 2007. In September 2009, the Obama administration asked D'Agostino to stay in the post, making him one of a handful of top government officials to keep their politically appointed jobs after the last change in administrations.

"This was a difficult decision for me as I am committed to serving our country, committed to the missions of the NNSA, the Environmental Management Organization, the Office of Legacy Management, and I am committed to you in carrying out this mission," D'Agostino said in the statement.

Energy Secretary Steven Chu issued a statement praising his service.

"From the reactor room on the USS Skipjack to the Roosevelt Room at the White House, Tom D'Agostino has proven himself to be a talented leader, a trusted adviser and a true confidant," Chu said.

D'Agostino will step down Jan. 18, and Neile Miller, his top deputy, will assume acting NNSA director's responsibility.

Job growth still negative in NM

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's unemployment rate has dropped slightly, but state labor officials say November marked another month of negative job growth.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions said the rate of over-the-year job growth was negative 0.6 percent for November. That represents a loss of 4,800 jobs.

The current round of job losses started in June after 10 months of growth.

The professional and business services industry reported a loss of 3,900 jobs over the year, and the information industry reported a loss of 900 jobs. State and federal government sectors had a net loss of 4,800 jobs. Officials said the leisure and hospitality industry was the biggest winner with a gain of 3,000 jobs since this time last year.

Labor officials said New Mexico's unemployment rate of 6.2 percent is an improvement over last November, when the rate was 7.1 percent.

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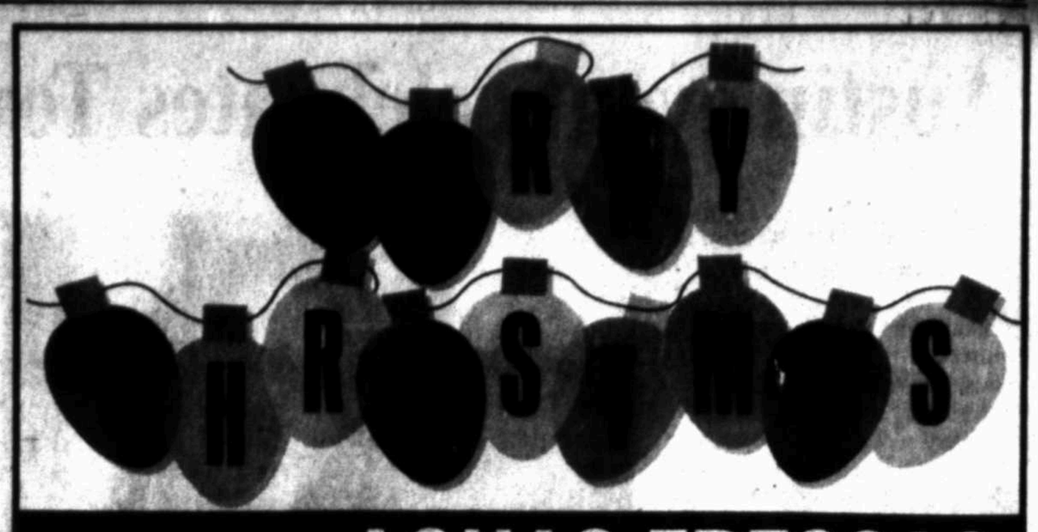

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Austin event celebrates Texas icon Lady Bird Johnson

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

Houston Chronicle

Lady Bird Johnson's granddaughter, Catherine Robb, poses at her law office in Austin on Dec. 20.

Catherine Robb's eyes blurred with tears and she paused, overcome by the emotion of trying to find the right words to express how much she misses "Nini" — the affectionate name she called her grandmother, Lady Bird Johnson.

After all, the nation's former first lady, catapulted into history after President John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination in Dallas, came closer than she ever expected to attending her 100th birthday celebration Saturday. She died at her Texas Hill Country ranch in 2007 at age 94.

"My grandmother probably never thought she'd get that old. After all, her mother died very young when my grandmother was only 5," said Robb. By comparison, Lady Bird founded the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin on her 70th birthday and was still swimming laps in her late 80s. Only one other presidential wife, Bess Truman, lived longer.

In 2002, Lady Bird was slowed by a debilitating stroke. She completely lost her voice and macular degeneration claimed her eyesight.

"Even though her body was no longer cooperating with her, she managed to find different ways to communicate through her expressions or jotting things down. She also utilized audiobooks," said Robb, 42, an Austin lawyer, who for many years had a standing dinner date with her grandmother nearly every Thursday night. "She found ways to keep up with what was happening with her family and the world until very close to the end."

Oval Office recordings

Her centennial celebration is being commemorated by the U.S. Postal Service with the release of a stamp featuring her in a canary yellow gown from her official White House portrait; a wildflower sculpture made in her honor; and a massive, multimillion-dollar renovation of the LBJ Presidential Library, to be unveiled Saturday and that for the first time features excerpts from 643 hours of telephone conversations that President Johnson secretly recorded of his political dealings in that era.

His speechwriter and the library's former director, Harry Middleton, said LBJ had ordered the tapes sealed until 50 years after his death. He credits Lady Bird for being "very brave and gutsy" to permit the public to hear them decades earlier.

Lady Bird herself was recorded without her knowledge. In one excerpted conversation, the president asks her impression of a major news conference speech he made in 1964; Lady Bird tells him how he might have improved it, and grades him with "B-plus."

'Complemented' LBJ

Middleton said few were aware that Lady Bird had a biting wit.

He recalled a remark she made in 1968 after her husband's excruciating decision not to seek another term in the White House due to the Vietnam War turmoil.

That decision triggered many invitations from well-wishers. After one especially exhausting night of nonstop partying, he recalled, Lady Bird leaned her head back in the car and using a line parodying antiwar protesters said, "I don't know why I didn't just say, 'Hell no! I won't go!'"

Robb said her grandparents felt the added stress of watching both their daughters' husbands sent into combat. Robb's mother, Linda Johnson Robb, left the White House as the bride of a U.S. Marine captain who survived the war and later became a Virginia governor and U.S. senator.

LBJ himself was a young congressional aide when he fell in love with Lady Bird, born Claudia Alta Taylor in Karnack.

He pursued her during a 10-week courtship until she agreed to marry him.

"Both had a lot of energy and passion," said Robb. "But she was sweet and warm, while he could be a little rough around the edges. They complemented each other."

Flowers stir memories

To make certain that every guest to the ranch was comfortable, Lady Bird rotated sleeping in the various bedrooms to check whether the toilet flushed or a door squeaked. She would also leave each guest magazines tailored to their particular interests and a personal note from her, said her social secretary, Marge Morton, recalling the first lady's attention to detail.

For the more than three decades that she was left a widow after her husband's heart attack in 1973, she kept busy working to preserve his legacy at the library as well as the nation's native plants.

"I love to run and whenever I pass through the tulips and daffodils in Washington or bluebonnet fields in Texas, I say to myself, 'Thank you, Nini!'" Robb said.

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Irving to restore suburban home where Oswald slept

Associated Press

IRVING — It has been almost 50 years since a suburban Dallas woman was thrust into the spotlight when one of her houseguests became infamous, sleeping in her home hours before he would shoot and kill President John F. Kennedy with a rifle he hid in her garage.

Now, the home Ruth Paine shared with Marina Oswald — and on weekends with Oswald's husband, Lee Harvey Oswald — is being restored by the City of Irving to its condition in 1963 and will be reopened as a museum in time for the 50th anniversary of the president's assassination.

"The story of the assassination has been told and told," Kevin Kendro, the city archivist heading the restoration, told the Dallas Morning News. "We want to focus on Ruth Paine — this Irving housewife living out here in the suburbs."

Paine had recently separated and was living in her Irving home with her two children when she met and befriended Marina Oswald. When the Russian woman confided in her that her husband was unemployed, Paine invited Marina to stay in her house with her child. Lee Harvey Oswald, Paine said, would job hunt during the week and visit his wife on weekends.

He was a polite houseguest, recalled Paine, who moved out of the Irving house shortly after the Nov. 22 assassination and now lives in California.

But he could be a little overbearing toward his wife, and the two argued the week before the assassination after Marina discovered he was using a false name on job applications, Paine said.

"That was one of the first clues I had that he wasn't tucked together well," said Paine, who is now in her 80s. Paine found it odd when Oswald showed up on a Thursday unannounced, but she thought maybe he had come to apologize to his wife. She later found out the real reason.

The next morning, he rose quietly, left his wedding ring on a dresser and removed from the garage a rifle he had hidden there.

Hours later, the president was dead. Over the years, Paine's house was bought and sold, painted and remodeled. Yet curious tourists continued to drive by slowly or stand outside and gawk.

"Nobody comes by the other house," Paine said. "I think I'm not the one they're interested in."

In 2009, the city bought the house for $175,000. It is investing up to $100,000 in the renovation, poring over old pictures and picking Paine's memory in an attempt to get it as close to how it looked on that fateful day in 1963.

"It's just another aspect to this humongous event," Kendro said. "And it sent a ripple into this one little life, changing it forever."

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Peterson pursues rushing record against Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Adrian Peterson chose No. 29 for his high school jersey because he idolized Eric Dickerson growing up in Palestine.

Peterson switched to No. 28 in college when 29 wasn't available. But he never stopped emulating Dickerson, and always hoped he could one day break his NFL single-season rushing record.

With two regular-season games left, Peterson, who is just under a year removed from reconstructive knee surgery, needs 294 yards surpass the 2,105 yards Dickerson gained in 1984.

The Game

MINNESOTA AT HOUSTON

When: Noon today
Where: Reliant Stadium, Houston
Radio: KCRS (550 AM)

"I was always compared to Eric Dickerson being from Texas and his upright style of running or whatnot. It would mean a lot," Peterson said of breaking the record. "He set a bar, something for running backs to chase and envision on breaking his record. It has inspired me to get there and break it. I appreciate him."

The path won't be easy, with Peterson and the Vikings (8-6) traveling to face the AFC South champion Houston Texans today. The Texans have the league's fifth best run defense and are one win away from securing both a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

"That's one of our team goals we set at the beginning of the season," Houston's Andre Johnson said. "We're going to go out and try to get that accomplished on Sunday. It's better to have it done Sunday than try to do it the following week."

The Vikings still have a shot at a wild-card berth in the NFC, but would likely need to win both of their remaining games and get some

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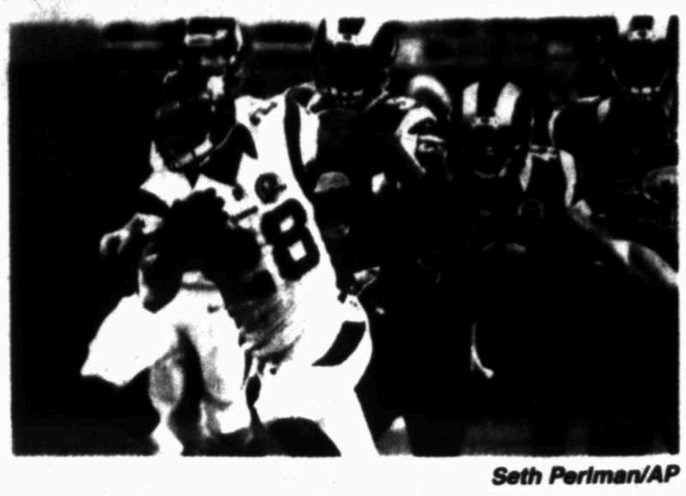

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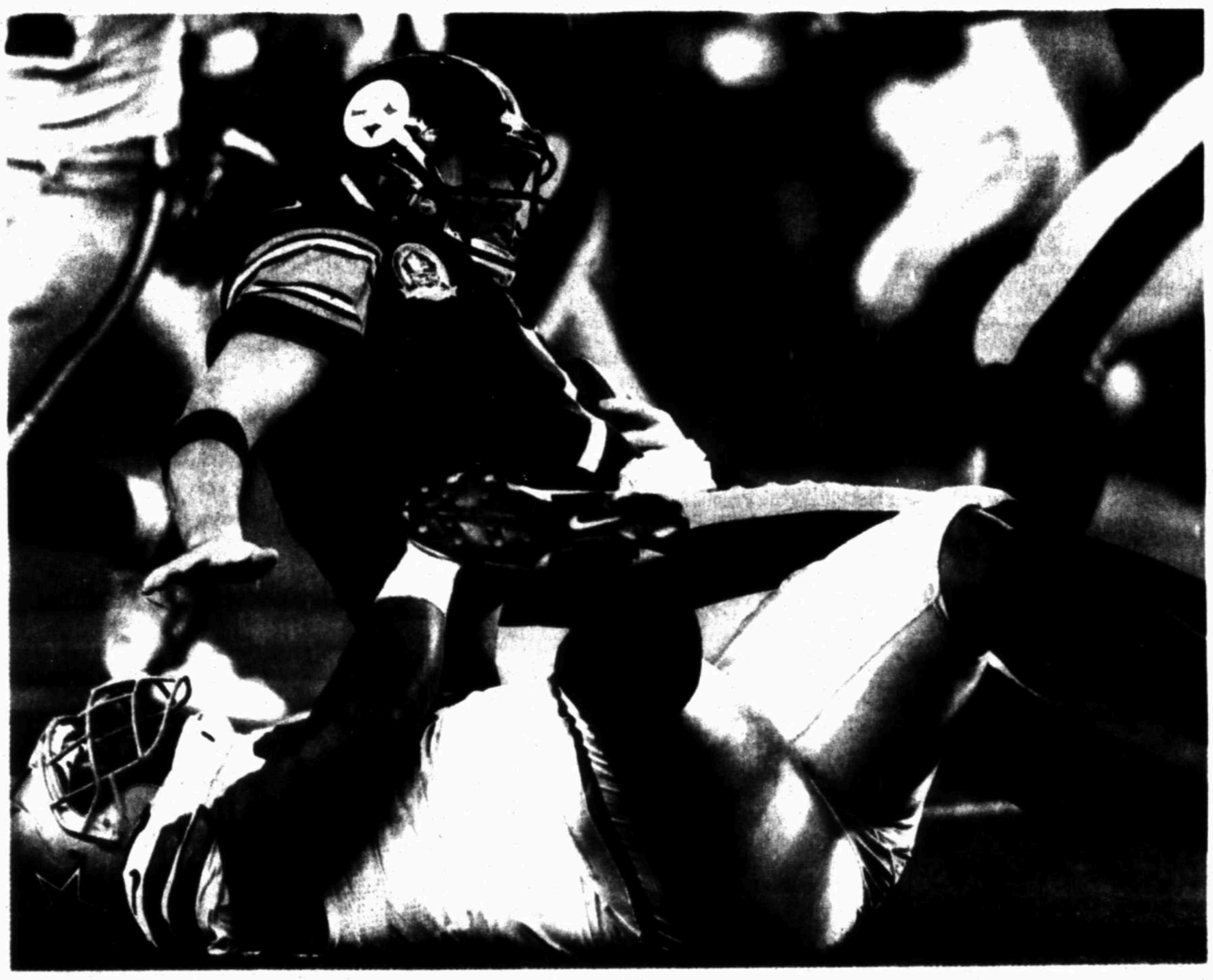
Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson (28) runs with the ball during the fourth quarter Dec. 16 against the St. Louis Rams in St. Louis.

Mixing and matching



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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is sacked by Dallas Cowboys defensive end Jason Hatcher during the second half of a Dec. 16 game in Arlington.

Cowboys making due with patchwork defense

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

One of the most intriguing aspects of the Dallas Cowboys' improbable late-season surge is that it's been done with a defense that coordinator Rob Ryan has seemingly held together with spare parts and chewing gum.

The Cowboys have eight defenders on injured reserve, including five regulars: linebacker Bruce Carter, safety Barry Church, end Kenyon Coleman, linebacker Sean Lee and nickel corner Orlando Scandrick.

Two others have also been shelved: nose tackle Jay Ratliff, who had sports hernia surgery last week, and backup nose tackle Josh Brent, who is on the reserved/non-football injury list after being charged with intoxication manslaughter in the drunk-driving death of teammate Jerry

The Game

NEW ORLEANS AT DALLAS

When: Noon today
Where: Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
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TV: Fox

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In their places, are a ragtag bunch that includes several backups and players signed either off the street or off of practice squads. Since Nov. 26 alone, Dallas has inked five such players: linebacker Brady Poppinga, cornerback Sterling Moore, cornerback Michael Coe, nose tackle Robert Callaway and defensive tackle Brian Schaefering.

"I don't know half of them, but they're playing their butts off," defensive end Jason Hatcher told reporters this week in Irving. "I learned Coe's name today. Sterling, No. 30, I leaned his name today."

Told Moore has been with the team since Dec. 1, Hatcher said, "Really? Shoot, I didn't know that one. My bad, Sterling."

Despite all the strange faces, Dallas (8-6) has won three in a row and five of its last six to join the New York Giants and Washington in a three-way tie for first in the NFC East.

"We have overcome a lot," Ryan said Friday. "We are playing better (defensively). We are not playing great, but we don't think it's going to look great all the time right now. We are just trying to play a good, sound game."

Coach Jason Garrett applauded Ryan's work with the patchwork unit.

"Our defensive staff has done an out-

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49ers try to claim NFC West vs. surging Seahawks

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Dynamic young quarterbacks. Bullying running backs. Rock-solid defenses. Coaches who don't much like each other.

Throw in playoff implications and no wonder the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks were given a prime-time showcase.

"There is something about them, man. They're basically the same team as us and I just hate that fact," Seattle safety Kam Chancellor said.

The 49ers and Seahawks' fierce rivalry will be in full view before a national TV audience tonight. And the stakes are high.

San Francisco (10-3-1) needs one win in its final two games to clinch a second straight NFC West title. Nearly 20 years ago was the last time the 49ers claimed consecutive division crowns, and wins in the final two weeks would assure the San Francisco at least the No. 2 seed and a first-round playoff bye.

Seattle (9-5) needs one victory to clinch at least a wild-card berth. Two wins and an unlikely San Francisco loss in the finale against Arizona would give the Seahawks the division title, although hopes of a division crown all but ended when the 49ers held on to beat New England last week.

The Game

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Tonight provides an opportunity for Seattle to prove its legitimacy. The Seahawks' three consecutive wins and two 50-point outbursts caught the NFL's attention. But those three victories came against fading Chicago, Arizona and Buffalo.

Beat the 49ers and Seattle becomes one of those teams no one in the NFC wants to see in the postseason.

"In December you want to be the hot team," San Francisco running back Frank Gore said. "We know that if we get the win we can win the division. They've been playing great. I think they got better as a team each week since they played us. We want to claim the division and the playoffs."

The 49ers must avoid any letdown from last week's wild 41-34 win at New England and solve Seattle's impenetrable home-field advantage. The Seahawks are 6-0 at home, their last loss at CenturyLink Field coming in Week 16 of 2011 to the 49ers.

It'll be Colin Kaepernick's first venture into the loudest environment in the NFL, another chance for Seattle QB Russell Wilson to strengthen his late-season surge into top offensive rookie

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Spurs set to take on different Dallas team

By Jeff McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — When Spurs coaches gathered players Saturday to go over individual matchups for tonight's game against Dallas, point guard Tony Parker had to do a double-take to confirm exactly who his team was playing.

"It doesn't look like the Mavericks," Parker said. "It feels like it's another team."

Parker can be forgiven his confusion.

The Dallas team set to take the AT&T Center floor for the first of four Southwest Division meetings tonight bears little resemblance to the much-hated squad that spent the past decade stoking a healthy and heated rivalry with the Spurs.

All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki

The Game

DALLAS AT SAN ANTONIO

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: AT&T Center, San Antonio
TV: Fox Sports Southwest

has yet to play this season after undergoing knee surgery during training camp. Jason Terry, chief provocateur in the I-35 tug-of-war for eight seasons, is now firing up jumpers in Boston.

Jason Kidd has relocated to New York, where the 39-year-old point guard has been instrumental in resurrecting the Knicks to relevance.

In their place are a collection of players with no connection to the rivalry, who stir no emotion in the Spurs' fan base: Chris Kaman, Elton Brand, Darren Collison and O.J. Mayo.

"It's a very different look from what they were last year and two years ago," Spurs swingman Danny Green said. "But they're still a very good team."

That second part is debatable given how badly Dallas comes limping south.

Having lost three in a row to fall to 12-15 — their worst start since 1999-2000 — the Mavericks are as unrecognizable in the standings as they are on the court.

Since winning the 2011 NBA championship, Dallas has undergone almost a complete makeover, with only four players remaining from that roster. Only one player who logged minutes in the Finals

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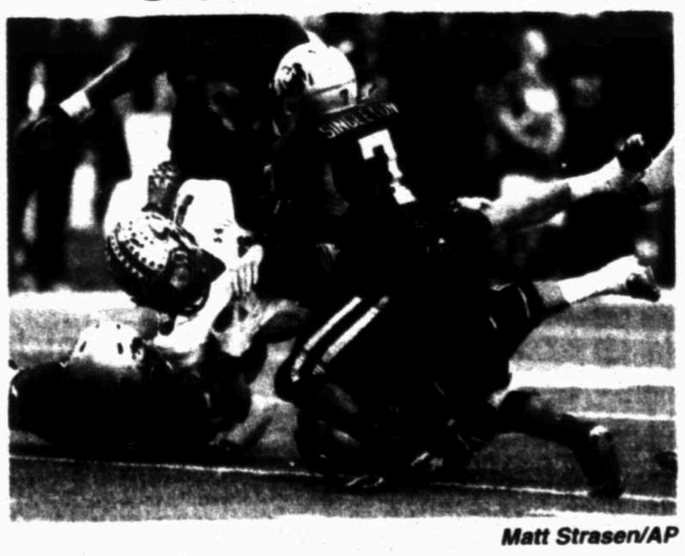

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Georgetown quarterback Jake Hubenak, center, is tackled by a group of Denton Guyer defenders, including Terrell Singleton (7) on Saturday in the first half during the UIL Class 4A Division I championship game in Arlington. See who won Saturday's state championship games on **Page 4C.**

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Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as another Texas QB gets an NFL start today:

■ Gary Gaines' announcement of his retirement from coaching was somewhat anticipated by this sports editor, and by a number of people from around the area.

But when it was announced, it still was a little sad because it began to dawn on me that Gaines' influence not only on Odessa Permian will be felt for a while, but his influence on coaching in general in West Texas, even though he won't be on the sidelines.

As a cub reporter in Odessa let's say more than a decade ago — OK nearly two decades ago — I found out that Gaines had as many as four former assistants working as head coaches at the time in the West Texas area alone.

Plus, after I left Odessa, the most successful coach in Abilene High history since the legendary Chuck Moser — Steve Warren — was also a Gaines assistant.

Warren won a state title at Abilene High, and former Iraan coach Larry Hanna, father of current Greenwood coach Shad Hanna and a former Monahans assistant, won a state title in Iraan.

It's no secret that Gaines' final stint at Permian wasn't what he wanted or anyone was expecting, and it's always tough to return to a place where a coach had success before and follow that up with more success.

He handled the adversity with class, but I think even he knew that this season might be his last as a coach.

Even though he won't be patrolling the sidelines next season, Gaines' influence will still be felt on the Permian sideline — no matter who is the head coach — and in West Texas.

He helped add to the Mojo legend, but he also set a standard for class in coaching in this area. He will still be considered one of Permian's great coaches, even with the less-than-successful final stint.

Coach Gaines is getting a well-deserved retirement, but even though he will be gone he will still be remembered and his influence will still be felt. And we are all better off for that.

■ As far as the search for Permian's next coach, this will be one that will be watched intently. Let's face it, the most well-known programs in the Permian Basin — Permian and Lee — have struggled lately, and the Permian job isn't as glitzy as it once was.

It will still draw plenty of applicants, and some good ones will be mixed in there. Plus, I hope ECISD officials won't hold back a coach if they have the label of being a "3A or below" coach.

Remember, Gaines was a head coach at Monahans before he went to Permian, and John Parchman coached in Llano before going to Lee.

Whoever it is will have a challenge in front of him.

■ The Byron Johnston Holiday Tournament begins Thursday, and take one last look at this one because it's likely the tournament will expand in the future. And guess what, Thursday will feature the "money games" between Lee and Midland High.

I never liked the idea of the two rivals playing each other in a non-district tournament, but it's been done for a number of years.

Good luck, though, to those running the tournament and expect some good basketball this week.

■ It's crunch time for the Cowboys, but I've got to give coach Jason Garrett credit for leading the team through some of the off-the-field issues the team has faced recently.

If Garrett doesn't make the playoffs, he has less of a chance of being retained, but he's showed recently that he can handle all the stuff that comes with being the Dallas Cowboys head coach.

Plus, the Cowboys have been playing well lately as they continue to face a number of key injuries.

And, it will be fun next week to watch the Cowboys and Redskins possibly battling it out in the final week for a playoff spot.

■ Note to the NHL, with each day this lockout continues, you are slipping into irrevocable irrelevance in North America outside of Canada, the Northeast and Upper Midwest. Get a deal done, to at least show you know how to manage a sport.

■ And finally, remember the reason the for the season. Merry Christmas.

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SATURDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 121
GRIZZLIES 96

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 31 points with eight assists, and Houston earned its third straight win by topping Memphis.

The Grizzlies entered the game allowing an NBA-low 89.2 points a game. But they had no answer for Harden. He did all his scoring in the first three quarters and reached at least 20 points for an eighth straight game.

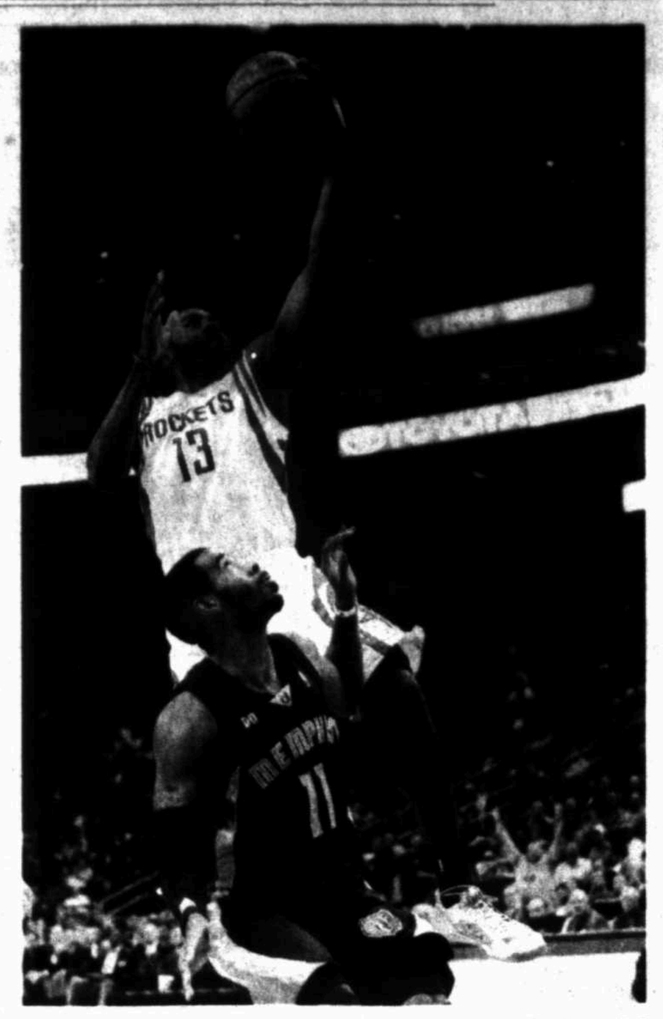
Houston used a big run midway through the second quarter to take the lead, and didn't trail after that to break a four-game winning streak by the Grizzlies.

Mike Conley had 16 points for the Grizzlies on a night when leading scorer Rudy Gay finished with a season-low six points.

Memphis hadn't allowed 100 points since the Clippers scored 101 in the season-opener — an NBA-best streak of 23 games. The Rockets needed just over three quarters to reach the mark with a free throw by Jeremy Lin with 9 1-2 minutes left.

It was the Rockets' 13th straight home victory over the Grizzlies. Memphis hasn't won in Houston since April 2006.

Lin added 15 points and 11 assists, and Marcus Morris scored 16 points.



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston's James Harden (13) is fouled by Memphis' Mike Conley (11) in the second half Saturday in Houston. The Rockets won, 121-96.

HEAT 105
JAZZ 89

MIAMI — LeBron James scored 30 points, Dwyane Wade added 21 points and seven assists, and the Miami Heat rode the strength of a big third-quarter run to beat the Utah Jazz 105-89 on Saturday night.

James added nine rebounds and seven assists for the Eastern Conference-leading Heat, who won their fourth straight game and next play on Christmas against Oklahoma City in a rematch of last season's NBA Finals. Shane Battier scored 15 and Ray Allen added 13 for Miami, which opened the second half on a 22-6 run to build a 69-49 lead.

Marvin Williams scored 16 for Utah, which got 15 from Gordon Hayward and 11 from Paul Millsap.

The Jazz played the second half without Mo Williams, who appeared to hurt his right thumb. Miami was without Chris Bosh, home with what the team said was a cold.

HAWKS 92
BULLS 75

ATLANTA — Al Horford had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and every Atlanta starter scored in double figures as the Hawks routed Chicago to snap a two-game losing streak.

Lou Williams added 16 points in his first start, and the Atlanta native led the way as the Hawks outscored the Bulls 61-33 in the second and third quarters combined.

PISTONS 96
WIZARDS 87

WASHINGTON — Charlie Villanueva scored 19 points, Rodney Stuckey added 18, and Detroit earned its second win in two nights over Washington.

The Pistons have won consecutive games only twice this season. Detroit grabbed a season-high 58 rebounds for the second straight night.

PACERS 81
HORNETS 75

NEW ORLEANS — David West scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half and Indiana overcame a 22-point deficit to hand New Orleans its 11th straight loss.

Paul George steadied Indiana in the first half with 11 points, and finished with 17 to help the Pacers win for the seventh time in eight games.

CAVALIERS 94
BUCKS 82

MILWAUKEE — Dion Waiters scored 18 points and Cleveland snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Milwaukee.

C.J. Miles added 16 points, and Kyrie Irving had 15 for the Cavaliers, who played without starting center Anderson Varejao for the third straight game because of a bruised right knee.

NBA

From 1C

against Miami — forward Shawn Marion — will be in uniform for the Mavs tonight.

"It's different," Parker said. "At the same time, they're very dangerous, because they have a lot of guys who can get hot."

With Nowitzki shelved, Mayo has been the Mavericks' workhorse, averaging 19.8 points and shooting 49.3 percent from 3-point range.

Signed away from Memphis in the offseason, the fourth-year guard has his own history with the Spurs. Mayo was the sixth man on the eighth-seeded Grizzlies team that upset the top-seeded Spurs in the first round of the 2010 playoffs.

"I think he's taken the next step of the mental level of the game," said Green, who along with small forward Kawhi Leonard should see time defending Mayo.

"He's become the main focal point of their offense, so he's going to be one of the main guys we have to stop."

In the midst of a four-game homestand, the Spurs are looking to recalibrate their season after seeming to hit a wall on the road.

With Leonard one game into his return from an 18-game absence with quadriceps tendinitis, the Spurs are at full strength for the first time since mid-November.

For coach Gregg Popovich, an empty injury list has created a new rotational challenge, albeit a good one.

"It's good to have everybody back," Popovich said. "We've got a lot of choices. We'll have to figure out minutes and who is going to play when and where."

Tonight, Popovich will play out his mad scientist fantasies against the Mavericks, though it might as well be the Kings or Hawks or Bucks.

Just one game of 82. It's enough to make old-school Spurs like Parker wistful for the big games and high-stakes playoff matchups of Dallas-San Antonio lore.

From 2001 to 2010, the teams collided for five playoff meetings, most of them memorable.

The Spurs beat Dallas in six games to advance to and ultimately win the 2003 NBA Finals. In 2006, the Mavericks returned the favor in a thrilling Western Conference semifinal that went to overtime of Game 7.

That series was pockmarked by Terry's below-the-belt hit on Michael Finley that resulted in the Dallas guard's suspension from Game 6.

Asked if he would miss even Terry's presence in a Dallas uniform, Parker gave quick and comical "no" — then admitted he kind of would.

"Dallas was always a special game, a huge rivalry," Parker said. "Dirk and Jason Terry have been battling us for a lot of years. Of course I'm going to miss that."

IceRays complete weekend sweep of Jacks

From staff reports

ODESSA — Corpus Christi scored five third-period goals to erase a two-goal deficit and complete a weekend sweep of the Odessa Jackalopes on Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum.

The Jackalopes (5-23-2) scored two power-play goals in the second period to open up a 2-0 lead with less than seven minutes remaining in the middle period.

Lawrence Cornellier opened the scoring for the Jacks off an assist from Matt Volonnino and Zane Pipilock. Then John Feemster scored less than 40 seconds later. Anthony Olguin and Matthew Montemurro had the helpers on Feemster's goal.

The Jacks were two for four on the power-play on Saturday night.

But the IceRays (13-12-5) opened the scoring early in the second period and never seemed to stop. Perry D'Arrisso and Rudy Sulmonte scored two goals, and Emil Romig added the fifth in the five-goal onslaught.

Odessa will return to action on Dec. 28 against Amarillo.

LATE HS BASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

GRADY 85, O'DONNELL 38

Grady (8-3, 2-0 in District 6-A, Division II) — Joseph Briseno 1, Mike Jimenez 14, Taylor Polson 11, Bo Lucas 6, Ivan San Juan 4, E.J. Rodriguez 14, Brandon Lucas 21, Dillon Polson 14.

O'Donnell (0-2 in district) — Wilkie 3, Morales 2, Rodriguez 13, Castillo 2, B. Rivas 8, A.J. Rivas 5, Rosales 3, Condrow 2.

Grady	15	27	20	23	—85
O'Donnell	8	14	9	7	—38

Free throws — GHS 3-6, OHS 6-7. 3-point goals — GHS 11, OHS 2. Total fouls — GHS 15, OHS 12. Fouled out —Condrow.

Next game: Grady vs. Wink at Grady Tournament, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28

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Baseball

NEW YORK — The 141 players eligible for salary arbitration, eligible players may file on Jan. 15:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (9) — Chris Davis, 1b; Jason Hammel, dhp; Tommy Hunter, rhp; Jim Johnson, rhp; Brian Matusz, lhp; Darren O'Day, rhp; Troy Patton, lhp; Nolan Reimold, of; Matt Wieters, c.

BOSTON (8) — Alfredo Aceves, rhp; Andrew Bailey, rhp; Daniel Bard, rhp; Craig Breslow, lhp; Jacoby Ellsbury, of; Andrew Miller, lhp; Franklin Morales, lhp; Jarrod Saltalamacchia, c.

CHICAGO (2) — Gordon Beckham, 2b; Alejandro De Aza, of.

CLEVELAND (7) — Matt Albers, rhp; Mike Aviles, 2b; Lou Marson, c; Justin Masterson, rhp; Chris Perez, rhp; Joe Smith, rhp; Drew Stubbs, of.

DETROIT (7) — Alex Avila, c; Brennan Boesch, of; Phil Coke, lhp; Doug Fister, rhp; Austin Jackson, of; Rick Porcello, rhp; Max Scherzer, rhp.

HOUSTON (3) — Jed Lowrie, ss; Bud Norris, rhp; Wesley Wright, lhp.

KANSAS CITY (1) — Luke Hochevar, rhp.

LOS ANGELES (5) — Alberto Callaspo, 3b; Tommy Hanson, rhp; Kevin Jepsen, rhp; Jason Vargas, lhp; Jerome Williams, rhp.

MINNESOTA (2) — Drew Butera, c; Brian Duensing, lhp.

NEW YORK (4) — Joba Chamberlain, rhp; Phil Hughes, rhp; Boone Logan, lhp; David Robertson, rhp.

OAKLAND (5) — Jerry Blevins, lhp; George Kottaras, c; Brandon Moss, of; Chris Resop, rhp; Seth Smith, of.

SEATTLE (4) — John Jaso, c; Shawn Kelley, rhp; Kendrys Morales, 1b; Brendan Ryan, ss.

TAMPA BAY (5) — Sam Fuld, of; Matt Joyce, of; Jeff Niemann, rhp; David Price, lhp; Ryan Roberts, inf.

TEXAS (3) — Neftali Feliz, rhp; Matt Harrison, rhp; Derek Murphy, of.

TORONTO (4) — Emilio Bonifacio, 2b; J.A. Happ, lhp; Colby Rasmus, of; Josh Thole, c.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (6) — Chris Johnson, 3b; Ian Kennedy, rhp; Gerardo Parra, rhp; Cliff Pennington, ss; Tony Sipp, lhp; Brad Ziegler, rhp.

ATLANTA (6) — Jason Heyward, of; Cristhian Martinez, rhp; Kris Medlen, rhp; Eric O'Flaherty, lhp; Martin Prado, of; Jonny Venters, lhp.

CHICAGO (4) — Matt Garza, rhp; James Russell, lhp; Jeff Samardzija, rhp; Luis Valbuena, inf.

CINCINNATI (7) — Homer Bailey, rhp; Shin-Soo Choo, of; Chris Heisey, of; Mat Latos, rhp; Mike Leake, rhp; Logan Ondrusek, rhp; Alfredo Simon, rhp.

COLORADO (6) — Jhoulys Chacin, rhp; Tyler Colvin, of; Dexter Fowler, of; Jonathan Herrera, inf; Wilton Lopez, rhp; Josh Outman, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Ronald Belisario, rhp; A.J. Ellis, c.

MIAMI (1) — Ryan Webb, rhp.

MILWAUKEE (5) — John Axford, rhp; Burke Badenhop, rhp; Marco Estrada, rhp; Carlos Gomez, of; Chris Narveson, lhp.

NEW YORK (3) — Ike Davis, 1b; Daniel Murphy, 2b; Bobby Parnell, rhp.

PHILADELPHIA (1) — Antonio Bastardo, lhp.

PITTSBURGH (5) — Joel Hanrahan, rhp; Garrett Jones, 1b; James McDonald, rhp; Gaby Sanchez, 1b; Neil Walker, 2b.

ST. LOUIS (5) — Mitchell Boggs, rhp; David Freese, 3b; Jason Motte, rhp; Edward Mujica, rhp; Marc Rzepczynski, lhp.

SAN DIEGO (8) — John Baker, c; Everth Cabrera, ss; Luke Gregerson, rhp; Chase Headley, 3b; Clayton Richard, lhp; Joe Thatcher, lhp; Will Venable, of; Edinson Volquez, rhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (6) — Joaquin Arias, inf; Gregor Blanco, of; Jose Mijares, lhp; Hunter Pence, of; Buster Posey, c; Sergio Romo, rhp.

WASHINGTON (7) — Roger Bernadina, of; Tyler Clippard, rhp; Ian Desmond, ss; Ross Detwiler, lhp; Craig Stammen, rhp; Drew Storen, rhp; Jordan Zimmermann, rhp.

CALENDAR

2013

Jan. 9 — Hall of Fame voting announced.

Jan. 9-10 — Owners meeting, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

Jan. 15 — Salary arbitration filing.

Jan. 18 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.

Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, Phoenix.

Feb. 12 — Mandatory reporting date for players participating in the World Baseball Classic in Asia. Mandatory reporting date for all other pitchers and catchers participating in the WBC. Voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers not participating in the WBC.

Feb. 15 — Mandatory reporting date for WBC players not participating in Asia. Voluntary reporting date for position players not participating in the WBC.

Feb. 20 — Mandatory reporting date for players not participating in the WBC.

March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.

March 2-19 — World Baseball Classic.

March 13 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

March 27 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2013 salary.

March 31 — Opening day. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.

June 6 — Amateur draft.

July 12 — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.

July 16 — All-Star game, Citi Field, New York.

July 28 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.

Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.

Oct. 23 — World Series begins.

Fight Schedule

Dec. 31

At Ota-City General Gymnasium, Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Bryan Vasquez, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Yota Sato vs. Ryo Akaho, 12, for Sato's WBC junior bantamweight title; Teppanshi Kokietgym vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for Kokietgym's WBA junior bantamweight title.

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Ryo Miyazaki vs. Pornsawan Porpramok, 12, for the vacant WBA strawweight title; Kazuto Ioka vs. Jose Rodriguez, 12, for vacant WBA junior flyweight title.

Jan. 4

At Magic City Casino, Miami (ESPN2), Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee, 10, junior lightweights; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Derrick Ennis, 10, junior middleweights.

Jan. 11

At Indian School, Santa Fe, N.M. (ESPN2), John Molina Jr. vs. Dannie Williams, 12, lightweights.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (SHO), Ronny Rios vs. Rico Ramos, 10, featherweights.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	7	.731	—
Brooklyn	13	12	.520	5 1/2
Boston	13	13	.500	6
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	6 1/2
Toronto	5	19	.221	11
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	16	9	.640	2 1/2
Orlando	12	14	.462	7
Charlotte	7	20	.259	12 1/2
Washington	3	22	.120	15 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	11	.577	—
Indiana	16	12	.571	—
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1
Detroit	9	21	.300	8
Cleveland	5	23	.207	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	18	7	.720	1/2
San Antonio	20	7	.714	—
Houston	14	12	.538	5
Dallas	12	15	.444	7 1/2
New Orleans	5	22	.185	14 1/2
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	5	.808	—
Minnesota	13	11	.542	7
Denver	15	13	.536	7
Portland	12	12	.500	8
Utah	14	14	.500	8
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	20	6	.769	—
Golden State	18	9	.667	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	14	.462	8
Phoenix	11	15	.423	9
Sacramento	8	18	.308	12

Saturday's Scores

Atlanta 92, Chicago 75
Detroit 96, Washington 87
Miami 105, Utah 89
Houston 121, Memphis 96
Indiana 81, New Orleans 75
Cleveland 94, Milwaukee 82
Denver 110, Charlotte 98
Phoenix at Portland, late
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 4 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

ROCKETS 121, GRIZZLIES 96

MEMPHIS (96): Gay 3-6 0-0 8, Randolph 5-8 0-0 10, Gasol 4-7 3-4 11, Conley 7-12 2-2 16, Allen 5-8 1-2 11, Pondexter 6-13 0-0 14, Speights 3-4 0-0 6, Bayless 2-6 1-2 5, Arthur 4-8 0-0 8, Ellington 1-2 0-0 2, Selby 1-4 3-4 5, Haddadi 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-79 10-14 96.

HOUSTON (121): Parsons 3-7 0-0 7, Morris 6-8 1-1 16, Asik 5-9 4-6 14, Lin 5-12 4-4 15, Harden 9-13 10-12 31, Smith 5-6 0-0 10, Douglas 4-13 1-1 10, Delfino 4-9 0-0 11, Aldrich 0-1 0-0 0, Motiejunas 1-2 1-2 3, Cook 1-1 0-0 2, Machado 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-82 21-26 121

Memphis 22 22 24 18 — 96
Houston 33 31 30 27 — 121

3-Point Goals—Memphis 2-13 (Pondexter 2-6, Allen 0-1, Gay 0-2, Selby 0-2, Bayless 0-2), Houston 12-28 (Harden 3-3, Morris 3-4, Delfino 3-6, Parsons 1-3, Douglas 1-4, Lin 1-5, Motiejunas 0-1), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 41 (Randolph 10), Houston 43 (Asik 12). Assists—Memphis 23 (Conley 6), Houston 32 (Lin 11). Total Fouls—Memphis 19, Houston 13. A—16,020 (18,023).

CAVALIERS 94, BUCKS 82

CLEVELAND (94): Gee 4-12 2-2 10, Thompson 6-8 2-4 14, Zeller 4-14 3-3 11, Irving 6-12 2-2 15, Walters 9-17 0-0 18, Waiton 3-9 0-0 7, Gibson 0-2 0-0 0, Miles 5-9 3-5 18, Pargo 1-8 1-2 3. Totals 38-88 13-18 94.

MILWAUKEE (82): Daniels 3-6 3-6 9, Mbah a Moute 1-7 2-3 4, Sanders 0-3 2-2 2, Jennings 3-13 0-0 7, Ellis 15-27 5-6 37, Ilyasova 2-6 1-2 6, Dunleavy 3-7 2-2 8, Udoh 1-4 1-2 3, Lamb 2-3 0-0 4, Gooden 1-1 0-0 2, Henson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-79 16-25 82.

Cleveland	19	27	25	23	— 94
Milwaukee	19	18	26	19	— 82

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 5-17 (Miles 3-6, Walton 1-1, Irving 1-3, Gibson 0-1, Pargo 0-1, Gee 0-2, Walters 0-3), Milwaukee 4-20 (Ellis 2-5, Ilyasova 1-1, Jennings 1-6, Mbah a Moute 0-2, Sanders 0-2, Dunleavy 0-4). Fouled Out—Zeller. Rebounds—Cleveland 58 (Thompson 14), Milwaukee 50 (Sanders 12). Assists—Cleveland 16 (Irving, Walton 4), Milwaukee 17 (Dunleavy, Mbah a Moute 4). Total Fouls—Cleveland 26, Milwaukee 15. A—14,176 (18,717).

PACERS 81, HORNETS 75

INDIANA (81): George 6-15 4-5 17, West 11-20 3-4 25, Hibbert 3-8 0-2 6, Hill 3-8 3-4 12, Stephenson 5-10 0-0 10, Mahinmi 3-7 0-1 6, T.Hansbrough 2-3 0-0 4, Young 0-2 0-0 0, B.Hansbrough 0-1 0-0 0. Augustin 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 33-77 11-18 81.

NEW ORLEANS (75): Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Davis 5-14 0-0 10, Lopez 11-16 2-2 24, Vasquez 6-17 1-1 14, Rivers 3-12 1-2 7, Anderson 2-9 0-0 6, Mason 2-3 0-0 4, McGuire 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 1-4 0-0 3, Henry 2-5 1-2 5. Totals 33-82 5-7 75.

Indiana	11	18	24	28	— 81
New Orleans	18	28	7	22	— 75

3-Point Goals—Indiana 4-17 (Hill 3-5, George 1-5, Young 0-1, Augustin 0-1, B.Hansbrough 0-1, West 0-2, Stephenson 0-2), New Orleans 4-11 (Anderson 2-5, Roberts 1-1, Vasquez 1-4, Mason 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 54 (George 12), New Orleans 48 (Lopez 11). Assists—Indiana 20 (Hill 6), New Orleans 18 (Vasquez 8). Total Fouls—Indiana 21. New Orleans 24. A—15,042 (17,188).

HEAT 105, JAZZ 89

UTAH (89): Ma.Williams 7-12 0-0 16, Millsap 3-9 5-6 11, Jefferson 2-8 2-2 6, M.Williams 2-3 0-0 5, Foye 1-9 0-0 2, Favors 2-8 6-6 10, Hayward 5-8 3-3 15, Watson 1-3 0-2 2, Carroll 1-4 1-2 3, Kanter 2-2 0-0 4, Tinsley 2-3 2-2 8, Burks 2-3 1-3 5. Evans 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 30-73 22-26 89

MIAMI (105): James 11-20 7-10 30, Battier 4-8 3-3 15, Haslem 3-6 0-0 6, Chalmers 2-5 0-0 5, Wade 8-14 5-6 21, Allen 4-5 3-3 13, James 2-3 0-0 5, Cole 2-5 0-0 5, Anthony 2-4 0-0 4, Harris 0-1 0-0 0. Pittman 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-73 18-22 105.

Utah	25	18	20	26	— 89
Miami	28	19	26	32	— 105

3-Point Goals—Utah 7-16 (Hayward 2-2, Tinsley 2-3, Ma.Williams 2-5, M.Williams 1-1, Carroll 0-1, Foye 0-4), Miami 11-24 (Battier 4-8, Allen 2-2, Miller 2-3, James 1-1, Cole 1-3, Chalmers 1-4, Jones 0-1, Wade 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 40 (Jefferson 11), Miami 46 (Haslem, James 9). Assists—Utah 18 (M. Williams, Watson 4), Miami 23 (Wade, James 7). Total Fouls—Utah 18, Miami 19. Technicals—Utah Coach Corbin, James, Miami delay of game. A—20,087 (19,600).

PISTONS 96, WIZARDS 87

DETROIT (96): Prince 3-8 1-2 7, Maxiell 5-10 2-2 12, Monroe 6-11 11-13 13, Knight 3-12 3-3 10, Singler 1-6 0-0 2, Stuckey 4-12 9-10 15, Drummond 2-8 0-4 4, Daye 2-6 0-0 6, Villanueva 5-13 0-0 19. Bynum 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 36-88 16-20 96.

WASHINGTON (87): Webster 1-6 2-2 4, Nene 2-8 6-8 10, Okafor 5-9 4-6 14, Crawford 4-13 11-12 21, Beal 7-17 0-0 14, Seraphin 3-8 0-2 6, Martin 4-9 0-2 10, Vesely 2-5 2-2 6, Livingston 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 29-77 25-32 87.

Detroit	30	32	20	22	— 96
Washington	13	22	29	23	— 87

3-Point Goals—Detroit 8-19 (Villanueva 3-6, Daye 2-2, Bynum 1-1, Stuckey 1-3, Knight 1-4, Singler 0-3), Washington 4-21 (Martin 2-5, Crawford 2-8, Webster 0-3, Beal 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 64 (Drummond 11), Washington 47 (Okafor 14). Assists—Detroit 22 (Stuckey 8), Washington 20 (Crawford 6). Total Fouls—Detroit 25, Washington 18. Technicals—Washington defensive three second. A—13,104 (20,308).

HAWKS 92, BULLS 75

CHICAGO (75): Deng 5-14 1-1 11, Boozer 2-6 4-4 8, Noah 5-9 0-0 10, Hinrich 3-11 0-0 7, Belinelli 2-5 0-0 4, Butler 4-5 0-0 9, Gibson 2-5 0-0 4, Robinson 3-8 1-1 9, M.Teague 4-8 0-2 8, Mohammed 1-3 0-0 2, Radmanovic 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 32-76 6-8 75.

ATLANTA (92): Korver 4-8 2-2 13, Smith 6-12 0-0 12, Horford 9-12 2-2 20, J.Teague 5-12 0-0 11, Williams 6-12 1-1 16, Morrow 3-7 1-1 7, Tolliver 0-1 1-2 1, Pachulia 2-6 2-2 6, Johnson 3-4 0-0 6, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-77 9-10 92

Chicago	21	16	17	21	— 75
Atlanta	17	36	25	14	— 92

3-Point Goals—Chicago 5-14 (Robinson 2-4, Butler 1-1, Radmanovic 1-2, Hinrich 1-4, Belinelli 0-1, M.Teague 0-1, Deng 0-1), Atlanta 7-19 (Williams 3-6, Korver 3-6, J.Teague 1-2, Smith 0-1, Tolliver 0-1, Morrow 0-1, Jenkins 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 38 (Noah 9), Atlanta 48 (Horford 10). Assists—Chicago 20 (Robinson 5), Atlanta 24 (J.Teague 8). Total Fouls—Chicago 14, Atlanta 19. Technicals—M.Teague, Morrow A—17,782 (18,729).

NUGGETS 110, BOBCATS 88

CHARLOTTE (88): Kidd-Gilchrist 5-7 1-2 11, Mullens 6-14 2-4 16, Biyombo 0-3 3-4 3, Walker 4-15 0-0 8, Taylor 2-10 1-4 5, Gibson 0-1 0-0 0, Sessions 8-13 7-9 23, Williams 4-12 1-3 10, Diop 1-5 0-0 2, Warrick 2-6 3-6 7, Adams 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 33-87 19-30 88

DENVER (110): Gallinari 4-11 1-2 12, Faried 6-10 3-4 15, Koufos 8-10 0-0 16, Lawson 0-4 0-0 0, Iguodala 6-9 2-2 15, Brewer 5-9 0-0 10, McGee 7-8 0-0 14, A.Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Hamilton 5-12 0-1 11, Fournier 3-6 1-2 8, Randolph 2-5 2-2 6, Mozgov 1-2 1-2 3, Q.Miller 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 47-92 10-15 110.

Charlotte	23	23	19	23	— 88
Denver	29	35	34	32	— 110

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 3-20 (Mullens 2-6, Williams 1-5, Diop 0-1, Sessions 0-1, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, Taylor 0-2, Walker 0-4), Denver 6-20 (Gallinari 3-6, Fournier 1-1, Iguodala 1-3, Hamilton 1-4, Q.Miller 0-1, McGee 0-1, Brewer 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 60 (Mullens 14), Denver 55 (Faried 9). Assists—Charlotte 21 (Walker, Mullens 4), Denver 36 (A.Miller, Iguodala 8). Total Fouls—Charlotte 18, Denver 21. Technicals—Faried A—17,555 (18,155).

LEADERS
THROUGH DEC. 21

Scoring

Player	...G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	..26	257	198	788	29.5
Anthony, NYK	..22	212	137	617	28.0
Durant, OKC	..26	234	216	725	27.9
Harden, HOU	..24	178	206	610	25.4
James, MIA	..23	227	92	579	25.2
Westbrook, OKC	..26	194	131	557	21.4
Pierce, BOS	..26	177	141	545	21.0
Aldridge, POR	..22	184	93	461	21.0
Curry, GSL	..27	187	91	545	20.2
Lee, GOL	..27	225	89	539	20.0
Mayo, DAL	..27	186	93	534	19.8
Wade, MIA	..20	149	90	393	19.7
Parker, SAN	..26	194	95	494	19.0
Ellis, MIL	..25	171	111	469	18.8
Walker, CHA	..26	178	99	487	18.7
Gay, MEM	..24	171	80	449	18.7
Lillard, POR	..24	152	98	444	18.5
Anderson, NOR	..26	177	34	474	18.2
Griffin, LAC	..26	195	81	472	18.2
Deng, CHI	..25	169	93	453	18.1

FG Percentage

Player	.FG	FGA	PCT
Chandler, NYK	122	173	.705
Splitter, SAN	104	171	.608
McGee, DEN	124	210	.590
Jordan, LAC	106	182	.582
Howard, LAL	167	290	.576
Ibaka, OKC	158	279	.566
Hickson, POR	118	212	.557
Landry, GOL	124	223	.556
Bosh, MIA	153	279	.548
Lopez, NOR	122	225	.542

Rebounds

Player	...G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Varejao, CLE	..25	138	223	361	14.4
Randolph, MEM	24	117	192	309	12.9
Howard, LAL	..26	101	215	316	12.2
Asik, HOU	..25	83	201	284	11.4
Lee, GOL	..27	87	216	303	11.2
Hickson, POR	..23	95	153	248	10.8
Noah, CHI	..25	94	173	267	10.7
Duncan, SAN	..27	50	230	280	10.4
Jefferson, UTA	..26	59	206	265	10.2
Chandler, NYK	..26	112	147	259	10.0

Assists

Player	...G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	..23	281	12.2
Paul, LAC	..26	245	9.4
Westbrook, OKC	..26	230	8.8
Holiday, PHL	..23	203	8.8
Vasquez, NOR	..26	226	8.7
Williams, Bro	..25	205	8.2
Calderon, TOR	..28	210	7.5
Parker, SAN	..26	188	7.2
Lawson, DEN	..27	189	7.0
James, MIA	..23	156	6.8

SOCCER

Intl. Standings

English Premier League

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Man United	17	14	0	3	43	24	42
Man City	18	11	6	1	34	15	39
Arsenal	18	8	6	4	32	18	30
Everton	18	7	9	2	30	22	30
Tottenham	18	9	3	6	30	25	30
West Brom	18	9	3	6	26	22	30
Chelsea	16	8	5	3	28	17	29
Liverpool	18	6	7	5	27	23	25
Stoke	18	5	10	3	15	13	25
Norwich	18	6	7	5	20	27	25
Swansea	17	6	5	6	26	22	23
West Ham	18	6	5	7	22	22	23
Fulham	18	5	5	8	28	33	20
Newcastle	18	5	5	8	20	26	20
Sunderland	18	4	7	7	19	24	19
Aston Villa	17	4	6	7	15	24	18
Southampton	17	4	3	10	22	33	15
Wigan	18	4	3	11	18	33	15
Q Park Rangers	18	1	7	10	15	31	10
Reading	18	1	6	11	21	37	9

Saturday's Scores

Wigan 0, Arsenal 1
Manchester City 1, Reading 0
Newcastle 1, Queens Park Rangers 0
Southampton 0, Sunderland 1
Tottenham 0, Stoke 0
West Brom 2, Norwich 1
West Ham 1, Everton 2
Liverpool 4, Fulham 0

Today's Games

Swansea vs Manchester United
Chelsea vs. Aston Villa

Spanish Soccer Glance

La Liga

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Barcelona	17	16	1	0	57	19	49
Atletico Madrid	17	13	1	3	37	17	40
Real Madrid	17	10	3	4	41	17	33
Malaga	17	9	4	4	28	12	31
Real Betis	17	9	1	7	26	28	28
Levante	17	8	3	6	21	24	27
Real Sociedad	17	7	4	6	24	20	25
Rayo Vallecano	17	8	1	8	22	32	25
Valencia	17	7	3	7	23	26	24
Getafe	17	7	3	7	21	25	24
Real Zaragoza	17	7	1	9	20	24	22
Valladolid	17	6	4	7	23	21	22
Athletic Bilbao	17	6	3	8	21	34	21
Sevilla	17	5	4	8	22	26	19
Granada	17	4	4	9	13	25	16
Mallorca	17	4	4	9	16	29	16
Celta Vigo	17	4	3	10	16	22	15
Espanyol	17	3	6	8	19	26	15
Osasuna	17	3	5	9	14	19	14
Dportivo La Corna	17	2	6	9	21	39	12

Saturday's Scores

Real Betis 1, Mallorca 2
Valladolid 1, Barcelona 3
Malaga 3, Real Madrid 2
Osasuna 1, Granada 2
Athletic Bilbao 0, Zaragoza 2

Italian Soccer Glance

Serie A

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Juventus	18	14	2	2	39	11	44
Lazio	18	11	3	4	26	18	36
Fiorentina	18	10	5	3	36	19	35
Inter Milan	18	11	2	5	30	19	35
b-Napoli	18	11	3	4	33	17	34
Roma	18	10	2	6	42	29	32
AC Milan	18	8	3	7	34	26	27
Parma	18	7	5	6	25	24	26
Catania	18	7	4	7	26	27	25
Udinese	18	5	9	4	26	26	24
b-Atalanta	18	7	3	8	18	27	22
Chievo	18	6	3	9	20	29	21
c-Torino	18	4	8	6	20	22	19
Bologna	18	5	3	10	21	24	18
c-Sampdoria	18	5	3	10	20	27	17
Pescara	18	5	2	11	15	35	17
Cagliari	18	4	4	10	16	33	16
Palermo	18	3	6	9	15	27	15
Genoa	18	3	5	10	18	30	14
a-Siena	18	4	5	9	16	26	11

a-penalized 6 points
b-penalized 2 points
c-penalized 1 point

Saturday's Scores

Inter Milan 1, Genoa 1
Atalanta 1, Udinese 1
Bologna 1, Parma 2
Palermo 0, Fiorentina 3
Sampdoria 0, Lazio 1
Siena 0, Napoli 2

Torino 2, Chievo 0
Roma 4, AC Milan 2

French Soccer Glance

Ligue 1

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Paris S-Germain	19	11	5	3	30	12	38
Lyon	19	11	5	3	33	17	38
Marseille	18	11	2	5	23	20	35
Rennes	19	10	2	7	29	24	32
Lorient	19	8	7	4	32	29	31
Bordeaux	19	6	11	2	21	14	29
Lille	19	7	8	4	24	18	29
Nice	19	7	8	4	26	26	29
Saint-Etienne	18	7	6	5	24	13	27
Valenciennes	18	7	5	6	29	23	26
Montpellier	19	7	5	7	20	28	26
Toulouse	18	6	5	7	23	20	23
Bastia	19	6	4	9	26	41	22
Brest	19	6	3	10	20	28	21
Reims	19	4	7	8	16	20	19
a-Ajaccio	19	5	6	8	21	29	19
Evian	18	5	4	9	21	30	19
Sochaux	18	3	4	10	17	27	16
Troyes	19	2	7	10	20	37	13
Nancy	19	1	6	10	15	33	11

a-penalized 2 points

Saturday's Scores

Lille 4, Montpellier 1
Ajaccio 2, Rennes 4
Lyon 3, Nice 0
Lorient 2, Reims 2
Bastia 4, Nancy 2
Bordeaux 0, Troyes 0

Today's Games

Evian at Valenciennes
Sochaux at Toulouse
Saint-Etienne at Marseille

Scottish Premier League

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Celtic	18	11	4	3	37	14	37
Invrnss C.T.F.C	19	8	8	3	42	33	32
Motherwell	19	8	6	5	31	26	30
Aberdeen	19	7	6	6	24	21	27
Hibernian	18	8	3	7	29	27	27
St Johnstone	19	6	7	6	22	25	25
Dundee United	17	6	6	5	26	25	24
Kilmarnock	17	6	4	7	27	23	22
Hearts	18	5	7	6	18	20	22
St Mirren	19	5	5	9	23	32	20
Ross County	19	3	9	7	20	30	18
Dundee	18	3	3	12	12	35	12

Saturday's Scores

Aberdeen 2, St Johnstone 0
Celtic 4, Ross County 0
Inverness C.T.F.C. 2, Dundee 1

Today's Games

Kilmarnock vs. Hibernian
Hearts vs. Dundee United

CONCACAF

Champions League Glance
Home teams listed first
QUARTERFINALS

First Leg

Tuesday, March 5

Houston (United States) vs. Santos Laguna (Mexico), 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

Xelaju (Guatemala) vs. Monterrey (Mexico), 7 p.m.

Tigres (Mexico) vs. Seattle (United States), 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Herediano (Costa Rica) vs. LA Galaxy (United States), 7 p.m.

Second Leg

Tuesday, March 12

Monterrey (Mexico) vs. Xelaju (Guatemala), 7 p.m.

Seattle (United States) vs. Tigres (Mexico), 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Santos Laguna (Mexico) vs. Houston (United States), 7 p.m.

LA Galaxy (United States) vs. Herediano (Costa Rica), 9

Several Buffaloes find themselves on 4-A Division I list

From staff reports

Forsan junior offensive and defensive lineman Ausden Medrano earned first-team nods on both sides of the ball on this year's 4-A Division I All-District team, which was released on Friday.

Medrano earned a first-team nod on offense as a guard, and was also a first-team selection on defense as a defensive lineman.

Also earning first-team honors for the Buffaloes was senior running back Brendan Roman, junior linebacker Kade Fannin, senior safety Trevor Burchett, senior punter Dillan Bagnall and sophomore kicker Trevor Williams.

Stamford senior Hagen Hutchinson was the district's Most Valuable Player.

4-A Division I All-District Team

MVP — Hagen Hutchinson, Sr., Stamford
Offensive MVP — Jalen Garza, Jr., Anson
Defensive MVP — Ty McLemore, Jr., Stamford
Newcomer of the Year — Zach Cedillo, Fresh., Anson
Coaching Staff of the Year — Stamford

First Team
Offense

Center — Tyler Neatherlin, Jr., Stamford
Guard — Brendon Gomez, Sr., Stamford; Jesse Sanchez, Sr., Stamford; Chris Villanueva, Jr., Anson; Ausden Medrano, Jr., Forsan
Tackle — Ray Alaniz, Sr., Stamford; Tyler Maxwell, Soph., Anson
Tight end — Andrew Norwood, Soph., Anson; Lance Norman, Jr., Anson; Bryce Mikeska, Sr., Winters
Inside receiver — Bo Wimberly, Jr., Stamford; Isaiah Llewellyn, Sr., Stamford; Tyler Jimenez, Sr., Anson
Outside receiver — Hayden Stovall, Sr., Anson; Stetson Meek, Jr., Anson; James Washington, Jr., Stamford; Dalton Mathis, Sr., Stamford
Fullback — Dusty Hines, Jr., Winters; Matt Villanueva, Jr., Anson
Tailback — Chris Gerhart, Jr., Winters; Brendan Roman, Sr., Forsan; Mitchell Hudson, Jr., Anson
Quarterback — Brett Shelton, Sr., Haskell

Defense

Defensive line — Lance Norman, Jr., Anson; Keontay Smith, Sr., Stamford; Ausden Medrano, Jr., Forsan; Colt Baker, Jr., Anson; Cristian Pachicano, Sr., Stamford; Andrew Rodriguez, Jr., Stamford
Outside linebacker — Ryan Markey, Sr., Mario Gonzales, Sr., Stamford; Isaiah Llewellyn, Sr., Stamford
Inside linebacker — Daniel Medina, Sr., Stamford; Matt Villanueva, Sr., Anson; Kade Fannin, Jr., Forsan
Cornerback — Dalton Mathis, Sr., Stamford; Noe Contreras, Sr., Stamford; Isaiah Garcia, Jr., Anson
Safety — Bo Wimberly, Jr., Stamford; Trevor Burchett, Sr., Forsan; Hayden Stovall, Sr., Anson

Special teams

Punter — Dillon Bagnall, Sr., Forsan
Kicker — Trevor Williams, Soph., Forsan

Second Team
Offense

Center — Aaron Ramos, Sr., Anson
Guard — Drake Everett, Jr., Haskell; Cory Pritchard, Jr., Winters
Tackle — Max Weise, Jr., Haskell; Nathan Fernandez, Jr., Stamford; Marc Flores, Sr., Anson; Cole Long, Sr., Forsan
Inside receiver — Trevor Burchett, Sr., Forsan; Isaiah Garcia, Jr., Anson
Outside receiver — Kade Fannin, Jr., Forsan
Fullback — Ty McLemore, Jr., Stamford; Miguel Lozan, Jr., Anson
Tailback — Austin Alvarado, Sr., Stamford
Quarterback — Jimmy John Riley, Soph., Winters

Defense

Defensive line — Doug King, Sr., Haskell; Cory Pritchard, Jr., Winters; Justin Ventress, Jr., Winters; Copeland Riddell, Sr., Forsan
Outside linebacker — Miguel Lozano, Jr., Anson; Jacob Rogers, Sr., Anson; Polo Morin, Jr., Forsan; Chris Gerhart, Jr., Winters
Inside linebacker — Garrett Kilgora, Soph., Forsan; Collin Heidenheimer, Sr., Anson; Rudy Sanchez, Sr., Stamford
Cornerback — J.T. Breyman, Jr., Forsan; Lukas Kraatz, Soph., Winters
Safety — Stetson Meek, Jr., Anson; Jimmy John Ripley, Soph., Winters

Special teams
Punter — Warren Flye, Soph., Haskell; Hayden Stovall, Sr., Anson

Honorable Mention
(Forsan only)

Cornerback — Kolby Self, Jr.
Defensive line — Cowan Davidson, Jr.
Outside linebacker — Marcus Cervantes, Sr.

HSFOOTBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Matt Strassen/AP

Houston Lamar's Beau Wells (3) fights for yardage as Allen's Michael Jacob tries to make the tackle in the first half Saturday during the UIL Class 5A Division I championship game in Arlington.

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
ALLEN 35
HOUSTON LAMAR 21

ARLINGTON — Quarterback Kyler Murray rushed for 143 yards and two long touchdowns and Marcus Ward scored the go-ahead touchdown to lift Allen past Houston Lamar 35-21 in the Class 5A Division I championship game Saturday night.

Murray had scoring runs of 55 of 68 in the first quarter to stake Allen (15-1) to a 13-point lead. Ward's 1-yard run late in the third broke a 21-all tie.

Ward sealed Allen's second state title with a 67-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Lamar (15-1) was looking to become the first team from the Houston school district to win a state championship since 1985 when Yates beat Odessa Permian.

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
KATY 35
CEDAR HILL 24

ARLINGTON — Adam Taylor rushed for 277 yards and five touchdowns, including a 56-yarder for the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter, and Katy held off Cedar Hill 35-24 in the Class 5A Division II championship game Saturday.

Katy (16-0) was trailing 24-21 when Taylor broke free on his long scoring run with 6:46 remaining. Taylor's 42-yard TD run with 1:55 left clinched the Tigers' seventh state championship and their first since consecutive titles in 2007-08.

Laquvionte Gonzalez had 117 yards receiving and Damion Hobbs threw two touchdown passes to Brandon Harris for Cedar Hill, which scored twice early in the fourth to take the lead before Katy rallied.

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
DENTON GUYER 48
GEORGETOWN 37

ARLINGTON — Quarterback Jerrod Heard rushed for five touchdowns, including three in the third quarter as Denton Guyer rallied from a 16-point deficit to beat Georgetown 48-37 Saturday in the Class 4A Division I championship game.

Heard, a junior who has already committed to Texas, accounted for all seven of Guyer's touchdowns. He rushed for 143 yards and threw for 189, including a 71-yarder to Ellis Jefferson in the fourth quarter.

After an 0-2 start, Guyer (14-2) won its last 14 games to take home its first state title.

Georgetown (15-1), which led 30-14 after early in the third, played in its first state title game after not making the playoffs last season.

Texas HS football playoff scores, pairings

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Championship
Allen 35, Houston Lamar 21

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Championship
Katy 35, Cedar Hill 24

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Championship
Denton Guyer 48, Georgetown 37

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Championship
Cedar Park 17, Lancaster 7

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Championship
Navasota 39, Gilmer 3

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Championship
Cameron Yoe 38, Daingerfield 20

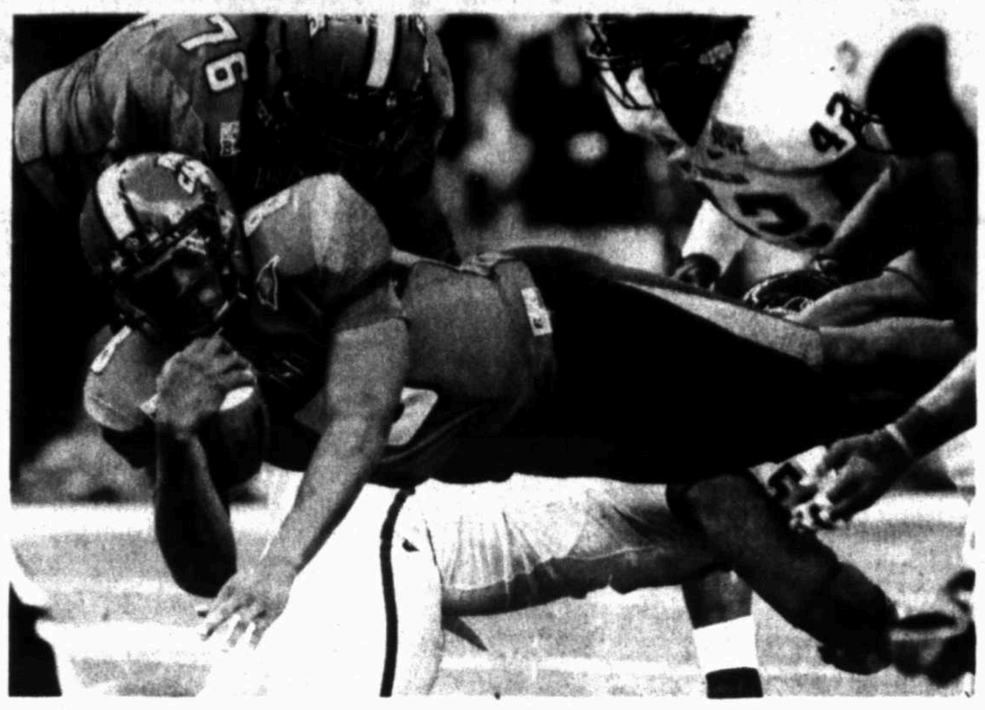
CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Championship
East Bernard 56, Corsicana Mildred 14

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Championship
Stamford 35, Mart 28

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Championship
Munday 42, Tenaha 14

La.-Lafayette tops ECU in New Orleans Bowl

By Brett Martel
Associated Press



Skip Martin/AP

Louisiana-Lafayette quarterback Terrance Broadway (8) dives for yardage Saturday in the first half against East Carolina in the New Orleans Bowl in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS — Whether Terrance Broadway was throwing, running, or throwing on the run, he gave East Carolina fits and justified Louisiana-Lafayette coach Mark Hudspeth's decision to let his sophomore quarterback finish the season as his starter.

Broadway passed for 316 yards and ran for 108, helping Louisiana-Lafayette repeat as winners of the New Orleans Bowl with a 43-34 victory against East Carolina on Saturday.

The performance capped a 2012 campaign which opened with Broadway backing up senior Blaine Gautier, who broke a bone in his throwing hand in late September.

"Terrance comes in and just has a phenomenal season," Hudspeth said, describing the difficult decision not to give Gautier, the New Orleans Bowl MVP a year ago, his job back when he was healthy again late in the season. "We really had hit our stride and the best thing about Blaine is he understood."

Broadway had to sit out last season after transferring from Houston, and saw this year's New Orleans Bowl as his first real chance to add some kind of championship to his name after coming up short as a high school standout in Baton Rouge, La.

"My main goal was to get our team a big win in this bowl game and just to get that monkey off my back that I didn't have a ring from high school and last year," Broadway said. "I was very focused on that."

Alonzo Harris rushed for 120 yards, including touchdowns of 6 and 68 yards for the Ragin' Cajuns (9-4), who briefly squandered a three-touchdown lead before moving back in front for good on Broadway's 14-yard scoring pass to Javone Lawson late in the third quarter.

"Nothing fazes our team," said Broadway, who also ran for a 12-yard score. "Everybody on our team responds to adversity well. So when they came back on us and made a game out of it, our team is still upbeat and saying we're going to win this game."

And they did, with Brett Baer adding his second and third field goals in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Shane Carden passed for 278 yards and two touchdowns for East Carolina (8-5) but was intercepted in Cajuns territory by Jemarlous Moten in the fourth quarter as ECU drove for a potential tying or go-ahead score.

"They did a good job of changing, I guess, the coverage throughout the game," Carden said of ULL. "But I think our offense could execute a lot better. It was nothing really they were doing. It was a lot of us just not executing routine plays."

The Pirates' Reggie Bullock rushed for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

"The game plan was fine. We just needed the execution of the calls. We've always played hard. That was not a problem," East Carolina coach Ruffin McNeill said. "We had a chance there late in the game. ... I was proud of our guys."

Carden's touchdowns went to Justin Hardy for 19 yards and Danny Webster for 16 yards. Hardy finished with five catches for 59 yards. East Carolina's Andrew Bodenheimer had five catches for a team-high 65 yards, but could not secure a crucial fourth-down pass in the final minutes as defensive back T.J. Worthy ripped the ball away in ECU territory. That allowed the Cajuns to run the clock down to 15 seconds before setting up Baer's final field goal from 40-yards out.

Jamal Robinson had six catches for 116 yards for ULL, including a 39-yarder that was Broadway's longest completion. Lawson finished with four catches for 71 yards.

The Cajuns carried a 37-31 lead into the fourth quarter after Lawson juggled but secured the ball for a sprawling, rolling TD catch. The point-after kick failed, however, and East Carolina made it 37-34 on Warren Harvey's 26-yard field goal.

Broadway's interception on a tipped pass gave East Carolina the ball on the Cajuns 39, but Moten stepped in front of Carden's long pass over the middle to help preserve the slim lead.

Red-clad Ragin' Cajuns fans made up the bulk of a record New Orleans Bowl crowd of 48,828, and they were celebrating early.

Broadway's scoring run, his ninth rushing TD of the season, gave ULL a 7-0 lead and Harry Peoples' 10-yard scoring made it 14-0.

ECU didn't get a first down until early in the second quarter, when Carden converted on third-and-long with Jabril Solomon for a 45-yard gain. That set up Bullock's first touchdown from 5 yards out to make it 14-7.

Boise State wins Vegas Bowl, beating Washington

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

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Boise State wide receiver Aaron Burks, right, hauls in a long pass defended by Washington cornerback Marcus Peters on Saturday in the MAACO Bowl in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — The last two times Boise State played in the Las Vegas Bowl, there were other places the Broncos wanted to be. Not so on Saturday, when the smallest player on the team came up big in a 28-26 victory over Washington.

After two straight blowouts in the Las Vegas Bowl, the Broncos had to work hard for a win sealed by a 27-yard field goal by 5-foot-5 Michael Frisina with 1:16 left. It left them feeling good about a game and a season when, unlike the last two years, there was hardly any talk about Boise State being in a BCS game.

"The most satisfying thing about this season was each week you'd see us get just a little bit better," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "These guys, they don't go through the motions. They have a chip on their shoulder."

The win capped another strong year for the No. 20 Broncos (11-2), who had to overcome a 205-yard rushing game by Bishop Sankey against their normally stingy defense. Sankey also had 74 yards receiving, giving him 279 of Washington's 447 yards from scrimmage.

But it was Frisina who came up with the biggest game of his career in his final game. He kicked three field goals, including the first game winner he could ever recall booting.

"It's every kicker's dream to win a big game with a field goal," Frisina said. "For this one to come on the last game of my career, you couldn't ask for anything more.'

Washington (7-6) had taken the lead for the first time on a 38-yard field goal by Travis Coons with 4:09 left when No. 20 Boise State got a big kickoff return by freshman Shane Williams-Rhodes to the Washington 42. Joe Southwick guided the team to the 12 before Frisina hit the winning kick.

"I was just focused on what I had to do," Frisina said. "I'm there as the insurance guy, I guess you'd say."

Boise State sealed the win when Jeremy Ioane intercepted Keith Price's pass as the Huskies neared midfield.

"To their credit they found a way to win the game in the end," said Washington coach Steve Sarkisian. "Our inability to finish is pretty blaring."

Sankey, who was third on the depth list when fall practice began, rushed 30 times and caught six passes in the biggest game of his career. He scored one touchdown and was the MVP of the game, despite being on the losing side.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions going on," Sankey said. "The MVP doesn't mean so much when you come out a loser."

Frisina was only 12 for 17 on field goals coming into the game, but kicked three of them, including a 34-yarder to open the scoring that was his first field goal over 30 yards for the year.

Southwick, meanwhile, had another efficient game, completing 26 of 38 passes for 264 yards and two touchdowns for a Boise State team that struggled offensively through much of the season before improving over its last three games.

"All year I knew I could play at this level," he said. "It's just a lot of work, a lot of moving parts to put the puzzle together. The last three games it's really showed. We've just been executing at a high level in the offense."

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Nix's big day lifts Spartans over Texas

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Rick Barnes hadn't seen a reason to double-team Michigan State center Derrick Nix. Neither had anyone else, but a lot of teams will when they look at Saturday's game tape.

Nix scored a career-high 25 points and 11 rebounds, as the nation's No. 20 team surged past Texas 67-56 in its last home game of 2012.

"Tom has to like what he got out of Nix," Texas coach Rick Barnes said of a player who was averaging 7.5 points per game. "He did whatever he wanted. Those were Player of the Year numbers. I know we haven't had anyone dominate us that way."

Nix was 7-for-10 from the field and 11-for-13 at the line, a major improvement for a 64.9-percent foul shooter. He started the game by swishing a jump hook and never let up in a career-high 32 minutes.

"Nix and I have a love-hate relationship; I love to hate him sometimes," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said of a player who lost 70 pounds and overcame an arrest to become a captain. "He gets frustrated with himself sometimes, too. One of the hardest things to do is take criticism. But he has grown up a lot."

Keith Appling had 14 points and Adreian Payne added 13 for the Spartans (11-2), who stayed perfect in six December games as they move on to Big Ten play.

"I didn't get a scholarship here because they wanted to give it to me," Nix said. "I had to be doing something right. Today, they didn't double-team. I hit my first shot and tried to dominate the rest of the day."

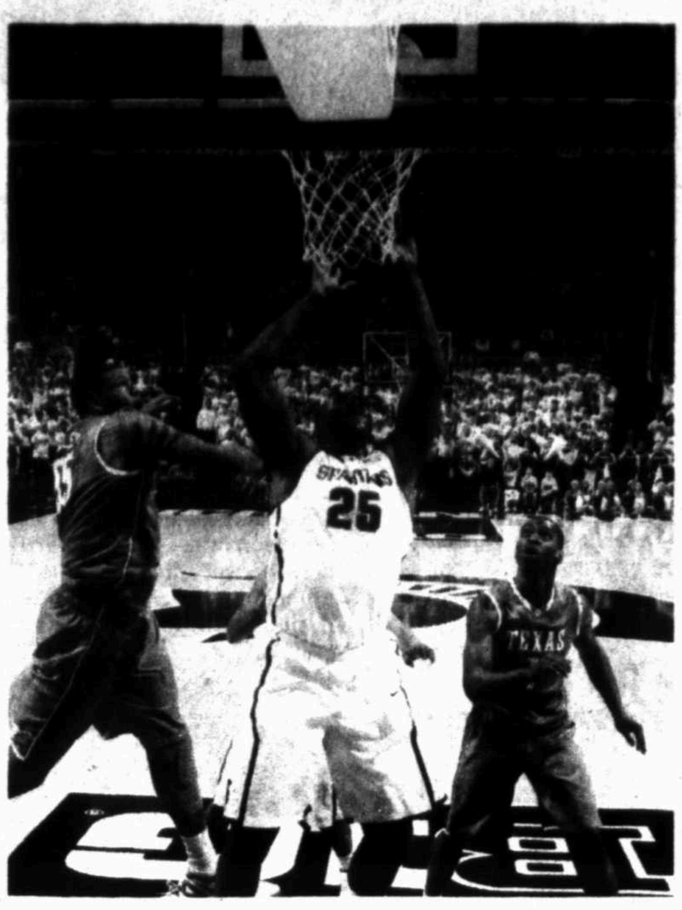
Julien Lewis scored 16 points and Sheldon McClellan had 13 for the Longhoms (7-5), who couldn't match the efficiency of their 85-67 win over North Carolina Wednesday night.

"We had opportunities up until the last four minutes to win the game," Barnes said. "Our spacing wasn't good. But the big thing was we had to get a better effort for our post players. Nix went to work in there."

Texas had a chance to take a 42-41 lead but McClellan missed two free throws after a technical on Nix. The Spartans promptly grabbed a three-point lead on a jumper by Payne but missed a chance to build their advantage when Appling missed two of three foul shots and Payne was called for offensive goaltending. They took advantage on a second chance when two Nix free throws and an Appling 3 made it 49-40.

"It was disrespectful to step across my face that way," Nix said of a tumble-and tie-up led to some words he shouldn't have said. "That was an Allen Iverson move. I think I deserved a tech. But we responded."

It was 54-44 when the Longhorns cut the lead in half. A three-point play by Ioannis Papapetrou made a four-point game, and his jumper as the shot clock expired cut the margin to 56-54. After Payne and Appling built the lead back to six and Texas' Jonathan Holmes was called for charging, Nix added a free throw to build the lead back to seven.



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Michigan State's Derrick Nix (25) shoots between Texas' Cameron Ridley, left, and Sheldon McClellan during the first half Saturday in East Lansing, Mich. Nix led Michigan State with 25 points and 11 rebounds in a 67-56 win.

Spartans 67
Longhorns 56

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Texas

NO. 15 OKLAHOMA STATE 90 TEXAS-ARLINGTON 54

ARLINGTON — Brittney Martin recorded the first triple-double in Cowgirls history and Toni Young scored 21 points on 10-of-13 shooting Saturday, helping No. 15 Oklahoma State improve to 9-0 for the third time in school history with a 90-54 win over Texas-Arlington.

Martin, a freshman, had 10 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists, along with five steals and two blocks.

Liz Donohoe added 19 points, Tiffany Bias chipped in 14 and Lindsey Keller had 13 for the Cowgirls, who shot 53.5 percent from the field and never trailed. OSU's 9-0 start is the school's first since the 1995-96 team won its first 10 games.

Desherra Nwanguma led the Mavericks (2-8) with 15 points and Eboni Watkins had 11. Texas-Arlington shot just 33 percent from the field, was outrebounded 45-29 and committed 17 turnovers.

Oklahoma State led 52-24 at halftime, scoring the last 12 points of the first half, and cruised from there.

Top 25

NO. 1 STANFORD 73 NO. 10 TENNESSEE 60

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Chiney Ogwumike had 21 points and a career-high 19 rebounds and top-ranked Stanford remained unbeaten with a victory over No. 10 Tennessee on Saturday.

Ogwumike, who entered the game averaging 21.9 points and 12.2 rebounds, also had a career-high five assists for the Cardinal (11-0).

Amber Orrange scored 14 points, Toni Kokenis and Bonnie Samuelson each added 11 points and Joslyn Tinkle had 10 points for the Cardinal, who host No. 2 Connecticut in their next game Dec. 29.

Bashaara Graves had 15 points and 12 rebounds for Tennessee (7-3). Meighan Simmons added 12 points, while Ariel Massengale and Cierra Burdick had 11 points each.

NO. 2 CONNECTICUT 102 HARTFORD 45

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Breanna Stewart scored a season-high 27 points and four teammates also scored in double figures and the Huskies defeated the Hawks.

A pregame ceremony honored the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, with youth players from Newtown joining the teams on court.

It was the fifth time that Stewart, a freshman, had led the Huskies (10-0) in scoring this season. Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis had 21 points, Kelly Faris 18, Bria Hartley 15, and Stefanie Dolson 10 for UConn (10-0).

Stewart also had a team-high seven rebounds. Daphne Elliott led Hartford (8-3) with 10 points.

Before the game members of the Newtown Girls Youth Basketball Association lined up with both teams on the court holding green signs that said "WE ARE SANDY HOOK. WE CHOOSE LOVE" and clutching teddy bears.

There was moment of remembrance that included the ringing of a chime 26 times in memory of the 20 students and six adults who were killed in the shooting.

Coaches and their staffs, and courtside personnel wore green ribbons, the school color at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Additionally, two large paintings of green ribbons with the white letters "SH" were on the court.

NO. 4 DUKE 75 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 60

LOS ANGELES — Chelsea Gray led five players in double figures with 18 points and the Blue Devils remained undefeated with a victory over Southern California in the Women of Troy Classic.

Tricia Liston added 14 points, Elizabeth Williams had 13 and Haley Peters 12 for the Blue Devils (10-0), who went 2-0 on their West Coast visit. They beat Cal State Bakersfield 97-63 Friday night for coach Joanne P. McCallie's 150th victory at the school in their opening game of the four-team event.

Gray had 10 rebounds, although Duke got beat on the boards, 44-36. Liston had four of the team's eight 3-pointers.

NO. 16 DAYTON 91 SIENA 53

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Ally Malott led six players in double figures with 19 points and Dayton routed Siena.

Jodie Cornelie and Kelley Austria had 11 points and three assists each, while Olivia Applewhite, Cassie Sant, and Andrea Hoover scored 10 points for the Flyers (12-0).

NO. 23 FLORIDA STATE 93 UNC GREENSBORO 63

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Chasity Clayton scored 21 points to lead the Seminoles past the Spartans.

Clayton scored 10 points during a 23-0 run by Florida State after the Spartans had taken an early 9-7 lead.

NO. 25 COLORADO 81 UTAH VALLEY 45

BOULDER, Colo. — Jen Reese scored a career-high 16 points to lead the Buffaloes over Utah Valley.

The Buffaloes (10-0) finished with three other players in double digits in the 700th victory for the program.

MEN'S TEXAS AND BIG 12 ROUNDUP

ARIZONA STATE 77 TEXAS TECH 62

LUBBOCK — Jonathan Gilling and Jahii Carson each scored 18 points to lead Arizona State to a 77-62 win over Texas Tech on Saturday.

NO. 9 KANSAS 74 NO. 7 OHIO ST. 66

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Redshirt freshman Ben McLemore scored 22 points and No. 9 Kansas proved it was more than just a bully at home by beating seventh-ranked Ohio State 74-66 on Saturday.

KANSAS STATE 67 NO. 8 FLORIDA 61

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Will Spradling had 16 points and five assists, including one that set up Shane Southwell's 3-pointer in the closing minutes, and Kansas State beat No. 8 Florida 67-61 on Saturday night.

NO. 24 OKLAHOMA STATE 78 TENNESSEE TECH 42

STILLWATER, Okla. — Freshman Phil Forte scored 22 points to lead No. 24 Oklahoma State to a 78-42 victory over Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

SOUTHERN 53 TEXAS A&M 51

COLLEGE STATION — Malcolm Miller scored 17 points, including four free throws in the final 40 seconds, as Southern rallied to defeat Texas A&M, 53-51, on Saturday afternoon.

UTEP 83 ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF 61

EL PASO — Julian Washburn was one of five players in double figures for UTEP, scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to lead the Minors to a 83-61 victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff in the Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational on Saturday night.

TCU 65 RICE 63

HOUSTON — Garlon Green scored a career-high 31 points to help TCU hold off Rice for a 65-63 victory Saturday night.

OREGON 91 HOUSTON BAPTIST 50

EUGENE, Ore. — Tony Woods scored 14 points and E.J. Singler had 13 as Oregon defeated Houston Baptist 91-50 Saturday.

CALIFORNIA 85 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 53

BERKELEY, Calif. — Allen Crabbe broke out of his brief shooting slump with 23 points, Richard Solomon had a career-high 18 points and nine rebounds and California beat Prairie View A&M 85-53 on Saturday afternoon.

HOUSTON 79 CHICAGO ST. 57

HOUSTON — Joseph Young scored 24 points and TaShawn Thomas scored 21 to lead Houston to a 79-57 victory over Chicago State on Saturday.

FIU 48 TEXAS SOUTHERN 45

HOUSTON — Jerome Frink scored 14 points and Marco Porcher Jimenez added 12 points to lead Florida International to a 48-45 win over Texas Southern on Saturday.

TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 80 NEBRASKA-OMAHA 72

EDINBURG — Brandon Provost scored 19 points to lead Texas-Pan American to an 80-72 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Saturday night.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

Top 25 Fared

1. Duke (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Saturday.
2. Michigan (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Saturday.
3. Syracuse (10-1) lost to Temple 83-79. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Saturday.
4. Arizona (9-0) vs. East Tennessee State. Next: vs. Hawaii or Miami, Sunday.
5. Louisville (11-1) beat Western Kentucky 78-55. Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.
6. Indiana (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville, Friday.
7. Ohio State (9-2) lost to No. 9 Kansas 74-66. Next: vs. Chicago State, Saturday.
8. Florida (8-2) lost to Kansas State 67-61. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.
9. Kansas (10-1) beat No. 7 Ohio State 74-66. Next: vs. American, Saturday.
10. Illinois (12-1) lost to No. 12 Missouri 82-73. Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
11. Cincinnati (12-0) beat Wright State 68-58. Next: vs. No. 16 New Mexico, Thursday.
12. Missouri (10-1) beat No. 10 Illinois 82-73. Next: at UCLA, Friday.
13. Minnesota (12-1) beat Lafayette 75-50. Next: vs. No. 20 Michigan State, Monday, Dec. 31.
14. Gonzaga (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Friday.
15. Georgetown (10-1) beat American 65-49. Next: at Marquette, Saturday, Jan. 5.
16. New Mexico (12-1) lost to South Dakota State 70-65. Next: at No. 11 Cincinnati, Thursday.
17. Creighton (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Saturday.
18. San Diego State (10-1) beat San Francisco 80-58. Next: vs. Mississippi or Indiana State, Sunday.
19. Butler (9-2) beat Evansville 75-67. Next: at Vanderbilt, Saturday.
20. Michigan State (11-2) beat Texas 67-56. Next: at No. 13 Minnesota, Monday, Dec. 31.
21. UNLV (10-1) vs. Canisius. Next: at No. 23 North Carolina, Saturday.
22. Notre Dame (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Saturday, Jan. 5.
23. North Carolina (9-3) beat McNeese State 97-63. Next: vs. No. 21 UNLV, Saturday.
24. Oklahoma State (10-1) beat Tennessee Tech 78-42. Next: vs. No. 14 Gonzaga, Monday, Dec. 31.
25. N.C. State (9-2) beat St. Bonaventure 92-73. Next: vs. Western Michigan, Saturday.

SOUTHWEST

Arizona St. 77, Texas Tech 62
Arkansas 95, Alabama A&M 68
FIU 48, Texas Southern 45
Houston 79, Chicago St. 57
Oklahoma St. 78, Tennessee Tech 42
Southern U. 53, Texas A&M 51
TCU 65, Rice 63
Texas-Pan American 80, Nebraska-Omaha 72
Tulsa 72, Oral Roberts 68

FAR WEST

Air Force 61, UC Riverside 53
California 85, Prairie View 53
E. Washington 57, Idaho St. 54
Georgia Southern 63, MVSU&52
NC Central 73, Utah Valley 67
North Florida 80, CS Bakersfield 70
Oregon 91, Houston Baptist 50
S. Dakota St. 70, New Mexico 65
UC Davis 82, Nicholls St. 71
Virginia Tech 66, Bradley 65, OT
Washington 67, N. Illinois 5

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 78, Presbyterian 70
Coll. of Charleston 60, Coastal Carolina 51
Florida St. 79, Charlotte 76
Gardner-Webb 83, Spalding 54
George Mason 67, Richmond 64
Georgia 64, Southern Cal 56
Georgia Tech 73, The Citadel 41
Jacksonville 65, Furman 53
Kentucky 82, Marshall 54
Louisiana-Lafayette 91, Duquesne 79
Louisville 78, W. Kentucky 55
Mercer 66, Alabama 59
Mississippi St. 79, Cent. Arkansas 72
NC State 92, St. Bonaventure 73
North Carolina 97, McNeese St. 63
Old Dominion 63, Virginia 61
SMU 67, Alcorn St. 52
South Alabama 77, UALR 62
Wake Forest 84, UNC Greensboro 70
Winthrop 74, Auburn 67

MIDWEST

Butler 75, Evansville 67
Cincinnati 68, Wright St. 58
Dayton 77, Murray St. 68
DePaul 69, UMBC 61
Drake 74, E. Illinois 56
Green Bay 72, South Dakota 55
Illinois St. 83, Austin Peay 57
Iowa 80, Coppin St. 50
Kansas 74, Ohio St. 66
Kansas St. 67, Florida 61
Kent St. 73, Arkansas St. 69
Marquette 84, LSU 80
Miami (Ohio) 82, Ill.-Chicago 70
Michigan St. 67, Texas 56
Minnesota 75, Lafayette 50
Missouri 82, Illinois 73
Oakland 59, E. Michigan 57
Ohio 93, Md.-Eastern Shore 57
SE Missouri 66, UMKC 65
Saint Louis 65, Loyola Marymount 44
Valparaiso 79, Purdue-Calumet 51
W. Michigan 87, Mount St. Mary's 66
Wichita St. 59, Southern Miss. 51
Wofford 56, Xavier 55

EAST

Boston College 71, Providence 68
Boston U. 70, Cornell 57
Bryant 79, Dartmouth 66
Drexel 69, Davidson 58
Elon 70, Columbia 69
Fairfield 60, Saint Joseph's 57
George Washington 76, VMI 67
Georgetown 65, American U. 48
Hartford 56, Marist 46
Harvard 72, Holy Cross 65
La Salle 100, Sacred Heart 71
Loyola of Chicago 54, St. Peter's 49
Maine 84, Florida Gulf Coast 78
N. Kentucky 55, Navy 46
NJIT 71, CCNY 43
Princeton 79, Bucknell 67
Rhode Island 65, Georgia St. 60
Seton Hall 89, LIU Brooklyn 58
South Carolina 63, Manhattan 57
St. Francis (NY) 73, Colgate 61
Temple 83, Syracuse 79
Tulane 83, Hofstra 62
UMass 88, East Carolina 81
Vermont 76, Fairleigh Dickinson 62
Villanova 83, Monmouth (NJ) 56
West Virginia 72, Radford 62

Women

TOP 25 FARED

1. Stanford (11-0) beat No. 10 Tennessee 73-60. Next: vs. No. 2 UConn, Saturday.
2. UConn (10-0) beat Hartford 102-45. Next: at No. 1 Stanford, Saturday.
3. Baylor (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Saturday.
4. Duke (10-0) beat Southern Cal 75-60. Next: vs. Monmouth (N.J.), Sunday, Dec. 30.
5. Notre Dame (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Purdue, Saturday.
6. Georgia (12-0) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Friday.
7. Kentucky (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Friday.
8. California (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. George Washington, Friday.
9. Maryland (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Brown, Friday.
10. Tennessee (7-3) lost to No. 1 Stanford 73-60. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.
11. Penn State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. NJIT, Sunday.
12. UCLA (7-2) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Friday.
13. Purdue (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Notre Dame, Saturday.
14. Louisville (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Monday, Dec. 31.
15. Oklahoma State (8-0) beat Texas-Arlington 90-54. Next: vs. Harvard, Friday.
16. Dayton (12-0) beat Siena 91-53. Next: at Bowling Green, Sunday, Dec. 30.
17. North Carolina (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. East Tennessee State, Friday.
18. Oklahoma (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Northridge, Saturday.
19. Kansas (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday, Jan. 2.
20. Texas (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Friday.
21. South Carolina (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Saturday.
22. Texas A&M (8-4) did not play. Next: vs. Prairie View A&M, Friday.
23. Florida State (10-1) beat UNC Greensboro 93-63. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday, Dec. 30.
24. West Virginia (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Friday.
25. Colorado (10-0) beat Utah Valley 81-45. Next: vs. New Mexico, Saturday.

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 77, Louisiana-Lafayette 53
Creighton 91, South Florida 74
Houston 74, Texas St. 61
Miami (Ohio) 62, Nevada 49
Oklahoma St. 90, Texas-Arlington 54
TCU 73, Texas-Pan American 37
Wichita St. 61, SMU 59

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 62, Longwood 50
Boise St. 52, South Dakota 50
Cal St.-Fullerton 60, San Jose St. 59
Colorado 81, Utah Valley 45
Duke 75, Southern Cal 60
E. Washington 61, Idaho St. 55
Montana 82, Sacramento St. 55
Montana St. 69, N. Arizona 52
N. Colorado 53, North Dakota 41
Portland St. 74, Weber St. 60
UC Davis 71, CS Bakersfield 59

SOUTH

Auburn 85, Jacksonville 49
Clemson 63, Samford 51
Florida St. 93, UNC-Greensboro 63
Gardner-Webb 54, NC Central 32
Southern Miss. 53, Cent. Arkansas 44
Stanford 73, Tennessee 60
Tennessee Tech 67, Marshall 60
Tulane 73, North Texas 62
Tulsa 75, Grambling St. 62
UAB 56, UT-Martin 51
UALR 49, South Alabama 40
UCF 60, Florida Gulf Coast 53
Vanderbilt 69, Coll. of Charleston 44
Virginia Tech 73, Wake Forest 52

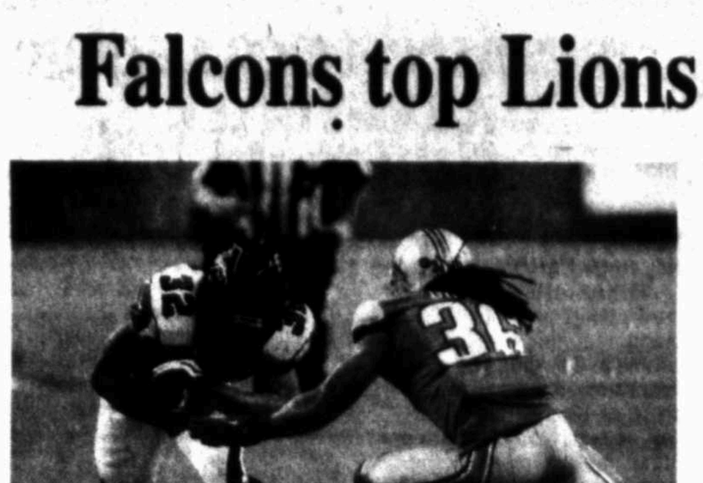
MIDWEST

Butler 56, Indiana St. 45
Cleveland St. 58, New Hampshire 47
Detroit 90, Madonna 43
IPFW 71, Rochester (Mich.) 59
Ill.-Chicago 66, N. Illinois 61, OT
Loyola of Chicago 81, Chicago St. 43

EAST

Bucknell 69, St. Peter's 62, OT
Dayton 91, Siena 53
Delaware 82, Monmouth (NJ) 53
George Washington 60, George Mason 52
La Salle 60, Fairfield 50
Memphis 65, Seton Hall 58
Northeastern 78, UMass 51
Northwestern 73, Mississippi 69
Providence 78, Rhode Island 52
Quinnipiac 75, St. John's 72
UConn 102, Hartford 45

Falcons top Lions to take home-field advantage in NFC



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Detroit Lions cornerback Jonte Green (36) closes in on Atlanta Falcons running back Jacquizz Rodgers (32) during the second quarter Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit.

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

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DETROIT — Matt Ryan got what he wanted, helping the Atlanta Falcons win a game they needed to earn home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Calvin Johnson had to settle for having a record-breaking night in yet another Detroit loss.

Ryan matched a career high with four touchdown passes, two to Roddy White, and Atlanta led from start to finish in a 31-18 victory over Detroit on Saturday night.

Johnson broke Jerry Rice's NFL single-season yards receiving mark of 1,848. Johnson also became the first player with 100 yards receiving in eight straight games and the first with 10 receptions in four games in a row. He had 11 receptions for 225 yards, giving him 1,992 this season.

The Falcons (13-2) pulled away with Ryan's fourth TD pass to wide-open tight end Michael Palmer in the fourth quarter and Matt Bryant's 20-yard field goal with 3:05 left that gave them a 15-point lead.

Ryan was 25 of 32 for 279 yards without a turnover.

Detroit (4-11) dropped its seventh straight game.

The Falcons hope playing at home, potentially throughout the conference playoffs, helps them more than it did after the 2010 and 1980 seasons. The Falcons failed to win a game in either postseason, getting routed by Green Bay two years ago and blowing a double-digit, fourth-quarter lead to Dallas three decades ago.

Atlanta advanced to its only Super bowl with a win at Minnesota after winning a franchise-record 14 games during the 1998 season.

The Falcons won't have much incentive to match that mark next week at home against Tampa Bay, when they'll have nothing to gain and something to lose if a key player or more gets hurt.

The Lions, meanwhile, have been relegated to playing for pride this month and that hasn't been going very well.

Detroit, which has the longest active losing streak in the league, hasn't had this long of a skid since it had one lasting an entire season when the laughingstock of a franchise became the league's first to go 0-16 in 2008.

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	4	0	.714	506	315
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	255	320
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	285	308
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	6	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	402	277
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	348	411
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-San Francisco	10	3	1	.750	357	218
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched divison

Saturday's Score

Atlanta 31, Detroit 18

Today's Games

Tennessee at Green Bay, Noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Dallas, Noon
Minnesota at Houston, Noon
Oakland at Carolina, Noon
Buffalo at Miami, Noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Noon
New England at Jacksonville, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, Noon
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Cleveland at Denver, 3:05 p.m
Chicago at Arizona, 3:25 p.m
N.Y Giants at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 7:20 p.m

FALCONS 31, LIONS 18

Atlanta	7	14	0	10	—31
Detroit	3	3	7	5	—18

First Quarter

Att—White 44 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 5:50

Det—FG Hanson 34, 13

Second Quarter

Att—White 39 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 9:54

Att—Jones 16 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 1:17

Det—FG Hanson 38, 02

Third Quarter

Det—Leshoure 1 run (Hanson kick), 6:59

Fourth Quarter

Det—FG Hanson 20, 13:26

Att—Palmer 1 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 7:12

Att—FG Bryant 20, 3:05

Det—Vanden Bosch safety, 1:21

A—63,849

	Att	Det
First downs	19	25
Total Net Yards	344	522
Rushes-yards	22-73	22-79
Passing	271	443
Comp-Att-Int	25-32-0	37-56-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	0-0
Punts	4-41.8	2-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-20	2-20
Time of Possession	28:52	31:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, Turner 13-41, Ryan 2-25, Rodgers 6-14, Jones 1-(minus 3). Detroit, Leshoure 15-46, Logan 1-13, Bell 4-10, Thomas 1-8, Stafford 1-2.

PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 25-32-0-279

Detroit, Stafford 37-56-1-443

RECEIVING—Atlanta, White 8-153, Jones 7-71, Turner 4-16, Douglas 2-6, Snelling 1-12. Rodgers 1-11, Gonzalez 1-9, Palmer 1-1. Detroit, C.Johnson 11-225, Bell 9-73, Scheffler 4-41, Heller 4-34, Leshoure 3-20, Durham 2-32, Robiskie 1-5, Thomas 1-5, Logan 1-4, Smith 1-4

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

Injury report

ATLANTA FALCONS at DETROIT LIONS — FALCONS: QUESTIONABLE DT Jonathan Babineaux (ribs), T Tyson Clabo (thigh), DE Cliff Matthews (hamstring), S William Moore (hamstring), CB Christopher Owens (hamstring), WR Roddy White (knee). PROBABLE: WR Harry Douglas (ribs). LIONS: DOUBTFUL: TE Brandon Pettigrew (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: S Louis Delmas (knee). PROBABLE: S Don Carey (knee), CB Chris Houston (hamstring), WR Calvin Johnson (knee), RB Mikel Leshoure (calf), LB DeAndre Levy (ankle).

TENNESSEE TITANS at GREEN BAY PACKERS — TITANS: OUT: C Kevin Matthews (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: LB Colin McCarthy (concussion), CB Ryan Mouton (hamstring), DE Scott Solomon (knee), WR Damian Williams (hamstring), WR Kendall Wright (rib). PROBABLE: WR Kenny Britt (knee), QB Jake Locker (left shoulder), LB Will Witherspoon (hamstring). PACKERS: OUT: TE Tom Crabtree (hamstring), WR Jordy Nelson (hamstring), RB James Starks (knee), DE C.J. Wilson (knee), S Charles Woodson (collarbone). QUESTIONABLE: RB Alex Green (concussion), G Greg Van Roten (back, illness), DE Jerel Worthy (hamstring). PROBABLE: WR Randall Cobb (shoulder), G T.J. Lang (concussion, illness), QB Aaron Rodgers (ankle), C Jeff Saturday (neck, shoulder), LB Erik Walden (ankle).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at CAROLINA PANTHERS — RAIDERS: OUT: DT Richard Seymour (knee, hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: S Tyvon Branch (neck, ankle), WR Juron Criner (hip). PROBABLE: CB Phillip Adams (concussion), T Khalif Barnes (triceps), TE Richard Gordon (biceps), S Mike Mitchell (neck). PANTHERS: DOUBTFUL: C Geoff Hangartner (foot). QUESTIONABLE: RB Jonathan Stewart (ankle), T Garry Williams (illness). PROBABLE: C Thomas Austin (illness), T Byron Bell (illness), LB Thomas Davis (not injury related), DT Dwan Edwards (wrist), T Jordan Gross (not injury related), DE Charles Johnson (not injury related), WR Brandon LaFell (toe).

BUFFALO BILLS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — BILLS: OUT: DE Mark Anderson (knee), WR Marcus Easley (hamstring), LB Chris White (hip). QUESTIONABLE: C Eric Wood (knee). PROBABLE: LB Nick Barnett (knee), S Jairus Byrd (foot), TE Scott Chandler (foot), DT Marcell Dareus (knee, wrist), G Andy Levitre (knee), CB Justin Rogers (foot), TE Lee Smith (back), RB C.J. Spiller (shoulder), CB Aaron Williams (knee), DT Kyle Williams (ankle). DE Mario Williams (wrist). DOLPHINS: OUT: WR Davone Bess (back), LB Koa Misi (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: CB Nolan Carroll (knee), WR Brian Hartline (back), TE Jeron Mastrud (hamstring), DT Randy Starks (not injury related). PROBABLE: WR Armon Binns (ankle), S Chris Clemons (neck, ribs), LB Karlos Dansby (biceps), DE Derrick Shelby (groin), S Jimmy Wilson (hip).

CINCINNATI BENGALS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — BENGALS: QUESTIONABLE: CB Adam Jones (hamstring), CB Dre Kirkpatrick (head), K Mike Nugent (head), RB Cedric Peerman (ankle). PROBABLE: LB Vontaze Burfict (illness), DE Carlos Dunlap (illness), TE Clark Harris (not injury related), T Andre Smith (foot), T Andrew Whitworth (head). STEELERS: OUT: CB Ike Taylor (ankle). DOUBTFUL: T Mike Adams (ankle). PROBABLE: CB Cortez Allen (groin), CB Curtis Brown (knee), LB James Harrison (illness), DE Cameron Heyward (not injury related), CB Keenan Lewis (hip), S Troy Polamalu (not injury related), C Maurkice Pouncey (illness), WR Emmanuel Sanders (rib), DE Al Woods (illness).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — PATRIOTS: QUESTIONABLE: S Patrick Chung (shoulder), G Dan Connolly (back), CB Alfonzo Dennard (hamstring, knee), TE Rob Gronkowski (forearm, hip), TE Aaron Hernandez (ankle), LB Dont'a Hightower (hamstring, shoulder), DE Chandler Jones (ankle), WR Brandon Lloyd (knee), DT Kyle Love (knee), G Logan Mankins (ankle, calf), LB Jerod Mayo (elbow), G Nick McDonald (shoulder), LB Mike Rivera (ankle), T Nate Solder (abdomen), LB Brandon Spikes (knee, ankle), CB Aqib Talib (hip), T Sebastian Vollmer (back, knee), WR Wes Welker (ankle). LB Tracy White (elbow). JAGUARS: OUT: RB Rashad Jennings (concussion). RB Maurice Jones-Drew (foot). QUESTIONABLE: S Dwight Lowery (foot), CB Aaron Ross (calf). PROBABLE: DT Tyson Alualu (calf), CB Derek Cox (hamstring), RB Greg Jones (thigh), CB Rashean Mathis (groin), C Brad Meester (foot), LB Paul Posluszny (groin), DE George Selvie (concussion).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — COLTS: OUT: RB Delone Carter (ankle). LB Kavell Conner (hamstring), C Samson Satele (ankle), S Tom Zbikowski (knee). QUESTIONABLE: NT Antonio Johnson (ankle), T Winston Justice (biceps), C A.Q. Shipley (knee). PROBABLE: LB Jerrell Freeman (thumb), LB Dwight Freeney (ankle), S Joe Lefeged (calf), QB Andrew Luck (knee), NT Martin Tevaseu (illness), CB Teddy Williams (knee). CHIEFS: DOUBTFUL: TE Tony Moeaki (head). QUESTIONABLE: T Brandon Albert (back), S Abram Elam (quadriceps), G Russ Hochstein (back), NT Jerrell Powe (illness). PROBABLE: CB Javier Arenas (ankle), G Jon Asamoah (thumb), WR Jon Baldwin (illness), WR Josh Bellamy (illness), S Eric Berry (hand), WR Terrance Copper (hamstring), CB Brandon Flowers (illness), G Ryan Lilja (back), QB Brady Quinn (ribs), G Rich Ranglin (knee), CB Neiko Thorpe (illness).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at DALLAS COWBOYS — SAINTS: OUT: RB Jed Collins (knee, toe). QUESTIONABLE: RB Chris Ivory (hamstring), CB Patrick Robinson (groin). PROBABLE: TE Jimmy Graham (wrist), T Zach Strief (ankle), RB Pierre Thomas (knee). COWBOYS: OUT: NT Jay Ratliff (groin). QUESTIONABLE: WR Kevin Ogletree (illness). LB Ernie Sims (concussion). PROBABLE: WR Dez Bryant (finger), CB Morris Claiborne (concussion), RB Felix Jones (knee), DE DeMarcus Murray (foot), S Charles Peprah (foot), LB DeMarcus Ware (elbow).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — REDSKINS: QUESTIONABLE: DE Stephen Bowen (biceps), T Tyler Polumbus (head). PROBABLE: LB Lorenzo Alexander (shoulder, not injury related), LB London Fletcher (ankle), WR Pierre Garcon (foot), QB Robert Griffin III (knee), LB Rob Jackson (not injury related), LB Ryan Kerrigan (ankle), C Will Montgomery (knee), T Trent Williams (thigh). EAGLES: OUT: RB Stanley Havili (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: RB Chris Polk (toe). PROBABLE: WR Jason Avant (hamstring), TE Brent Celek (concussion), S Kurt Coleman (chest), WR Riley Cooper (knee), CB Brandon Hughes (lung contusion), WR Jeremy Maclin (back), G Evan Mathis (ankle), RB LeSean McCoy (concussion), QB Michael Vick (concussion).

ST. LOUIS RAMS at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — RAMS: QUESTIONABLE: CB Cortland Finnegan (thigh). PROBABLE: CB Bradley Fletcher (illness), RB Steven Jackson (illness), LB James Laurinaitis (back), DE Robert Quinn (illness), C Scott Wells (knee). BUCCANEERS: DOUBTFUL: DE Aaron Morgan (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: CB LeQuan Lewis (knee). PROBABLE: DE Michael Bennett (shoulder), DE Da'Quan Bowers (hamstring), LB Lavonte David (knee), TE Luke Stocker (head, nose), WR Mike Williams (wrist).

NEW YORK GIANTS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — GIANTS: QUESTIONABLE: C David Baas (hip, shoulder), TE Travis Beckum (knee), RB Ahmad Bradshaw (knee, foot), S Kenny Phillips (knee), S Tyler Sash (hamstring), G Chris Snee (hip). DE Justin Tuck (shoulder). PROBABLE: CB Prince Amukamara (hamstring), DT Chris Canty (neck), WR Hakeem Nicks (knee). WR Rueben Randle (back). RAVENS: OUT: LB Jameel McClain (neck). DOUBTFUL: S Bernard Pollard (chest). QUESTIONABLE: WR Tandon Doss (ankle), LB Dannell Ellerbe (ankle), RB Vonta Leach (ankle), LB Albert McClellan (thigh, shoulder), RB Bernard Pierce (head), WR Torrey Smith (head), G Marshal Yanda (ankle). PROBABLE: TE Ed Dickson (knee), S James Ihedigbo (neck), DE Arthur Jones (shoulder), DE Pernell McPhee (thigh), S Ed Reed (shoulder), CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen), LB Terrell Suggs (biceps), WR Deonte Thompson (thigh), WR LaQuan Williams (thigh).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at HOUSTON TEXANS — VIKINGS: QUESTIONABLE: DE Brian Robison (shoulder). PROBABLE: DE Jared Allen (shoulder), DE Everson Griffen (elbow), T Matt Kalil (illness), P Chris Kluwe (left knee, right groin), T Phil Loadholt (knee), RB Adrian Peterson (abdomen, groin), S Mistral Raymond (ankle), CB Marcus Sherels (quadriceps, elbow), CB Antoine Winfield (knee). TEXANS: OUT: CB Alan Ball (foot). PROBABLE: LB Bryan Braman (knee), RB Tyler Clutts (knee), NT Shaun Cody (back), DE Jared Crick (neck), TE Owen Daniels (hamstring), G Duane Brown (knee, thumb), RB Justin Forsett (knee), CB Johnathan Joseph (groin), T Derek Newton (knee), S Glover Quin (hip), LB Brooks Reed (groin), G Barrett Ruud (knee), LB Darryl Sharpton (toe), DE Antonio Smith (ankle), G Wade Smith (knee, ribs), RB Ben Tate (hamstring, foot), QB T.J. Yates (right elbow).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at DENVER BRONCOS — BROWNS: OUT: TE Jordan Cameron (head), S Tashaun Gipson (foot), WR Mohamed Massaquoi (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Josh Gordon (Kitchen (calf). DE Frostee Rucker (shoulder, hip), TE Alex Smith (illness, knee). PROBABLE: WR Travis Benjamin (finger), T Oniel Cousins (ankle), WR Joshua Cribbs (knee), RB Montario Hardesty (knee), G Shawn Lauvao (head, foot), T Ryan Miller (not injury related). DE Juqua Parker (knee), RB Trent Richardson (chest, rib, finger), DT Phil Taylor (knee, calf). T Joe Thomas (back). BRONCOS: DOUBTFUL: G Chris Kuper (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: RB Chris Gronkowski (hamstring). PROBABLE: S Mike Adams (knee), WR Eric Decker (ankle), WR Trindon Holliday (knee), C Dan Koppen (knee), S Jim Leonhard (ankle), RB Knowshon Moreno (ribs), DT Kevin Vickerson (groin), WR Matthew Willis (knee), LB Wesley Woodyard (ankle).

CHICAGO BEARS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — BEARS: OUT: LB Brian Urlacher (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: DT Henry Melton (chest). QUESTIONABLE: WR Earl Bennett (concussion), LB Blake Costanzo (calf), CB Tim Jennings (shoulder), T Jonathan Scott (hamstring). PROBABLE: LB Geno Hayes (knee), WR Brandon Marshall (hamstring), DE Shea McClellin (knee). CARDINALS: OUT: WR Early Doucet (concussion), G Mike Gibson (calf). QUESTIONABLE: LB Quentin Groves (foot), TE Rob Housler (knee), S Rashad Johnson (hamstring), T Nate Potter (knee), S James Sanders (calf), RB Anthony Sherman (knee), DE Ronald Talley (ankle), DT Dan Williams (hamstring). PROBABLE: DE Calais Campbell (calf), TE Mike Leach (back, shoulder), CB Greg Toler (hamstring).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — 49ERS: QUESTIONABLE: LB Tavares Gooden (ribs), LB Clark Haggans (shoulder), WR Mario Manningham (shoulder), DT Justin Smith (elbow), DT Will Tukuafu (concussion). PROBABLE: K David Akers (pelvis), G Alex Boone (knee), LB NaVorro Bowman (shoulder), LB Ahmad Brooks (shoulder), CB Tarell Brown (shoulder), S Dashon Goldson (foot), RB Frank Gore (wrist), G Mike Iupati (shoulder), RB Bruce Miller (shoulder), CB Carlos Rogers (knee), LB Aldon Smith (shoulder), S C.J. Spillman (illness), LB Patrick Willis (shoulder). SEAHAWKS: QUESTIONABLE: S Jeron Johnson (groin), WR Sidney Rice (knee), CB Walter Thurmond (hamstring), CB Marcus Trufant (hamstring). PROBABLE: DT Alan Branch (ankle), RB Marshawn Lynch (back), CB Richard Sherman (not injury related), RB Robert Turbin (illness), RB Leon Washington (illness).

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at NEW YORK JETS — CHARGERS: DOUBTFUL: DT Aubrayo Franklin (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Demorrio Williams (ankle). PROBABLE: RB Ronnie Brown (hamstring), LB Donald Butler (groin), T Jeromey Clary (knee), G Tyronne Green (hamstring), WR Eddie Royal (hamstring), LB Takeo Spikes (hamstring). JETS: DOUBTFUL: CB Aaron Berry (hamstring), TE Dustin Keller (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: WR Braylon Edwards (hamstring), WR Mardy Gilyard (illness), DT Sione Pouha (back), LB Ricky Sapp (ankle), WR Chaz Schilens (knee, calf), LB Bryan Thomas (chest). PROBABLE: TE Jeff Cumberland (wrist, ankle), DT Kenrick Ellis (knee), K Nick Folk (back), S LaRon Landry (heel), C Nick Mangold (shoulder), LB Garrett McIntyre (hamstring), RB Joe McKnight (ankle), G Brandon Moore (hip, foot), LB Calvin Pace (shoulder), RB Bilal Powell (shoulder, toe), QB Mark Sanchez (back), LB Bart Scott (toe), G Matt Slauson (knee), QB Tim Tebow (ribs).

TODAY'S TEXAS CAPSULES

NEW ORLEANS (6-6) AT DALLAS (8-6) Noon today, Fox

OPENING LINE — Cowboys by 3

RECORD VS. SPREAD — New Orleans 6-8; Dallas 7-7

SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 15-9

AP PRO32 RANKING — Saints No. 17; Cowboys No. 12

LAST MEETING — Saints beat Cowboys 30-27, Nov. 24, 2010

LAST WEEK — Saints beat Buccaneers 41-0; Cowboys beat Steelers 27-24 OT

SAINTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (24), PASS (2)

SAINTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (32), RUSH (31), PASS (31)

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (31), PASS (4)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (14t), RUSH (15), PASS (14)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Saints have won six of last seven games in series. .... Eleven of 24 games in series decided by at least two touchdowns, though 10 of last 14 by less than 10 points. ... Series has been played at Cotton Bowl, Tulane Stadium, Superdome, Texas Stadium and Cowboys Stadium. ... Despite having NFL's worst overall defense, Saints coming off first shutout victory in 17 years. ... Saints QB Drew Brees surpassed 45,000 career yards passing last weekend. Tony Romo of Cowboys went over 25,000-yard mark. ... New Orleans has averaged 400 total yards a game (292 passing) since 2006. ... Cowboys have won five of six games, and three in row. Win would give them 34th winning season. ... With two games left, Romo has already set single-season team records with 379 completions and 568 attempts. He is 215 yards shy of surpassing his record 4,483 yards passing set three years ago. ... WR Dez Bryant, playing with broken finger, extended his streak to six consecutive games with a TD catch last week. .... Dan Bailey has ended last two games with game-winning kicks, and has three this season. ... Dallas 6-1 in overtime games since start of 2009. ... DeMarcus Ware (11½ sacks) and Anthony Spencer (10) give Dallas first double-digit sack duo since 2007 with Ware and Greg Ellis.

MINNESOTA (8-6) AT HOUSTON (12-2) Noon today

OPENING LINE — Texans by 7

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Minnesota 7-7; Houston 9-5

SERIES RECORD — Vikings lead 2-0

AP PRO32 RANKING — Vikings No. 14; Texans No. 5

LAST MEETING — Vikings beat Texans 28-21, Nov. 2, 2008

LAST WEEK — Vikings beat Rams 36-22; Texans beat Colts 29-17

VIKINGS OFFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (4); PASS (32)

VIKINGS DEFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (13), PASS (23)

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (5), PASS (11)

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (7), RUSH (5), PASS (18)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — With win, Houston secures both first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs. Minnesota's Adrian Peterson needs 188 yards rushing to become seventh NFL player to rush for 2,000 yards in season. ... He needs 294 yards rushing to break Eric Dickerson's single-season NFL rushing record of 2,105 set in 1984. ... Peterson's 1,313 yards rushing in last eight games most in eight-game span in single season in NFL history. ... Peterson has rushed for at least 100 yards in team-record eight straight games. ... Houston WR Andre Johnson has nine career games with at least 10 receptions and 150 yards receiving — tied with Tim Brown for second most in NFL history. ... Johnson needs one catch to reach 800 for career. Sunday is his 137th game, and catch would make him second fastest to reach milestone in NFL history behind Marvin Harrison, who did it in 131st game. ... Vikings DE Jared Allen has 41 sacks in past 39 games. ... Houston DE J.J. Watt needs 3½ sacks to break Michael Strahan's NFL record of 22½ . ... Minnesota LB Chad Greenway leads team with 140 tackles. ... Texans LB Whitney Mercilus tied for first among AFC rookies with six sacks. ... Vikings rookie S Harrison Smith tied for NFL lead with two interception returns for touchdowns. ... Houston RB Arian Foster leads NFL with 14 rushing touchdowns. ... Foster's 1,313 yards rushing best in AFC and mark third straight season with at least 1,200 yards rushing. ... Vikings have nine players from Texas on roster. ... Minnesota coach Leslie Frazier's son Corey and Houston coach Gary Kubiak's son Klein play football together at Rice. ... Vikings TE Kyle Rudolph has second most touchdown catches among tight ends in NFL with eight.

COWBOYS

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standing job, finding the right pieces and putting them in the right place while having to stop some of these offenses we have played," Garrett said.

In last week's 27-24 overtime win over Pittsburgh, Dallas also played without corner Morris Claiborne (concussion). But vet Mike Jenkins started in his place, and Moore did a solid job in nickel situations.

Several other newcomers also contributed, including Schaefering and Coe. Despite joining the team just last week, each logged 10 snaps.

"We need name tags," quarterback Tony Romo joked. "I said, 'Great job, No. 20.' I know his name is Coe now."

Romo was amazed that one day after the Cowboys signed Moore off New England's practice squad, the SMU-ex saw action against Philadelphia on Dec. 2.

"I saw No. 30 the night before at our hotel," Romo said. "I'm like, 'Hey, it's nice to have you on our team. Where you from? What do you do?' Are you dressing tomorrow?' He just showed up at the team meeting the night before and the next day he's out there. I was like, this is interesting."

Backups have also stepped up. For instance, linebackers Alex Albright and Dan Connor answered the call Sunday after another newcomer, Ernie Sims, suffered a concussion.

Bottom line: It's one for all and all for one these days for the mishmash that is the Cowboys defense.

"This is the closest team I've been on in any year I've been here, and I've been here eight years," linebacker DeMarcus Ware told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's really not about the name on the back of the jersey. It's about how all 11 guys get together, play together with that passion and intensity, and do the right things.

"That's what we've been doing, and this December, it's a whole different team."

TEXANS

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help to secure a spot. Peterson said any personal goals he's shooting for are secondary to helping his team get into the postseason.

"If I continue to play the way I've been playing, I'll be able to continue what I told myself earlier and help lead my team to a championship," Peterson said. "They kind of go hand-in-hand. If you rip off a 200-, 300-yard game, you get a 'W,' you're doing what you told yourself that you were going to do in the offseason."

Peterson needs 188 yards to become the seventh player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards and first since Chris Johnson did it in the 2009 season. He has a franchise-record eight straight 100-yard games and has ran for more than 200 yards in two of the last three weeks, making him a top candidate for the NFL's most valuable player.

What's perhaps most impressive is that he's had his best games in the five weeks since receiver Percy Harvin went down with an injury and Minnesota's passing game fell to last in the NFL.

"It's not like we have a lot of things around him," Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said of Peterson. "We have an offensive line that is doing a great job, but this is a new offensive line for the most part ... for Adrian to be doing what he's doing with the pieces around him, he's comeback player, MVP for sure."

This week he'll face a defense allowing just 93.2 yards rushing a game. A big reason for Houston's stingy defense is star defensive end J.J. Watt. Like Peterson, Watt is also on the cusp of setting an NFL record. He needs 3½ sacks to break Michael Strahan's NFL single-season sack record of 22½.

Watt has a total of 33 tackles for losses, 38 quarterback hits, 15 passes defended and has forced three fumbles.

It's a performance coach Gary Kubiak believes should put him in the conversation for MVP.

"There's not enough words to describe the type of season he's having," Kubiak said. "I think in due time everybody else will make their statement on that (MVP) toward the end of the season and what they think. But he's been exceptional and for a second-year player this is exciting. Hopefully he's here doing it a long, long time."

This game is a rare showcase of arguably the best offensive and defensive players in the league. Adding in their pursuit of records takes the matchup to another level.

"I can't recall two that are so close to breaking records that are about to face one another," Frazier said. "It's great for the game. But the most important thing for me and everybody in our organization is to figure out a way to win this game, and I'm sure that means finding a way to block J.J. Watt."

Peterson raved about Watt and said it seemed like there was no way to scheme for the defensive end when he was watching film of him this week. Watt is eager to face Peterson.

"You always want to prove yourself against the best of the best," Watt said. "Anytime you have a chance to go up against somebody who's doing historic things like he might do this year, you look forward to that opportunity and you cherish it."

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consideration, and another meeting between coaches Pete Carroll and Jim Harbaugh.

"It feels good to know that you're playing for something," 49ers linebacker Patrick Willis said. "We have a playoff berth, but we want the division. And we also want to have that first-week bye, and we know we have to win this week first."

The reunion of Harbaugh and Carroll brings together a pair with similar coaching beliefs and diametrically opposite personalities. They share a love of khakis, winning and not caring what others think about their coaching styles.

The two coaches traded barbs this week about not sharing Christmas cards with one another. Undoubtedly there won't be any birthday gifts waiting for Harbaugh when he shows up at CenturyLink Field even though he turned 49 today.

"I understand they didn't get our Christmas card yet. I have to check the list," Carroll joked this week.

While there are little similarities in the demeanor of their coaches, there is no denying after 15 weeks how much the teams mirror each other.

Statistically, they are nearly the same. They are Nos. 2 and 3 in the league in rushing the ball, and in total defense, the base principles each preach. They rank Nos. 1 and 2 in scoring defense, with the 49ers slightly ahead by allowing one less point. Even numbers like time of possession average, penalties and sacks are even or nearly the same.

They've even punted almost exactly the same number of times: 49 for the Seahawks, 50 for the 49ers.

"I can't help but see that because they believe in playing big-time defense as well as us, they believe in the running game, which we do, and they have a very strong emphasis on special teams, which we do," Carroll said. "I think that's really the three pillars of what we're trying to put together here, that's what I know we're dealing with. I don't know how they speak it or how they talk about it, but it's certainly what's obvious about their team."

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Rice safety Corey Frazier, right, gets a pat on the helmet from UCLA head coach Jim Mora after an Aug. 30 game at Rice Stadium. Frazier, the son of Minnesota Vikings head coach Leslie Frazier, and teammate Klein Kubiak, son of Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak, will be rooting for different teams today.

Frazier & Kubiak go from teammates to opponents

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Corey Frazier and Klein Kubiak are teammates at Rice and friends off the field.

But on Sunday they'll be pulled in different directions. Their fathers — Minnesota Vikings coach Leslie Frazier and Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak — will be on opposite sidelines.

"The first thing he said to me when I saw him on Sunday was that me and him were enemies from here on out this week," Corey said. "That just started it off, and there's been a lot of little jawing back and forth, a lot of little remarks."

Kubiak

Corey and Klein both plan to be on the sidelines with their fathers for today, where the Texans need a win to secure a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. The Vikings are trying to keep their postseason hopes alive with Adrian Peterson entering the game just 294 yards shy of breaking the NFL single-season rushing record — a fact that Corey has mentioned often.

"He's got a pretty big card in (Peterson), so he's been building that one up," Klein said, laughing. "We've gone back and forth."

Corey got to Rice first, and Klein didn't realize his father also coached in the NFL until Gary mentioned it to him. They've since become close after bonding over the shared experiences of growing up with fathers who were NFL coaches.

"We just had so much common ground," Corey said. "Our parents both have similar qualities, similar rules as to how they want us to live our lives, and since we are under so much scrutiny that made me and Klein pretty close."

The pair find it odd that they ended up at the same school because their fathers, who both played in the NFL before moving to coaching, have known each other for decades.

"That is pretty interesting," Gary said. "I've got a lot of respect for Leslie and the job he does. His son does a (heck) of a job at Rice, too. It's been pretty cool ... you kind of take that for granted."

Leslie said their sons playing together has given himself and Gary a unique opportunity to interact away from the high-pressure world of NFL coaching.

"We get a chance to sit in the stands and mingle at the spring game and so on," Leslie said. "It's a good relationship and I'm just happy for what he's done."

Klein, a junior receiver, and Corey, a senior safety redshirting after an injury, will return to being friends after Sunday's game as Rice prepares for its first bowl appearance since 2008 when it faces Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 29.

The Owls lost five of their first six games this season before bouncing back to win five of their last six to become bowl eligible.

"We haven't had anybody on our team go to a bowl game," Klein said. "So it's new to all of us, but it's also really, really exciting."

Corey received a redshirt after injuring his knee in the first game this season. But he's looking forward to taking part in the bowl experience with his team.

"I'm definitely proud and glad that I'm getting to enjoy the ride with them," Corey said. "I'll be on the sideline cheering them on when they play Air Force."

Leagues poised to challenge NJ over sports betting

By David Porter and Bruce Shipkowski
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Four major professional sports leagues and the NCAA are poised to move forward with their legal fight over New Jersey's plans to allow sports gambling.

That comes after a judge on Friday rejected arguments that the leagues couldn't prove they would be harmed if the state proceeds with the plans.

In denying the state's request to dismiss the lawsuit by the NBA, NHL, NFL, Major League Baseball and the NCAA, U.S. District Judge Michael Shipp agreed that they have standing to file the suit because expanding legal sports betting to New Jersey would negatively affect perception of their games.

In his ruling, Shipp cited studies offered by the leagues that showed fans' negative attitudes toward game-fixing and sports gambling.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy declined to comment on the ruling, telling The Associated Press on Saturday that "the decision speaks for itself."

Stacey Osburn, director of public and media relations for the NCAA, said the association was "pleased with the court's ruling. The NCAA has long maintained that sports wagering threatens the well-being of student-athletes and the integrity of college sports."

Phone messages left Saturday for officials with the NBA and NHL were not immediately returned. A voicemail for a MLB spokesman was full and would not accept messages.

New Jersey also has argued in court papers that a 1990s law prohibiting sports gambling in all but four states is unconstitutional, and Shipp ordered that a date for oral argument on that issue will be set after Jan. 20.

The federal law prohibited sports gambling in all states but Nevada, where bettors can gamble on single games, and three other states that were allowed to offer multi-game parlay betting. New Jersey has argued the law usurps the authority of state legislatures and discriminates by "grandfathering" in some states.

U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., D-N.J., who has worked in the House to change the federal law, decried Shipp's decision.

"It is absurd for the professional sports leagues and the NCAA to claim that they will suffer injuries as a result of the legalization of sports betting in New Jersey," Pallone said Saturday.

"That these organizations claim that the sports they represent will somehow have their reputation impacted is naove at best and assumes that illegal gambling is not currently occurring in lieu of legal sports betting," he added. "The fact is that the presence of illegal betting and the crime that goes with it has a far greater impact on the legitimacy of sports organization."

The leagues filed suit in August after Gov. Chris Christie vowed to defy a federal ban on sports wagering. The Republican governor signed a sports betting law in January, limiting bets to the Atlantic City casinos and the state's horse racing tracks.

New Jersey has said it plans to license sports betting as soon as January, and in October it published regulations governing licenses. But the state agreed to give the leagues 30 days' notice before it grants any licenses and hasn't done so yet, the state attorney general's office said last week.

The state, represented by former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson, had argued before Shipp last Tuesday that the leagues are as popular as they've ever been despite the existence of legal gambling in Nevada and more widespread illegal gambling.

The NCAA has said it will relocate several championship events scheduled to be held in New Jersey next year because of the state's sports gambling push.

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Where: Christensen Stadium
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To register: Go to www.collegebaseballcamps.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

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Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

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Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Pool 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
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YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7358

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

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YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

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Strength, speed, agility and power training
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Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
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Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: Odessa
When: October-April
Teams: Youth and adult (non check)
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Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
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For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

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For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

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Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday-Monday, Wednesday through Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday, The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. TBD Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at ha-...yshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W Scharbauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
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Throwing velocity and swing speed training
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What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 413-3173 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch

Midland High Lady Dawg Softball Clay Shoot
When: Jan. 26
Where: Windwalker Farms Sporting Clays
Cost: $150 per shooter
Note: Sponsorships also available
For more info: Call 210-6515 or 238-2553

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Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
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COM Learn to Swim
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For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
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Where: Lee High School tennis courts
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 1
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

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Where: Midland College
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Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

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When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month. Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
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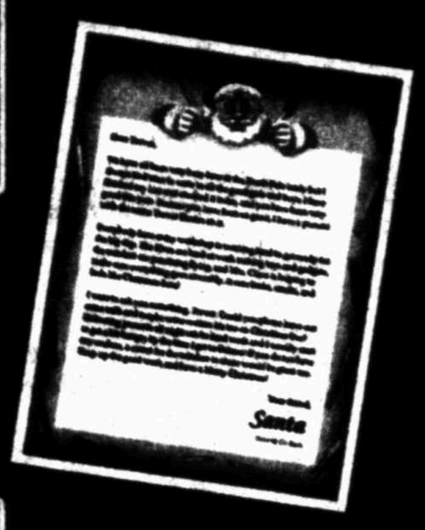

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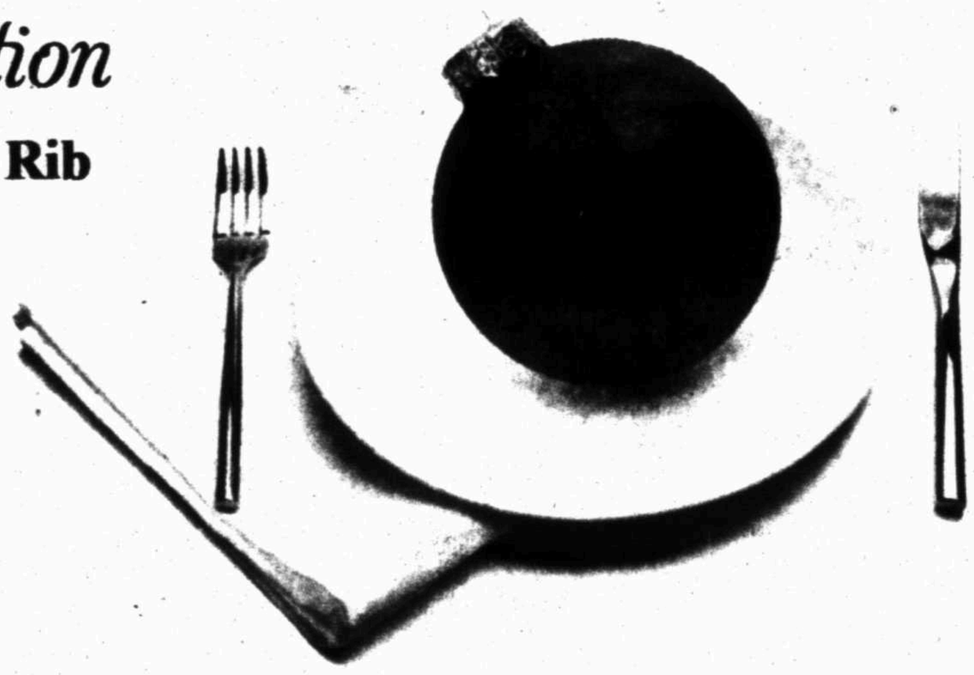

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., January 9, 2013 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 5986-13
For: Police Package SUV

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Lost & Found

FOUND 2 GOLDEN RETRIEVERS ON 1212 close to 1208 One Red Collar and One Blue Collar call 432-570-9111

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LOST BLUE Heeler Pregnant, due 1/6. 432-230-7850 Teresa 432-230-1809 Dennis

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Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by David Miller for a zone change from PD, Planned District of a Housing Development to Amended Planned District on the following described property: On a 14.05-acre tract of land out of Section 19, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located at the south side of W. Wadley Avenue, approximately 450 feet east of Sunburst Drive.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE:

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 27, 2013. You have until August 26, 2013, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1419 Cash Bonanza** ($1) overall odds are 1 in 4.27, **#1423 Easy 10** ($1) overall odds are 1 in 4.73. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including $599. Prizes of $600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over $1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at **1-800-37LOTTO** or visit the Lottery Web site at **txlottery.org** for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.

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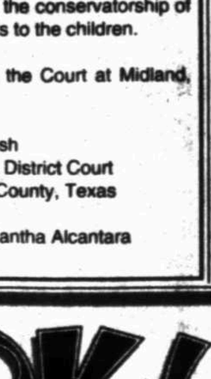

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DODGE 2010 Charger SXT, 38,000 miles, very nice. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.

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MITSUBISHI 2007 Eclipse, 52k miles, auto. We finance. B&B Auto 432-683-6222

NISSAN 2005 Sentra, Red, 4dr, automatic, am/fm cd, power windows, 95k mi, $6,000. 432-557-8204

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Legal & Public Notices

CAUSE NO. FM 55,068

IN THE INTEREST OF	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF**
JHAKEEM MIMS	**MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS**
JHAKIA MIMS	
CHILDREN	**318TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: KAREN JEAN WILLIAMS, RESPONDENT:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served with this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Original Petition for Protection of a Child, for Conservatorship, and for Termination in Suit Affecting Parenting-Child Relationship was filed in the District court of Midland County, Texas, 318th Judicial District, on the 9th day of October, 2012 against KAREN JEAN WILLIAMS and entitled "In the Interest of Jhakeem Mims and Jhakia Mims." The date of birth of Jhakeem Mims is November 27, 2008 and the date of birth for Jhakia Mims is March 3, 2010.

The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the children's interest that will be binding upon you, including the conservatorship of the children or termination of your parental rights to the children.

"Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas this 14th day of December, 2012.

(SEAL) /s/ Ross Bush
Clerk of the District Court
of Midland County, Texas

By: /s/ Sheila Foody
Deputy

Legal & Public Notices

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TYESHA HEMPHILL	**MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS**
IVY JONES, III	
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The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the children's interest that will be binding upon you, including the conservatorship of the children or termination of your parental rights to the children.

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Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012

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Mon., Dec. 24th	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Tues., Dec. 25th	Fri., Dec. 21st, 1 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS

Customer Service calls will be taken Tuesday, December 25th from 7 AM-11 AM only.

We will re-open Wednesday, Dec. 26th for regular business hours.

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DODGE 1973 Charger. Very nice car. Tag and sticker current, $10,000 obo. Call 432-634-3034.

Pickup Trucks

CHEVROLET 1995 1 ton Pickup Crew Cab, gasoline & propane, 8 ft. bed, like new tires, great engine, needs reverse, Midland net, $3,995. 505-977-8515, 700 West Scarbauer.

CHEVY 2008 1500 crew cab, LT, Z71. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

CHEVY 2011 3500 Crew Cab, diesel, 4x4, Dually, winch and poles, 100k miles. $29,900. 296-9212.

DODGE 2004 Ram 2500, quad cab, SLT, diesel. $12,999 We finance. B&B 683-6222.

DODGE 2006 3500 DUALLY, 4 door, auto page alarm with remote start, Cortex Superchips Programmer. Everything works, new upholstery, $18,900 OBO, 432-349-3171.

DODGE 2006 Ram 1500. 5.7 Hemi, 58,800 miles, 4 door, loaded. Extras, clean, Nice Christmas Gift. Asking, $15,900. Call 432-683-8345.

DODGE 2006 Ram 1500 black quad cab 4.7 small V8 loaded bed liner, new tires runs great 77k/mi., asking $12,500. 432-631-7001

FORD 2001 F250 Lariat Diesel Crew Cab 4x4. Excellent condition. 432-553-7999.

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All records
123k Miles

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Convertible, 6 speed,
Htd Seat, Xenon
42k miles

2008 BMW 335i
Jet Black/Brown Sport,
SAT, Xenons, Htd Seats,
Sunroof CPO Warr
28k miles

2009 BMW M3
Jet Black/Black NAV,
DCT Trans, Carbon
Fiber Roof
23k miles

2009 BMW 750i
Black Saphire/Black AC/
Htd Seats, H-Up disp,
Nav, SAT, Xenon, Sport
pkg. 70k miles

2009 Chevy Z71
P/Up
Blue/Gray
Leather, LT, SAT
52k miles

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Armada
Blue/Tan Leather, DVD,
Sunroof, Bose, 3rd row
44k miles

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Blue/Brown Premium,
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Warranty
40k miles

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GMC 2003 Sierra 1500 4x4, white with charcoal interior, 1 owner, excellent condition, 110k/miles. $12,000. 432-694-4688

GMC 2011 Z71 Sierra Crew Cab, silver, black cloth, 43,000 miles, excellent conditions $26,500. 432-813-1992

TOYOTA 1999 Tacoma V6 SR5 Xcab AM/FM/CD, Pwr windows/doorlocks, Tilt wheel, bedliner, Tint window runboards Grille guard, camp shell, trl hitch, adult driven, smoke free. Blue Book, $9,425 Call 432-664-3577

4WD & SUV

2004 NISSAN Armada for sale! Fully loaded-leather interior, GPS, DVD, and towing package. 97k miles. Asking $12000-please call or text 432-352-4426.

2004 RV 36' 5th wheel, Mobile suite by Doubletree and a 2008 3/4 ton Lariat Ford Diesel Pickup, 55K + miles. Both have many amenities. Please call 806-894-5291 or 806-773-1464.

BMW 2007 X3, Leather. We Finance Call B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

CHEVROLET 1999 Suburban, very good condition, heated captain chairs, leather seats, new tires, $3,195. 432-638-3001

GMC 2005 Yukon, 86k miles, 3rd seat. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

JEEP 2006 Wrangler XSport, 49,992 mi, 4x4, brand new tires & rims. $18,000 Great Condition Call 432-413-9190

NISSAN 2007 Pathfinder V6, auto, 72k mi., $14,999. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222

TOYOTA 2005 4RUNNER SUV Limited, 94k miles, One owner, beautiful gray. 2 wh. drive. See at corner of Cuthbert and Big Spring. $14000 obo. Under Blue Book 432.559.2599

Specialty Vehicles

FORD 2012 GT500 Shelby Cobra Mustang, 1,400 miles, silver w/ black racing stripes w/ glass top. Serious inquiries only. Call 432-631-6573

Recreational Vehicles

Motorcycles

1994 HARLEY Davidson low rider convertible, garaged, saddle bags, windshield, $6000. Contact 432-570-1716.

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RVs

1999 NEWMAR DutchStar 38', RV, 350 Cummins diesel, 1 full slide, 2 couches that make beds, & 1 bedroom. Confection oven/microwave, lots of Cherrywood cabinets. Automatic awnings. Too much to list. Low mileage on RV. Also matching pick-up equipped to use with no dolly. Always garaged. All for $65,000. Call 806-676-5314

2001 30' Skyline-Nomad RV travel trailor. Loaded. Mint condition. 1 slide. 325-236-9685 hm 325-721-0111 cell

2004 DAMON 38ft, M-375 wrk hrs class A motor home, 8.1 gasoline engine. 36k/mi, 2 slide outs, Texas/New Mexico vehicle no salt no sand, road ready . $42,500. 940-393-6815

2006 37' KZ Montego Bay, 5th wheel, 3 slides, awning, vacuum, 4 door refrigerator, loaded, oven/microwave, very clean, 2 AC's, generator ready, washer/dryer, fireplace. $23,000.432-694-0757.

2009 EVEREST 5th Wheel trailer. Harvest gold interior, has a 12 year roof warranty, central vacuum, back up camera, added A/C to front, fireplace, 32" flat screen TV & 19" flat screen TV in bedroom. Granite counter tops & a computer desk. $35,000. Like new used 1 time. 806-787-2081

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DO KIDS KNOW BEST?

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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In what seems like a "just for kicks" survey of its members, LinkedIn asked more than 8,000 professionals about their childhood dream jobs. Nearly one in three said they either currently have that job or work in a related career.

Blogging about the survey results, LinkedIn's career expert Nicole Williams recalls a conversation she had with a client who had dreamed of becoming a pilot: "Being legally blind, he knew that flying a plane wasn't in the cards for him, but after exploring what about being a pilot was so exciting and interesting to him, we were able to find other options that spoke to both his passions and talents."

He ended up being a project manager in corporate America, which just goes to show how liberally a "related career" might be defined.

Still, the survey results suggest there's a connection between childhood dreams and adulthood career paths, so if we're stuck trying to figure out what to be when we "grow up," our 6-year-old selves might have the answer.

"The dream jobs we aspire to as children are a window into our passions and talents," Williams says. "Identifying and understanding those passions are key to improving our performance and enjoyment of the jobs we currently do," no matter if we're not living our childhood dream.

But not so fast – your 6-year-old self doesn't know jack, says Cal Newport, author of "So Good They Can't Ignore You: Why Skills Trump Passion in the Quest for Work You Love." (Business Plus, 2012)

Inborn or preexisting passions are rare, he says, and have little to do with how most people end up loving their work. What we're interested in at age six, or even now, is not necessarily an important factor in building a meaningful career. If it were, people would parlay their hobbies into successful careers all the time, but few do.

Newport's book is based on the premise that "following your passion" is rotten advice. He sets out to disprove what he describes as "an immensely appealing piece of popular career advice," the passion hypothesis. It goes like this: "The key to occupational happiness is to first figure out what you're passionate about and then find a job that matches this passion."

Treating career development like a matching game leads to constant disappointment and chronic job hopping, and distracts people from paying dues and building the skills they need to become valuable to employers. Newport calls this accrued value "career capital," and it grants people access to better jobs and hard-earned rewards that actually bring career satisfaction, such as autonomy, mastery and making an impact.

The passion hypothesis also wrongly points to passion as the starting point for finding a job, but passion is actually "something you cultivate in the jobs available to you," Newport says.

"The problem with modern career advice is that it talks about passion like it's a concrete noun, like a bit of pirate's treasure that can be found," he explains. "But it's more like an adverb. It's the way you approach your career."

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DON'T BE A PAIN

EVERY OFFICE HAS A PESKY EMPLOYEE WHO MAKES CO-WORKERS UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT WHAT IF THAT PERSON IS YOU? HERE'S HOW TO IDENTIFY OBNOXIOUS PERSONALITY TRAITS AND IMPROVE UPON THEM FOR THE FUTURE.

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

Their offenses vary yet you know you can't stand them – and nether can your colleagues. They are, among other characteristics, snippy, whiny, irritatingly silent and excessively confrontational. Calling them difficult is an understatement.

But what happens when the person others can't stand is you?

Recognizing that you may be the problem – even if it's just a behavioral rut – is a pivotal point in one's career.

"If it's everyone but you, it is you! That's called feedback," says Dr. Rick Kirschner, the Oregon motivational coach and co-author of "Dealing with People You Can't Stand: How to Bring out the Best in People at their Worst" (McGraw Hill 2012).

Heed to the feedback. "The cost of ignoring it is the trail of bad reactions you leave in your wake, and the damaging influence those bad reactions have on things you care about," Kirschner explains.

Kirschner and co-author Rick Brinkman, an Oregon naturopathic physician and communications trainer, note that all behavior reflects an intent. They identified four workplace intents: get the task done, get the task right, get along with people and get appreciation from people.

When people's intents are not met, their behavior begins to change, Brinkman explains. That is when they fall into one of the following 10 workplace personality archetypes:

1) The Tank is confrontational and angry, the ultimate in pushy and aggressive behavior.

2) The Sniper wants to make you look foolish whether through rude comments, biting sarcasm or a well-timed roll of the eyes.

3) The Grenade explodes into unfocused ranting about things that have nothing to do with the present circumstances.

4) The Know-It-All has a low tolerance for correction and contradiction. If something goes wrong, they're quick to blame.

5) The Think-They-Know-It-All fool some of the people enough of the time, and enough of the people all of the time – all for the sake of getting some attention.

6) The Yes Person strives to please people and avoid confrontation. These people say "yes" without thinking things through. When they don't deliver, they become resentful to those questioning them.

7) The Maybe Person procrastinates in the hope that a better choice will present itself. These individuals wait until it's too little, too late and the decision makes itself.

8) The Nothing Person offers no verbal feedback or nonverbal feedback. Nothing.

9) The No Person defeats big ideas with a single syllable. Disguised as a mild-mannered normal person, the no person fights a never-ending battle for futility, hopelessness and despair.

10) The Whiner feels helpless and overwhelmed by an unfair world. Their standard is perfection, and no one and nothing measures up to it, and they love to share their pain.

"The issues arise when their intent is not met," Brinkman explains.

For instance, the thwarted intent to "get it done" leads individuals with controlling behaviors such as the Tank, Snipper and Know-It-All to grow frustrated with those who appear to waste time, go off on tangents or just talk too much. Those who want to "get it right" start to see those around them as haphazard and careless; they're annoyed by colleagues who use unclear words. The Whiner, No Person and Nothing Person start to get more pessimistic and perfectionist.

Individuals who want to "get along" grow uncertain about how others feel about them, and they misinterpret comments and facial expressions. The Nothing Person, the Yes Person and the Maybe Person start to behave inappropriately to gain approval and avoid disapproval. Lastly, people who want to "get appreciated" seek negative attention when they feel a lack to appreciation and positive feedback. The Grenades, Snippers and Think-They-Know-It-All react throw different types of tantrums.

Brinkman says most people can recognize that they have an issue when they are the ones who annoy others.

To turn yourself around, Kirschner and Brinkman suggest taking the following steps.

First, identify what pushes your buttons and triggers your bad behavior. What actually happens? Not your opinion about what happens, but what behaviors trigger you? Is it a look? Something that's said or not said?

Once you know your trigger, ask yourself what happens? What behavior is it that you want to change in yourself? Be specific.

Now, what behavior do you want instead? The more specific you are about the behavior you want, the easier it will be to engage it when that button gets pushed next time!

Brickman says that a final step in the process is to think about and practice what you want to happen in the future. "Mentally rehearse what you want to do until it becomes a part of your pattern," he says.

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JOBSEEKING

GET IN THE REAL WORLD

Both young jobseekers who grew up online and Baby-Boomers who may have once viewed the Internet as scary technology now feel so comfortable in the cyber-world that they never leave it.

But that comfort may hinder success in landing a position, warn experts.

A recent study of 5,268 jobseekers from ages 18 to 67 conducted by consulting firm Millennial Branding and career network Beyond.com found that the overwhelming majority of jobseekers across all generations searched exclusively online.

Moreover, all generations start their hunt from the same type of websites, namely "job boards."

"The most popular job boards are Monster and CareerBuilder, and it's been like that for years. They have the most amount of resumes and brand recognition," explains Dan Schawbel, managing partner of Millennial Branding.

After job boards – where seekers can find listings as well as post their resumes – social networking sites like Facebook, Google Plus and LinkedIn are frequently visited.

Social networking sites allow users to find out about job openings and post their resume, but also offer opportunities to make real world connections, explains Judah Kurtz, manager of talent solutions at human resources consulting firm BPI Group.

For instance, at a networking site, you might join an online community affiliated with your desired profession and then attend real world meetings, explains Kurtz. Or, you might find that a friend is connected to someone with a position you aspire to and you can ask that friend if he can provide an introduction so that you can request a short, in-person "informational interview" for career advice, Kurtz says.

"Stronger relationships are formed in person and people will go out of their way for you more if you've met offline instead of just online," says Schawbel.

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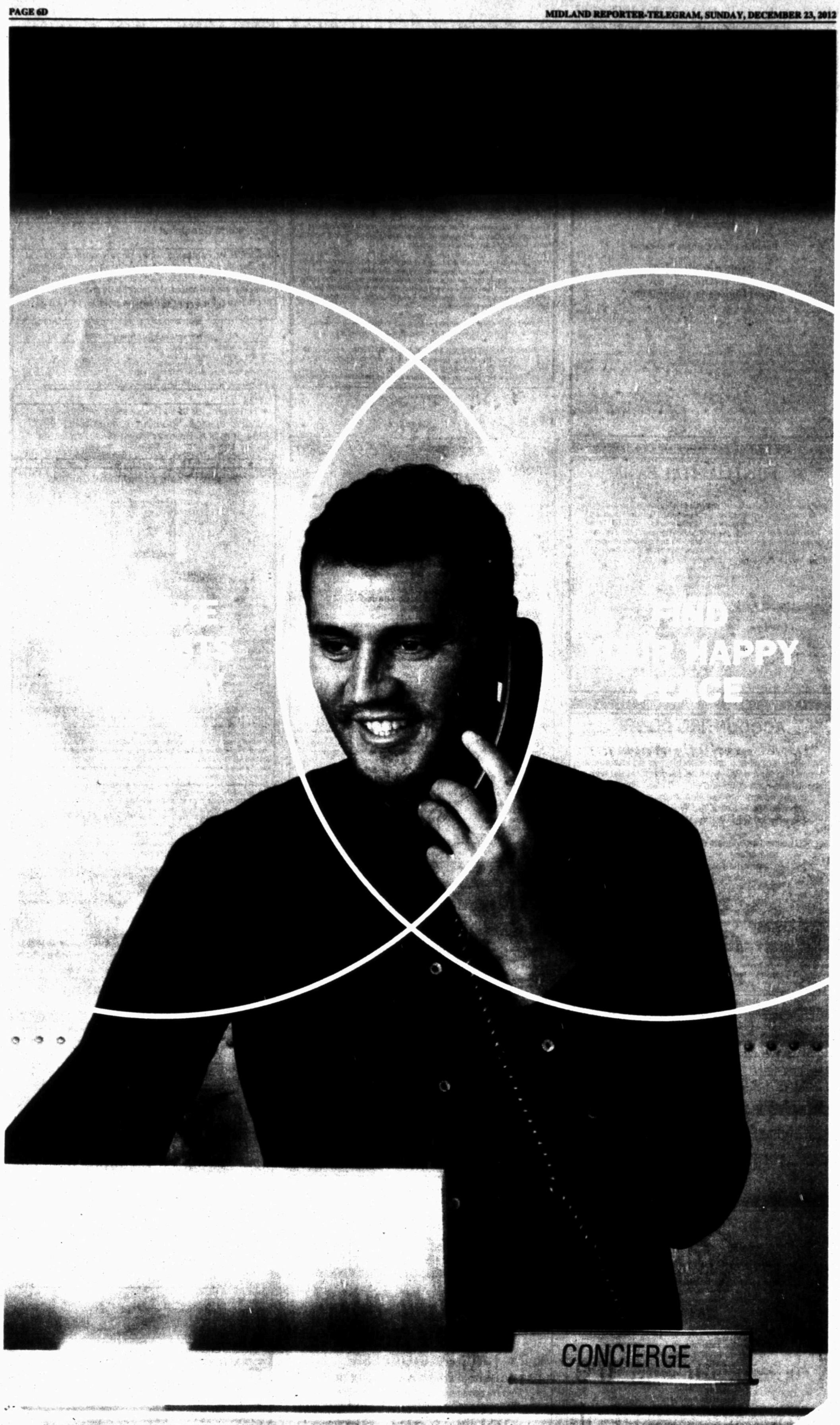

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If we look at this broader interpretation of "any adverse action," then three points arise:

First, there are instances when the "best available rates and terms" for a given borrower at a particular point in time can be debated. For instance, one lender might see more risk in a given credit score than another.

Second, the definition of a "best available rate" is slippery. One problem is that rates are always in flux, so it's tough to be certain what actually is the best rate at any given moment.

Third, the role of the lender is not passive. Borrowers routinely rely on lenders for advice and information, and it is lenders who underwrite each loan they process.

As a result of such questions – and in an abundance of caution – lenders now make scores available to loan applicants as a routine matter.

For instance, when my wife and I recently applied to refinance a mortgage, the lender took the application over the phone. While we were actually on the line, he obtained our credit scores from three separate credit-reporting bureaus, and a few days later we each received the middle score by mail.

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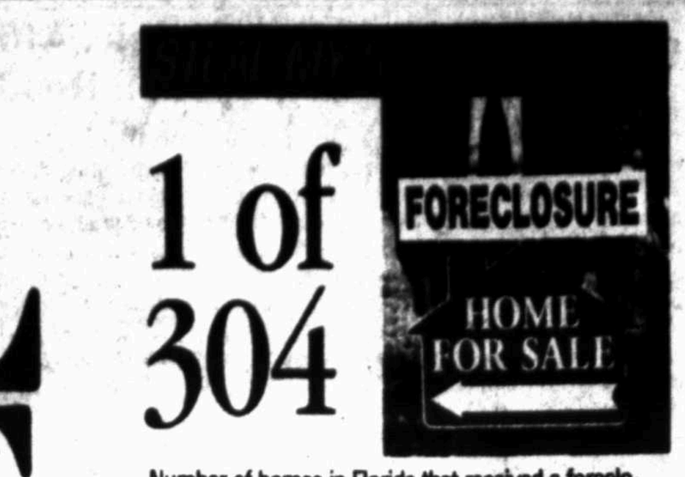

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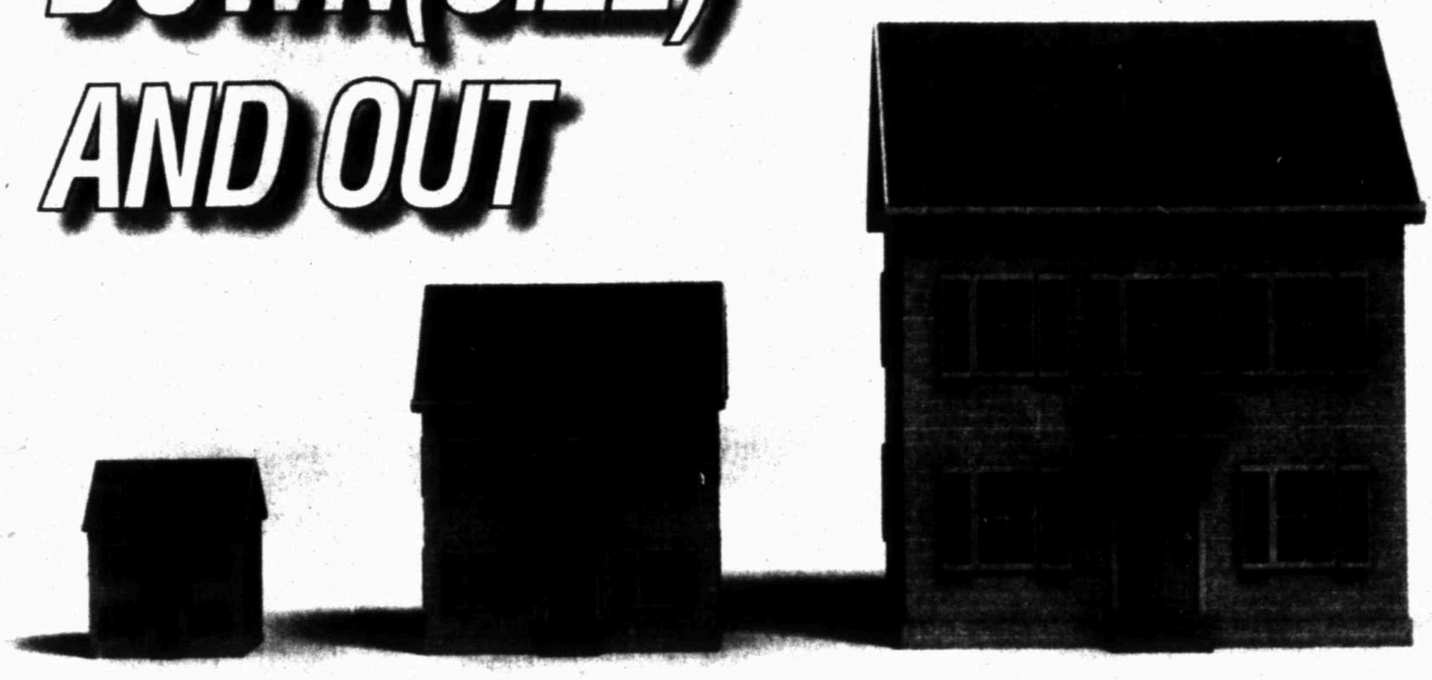

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By ERIK J. MARTIN
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Many empty nesters and other homeowners who yearn for a smaller footprint (and less upkeep) choose to sell their homes and downsize to smaller purchased properties.

But in the current real estate market, it can be difficult to sell a house at the preferred price, so some experts recommend a different strategy: Rent out your house and move into a more manageably sized rental residence.

"Many empty nesters are downsizing their homes and moving to smaller homes with less maintenance. The advantages of renting your current home is that it provides a revenue stream for cash-heavy empty nesters," says Logan Waller, president, Waller Group Properties, Dallas.

This is an especially shrewd tactic for those who aren't likely to qualify for a new mortgage loan on the smaller home they see, those who don't have any equity in their property or those whose homes are underwater. It helps if the homeowner can charge a higher monthly rent than their monthly mortgage payment.

"If you owe more on [your home] than current market value, then it would be a good decision to rent out in order to move forward with downsizing," Susan Stynes, real estate agent with Long and Foster, Midlothian, Va., says.

Going rental on both properties also eliminates the worry of holding two mortgages.

Additionally, this strategy gives homeowners more time to save for a down payment for a future home purchase, particularly if they're not sure what and where they want to buy next.

"If a consumer is uncertain about where they want to live or the type of property they desire, there is nothing wrong with renting for a while. In boom times, people bought and sold property like shoes, but today, unwinding a bad decision in real estate can be expensive," says Amy Tierce, regional vice president at Fairway Independent Mortgage in Needham, Mass.

However, if homeowners could financially swing both mortgages, "I would recommend purchasing the new smaller space instead of renting a space," Stynes says. "Interest rates are at an all-time low and prices are still very good. You're risking higher prices and higher interest rates if you choose to rent now and purchase later."

One disadvantage to any of these scenarios is the uncertainty of being a landlord.

"The risk is that maybe the rent won't cover as much as you need to cover, and you can have non-paying tenants and damage to the home," says T.J. Rubin, managing broker, Fulton Grace Realty, Chicago. "But all of this can be mitigated by hiring a property management company."

Bill Golden, agent with RE/MAX Metro Atlanta Cityside, says it can also be emotionally difficult to trust a beloved abode to tenants.

"To rent out a home you have lived in, loved and put a lot of yourself into can be difficult," Golden says. "And, depending on the wear and tear involved, you may have to spend money to get it back into shape after [tenants] move."

For these and other reasons, it's crucial to talk with a few professionals before becoming a landlord as well as a renter.

Golden suggests consulting a local real estate agent to understand the trends. If larger homes are not rentable and smaller ones are in high demand, then "you may want to reconsider your plan. Financially, I would also consult your accountant to see how that may affect you taxwise," Golden says.

Conducting adequate research on the local rental rates is important, too.

"Determine if you have to rent your property before you can afford to take on a new property, then develop your strategy," Tierce says. "Correctly priced, a consumer should be able to rent their home and find a new rental in a 30-day time frame, but this depends on their particular market."

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CONSUMER ALERT

Drowning in debt? Don't fall prey to a "get debt-free" scheme

In a down economy, many parties offer to help people who struggle with bills and debt – but some are more scrupulous than others.

According to the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys, debt settlement scams are the No. 1 threat facing deeply indebted Americans today. As few as one in 10 consumers who sign up for debt settlement schemes end up debt-free in the promised timeframe.

"People pay $6,000 to $8,000 to these companies before they get any results," says North Carolina attorney Ed Boltz, NACBA board member and incoming president. "By the time they realize, they are deeper in debt, and their credit's ruined."

Mounting credit card debt has become a reality of American life. Credit-reporting agency TransUnion recently released numbers that show the average credit card debt per borrower in the U.S. increased 4.9 percent to $4,996 in the July-to-September period, compared to the same time frame in 2011. As many try to dig their way out, they become easy victims.

Boltz says the most frustrating and common scam involves companies that are associated with a law firm or an attorney.

"So, what happens is the debtor pays the lawyer's fees first for many months and only after that, does the company start negotiations to settle the debt," Boltz says. "By then, the debtor is deeper in debt and in some cases is being sued by the creditors."

Here's how to avoid scams:

• Avoid companies that ask for attorney fees up front. Chances are, you will be paying off those fees while your debts keep piling. Instead, if you have some extra cash on hand, you could try negotiating with your creditor directly to reduce debt.

• Do some research on the internet. You could check with the bar association for the attorney's record or look up the company with the State Attorney General's Office or the Better Business Bureau. If the business has been fined or had to go through a recent million-dollar settlement, that's a red flag.

• Find someone local. A local attorney, who can meet with you personally and discuss your options, is always better than a distant voice on the phone.

• Work with government-approved nonprofit credit counseling agencies. Many of them are closely monitored and therefore are safer bets than debt settlement companies. — *Madhusmita Bora*

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The following tips from Ballard Designs will have you hanging artwork like a professional in no time at all.

-When it comes to hanging artwork, be sure the center point of the piece or grouping is at eye level. If you're hanging a piece in the dining room, you may want to hang it slightly below eye level, since dinner guests will most likely be sitting when looking at it.

-Before you hammer a nail into the wall, lay the arrangement out on the floor to be sure you like how it looks. Move the pieces around until you've created an arrangement that you're completely happy with.

-As a general rule, art hung over a piece of furniture should not be wider than the width of the furniture. A good rule of thumb: Art should be about 75 percent the width of the furniture.

-If you're hanging art over the fireplace, create a grouping that's about the same size as the fireplace opening. While this can be achieved with one large piece, grouping together several smaller pieces will also create a memorable effect.

-When grouping four or more pieces, one above the other, imagine a vertical line to ensure that the finished product is visually balanced on both sides of the line.

-When creating a cluster of items on a wall, be sure the pieces are similar either in color scheme, frame style or subject matter.

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Foreign buyers have flooded the U.S. housing market, taking advantage of favorable exchange rates, weaker prices and, in some cases, record-low rates. Foreign nationals accounted for $82.5 billion, or 8.9%, of the $928 billion spent on U.S. residential real estate from April 2011 through March 2012, according to a survey from the National Association of Realtors. That was up 24% from $66.4 billion the previous year. More than 50% of sales over the past year occurred in just five states: Florida, California, Texas, Arizona and New York. Chinese are also shopping in the U.S. in growing numbers. Buyers from mainland China and Hong Kong account for over $7 billion in sales annually, or 11% of international sales activity in the year to March, according to NAR, making them the second-largest foreign buyers of U.S. homes. If the Chinese are the second-largest foreign buyers of U.S. homes, who's No. 1? Our neighbors to the north in Canada. Canadians accounted for 24% of sales to foreigners in the year to March, according to NAR. And it's not likely to let up: Realtor.com says Canadians account for the most international search activity on the listing site every month in nearly all of major U.S. metro areas. Brazilians are getting attention for their buying sprees in markets like Miami and increasingly, New York City, but Argentineans have been just as active. "The foreign buyer story should be as much about Argentineans as Brazilians," asserts Philip Spiegelman, a principal at International Sales Group, a marketing and sales organization for real estate developers. "The market in downtown Miami has been principally dominated by Argentineans, then Brazilians, then Venezuelans." Increasing numbers of Venezuelans are pouring money into American real estate, seeking a safe haven for their wealth from political and financial uncertainty back home. Teplitzky says many of her South American clients, who also include Colombians and Argentineans, seek out rental units, especially in Miami. "The new landlords in Florida are South Americans and their tenants are Americans," she adds. Source: Forbes

A measure of U.S. home prices rose 6.3 percent in October compared with a year ago, the largest yearly gain since July 2006. The jump adds to signs of a comeback in the once-battered housing market. Core Logic also said that prices declined 0.2 percent in October from September, the second drop after six straight monthly increases. The monthly figures are not seasonally adjusted. The real estate data provider says the decline reflects the end of the summer home-buying season. Steady price increases are helping fuel a housing recovery. They encourage more homeowners to sell their homes. And they entice would-be buyers to purchase homes before prices rise further. Home values are rising in more states and cities, according to the report. Prices increased in 45 states in October, up from 43 the previous month. Rates on home loans are near record lows, while rents in many cities are rising. That makes home buying more affordable, pushing up demand. And more people are looking to buy or rent a home after living with relatives or friends during and immediately after the Great Recession. At the same time, the number of available homes is at the lowest level in 10 years, according to the National Association of Realtors. The combination of low inventory and rising demand pushes up prices. An index measuring the number of Americans who signed contracts to buy homes in October jumped to the highest level in almost six years. That suggests sales of previously occupied homes will rise in the coming months. Source: Silicon Valley Mercury News

Rents are forecasted to rise nationally 4.6 percent next year, and that's following a 4.1 percent increase this year, according to the National Association of Realtors®. What's more, rents are expected to continue to climb for the foreseeable future, rising more than 4 percent a year for 2014 and 2015, forecasts Reis, a market research firm. "The pendulum has definitely swung back in favor of landlords, not renters," Ryan Severino, senior economist for Reis, told USA Today. Rents are rising even more rapidly in some areas. For example, rents in San Jose, Calif., and San Francisco have been climbing at a 13 percent to 15 percent annual rate as of late last year, according to MPF Research. Other metro area seeing rent increases of more than 5 percent by the end of September include Oakland, Calif.; New York; Denver; Houston; Nashville; and Columbus, Ohio, MPF reports. The rise in rental costs are causing more renters to consider home ownerships, says Greg Willett, MPF vice president. Rates are at historical lows and home prices are up, but still way below their 2006 peak. Source: USA Today

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This could be something of interest to you!!

Rock House Ranch- 4140 acres near Orient, TX approx. 14 miles north of San Angelo. An OUTSTANDING hunting ranch with hunting lodge that will accommodate 25 hunters. Deer processing facilities. Beautiful 2,375 sq. ft. rock home. All deer blinds, deer feeders and turkey/ quail feeders will be included. Ranch is high fenced with 8' net wire. If you are interested in a hunting ranch this is it! Exceptional

Mustang Creek Ranch- 3161 acres 4,000 feet of beautiful water from Colorado river. Outstanding water 2.5 miles mustang creek, 1 mile of Butternut creek, and a mile of Spring Hollow Creek. Outstanding water supplied from Mustang creek to areas of the ranch. Good sightings of white tail deer, turkey, quail & dove including white wing dove. Headquarters include a large 2 story home well equipped. Some minerals could possibly be conveyed.

Tennyson Ranch- 5,208 acres Coke, Runnels, & Tom Green Counties located in ideal location. This ranch is located near San Angelo, TX with great shopping, cattle sales, airport, and Angelo State University. The oil activity has been increasing and it has just been announced that the future looks exceptional in this area. 400 acres of cultivation presently in wheat. 5 water wells and 10 good surface tanks. Hunting is excellent on the Tennyson ranch presently bringing in $50,000 plus. Good access with good roads on three sides. Some minerals available.

Coke Co. Hunting Ranch- 612 acres 20 miles north of San Angelo. New 1 bedroom 1 bath with drive through shop and garage. Nice set of corrals made of portable panels. Ranch is divided into 2 pastures, 175 ac field & 437 acre pasture land. This is a real exceptional ranch, with outstanding deer hunting.

Red Oak Ranch- Oklahoma- 4,474 acres in LeFlore & Latimer counties. Outstanding cattle ranch. Carries 600 cows. Complete improvements that are exceptional. 3 nice homes & multiple out buildings very improved. Great water availabilities from 2 creeks and a large lake. Fishing and hunting is great. Call us for more info on this great ranch.

Twin Mountain Ranch- over 2,100 acres located 5 miles west of San Angelo. An opportunity is available here. Near Mathis Field Airport, Hwy 67 frontage. There is an abundance of water on the Twin Mountain Ranch with water from the Middle Concho river and access to the Twin Buttes Reservoir. Twin Mountain Ranch is a remarkable investment opportunity. San Angelo has experienced steady economic growth. Over the past years opening the door to numerous possibilities. Not a week goes by that we don't have a call to buy a part of the property however the owner is only interested in selling ALL.

These are all nice ranches and we [illegible] we would be happy to discuss any or all of them. [illegible] Remember what Will Rogers said [illegible] *buy land, buy land and walk*" In the mean time you can [illegible]

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2 BEDROOMS

3236 Elma Dr.-2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage **townhome** w/side courtyard $164,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction $105,000

3 BEDROOMS

14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale ..... U/C. $275,000
5301 SCR 1160-3/2/FP. 1 acre, 60x40 shop for home based business ..... U/C. $259,000
3527 Boyd Ave-3/2/2, low maintenance $257,000
2500 WCR 330-Country home, 3/2 on 20 acres $215,000
2406 Northtown-3/2/2, Southwestern Garden Home $207,000
1608 W. Pine-3/2/2, landscaped $179,900
2511 Fannin-3/2/2, updated, fireplace, workshop ..... U/C. $179,900
4508 Mathis-3br, 2ba, 2 garage, inground pool $174,000
114 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction $169,900
1805 E. Magnolia-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living areas, updated ..... U/C. $169,000
110 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction ..... U/C. $166,900
3506 Camarie-3br, 2ba $165,000
1011 Denton-3/2, clean & ready $163,500

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 2:00-3:00
10015 E. COUNTY RD. 109
Behind school in Greenwood. Incredible home w/ pool/workshop/media room/RV parking/game room & outdoor living w/fireplace.
Shown by Deborah Pierce, 599-2400

3 BEDROOMS

2111 College-3bdrm, 2ba ..... REDUCED..$159,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage. LOTS OF NEW!! ..... REDUCED..$159,000
112 E. Cottonwood-3/2, new construction $159,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale, 3/2, 2.715 acres ..... REDUCED..$136,000
1114 Hickory-3/2, new construction $134,900
1001 S. Jefferson-3/1/CP, corner lot, large backyard ..... U/C. $96,000

4 BEDROOMS

4900 Troubaugh-4bd, 4 full ba, 2 1/2 ba, 28 acres, barns, walker $1,775,000
2112 Blackwood-4br/4 1/2ba, new construction! $621,142
4101 ECR 63-4 bd, 3 bath, 2.2 Acres ..... U/C..$589,000
2024 Mosswood-4/4 1/2 Grassland - Graham construction ..... U/C..$588,360
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres ..... REDUCED..$559,000
303 Skywood Circle-4 bed/4 bath, 2 living, pool plus bonus/guest house $500,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting $439,000
2807 Ann Drive-4br, 3ba, 1 acre country home $400,000
10500 ECR 103-Greenwood, 4bdrm, 3 bath ..... U/C..$359,900
4907 Hilltop-4/3.5/3 beautiful with builder upgrades ..... U/C..$355,000
11909 FM 307-New constr., Greenwood 4/3/2, 2 liv or din., granite + tile, 1.5 AC ..... U/C..$354,900
3311 Haynes-4bd, 3 1/2ba, 2 story, pool, cabana ..... REDUCED..$344,900
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4 bdrm, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC ..... REDUCED..$339,900
2106 SCR 1130-Greenwood 4/2/2, granite kitchen, wood & tile floors. 1.5 acres, pond, shop ..... SOLD..$299,900
2824 Northtown Place-4br, 3 bath $295,000
5711 Greenridge-4bd, 3ba, Grasslands ..... U/C..$294,900
5 San Miguel Square, Odessa-4br, 5 1/2ba, Great Buy! ..... REDUCED..$282,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba, 2.5 acres $269,900
4303 Crestwood-4/2/2 ..... U/C..$229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2, corner lot $225,000
3916 Hadden Dr.-4bd, 2 1/2 bath, Great buy! ..... U/C..$215,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres ..... REDUCED..$214,900
4900 FM 307-3/2 on 1.98 AC, huge shop & pool. 2070 sq. ft. home with many upgrades ..... SOLD..$184,000
3324 Providence-4br/2bath ..... U/C..$188,000
1107 Maple-4/2/3LA ..... U/C..$175,000
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale $150,900
501 Loraine-Quadraplex $75,000

5+ BEDROOMS

2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br, 4.5 ba $614,128
5701 Ridgemont Pl.-5br, 3.5ba, Great buy in Grassland Estates $488,400
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom, pool, guest house $445,000

COUNTRY HOMES

4900 Troubaugh-4bd, 4 full ba, 2 1/2 ba, 28 acres, barns, walker, inground drip system $1,775,000
4101 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 bath, 22 Acres ..... U/C..$589,000
4109 ECR 63-4bd, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres, Stunning Property $559,000
10515 ECR 109-3 bed, 3 1/2 bath, pool, RV parking, media room w/equipment, tack room - so much more $475,000
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom, pool, guest house $445,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting $439,000
10500 ECR 103-Greenwood, 4bdrm, 3 bath ..... U/C..$359,900
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4305 SCR 1184-3/3 w/shop, 1.4 acres of park like setting ..... U/C..$295,000
14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale ..... U/C..$275,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba, 2.5 acres $269,900
2500 WCR 330-Country home, 3/2 on 20 acres $215,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres ..... REDUCED..$214,900
4814 FM 307-4bdr, 2.5 bath, manuf home, 10 AC, stalls, shop $189,900
4900 FM 307-3/2 on 1.98 AC, huge shop & pool. 2070 sq. ft. home with many upgrades ..... SOLD..$184,000
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale ..... REDUCED..$159,900
4904 & 4906 FM 307-2 houses, 3AC, shop, all for 1 low price ..... SOLD..$149,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale, 3/2, 2.715 acres ..... REDUCED..$136,000
6600 E. CR 96-3/2 MH on 1/2 AC, Greenwood schools. Built 1994, 1568 sq ft $83,000

LAND

3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres $390,000
4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres $93,120
11.44 Cynthia $89,000

COMMERCIAL

1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres $795,000
4216 Marnies Cr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley $359,000
4301 Marnie Cr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley $340,000
4208 Marnies Cr-Lot, 0.78 Acrs Approx Off Wadley $289,000
906 S. Marshall-2 huge service bays w/living quarters ..... REDUCED..$129,900

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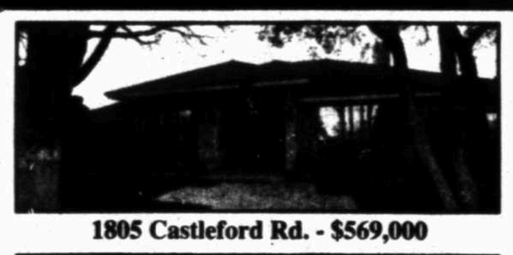

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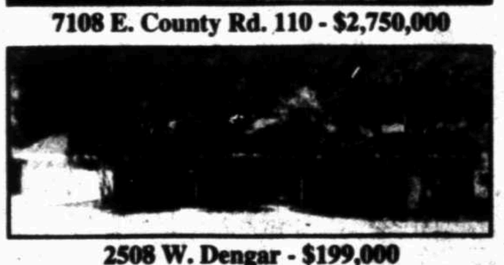
7108 E. County Rd. 110 - $2,750,000



2508 W. Dengar - $199,000

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New and Reduced Listings

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest! 5 bdrms/3 full 2 half baths. Versatile and flowing floor plan $1,900,000
3400 Bluebird Ln.-Wonderful country home on 4 AC - wells, pool, cabana, workshop, TREES! $695,000
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000
1805 Castleford-Spacious & beautiful family home $569,000
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! $349,000
1502 North C Street-Old Midland, versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard $250,500
2001 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area $250,000
2001 Sands-Inviting 3BR/2BA,2 living, 2 garage $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park $137,000
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready $109,900

Two Bedrooms

2508 W. Dengar-2BR/2BA/2 living, motivated seller! In Fannin area $199,000
811 N. D St.-2/1, wood floors - great! ..... U/C. $134,900
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ..... U/C. $95,000
2601 Delano Ave.-2/2, cute starter home or investment property ..... U/C. $89,000

Three Bedrooms

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" $2,750,000
4606 Meadowood Ct.-Townhouse! Great condition! ..... SOLD..$339,000
3322 Haynes-Nicely updated with a new yard in back with covered patio! $269,500
2508 Harvard Ave.-3/2/2, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, lovely old Midland home just yards away from Cowden Park $269,000
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! $250,500
2600 W. Shandon Ave.-Home has been completely updated, huge bedrooms, huge closets, tons of storage $225,000
3221 W. Golf Course Rd.-Super 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath patio home in central location ..... U/C..$199,500
2606 Co. Rd. 1192-Recently built 3br/2bth brick home includes shop, corral, stalls, plus another acre without improvements. All pipe fenced ..... U/C..$189,000
3403 Shell Ave.-Well maintained,3 bdrm/2 bth home with great open plan ..... U/C..$179,000
2707 Whitte Way-Expect to be impressed! 3BR, 2BA, plus sunroom and great storage/workshop ..... SOLD..$175,000
3202 Elma-Redone top to bottom! New kitchen, bathrooms, floors, walks, patio, move right in ..... SOLD..$169,500
2601 Sands-Room to roam, bright & open plan with 2 car garage $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park $137,000
3308 W. Ohio-3/2/1 carport/1garage, large detached workshop! ..... U/C..$115,900
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready $109,900
1416 Whitelaw-Den w/fireplace, formal living, sunroom, shop & RV storage, buyer bonus ..... U/C. $104,000

Three Bedrooms

1106 E. Cuthbert-Fresh and clean 3BR ..... U/C. $65,000

Four Bedrooms

6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000
7008 E. Co. Rd. 100-Great home in Greenwood workshop, horse stalls and pool ..... U/C. $575,000
1805 Castleford-Great family plan, updated everywhere, move-in ready! $569,000
4017 Baybrook-Wonderful 4 bedroom in Mockingbird Heights, hardwoods, granite, pretty decor, move-in ready $499,900
5207 Polo Club Rd-Beautifully updated home on a little over 2 acres w/barn, hay barn & tack room ..... U/C. $499,000
6312 Prairie Ridge-This McPherson built resale has it! Fantastic kitchen, media/game room, large bedrooms, plus outdoor kitchen ..... SOLD..$484,900
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! $349,000
3204 Durant Dr.-Beautiful 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/large circle drive. Great kitchen, bright sunroom and a wa' of windows overlooking patio ..... SOLD..$279,900
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! $250,500
2001 W. Shandon Ave.-4/2, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area $250,000
3400 E. Co. Rd. 1080-Quiet country living in Greenwood. This 4bdrm/2bth mobile home has large fenced backyard, covered front & back porch and a workshop w/electricity ..... U/C. $129,000
1415 Delay-Foreclosed 4BR/2BA ..... U/C. $69,500

Five or More Bedrooms

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest! Sequestered master suite, library, oversized basement, pool and the list goes on $1,900,000
3400 Bluebird Ln.-Great plan, squeaky clean, all you want in a country property. Close to town $695,000
5001 Hillcrest-5 BR + bonus room, tile, new hardwoods, great plan, fresh paint, priced to sell quickly! Even a water well! ..... SOLD..$425,000

Town Homes and Patio Homes

4606 Meadowood Ct-3bdr/2.5bth Townhouse! Great condition! ..... SOLD..$339,000
3322 Haynes-Patio home with yard in back $269,500
3202 Elma-Gorgeous updating & parking! ..... SOLD..$169,500
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000

New Construction

1707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000

Lots, Land and Acreage

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" $2,750,000
E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on Interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details $1,200,000
2295 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area $1,000,000
Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott $800,000
7707 W. Co. Rd. 52-Great space in Pecan Acres. 6.67 acres with well & workshop with kitchen & bath $260,000
04 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lots each $131,000
10301 E. County Rd. 85-2.605 Acre tract $35,000

Commercial Investment Property

805 W. Wadley-For Lease-Free standing office building with approx. 4,054 sq. ft. ..... LEASED
1304 W. Texas-For Lease-Office building with approximately 2,976 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott for Details
8000 W. I-20 East-8.69 acres in Lesco Industrial Park, city utilities, callicho and perimeter fencing in place. SE corner of I-20 & Faudree Road. Call Bill Scott $800,000
703 N. Hancock-Fabulous Medical office building in Odessa near ORMC & MCH. Approx. 4,999 sq. ft. with surgical procedure room & 4 exam rooms. Call Bill Scott $775,000
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$640,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites. 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$325,500
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$310,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott $125,000

Out of Town Properties

2295 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area $1,000,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern Style $850,000
04 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
1415 Whitelaw, Odessa-Spacious brick 3BR, 2BA, 2 living, fireplace ..... U/C. $104,000
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ..... U/C. $95,000

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4+ BEDROOMS

10704 Dogwood-Phenomenal 4 bed/4 bath home sits on 11.57 acres in Forsheimer! Huge entrance/grange w/half bath! Rare village status! This spectacular home features hand-scraped hardwood floors, walls of windows, and custom gold & backyard! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, and stainless custom appliances! Incredible sequestered master suite! This home is complete w/a custom gutter-aligned pool and huge covered back patio! $995,000

6000 Paradise-Immaculate 4 bedroom/4.5 bath w/breathtaking golf course views in Green Tree North! Downstairs rooms include: exquisite master suite, fitness room, study, gourmet kitchen, 2 living and 2 dining areas! Upstairs you will find an oversized game room and adjacent media room, and 2 guest bedrooms! The backyard perfect for entertaining w/a dazzling pool and outdoor kitchen! $899,000

2719 Shasta-Have been down on 5 acres! Gorgeous 4 bed/2.5 bath home features soaring beamed ceilings, walls of windows w/fabulous courtyard views from 4 rooms, planked ceiling, and huge American fireplace! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless counters, hand painted tile, and Jenn-Air appliances! Stunning master suite w/fireplace, sitting room, and French doors! BBQ Oasis w/6 stalls and plenty of fenced acreage for horses to graze! $599,900

4910 Dogwood Ct.-Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Blackfoot/Hogan heights boasts spectacular updates throughout! The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, like "new" stainless appliances, gas range, and refinished cabinets! Huge sequestered master suite offers an updated bath and beautiful fireplace! $269,900

4001 Windflier Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/4.5 bath Mark Payne resale sits at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in Briarwood! 5th bedroom makes a wonderful media room! ..... SOLD...$480,000

6704 Ridgewood-Absolutely spectacular! 5 bedroom in Grandstand! Superb location in a quiet cul-de-sac next to a park! Spacious bedrooms, 4 fireplaces! ..... UC in 1 Day...$449,900

6002 Redwood-Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Grandstand sits on a quiet cul-de-sac! Spacious living area opens to the gourmet kitchen featuring beautiful granite, marble backsplash, breakfast bar, and skylight! ..... SOLD...$435,000

5010 W County Rd. 77-Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath new construction home to be completed November 2012! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, cozy fireplace, and miles of tile! ..... UC...$399,000

4+ BEDROOMS

1201 Pueblo-Great 4 bedroom/3 full bath/2 half bath home sits on an ¾ acre! Some of its' kitchen features include travertine, custom cabinetry, and granite counter tops throughout! Soaring ceilings, custom lighting, and crown molding! ..... SOLD...$399,900

2307 Dunegan-Fabulously updated 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Fannin school district! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/huge island! Hand-scraped hard wood floors, recent carpet & paint! Energy efficient windows! ..... UC...$399,900

3709 Rutledge Ct.-Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in a great school district! Large living area opens to the kitchen and formal dining w/high ceilings! The kitchen has a large island, stainless appliances, and tons of cabinetry! Sequestered master bath features a tub-size shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! $369,900

3004 Winchester Dr.-Great 4 bedroom/3 bath home sits on a large corner lot w/direct access to the loop and walking distance to school and park! Tons of tile, beautiful wood floors and a towering brick fireplace! $382,900

5006 Sherwood-Wonderful 4 bed/2 bath home in Green Hill! Terrazo sits on the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac! Designer paint colors, tile, and faux wood floors throughout! ..... SOLD...$299,900

1210 W Tennessee Ave.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath home in old Midland w/no walking distance to schools and close to downtown! Windows and siding recently replaced! Updated kitchen w/an abundance of cabinet space! ..... SOLD...$189,900

4011 Austin-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in great condition w/lots of space! Some of its' charming features include built-ins, walls of windows w/2 inch blinds, updated flooring, and brick fence! This home is complete w/2 large living areas and 4 spacious bedrooms! $139,900

7009 SCR 1250- Spacious 3 bed/4.5 bath country estate sits on 10.3 acres between Midland & Stanton! Updated throughout! The home features miles of tile, 2 fireplaces, tons of storage, 4 water wells, and gated drive! The gourmet kitchen has gorgeous granite countertops, gas range, and large buffet! Home is centered around an atrium! This estate is complete w/2 ponds perfect to stock fish, 2 outbuildings, and plenty of room for roping! $825,000

4320 Timberglen-Fabulous 2 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Washington Heights! Some of its' gorgeous features include soaring vaulted ceilings, walls of windows, beautiful hardwood floors, textured walls, and designer paint! ..... SOLD...$450,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4001 Shady Oak-Huge 3 bed/3 full bath/2 half bath home on the golf course in Green Tree! Many updates in home w/great potential! Kitchen is light and bright and has stainless appliances! Huge downstairs master suite features a fireplace, oversized tub, and separate shower! Game room upstairs! All bedrooms have private baths! $340,900

4320 Shady Oak-This spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree! Some of its' wonderful features include 2 large living areas, tons of storage, and beautiful views of the golf course! Master bedroom has a rock fireplace, dual vanities, and 2 huge closets! This home is complete w/2 private patios, open kitchen design, and extended garage! $330,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

3000 Parkwoodlane-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home is in a lovely location and features miles of tile, recessed lighting, & an open floor plan! The kitchen opens to the living area and has stainless appliances, pantry, breakfast bar, and granite countertops! The sequestered master bedroom has dual sinks, separate shower & jetted tub! $254,900

3200 Southridge Ct.-Absolutely lovely-rating 1 bed/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home showcases arched doorways, vaulted corners, soaring ceilings, walls of windows, and miles of Italian tile! ..... SOLD...$230,000

3000 Northlawn Pl.-Spacious 3 bed/2 bath home sits in a great neighborhood and is w/in walking distance to schools and shopping! Kitchen offers double ovens, built-in microwave, disposal, and opens to the breakfast dining! ..... SOLD...$229,000

3502 Dunlap-OOOH-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home in Fannin school district! This home features gorgeous laminate wood floors, 3 spacious bedrooms, and a huge/attached sunroom! Large kitchen has recent appliances and opens to the cozy den featuring a fireplace! Recent HVAC unit, recent fence and sprinkler system in the front and backyard! $174,900

5102 Thompson-Spacious 3 bedroom 1.5 bath sits within easy access to the loop! This home features 2 living areas, one with a fireplace! 2 car garage and workshop! $166,900

1400 Lynn Ave.-Beautiful 3 bed/2 bath home built by Zaxbal! This home is light & bright w/spectacular granite throughout! Some of its' features stained concrete floors, custom high ceilings, and a large open kitchen with long eating bar! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, separate shower & tub, and a huge walk-in closet! $154,900

1110 Rankin-Cozy 2 bedroom/2 bath townhome in a great neighborhood! ..... SOLD...$115,000

421 W. Dunnam-Cozy 3 bedroom/2 bath home sits in a great neighborhood and is within walking distance to shopping centers and restaurants! The charming kitchen features a gas stove! Tons of tile, 2 living areas, separate utility and sequestered master suite complete this lovely home! $74,900

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2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivision, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $79,000

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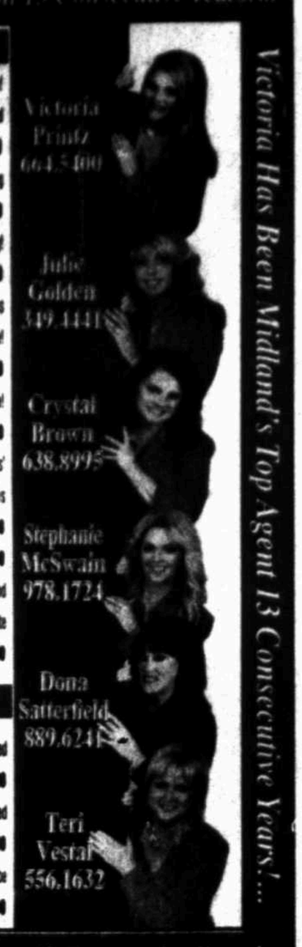

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New Listings

1005 Upland Dr ..... Call Rosbell Berk 362-8000 ..... $238,000
*2408 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious home w/lots of updates.
3107 Whitlee Way ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $184,900
*1892 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that is worth checking out!
413 Mesquite In-Odessa ..... Call Nathan Reeves 631-0657 ..... $2,800/month
*1700 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage

4+ Bedrooms

0007 Lee Creekon Lane ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... REDUCED...$649,000
*3414 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 car garage.
2011 Colonial Dr ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $499,900
*4000 sq ft - 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 car garage. New Mike Jackson home under construction. Updated energy package.
4024 Rosewood Dr ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $399,500
*2962 sq ft - Loads of updating in this remodeled 4 bed/3.5 bath home!
1020 Cumberland ..... Call Ann Pratt 638-4874 ..... REDUCED...$385,000
*3489 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage. 2 story Mark Payne resale in Grandstand Estates.
5015 Greenridge ..... Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ..... $299,900
*2009 sq ft - 4 bed/2.5 bath. fantastic home in Grandstand.
4704 Cherrywood Court ..... Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ..... $326,000
*2846 sq ft - Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car garage. Tom Woodruff re-sale in Briarwood!
2408 Humble ..... Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ..... $299,900
*2798 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Georgeous kitchen + amazing backyard with putting green + gazebo.
2600 Gulbridge Dr ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $239,500
*2379 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, recent updating and plenty of room for a family.
2500 Haynes Dr ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $215,000
*2373 sq ft - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, recently painted and in a great location!
2012 Wallowick Dr ..... Call Patti Woolard 867-1845 ..... $214,900
*2185 sq ft - 4 bed/2 bath with 3 living area, open floor plan, move in ready and recent updates. Large backyard with dog run and covered patio!
2021 Boulevard Ave ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $189,900
*2278 sq ft - Great 4 bed, 2 bath home with shop!
0007 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $175,000
*1696 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home which sits on 1 acre.
310 Thoroughbred Dr ..... Call Ann Pratt 638-4874 ..... REDUCED...$144,900
*1808 sq ft, Cozy 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home!

3 Bedrooms

210 N. Glenwood Ave ..... Call Patti Woolard 867-1845 ..... $110,000
*2144 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large rooms & great bonus room!
600 Princeton Dr ..... Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ..... $440,000
*4381 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, beautiful spacious townhome in Gated Saddle Club North!
5203 Elton Joyce Way ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $309,000
*2070 sq ft, New construction! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Lance Friday home!
6717 E. Co. Rd. 90 ..... Call Lance Hefner 349-3882 ..... $216,000
*2132 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, country property on 1.3 acres with a shop.
5205 Elton Joyce Way ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $209,900
*2077 sq ft - New construction, Lance Friday Home! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/low maintenance yard, storage room & grass doors that open to a patio!
5003 S. Co. Rd. 1205 ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $204,900
*1368 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great equestrian property in Midland county with 13 acres!
2221 Chelsea Place ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $259,000
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4100 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... Call Taylor Looney 889-6402 ..... $250,000
*2212 sq ft - Great country property on 4.336 acres! 3 bed/2 bath, 2 living rooms, sunroom & office!
2312 Providence Dr ..... Call Mary Lynn Parsley 413-4240 ..... $215,000
*1840 sq ft, recently updated 3bed/2bath/2car garage in a great location!
2412 Douglas ..... Call Lance Hefner 349-3882 ..... $210,000
*2371 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 baths, Kitchen with granite & stainless appliances.
3520 Imperial Ave ..... Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1369 ..... $180,000
*1904 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of updating!
2523 Chisum Ave in Odessa ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $179,900
*2139 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully remodeled mid century home.

3 Bedrooms

3000 Stacey Ave ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... REDUCED...$175,000
*2143 sq ft, Great 3 bed/2 bath home with tons of recent updates
2020 Redbud Ave in Odessa ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $79,500
*1242 sq ft, 3 bed/2 bath, Great home to rent, lots of space, convenient to school
1000 N. Lamesa Rd ..... Call Lance Hefner 349-3882 ..... $65,000
*962 sq ft - 3 beds/1.5 baths, large backyard
3704 Gaston ..... Call Bill Lanier/Bob Leatherbough 553-8766 ..... $75,000
*908 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, tile flooring throughout & huge backyard.

2 Bedrooms

2021-33 W. Wadley Ave ..... Call Kay Sutton 416-0200 ..... $275,000
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Odessa & Surrounding Areas

204 E. San Antonio St., Wurfa Tx ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $449,900
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1000 Indian Hills in Big Spring ..... Call Charlotte Sutton 362-7298 ..... $165,000
*2486 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a pool. The house has so many updates!
12003 W. April in Odessa ..... Call Lillian Inguez 349-7065 ..... REDUCED...$132,000
*1680 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport and workshop
3206 County Rd 252, Colorado City Texas ..... Call Lance Hefner 349-3882 ..... $130,000
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1205 W. Connemara, Odessa ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $129,900
*1288 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Double wide mobile home with open floor plan
2 acres
1602 E. Bobbie Park, Odessa ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $115,000
*2080 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful double wide that has been added too and made a home on 2 lots
1600 E. Bobbie Park, Odessa ..... Call Cameron Willeman 978-4290 ..... $79,900
*1248 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautifully redecorated mobile home

Lease Property

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*3 acre unrestricted
5320 Bella Piazza ..... Call Lee Wood 557-1454 ..... $69,500
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300 S. Starkweather ..... Call Walt Barker 520-4717 ..... $29,000
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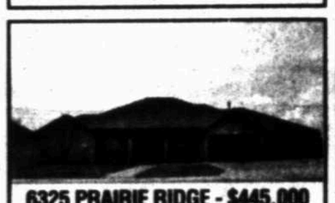

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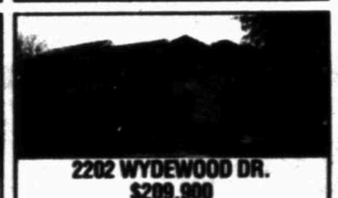

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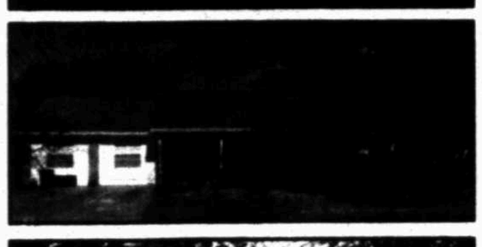

3532 IMPERIAL AVE.
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2801 WCR 140, Midland, TX
Deal on acre of land, corner homesite. Water home is 2 years in repairs. Some repairs started, inside bathroom is demolished. Two living areas, formal in front w/fireplace. Second living area can be a great game room or an at least kitchen with breakfast area and stainless steel appliances. Mature landscaping, sprinklers. 2 water wells, HVAC windows. Apx 4 ACRE! producing oils, totaling $3000.00 monthly income.
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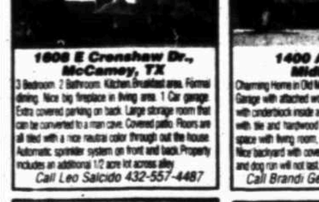

1606 E Crenshaw Dr., McCamey, TX
3 Bedroom 1 Bathroom Kitchen Breakfast area. Formal dining. Nice big fireplace in living area ! Car garage. Extra covered parking or back. Large storage room that can be converted to a man cave. Covered patio. Room are all nice with a nice master toilet through out the house. Automatic sprinkler system on front and back.Property includes an additional 12' barn for access alley.
Call Leo Salcido 432-557-4487

1400 Alaska St, Midland TX
Charming home in Old Midland! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage with attached work shop on back. Home is built with underneath mesh and outside walls. Walls painted with tile and hardwood throughout home, large living room with living room, dining, and sunroom attached. Very backyard with covered patio, side for extra parking, nice bay or will not last, come check it out!
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3008 W. Ohio Ave, Midland TX
This house needs very little work done to it. Cute 4 bedroom 2 bath with plenty of room both inside and out. BIG back yard and a BIG work shop in the back. with 2 carports one on the house and one on the shop. With water well water does not warranty water well. Come check this out before its gone.
Call Anna Reed 432-425-2706

602 S Colorado, Stanton TX
Home is inhabitable with 528 sq. feet. Good size lot with access to the alley.
Call Carol Caudillo 432-425-5407

509 Parkwood Dr., Midland TX
Go Check out this cute 2 Story home with 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath with nice size back yard and 2 car garage. Walking distance to Elementary School. Easy access to Loop 250.
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501 Bobwhite Dr., Monahans TX
Corner home single story beauty with a safe garage entrance. Upgrades galore throughout the home! Three bedrooms with a back fit alt bath, made utility room, nice a 1/2 bath in hall and a sequestered master bedroom. Bathroom and kitchens completely renovated, even added a sunroom. Every combo dream kitchen with top of the line appliances plus refrigerator, ample cupboards and more! Wonderful.
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Land For Sale

0 W Baldwin Dr Odessa TX - 1.04 Acre Lot	Call Melonna Campbell **432-634-8722**
0 S County Rd 84 Midland 7 - 1 acre lots	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
801 N Lamesa Rd Midland – 0.161 Acre lot	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
807 N Lamesa Rd Midland – 0.161 Acre lot	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
0 County Rd 2240 Stanton – 6 Acres	Call Warren Ivey **432-238-8392**
1207 Goldenrod Gardendale – 6-1 Acre Lots	Call Brandi Geron **432-238-2402**
1714 Morgan Way Midland – 0.163 Acre Lot	Call Melonna Campbell **432-634-8722**
2104 S County Rd 1140 Midland – 1 Acre Lot	Call Anna Reed **432-425-2706**
2108 S County Rd 1140 Midland – 1 Acre Lot	Call Anna Reed **432-425-2706**
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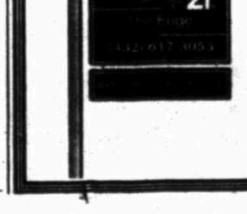

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GRASSLAND WEST

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GRASSLAND WEST

4017 Ironwood - $469,900
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GRASSLAND ESTATES

5410 Grassland - $314,900
4BR, 3BA, TONS OF REDO HERE!! Gorgeous Kitchen, Granite, Tile, Stainless!!

OLD MIDLAND

3110 Shell - $334,900
4BR, 3.5BA In Site Star Terrace! Charming 2 Story! Water Well!!!

FEATURED HOME

5801 Pennin - $260,000
Updated 4 or 5BR, 2BA, 2 Living! Gorgeous Tile, Granite, Old House Charm!!

NEW PRICE

1007 Shell - $369,900
Wood Floors! Great Close Plan! 4BR, 2BA Built In OLD MIDLAND! $200 sqft

FEATURED HOME

1800 N. C St - $176,900
Location! Location! Cute Bungalow! Fresh Paint, Easy Floorplan, Lots of Storage!

4+ BEDROOMS

Rugged Club Cabin Simply the Best!!! 5 Bedroom, 5.5 Bath, 4 Living Areas + Study, 3 Fireplaces, Over 6,000sqft with an Outdoor Kitchen & a Pool! Call Norma or David for more details ... Move In Ready!
Treeland 4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Almost 5,000sqft on 2 ACRES! Gorgeous Inground Pool w/Hot tub & waterfall! Barn/Workshop! Call Norma for more details! ... Coming Soon!
3410 Shadowl Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.B. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres & Fenced and Improved Property! 5,800+ sqft, 3 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details. ... Sold! $800,000
2101 Ironwood 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Brand NEW McPherson Construction in the New Phase of Grassland West. INCREDIBLE FINISHES! Still Time To Select Colors!!! ... New Construction! $662,000
4008 Oakwood 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining. One of a Kind Custom Home by Greg Frazier! Park like setting in Green Tree! Kitchen is Totally Updated with Exquisite Granite! Built-ins & tons of Storage! ... Sale Pending! $470,000
6513 Mosswood 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Almand Construction! Stunning High Ceilings, Hardscraped WOOD Floors, Shutters Throughout, Media Room or 5th Bedroom! ... New Construction! $457,000
6517 Mosswood 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Spectacular NEW Almand Construction in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Granite, Stainless, Plantation Shutters, Crown Molding, Hardwood Flooring!!! Ready to Move In! ... New Construction! $454,000
3013 Tanglewood 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Brand NEW Triple M Construction in Country Sky w/All the Bells & Whistles! 1.14 ACRES. Still Time To Select Colors! ... Sale Pending! $450,000
3110 Shell 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Site Star Terrace! Charming 2 Story Home. Hardwood Floors, Shutters, Circle Drive, Water Well!!! ... New Price! $330,900
7504 Greenstone, Odessa 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Cedaridge Estates! Style Galore in this Texas NEW Construction! High ceilings, oversized tile, LOADED w/granite ... Sale Pending! $326,500
12216 W Co Rd 54 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Beautiful Custom 2010 Home by Saenz Signature on 3 ACRES! Rock Accents, Gorgeous Flooring & Finishes, Circle Drive, Workshop! So Much More!!! ... New Price! $325,900
1216 S Co Rd 1120 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, 3,500+sqft! In Coveted Greenwood on 1.94 ACRES, recent septic, water well, 180PM. Storage All Over! ... New Listing! $315,000
5410 Grassland Blvd 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. TONS OF REDO HERE!!! Updated Kitchen & Baths. Gorgeous Finishes!!!! Tile, Granite, Stainless, Shutters! Requested Schools! ... New Listing! $314,900
2601 Fannin 4 or 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath. 2 Story Home! Large Corner Lot! Completely Updated. Flooring, Paint, Kitchen, Baths, Appliances. Tons of Storage & Closets! Upstairs Deck! To Much to Mention!!! ... New Price! $298,000
3211 Inglewood Pl 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Rastack Resale 1998! Immaculate Home just under 2,500 sqft. Great Curb Appeal! Close to Shopping! ... Sale Pending! $279,500
2608 Hereford 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Grassland Estates! New Carpet & Paint. 30 Year Decra Roof replaced in 2009. New Windows Throughout! ... Sold! $269,900
1007 Shell 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Wonderful REDO! Great floor plan, loads of storage. MASSIVE Sep. Master Bedroom. Updated paint & baths. Very Well Maintained! ... New Price! $259,900
2824 Auburn Dr 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Just under 2,500sqft. Wood Flooring, Recent Updates, Gorgeous Inground Pool! ... New Listing! $255,000
4008 Aspen 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. 2 Car Garage. 2,374 sqft! 2 Story House! Miles of Tile, High Ceilings, Granite in the Kitchen! Corner Lot w/Circle Drive! Endless Possibilities Here! ... New Listing! $240,000
1301 E Golf Course 4 Bedroom, 4 Bath. Complete Overhaul Here! Need TONS of Room? NEW Flooring, kitchen, baths, paint, fixtures, heat & air!!! HUGE Heater for the 550 2,800 sqft ... New Price! $144,500
1117 S Dawnmist 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Large Lot! New Paint, Carpet, Stainless Appliances, Tile Backsplash & Countertops, New Fixtures, Recent Roof! Great Value! ... Sold! $135,900
3805 Gaston 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Yesmey updated & expanded: fresh paint, new windows, cabinets, flooring. Too To Much to Mention! HUGE 40x24 shop w/ overhead door! ... Sale Pending! $129,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2601 E FM 1379-2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/wine fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! ... New Listing! $830,000
5008 Lee Ann 3 or 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. 2 Living Areas. Location! Location! Saddle Club South! Beautiful Curb Appeal. New Outside A/C Unit. Huge Master. Lots of Storage! ... New Listing! $380,000
4000 Big Grande 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Berber Carpet New 2009. Home in Northgate! Miles of Tile. Stainless Appliances. Oil Bronze Fixtures! ... Sale Pending! $324,500
2908 Purple Sage 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Fabulous Fred in Vista West! Open Plan. High Ceilings. Quiet Cul-de-sac. Fantastic Curb Appeal! ... ++ Under Contract in 2 days! $295,900
2604 Wyoknoll 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wyoknoll Estates! Granite in the Kitchen! Hand-scraped hardwood Floors. Vessel sinks in the bathroom! In-ground Pool. Pool is As Is. ... Sale Pending! $282,500
2901 Mark Ln 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wyoknoll Estates! Lee High School District. Great Open Plan. Recent Updates. Low-Maintenance. Easy to Show! ... New Price! $196,000
1908 N. C Street 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Car Garage. Freshly Painted. Living Area. Kitchen w/ Updated w/cabinets. Great Back Yard. Easy Maintenance in the front! ... New Price! $174,500
800 Sinclair 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Lots of upgrades to this house! New flooring, completely remodeled bath, great floor plan! Water well for yard!!! ... New Listing! $154,900
4713 Shadylane Dr 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Living Areas. 2 Car Garage. New Paint & Carpet. Recent Appliances & Countertops! Also For Lease $2,000/Month! ... Sale Pending! $138,000
1908 Denver 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Completely Updated!!! NEW Wood Flooring, tile, & carpet, new countertops, fixtures! Too Much To Mention! ... Sold! $135,500
2312 Stoney 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Great Baths. Hardwood Floors, recent paint, roof, Heating/AC. Huge Kitchen. Large Oversized Yard! ... Sale Pending! $132,000

FOR LEASE

2824 Auburn 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2Living, 2 Dining. In-Ground Pool! 12 Month Lease. Min 600 Credit Score ... For Lease! $2,000

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

1901 N. Big Spring 2 Lots. High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info ... New Price! $995,000
2001 S Co Rd 1180 Excellent Opportunity for Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters. 16 water wells & much more! Call David for more details ... Sold! $850,000
2601 E FM 1379-2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/wine fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! ... Land! $830,000
520 N CR W, Odessa Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land. Church & Warehouses Included! ... New Listing! $600,000
Billy Hext Rd, Odessa Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris for more details! ... New Listing! $500,000
2001 FM 1379 Beautiful 27.27 acres with two water wells. Restricted to site built homes only but no minimum sq ft. Wild game, amazing view endless possibilities. Additional land and home available ... Land! $288,100
7710 Trenton One of the Last Available Lots in Saddle Club Ranch Estates!!! No HOA! Build Your Dream Home on 1.95 ACRES! ... New Lot! $100,900
Scharbauer Dr Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package. 1291-1295 Scharbauer Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance. ... Lot! $85,000
911 S. Main Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced. Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! ... Lot! $40,000
Tartha Dove Ln, Preston Kingdom Great Lake Property in a Private Gated Community! Amenenities include 3,000 sqft Clubhouse over looking lake w/infinity pool! Call Blanca for more details!!! ... Lot! $45,000
E CR 60 15 Lots Available! 2 ACRES Each. Horses Allowed. No Mineral Rights. Modal & Modular Homes Allowed! Call Ron for more details ... Lots! $17,500/each

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8500 Aste 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba, in ground pool! Bank foreclosure in SW Austin right off S Mopac ... Sale Pending! $224,900
121 Serene Hollow 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Buda! Relocation listing in pristine condition! Bonus Study! ... Sale Pending! $181,500
138 Dove Lane 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! ... New Price! $169,900
151 Stone Crest 3 Bedroom, 2 Ba Chase foreclosure in Buda with super easy access to IH-35! 1 Story Ranch Style ... Sale Pending! $144,900
6007 Eastore Cove 4 Bd,2.5 Ba, 3 living. FANNIE MAE listing with fresh new beige paint & clean carpets. Cul-de-Sac in S Austin ... Sale Pending! $140,900
8604 Winter Haven 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba Bank Foreclosure! SE Austin KB home in master planned community ... Sold! $109,900
5626 Victory Gallop 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Del Valle! FANNIE MAE property over 2600 sqft on corner lot! ... Sale Pending! $104,500
404 Emerald Way Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West! Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 ... New Price! $29,900

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FEATURED HOMES

OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-2:00
5309 GREATHOUSE - $385,000
New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to a & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Sep. Master suite w/wrap tub/shower & wrap around closet.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:30-3:30
6113 HOMESTEAD - $675,000
Fabulous 4 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/2 liv/2 dining/4 car w/dazzling pool w/retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/gorgeous granite, stainless appliances (includes ice maker)! Spacious master suite w/jetted tub. Wrap around closet w/tons of built-ins. All bathrooms w/private baths! Wonderful theatre room w/3 rows of stadium seating! All equipment stays! 5lb chandelier stays! Study w/hardwood floors.

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

5309 Greathouse Lane - fabulous 4 bedrooms/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, sep. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping ... SOLD. $390,000

GREENWOOD PROPERTIES

10801 County Rd 102-NEW-Gorgeous Country Estate w/park like grounds! 4 Bed/2 ba/2 din. Hardwood floors in entry lead to open living w/wall of windows, brick fp & crown molding. Open kitchen w/custom cabinets & lots of storage! Sep. Master w/jetted tub, sep shower, dual sinks & big closet! 4th bed is oversized & could be used as 2nd living. Lovely yard w/pool + 2 potted 30x60 insulated shop (wired 200 amp)perfect for RV ... SOLD. $385,000
2102 County Road 1000-NEW-Lovely davis resale in greenwood on 416 Acre lot. Spacious living w/faux paint & crown molding opens to kitchen w/custom cabinets, tumbled stone backsplash & island. Sequestered master, walk in closets & dual sinks, upgraded solid hard house doors, pool table, double refrigerator & desked office ... $275,000

4+ BEDROOMS

6513 Los Conchos Lane - Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed/3 ba/3 car formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances (5 burner gas cf & ice maker) sea. Master suite w/barrel ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower (dual shower heads) tray ceilings & walls of windows overlook huge patio w/outdoor fireplace & kitchen. Every star home w/foam insulation ... $800,000
6113 Homestead-NEW-Fabulous 4 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/2 liv/2 din/4 gar w/dazzling pool w/retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/gorgeous granite, stainless appliances (includes ice maker)! Spacious master suite w/jetted tub. Wrap around closet w/tons of built-ins. All bedrooms w/private baths! Wonderful theatre room w/3 rows of stadium seating! All equipment stays! 53k chandelier stays! Study w/hardwood floors ... $675,000
5106 Oak Valley - Immaculate custom home w/gorgeous features thru-out. Large living w/stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of tile & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/large island gas cooktop, stainless appl. Stone backsplash & breakfast bar. 3 Covered patios. Great backyard+separate side yard!Sep. Master suite w/jetted tub, sep shower w/dual heads, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. Big bedrooms w/walk-in closets ... SOLD. $380,000
5309 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to la & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Sep. Master suite w/wrap tub/shower & wrap around closet ... $385,000
1005 Wheelhill-NEW-4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home. 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car, 1 living are, 2 dining areas, gas logs, in living area ... SOLD. $270,000
4201 Crestridge-NEW-Spacious 4 beds/2.5 Baths w/dazzling pool in crestgate! Huge living w/fireplace & built-ins overlook pool. Open kitchen w/stainless appliances gas cook top, granite & skylight. Formal dining & breakfast area. Big bedrooms, closets & built-ins.Sequestered master suite w/double vanities & closets, sep. Tub & shower. Recent garage opener, water heater & a/c compressor ... $255,000
2010 Marblown Place-Nice patio style home w/middle courtyard + backyard! huge living w/built-ins & brick fireplace, completely renovated kitchen w/recent cabinets, granite, stainless appliances & tile. most of the windows have been replaced. hvac approx 4 years old. roof replaced 20+/- Walls of windows overlook middle courtyard, just perfect for entertaining. Storage building, backyard & open patio ... SOLD. $230,000
4408 St. Andrews-NEW-Great 4 bed/2 bath/home in fairmont park. Spacious living are w/high ceilings, brick fireplace & crown modeling. Nice kitchen w/stainless stove & microwave, under/over cabinet lighting. Lots of storage. Sequestered master w/dual sinks & walk-in closet ... UA/C. $195,000
1209 Tejas-Super cute 4 bedroom/1.5 Bath w/ recent carpet, paint, flooring & fixtures. Large lot (67 Acre) ... UA/C. $140,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

6508 Waurika-NEW-Lovely three bedroom/2 bath located on large corner lot in cul-de-sac! Open living w/fireplace, tile & crown molding. Formal dining, bar + breakfast area. Nice kitchen w/granite, custom cabinets & backsplash. Sequestered master w/study, dual sinks, jetted tub, sep shower & hw/her closets! Granite counter tops thru-out! Large yard, covered patio, auto sprinkler front, back & side ... SOLD. $230,000
2108 Abbey Pl.-NEW-Spacious home in Wydewood 2 blocks from the park! 3 Bed/2 ba/3 car garage! Formal dining + breakfast area. Big living area w/brick fireplace & built-ins! Master has dual sinks, dual closets & separate tub. Home needs some updating...Has a ton of potential! Seller wants an as-is sale ... UA/C. $179,900
4708 Boulder # 106-NEW-Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath condo! Open living area with custom paint, miles of tile and brick fireplace. Kitchen offers custom paint & spacious pantry. Nice-sized bedrooms each with private bathroom. Inside utility closet. Patio has wood fence ... $55,000

COMMERCIAL

600 N. Weatherford - Great high visibility location. Corner lot! 12,000 Square feet under roof. 1000 square feet of additional storage. Onsite fenced parking. Heating, electrical & ac upgraded in 2000 when property was expanded ... $1,250,000

LAND

191 Tommy Dr. - Odessa. Prime location. 10 acres cleared. 1 Water well (per seller well produces 26 gpm) - electricity. 30 Trees on drip system. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardous materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft. ... $300,000
0000 Tommy Dr.-Odessa. Prime location! 10 Acres of raw land zoned commercial. This is unimproved property. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardous materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft. ... $300,000
Lot 1 Arapahoe Rd - Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business ... $10,000
Lot 4 Arapahoe Rd - Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business ... $10,000

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers Homes

5808 Dumbarton Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $363,800
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Ashingdon Homes

2503 Legacy Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $479,500
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FEATURED HOMES

6501 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $457,000

4236 Timberglen
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $595,000

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~ Peg Bracken

NEW CONSTRUCTION

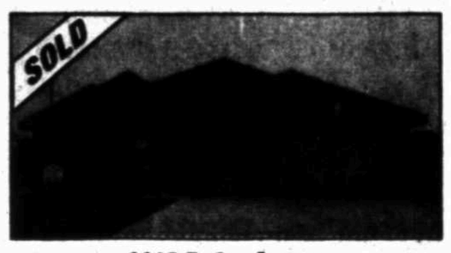
Crystal Homes
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6501 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $780,000

Saenz Signature Homes

5700 Carmel Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $325,000

Carrasco Homes



1118 E. Jax Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $158,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL
2210 Merrily Dr ... Big Spring/4 Bdrm/1.5 Ba ... $104,500
7244 Barksdale ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Townhouse ... U/C
205 Walker Court ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
900 Goliad ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
3404 Sagemont Dr ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $224,900
240 Main St ... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Indoor Pool ... $250,000
6506 Waurika Pl ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $264,900
4033 Angelina Dr ... 5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ... U/C
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316 ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $299,500
4236 Timberglen ... 4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool ... $595,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION
1116 E. Jax Ave. ... Valencia Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage ... SOLD
1118 E. Jax Ave. ... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2Ba/2 Car Garage ... SOLD
4803 Yearwood ... Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ... SOLD
409 Springwood Ct ... James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
5303 Wimberley Spring Ct. ... Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
5312 Wimberley Spring ... Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
5308 Wimberley Spring ... Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl. ... Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
5808 Dumbarton Oaks ... Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $363,800
6501 Mosswood ... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $457,000
6505 Mosswood ... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $467,500
6509 Mosswood ... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $468,500
6417 Mosswood ... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... U/C
2503 Legacy Oaks ... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ... $479,500
6506 Saddle Horn ... Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage ... SOLD
6501 Los Conchos ... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage ... SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE
Luna Rosa Estates ... Gardendale/New Homes ... Call Gary
2313 N. Co. Rd. 1134 1/2 ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Located in Pecan Mobile Home Park ... $30,000
5811 E. Co. Rd. 57 ... Greenwood/5.79 Acres ... $120,000
4007 E. Co. Rd. 160 ... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/6.2 Acres ... $140,000
240 Main St ... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool ... $250,000
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316 ... Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ... $299,500
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6400 Mockingbird Lane ... Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres ... $92,500
3905 Tumbleweed Trail ... 2.5 Acres/Horse Barn ... $125,000

LAKE SIDE PROPERTY
421 Co. Rd. 611 ... Lake Brownwood/2 Bdrm/2 Ba ... $399,500

COMMERCIAL
2000 Rankin Hwy ... 6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning ... $925,000
240 Main St ... Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool ... $250,000

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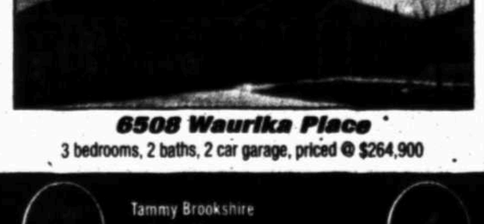

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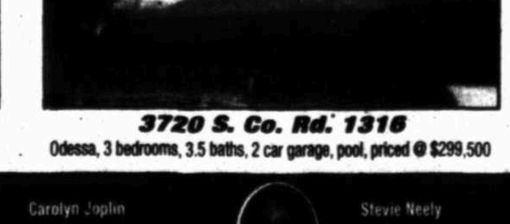

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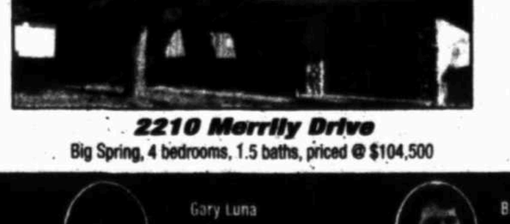
Odessa, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, pool, priced @ $299,500



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Big Spring, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, priced @ $104,500

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Garden City, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, indoor pool, priced @ $250,000

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was installed as 2014 President elect.

Previous Legacy Presidents of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors include Larry Hatfield, Alvin Collins, Laura Lyons Sales, Martha Manulik, Sandy Hanson, and Pat Chancellor.

Jesus is The Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
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The virgin birth of a boy.

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A Savior for us all,
The way to get to our heavenly home,
If we just heed his call.

So as we shop and spend and wrap
And enjoy the Christmas season,
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth;
Jesus is the reason.

By Joanna Fuchs

Because of the kindness and generosity of so many agents, clients, friends and family, Legacy was able to present checks totaling $1900 to Mission Agape, our adopted non-profit organization for this Christmas! We also collected in excess of $600 in toys to be given to the Mission to be dispersed to children for Christmas!

There are so many Mission 'Angels', and I feel the need to thank each of them personally! So a huge, heart-felt thank you to the staff at Legacy: Thanda White, December Oglesby, and Gina Lann; my fellow agents DeLaura Gammage, Lydia Scudder, Joyce Brickey, Ashley St. John, Kay Bivens, Debra Boler, Gloria Farmer, Stephanie Rogers, Kim Merrill, Mona Lopez, Donna Omar, Angie McKay, Wendy Waddell, Gina Reyes, Cheryl Parrish and Danny Norwood; friends and clients Jerry and Bonnie Petree, Bernadette Stagray, Allen and Shari Wells and Shirley Swearingen with Lone Star Abstract; and family Dude and Bunny Speed, Micah and Camden Petrie, and Macey and Travis Wallace...

A special 'thank you' to my broker and dear friend, Pat Chancellor who generously and unselfishly donates every season to my charity drives, helps me shop for the children, and most importantly counsels me and keeps me focused on my goal when I am overwhelmed and saddened by the poverty that surrounds us....

To Ric and Stacy Baccus, founders of Mission Agape, your calling to administer to the hungry and needy children and to bear witness to their families sets such an example to the rest of us to give unconditionally and with all of our heart! You are two of the kindest, most compassionate souls I have ever met and my life is richly blessed to know you!...

I am proud to work with some of the nicest, most caring people who have seen a call for help in our small community and have stepped forward to make a difference. Merry Christmas to each of you, and my God richly bless you in the New Year to come!....

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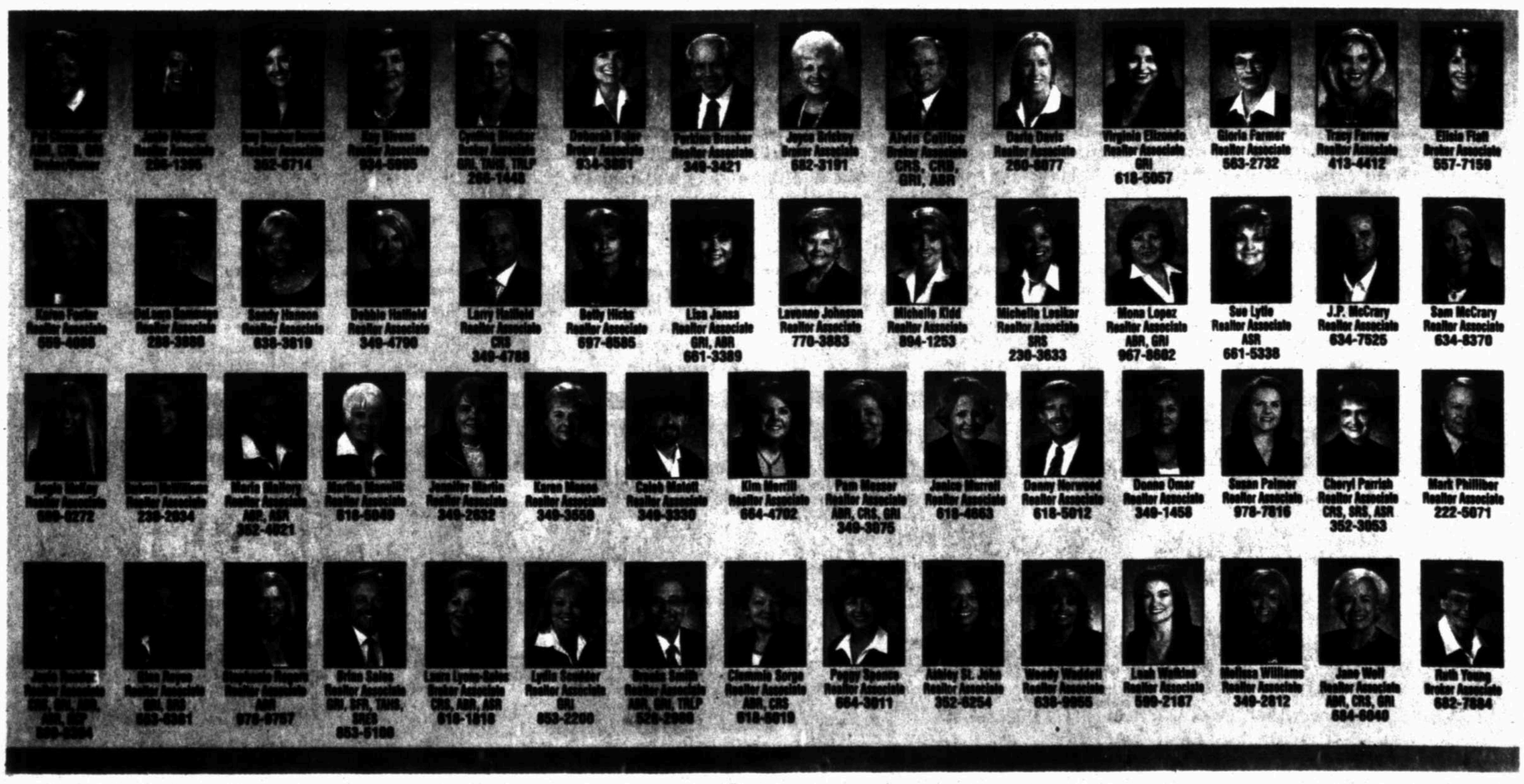

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SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING Sunday, December 23, 2012

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Percentage of shoppers who say they won't finish Christmas shopping until Dec. 24.
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5 Countertops

Sure, you could go for good, old granite – but these unique countertops make a real splash

ThinkGlass

By DAN RAFTER | CTW Features

Tired of your granite countertops? Think your laminate counters are boring?

There's no reason why you can't make a change. Today's homeowners can order counters made of everything from lighted glass to petrified wood.

"Different people have different personalities, and that can be represented in their choice of countertops," says Tatiana Machado-Rosas, design department head with San Diego-based Jackson Design & Remodeling.

Here are five ways to make a statement with your kitchen countertops.

GLASS: Looking for something livelier than plain stone? Glass countertops can add a dynamic feel to an otherwise traditional kitchen.

"No other material has this relationship with light," says Michael Mailhot, an artist and co-owner of ThinkGlass, a Boisbriand, Quebec-based provider of glass countertops. "Glass is like a light magnet. The piece of glass on a sunny morning is not the same as it is at sunset. It will be different again the next morning if it is rather cloudy."

Each of ThinkGlass' countertops is made from recyclable glass. Mailhot hand-paints the countertops with colors that his customers choose. Some even add LED lights to add even more personality to their designs.

Mailhot says that the glass is as strong and durable as natural stone and granite for counter material. They can also endure high heat without cracking or scorching.

Fingerprints don't show on glass countertops, he says, and the material does not stain.

The price for ThinkGlass' glass countertops range from $200 to $400 per square foot.

STAINLESS STEEL: Step into the kitchen of a high-end restaurant. What material do they use for countertops? Stainless steel. This product is becoming a favorite of certain homeowners.

Machado-Rosas says that stainless steel appeals to younger homeowners who like contemporary kitchens.

Stainless-steel counters are hygienic, which is one reason why commercial kitchens rely on it. They are also eye-catching.

But stainless steel does have some drawbacks for residential use: It can scratch and bend easily. Homeowners might want to avoid this material if their other kitchen appliances are also made of stainless steel. That, Machado-Rosas says, could result in too cold of a look for a residential kitchen.

Prices vary, but homeowners can expect to pay from $100 to $200 per square foot to install stainless-steel countertops.

WOOD: Homeowners who prefer a natural look to their countertops should consider wood. The latest trends offer more options for this once-traditional material.

Machado-Rosas says her clients have chosen countertops made of chopped logs or wood planks nailed together. Other popular styles that incorporate wood are quartz- or granite-topped islands with a wood chopping block built into the center.

Wood creates a warm, homey feeling in the kitchen, and it is typically durable and long-lasting. However, it can be damaged by moisture, heat and harsh chemicals.

Wood counters will usually run from about $100 to $250 per square foot.

SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES: For an exotic look, homeowners can choose countertops made of semi-precious stones. White quartz, gray agate, pinkish rose quartz or even petrified wood create countertops that truly stand out.

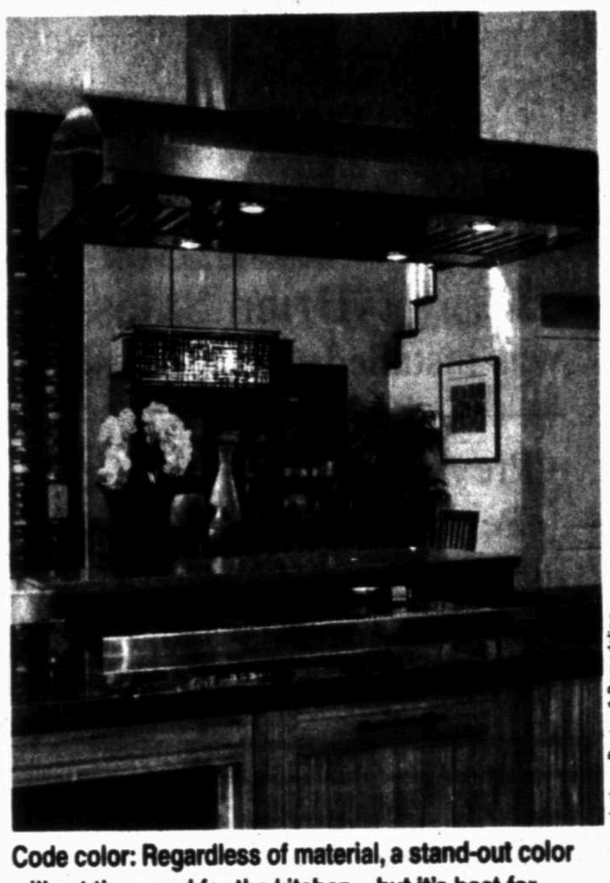
These counters, in addition to being visually stunning, are also durable and resistant to scratches. Homeowners do, though, have to be careful about heat. Pans that are too hot can scorch these counters.

This is one of the most expensive countertop choices, Machado-Rosas says. Counters made of semi-precious stones can run from $6,000 to $15,000 a slab, Machado-Rosas says. A slab usually measures from 55 to 60 square feet.

COLOR: Besides choosing a unique countertop material, brightly colored counters always make a big statement. Machado-Rosa, for instance, once designed a kitchen that included bright lime-green counters.

The counters stood out. But this look, she says, isn't for everyone. Homeowners who don't plan on moving soon can enjoy colorful countertops that set the stage for a dramatic kitchen.

Those who plan to sell their home soon are better off with a more neutral color. Replacing bold countertops is not a cheap task for homeowners who are purchasing a new home and paying for moving expenses.



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Code color: Regardless of material, a stand-out color will set the mood for the kitchen – but it's best for homeowners who plan on sticking around.

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The Modern Panelist

Welcome back, wood paneling – lighter colors and sleek lines add warmth to modern interiors

By ALYSSA KARAS
CTW Features

If "wood paneling" still conjures up images of outdated kitchens or the dentist's office, it's time to update your idea of the wall covering. This century's wood panels can be a sleek, even modern, addition to your home.

"In days gone by, you would see dark and stocky wood-paneled rooms that were very masculine with traditional furniture," says Keita Turner, founder and president of Manhattan-based KT Design Solutions. "Those days are gone. The wood-paneled walls of today are lighter in color, and they can be applied in many different orientations."

Coswick Hardwood debuted a new line of eco-friendly wood wall panels in December 2012 in response to growing demand. "Organic materials fit naturally into most interiors," says Olya Ianovskaia, marketing manager of the Mississauga, Ontario-based company. "Natural textured surfaces of wood wall panels are more pleasing to the eye and touch than artificial materials, such as plastic."

In the past, wood panels were often installed vertically, or they were elaborately carved and decorated. This created rooms that appeared smaller or imposing.

Today's wood panels are more invigorating. "They can be very charmingly rustic but they can also be slick and eclectic," Turner says. "They can be cozy or very modern. We're in a different era now, which is refreshing."

Wood paneling works best in large, spacious rooms. However it can also be used as an accent wall, in much the same way as a bright coat of paint, or as a backdrop for fireplaces or bathroom vanities. Keep in mind that wood paneling can darken a room, so select a space with good lighting.

To keep the aesthetic contemporary, accent the room with punches of color, glass or metallic surfaces, which will contrast with the wood, Turner says. "If you keep the furnishings sleek and minimal, and the lines as clean and linear as possible, that also helps to update it," she says.

Add a few modern furnishings, and you'll forget wood paneling ever went out of style.

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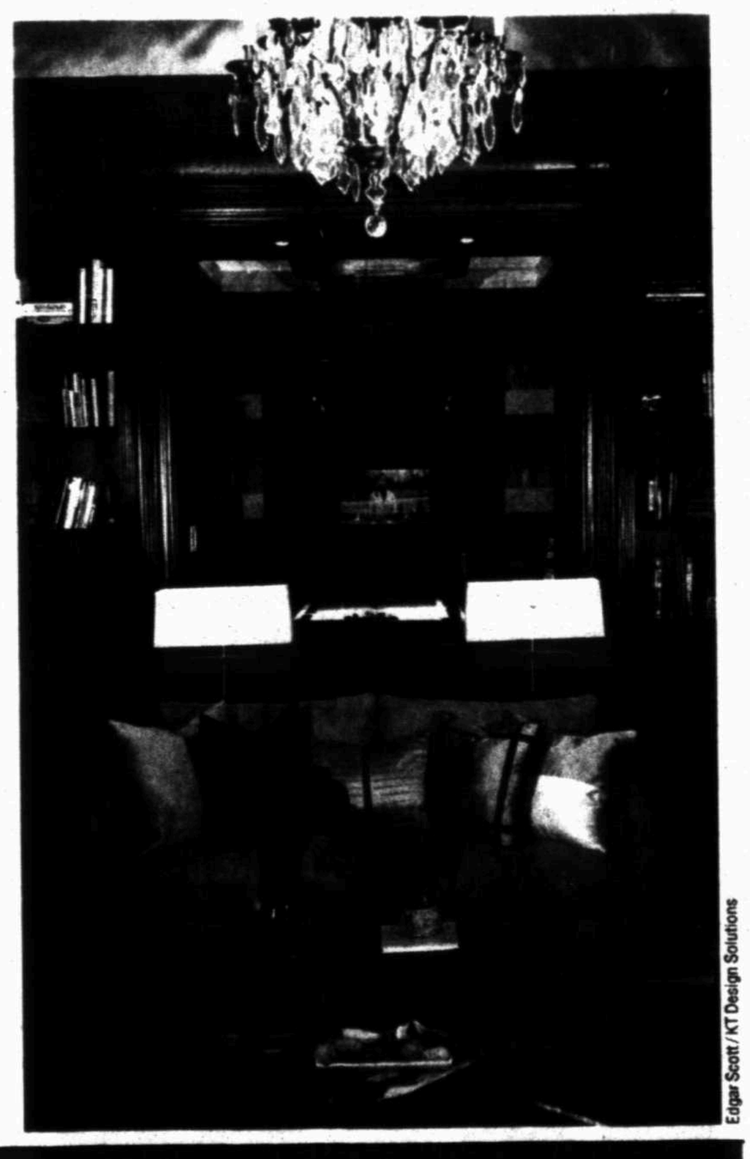

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3000 DAWNRIDGE - $[illegible]
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4 Bedrooms! 3.5 Baths! Formal living! Formal dining! Breakfast nook! Updated kitchen w/granite countertops, stainless appliances & breakfast bar! Large family room w/beautiful ceiling & fireplace! Computer room/ nook! Sep master suite w/spacious bath! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! In-law plan! Back-yard w/ great pool! 2 Car rear entry garage!

2715 MAIN LN. - $[illegible]
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Large living room w/high, beamed ceilings & rounded wall w/fireplace! Massive living area in back can be a den, gameroom, study, etc! Kitchen has breakfast bar & nook! Roomy bedrooms! Nice storage! Low-maintenance back yard w/storage shed! Beautiful yards w/mature trees! Open patio in back! Nice entry porch! 2 Car garage! Gas dryer stays! Recent dbl-paned windows!

604 STOREY AVE. - $250,000
WONDERFUL!
3 bedroom, 2 baths home with 2 living, 2 dining, guest house, gleaming hardwoods and dazzling pool!

2302 STANDOLIND AVE. - $[illegible]
FRESH PAINT! RECENT CARPET!
Updated kitchen appliances! Formal living! Formal dining! Bright den w/ fireplace is open to breakfast nook & partially open to kitchen! Large utility room! Bonus/sun room w/walls of windows is perfect for office/gameroom/ home gym! 4 Roomy bedrooms! Tons of storage! Great location w/mature trees! Cinder block fence! Storage bldg! Covered patio! 2 Car garage!

5010 CHAPEL HILL - $230,000
UPDATED & SPACIOUS!
Formal dining! Large living area w/wood flooring & fireplace! Updated kitchen has granite countertops & tumbled marble backsplash! Breakfast nook! Huge master bedroom w/dual vanities, dual closets & tons of storage! Great guest bedrooms! Covered patio! Extra parking on the side! Storage bldg! 2 Car rear entry garage! Corner lot w/two yards!

3223 CAMARIE AVE. - $167,500
MOVE-IN READY!
Shows like a model home! This nicely updated home in fannin area offers formal dining/2nd living area! Living room w/fireplace/Kitchen has granite countertops! Breakfast nook w/bay window! 3 Or 4 bedrooms/(4th bdrm is off the master & is a perfect office, nursery, home gym, tv room or craft room) both bathrooms are updated! Covered patio! Great backyard! Mature trees! 2 Car garage!

4521 BROOKDALE - $140,000
TONS OF UPDATES!
Spacious living room w/rock fireplace! Kitchen has recent paint ,tile & appliances! Breakfast nook! Great den is a perfect second living or office (or 4th bedroom)!! Inside utility room! Updated bathrooms! Fabulous workshop!!! Huge yard too! Open patio! Dog run! Mature trees!

1605 DELMAR DR. - $138,000
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Tons of space to call your own! 3 Bedrooms! 2 Baths! Nice den plus great family room! Kitchen w/big breakfast bar & spacious dining area opens to one living area! Enclosed patio for even more space! Master offers private bath & ample closet space! Great fenced backyard! 1 Car garage, 1 car carport & circle drive offers tons of parking!

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2108 Evans Ln.		MLS# 92846	$381,000
4622 Erie Dr.		MLS# 92750	$151,500
3921 E. Golf Course-(New Construction)		MLS# 92731	$296,444
4701 Hilltop Dr.	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 92656	$299,950
600 Liddon #68		MLS# 92560	NEW PRICE $78,000
107 Waverly -2 Story	SOLD	MLS# 92386	$108,000
811 W. Storey-with pool and guest house		MLS #92265	$372,000
3223 Cimmaron		MLS #92074	NEW PRICE $172,000
3511 W. Louisiana	SOLD	MLS #91977	$143,900
107 N. Eisenhower Dr.-New Construction	SOLD	MLS #91778	$235,000
6921 North Co. Rd 1294-4.93 acres		MLS #91681	$330,000
2648 East FM 1212, Stanton-12 acres		MLS #91639	$229,900
6801 SCR 1210-on 70 acres w/ private gun range, pool & cantina		MLS #91271	$920,000
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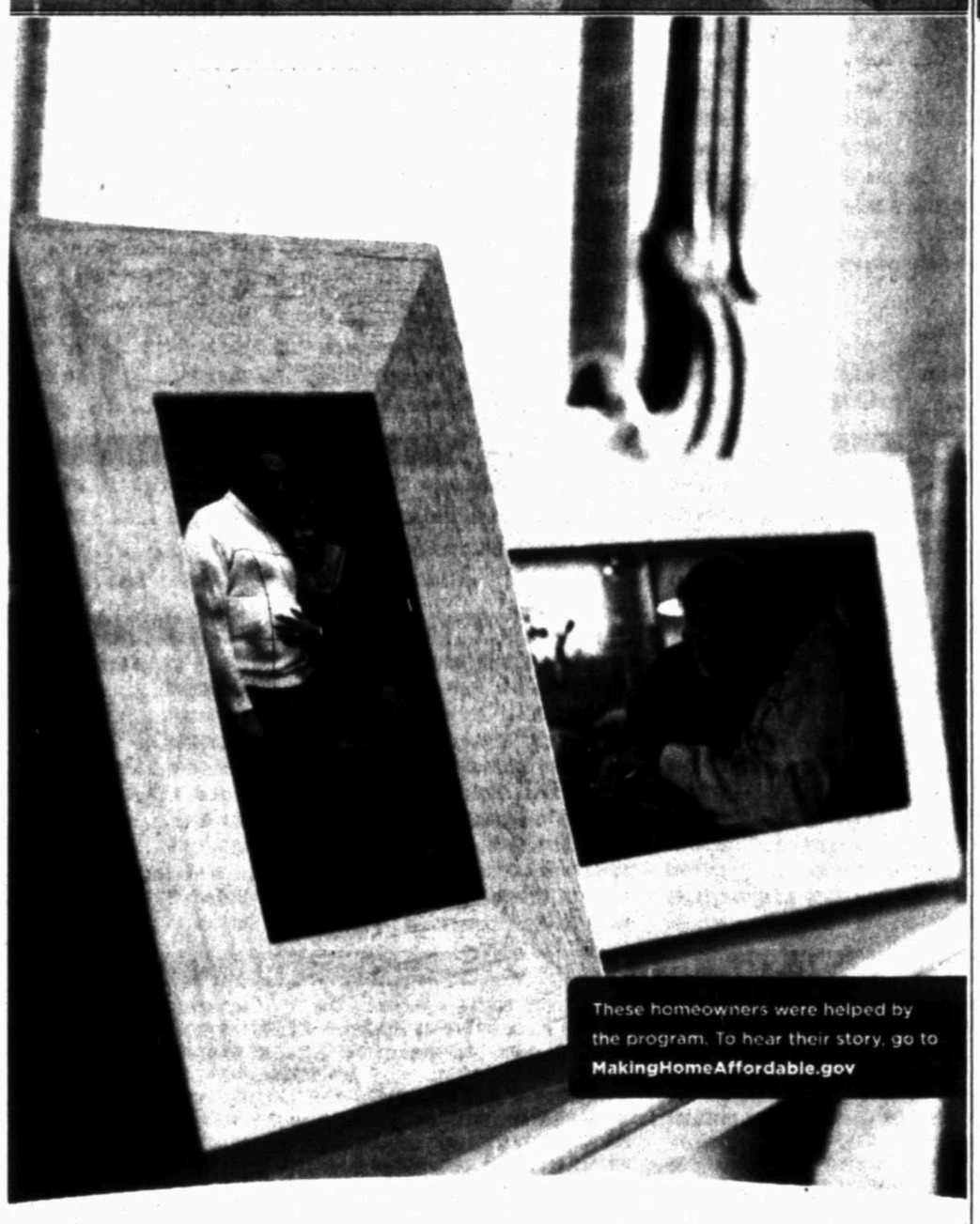

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10904 E COUNTY RD 107 GREENWOOD, TX - $220,000
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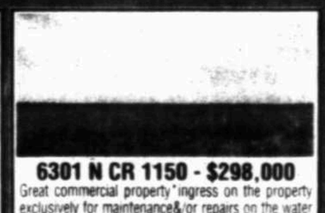
TRACT 2 CR 1150 $299,900
Prime 10 acre lot with access to loop 250 385 north & i-20! The front 5 acres have been cleared, leveled & covered with 6 inches of base material! It is primed and ready for construction!!!

810 W KANSAS AVE.
Completely remodeled! Great 3br, 3ba home located in the heart of old midland! Hardwood floors, crown moulding, kitchen has breakfast bar & dining area, large master suite! Lease term 12mo - 24mo. *Deposit: $2,500* pet deposit: $500! Pets in the backyard only!

FLASH'S RESTAURANT & CANTINA 4506 E HWY 158, GARDENDALE, TX - $375,000
Recently remodeled restaurant/bar ready to go! Great opportunity and an established business! Flash's is a family friendly place! Lease term is 36 months with one 5 year option! Old Fashion Burger Bar & Grill occupies the other half of the building! Lease terms are available on request. Large dining area available + backyard. Large operational commercial kitchen with walk-in refrigerator, freezer, fully certified bar. The lease includes a liquor license!



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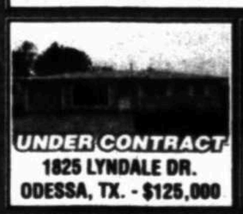

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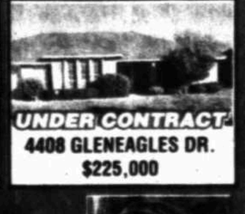

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1710 PUEBLO...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92738...$299,720
1908 JACKSON...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92739...$146,250
1910 JACKSON...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92740...$146,250

JC GRAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

1201 E. COWDEN...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92011...$143,000
1109 E. ESTES...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92012...$97,000

MASON TRENDSETTERS

5300 ALYSHEBA...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*...MLS #90884...$1,340,000

CARROUSEL CONSTRUCTION

107 N. EISENHOWER DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91778...SALE PENDING

REMI HOMES

3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #90777...$295,000

WBC CUSTOM HOMES, LLC

11901 FM 307...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #92151...$300,000

JC CONSTRUCTION

902 W. ESTES AVE...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92559...$189,000

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

4005 TODD DR....*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92010...$1,500,000
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #90895...$1,399,000
5300 ALYSHEBA...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*...MLS #90884...$1,340,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91271...$920,000
5300 TEAKWOOD TR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #91353...$835,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1120...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #92196...SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102...*Michelle Lesikar 230-3633*...MLS #91342...SALE PENDING
7811 TRENTON...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92194...$629,000
3909 BAYBROOK COURT...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92117...SALE PENDING
24 LAKES DR....*J.P. McCrary 634-7525*...MLS #91842...$522,250
4500 CHAPARRAL RD.,BIG SPRING...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #90854...$499,900
5805 HIGHLAND BLVD...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*...MLS #92441...SALE PENDING
4800 CHERRYWOOD...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92068...SALE PENDING
8212 DUNBLANE...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #92004...$433,500
0515 GLADIOLA...*Maria Mallory 352-4021*...MLS #92850...$395,000
6407 SEQUOIA DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #91482...SALE PENDING
2000 MOSSWOOD...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*...MLS #91357...SALE PENDING
11901 FM 307...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #92151...$388,500
4011 DUNKIRK...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92235...$385,000
5613 HEARTLAND CT....*Peggy Spence 664-3011*...MLS #91179...SALE PENDING
4817 WOODHOLLOW...*Donna Omar 349-1458*...MLS #92066...SOLD
4300 SKYLINE DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92458...SALE PENDING
10602 E. CO. RD. 109...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #91530...SOLD
2902 PARTON WAY...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*...MLS #92364...SALE PENDING
2706 SAVOY...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92766...SALE PENDING
5014 OAK CREEK...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92387...SALE PENDING
5619 ASHWOOD COURT...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92301...SOLD
2932 SAN PEDRO DR.,ODESSA...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #92421...SALE PENDING
2207 HARVARD AVE...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #91100...$310,750
12119 E. CO. RD. 102...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #92293...SOLD
5106 CASTLEFORD ROAD...*Maria Mallory 352-4021*...MLS #91716...$312,000
4701 HILLTOP DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92656...SALE PENDING
1710 PUEBLO...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92738...$299,720
4007 HEATHER RD...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #92510...SALE PENDING
1402 MABERRY...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #91812...$299,900
3921 E. GOLF COURSE RD....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92731...$299,444
3609 OAKRIDGE DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92572...$295,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*...MLS #92463...SALE PENDING
2805 MARMON DR....*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92392...SALE PENDING
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #90777...$295,000
2369 CO. RD. 2051, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #91080...$285,000
4017 BISHOPS CASTLE DR....*Elisia Flatt 557-7159*...MLS #92773...$295,900
4316 ARROYO DR....*Ruth Young 682-7884*...MLS #92727...$285,000
5707 SABINE DR....*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*...MLS #92583...SALE PENDING
4708 MELVILLE DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92227...SALE PENDING
3313 STANOLIND AVE...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*...MLS #91514...SOLD
2026 W. SHANDON...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*...MLS #90745...SALE PENDING
3101 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Mona Lopez 967-8602*...MLS #91622...$290,000
2302 STANOLIND AVE....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92030...$290,000
11911 W. CO. RD. 90...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #91125...$340,000
5010 CHAPEL HILL DRIVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92302...$239,900
1305 GARFIELD ST....*Lisa Janse 661-3389*...MLS #91277...SOLD
2404 CAMARIE...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*...MLS #90420...$234,000
10600 E. CO. RD. 104...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*...MLS #92684...$230,000
2040 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91639...$229,900
2411 NEELY AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92626...$225,000
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX....*Cynthia Baker 266-1448*...MLS #87856...$189,500
1710 WASHITA...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*...MLS #92712...SALE PENDING
700 MCDONALD...*Laura Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92676...SALE PENDING
3223 CAMARIE AVE....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92586...$187,500
2102 ALLENDALE RD., BIG SPRING...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #92792...$169,000
3413 MARK LANE...*Maria Mallory 352-4021*...MLS #91837...SALE PENDING
811 W. LOUISIANA AVE....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92447...SALE PENDING
3600 STANOLIND AVE....*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92257...SALE PENDING
4004 ILLINOIS AVE...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #91445...SALE PENDING
9004 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #87180...SOLD
3706 W. MICHIGAN AVE...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*...MLS #92371...SALE PENDING
313 W. WILLOWOOD DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92507...$140,000

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

23 HIALEAH DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92448...$899,900
1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA...*Leah Watkins 599-2187*...MLS #91825...$589,900
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...MLS #92758...$465,000
9305 W. CO. RD. 60...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #91307...SOLD
811 W. STOREY AVE....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92265...$372,000
4008 GREEN TREE BLVD...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #91739...SALE PENDING
4021 TRINITY CT....*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #92359...$346,000
4000 IRVIN DR....*Karen Foster 559-4086*...MLS #92688...$339,900
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91681...$330,000
4505 STILLMEADOW...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*...MLS #92597...$285,000
7200 FM 307...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #92285...SALE PENDING
4502 MOCKINGBIRD...*Jennifer Martin 349-2632*...MLS #92216...$279,900
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #91608...$279,000
4309 CRESTGATE AVE....*Jane Wolf 684-6040*...MLS #90881...$269,900
3533 LONOKE AVE....*Kay Bivens 934-5995*...MLS #92481...$265,900
1701 CASTLEFORD RD....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92693...$250,000
4001 ANGELINA...*Deborah Boler 687-6500*...MLS #92630...SALE PENDING
3807 CIMMARON AVE....*Deborah Boler 934-3881*...MLS #92525...SALE PENDING
4201 GREENBRIAR DR....*Kay Bivens 934-5995*...MLS #91354...SALE PENDING
4209 ARROYO DR....*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #91330...SALE PENDING
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS...*Mona Lopez 967-8602*...MLS #92369...SALE PENDING
4014 ANGELINA DR....*Ruth Young 352-0996*...MLS #92788...$231,500
107 EISENHOWER DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91778...SALE PENDING
4302 BOULDER AVE....*Donna Omar 349-1458*...MLS #92365...$229,000
4400 GLENEAGLES DR....*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92459...SALE PENDING
4305 MERRILL CT....*Donna Omar 349-1458*...MLS #92648...$227,000
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92800...$220,000
1606 COLLEGE...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #91721...$220,000
2705 MARK LANE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92745...$220,000
1500 W. PECAN...*Laura Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92280...$219,900
3482 CLAREMONT DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92719...SALE PENDING
3613 DENTCREST...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #92641...$215,000
3301 WARD ST....*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #91710...SALE PENDING
3711 MARK LANE...*Josie Alvarez 296-1395*...MLS #92009...SALE PENDING
4512 MERCEDES DR....*Kim Merrill 664-4702*...MLS #92177...SOLD
2407 CAMARIE...*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #90846...$184,900
3015 STANOLIND...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*...MLS #92015...SOLD
2906 WHITTLE WAY...*Susan Palmer 978-7816*...MLS #92634...SALE PENDING
4506 DENGAR AVE....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92678...$175,000
1805 W. TENNESSEE AVE....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92669...$175,000
3223 CIMMARON...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92074...$172,000
4305 NELSON...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92610...SALE PENDING
1002 E. CO. RD. 150...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #91840...$169,500
1005 GODFREY...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #92733...$160,000
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #92272...SALE PENDING
2210 BOYD AVE....*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*...MLS #92389...SALE PENDING
3103 LOUISIANA AVE....*Ashley St. John 352-6254*...MLS #91612...SALE PENDING
3014 E. CO. RD. 143...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #92435...$155,000
3010 SINCLAIR AVE...*Darla Davis 260-8077*...MLS #92748...$155,000
709 BOYD...*Laura Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92193...SALE PENDING
4822 ERIE DR....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92750...$151,500
705 UPLAND ST....*Mona Lopez 967-8602*...MLS #91476...SALE PENDING
4521 LEDDY DR....*Laura Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92104...$150,000
1908 JACKSON...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92739...$146,250
1910 JACKSON...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92740...$146,250
2209 FM 829, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #90277...SALE PENDING
4521 BROOKDALE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #92349...SALE PENDING
3511 W. LOUISIANA...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91977...SOLD
4904 LEISURE DR....*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #91620...$144,900
1601 GARFIELD...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*...MLS #92764...$144,900
1201 E. COWDEN...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #92011...$143,000
9001 HOLIDAY DR....*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*...MLS #87533...SOLD
4528 LEDDY DR....*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #92500...$139,900
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS...*Cynthia Blocker 266-1448*...MLS #87457...$130,500
803 SPRUCE AVE....*Melissa Williams 349-2812*...MLS #91025...SALE PENDING
4502 MONTY DR....*Brooks Smith 528-2980*...MLS #92223...SOLD
2814 MARIANA...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #92504...$136,000
410 N. FORT WORTH...*Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732*...MLS #91785...$135,000
4807 SHADYLANE DR....*Jane Wolf 687-6500*...MLS #92694...$129,900
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92823...$124,900
4517 BROOKDALE...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #91602...SALE PENDING
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92186...SALE PENDING
214 DEWBERRY...*Gloria Farmer 618-5004*...MLS #90890...SALE PENDING
4729 RIC DR....*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92596...SALE PENDING
4413 VERSAILLES...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*...MLS #92166...SOLD
6300 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92221...$120,000
805 SINCLAIR AVE...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*...MLS #92353...$120,000
302 THOMAS ST....*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #92587...SALE PENDING
4403 ERIE DR....*Michelle Lesikar 230-3633*...MLS #91604...SALE PENDING
5010 E. CO. RD. 50...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #92790...$105,900
2107 W. KENTUCKY AVE...*James McCrary 634-7525*...MLS #92672...$80,500
4700 BOULDER AVE....*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92229...SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY...*Ruth Young 352-0996*...MLS #90145/90146...$425,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #91908...$275,900
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*...MLS #87682...$191,500
1615 W. LOUISIANA...*Laura Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92236...SALE PENDING
1103 W. MISSOURI...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*...MLS #91815...$179,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #92361...$149,900
601 E. CO. RD. 150...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #91300...SALE PENDING
104 CLUB DR....*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #91648...SALE PENDING
600 #68 LIDDON...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #92560...$78,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1104...*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #91960...$75,000
2107 W. KENTUCKY AVE...*James McCrary 634-7525*...MLS #92672...$80,500
4700 BOULDER AVE...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92229...SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92579...SALE PENDING
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #90895...$1,399,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91271...$920,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1120...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #92196...SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102...*Michelle Lesikar 230-3633*...MLS #91342...SALE PENDING
9305 W. CO. RD. 60...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #91307...SOLD
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...MLS #92758...$465,000
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...MLS #89792...87 Acres/$369,900
10602 E. CO. RD. 109...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #91530...SALE PENDING
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91681...$330,000
12119 E. CO. RD. 102...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #92293...$318,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*...MLS #92463...SALE PENDING
7200 FM 307...*Martha Manulik 618-5049*...MLS #92285...SALE PENDING
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD....*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #90777...$295,000
2369 CO. RD. 2051, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #91080...$285,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #91608...$279,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #91908...$275,900
3101 S. CO. RD. 1210...*Mona Lopez 967-8602*...MLS #91622...$250,000
11911 W. CO. RD. 56...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #91125...$240,000
10608 E. CO. RD. 104...*Tracy Farrow 413-4412*...MLS #92684...$230,000
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91639...$229,900
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...MLS #91399...5.5 ACRES/$225,000
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92800...$220,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #89582...15 Acres/$180,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 150...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #91840...$169,500
3014 E. CO. RD. 143...*Jane Wolf 352-4808*...MLS #92435...$155,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #92361...$149,900
601 E. CO. RD. 150...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #91380...SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...4 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
6300 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92221...$120,000
5010 E. CO. RD. 50...*Clemmie Sorge 553-9136*...MLS #92790...$105,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...3+ Acre Lots/Lots $95,000/EA.
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #91845...2 Acres/$85,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1104...*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #91960...$75,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92579...SALE PENDING
1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #87118...$589,900
4500 CHAPARRAL RD.,BIG SPRING...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #90854...$499,900
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...*Caleb Matott 349-3330*...MLS #89792...$369,900
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*...MLS #92421...SALE PENDING
1122 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS...*Cynthia Blocker 266-1448*...MLS #86977...$280,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #91608...$279,900
2369 CO. RD. 2051, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #91080...$285,000
505 HIGH ROAD, COLEMAN...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*...MLS #89621...$249,000
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS...*Mona Lopez 967-8602*...MLS #92369...SALE PENDING
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX...*Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819*...MLS #91639...$229,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92800...$220,000
9004 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*...MLS #87180...SOLD
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*...MLS #89582...$180,000
302 9TH ST., IRAAN...*Pam Messer 349-3075*...MLS #92308...$195,000
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*...MLS #87682...$191,500
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX....*Cynthia Baker 266-1448*...MLS #87856...$189,500
2102 ALLENDALE RD., BIG SPRING...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #92792...$169,000
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #92272...SALE PENDING
2209 FM 829, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #90277...SALE PENDING
9001 HOLIDAY DR., ODESSA...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*...MLS #87533...SOLD
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS...*Cynthia Blocker 266-1448*...MLS #87457...$130,500
2026 CO. RD. 2001, STANTON...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #90491...$135,000
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA...*Lisa Jansa 661-3389*...MLS #92186...SALE PENDING
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA...*Brian Sales 618-1818*...MLS #92823...$124,900
6300 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD...*Brooks Smith 526-2980*...MLS #92221...$120,000
105 E. 21ST., CRANE...*Danny Norwood 618-5012*...MLS #85747...$100,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA...*Ashley St. John 352-6254*...MLS #92160...$94,000
1631 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA...*Mark Philliber 222-5071*...MLS #91943...$84,000
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING...*Michelle Kidd 894-1253*...MLS #93348...$82,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA...*Lydia Scudder 853-2200*...MLS #91031...$80,000
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Wynne Elder plays with Camp as Stephen holds Asher, two children they adopted from Ethiopia.

Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Couple celebrates with adopted babies from Africa

By Audrie Palmer
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With only a few days to go and traveling plans this week, Asher and Camp Elder will have a very busy first Christmas. Parents Wynne and Stephen plan to take the new brother and sister to Waco and San Angelo to visit family members and visit relatives they haven't had a chance to meet since they've been home. The family is excited to meet the babies, and one of Stephen's cousins even drove in from Dallas over Thanksgiving to spend a few minutes with the children.

Eight weeks ago today, the couple brought 9 1/2-month-old Asher and 10 1/2-month-old Camp from Ethiopia to Midland.

"It's the best thing ever to have them home," Stephen said.

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God first laid adoption on the Elders' hearts more than two years ago. After spending a year trying to get pregnant and before starting fertility treatments, Wynne was at summer camp when a friend approached her and asked if she had considered adoption.

The couple had never talked about adopting and both said it wasn't in the game plan for the future. But after praying about it and learning that there are 5.5 million orphans in Ethiopia, they started the process three months later.

At first, Stephen said he didn't even know where the African country was and had to look it up. Soon, the two met people from Ethiopia and missionaries serving there. It began to feel like home.

After visiting the country for a mission trip, Wynne said now she feels like a little kid on the first day of school whenever she returns. When she's here, she can't wait to go back.

The couple prayed for a little boy who they planned to name Camp. Both had always dreamed of working at their own summer camp and believed God was using that dream to bring them their own Camp to adopt.

Enlisting the help of Midlanders, they made and sold "I (Heart) Camp" T-shirts around town and held a garage sale to help raise funds for expenses. In February, they were notified they had received a little boy. But two months later, they had lost him and were sent referrals for others.

"It's sort of like having a miscarriage for adoption people," Stephen said.

The new referrals they were sent were for the boy and girl

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Wynne and Stephen Elder hold their sons during a trip to Ethiopia during the adoption process. BELOW: Family and friends greet the family at the airport when they return from Ethiopia.

Photos above and at left by Alison Holcomb

Photo below by Mallory Buck

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FAMILY

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they now call their son and daughter.

Originally approved for two children, Stephen had been telling those who asked about Camp that they were bringing home a daughter also. But Wynne told him he was just confusing people.

"I had been praying God would give us a girl," Stephen said. "I thought we were supposed to have two."

They never thought they would be getting two at and nearly the same age.

Meeting with their adoption mentors here, Sid and Wendy Harper, the couple said they started the process to adopt by being challenged and saying yes. They were given only 24 hours to decide if they would take Asher as well and they made their decision on April 25.

"We could have said 'no,' but I can't imagine her not being here," Wynne said.

In June, they flew to Ethiopia to go to court and meet their children for the first time. The adoption process was to take a few weeks, so Wynne stayed behind and worked with a missionary family for two months this summer while Stephen returned to Midland for work. She took photos of other families coming to meet the children they were adopting, and waited.

But by the end of the summer, the process was taking longer than expected and Wynne returned home.

At one point, they couple didn't think they would be getting Asher after all. There was a 10-week period when details about the paperwork were uncertain. The Harpers started a 24-hour prayer chain for three weeks to pray for a miracle.

"It was bad just not knowing," they both said.

In October, Wynne was working out at a friend's home in Midland at 6:30 a.m. when she received an email from the embassy in Ethiopia saying they would be getting an email soon.

Less than 36 hours later, they were on a flight to Africa to pick up their kids. After 25 months, Oct. 25 was finally the Elders' "Gotcha Day" at the U.S. Embassy.

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Asher is a biblical name meaning "happy" and the Elders say the name fits her perfectly. The two chose to keep Asanti — her African name — as her middle name.

Camp's African name was of a Muslim decent so the Elders changed it to "Abel" which in his language means the same, "capable." Wynne said it also had a double meaning because her favorite Scripture verse is Ephesians 3:20: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Asher is hilarious and has never met a stranger. Her brother Camp is of an opposite personality.

"She's a party waiting to happen," Wynne said of her daughter. "And he's real serious and a thinker with the wisdom of an old man already."

The two have been together since they were a month old, first in the orphanage and then moving to a transition home with nannies while waiting for the adoption to be finalized.

Both have grown since arriving in Midland, Camp has put on at least three pounds after he was admitted to the orphanage as a malnourished baby.

The kids are attending Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center for physical therapy as they are a little behind developmentally, but they are otherwise healthy, Wynne said.

When they brought them home and were greeted at the airport by their West Texas family, Stephen said it was a feeling of complete satisfaction.

"It's like we've run a full marathon. The flight back was 18 hours, and it was as if we had finished this monumental task and were finishing a race strong so to speak," he said.

They both feel the community has been supportive and said it was a great feeling coming home and knowing that their children are loved.

"The airport party, in the adoption community, is something you look forward to. It's a moment that builds up," Wynne said.

For the couple, the holidays the past two years have been extremely sad as they've waited for their son and daughter.

"It's one of the hardest times waiting for them and you feel sad because it's as if a part of your family is missing," Wynne said.

Realistically, Stephen said, the two could have been bringing Camp and Asher home now instead of two months ago. It's a miracle they're here for Christmas, he said.

This past weekend, the couple brought their family of four to serve at an event for local foster families and to incorporate missions with the children during a season of giving and serving, Wynne said.

When the two children are old enough, they hope to take them back to visit to Ethiopia.

The Elders are looking to adopt more children in the future.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Stephen said. The two added they're looking into domestic adoption and at other countries besides Ethiopia.

Recently, they've gotten to tell their story through an 8-minute video the nonprofit organization Fotolanthropy compiled. When it's released, the two said they hope it will inspire others to think about adopting.

Because when you wait for something for so long, Wynne said, and you get to see the pictures and videos for so long but finally get to hold the babies for yourself, a flood of emotions comes over you and you are blown away.

That's how the couple said they felt when they went to meet Camp and Asher for the first time in June.

In the words of Stephen, "This is like the best day ever!"

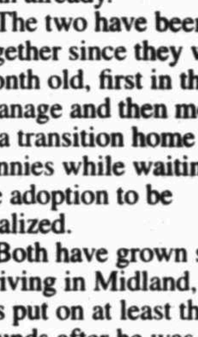
Adoption timeline

2010:
Oct. 18: Wynne and Stephen completed initial form to start process with Gladney adoption agency.

2011:
March 8: Home study done.
April 12: Elders find out they are Gladney approved
July 11: Officially put on the wait list

2012:
Feb. 2: Elders choose to switch adoption agencies and accepted the referral of a little boy
April 25: Lost referral
April 26: Accepted referral of Camp and Asher
June 3: Met Camp and Asher for the first time
July 2: Passed court
July 17: Embassy paperwork received
Oct. 16: Received clearance at embassy
Oct. 23: Leave Midland for Ethiopia
Oct. 25: Gotcha Day

MELANIE NICHOLAS



Melanie Nicholas writes about family and motherhood. Her column appears every other week in the Reporter-Telegram.

Tragedy, stress highlight Christmas miracle

I'm a mean one, Mrs. Grinch, and I will finally admit that I am not enjoying the holidays. I find them extremely stressful, at home, preschool and at work. There is so much to do, and I am mere days away from Christmas. Dirty house, too few gifts, empty fridge and a permanent scowl. Did I mention the pesky cough I seem to have developed? Bah, humbug.

I keep trying to chant my niece's mantra, "I am too blessed to be stressed. I am too blessed to be stressed." But that is SO not helping.

Rage against the mom machine

Parksalot and I have gotten crossways this month. Terrible Two's, my foot. The Fearsome Fours are when you need to be on guard. Little Son has developed a sense of self. An overwhelming sense of self. He is funny and imaginative, stubborn and argumentative and petulant. Swinging from sweet kisses and hugs to sobs then screaming rages. In the car, at Target, at Walgreens, at home. It has made me even more reluctant to go Christmas shopping. The last week has gotten so grinding that I finally told my husband something I hate to even write: I do not enjoy being around my firstborn lately. Shame on me.

Hark the Herald

And then the tragedy in Connecticut. How devastating, how tragic and horrific and unimaginable. How every one of those mothers would probably trade everything in the world to have a child, healthy and safe, at home. Raging or not.

And so it was on Sunday afternoon at our church Christmas pageant that I found the Christmas spirit.

I heard the words, I mean actually heard the words, in Isaiah 9:6.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given."

And I remembered the holidays five years ago. In early November, the Hubs and I had been asked to play the roles of Joseph and Mary by our pastor for the upcoming Christmas Eve candlelight service. We were so honored, but we were still struggling to cope with a recent miscarriage. And I just. could. not. do. it. We deferred and struggled on toward Christmas. I was a piece of work by Christmas Eve morning, and the Hubs asked me if I could be pregnant. "Of course I am not pregnant," I shrieked in the hallway. "I. Am. Never. Pregnant!" Unbeknownst to him, I had taken a pregnancy test earlier that week. Negative. Again.

But as I frantically shopped that afternoon, I succumbed to the siren song of the home pregnancy test and bought another one. You know, just in case the other one had expired. (We had been going through this trying to get pregnant thing a long time.)

I came home and took the test. A faint red plus sign was emerging, and I nearly died. Right there in our tiny bathroom.

That evening, we sobbed the entire way through the service. Our own little Christmas miracle.

That was probably the first time I truly felt God's active presence in my life. I felt it again in the operating room when I delivered my son via C-section. I was watching my husband cry as I slipped into unconsciousness. He seemed so far away, and I felt so peaceful. My baby was safe, he was loved. I could close my eyes.

Presents and presence

My heart aches for those in Newton, Conn. My heart aches for every parent who has lost a child. Like all of you, I struggle to make sense of the senseless. I cannot imagine the depth of loss. And I wonder what Mary must have felt. How much did she know about the birth and death of her own little son?

I am trying to keep in mind what I know to be true at Christmas. There are miracles, there are tragedies. But to us, a gift has been given. And I accept that gift with open arms. No matter what he yells at me. I find "Mommy! I am not your best friend anymore," to be especially biting. A Prince of Peace he may not be yet, but he will change the world. He already changed mine.

May we all embrace our gifts this season! I wish you all joyful blessings and peace in the new year.

Journaling can reveal ghosts of Christmases past

FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR READERS: Christmas is here again. For some it is a time of great joy and excitement. For others it is a time of sadness, loneliness, disappointment, agitation, stress and often depression. The sources of these season-induced undesired feelings are many and varied. However, a common source is the Christmases experienced in our family-of-origin.

During this season I have found it very helpful to write about my feelings — whatever they are. Our conscious mind typically will try to protect us from past pain. However, it is rarely able to completely block feelings of Christmases past. In Charles Dickens,' "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge is confronted with the visions of Christmases Past, Present, and Future. Happily this powerful one-night's experience changed his life. He became the person God had intended for him to be.

The "Ghosts of Christmases Past" often present themselves in feeling form this time of the year. We may not get as direct a visual and physical intervention as Scrooge, but many of us will get a direct unwanted emotional intervention. This "ghost" is often the source of depression for many at Christmas — the pain and disappointments from childhood Christmases.

Instead of fighting the feeling, I have found it to be helpful to accept and embrace the reality of the feeling. Rather than hiding under the covers like Scrooge, going directly to the pain often helps identify long-standing issues. I am very partial to writing about feelings as a direct path to the pain. Through such writing, or journaling, we can often become aware of the actual sources of our feelings. They are grounded in our reality at the time of the experience — in alcoholism, disappointment, loss, grief, fear and so on. Why would we try to "bring up" the pain rather than avoiding it? Because, as Fredrick Buechner writes, "It is through memory (writing) that we are able to reclaim much of our lives … by finding that in everything that has happened to us over the years God was offering us possibilities of new life and healing which, though we may have missed them at the time, we can still choose and be brought to life by and healed by all these years later."

If you are experiencing unexplained feelings that seem inconsistent with the season I would encourage you to consider writing about your feelings. Give your inner feelings a vehicle for expression — a safe way to speak out. We do not have to stay trapped with the ghost of Christmases Past, rather we can do as Scrooge did and create a new and wonderful "ghost" for Christmas Future for ourselves and those we love and who love us.

Another one of the feelings that often presents itself is a sadness or hurt associated with gift giving and/or receiving. I would like to share a story about Christmas that speaks about gift giving and what it can mean. In the beautiful short story, "The Gift of the Magi," O. Henry captures the essence of the spirit of giving. He tells of a young married couple, Jim and Della Young, who had little money but each had one most prized possession — Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and grandfather's, and Della's beautiful brown hair that fell below her knees.

On this special Christmas, Della cut off her beautiful hair in order to sell it and buy a watch chain for her husband's prized watch. Unknown to Della, Jim had sold his watch in order to buy Della a set of beautiful combs for her hair.

O. Henry writes: "The magi, as you know were wise men — wonderfully wise men — who brought gifts to the babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication.

And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are the wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are magi."

A final thought regarding this same supernatural process expressed in human form that O. Henry observed. The incredible mystery of the birth of Jesus — God coming to earth as a human — is the reason we celebrate. As Henri Nouwen said, "A greater displacement cannot be conceived. The mystery of the incarnation is that God assumed the condition of a suffering human being. Thus God became a displaced God to whom nothing human was alien; a God who could fully experience the brokenness of our human condition ... Jesus Christ is the displaced Lord in whom God's compassion becomes flesh. In him we see a life of displacement lived to the fullest. It is in following our displaced Lord that the Christian community is formed." Merry Christmas.

Richard Drew/AP

Sarah Zorn, pet columnist for the magazine Everyday with Rachael Ray, and her dog Rowdy pose for photos Dec. 15, with her gingerbread holiday dog biscuits, in her home in Brooklyn, N.Y. The holidays might be the easiest time of the year to cook for dogs because human menus can be so easily adapted to their needs, said Zorn.

HOLIDAY TREATS

Share holiday meal with four-legged family members

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The most prized holiday guests are those that eat with gusto, express their appreciation and lick their plates clean.

So what if some of them eat off the floor, get a little sloppy and never help with the dishes?

At Nancy Guberti's house, Flower, a 6-year-old black-and-white shih tzu, will eat the same organic turkey and spinach as Guberti's own sons.

"She's part of the family and she's such a good dog," Guberti said. "We treat her with the utmost respect, like you'd want to be treated."

Guberti, a certified nutritionist in New York City, makes a special dinner for the whole family to share five times a year — Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving and Flower's June 10 birthday.

Plenty of people cook for their dogs year-round, but the holidays might be the easiest time because human menus can be so easily adapted to their needs, said Sarah Zorn, a New York pet columnist for the magazine Everyday with Rachael Ray. She also creates and tests most of the pet recipes the magazine runs.

"Do unto your dog as you are doing to yourself," she said. Ingredients that are good for humans are very often good for dogs too, she said.

Dogs have millions of taste buds, said Dr. Katy Nelson. But the veterinarian said those taste buds are not really well defined — and neither is the dog's sense of smell.

"My dog thinks the garbage can smells good, so it's all subjective," Zorn said.

Nelson, who hosts "The Pet Show" on Saturdays on News Channel 8 in Washington, D.C., had guests who made turkey cakes she plans to make for Papi, her 70-pound Labradoodle, on Christmas morning.

They look like crabcakes, with brown rice, vegetables and shredded turkey. You mix that with an egg, make patties and sear them in a pan," she said.

How would you fix a traditional holiday dinner of appetizers, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, biscuits and dessert to serve dogs and humans? No matter how spicy the human food is, the dog's has to be bland and low-fat.

"Before dinner, they can graze like everybody else, have a couple of carrot sticks and cheese cubes," Zorn said.

When it comes to preparing the turkey, go saltless, she said. Eliminate onions and garlic, white flour, refined sugars and processed foods.

That doesn't mean you can't put anything in the dog's meal. "There are actually a lot of herbs that are good for dogs. Parsley is good for them — it's a natural breath freshener. Ginger is good for digestion and turmeric is good.

It's hard to make biscuits without flour, Zorn said. "But try to use whole wheat, barley, rice, flax or amaranth because they should really have a low-gluten diet."

For side dishes, make the green beans with chicken stock or sauteed mushroom soup. Before you candy the sweet potatoes, take one out for the dog and steam it with a little cinnamon and ginger. White potatoes are OK, too, although not as healthy as sweet potatoes. A little cranberry sauce is good for a dog. Instead of gravy, use turkey juice or stock, Zorn said.

For dessert, Zorn recommends gingerbread biscuits. Dogs also love peanut butter cookies with yogurt frosting, she said.

Zorn tries out many of her creations on her own dog Rowdy, a hound mix. "He is the first rung of the testing process. He's my child to be sure — obsessed with food. If this dog doesn't eat it, the recipe needs to be scrapped," she said.

All of the dog's food can go in one bowl, Zorn said. Every other day of the year, Rowdy gets 1 1/2 cups of food twice a day, so he'll get the same on Christmas Day. "We are talking about making this special, but he's not going to gain 10 pounds."

Zorn drew up a quick nice-naughty dog food list.

Bad: Chocolate, coffee, alcohol, raisins and grapes, onions and garlic, milk, avocado, macadamia nuts and yeast. Cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower can cause gas but are OK in small doses. Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers aren't dangerous but add nothing positive to a dog's diet.

Good: Lean meats, fish, tuna, olive oil, eggs, egg shells, yogurt, carrots, green beans, peas, sweet potatoes and pumpkin.

Finally, Zorn said Santa's reindeer would probably turn up their noses at Santa's cookies and milk.

But they would welcome a bowl of berries, acorns, a carrot, a little hay or alfalfa pellets, along with a bowl of water.

Stuff yourself a merry little stocking with gifts for all ages

By Helen Anders
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — There's a science to stocking-stuffing, and it starts in the toe.

You want a beautiful, rounded toe upon which to build a sock o' surprises. People like to see their stockings full. An empty, flabby stocking toe is a sad, sad, thing.

My mother always put an orange or apple in the toe, but you can go with anything round or roundish — perhaps a tennis ball if the stocking recipient (henceforth referred to as the stockee) plays tennis. Or maybe one of those Bath Bombs skin-softening products from Lush. In fact, Lush is a great provider of stocking stuffers, including mini massage bars, tiny tubs of moisturizer, little bottles of scented bath wash and wee jars of lip scrub.

You can also put a sock in it. The toe of the stocking, I mean. Everybody loves and needs socks, given their penchant for divorcing their mates while they're in the clothes dryer. A rolled-up pair fills the toe nicely.

Then it's time to pile in the miscellaneous stuffings, usually a blend of the practical and the silly. The only rules are that the stuffer has to fit in the stocking — no pianos — and it can't have sharp edges. People reach into stockings, and you don't want them getting all maimed.

Some of the best stocking stuffers are practical items with a dash of whimsy: a penguin-shaped flash drive, for example, available at any office supply store.

For women's stockings, you can't beat the aforementioned Lush, along with fellow cosmetic/bath stores Sephora and Ulta. Sephora has little samplers of six glittery lip glosses for $3, for example. At Ulta, you'll find a little kit of four Smashbox product samples, all expensive in their full-size form, for $19.

Write this stuff down, because Mama tends to fill all the stockings, but Mama needs her stocking filled, too.

"Don't forget the parents," said Mollie Kirby, who is one of those parents. "I don't want to do my own stocking."

Kirby knows stocking stuffers because she's a sales floor leader at Austin's Container Store. The place is stocking stuffer heaven, with racks and racks of little items for men, women, little kids and teenagers: silicone coasters that grab onto the bottom of your drink, handbag organizers, small flashlights, USB hubs, tiny little hand vacuums for computers, cloths for cleaning iPads, travel doggie bowls, waterproof electronics cases and little soapstone cubes that warm and cool your beverages — just to name a few.

"We're the original storage and organization store, and part of being organized is getting stocking stuffers," Kirby said when asked why her store invests so heavily in stockingware. So true. Disorganized people realize late on Christmas Eve that they haven't filled the stockings and have to make a run to the grocery store or pharmacy to fill the stocking with whatever they can find. That's how people wind up with stockings filled with huge bags of M&Ms and bottles of aspirin.

No, better to visit the Container Store. There I found, for my husband, who's always losing his reading glasses, a Dokson Nosy, a squat little man with a slit in his head to hold eyeglasses.

A small green plastic box shaped like a Lego will please the 5-year-old Lego fan and will be a good home for his itty-bitty Transformers.

A daughter who likes to camp will love the original lightweight but sturdy Spork. This isn't that thing you get with fast food that's essentially a curved fork and tends to break. This one's made in Sweden with a fork on one end and a spoon on the other. And, at $2.99, it's a cheap stuffer.

We've come to the top of the stocking, and there, you need candy sticking out. When I was a kid, it was marshmallow Santas — I loved those — and a candy cane. Big Top Candy in Austin has some lovely canes and also some vintage stocking-topper options such as Atkinson's Peanut Butter Bars, a favorite of my husband, and a gigantic 1-pound Sugar Daddy. (You're going to need a bigger stocking.)

I suppose if your stockee is virulently anti-candy (and, therefore, anti-fun), you can put an energy bar or a piece of beef jerky in there. But Santa won't like it.

So, the stockings are full, and they're hung by the chimney with care. Or, if you don't have a chimney or mantle, you can hang them from the bar or the coat rack, or maybe laundry room door. (If Santa can't come down the chimney, maybe he could crawl in through the dryer vent.)

Now, it's time for the stocking idiot check. What did you get the stockee that you forgot to put in the stocking? Oh, yes: the silver, whale-shaped stapler from Pottery Barn. In these paperless days, nobody probably needs a stapler. But if you're going to give one, it might as well be whale-shaped, assuming you want to spend $16.50 for that "awwwww" moment.

And here we come to the core philosophy of stocking-stuffing. Stockings are for fun little gifts, not expensive major gifts. An expensive gift presumably has some thought put into it. It shouldn't wind up in a stocking. It should be wrapped beautifully and placed beneath the tree to be individually unswathed, revealed and admired.

The one exception: If you want to pull one of those clever tricks where your true love is expecting an engagement ring, and you want to make her think you didn't get her one, and just when she's good and mad she finds a ring ... you can put it in the toe of the stocking. Just prepare to get dope-slapped.

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Designers drawn to causes near and dear

By Samantha Critchell
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Fashion designers sometimes get to wear their hearts on their sleeves, making their personal connection to charitable causes part of their public lives.

Designers explain what drew them to their causes:

Donna Karan and Urban Zen Foundation.

Karan's husband, Stephan, died in 2001 of lung cancer. It's also when her Urban Zen Foundation was born.

Stephan had asked her to "take care of the nurses," she said. "I knew what he meant."

While there's often a lot of deserved focus on the sick person, the caregivers need support, too, she said.

Michael Kors and God's Love We Deliver.

Kors' commitment to God's Love We Deliver, an organization that delivers more than one million meals per year to house-bound people suffering from illness, isn't a here-today, gone-tomorrow trend. He has been involved for two decades, and this year he was honored with its lifetime achievement award. At the group's annual gala, Kors announced he was donating an additional $5 million. It's a cause rooted in his own backyard, Kors said.

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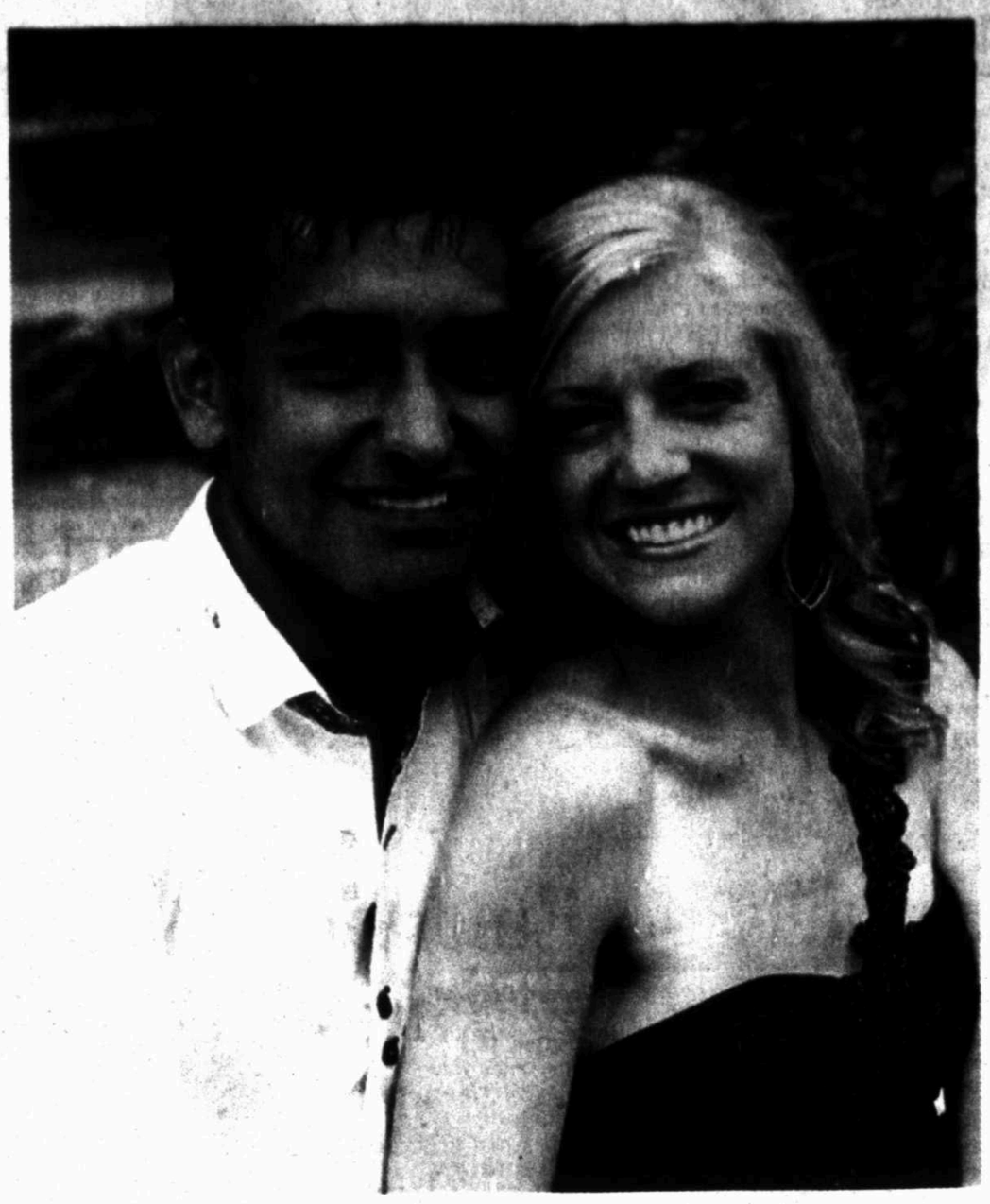


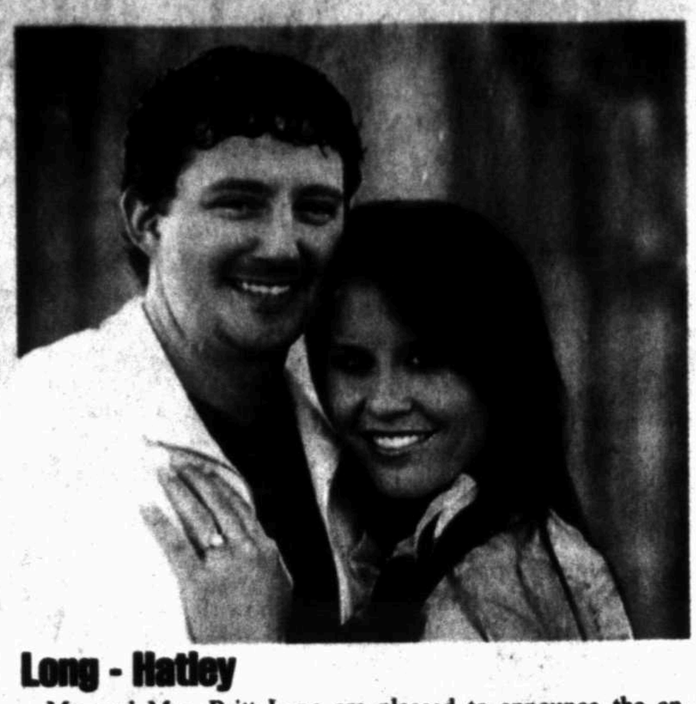
Graham - Abalos

Mr. and Mrs. Poly Abalos of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Michael Brian Abalos to Jordan Kathleen Graham, daughter of Ms. Kathleen L. Graham and Robert Graham of Midland.

The bride elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Linebarger of Midland, Texas. Jordan is a 2005 Midland High graduate and received her BBA in marketing from the University of Texas in San Antonio. She is self-employed as a photographer, "That's Forever Photography."

Michael is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gomez, Sr. of Sonora, Texas and Mrs. Micaela Abalos of Midland and the late Mr. Willie Abalos. Michael is a 2006 Midland High graduate, studied psychology at The University of the Incarnate Word and is employed as a soccer coach with the New Braunfels AJAX Soccer Club.

Michael and Jordan will be wed early March 2013 in San Antonio, Texas where they both reside.



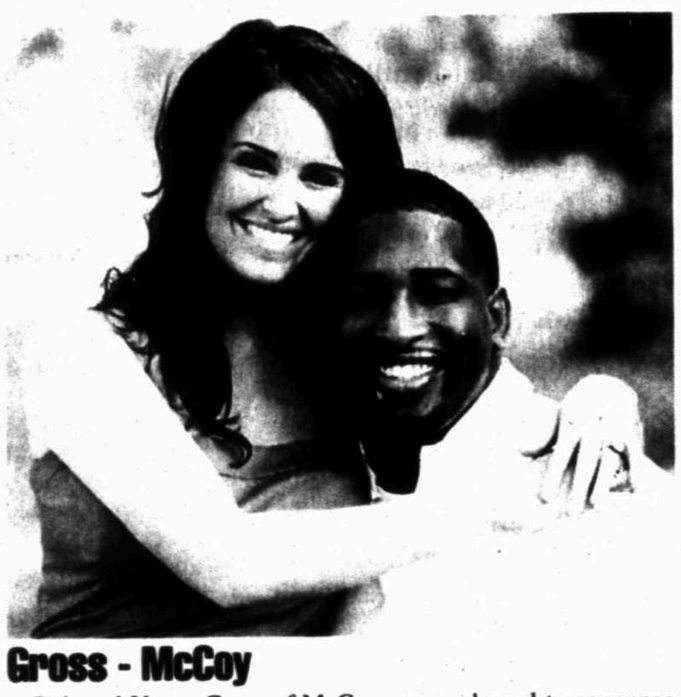
Long - Hatley

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Long are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla Michelle Long, to Kristopher Robin Hatley, son of Kerry and Angie Hatley of Midland, Texas and Danny and Lois Sanders of Lubbock, Texas. Kayla is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carole Long and the late Jimmy Long of Levelland, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Flemins of Idalou, Texas. Kris is the grandson of Mary and R.D. Jackson of Levelland, Texas, Donny and Rosetta Polk of Whitharral, Texas, Barbara Parmer of Fairland, Oklahoma, and Neil Mendiola of San Antonio, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Midland College in May 2012 with an Associate of Science in nursing. She also became a registered nurse in 2012 and is currently employed as an RN at Midland Women's Clinic in Midland, Texas.

The prospective groom graduated from Wayland Baptist University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Business in management/marketing. He also played basketball at Wayland for all four years. Kris is currently employed at Oxy Petroleum in Midland, Texas as a production well analyst.

A spring wedding is planned at Greenwood Baptist Church followed by a reception at Green Tree Country Club on April 13, 2013, in Midland, Texas.



Gross - McCoy

Bob and Varyn Gross of McGregor are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin, to Jamie McCoy, son of Margie McCoy and Willie McCoy, both of Midland.

Caitlin is a 2005 graduate of Midway High School and a 2009 graduate of Baylor University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication sciences & disorders. Caitlin also went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from UTMB in Galveston. She currently works as a registered nurse in the ER at Providence Hospital in Waco.

Jamie is a 2005 graduate of Midland Lee High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas A&M University, holding a Bachelor of Arts degree. Jamie played football for the Aggies and is now a free agent in the NFL. He has played as a tight end for the St. Louis Rams and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The couple, who met in College Station through dear friend Mabrie Hermann, will exchange vows March 23rd at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort near Bastrop.

Vogue's creative director pens memoir

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The last time Vogue creative director Grace Coddington was impressed by fashion, she was at a Balenciaga runway show in Paris.

Since then, designer Nicolas Ghesquiere has left the house, and it could be some time before Coddington, the woman now largely famous as the woman with flowing red hair perched next to Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour at scores of catwalks each season, gets to see his clothes again.

Tears or even sympathy seems unlikely from Coddington. While in the eyes of industry observers she might be the good cop trying to defend fashion's integrity and creative license, she also comes across — especially in her new autobiography, "Grace: A Memoir" (Random House) — as very matter of fact: the no-use-crying-over-spilled-milk type.

"I've had a really fun life, and I hope it's interesting and amusing to read the story," she said. "You can't really pick and choose what happens."

Yes, she misses the days when, as both a model and then a magazine editor, she'd go off with a photographer to the world's most exotic lands looking for the scenery to shoot the next greatest picture. Who wouldn't?

She also appreciates that things evolve. They're not better or worse, they're just different, she says during an interview at her Times Square office. She's wearing a red cardigan, black trousers and flat black lace-up shoes.

"It's all very professional now. It's all very fast. Now time is money. There is so much money in this business now, but no one cared then because there wasn't so much money. But somehow we did find money for a three-week photo shoot. Now we're lucky to get people for three days," she said.

Coddington grew up in Wales, where her parents owned a small hotel on the coast. That wasn't going to be the life for her, she decided early on. She moved to London and got gigs as a model, she thinks because of her quirky style. After a serious car accident, her work was mostly done on the other side of the camera, which was fine with her.

As long as she could wear the latest, greatest Yves Saint Laurent outfit, everything was fine with her.

She hung out with cool people — even Mick Jagger and George Harrison — and had lots of fun at night at the hippest cafes, even marrying celebrity restaurateur Michael Chow.

She made it through the swinging '60s, the disco era and a corporate job at Calvin Klein. However, as soon as Wintour, whom Coddington knew from the London fashion scene, took the helm at American Vogue, she settled in for the long haul, joining the magazine in 1988.

Coddington emerged as the unsung hero in the 2009 behind-the-scenes documentary "The September Issue" about the magazine and fashion industries; a champion of art over commerce, talent over celebrity.

Last year, Wintour threw Coddington a 70th-birthday bash. Guests included Marc Jacobs, Carey Mulligan, Seth Meyers and "tons of designers from New York and Europe; all my favorite models."

"Anna loves to give a party," said Coddington. "Do I like getting one? Yes and no. It's a nightmare the five minutes before you go in, but it's very flattering."

It was suggested to her — on more than a few occasions — that she "was at that age to write her memoirs." So, she did. She also drew scores of pencil-drawing illustrations that steal the show from photographs taken by Bruce Weber, Ellen von Unwerth, Steven Meisel and Annie Leibovitz.

AP: Did you tell everyone who's in the book that these stories would be in print?

Coddington: I'm good at staying in touch. I still talk to all my ex-husbands and most of my ex-boyfriends.

AP: Are all your friends in fashion?

Coddington: I've always recognized the major influences in my life, and they are mostly in the business. It's so interwoven. I don't stop at five o'clock and put on a different hat.

AP: Who are the best models to work with?

Coddington: Everyone is so eager to move on to the next girl now, but THE supermodels (of the '80s and '90s) — brats that they might have been — had personality and were really good models. Now they're all too beautiful, too perfect, and they're little girls.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sanders 60th Anniversary

Mary Alice and James A. (Jim) Sanders are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary today, December 23, 2012. The couple, who first met in elementary school in Delhi, Oklahoma, were married on December 23, 1952 in Delhi. After living in several places, they moved to Midland in 1972.

Jim is retired from Exxon and Mary Alice is a retired Midland High School teacher. They enjoy their time in Midland as well as their home in Oklahoma, where they love to play golf. They attend St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Midland and Falconhead Chapel in Burneyville, Oklahoma.

They have two children, Greg Sanders and his wife Deborah of Dallas, Texas and Janis Dickeson and her husband Ken of Midland, Texas. They have been blessed with two grandchildren, Dawn Dickeson McNair and her husband Martin and Derek Dickeson all of Midland, Texas. The Sanders are celebrating with family gatherings over the holidays.

Hunt for old friends leads to paternity question

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: While searching for two of my husband's childhood friends, with his knowledge, I believe I may have found a child he doesn't know is his. I'm not positive that the child is his, but the time frame and location indicate that he could be, and there's a strong resemblance to my husband's brother. (I have seen photos on the Internet.)

I am curious whether my hunch is correct, but I'm afraid of asking the questions, not knowing how they would be received. My husband is a kind and caring person, a great husband and father. The child could have been conceived during a casual, one-night stand before we started dating.

I now wish I had never found this information because by not asking, I feel like I'm in denial, and by not saying anything to him, I feel like a terrible person. If the child is his, the mother has kept this from him for more than 10 years.

I'd really appreciate some input. What's the right thing to do? — WONDERING IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR WONDERING: I see nothing to be gained by withholding this from your spouse. Tell your husband about your research, and what you think you may have turned up. Then ask if he is acquainted with the child's mother. The resemblance could be coincidental, or the child could have been fathered by another family member.

DEAR ABBY: One of my fond memories of my father when I was growing up was that he would always order my mom's meal when we were out for dinner. Of course, she decided what she wanted to eat, but when the waiter came, my dad would always say, "My wife would like the ...." Now that I'm older and married, my husband does the same for me.

One couple we dine out with regularly gives me a difficult time about this "tradition." They make comments like, "Oh, Susan's not allowed to speak in a restaurant." The wife has also told me she thinks it's disrespectful to me when my husband orders my food. I have explained that it was a cherished memory of mine and not something forced on me. It's like when a man opens a door for a woman. I can definitely open the door myself, but I appreciate the sweet gesture.

I try to respect opinions that differ from my own, and I don't expect everyone to do as I do. Do you think I'm living in the Stone Age? — SUSAN IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SUSAN: No, I do not; you appear to be living quite happily in the present. While the tradition you and your husband are observing is "antiquated," you are hurting no one.

Please allow me to make an observation: When couples dine out together socially, they are supposed to relax, entertain each other and have a good time. Giving you "heartburn" regarding who orders your dinner is rude, particularly since this couple has done it more than once and has been given an explanation. From my perspective, you might enjoy your evenings out more if you shared them with this particular couple less often.

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Serve double-whipped eggnog to set holiday mood

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

For me, eggnog season can't come soon enough. As soon as Halloween is packed away, I buy a quart of my favorite eggnog at the grocery store. I drink it little by little, spiked and not. I make eggnog cappuccinos in the morning and eggnog milkshakes at night. On the weekends, there is nothing like French toast made with eggnog.

But the best eggnog of the season is the frothy cloud-like homemade eggnog I make for Christmas cocktails. Before I go any further, I should mention that while I use raw eggs in my recipe, you should feel free to use pasteurized eggs if that concerns you. The results will be just as good.

My love of homemade eggnog started at a young age. I was a pre-teen when my best friend and I discovered our love for making festive libations — way before we really knew what a cocktail was. We made "Jack Frost" lemonade in the summer and one fall and winter we went through a homemade eggnog stage. Meaning we made it from scratch and drank it every day for several months.

My first attempt at making eggnog was very simple — whipped eggs, cold milk and sugar with fresh grated nutmeg. If you are an eggnog lover, you know that the nutmeg is key! Soon, I graduated to Level 2 eggnog, which involves folding in whipped egg whites. You can make it without separating the eggs and whipping them individually, but it is nothing like the ethereal eggnog with the whipped egg whites.

Because there are so few ingredients, it is essential that the eggs and milk be as fresh and as high quality as you can find.

As an adult, I have graduated to a Level 3 eggnog, which includes whipped egg whites and whipped cream folded into the sweetened egg and milk base. I sweeten all three components with superfine sugar — the yolks, the egg whites and the cream — for a more balanced and silkier eggnog.

Superfine sugar dissolves more easily than traditional white sugar, producing a smoother, creamier texture. If you don't have it on hand, you can make your own by pulsing regular granulated white sugar in a food processor. I like making the eggnog without alcohol, then spiking individual servings with bourbon. That way, you can serve everyone from the same bowl!

Double-whipped Eggnog

Start to finish: 2 hours 15 minutes (15 minutes active)
Servings: 6

4 large eggs, yolks and whites separated
1/4 cup, plus 2 tablespoons superfine sugar
Pinch sea salt
2 cups whole milk
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, divided
1 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Bourbon, to serve (optional)

In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolks until they are a light golden color, about 1 to 2 minutes. Gradually add the 1/4 cup of sugar and the salt, beating until the sugar is completely dissolved. Add the milk and half of the nutmeg, then beat until slightly frothy.

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the egg whites until they hold soft peaks. With the mixer running, sprinkle in 1 tablespoon of the remaining sugar and whip until the egg whites form stiff peaks. Folk the egg whites into the yolk mixture until light and airy with no lumps. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Just before serving, place the cold cream in a large chilled bowl. Use an electric mixer to beat until the cream forms soft peaks. With the mixer still running, gradually add the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar and the vanilla. Beat until firm peaks form and there is no liquid left. Fold the whipped cream into the eggnog, sprinkle with the remaining nutmeg, and serve.

If you are spiking the eggnog, pour or spoon into glasses and add bourbon to taste to the individual glasses.

Nutrition information per serving: 270 calories; 180 calories from fat (67 percent of total calories); 20 g fat (12 g saturated; 0.5 g trans fats); 185 mg cholesterol; 15 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 14 g sugar; 8 g protein; 120 mg sodium.

Simple broccoli pasta dish is warm, comforting

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

Whenever I have too little time and too few ingredients on hand — or when I've been eating too much meat — I cook up some broccoli pasta.

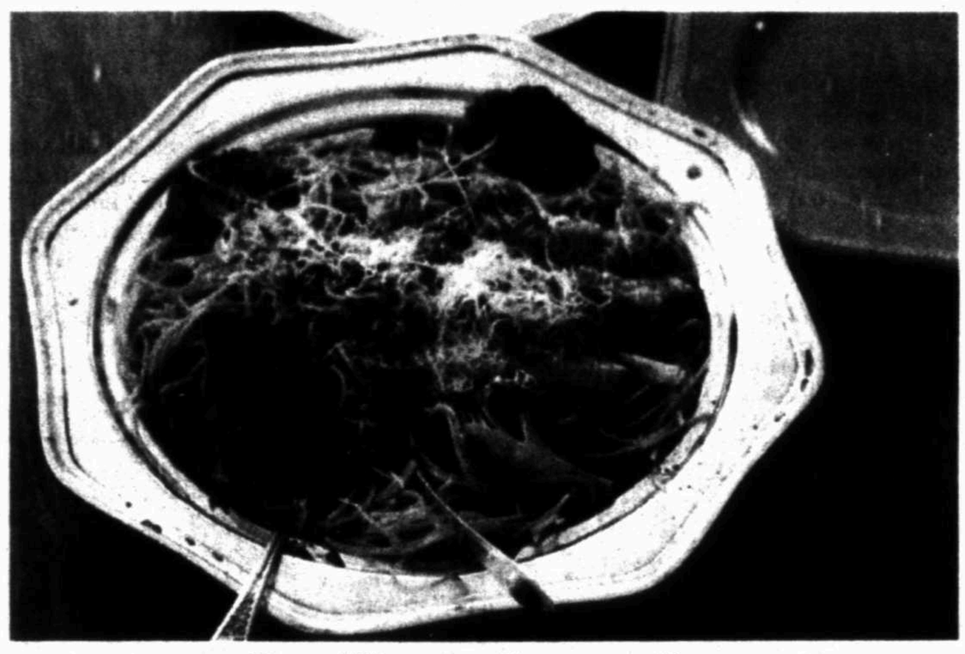
Which means I make it for dinner about once every 10 days. It's delicious, healthy, inexpensive and easy to prepare. The recipe, in fact, is a cinch, consisting of just a few ingredients — pasta, chicken broth, Parmigiano-Reggiano, olive oil and a large head of the namesake crucifer. I always have four of those ingredients in house, so all I need to do is run out and pick up some broccoli and I'm good to go.

Another of this recipe's charms is its flexibility. I can swap in vegetable broth for chicken broth, spaghetti for the angel hair pasta, and any other grated hard cheese for the Parmigiano-Reggiano. Sometimes I'll even lose the broccoli in favor of roasted cauliflower or Brussels sprouts.

But what makes the dish so popular in my house is its comfort factor. I serve it soupy, so you can slurp the chicken broth along with the strands of pasta. I also make sure there's some crusty bread within easy reach, which helps to mop up the broth not captured with a spoon.

In the original version of this recipe (I've been making it for years), I sauteed the broccoli in olive oil over very high heat until it was quite brown around the edges. The problem with this method is that the broccoli quickly soaked up all the olive oil and I always ended up having to add quite a bit more. I switched to oven-roasting it, which helps to decrease the amount of olive oil necessary. It also requires very little baby-sitting.

This dish is so economical it's almost ecological. I use all of the broccoli, not just the florets. For years I used to trash the stems, but the stems are also plenty edible. Just peel off the skin, cut them up, and you're ready.



Cold Weather Broccoli Pasta

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

1 large head broccoli (about 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds)
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Kosher salt
1 to 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes, or to taste
1 quart low-sodium chicken stock
1/2 pound whole-wheat capellini pasta
1 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Heat the oven to 450 F. Position one of the racks in the top third of the oven.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil.

Cut the broccoli, including the stems, into 2-inch pieces. Peel any thick stem pieces to remove the thick skin.

On a rimmed baking sheet, arrange the broccoli in a single layer. Drizzle with the oil, then sprinkle with salt to taste and toss well. Place on the top oven rack and roast for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the broccoli is crisp tender and slightly brown at the edges. Transfer the broccoli to a large skillet, add the pepper flakes and the chicken broth, then bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

When the water in the large pot comes to a boil, add a hefty pinch of salt and the pasta. Stir and cook for 2 minutes, or until the pasta is limp but not quite cooked through. Drain the pasta and transfer it to the broccoli pan. Simmer for 2 minutes, or until the pasta is al dente. Stir in the Parmigiano-Reggiano and salt to taste. Ladle into shallow soup bowls and serve with crusty bread.

Nutrition information per serving: 470 calories; 160 calories from fat (34 percent of total calories); 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 54 g carbohydrate; 9 g fiber; 5 g sugar; 25 g protein; 870 mg sodium.

Entertain with homemade cheese and crackers

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

When it comes to entertaining, I often find that the casual gatherings and impromptu parties outshine more elaborate affairs. I think it's the combination of a relaxed atmosphere and last minute inspiration.

This summer, for example, I was visiting friends when one of the hosts spontaneously began making homemade crackers from corn and flour tortillas. It wasn't planned, but it was delicious. They were positively addictive and I've since started making them myself.

The best thing about these crackers is that they require almost zero prep, and can be seasoned however you like — a simple sprinkle of coarse sea salt, or a more complex blend of seeds and spices. My favorite is pink Himalayan sea salt and dehydrated minced garlic. It's like the best part of an everything bagel.

These crackers also cook so quickly, you even could make them fresh just before — or even during — the party.

And if you really want to put people over the edge, consider pairing the crackers with homemade ricotta cheese dip. I recently took a cheese making class in California and fell in love with the process. It was an artisanal cheese class and we used "just milked" raw cow's milk and various starters.

You won't need any special ingredients or equipment to make this treat, which relies on slightly acidic buttermilk to form cheese out of a blend of heavy cream and whole milk. Add a touch of salt and that's all you need.

Once the cheese is strained and cooled, I put it in a pretty bowl, add a sprinkle of good salt, best quality extra-virgin olive oil, fresh herbs and citrus zest. You can customize it and add your favorite herbs, or take a sweet approach and add a little jam and country ham or prosciutto. Delicious.

Once you make these crackers and the cheese a few times, you won't even need the recipes. They really are that easy. And they may well become your go-to entertaining recipes for 2013.

Buttermilk Ricotta Cheese Dip

Start to finish: 2 hours
Servings: 12

3 cups whole milk
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
To serve:
Fleur de sel or pink sea salt, about 1/8 teaspoon
1 to 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Fresh herbs, such as thyme, oregano or basil
Zest of 1/2 lemon or orange

In a large, stainless steel saucepan over medium heat, combine the milk, buttermilk, cream and salt. Slowly bring the mixture to a gentle simmer. As the milk solids begin to separate from the whey, give it a stir, then return it to a gentle simmer. When you see steam rising and solid chunks (curds) forming, turn off the heat and let the mixture cool for about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, line a mesh strainer with several layers of cheesecloth. Using a ladle, spoon the cooled curds and whey into the strainer. Place one layer of the cloth over the cheese. It will strain quickly at first. The longer you let it sit, the drier and more concentrated the cheese will become. Strain the cheese at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours.

Once strained, discard the liquid. The cheese can be used immediately, or covered and refrigerated for up to 2 days.

When ready to serve, place the ricotta in a decorative bowl. Use a spoon to form a well in the center. Sprinkle the cheese with the fleur de sel, then fill the well with olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh herbs and citrus zest.

Homemade Crackers

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 12

12 round fresh flour or corn tortillas, at room temperature
2 tablespoons olive oil
Seasonings (such as fleur de sel, truffle salt, dehydrated minced garlic, minced dried onion, sesame seeds, etc.)

Heat the oven to 350 F.

Brush the tortillas on both sides with a thin layer of olive oil. Sprinkle with salt or the seasonings of your choice. Arrange the tortillas on 2 baking sheets (or bake them in batches). The tortillas can be close together, but not touching. Bake on the oven's center rack for 20 to 25 minutes, rotating the pans after 12 minutes, until slightly puffy and golden brown. Let cool and break into irregular shapes.

Living lettuce lasts longer in fridge than cut varieties

Hints from Heloise

King Features Syndicate

Dear Readers: Have you seen the hydroponically grown living lettuces that are sold in plastic, clamshell containers? I just love them! It is amazing how long these lettuces last. The container is designed to be a mini-greenhouse, which is what helps make the product last. The lettuce still has its roots attached, and it sits in a small amount of nutrient-rich liquid. When ready to eat, just take off the number of leaves needed, rinse and eat. — Heloise

Here's another lettuce hint:

Lettuce wrap

Dear Heloise: Before cutting a wedge from a head of lettuce, I remove one large outer leaf. Then I place this leaf over the cut surface like a bandage before wrapping it and putting it in the refrigerator. It greatly reduces the browning of the cut edges. — Gayle M., Monroe, La.

Easier deviled eggs

Dear Heloise: Here is my recipe for easy deviled eggs: Cut peeled, hard-boiled eggs in half. Make a topping of mayonnaise, mustard and any other condiments you would like. Spread this mixture on top of the cut eggs. You may add olive slices on top, minced parsley, etc. — Elaine W., Harrisburg, Pa.

Deviled eggs are delicious! They are so popular, and this is a clever shortcut, with a fun twist, to making them. Love it! — Heloise

Frozen garbage

Dear Heloise: When cooking or baking something that requires eggs, I hate throwing the shells in the garbage can, especially if pickup isn't for a few days. I take the shells or any offensive-smelling object and put it in a plastic bag, like one the newspaper comes in, and stick it in the door of the freezer. On garbage day, I just open the freezer door and throw out the plastic bag. This works well with shellfish, too. The only trouble is that you have to remember to throw it out! — Judy B., Hobe Sound, Fla.

Baking hints

Dear Heloise: Your hints have simplified my life in so many ways! Here are two of my favorite baking hints:

First, I use an ice-cream scoop with a scraper for placing cupcake batter in liners. This ensures that every cupcake is the same size, and it makes the process mess-free.

My second hint comes in handy when making brownies. I scoop the brownie batter into cupcake liners for bite-size brownies. This is a great hint for anyone needing a dessert for a potluck dinner. — Holly in Austin

Keeping crumbs

Dear Heloise: I keep a covered container of crushed soda crackers. It is so quick to put some in a bowl of soup, and it eliminates cracker crumbs. This is especially helpful when you're serving small children. — L.H., Rapid City, S.D.

Added flavor

Dear Heloise: My brother-in-law has enjoyed flavoring his hot tea with candy instead of sugar, such as lemon drops, orange slices and spice drops. — Susan M. in Indiana

Send hints to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX, 78279-5000 or email heloise@heloise.com.

Alison Comfort/AP

These product images provided by House of Moss show acorns, above left, and pumpkins, above right, made with wool in Dundee, Ore. Alison Comfort is inspired by the forest floor to create realistic natural forms like mushrooms, pebbles, moss and acorns. Using eco-friendly wool helps her tie the organic elements of the craft together.

Felt can add texture, warmth, fun to winter days

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

It's that time of year when texture, character and warmth define the most successful decor. The perfect time for felt.

This season has seen a variety of creative, decorative felt items for table and tree. You'll find it sewn, lasercut, appliqued or otherwise manipulated to create eye-catching fashion accessories, charming toys and sculptures, and chic items for the home.

Or you can try your hand at felt-making and crafting yourself. (More on that later.)

In Portland, Ore., designer Alison Comfort offers a woodsy wonderland of little felt pumpkins, acorns, mushrooms, nests and forest animals — small sculptures that might add charm to a holiday table — at her Etsy.com shop, www.etsy.com/shop/houseofmoss.

"There's something so dear and precious about starting with a natural material in its raw state, using a simple tool and my own hands, and transforming it," she said.

There are guides online for making felt candy canes, but if you aren't crafty and still love the look, consider Land of Nod's delicious-looking versions at www.landofnod.com; here too, round ornaments in felt stripes or gathered layers. All would look cute on a kids' tree.

At Crate & Barrel, www.crateandbarrel.com, laser-cut felt placemats with seasonal motifs, felt ball garlands, and a collection of tree ornaments including gingerbread men, Swedish style birds and owls add homespun charm. A felt pillow with appliquid partridge in a pear tree might make a welcome hostess gift.

The nature of felt — soft, pliable and able to take on a variety of colors — makes it terrific for crafting, not only for designers but for creative amateurs.

"Felt is one of my favorite materials. It's an extremely easy material to work with because, unlike most fabrics, it's nonwoven, so it won't unravel and doesn't require hemming," says Jodi Levine, designer-at-large for Martha Stewart Living.

April Tatom of Louisville, Ky., sells felting supplies on her website, www.feltorama.com. When she decided to try her hand at appliqued clothing for children and experimented with various fabrics, "I found that nothing matched the lush texture of felt. It just beckons to be touched and adds a cozy dimension to any project. There's no 'right' or 'wrong' side to it. Felt toys are wonderfully tactile for little fingers and visually stimulating for kids of all ages."

For her own kids, Tatom recently completed a felt "picnic" set complete with a lunchmeat-, cheese- and lettuce-filled baguette, and a cookie for dessert. She also recreated one of her son's favorite book characters, Lowly Worm, from Richard Scarry's "Busytown."

Food is a popular subject for felt crafters, often as soft children's toys but sometimes so realistically rendered that it's elevated to something more artful.

Roving, a washed and carded wool with a texture similar to cotton candy, is the basis for many sculpted felt creatures and items. The fiber is pulled into strands that can be formed and poked with fingers or needles into shapes. Many of the animals on Etsy and in stores are crafted this way; it's easy to manipulate roving and no sewing is required. Check out www.livingfelt.com for supplies and kits.

Alternatively, a method called wet felting uses hot, soapy water and agitation to enmesh wool or other fibers so tightly that they cannot be pulled apart.

Additional online sources for wool and wool-blend felt, Levine said, include: www.purlsoho.com, www.achildsdream.com and www.commonwealthfelt.com.

Or you may not have to buy anything at all if a common laundry mishap occurs.

"If you've ever shrunk a wool sweater, scarf or hat, you've created felt," Levine said, laughing.

Check the closet for sweater castoffs, then machine-wash and dry them on hot settings and get crafting. Projects like pillow covers, patchwork blankets and pouches are on www.marthastewart.com.

In the felting community, that method, which uses yarn rather than roving, is called "fulling."

Martha Stewart's site also has instructions for making little felt mitten clips, mini stockings and mice ornaments, tree skirts and gifts, as well as some easy kids' projects.

Children also might enjoy making little felt animals with EK Success' penguin or snowman craft kits. www.eksuccess.com.

For first-time felt crafters, Tatom offers these tips:

■ Invest in high-quality felt so it will hold up over time.

■ Use a rotary cutter for larger cuts and small embroidery scissors for details. Rotary cutters save time, give precise results, and are also available in scallop and zigzag designs.

■ Experiment with different types of felt. Each has benefits: recycled ecofelt (created from recycled bottles), 100 percent wool felt (rich texture), wool-blend felt (affordable, versatile), bamboo felt (ultra-soft).

■ Don't create a machine-washable project without first testing a swatch of the felt in the washer.

Maximize seating for holiday gatherings

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

The joy of home entertaining at the holidays often comes with a challenge: How do you provide enough seating for a roomful of holiday revelers with just a sofa and a few chairs? Are there creative options besides resorting to folding chairs?

Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham frequently hears from clients who want help solving this puzzle. "People are doing more home entertaining than ever," Burnham said, so they want to design their living space to accommodate guests easily. For those without huge rooms, that can be challenging.

Here, Burnham and designers Brian Patrick Flynn and Kyle Schuneman offer advice on maximizing seating without sacrificing style.

"I'm a big fan of vintage ottomans, stools and sturdy side tables like stumps for this exact purpose," said Schuneman, author of "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces" (Clarkson Potter, 2012). These pieces can work as tables or storage surfaces, he said, then occasionally serve "as extra seating for game nights or casual gatherings around the coffee table."

Benches can work the same way. Schuneman suggests buying two benches that coordinate nicely with the decor of your living room, and then placing them at the foot of beds in your home. When extra seating is needed, "you can easily pull them out for the holidays and bigger dinners," he says. "And you have a cohesive looking space, as opposed to a bunch of stuff you just pulled from around the garage."

Flynn, founder and editor of decordemon.com, uses ottomans in a similar way. "What I often do is use an upholstered or hardy wood storage ottoman on casters instead of a coffee table in the sofa area," he said. "Inside the storage ottoman, I keep floor cushions. When it's time for guests, the ottoman can be wheeled just about anywhere as extra seating, and the floor cushions allow guests to lounge."

Burnham points out that using ottomans or benches may be more appropriate in a casual family room or great room than in a more formal living room. But even for formal spaces, an elegant ottoman can work: "Done well, it's a beautiful way to bring another fabric into your space," she said.

Flynn often uses a mixture of different chairs and benches at a dining room table year-round, rather than a matching set. The look is stylish, and when chairs need to be brought into a living room for a party, they don't necessarily look like they've been taken from the dining room set. The mix can include "a three-seater bench, squatty stools, armless chairs, six chairs and a pair of wingbacks at each end," he said.

Another option he suggests: "Bring in your outdoor seating and deliberately mix it in with the indoor pieces. The juxtaposition can be nice, plus you can coordinate them with similar colored cushions or accessories."

Pay attention to size and depth when choosing a sofa, Burnham said. "A standard-size sofa is 7 feet. If you have three seat cushions, people sit in a pristine way in their cushion," she said, and you'll be limited to a maximum of three guests on your sofa. She prefers "sofas that have bench seams, so that it's one big seat," making it more likely that four guests might use the space.

Longer sofas offer additional seating, but Flynn says they're best used in what he calls a "floating space plan," where two sofas are placed across from one another,

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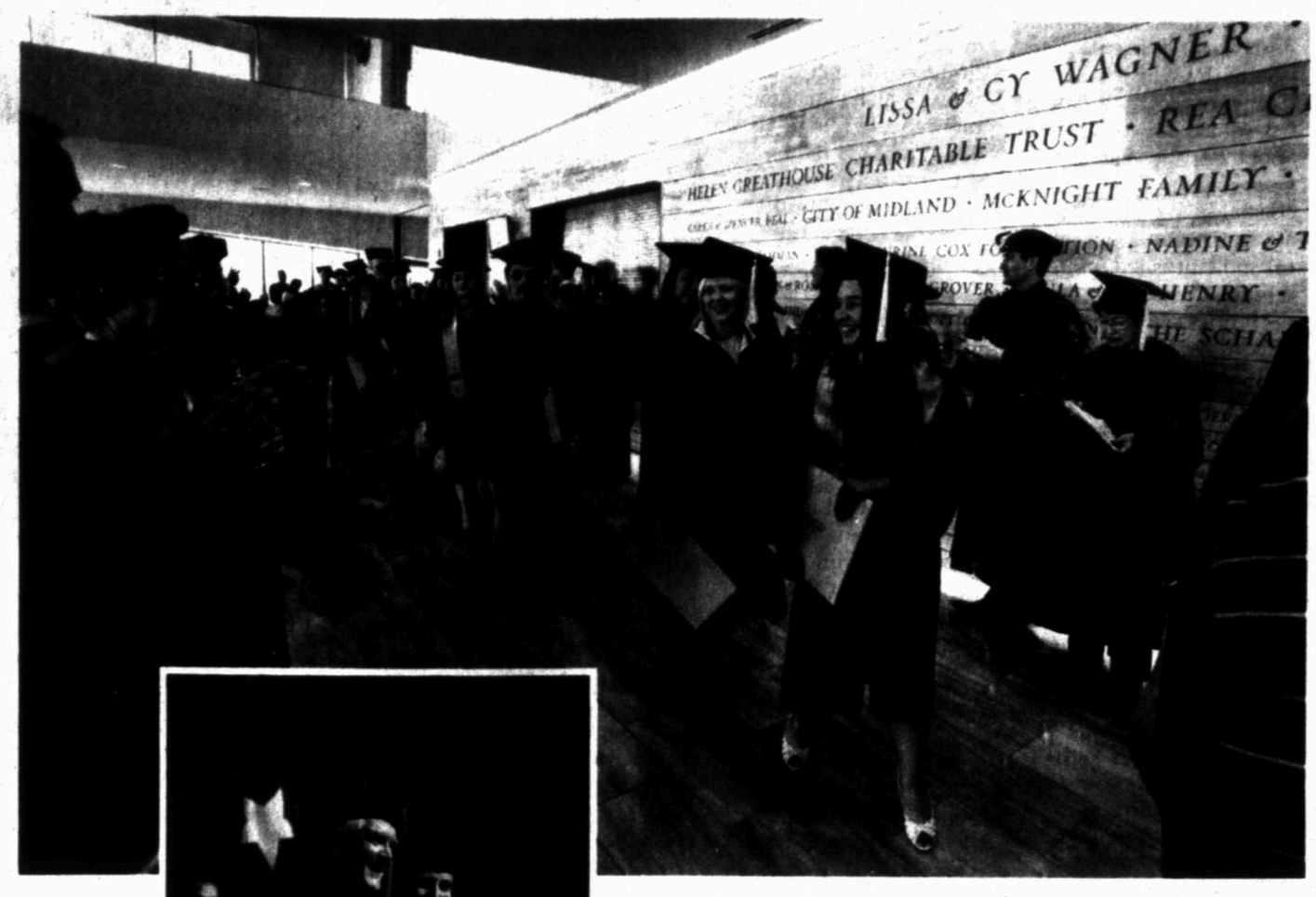

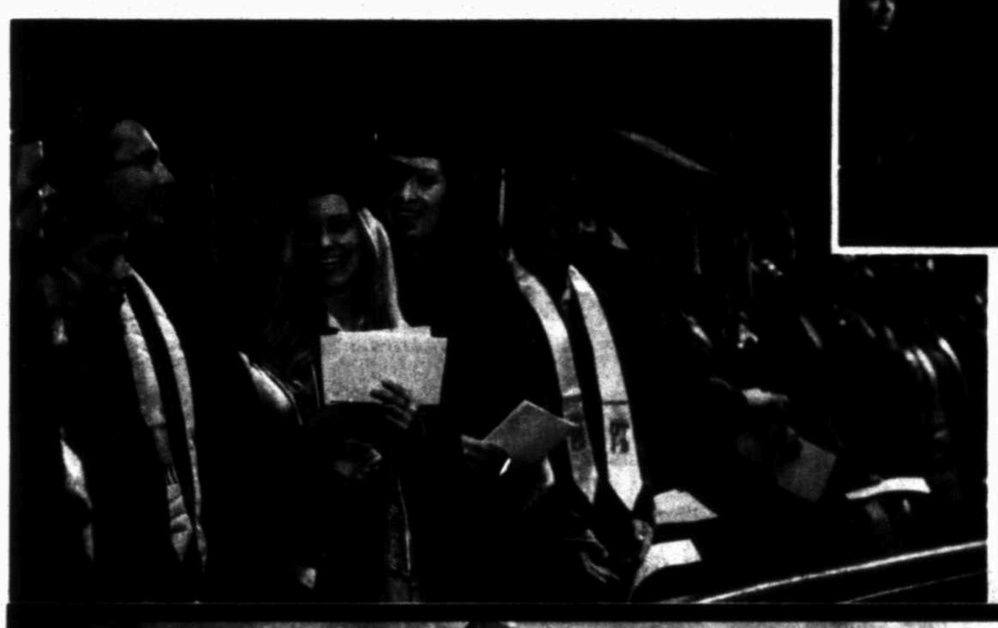

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Whoopers return to Granger Lake again this year

MIKE LEGGETT
Austin American-Statesman

GRANGER LAKE — After spending the summer deep in the heart of Canada, it looks like some whooping cranes are returning to spend the winter deep in the heart of Texas.

This is significant because by habit and instinct most whoopers spend the winter on the Texas coast.

Last winter, some of the birds spent at least a portion of the winter around Granger Lake — a modest 6.3-square-mile reservoir about 20 miles east of Georgetown. Instead of coastal blue crabs, they ate freshwater mussels in, and cultivated grain around, the lake.

"It does seem like they're back," said Lee Ann Linam of Texas Parks and Wildlife, who is coordinating Texas Whooper Watch, a program the department began this year to help track the cranes' migration through Texas.

Biologists say they are trying to determine if any of the birds with tracking devices that spent their winter in Central Texas last year have returned again.

Either way, it's a bit of a new day for whooping cranes in Texas.

Normally more than 300 surviving whoopers winter in the shallow marshes of the Texas Gulf Coast, mostly in and around Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Another, smaller flock goes to marshes in Florida.

Both are all that remain from the once-great North American flock that came within 50 birds of extinction at the middle of the last century. In those days, market hunting and development were prime enemies.

More recently a prolonged drought dropped water levels and affected the blue crab nursery that has always kept the cranes alive along the coast. Some of the majestic birds, which can stand more than 5 feet tall as adults and are the largest birds native to North America, sought refuge from the drought around Granger.

Linam asks people to report any sightings of cranes, which normally fly along the Colorado River drainage in Texas on their way to the coast. When the birds arrive in Texas in small groups, they are near the end of a 2,400-mile migration route that takes them from Canada's Wood Buffalo National Park to Aransas near Rockport.

They will stop and feed at sites along the way but it's unusual for the birds, especially groups of cranes, to stay in one spot for very long. That's what makes the Granger Lake flock special.

"There are two pairs and one family of two adults and one chick," Linam said. "I suspect they are probably some of the same adults that were there last year. We don't know for sure until we see if any of them can be radio tracked. Only a very small segment of the population is marked, and we have to wait and see if any of these are."

But whooping cranes are partial to their feeding spots and there's a good chance that having found good feeding conditions around Granger last year some of them have returned for another round. "They may hang around for a while and then move or they may stay through the winter," Linam said.

Birding sites and chat rooms have begun to generate a buzz about the birds, of course, just as they did last year. Lots of folks want to see whooping cranes, especially if they aren't able to make the trip to the Gulf Coast. And that means Linam and other biologists have to mention some guidelines in terms of dealing with them.

The first thing would be not to get too close, she said. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has jurisdiction over whoopers as an endangered species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, suggests getting no closer than four-tenths of a mile. "They can be sensitive to pressure, and they'll pack up and leave if they're disturbed," Linam said.

So, take some binoculars and a long lens and enjoy the view from a distance. One suggestion is to park at Friendship Park just off of FM 971 on the north side of the lake near the dam and look for them feeding in shallow areas of the lake.

RE-LEAF
By Debbie Frost

Go from your Christmas decor to your garden, with a great pine tree.

There are several pine tree species sold as living Christmas trees including the Afghan (*Pinus eldarica*), pinion (*Pinus edulis*), aleppo (*Pinus halepensis*) and Italian stone (*Pinus pinea*). All are good choices, but let's look at the Italian stone pine.

The Italian stone pine is native to the Mediterranean region and is apparently well adapted to our area. With time this tree develops a long trunk and wide, spreading umbrella top. It grows 35 to 60 feet tall and 35 to 45 feet wide. Most literature rates this tree as a USDA Zone 8, but they are common in our Zone 7b climate. Some winter protection the first year may be prudent, but they appear to tolerate our climate very well, including drought, once they are established.

Italian stone pine make perfect table-top Christmas trees because their juvenile needles are about 1 inch long with a nice glaucous blue color, but this is dramatically different from the bright green, 6-inch long needles of mature trees. Trees grow at a moderate rate and start out with a dense, tight ball shape while young. Resist the temptation to prune lower branches too quickly, which can stress the tree. Italian stone pines typically shade out their lower branches, so it is very clear which lower limbs need to be removed.

Italian stone pine trees get huge, so use them in larger home landscapes. They are also great in church, public or commercial landscapes. They can be used in outdoor containers for a few years. They drop needles frequently, so don't plant them close to an outdoor living space or driveway.

If you choose an Italian stone pine or any of the other pine species for your Christmas decor, keep it inside for only a week or so. Keep soil moist. Once you take it outside, put it in a protected area for a few days and gradually move to full sun. Plant soon after. Some wind break protection may be helpful until milder spring weather arrives. Keep the new plant watered twice a week for a few weeks then once a week, but check with your finger for the very best watering schedule. Maintain 3 for 4 inches of mulch for the first several years for the best results.

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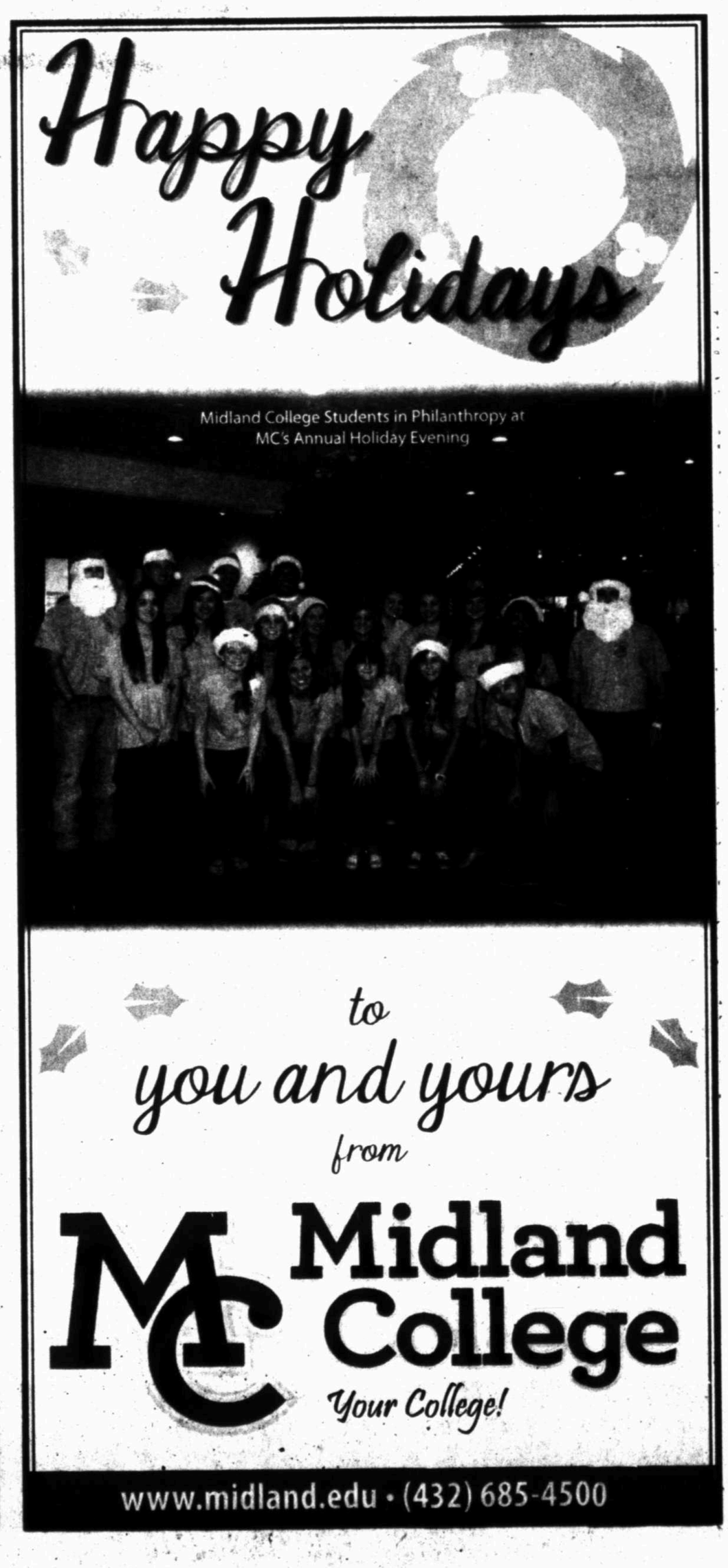

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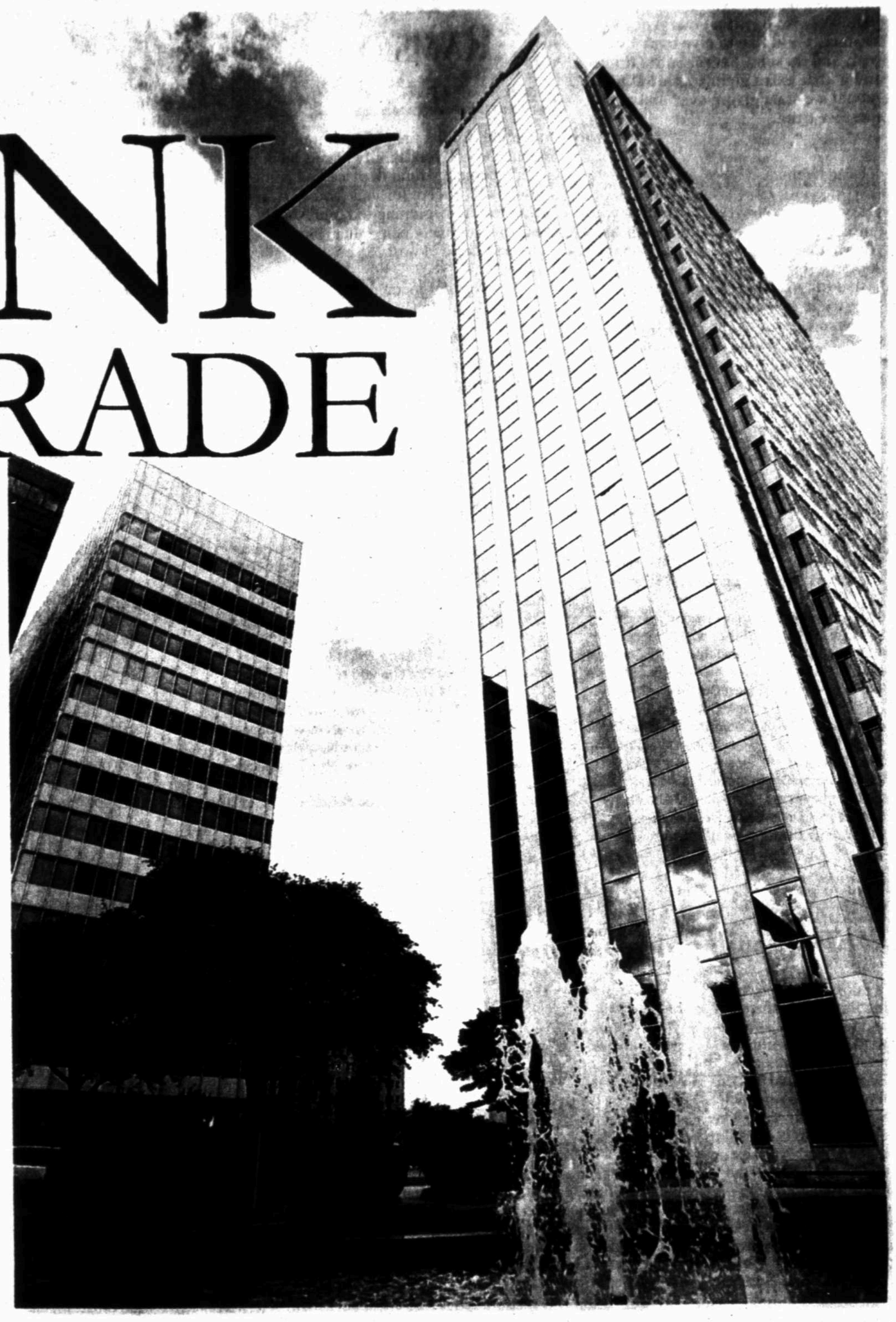

THE GRASS WITHERS The Bank of America Building's plaza area will get a new look this spring as the landscaping pictured here has largely succumbed to the drought. TCTB Management Group, which owns the building, is also remodeling the first floor's interior, with work slated for completion in June of 2013.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas Mutual Insurance Company has awarded its top workplace safety honor to 10 Midland County employers. Texas Mutual recognized these companies for preventing workplace accidents.

The honorees from the Midland County area are: Briley Trucking LTD; Circle M Well Service LTD; Composite Lining Systems LP; Freeman Digahoe, Inc.; J&W Services & Equipment Company; Kel-Tech, Inc.; McClatchy Brothers, Inc.; Permian Crude Transport LP; Petroplex Pipe & Construction, Inc.; and Top Roustabout & Backhoe Service LTD

To qualify for this honor, a company must demonstrate its commitment to workplace safety by executing an exemplary safety program and controlling workers' compensation losses.

"Part of Texas Mutual's mission is to promote workplace safety and educate employers about safe work practices, but it's up to each company to implement safety policies," said Ron Wright, president of Texas Mutual Insurance Company. "These award winners recognize that on-the-job injuries carry monetary and, more importantly, human costs. That is why they have made a commitment to workplace safety and safety education of their employees."

This year, Texas Mutual distributed 100 safety awards to qualifying policyholders throughout the state.

DALLAS — Waste Control Specialists LLC, a subsidiary of Valhi Inc., announces the hiring of two sales specialists.

Kelly Hunter and Dan Davis will join the company to lead federal and commercial sales efforts respectively while reporting to Dan Burns, Senior Vice President of Planning and Business Development. Both men have extensive sales experience in the nuclear industry.

The WCS facility in western Andrews County is the only commercial facility in the United States licensed to dispose of Class A, B and C Low-Level Radioactive Waste ("LLRW"). It is also licensed for the treatment and storage of LLRW - and has safely and successfully served as a temporary storage facility for past U.S. Department of Energy projects.

WCS has been processing and storing LLRW at its facility since 1998.

Retro-fitting Bank of America building's first floor

Past is future as building's owners retain and update its most elegant features

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

The Bank of America building, with its two towers casting their long shadows over the bustling downtown area, is among Midland's most recognizable landmarks. The main building was constructed in the 1950s, while the taller tower was added in the late 1970s.

One reason everything is so recognizable is that little has changed since then, other than the replacement of some huge tiles on the building's east face after wind damage in 2011.

Now the building's owner, TCTB Management Group, LLC, has decided to remodel the first floor and the plaza area on the building's north side. But rather than going with an ultra-modern theme, they are keeping the marble and other expensive finishes and updating the retro look that is already in place.

"We wanted to preserve the marble, terrazzo and other expensive finishes the original builders installed," said Renea Wells, property manager for TCTB. "Those accents that they spent so much money on, we're going to bring them back to life."

TCTB, which has owned the building since 2000, is planning to spend $1.3-$1.5 million to bring the building back to a class-A standard, Wells said. The current oil boom makes keeping a project like that on time and on budget a challenge.

After putting plans together and creating an artist's rendition of what the final product would look like, then submitting that for bids, the company was stunned at the cost. "Those bids came back at three times what we had budgeted," Wells related.

So, after a year of planning and searching for a company that would give them a bid at all, it is back to the proverbial drawing board, according to Wells. "They're re-looking at the plan to see what can be changed to get it closer to the original budget."

When completed, which should be in June or so, the Bank of America space will be condensed because they no longer need then entire floor. This will create 4,300 square feet of retail space to be leased out. Wells said TCTB had made a tentative agreement with a possible tenant at one point, but the deal fell through, so the space is still available.

Workers will then begin a makeover of the plaza area. "Most of the hedges have outlasted their usefulness," Wells said, explaining that the drought had taken its toll on them and on the grass. "We're going back in with hardscaping — more concrete," she said, in order to make its attractiveness less dependent on the weather.

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Three sisters fulfill dream with opening of Trio boutique

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Three Midland sisters have fulfilled a long-held dream with the opening of their new clothing boutique.

Trio, found in the former Chico's location at 2300 W. Loop 250 North is owned by sisters Dana Ellis, Laura Pettinger and Carlye Pettinger.

"We'd talked about this a long time and these are lines we'd be interested in carrying," said Ellis. The store carries clothing for men, women and children and lines include Lilly Pulitzer, Vineyard Vines, Southern Tide, Hartstrings and Hunter Boots.

"The closest area to Midland that carries these lines is in Dallas," Ellis pointed out.

Clothing styles range from casual to work dress with some women's formal wear thrown in. Also in inventory are shoes and accessories, from belts and ties to handbags, photo frames, make-up bags and tote bags. For technology fans, also in stock are iPhone covers and laptop bags, among other technology accessories.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The store can be reached at 695-6277 or on its Facebook page.

Joining its sister stores in the new The Commons at Northpark shopping center, 2900 W. Loop 250 North, is CHICO'S.

The woman's boutique, formerly at 2300 W. Loop 250 North next to Talbot's, is now in the same shopping center as its sister stores White House Black Market and Soma Intimates.

Chico's and White House Black Market, which opened last month, carry a variety of fashions from denim to pants, tops, dresses and skirts to jackets, shoes and accessories. Soma carries sleepwear, bras and panties, shapewear, clothing, swimwear and beauty products from perfumes to lotions and bath products.

Chico's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. More information is available by calling 683-4900.

Soma's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The store can be reached at 699-0664.

White House Black Market's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.. to 7 p.m. Sunday. More information is available by calling 699-1197.

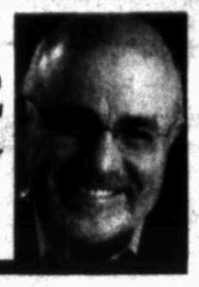
Alongside the fresh produce, dairy items and canned goods at the Albertsons Market at 3317 N. Midland Drive are ladders, building supplies and workers as the store undergoes a makeover.

"It's a full remodel," said Jose Gavina, grocery manager for the store. He said work is being done on the exterior, with new paint, changes to the facade and new signs. Inside will be new flooring, new freezers, refrigerator cases and lettering inside and out.

"It's all for the customers," Gavina said. "We'll be able to offer more variety, more products."

He said no completion date has yet been set.

Having financial house in order allows for more giving



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

We're debt-free except for our house, and that's on a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. We also have an emergency fund in place. We'd like to give back this year, and do some Secret Santa things and a little extra giving. At what point should we start giving over and above what we tithe?

Jeremy

Dear Jeremy,

My advice would be to wait until you finish Baby Step 3, which it sounds like you've done. That way, you've paid off all of your debt, except the house, plus you have a fully-funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.

You mentioned tithing, so I'll cite the Scripture that says he who doesn't take care of his family is worse than an unbeliever. I'm paraphrasing, of course, but in my mind, from a financial point of view, taking care of your family means having your emergency fund in place and being out of debt, except for your house. At that stage, you're beginning to build wealth and you can really help others while knowing those closest to you aren't going without.

My wife and I made the decision a long time ago to live on a certain amount of money. We apply a formula to everything above that figure for tithing and taxes. The rest we allocate for giving, saving and spending. It works great for us, but be responsible and realistic with what you have. You don't want one of those areas to hinder the others.

—Dave

Dear Dave,

Do you have any advice for deciding which charities to give money to during the holidays?

Danny

Dear Danny,

There are so many great organizations out there. It's virtually impossible to pick three or four and say with any certainty they're the best.

When it comes to choosing, I think the amount of diligence you put into the decision-making process should correspond directly to the amount of money you're giving. There's no reason to spend hours in exhaustive study over a $20 donation. However, you'd want to put some time and thought into research if the amount is $2,000.

In situations like this, I'd want to see full disclosure. I'd like to know the expense ratios of the organization and how much money goes toward administrative costs. Every organization has bills to pay and salaries to consider, but you don't want overhead to eat up 90 percent of every dollar donated.

Helping a good cause is wonderful, but you've got to be reasonable and wise about these things. Don't feel bad about asking to visit a site and take a tour. Lots of times you can get a feel for what's going on by just walking around and gauging the people you encounter. Regardless, the bigger the gift, the more time you should spend investigating!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

223 W. Wall Street	Commercial Alteration	$340,000
11 Meta Drive	Commercial Alteration	$35,000
223 W. Wall Street	Commercial Alteration	$450,000
2113 Evans Lane	New Residence	$202,000
500 Liddon Avenue	New Residence	$128,000
3803 Fannin Ave	Residence-Detached	$3,700
4935 Rustic Trail	Residential Addition	$12,000
4400 N. Midland	Commercial Alteration	$150,000
700 N. Colorado	New Commercial	$500,000
706 N. Colorado	New Commercial	$750,000
400 W. Illinois	Commercial Alteration	$214,970
105 S. Dewberry	Residence-Detached	$3,000
3523 Stanolind	Residence-Detached	$10,000
2827 Marmon Drive	Residential Addition	$8,500
2500 Commerce	Commercial Alteration	$148,010
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610 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$205,120
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501 W. Louisiana	Commecial Alteration	$8,295
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2507 Regency Oaks	New Residence	$269,760
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2501 Dartmouth	Residence-Detached	$3,000
6014 Medina Drive	New Residence	$141,040
6012 Medina Drive	New Residence	$162,880
1417 E. Jax Avenue	New Residence	$75,000
1413 E. Jax Avenue	New Residence	$75,000
700 Loma Vista	Residence-Detached	$200
1201 S. Colorado St	Residential Addition	$20,000

Source: City of Midland

Time will close gap between oil, natural gas prices

RAY PERRYMAN

I do a lot of speaking throughout the year, and for the past several weeks, I've been in the midst of my annual Economic Outlook Conference series (the 29th annual, by the way). One question I've heard a lot in the Q-and-A following the events involves the relatively large difference between oil prices and natural gas prices. In other words, "why is gas so cheap?"

Based on the energy content in each fuel, a barrel of oil is equal to about 7 to 8 thousand cubic feet (mcf) of natural gas. So $3/mcf natural gas should correspond to an oil price of about $24 per barrel. Or $80/barrel oil should go with $10/mcf natural gas. However, what we have now is $3/mcf gas…and $80/barrel oil (in round numbers).

The primary reason for this disconnect is that oil is a global market, but natural gas is a national one. There has been some importing of natural gas and, more recently, moves to export it in the form of liquefied natural gas (LNG). However, the primary determinants of natural gas prices are the supply and demand in the United States alone.

The sluggish economy has worked to reduce demand for natural gas. At the same time, enhanced recovery methods and massive shale discoveries and production have led to enormous growth in the available supply. As a result, we are now in a position where we have more natural gas available than we need. As predicted by economic principles, the price has fallen.

If oil and natural gas were perfect substitutes, you'd see people in the United States switching from using oil to using more natural gas to take advantage of the potential savings (which would then eliminate the excess supply over time). However, it takes time to switch fuels. For example, natural gas-fueled vehicles have been around for decades, but aren't generally available at your local dealership. The desirable environmental properties of such cars and trucks have earned them a place in both public and private fleets, but it's a little more difficult for the average household to make that change. Think about how many gasoline pumps you pass every day compared with natural gas fueling stations.

The global nature of the oil market ties its price not only to what is going on in America, but also elsewhere. With rising demand in a number of emerging economies, the overall need for oil as a fuel remains high, keeping prices elevated. Many countries could use natural gas, but our ability to export it is only now developing.

Oil prices are also supported by fears that tense situations in various oil-producing regions could escalate and lead to a supply shock. In effect, there is a "risk premium" being priced in, and any sign that political situations in the Middle East, Venezuela, and other locales is changing for the worse could cause prices to jump.

The national nature of the natural gas market also tends to make it more volatile. In August 2005, the price stood at $6.48 per mcf. It jumped to $10.33 only two months later, a rise of almost 60 percent in just two months. A few months later, it was back down. In July 2008, just before the national downturn took hold with a vengeance, the price peaked at $10.79. Less than a year later, it was $3.18. A severe winter storm can cause prices to jump, a bit of a glut and they crash. As an export market develops, these swings will tend to moderate, which is good news for both producers and consumers.

Over time, the natural gas market is likely to become more global, with the United States becoming a net exporter within a decade (according to some market watchers). This evolution will diminish the gap between oil prices and natural gas prices. Until then, enjoy the cheap gas while you can!

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TYLER PATTON

Better watch out: 'Santa Fraud' could be coming coming to town

This holiday season, I have been touched by the outpouring of charity I've seen around the community. However, while the holiday season can bring out the best in people, it can also bring out those pesky Grinches looking to taking advantage of our festive spirit. Better Business Bureau is warning of the following five most common holiday scams that could ruin your holiday cheer if you're not careful:

1. Holiday e-card scam: You receive an eGreeting from an unnamed "relative" or "friend," and you have to click on a link to view it. However, clicking on the link could unleash malicious spyware or viruses. In some cases, nothing bad happens until you download software from the e-card website so you can "run your e-card."

Tip: If there is any question of who the card came from, don't open it! Also, be sure you have the latest anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed on your computer.

2. Delivery Scams: In this case, you receive a card saying an unsuccessful attempt was made to deliver a package to your home and directs you to call for more details. When you call the number, you get a recorded message or are kept on hold. In the end, the number you've called is a foreign number and you are charged high rates for the call. This scam can also come via email.

Tip: Find the contact information on your own for the company that left the message, and reach out to them directly to confirm any problems with a delivery.

3. Fraudulent websites: Be on the lookout for fake websites offering bargain prices, especially on hard to find gifts, the hot gifts for 2012 or knock-off brand name products. If the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Tip: Check a seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction at bbb.org; look for the "s" in https:// in the address box to ensure you're shopping on a secure website; and pay with a credit card.

4. Phishing emails: You receive an email with a very tempting offer or claiming problems with an order, and are directed to click on a link. The link directs you to a fake website where you're told to enter personal and financial information.

Tip: If you receive an email similar to this, call the contact number on the website where you placed your order to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction. Do not click on any links provided in an email from an unknown sender

5. Fake job scam: Many retailers and manufacturers need extra staff to handle the holiday rush. Knowing this, scam artists send out emails or post to popular classified sites promising non-existent jobs. You'll eventually be asked to pay a fee for the job, or the scammer will use the info on your resume to steal your identity.

Tip: Be suspicious of "too good to be true" job offers and research the company offering the job at bbb.org. Never pay money for a job and be cautious of giving your personal information.

MARKET WATCH

Will Congress play Grinch or has Santa Claus rally already occurred

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Every year, boys and girls (and strategists) the world over look forward to Christmas morning in anticipation of what Santa has left under the tree. Some of us have been naughty and might receive a lump of coal but those who have been nice usually have big smiles on their faces.

The same is true for investors as they look ahead to the traditional Santa Claus rally in stocks that often occurs in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Granted, we are in a seasonally strong period for the stock market if you look back over the last 60 years. In fact, since 1950 the average December performance of the S&P 500 is second only to the month of November. But the media always seems to hype the potential for a rally in the final trading week every year.

But will Congress be the Grinch that stole the Santa Claus rally? Or has the bulk of the Santa Claus rally already occurred? The S&P 500 has been trading steadily higher in recent weeks. In our opinion, the market is betting the U.S. will not roll over the "fiscal cliff." That does not mean an agreement will be reached by the end of the year however. The negotiating process could easily continue into mid-to-late January before a final agreement is signed, sealed and delivered. Investors are well aware of this possibility. Some of the Santa Claus rally is likely already priced into stocks.

Keep in mind that the ebb and flow of the economy is not likely to be immediately knocked off track by the spending cuts and tax hikes that would take effect on January 1st. Most of the changes

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would gradually have an impact over the course of the year. But we suspect there would be numerous comments from members of Congress if indeed a deal is in the works or that progress is being made that will lead to a deal at some point in the opening weeks of 2013.

It is highly likely that the full effects of the fiscal cliff will be avoided. In our opinion, any agreement reached after the start of the New Year would be retroactive to January 1st. If it appears an agreement is in doubt, the stock market would almost certainly quickly give up the gains notched in recent weeks, and probably more. In addition, if an agreement is not reached you can bet the chorus of negative comments coming from CEOs and business owners would be heard loud and clear in the halls of Congress. Between a weakening stock market and threats of less hiring and investment, our guess would be that our elected officials panic and quickly put at least a Band-Aid on the situation.

But that is not the most likely outcome. We look for indications in coming weeks that a modest compromise will be reached which raises taxes on only a small portion of the population and cuts spending in a narrow number of industries. Congressional compromise would likely provide a market underpinning that could very well lead to an extension of the four week rally that is already in place.

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U.S. Mint testing new metals to make its coins cheaper

By Joann Loviglio
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — When it comes to making coins, the Mint isn't getting its two cents worth. In some cases, it doesn't even get half of that. A penny costs more than two cents and a nickel costs more than 11 cents to make and distribute. The quandary is how to make coins more cheaply without sparing our change's quality and durability, or altering its size and appearance.

A 400-page report presented last week to Congress outlines nearly two years of trials conducted at the Mint in Philadelphia, where a variety of metal recipes were put through their paces in the massive facility's high-speed coin-making machinery.

Evaluations of 29 different alloys concluded that none met the ideal list of attributes. The Treasury Department concluded that additional study was needed before it could endorse any changes.

"We want to let the data take us where it takes us," Dick Peterson, the Mint's acting director, said Wednesday. More test runs with different alloys are likely in the coming year, he said.

The government has been looking for ways to shave the millions it spends every year to make bills and coins. Congressional auditors recently suggested doing away with dollar bills entirely and replacing them with dollar coins, which they concluded could save taxpayers some $4.4 billion over three decades. Canada is dropping its penny as part of an austerity budget.

To test possible new metal combinations, the U.S. Mint struck penny-, nickel- and quarter-sized coins with "nonsense dies" — images that don't exist on legal tender (a bonneted Martha Washington is a favorite subject) but are similar in depth and design to real currency.

Test stampings were examined for color, finish, resistance to wear and corrosion, hardness and magnetic properties. That last item might be the trickiest, as coin-operated equipment such as vending machines and parking meters detect counterfeits not just by size and weight but by each coin's specific magnetic signature.

Except for pennies, all current U.S. circulating coins have the electromagnetic properties of copper, the report said.

A slight reduction in the nickel content of our quarters, dimes and nickels would bring some cost savings while keeping the magnetic characteristics the same. Making more substantial changes, like switching to steel or other alloys with different magnetic properties, could mean big savings to the government but at a big cost to coin-op businesses, Peterson said.

The vending industry estimates it would cost between $700 million and $3.5 billion to recalibrate machines to recognize coins with an additional magnetic signature. The Mint's researchers reached a lower but still pricey estimate of $380 million to $630 million.

Another challenge for the Mint is the rising cost of copper (used in all U.S. coins) and nickel (used in all except pennies).

Only four of the 80 metals on the periodic table — aluminum, iron (used to make steel), zinc and lead — cost less than copper and nickel, the report stated. Lead isn't an option because of its potential health hazards.

"Pricing of steel, aluminum and zinc are pretty close to each other ... there are promising alternatives for the nickel, dime and quarter," Peterson said. "There wouldn't be any advantage to shift the composition of the penny, so we offset that cost with (savings from) other denominations."

Pennies may not be cost-efficient, but they won't be getting pinched as long as they're in demand.

"We produce 6 billion pennies a year," Peterson said. "Our customers want them."

Concurrent Technologies Corp., a Pennsylvania-based scientific research and development company, is working with the Mint on the alternative materials study under a $1.5 million contract awarded in 2011.

The Philadelphia mint, established in 1792, is the country's oldest and largest. Circulating coins are made there and in Denver.

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TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Ronnie & J...		(:15) ★★ House of D David Duchovny.				★★ The Stone Angel Ellen Burstyn.				★ Santa Claus Wi...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal "Conflicted"		Criminal "To Hell"		Criminal "And Back"		Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:30) ★ Miracle on 34th Street		(:45) ★★★★ Miracle on 34th Street						★★★★ Miracle on 34th Street			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Apollo Live		★★★★ Roots 3/6 cont'd next			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Top Chef		Top Chef				Top Chef		T. Chef "Foiled Again"		House Miami	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Early	Sanjay	Sat. Morn. News		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	The Hindenburg		Gold Rush		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie	★ The Search for Santa Paws		(:45) Ferb	
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SprtC "Year in Review"		SportNat	MatchUp	OR Fbl Champ (N)		OLines	Report (N)	Fantasy Football Now (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★ Rudolph the Red-Nosed Re...		★★ A Dennis the Menace Christmas				★ Unaccompanied Minors Lewis Black.				Movie	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Family Reunion	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Adventur	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	H.S. Scoreboard		Huddle	Horse	Garage	Performa
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian					★★★ Ice Age: The Meltdown				★ Ice Age: Dawn ...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ The Case I...		★★ The Christmas Secret				★ The Night Before the Night Before Chr...				★ The Christmas ...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Snow"		Modern Marvels		In Search of Christmas				Real Christmas		Face of Jesus	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Hr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Christine	★★ Comfort and Joy Nancy McKeon.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Hunter	3 Gun	Whitetail	Wild	R.Dobbs	Hank 3-D	Instinct	Alaska	Babe W.	Hunter	Quests	Skies
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Penguins	Penguins!	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Winx	Winx
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle...	Ink Master		Ink Master	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Star Trek: Next Gen.		Star Trek: Next Gen.		★ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Home I.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Wedding Band		★★ The Replacements		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ The Great ...		★★★★ Little Women				★★ All Mine to Give Glynis Johns.				★ Bundle of Joy	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Raggs	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Seed"		Law & Order		F.Iles	Special Presentation				(:40) ★ Lord of the Rings: The ...		
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	(:35) Rose.	(:10) Rose.	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Divorced	Divorced
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Burn Notice "You Can Run"				★★★ The Mummy Brendan Fraser.			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	★ The Story of the First Noel Roger Moore.				★★★★ The Station Agent			

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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		CMA Country Christmas				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals vs. Pittsburgh Steelers Site: Heinz Field – Pittsburgh, Pa. (L)						Monster Jam				FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	★★★ Chicago ('02, Mus) Catherine Zeta-Jones.					★ The Christmas Story Lady Jessica Tandy.				ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football New Orleans Saints vs. Dallas Cowboys (L)						(:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears vs. Arizona Cardinals (L)					
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mark B	Joe McGee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	TBA	USSA Skiing		Adventure Sports		Triathlon Ironman World Championship				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Accents	Travel Kids	Daytrip	Quilts	Masterpiece "Downton Abbey, Series II"				Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Republica		★★ Navidad, S.A.		Pedro Armendariz Jr...		Navidad en el Vaticano				Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Business	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Thinks	Insider	Access Hollywood		Ent. Tonight		Private Practice	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:35) ★ Meet Wally Sparks		★★★★ Grey Gardens				(:05) ★★ Mr. Wrong				(:45) ★★★ Cinema Paradiso	
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.				★ New Year's Eve Sarah Jessica Parker.				First Look	(:20) Paid	★ Joyful Noise	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★★ Along Came Polly		(:35) Madonna				★★ Stuck on You Matt Damon.				(:35) Fight	(:05) ★ Sanctum
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★ Grease ('78, Mus) John Travolta.			(:45) ★ Beyond Jon Voight.				(:20) ★★★ In America Paddy Considine.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:30) ★ Wanderlust		(:10) ★★★ The Horse Whisperer ('98, Dra) Robert Redford.						★★★ Dream House		Movie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:00) ★ The Debt		(:05) ★ Return of the Living De...		(:35) ★★ The Kids Are All Right				★ Win Win Paul Giamatti.			
PLEX			96			(11:30) ★ Short Circuit		(:10) ★★ Hackers ('95, Dra) Angelina Jolie.				★ Cagney & Lacey: The View...				(:35) ★ The Truth About Cats ...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:00) ★ The Compa...		★★ The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Hilary Swank.				(:15) ★ Peace, Love & Misunderstanding				U.S. "JFK to the Brink"	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:40) ★ The Lightkeepers			(:20) ★★ The Perfect Score				★ Love's Kitchen John Atterbury.		Murder	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Panic 9-1-1		Panic 9-1-1				Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(:15) ★★★★ Miracle on 34th Street Maureen O'Hara.				★★★★ Miracle on 34th Street				(:45) ★ Miracle on 34th Street			
BET	58	26		40		Movie	★★★★ Roots Louis Gossett Jr.					★★★★ Roots Louis Gossett Jr. 5/6 cont'd next				★ Roots	
BRAVO	65	63		41		House Miami		Miami "Healing Hole"		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Atlanta "Unmoved"		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Ghost Town Gold		Ghost Town Gold		Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Alaska	Amish Mafia	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Phineas	Phineas	(:45) FishN	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling World Series			Golf Long Drive Championship			SportNat	30 for 30	"Broke"		30 for 30	"9.79"
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		Poker	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★ Fred Claus Paul Giamatti.				★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory				★★★ The Polar Express Tom Hanks.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Stossel		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Unwrapped		Unwrapped		Unwrapped		Diners	Inspect.	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Unlimited		Game	Insider	Champions Tennis				Xterra	Cotton Bowl Prev		Mavs Pre
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) ★ Ice Age: D...		★ Alvin and the Chipmunks: Jason Lee.				★ Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel.				★ Deck the Halls	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) ★ The Christ...		★★ Eve's Christmas Cheryl Ladd.				★ Christmas With Holly Sean Faris.				★ Debbie Macomb...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	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		House8	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) Face of Jesus		Jesus: The Lost Forty Days				God vs. Satan				Bamazon	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★ Recipe For a Perfect Christmas				★★ A Dad for Christmas Louis Fletcher.				★★ Christmas on Chestnut Street			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				FLW Outdoors		Bill Dance	Fishing	Ammo	USSA Ski & Board		Racing	Racer TV	Racer TV	Motorsport Hour	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Tollock.	iCarly	Victori.	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori..	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master	"Holy Ink"
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie	★ Star Trek V: The Final Frontier William Shatner.					★★ Star Trek: Generations Patrick Stewart.				Movie	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	(:45) ★ My Best Friend's Girl Dane Cook.			(:45) ★★ Yes Man ('08, Com) Jim Carrey.						★ Fun With Dick ...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Bundle of J...		★★★★ Period of Adjustment Jane Fonda.				★★★★ The Three Godfathers				★★★ Fitzwilly	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ Paraiso viviente Paddy O'byrne.				★★★ Sin miedo ('06, Act) Jet Li.				Videos asombrosos		Op. Repo	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Tiaras "Glitzy Divas"		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(10:40) ★ Lord of the Rings: The Fellowsh...				(:20) ★★★ Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers ('02, Fant) Ian McKellan, Elijah Wood.							
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Hot In	Hot/ Cleve.	See Dad	See Dad	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Movie	★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets					SVU "Spiraling Down"		SVU "Theater Tricks"		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	18				★★ Moonlight Mile Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★★ The Devil Wears Prada				30 Rock	Home Videos		Bloopers

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	★★★ The Sound of Music ('65, Mus) Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Julie Andrews.								KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to a widower's seven children.								CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	60 Minutes		NCIS: Los Angeles "Greed"		The Good Wife "I Fought the Law"		The Mentalist			★ Buster and Chauncey's Silent Night ('98, Ani) Voices of Marie Osmond, Phil Hartman.		
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Rules "Jeff Day"	Rules "Zygote"	Sein. "The Gum"	Seinfeld "The Rye"	'Til Death	'Til Death	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(3:15) NFL Football	The OT	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	American Dad	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Jean-Claude	Update News	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				News-West 9	Country Reporter	Whacked Out	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks Site: CenturyLink Field - Seattle, Wash. (L)									
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Masterpiece "Downton Abbey, Series II" Downton Abbey is stricken with the Spanish Flu.				Masterpiece "Downton Abbey, Series II" The family gathers at Downton Abbey for Christmas.			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Aqui y Ahora	Cuento Navideño	Una noche con Yuri "Especial de Navidad"		Feliz Navidad "Tony Bennett y sus amigos"		Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Una noche con Yuri "Especial de Navidad"	
FLIX	340	65		165		Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game
HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:45) ★ Cinema Pa...		★★★ Primary Colors ('98, Dra) John Travolta.					★★★ Dead Again Kenneth Branagh.				Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ Joyful Noise		★★ Cowboys and Aliens Daniel Craig.				Girls	Girls	Enlight	Enlight	★ New Year's Eve	
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★ Sanctum		★ Journey 2: The Mysterious ...		1stLook		★★ Love and Other Drugs				(:55) ★ Martha Mar...	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Garden State		(:15) ★★★★ The Thing Kurt Russell.				★★★★ Wanderlust				(:40) Sex Chronicles "Envy"	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ The Rundown ('03, Adv) Seann William Scott, The Rock.								(:45) ★ Sex Tapes (2012, Adult)		(:10) ★ John Carpe...	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ Short Circuit Steve Guttenberg.				★ Hercules in the Underworld				(:55) ★ Hercules & the Circle o...		(:10) ★★ Hackers	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Dexter		Homeland				(:05) ★★★ Traffic ('00, Dra) Michael Douglas.				(:35) ★ Sexy Baby (12, Doc)	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Murder in Mind		★★ Die Another Day Pierce Brosnan.				(:15) ★★ Ransom ('96, Susp) Rene Russo, Mel Gibson.				Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Be the Boss (N)		Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:45) ★ Miracle on...		★★★ Miracle on 34th Street					★★★ Miracle on 34th Street				
BET	58	26		40		(5:30) ★★★★ Roots Louis Gossett Jr.. 6/6				SoulMan	SoulMan	SoulMan	SoulMan	Digg	Vindicat	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Princess	Wall Street	(Dis)Service		Mob Money		American Greed		60 Minutes		Behind Closed Doors	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		X-Ray: Yellowstone		Zombie Apocalypse		Amish Mafia		X-Ray: Yellowstone	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	★ The Santa Clause 3: The E...		(:40) GoodL		(:05) Shake	Austin	A.N.T.	Jessie	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) 30/30	SportsCenter			SEC "Going Big"		30 for 30	"Benji"	SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) Poker	Poker World Series			Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		NCAA Basketball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas						★★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas				J.Osteen	K. Shook
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee				Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	The Next Iron Chef		Sugar Dome (N)		Next Iron Chef (N)		All-Star Family Cook		Iron Chef America		The Next Iron Chef	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. San Antonio Spurs (L)					Maverick	How Dirk		Cowboys	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Deck the H...		★★ Christmas With the Kranks				★★★ Christmas With the Kranks				★ Deck the Halls	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Debbie Ma...		★ The Most Wonderful Time of the Year				★ The Night Before the Night Before Chr...				★ The Case for C...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Million Dollar Rooms		Extreme Homes		Property Brothers		Renovation		House8	House	Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Ax Men		Ax Men "Sabotage"		Bamazon		Outback Hunters		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★ Crazy for Christmas Andrea Roth.				★★★ The Christmas Blessing				★★★ Crazy for Christmas Andrea Roth.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Chained to My Ex		To Catch a Predator		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				Game	Game	Bucks	Winch.	Gun It	BuckStop	Elk Fever	T. Barta	Fight Night 36			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Wife Kids	Movie	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master "Buck Off"		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo "Just Deadly"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Star Trek: First Contact				★★★ Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country					★★ Star Trek: Insurrection		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ Fun With D...		★★ Evan Almighty Steve Carell.				★★ Evan Almighty Steve Carell.				(:05) Wedding Band	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Fitzwilly		★★★ The Bishop's Wife Cary Grant.				★★★★ It Happened on Fifth Avenue				★ The Passion of J...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:30) ★

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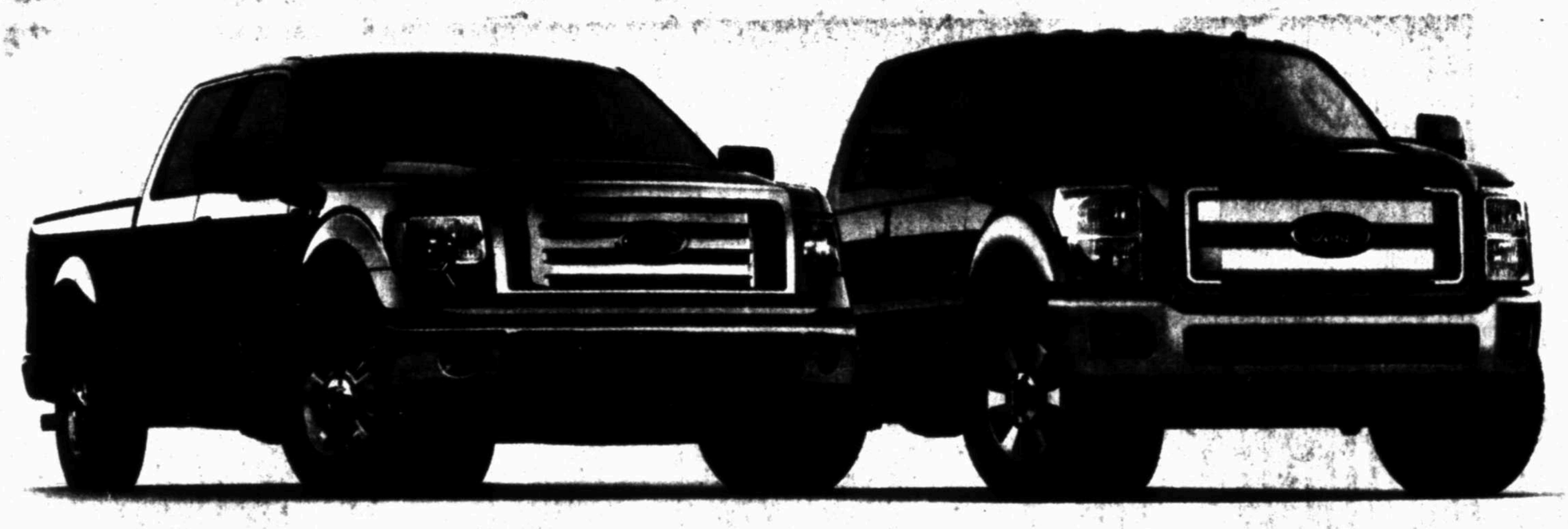

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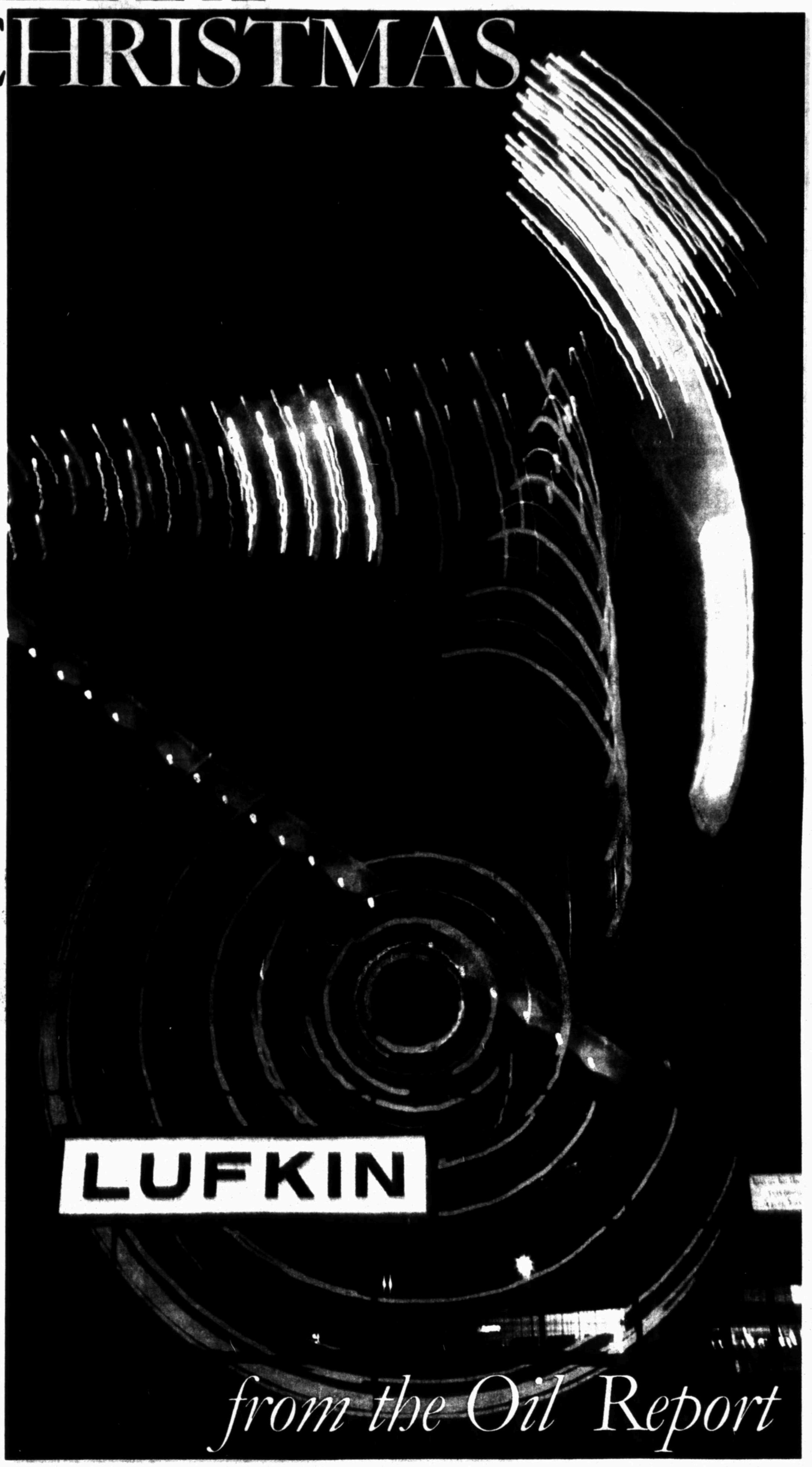

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Droughts, regulations, affordability and good corporate citizenship are moving more producers toward recycling their produced water using procedures like the EF80, distributed in Texas by Hydrozonix.

Acceptance of oilfield water recycling grows in light of better costs, regulatory concerns

■ More and more producers are embracing recycling of produced water as costs come down.

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

As recycling costs come down due to the development of new methods, and as concerns about regulation and water availability increase, more and more producers are embracing the recycling of produced water for use in hydraulic fracturing and elsewhere. Mark Patton, applications engineer for Hydrozonix, which offers water recycling services to Texas producers from its field office in Ozona, said he has seen great progress in this field in the year his company has been doing this.

"One of our clients that is recycling — we monitor it quarter by quarter — in the third quarter (of 2012) their recycle rate was about 26 percent, it was about 22 percent the quarter before and 12 percent the quarter before that," he noted. "Quarter by quarter they're cranking up."

Availability is a factor that keeps the rate from being even higher. "They have to find an area where they have enough of their own water to recycle," he said, adding, "Their goal is to reach 100 percent recycling."

The logistics of moving and storing water in proximity to where it is needed and where it is treated are major concerns for several Hydrozonix clients and potential clients.

Because recycling is still a new process, there is also the issue of having enough equipment to cover the need. At the current rate, Patton said, his company's customer growth is close to being in line with the equipment being added. Their equipment, the trailer-mounted Ozonix EF80, is made in Florida by Ecosphere Energy Services, part of Ecosphere Technologies. The Texas firm takes delivery of two units per quarter. Currently Hydrozonix has two systems in use, with several more clients slated to start right after the first of 2013. "So we think we can keep up with the pace, and we can accelerate that schedule if demand increases," Patton said.

"There are operators that are looking to become greener, to recycle more water, and sometimes they just aren't taking the time to let everyone know they want to.
Mark Patton, applications engineer

And as previous sources are literally drying up in the drought, more and more producers are looking for ways to re-use water they already have. "Initially there were some companies considering recycling, but incompatibilities with their chemical programs made them reconsider that" Patton related. He said the Ozonix procedure eliminates that concern because, rather than removing chemicals and other substances, its process renders the substances harmless. The unit uses no chemicals and creates no waste stream, instead neutralizing elements in the water and destroying bacteria by the use of an ozone treatment.

Water Recycling

Hydrozonix says one client's recycle rate rose to 26 percent in the third quarter from 22 percent in the second quarter and 12 percent in the first quarter.
The company estimates it has treated 18 million barrels of water from 100 Permian Basin wells in one year's time.

More and more, the cost factor is coming in line for producers. Until recently, it was much cheaper to dispose of produced water downhole than to recycle it. But the EF80 and other procedures have brought the cost closely in line with that of disposal. When adding in the fact that any water recycled is that much less fresh water that must be purchased, the costs look even better.

Regulatory issues, both in the way of positive and negative pushes, are also moving things forward. Patton said the Texas Railroad Commission plans to look at ways to ease the permitting process for recycling water when the new commissioners convene early next year.

On the other hand, persistent rumors of pending recycling requirements or water use limitations have pushed other producers to look more closely at the issue. "I think a pervading theme has been, we need to start recycling before we're forced to recycle," under the thinking that proactivity now could reduce the amount and stricture of regulations later, Patton stated.

"There are operators that are looking to become greener, to recycle more water, and sometimes they just aren't taking the time to let everyone know they want to." Patton stated that his company alone has treated 18 million barrels of water in 100 Permian Basin wells in just over one year's time.

Robbie Cathey, CEO of Ecosphere Energy Services, which manufactures the EF80, said they have been impressed with the industry's acceptance of EES's and other environmental technologies. Still, he said, there are some operators who are interested but hesitant. They are especially hesitant about the EF80 because of its revolutionary design. "For some operators and engineers it is a leap of faith to consider that you can leave the constituents in the water, yet negate the effect that they have."

While some potential clients want to wait until "somebody else" tries the technology first, Cathey said most companies are truly interested in new technology and in preserving the environment — they just want to be sure that any technology they adopt actually fulfills its claims.

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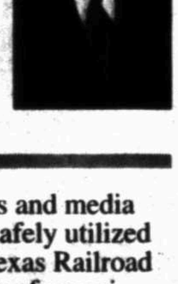
States must help keep nation on energy independence path

DAVID PORTER
Railroad Commission



As your Texas Railroad Commissioner, I'm proud to share with you some exciting news about our country's path to energy independence and the important role Texas plays in achieving this goal.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) issued an early draft of its annual report recently, with positive indicators that the U.S. is well on its way to becoming an international powerhouse for energy production.

The EIA reports that U.S. crude oil production reached its highest level in nearly 15 years in September, up 16 percent from September of 2011, averaging an impressive 6.5 million barrels a day. Daily production averages have not seen levels that high since January 1998. Not surprisingly, the report credits Texas and North Dakota as states with the largest increases due to the recent boom in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas and the Bakken Shale region in the North Dakota.

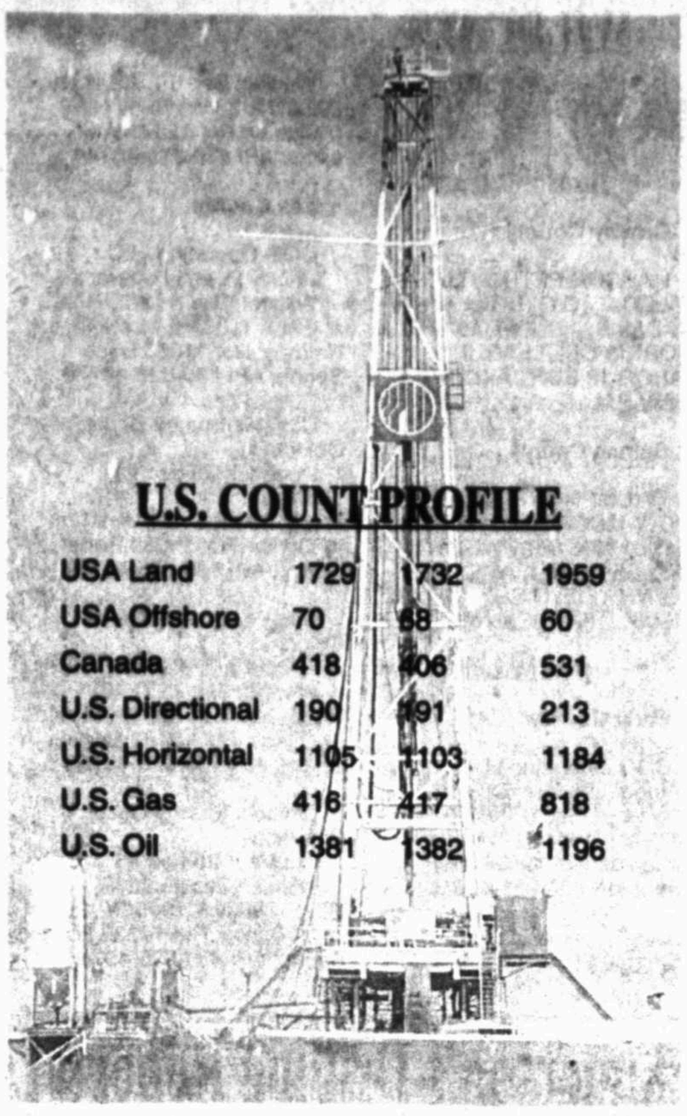
These findings come on the tail of another report issued last month by the International Energy Agency (IEA) suggesting the U.S. could surpass countries such as Saudi Arabia and Russia to become the world's largest oil producer by 2020. The IEA predicts the U.S. will increase its production to about 23 million barrels a day in 10 years from about 18 million barrels a day now.

While the idea of American energy independence has seemed out of reach for many years, it is quickly becoming a reality thanks to technological advancements in drilling techniques, specifically the use of hydraulic fracturing combined with horizontal drilling. Although hydraulic fracturing has recently become a hot-button issue among environmentalists and media outlets, the process has been safely utilized for several decades, and the Texas Railroad Commission has over 90 years of experience regulating drilling activities without a single confirmed case of groundwater contamination due to hydraulic fracturing. This technique has provided energy producers access to oil and gas reserves once though irretrievable, creating significant increases in domestic energy production. In fact, in the first five months of this year, the U.S. met 83 percent of its energy demand from domestic sources.

In Texas, as in the rest of the country, shale formations have been a complete game changer. The state's preliminary crude oil production averaged 1,343,569 barrels daily this September, up from the 1,011,001 barrels daily average of September 2011. The increased activity has had an incredibly beneficial impact on our state's economy; during a time of economic uncertainty nationwide, the oil and gas industry has been a boon for the Texas economy. In 2011, the Eagle Ford Shale alone generated nearly $25 billion in total economic output, supported approximately 47,000 full-time jobs and provided more than $257 million in revenue to local governments for schools, hospitals, emergency services, etc. Additionally, the Texas Permian Basin produces more than one million barrels of oil a day, accounting for almost 70 percent of Texas' total crude oil production and 14 percent of the nation's oil production. And, the historic East Texas Oil Field remains the economic driver of the East Texas economy.

If our country wishes to continue on this path of prosperity and self-sufficiency, states must retain primacy of oil and gas regulations and implement policies that encourage safe energy exploration and production. Unfortunately, states will continue to battle politically-motivated federal regulations handed down from the Obama Administration. We must keep regulation of Texas' natural resources in Texas by Texans who appreciate the importance of the oil and gas industry, so that the regulatory climate remains fair, balanced and predictable. It is the Railroad Commission's long history of wisely enforcing state regulations that has allowed Texas to be at the forefront of energy production and serve as an international model of how to safely, efficiently, and economically produce our energy.

David J. Porter was elected to the Texas Railroad Commission on November 2, 2010. A Certified Public Accountant and successful small business owner, Commissioner Porter has worked with oil and gas producers for nearly three decades providing strategic financial advice and tax counsel. He has a long record of pro-business, free market, conservative credentials.



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USA Land	1729	1732	1959
USA Offshore	70	58	60
Canada	418	406	531
U.S. Directional	190	191	213
U.S. Horizontal	1105	1103	1184
U.S. Gas	418	417	818
U.S. Oil	1381	1382	1196

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DIST. #7C

Coke	1
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	13
Kimble	0
McCullocgh	0
Menard	0
Reagan	19
Runnels	1
Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	25

DIST. #8

Andrews	23
Brewster	0
Crane	9
Culberson	3
Ector	23
Glasscock	33
Howard	20
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	17
Martin	45
Midland	29
Mitchell	0
Pecos	7
Presidio	0
Reeves	32
Sterling	4
Ward	21
Winkler	6

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	8
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	8
Garza	1
Hale	1
Hockley	2
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	6
Terry	2
Yoakum	6
TEXAS TOTAL	382

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	0
Eddy	42
Lea	307
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	72

MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES

Producers race to find Eagle Ford's sweet spots

■ Operators are playing it cagy about where they think it's good and what they're doing to make it produce

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

GONZALES COUNTY — The best spots in the Eagle Ford Shale play were a closely guarded secret a few years ago as oil and gas companies quietly leased thousands of acres.

Today, the word is out.

It's spreading though corporate regulatory filings, word-of-mouth gossip and data tracked by everyone from industry analysts to government regulators.

Even though companies have largely locked in their acreage, an intense race to find the sweetest spots means that nearly as soon as an oil and gas company hits a good well, other companies cluster drilling rigs nearby — often within sight of each other — to try to replicate the results.

The roar of the truck traffic, the tedious lines at the convenience store or the roustabout's dust-caked boots are a visible sign of what's happening a mile or more below the surface as companies use horizontal fracturing to break open shale rock and release trapped hydrocarbons.

The counties inundated by the most workers and 18-wheelers are also the most profitable for oil and gas companies.

The Eagle Ford Shale reaches across 25 Texas counties. But more than 60 percent — 141 of the play's 227 drilling rigs — are operating in five counties: La Salle, Karnes, McMullen, Gonzales and DeWitt, according to the Baker Hughes Rig Count, a barometer of the health of the drilling industry and an indicator of where companies are most interested in drilling

Rigs are clustering along the Gonzales-Karnes county line, and lining up across all of DeWitt County, except for the southeastern quadrant.

Farther west, neighboring La Salle and McMullen counties have earned a reputation for being what's colloquially called "more oily," producing more crude oil or natural gas liquids than the currently uneconomic dry gas.

La Salle County has the most active drilling rigs of any in the Eagle Ford — 36 as of Nov. 16 — and they are concentrated on the northwest swath of the county. Neighboring McMullen County had 31 drilling rigs, all in its northern half.

"It's an area that for whatever reason is more economically productive," said Harvey Howell, a third-generation, San Antonio-based oilman. "For the sheer volume of dollars you have to pump into this thing, you have to go where you can get the most back fastest."

J. Michael Yeager is CEO of BHP Billiton Petroleum, the Houston-based oil and gas arm of the Australian mining giant that bought Petrohawk Energy Corp. last year for $15.1 billion. Petrohawk was among the earliest companies in the shale play and in 2008 drilled the first successful Eagle Ford well in La Salle County.

BHP is running 30 drilling rigs in the Eagle Ford, and many of those are in DeWitt County.

Eagle Ford wells cost $7 million to $10 million, but Yeager said they pay back within half a year.

"The Eagle Ford has become the most profitable field in the world," Yeager said. "Fifty percent of every well is oil, and we get $100 a barrel for that oil."

Becca Followill of U.S. Capital Advisors LLC said companies operating in Gonzales, DeWitt and Karnes counties have seen initial rates of return higher than 50 percent, with some wells as high as a 70 percent.

"There's always sweet spots in the oil and gas industry," Followill said.

Part of the Eagle Ford's profitability has been practical in nature, including relatively quick access to coastal refineries. Moving oil by rail from the Bakken field in North Dakota can add $10 to $12 to the production cost per barrel, Followill said.

"Infrastructure has been put in place much more quickly in the Eagle Ford," Followill said. "It's a favorable environment and terrain. There's been drilling in South Texas before. It's not like we're going into areas of Ohio where they've never had drilling."

But really, the high profitability all comes down to the rocks.

"I think it's a function of geology," Followill said. "It's nice to have the infrastructure, but it really comes down to the geology."

The Eagle Ford Shale was deposited millions of years ago in the Cretaceous Period when much of Texas was a shallow sea. It's 50 miles wide and extends about 400 miles across the state, from the border to East Texas.

The formation generally produces more oil on its northern arc; more natural gas, or "dry gas" on its southern arc; and more natural gas liquids such as propane and butane in-between. Wells generally bring up a bit of everything.

For now, the Eagle Ford is a liquids play. Depressed natural gas prices have prompted companies to shift drilling to areas of the Eagle Ford that produce a greater percentage of crude oil or natural gas liquids.

The price of crude oil is hovering between $85 and $100 a barrel. Meanwhile, natural gas prices that in 2008 rose above $12 are now below $4 per million British thermal units.

More than 70 percent of the rigs working in the Eagle Ford are drilling primarily for oil, while 23 percent are focused on gas, according to Baker Hughes.

Allen Gilmer, chairman and CEO of Drillinginfo, said the Eagle Ford's quality varies across South Texas, but the five counties with the most drilling rigs are hot spots for a reason.

Gilmer said Gonzales and DeWitt counties are "looking really good for oil."

Karnes County has good oil production in the northwest corner and good natural gas liquids in the southwest corner, and neither in the southeastern corner. But Gilmer said that when dry gas prices rise, southeastern Karnes County will be "the center of all goodness."

"The first places to emerge for economics for dry gas are going to be right in that area," Gilmer said. "Karnes is pretty well-blessed."

Oil production isn't as good in Atascosa County, but picks up again around the La Salle County line. La Salle County and McMullen County are both strong for oil production. And while McMullen County isn't a great area for natural gas liquids, Gilmer said there's a sweet spot for wet gas in the northeastern part of the county.

Most companies are loath to talk about the specifics of their drilling program for competitive reasons.

"They're cagey about where they think it's good. And they're cagey about what they're doing to make it produce," Gilmer said.

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>
> **Jason Gill**, Manager

But information filters out anyway, often through quarterly earnings calls with analysts or by the old-fashioned method: small-town gossip.

Yeager said companies have about 90 days before word spreads about a good well, often through small talk.

Because companies typically drill as close as possible to the edge of their lease line — giving them the ability to drill horizontally across the biggest percentage of their acreage — competing companies often are operating within sight of each other.

Yeager said that as soon as a neighboring operator hears about a good well, "that SOB is right up next to your well. They're right there," he said.

Some of the most specific information on operations can be found in the quarterly reports filed by publicly traded companies or in company conference calls with investment analysts.

In a Nov. 6 call with analysts, David Roberts, chief operating officer and executive vice president of Marathon Oil Corp., said the company was running 18 drilling rigs in the Eagle Ford and four full-time fracking crews, and that half of the company's activity is in Karnes County, a quarter is in DeWitt or Gonzales counties.

"So the three core counties is where we do most of our work," Roberts said.

Roberts called the Eagle Ford a "company maker" and said it's "some of the best real estate in North America, if not the world today."

The company's third-quarter report noted that one of its Gonzales County wells reached a production level of 6,275 barrels per day, and of that, 4,646 barrels were oil and natural gas liquids.

EOG Resources holds the largest acreage position in the Eagle Ford, including more than 570,000 acres in the oil window, according to Hart Energy, and has said this year in calls with analysts that it completed 28 "monster wells" in a six-month period, which it defines as having initial production rates from 2,500 and 4,800 barrels of oil per day, plus gas and natural gas liquids.

In Gonzales County, one of its wells tested at 4,598 barrels of oil per day. The company said it expects to shift more resources to the Eagle Ford and Bakken next year because those are "black oil" plays.

As companies focus on those sweet spots for production and profitability, it's driving a frenzy of logistics activity. Trains and trucks are moving supplies and oil, while processing plants and thousands of miles of pipelines are being built to move natural gas.

DeWitt County Judge Daryl Fowler thinks of Cuero as the divide between quiet, rural life and frenzied oil field activity. "Everything west of there is wet liquids, which is what they're after," Fowler said. "The natural gas is on the east side of that line."

He estimates, based on the more than $71 million in state severance taxes paid by DeWitt County producers in six months this year, that the county produced something in the neighborhood of $1 billion in oil and gas.

Near Harwood in northern Gonzales County, the oil field activity is evident in the wail of a train's whistle and the clink that echoes through the yard as contract workers sledgehammer new track into place.

Since last summer, the Texas, Gonzales and Northern Railway Co. has doubled its track to 25 miles. The rail line still moves traditional commodities such as grain and chickenfeed, but now it's also moving fracking sand — and lots of it. The rail line has gone from three employees to 30 to handle the volume, and several oil field service companies such as Halliburton have built facilities there.

"This will all be filled up with tracks and warehouses," manager Jason Gill said, gesturing to a grassy area that still looks more ranch than industrial site. "This is a good place. You wouldn't have thought it a few years ago."

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices Price per MMBtu	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 12/19/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:....	$3.696	$3.320	$3.127
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:.....	$3.610	$3.265	$2.960
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:.....	$3.553	$3.338	$2.934
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:.....	$3.570	$3.280	$2.973
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:.....	$3.560	$3.285	$3.000
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:.....	$3.5763	$3.233	$2.940
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:.....	$3.654	$3.2652	$3.003

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Concho County

PATTON EXPLORATION, INC. WILDCAT (O) DRILL Well# 1 BEN SIMS, 384 FWL 3081 FNL, SEC 52, C GUNTHER SUR., A-311 4400', 2 NW PAINT ROCK

Menard County

CALLAN OPER. CO., LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BRYANT, 298 FSL 2095 FEL, SEC 7, BS&F SUR., A-139 2000', 9 NE MENARD

Schleicher County

SWARTZ OIL COMPANY WILDCAT (O) DRILL Well# 1 HOLT, 2245 FWL 1925 FNL, SEC 4 BLK I, GH&SA/EW LOFTON SUR., A-830 2500', 22 NE ELDORADO

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Pecos County

ESCONDIDO RES. II, LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 5801 LYLES DHI, 2315 FNL 1686 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 2, CCSD&RGNG/ J WAKEFIELD SUR., A-6201 12000', 21 SW SHEFFIELD

Winkler County

EXCHANGE AVENUE PROD. CO. WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 MORTON 11, 1813 FNL 614 FEL, SEC 11 BLK B12, PSL/T MORTON SUR., A-1705 12000', 4 SE WINK

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Crosby County

HARBOR PETRO., LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ADAMS, 467 FWL 467 FSL, MORRIS CSL/LEAGUE 3/ LABOR 13 SUR., A-276 7500', 3 SW RALLS

Gaines County

TRIUMPH EXPLORATION, INC. WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 NIX, 467 FWL 2173 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A13, PSL/ HC WHITFIELD SUR., A-1452 11500', 18 W SEMINOLE

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Trigg 5 Federal Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 5 T16S R31E; 3020/N & 154/W; 10 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 12758 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40745

COG Operating LLC
Trigg 6 Federal Com #6
Wildcat; Sec 5 T16S R31E; 2959/N & 38/W; 10 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 12591 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40744

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Prickly Pear 6 Federal #4
Wildcat; Sec 6 T20S R35E; 270/N & 1130/W; 15 mi NE Halfway; Rot 11060 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40778

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #1
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 330/S & 585/W; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 14231 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40762

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #2
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 330/N & 735/W; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15482 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40763

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #3
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1905/W; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 14235 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40764

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Headed east for the holidays? Stop in at Rawhide Vistas on Possum Kingdom

Having a relaxing lake retreat may have always been your dream. But when do you find time to locate that perfect place, where you can relax, enjoy the water and retreat from the cares of the world?

Here's a solution: If you're headed toward the Metroplex for the holidays, why not make a brief detour to Possum Kingdom Lake and experience first-hand the joys of Rawhide Vistas?

You'll be following in the footsteps of Henry Belding, who came to Texas in 1859 and started a ranch on acreage that is now part of the Possum Kingdom shoreline—and the heart of the Rawhide Vistas community.

If you've been thinking of looking close to Austin, instead remember that Yogi Berra's saying would apply there: "Nobody goes there any more—it's too crowded." Stop instead at Rawhide Vistas, part of the Gaines Bend area, which is the oldest private development on Possum Kingdom.

Established it is, yet still wide open. Rawhide Vistas is the first new community in this area in 30 years. It is a planned community within the Gaines Bend property. Henry Belding's great-great grandson, Shawn Gibson, along with Shawn's wife, Peggy, and their investment partners, are excited about this new offering.

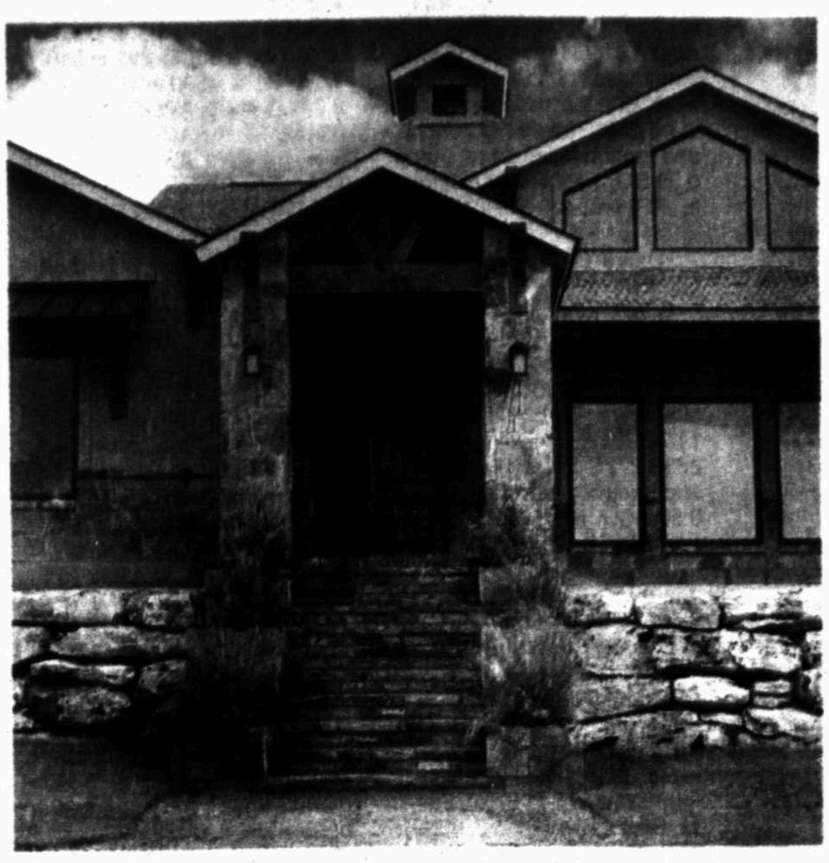
Rest assured, the home quality and the magnificent vistas will be maintained for the future. Home designs all come from the same top-quality architecture firm, which is thoroughly steeped in Possum Kingdom's ruggedly beautiful hills, washes and shorelines. Shawn's partners, PK Land Development, will be building all of the homes. They have been constructing wonderful homes at PK for more than a decade. In fact, *all* of the owners and developers live nearby, so they're really just building their own neighborhood.

Plans include space for protected lake views, parks, green space and more. Each home will be placed on its lot in a way that will maximize the view and protect the view of others. The developers have agreements in place that will protect those corridors for the long term. Landscaped parks and hiking trails are also part of the plan.

Shawn and Peggy pledge that they will maintain that "breathing room," with Rawhide Vistas lots averaging a half acre. There will be plenty of green space, plus a pool complex for the exclusive use of the Rawhide Vistas community. Just 75 homes are planned for this area.

So if you're headed to Big D or Cowtown for the holidays, right down I-20, turn north around Ranger or Thurber/Mingus and nestle into the meandering arms of the Brazos River and Possum Kingdom Lake.

What's the best way to get home from there? Who cares? Stay awhile and breathe deeply the fresh air.



On your way to the Metroplex for the holidays, stop and see this beautiful Brazos Ranch house, one of four naturally elegant designs at Rawhide Vistas on Possum Kingdom Lake. Call 940-659-8011 to arrange a tour.

Call Shawn Gibson at 940-659-8011 or Peggy at 940-779-2461 to learn more. This is a remote area and occasionally the cell phones take a day off to play in the lake; so if you don't get through be sure and call again.

Cardinal Surveys identifies Wolfberry pay zones

Horizontal drilling, hydraulic fracturing, exciting new plays in the Wolfberry—it's all great if you know exactly where your pay zones and water zones are. Cardinal Surveys' TRAC-III Annulus Production Logging can help you see what zones are producing what in beam-pumped wells, and make adjustments that can improve production and reduce water.

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Quantity and volumetric logs allow producers to closely identify production zones to identify the sources of water and of oil.

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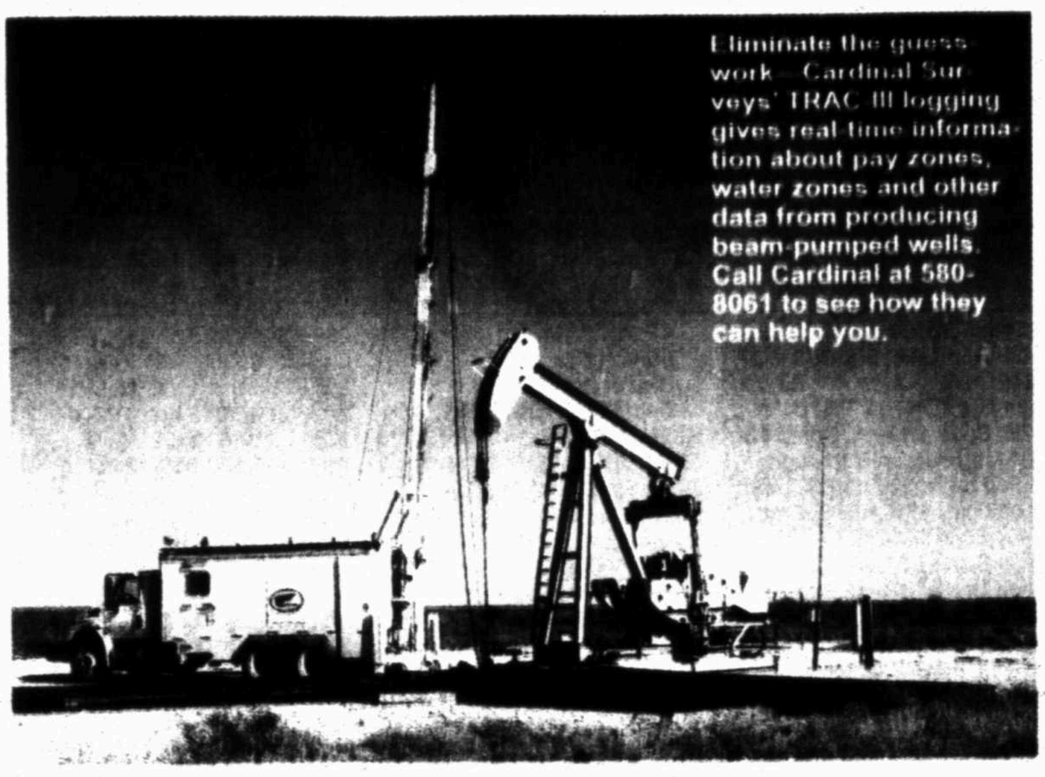
TRAC-III logging is not only useful in new wells, it can help with workovers of depleted wells. Reliable data allows accurate and precise design of remedial workover procedures. This leads to more efficient and cost-effective well recompletions, and, in some cases, results in workover designs that would otherwise be impossible. Knowledge gained from the production log may also lead to different completion techniques for future wells.

Cardinal Surveys has been successfully logging wells since the 1960s. Many other formations benefit equally from real-time production logging.



In fact, case studies prove well performance can be radically improved after workover, including elimination of water and significant increases in hydrocarbon production.

Digital signal processing, digital links to downhole tools, real-time recording and display—all these and more advancements have continued to keep Cardinal Surveys at the forefront of the downhole information business.

Find out what is actually contributing to production, reduce water flow, establish a baseline for a new well—all these uses and more allow TRAC-III logging from Cardinal Surveys to pay for itself over and over during the life of your wells.

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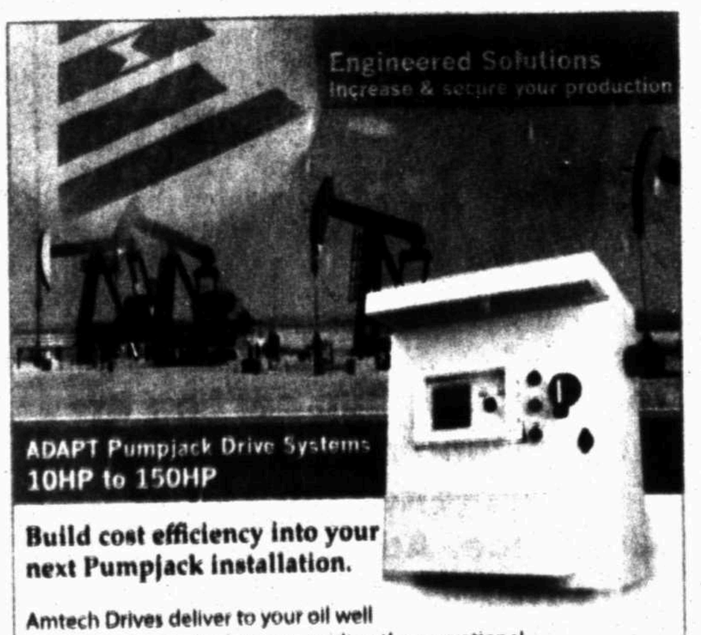

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COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

Lane Operating Company
W.C. Blanks #E18
Jameson (Strawn); 2436 fwl, 10712 fsl, Sec 69, Blk 2, Abst. 223, H&TC RR, 18 nw Robert Lee; TD 6650; Comp 11/23/2012; producing from 6517-6560, fracture stimulated; pump 22 BO, 13 MCF, 50 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-081-32046

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw "H" #124E
Spraberry (Trend Area); 526 fsl, 696 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 9424; Comp 11/21/2012; producing from 5411-8930, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 25 BO, 80 MCF, 86 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37865

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Cat Claw "B" #63C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 525 fnl, 2005 fwl, Sec 63, Blk 1, Abst. 502, T&P RR, 15 ne Big Lake; TD 9015; Comp 11/22/2012; producing from 5105-8597, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 41 BO, 82 MCF, 88 BW, 38.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37466

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "15 SW" #3
Fuhrman-Mascho; 589 fnl, 1171 fel, Sec 15, Blk 10, ULS, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4782; Comp 11/18/2012; producing from 4340-4478, treated with acid; pump 27 MCF, 256 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-44686

Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
Goldsmith Sa n Andres Unit #2154
Goldsmith; 7181 fnl, 8924 fel, Sec 14, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 794, T&P RR, 2.4 se Goldsmith; TD 4450; Comp 12/6/2012; producing from 4093-4131, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 156 BO, 80 MCF, 3773 BW, 37.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41936

Glasscock County

Jupiter Energy LLC
Calverley "29" #1
Garden Cithy West (Wolfcamp 7880); 1080 fsl, 1128 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 231, T&P RR, 5 nw Garden City; TD 8035; producing from 7416-7500, treated with acid, pump 10 BO, 40 BW, 39.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-32682

Howard County

Apache Corporation
Cathey "6" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2391 fnl, 778 fel, Sec 6, Blk 29, T-1-N, Abst. 1369, T&P RR, 10 ne Coahoma; TD 8574; Comp 11/20/2012; producing from 5818-8430, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 58 BO, 23 MCF, 173 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37110

Mitchell County

Sharp Image Energy Inc.
EZJ Ranch "A" #2
Ray Albaugh (Wolfcamp); 467 fsl, 1268 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 19, Abst. 948, TJ & JJ Tucker, 10.5 s Westbrook; TD 5650; Comp 11/30/2012; producing from 5372-5382, treated with acid; flow 42 BO on 8/64 inch choke, FTP 500 psi, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35685

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #1684
Ward-Estes North; 12935 fsl, 9689 fwl, Sec 3, Blk O, Abst. 121, G&MMB&A, 5 w Monahans; TD 2823; Comp 11/30/2012; producing from 2440-2597, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 0.50 BO, 1 MCF, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36049

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
G.W. O'Brien et al #1934
Ward-Estes North; 15595 fsl, 2888 fel, Sec 18, Blk F, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 7 w Monahans; TD 3080; Comp 11/28/2012; producing from 2638-2726, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 0.50 BO, 1 MCF, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36225

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

W.B. Osborn Oil and Gas Operations
Clayton #3201
Good Northeast (Canyon Reef); 600 fwl, 1119 fnl, Sec 32, Blk 32, T-4-N, Abst. 923, T&P RR, 12.3 sw Gail; TD 8196; Comp 11/30/2012; producing from 8164-8170, treated with acid; flow 100 BO, 30 MCF on 12/64 inch choke, FTP 410 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-033-32220

Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell Clearfork Unit #512
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 1480 fnl, 4599 fwl, Sec 492, Blk G, Abst. 927, G&MMB&A, 8.2 sw Denver City; TD 7905; Comp 11/27/2012; producing from 6520-7713, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 72 BO, 524 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37672

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Calgary Federal #3
Round Tank; Sec 25 T15S R28E; 990/N & 330/E. BHL: 930/N & 1630/W; EL 3697 GL, TD 6131; Spud 3-27-12, Comp 6-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 3400-6050. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals + 1053 bbls 15% acid, Frac w/2577 bbls slickwater, 33424 bbls B Frac crosslined gel, 15479# 100 mesh, 562,543# brown sd. IP: 7-2-12 Pump 24 hrs 111 BO, 650 BW, 121 MCF, GOR 1000, Gty 34.9. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 460 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6131 w/1370 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2397; API #30-005-64152

Eddy County

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
Crow Flats 14 16 28 USA #2
Crow Flats; Sec 14 T16S R28E; 1980/N & 10/W. BHL:1964/N & 345/E; EL 3575 GL, TD 11100 MD, 6604 TVD; Spud 4-22-12, Comp 6-14-12; production is through treated perfs: 6766-10549. Treat: 35,989 bbls clean fluid, 61,586 bbls acid, 1,726,958 bbls proppant. IP: 7-8-12 Flow 24 hrs 456 BO, 216 BW, 517 MCF, 48 Ch, 380 CH. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 365 w/500 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2000 w/950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6860 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6416; API #30-015-39945

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 26 P Federal #5
NE Red Lake; Sec 26 T17S R27E; 990/S & 730/E; EL 3564 GL, TD 4607, PBTD 4548; Spud 10-20-11, Comp 11-23-11; production is through treated perfs: 3283-3555, 3579-3769, 3819-4058, 4131-4478. Treat: 6888 gals 7.5% HCL & 249,861# 16/30 Brady & 71449# 16/30 siber prop sd in xlinked gel. IP: 12-26-11 Pump 24 hrs 116 BO, 387 BW, 80 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 383 w/480 sx, 8 5/8 @ 391 w/210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4590 w/1056 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4435; API #30-015-39452

Apache Corp.
APACHE CORP D State #68
Artesia; Sec 36 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 330/W; EL 3668 GL, TD 4647, PBTD 4500; Spud 3-21-12, Comp 5-14-12; production is through treated perfs: 4125-4555. Treat: 3500 gals acid, 161,790 gals 20#, 205,347# sd, 3940 gals KCL. IP: 6-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 135 BO, 454 BW, 44 MCF, GOR 326, Gty 37.5. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 418 w/420 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4647 w/1140 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4480; API #30-015-39741

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #63
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 330/S & 2275/W; EL 3669 Gl, TD 5100, PBTD 5058; Spud 6-20-12, Comp 8-25-12; production is through treated perfs: 4550-4950. Treat: 155,694 gals 20#, 185,000# sd, 3890 gals acid, 4410 gals gel. IP: 9-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 22 BO, 230 BW, 72 MCF, GOR 3273, Gty 38.7. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 500 w/350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5100 w/790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5027; API #30-015-40118

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #583
Dodd; Sec 11 T17S R29E; 915/S & 400/W. BHL: 990/S & 10/W; EL 3625 GL, TD 4610, PBTD 4448; Spud 5-16-12, Comp 6-19-12; production is through perfs: 4100-4350. IP: 7-2-12 Pump 24 hrs 167 BO, 269 BW, 192 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 263 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1128 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4598 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4424; API #30-015-39602

LRE Operating LLC
Staley State #6
NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 1960/S & 990/W; EL 3594 GL, TD 4766, PBTD 4706; Spud 1-14-11, Comp 12-23-11; production is through treated perfs: 3269-3507. Treat: 10,668 gals 15% NEFE, Frac w/404,806# 16/30 & 94,124# 16/30 Super LC sd in 20# X-linked Gel. IP: 1-9-12 Pump 24 hrs 18 BO, 315 BW, 24 MCF. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 430 w/375 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4749 w/1050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4593; API #30-015-37056

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #59
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 900/S & 1650/W; EL 3676 GL, TD 5100, PBTD 5060; Spud 6-5-12, Comp 7-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 3590-4116. Treat: 159,558 gals 20#, 193,863# sd, 3504 gals acid, 3442 gals gel. IP: 8-6-12 Pump 24 hrs 137 BO, 372 BW, 102 MCF, GOR 1328, Gty 36.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 508 w/320 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5100 w/790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4258; API #30-015-40111

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #566
Dodd; Sec 11 T17S R29E; 2310/S & 2310/E; EL 3635 GL, TD 4591, PBTD 4534; Spud 5-23-12, Comp 6-22-12; production is through treated perfs: 4112-4350. Treat: Acdz w/3074 gals 15% acid, Frac w/108,267 gals gel, 112,481# 16/30 brown sd, 13,915# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 6-28-12 Pump 24 hrs 22 BO, 323 BW, 68 MCF, GOR 3090, Gty 32.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 306 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1172 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4581 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4446; API #30-015-39695

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #530
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 2310/N & 1043/E. BHL: 2399/N & 764/E; EL 3634 GL, TD 4610 MD, 4596 TVD, PBTD 4551 MD, 4551 TVD; Spud 5-16-12, Comp 6-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 4200-4450. Treat: Acdz w/2,500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/101,002 gals gel, 98,750# 16/30 brown sd, 9,930# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 6-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 56 BO, 276 BW, 113 MCF, GOR 2018, Gty 38.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 307 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1082 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4598 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4511; API #30-015-39519

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #640
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 330/S & 1670/E; EL 3604 GL, TD 4581, PBTD 6-20-12; Spud 5-6-12, Comp 6-20-12; production is through perfs: 4100-4350. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/114,211 gals gel, 102,787# brown sd, 17,654# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 7-3-12 Pump 24 hrs 97 BO, 188 BW, 71 MCF, GOR 732, Gty 38.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 307 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 961 w/500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4472; API #30-015-39912

COG Operating LLC
Yale State #26
Mar Loco; Sec 2 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 870/W; EL 3746 GL, TD 6178, PBTD 6120; Spud 9-29-11, Comp11-12-11; production is through treated perfs: 4610-4860, 4990-5240, 5310-5560, 5630-5880. Treat: Adz w/13,500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/495,229 gals gel, 579, 723# 16/30 white sd, 1114,411# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 11-19-11 Pump 24 hrs 55 BO, 39 BW, 140 MCF, GOR 2545, Gty 38.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 463 w/1050 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1376 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6168 w/1650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5607; API #30-015-38492

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #71
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 2210/N & 2410/W; El 3739 GL, TD 6045, PBTD 5995; Spud 7-22-11, Comp 9-15-11; production is through treated perfs: 5213-5602. Treat: 2500 gals 15% NEFE, Frac w/967,932 slickwater, 27,368# 100 mesh, 295,112# 40/70 sd. IP: 9-23-11 Pump 24 hrs 245 BO, 1469 BW, 475 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 375 w/550 sx, 7 @ 6045 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5074; API #30-015-39210

Chevron USA Inc.
Tex Mack 11 Federal #42
Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 2047/N & 990/E. BHL: 1660/N & 980/E; EL 3967 GL, TD 7020 MD, 6999 TVD, PBTD 6950 MD, 6929 TVD; Spud 11-25-11, Comp 1-6-12; production is through treated perfs: 5330-5580, 5760-5960, 6030-6230, 6300-6550. Treat: Acdz w/11,250 gals 15% HCl, Frac w/440,873 gals gel, 527,113# 16/30 white sd, 114,701# 16/30 CRC. IP: 6-28-12 Pump 24 hrs 22 BO, 323 BW, 68 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 734 w/750 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1962 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7012 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6343; API #30-015-39311

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #814
Mar Loco; Sec 23 T17S R31E; 2215/S & 555/E. BHL: 2296/S & 972/E; EL 3880 GL, TD 6740, PBTD 6681; Spud 3-18-12, Comp 4-17-12; production is through treated perfs: 5195-5345, 5670-5960, 6110-6310, 6380-6580. Treat: Acdz w/7400 gals 15% acid, Frac w/431,945 gals gel, 525,577# 16/30 white sd, 101,607# SLC. IP: 4-23-12 Pump 24 hrs 39 BO, 386 BW, 125 MCF, GOR 3205, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 615 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1850 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6728 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6539; API #30-015-38379

Oxy USA WTP LP
Smokey Bits State Com #5
Benson; Sec 36 T18S R30E; 330/S & 330/W. BHL: 660/S & 330/E; EL 3514 GL, TD 12945, PBTD 12890; Spud 5-23-12, Comp 7-26-12; production is through treated perfs: 9572-12852. Treat: Frac w/1,471,822 gals gel, 24,000 gals 15% acid, 1,643,214# CRC sd. IP: 8-12-12 Pump 24 hrs 1065 BO, 908 BW, 575 MCF, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 497 w/615 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4009 w/1480 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12942 w/1940 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7593; API #30-015-40070

Stephens & Johnson Operating Co.
East Millman Unit #242
East Millman; Sec 14 T19S R28E; 660/N & 574/E; El 3417 KB, TD 2715, PBTD 2685; Spud 3-22-12, Comp 5-10-12; production is through treated perfs: 2201-2485. Treat: 108,909 gals 10# brie, 1000# 20/40 sd, 11,410# LiteProp 108, 4000# Super LC 20/40 sd. IP: 5-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 58 BO, 197 BW, 75 MCF, GOR 1293, Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 300 w/200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 2699 w/600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2543; API #30-015-39961

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Zia AHZ Federal Com #2
Getty; Sec 13 T20S R29E; 983/N & 2490/W. BHL: 750/N & 2279/E; EL 3325 GL, TD 12900, PBTD 12760; Spud 6-13-12, Comp 8-7-12; production is through treated perfs: 8610-12775. Treat: 34729 bbls 20# Borate X-link, 1,609,601# 20/40 Jordan, 364512# 20/40 Super LC. 17,000 gals 7.5% acid. IP: 8-13-12 Pump 24 hrs 239 BO, 1874 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 300 w/840 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1498 w/1160 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3600 w/1045 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12801 w/1360 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7885; API #30-015-40404

Oxy USA Inc.
Goodnight 26 Federal #1
South Laguna Salado; Sec 26 T23S R29E; 1803/S & 31/E. BHL 400/S & 660/W; EL 3072 GL, TD 14266 MD, 8897 TVD, PBTD 14139 MD, 8903 TVD; Spud 4-13-12, Comp 7-29-12; production is through perfs: 9408-14101. IP: 8-20-12 Flow 24 hrs 468 BO, 307 BW, 659 MCF, 22/64" Ch, TP 650. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 340 w/440 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3096 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14236 w/3720 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8240; API #30-015-40007

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #18
Hay Hollow; Sec 17 T26S R28E; 330/N & 330/E. BHL: 394/S & 588/E; EL 3061 GL, TD 17753, PBTD 17749; Spud 5-5-12, Comp 9-11-12; production is through treated perfs: 8256-17381. Treat: Acdz w/135529 gals 7.5%, Frac w/6843200# sd & 5910729 gals fluid. IP: 9-16-12 Flow 24 hrs 721 BO, 3733 BW, 1236 MCF, TP 300, CP 1030. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 426 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2402 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17753 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7802; API #30-015-39999

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #20
West Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 2254/N & 2310/E; EL 4095 GL, TD 7126, PBTD 7071; Spud 6-13-12, Comp 7-13-12; production is through treated perfs: 5550-5712, 5985-6210, 6270-6495, 6550-6775. Treat: Acdz w/10,548 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/325,384 gals gel, 391,553# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 85,258# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 8-11-12 Pump 24 hrs 88 BO, 381 BW, 159 MCF, GOR 1807, Gty 36.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 819 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2164 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7116 w/1300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6697; API #30-025-40568

Mack Energy Corp.
Magpie State #1
Airstrip; Sec 26 T18S R34E; 1980/N & 330/W; EL 3997 GL, TD 13,713, PBTD 13,631; Spud 4-8-12, Comp 8-13-12; production is through treated perfs: 10490-13620. Treat: Frac w/25,018 bbls 25# cross link, 6293 bbls slickwater, 817 bbls 7.5% acid, 925,103# white sd 30/50, 788,140# resin coated sd. IP: 8-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 311 BO, 450 BW, 152 MCF, GOR 488, Gty 39. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1791 w/1450 sx, 7 @ 9948 w/1750 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9323-13713 w/426 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9269; API #30-025-40426

Roosevelt County

Marshall & Winston Inc.
Hometown 13 #1
Kizer; Sec 13 T6S R34E; 380/S & 330/W. BHL: 410/S & 4976/W; EL 4292 Gl, TD 8653, PBTD 8609; Spud 5-20-12, Comp 7-23-12; production is through treated perfs: 4265-8590. Treat: Acdz w/4000 gals 7.5% acid + 400 BFW, Frac w/611 BFW + 39,984 15% acid + 303,892# 20/40 sd. IP: 8-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 63 BO, 955 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 3422 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 8653 w/1845 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2100; API #30-041-20950

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Coke County

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE (CAMBRIAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 309 JL BRUNSON C, 5239 FNL 1282 FWL, SEC 331, N EASTLAND SUR., A-134 5700', 2 SW BRONTE

SPECIAL ENERGY CORP. FORT CHADBOURNE (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 THEODORE, 5383 FNWL 467 FSWL, SEC 302, F SOSO SUR., A-1108 5700', 11 NE BRONTE

Concho County

JASPER ENERGY, INC. ARENA (KING SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 RABON, 3306 FNL 475 FWL, SEC 4, JM GIBBS/LF BROWN SUR., A-1683 2300', 7 SW EDEN

Crockett County

JOE MCGUFFIN, JR. WYATT (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 TODD 68, 2163 FWL 859 FNL, SEC 68 BLK UV, GC&SF/JS TODD SUR., A-5514 1500', 17 NW OZONA

Irion County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TEAGUE 6, 467 FNL 2400 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-1206 2000', 17 NW SAN ANGELO

EOG RESOURCES, INC. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5017H MAYER, 2417 FNL 788 FEL, SEC 50, WC/PG HOLMES SUR., A-1222 6700', 2 NW BARNHART

EXCO RESOURCES, INC. SUGG RANCH (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SUGG FARMAR 7A, 2169 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 6, H&TC SUR., A-315 8000', 15 NW MERTZON

FORELAND OPER., LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CAPTAIN COLL 15, 2210 FSL 1129 FEL, SEC 15, WC SUR., A-671 9000', 6 NE BARNHART

Menard County

WALSH & WATTS, INC. FERRIS (LIME) (O) DRILL Well# 10 WILKINSON B, 3180 FNL 3200 FEL, SEC 1, JH GIBSON SUR., A-320 4001', 8 NW MENARD

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1803 SRH 18, 467 FNL 1100 FWL, SEC 18 BLK A, LG GEE SUR., A-154 11500', 17 NE BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5F SAU 1-3, 949 FNL 1068 FWL, SEC 1 BLK H, L&SV SUR., A-341 8300', 21 NW BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1716 SRH 17, 2535 FSL 4930 FWL, SEC 17 BLK A, MRS S TAYLOR SUR., A-439 11500', 17 NE BIG LAKE

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 GARDNER 49, 2280 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 49 BLK Y, TC SUR., A-472 11350', 20 NW BIG LAKE

PROBITY OPERATING, LLC PRICE (GRAYBURG) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3 PRO-SELECT SWD, 527 FSL 1912 FWL, SEC 204 BLK 1, T&P/JW SAMSONS SUR., A-409 4000', 3 NE BIG LAKE

PROBITY OPERATING, LLC PRICE (GRAYBURG) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2 PRO-SELECT SWD, 1589 FWL 893 FNL, SEC 225 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-571 4000', 3 NE BIG LAKE

WILLIAMS OIL CO. FARMER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1921 STRAWBERRY, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 192 BLK 2, T&P/U COTTON SUR., A-64 3900', 22 N BIG LAKE

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC SAWYER (N STRAWN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 604 NIKOLAUK, 530 FNL 2160 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A2, C&M/G HUEY SUR., A-1244 8600', 19 W ELDORADO

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3808 FUNK, 330 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 5, H&TC/WL LOCKLIN SUR., A-7190 2000', 18 NW SAN ANGELO

Upton County

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 6003 AMACKER-ALPHA, 1268 FNL 1904 FEL, SEC 60 BLK Y, TC/I MURCHISON SUR., A-583 12000', 9 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

DOMINION OPERATING, LLC BLOCK A-34 (ELLEN) (RE-ENTER)(INJ) Well# 1 WJ UNDERWOOD, 990 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 17 BLK A34, PSL/WJ UNDERWOOD SUR., A-630 13442', 11 NW ANDREWS

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2010 CROSS BAR RANCH, 1980 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ G REIGER SUR., A-793 12000', 23 SE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 24 RANCH 5, 1235 FEL 2354 FNL, SEC 5 BLK A42, PSL/MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2209 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 143 MUNGER NIX, 1619 FSL 1765 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1997 5200', 12 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 9-40, 460 FSL 1783 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 9, UL SUR. 5200', 18 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 9-45, 1320 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 9, UL SUR. 5200', 17 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 37 KING B, 548 FSL 870 FWL, SEC 1 BLK A42, PSL/JE GRIFFITH SUR., A-1120 5200', 7 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 20 RANCH 5, 2080 FNL 1700 FEL, SEC 5 BLK A42, PSL/ MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2209 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 28 MILES, 225 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 2 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1995 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7 RANCH 5N, 748 FNL 1920 FEL, SEC 5 BLK A42, PSL/MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2209 5200', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 35 KING B, 240 FWL 700 FSL, SEC 1 BLK A42, PSL/JE GRIFFITH SUR., A-1120 5200', 6 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 39 BASSEL ETAL, 930 FWL 1530 FSL, SEC 6 BLK A42, PSL/JN NORWOOD SUR., A-1188 5200', 12 SW ANDREWS

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. S BREEDLOVE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 6-48, 682 FEL 2165 FSL, SEC 48 BLK 6, UL SUR. 12000', 19 NE ANDREWS

Crane County

HENRY RESOURCES LLC UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2913 UNIV DEBBIE, 1980 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U77 12500', 9 NW CRANE

HENRY RESOURCES LLC UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2911 UNIV ANISTON, 1980 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 31, UL SUR. 2500', 9 NW CRANE

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC W FORD (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW TPLT, 700 FEL 2200 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 58 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2642 6000', 60 N KENT

Ector County

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 ANNABELLE, 404 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/O CAIN SUR., A-701 7200', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4308E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4301E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4310E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4302E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4313E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 1976 FNL 1830 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4309E LUPIN TXL FEE B, 759 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 42 T3S, T&P SUR., A-153 12000', 11 S ODESSA

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2303 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2646 FNL 620 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-278 6875', 4 SW GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (RE-ENTER)(INJ) Well# B048RW GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1320 FSL 440 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-281 4180', 4 NW GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 CLEVELAND 5, 1610 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-267 11000', 8 SW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 9 CRAIG, 1980 FSL 1767 FEL, SEC 29 BLK 33 T5S, T&P SUR., A-183 11000', 12 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 47N FRYSAK A, 1975 FSL 1035 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-286 10500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LPI-HOCH 32, 1980 FNL 1730 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ WE CHANEY SUR., A-1137 12000', 6 SW GARDEN CITY

McCLURE OIL CO. INC. CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MCCLURE-TXL 11, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 11 BLK 32 T4S, T&P SUR., A-54 9800', 11 E GARDEN CITY

NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN LLC CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 BEARKAT 17, 990 FSL 1850 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 32 T4S, T&P SUR. 10500', 8 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 WITT 24, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ GB CHAMBERS SUR., A-1092 10950', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (FDTFR) Well# 44 KLOH, 660 FSL 1890 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 32, T&P SUR., A-301 8800', 12 SE BIG SPRING

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 GRIFFIN 23, 1127 FNL 853 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-27 9975', 12 NW COAHOMA

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 DENTON 45, 1036 FSL 1088 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 32 T2N, T&P SUR., A-285 10000', 8 N BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 2 LONG 13A, 2330 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 10000', 6 NW BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) DRILL Well# 1 LONG 13A, 467 FSL 2330 FWL, SEC 13 BLK 33, T&P SUR., A-308 10500', 5 N BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 58 SARAH HYMAN, 640 FSL 715 FWL, SEC 113 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-469 4700', 15 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 29 KELLY ROBERTS, 660 FSL 140 FEL, SEC 112 BLK 29, W&NW/PT BLAKE SUR., A-613 5500', 15 SE BIG SPRING

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 8 SETTLES C CITIES, 860 FNL 445 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 32 T2S, T&P/OG JONES SUR., A-1404 4700', 11 SE BIG SPRING

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 NORET JONES, 567 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-322 11500', 14 N BIG SPRING

PARTEE DRILLING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3808 REDFISH, 660 FNL 1780 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/HS BEAL SUR., A-1244 10800', 8 N BIG SPRING

Loving County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BLACKTIP 1-44, 310 FEL 1084 FSL, SEC 45 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-177 16000', 13 NE PECOS

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. GRICE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BERING, 2280 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 76, PSL/WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1116 5000', 13 N MENTONE

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. TWO GRGS(BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 11-19, 400 FNWL 567 FSWL, SEC 11 BLK 19, UL SUR. 11500', 13 E MENTONE

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOLD JOHNSON 58-T1-36, 185 FNL 1213 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 56 T1, T&P/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1141 12750', 9 NE ORLA

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SID M KYLE 26, 467 FSL 2447 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 54 T1, T&P/ CF CARMINE SUR., A-1266 13250', 15 NW MENTONE

Martin County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 5 SCHENECKER 24A, 875 FNL 620 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/D DAVIS SUR., A-715 12000', 12 N MIDLAND

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4503 WILBANKS, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 45 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-324 11500', 16 N STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ALLAR 37A, 467 FSL 1887 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-83 11500', 13 N STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ANNIE FLANAGAN, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 36 T1S, T&P SUR., A-195 11500', 2 N STANTON

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1017 MABEE 139, 1400 FSL 1000 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-389 15000', 15 NW MIDLAND

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1010 MABEE 139, 2639 FNL 1443 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-389 15000', 15 NW MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 DEATHERAGE 23, 467 FSL 767 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 36 T3N, T&P SUR., A-186 12450', 21 NW STANTON

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3014W CROSS BAR RANCH, 660 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/G REIGER SUR., A-951 12000', 24 W STANTON

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 PECAN ACRES 23, 660 FSL 947 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-252 12000', 7 NW MIDLAND

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. HALLANAN (STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4709MR NOA TXL FEE, 839 FNL 1188 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-345 12000', 12 SW MIDLAND

Pecos County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC YATES (O/G)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 37C41 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1687 FSL 1704 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 194, GC&SF/ TF MICKOX SUR., A-6319 1999', 2 SW IRAAN

MARSHALL & WINSTON, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 COMANCHE, 813 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 214, J MCCOLLUM SUR., A-4689 10000', 7 E FT. STOCKTON

MARSHALL & WINSTON, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 COMANCHE, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 214, J MCCOLLUM SUR., A-4689 10000', 7 E FT. STOCKTON

WHITING O&G CORP. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 151 BONEBRAKE 1, 1003 FSL 692 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 109, MRS NU REIZENHOOVER SUR., A-4495 9397', 20 NW FORT STOCKTON

Reeves County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H RED LODGE C20-11, 200 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 11 BLK C20, PSL/AL PREWIT SUR., A-2399 11100', 23 NW PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4802H BIG CHIEF, 267 FSL 1456 FWL, SEC 148 BLK 1, H&TC/ EF ROSENBAUM SUR., A-4916 14000', 27 N PECOS

COMSTOCK OIL & GAS, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H GAUCHO STATE 15, 500 FEL 2140 FNL, SEC14 BLK C7, PSL/R LOWE SUR., A-5951 19500', 9 SE PECOS

COMSTOCK OIL & GAS, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 TRIGGER 40, 517 FEL 530 FSL, SEC 40 BLK 5, H&GN/ JB WRIGHT SUR., A-1362 12500', 6 SW PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CHEVRON MINERALS 19, 1320 FNL 1320 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-696 13500', 14 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CHEETAH 11, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 11 BLK C1, PSL SUR., A-1203 13000', 20 SE PECOS

PATRIOT RES., INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 CHEETAH 11, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 11 BLK C1, PSL/GW DYER JR SUR., A-1203 13000', 19 SE PECOS

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DONALDSON 4-54, 282 FNEL 990 FNWL, SEC 54 BLK 4, H&GN/JW BROOKS SUR., A-5784 12750', 6 NW PECOS

Sterling County

BVX OPERATING, INC. ESTERLINA (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 7901V PARRAMORE, 2700 FNL 1450 FEL, SEC 79 BLK 17, SP SUR., A-981 9100', 17 NW STERLING CITY

BVX OPERATING, INC. ESTERLINA (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 4701V PARRAMORE, 967 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 47 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-109 9100', 17 NW STERLING CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) (37) Well# 61H MERCER B, 520 FSL 470 FWL, SEC 6, M HERRIN SUR., A-87 10000', 20 SW STERLING CITY

Ward County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MONROE 34-222/221 SA, 350 FWL 25 FNL, SEC 221 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-288 16000', 14 NE PECOS

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. MARSTON RNCH(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2 ALLAR-MARSTON, 660 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 9 BLK B19, PSL/HM UNDERWOOD SUR., A-696 5000', 8 SE MONAHANS

ATLANTIC OPERATING, INC. MARSTON RNCH(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 1 DAVID L MARSTON, 660 FEL 660 FSL, SEC 8 BLK B19, PSL/GM UNDERWOOD SUR., A-695 5000', 7 SE MONAHANS

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H TRAUBE 1-11 WRD, 250 FNEL 660 FNWL, SEC 11 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-321 18000', 9 NW BARSTOW

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1943 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 2190 FSL 920 FEL, SEC 19 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-5 3600', 1/2 NE WICKETT

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1942 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 2310 FNL 275 FEL, SEC 19 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-5 3600', 1/2 NE WICKETT

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1944 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 1765 FSL 2380 FEL, SEC 19 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-5 3600', 1/2 NE WICKETT

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1937 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 935 FNL 374 FEL, SEC 19 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR., A-5 3600', 1/2 NE WICKETT

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Borden County

ESTANCIA O&G, LLC BLACKARD (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MSW BROWN/PORTERFIELD, 1391 FNL 2202 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 32 T5N, T&P SUR., A-320 7500', 14 NW GAIL

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP. N CLAYTON RNCH (SPRA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2301 CR G TRACT 3C, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 31 T6N, T&P SUR., A-138 8927', 11 NW GAIL

PRIMEXX OPER. CORP. PEG'S DRAW(SPRABERRY) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1402 CR G TRACT 2, 1073 FNL 1524 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 31 T6N, T&P/ D DORWARD SUR., A-1114 8850', 11 NW GAIL

SM ENERGY COMPANY PEG'S DRAW (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2601H ROY, 2080 FSL 1780 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 31 T6N, T&P/ L HERMAN SUR., A-1149 10000', 11 NW GAIL

SM ENERGY COMPANY PEG'S DRAW (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H DEBBY, 1980 FWL 160 FSL, SEC 2, RM THOMPSON SUR., A-467 10000', 13 NW GAIL

Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3583 CLARK WOOD A (B&S), 5 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3537 CLARK WOOD J, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 3516 CLARK WOOD J, 660 FNL 1125 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

Dawson County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1004 COLEMAN, 475 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ NL WRIGHT SUR., A-697 12000', 1 W ACKERLY

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 GRIGIO, 475 FNL 475 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 36 T4N, T&P SUR., A-146 12000', 2 NE PATRICIA

Dickens County

SCHALK OIL COMPANY, INC. ESPUELA (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MACON UNIT, 1791 FWL 2539 FSL, SEC 283 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-148 5400', 3 NW SPUR

Gaines County

CARL E. GUNGOLL EXPL., LLC WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 HIGG RANCH 456, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 456 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-926 5400', 7 SW DENVER CITY

CARL E. GUNGOLL EXPL., LLC WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 THUNDER 493, 1000 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 493 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-31 5400', 8 SW DENVER CITY

MCELVAIN ENERGY, INC. BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 SW CATTLE COMPANY, 698 FEL 1949 FNL, SEC 406 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ WT EP-PERSON SUR., A-729 6000', 13 NW SEMINOLE

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 6526 DENVER UNIT, 1154 FSL 2350 FEL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 5600', 2 S DENVER CITY

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OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 6543 DENVER UNIT, 1040 FSL 1400 FWL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 5600', 2 SW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 7441 DENVER UNIT, 369 FNL 69 FEL, SEC 52 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-997 5600', 2 SW DENVER CITY

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 1 MARTENS, 335 FWL 2305 FNL, SEC 10 BLK A12, PSL/RO COOK SUR., A-411 7800', 23 SW SEMINOLE

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. S BREEDLOVE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 6-3, 700 FSL 2154 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 6, UNIV LAND SUR. 12000', 27 SE SEMINOLE

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 512 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1480 FNL 680 FEL, SEC 492 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ BJ COCHRAIN SUR., A-927 8100', 8 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 506 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1810 FSL 1460 FEL, SEC 418 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG JL LOFTIS SUR., A-768 8100', 5 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 334 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1180 FSL 1380 FWL, SEC 418 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/JL LOFTIS SUR., A-768 8100', 6 SW DENVER CITY

Garza County

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP. COULTER (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 4 KJJ 167, 1667 FSL 1667 FWL, SEC 167, EL&RR SUR., A-372 6500', 11 SW POST

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP. COULTER (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LMT 5, 2174 FNL 233 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 1, J HAYS SUR., A-563 6500', 12 SW POST

Hockley County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC R & A (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1 LUCCOCK, 3434 FWL 960 FSL, SEC 1, JONES CSL SUR., A-150 8990', 1 S SMYER

S.K. ROGERS OIL, INC. HAMILTON (CANYON) (O) DRILL Well# 4 EULA MC-CORKLE ESTATE, 467 FWL 724 FNL, LAB 24 LGE 26 WHARTON CSL SUR., A-139

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10300', 2 SE LEVELLAND

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP LEVELLAND (O)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 3H MCCOY-YOUNG, 161 FWL 298 FSL, SEC 30, BAYLOR CSL/ LABOR 2 SUR., A-2 4850', WITHIN LEVELLAND

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNDR(CISCO SD) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 MRS JESSIE W BROWN 1, 685 FNL 2062 FEL, SEC 392 BLK 97, H&TC/M DAVIS SUR., A-2672 7250', 8 N SNYDER

KING OPER. CORP. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H EMMA 76 UNIT, 2143 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 76 BLK 2, H&TC/ JM BAILEY SUR., A-1568 9500', 12 NE SNYDER

Yoakum County

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3260W ROBERTS UNIT, 2350 FSL 2370 FWL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3268W ROBERTS UNIT, 760 FSL 1200 FEL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3264 ROBERTS UNIT, 385 FSL 1900 FEL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3263 ROBERTS UNIT, 1530 FSL 2070 FEL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3243R ROBERTS UNIT, 1290 FSL 610 FEL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3261W ROBERTS UNIT, 800 FSL 2530 FWL, SEC 793 BK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3356 ROBERTS UNIT, 1320 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 794 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ OM MCGINTY SUR., A-1583 5500', 8 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3259W ROBERTS UNIT, 1650 FNL 2250 FWL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 10 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3634RW ROBERTS UNIT, 850 FSL 2000 FEL, SEC 797 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-14 5500', 5 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3252 ROBERTS UNIT, 2270 FNL 440 FWL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 10 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3244RW ROBERTS UNIT, 900 FSL 550 FEL, SEC 793 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-12 5500', 9 NW DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #363
Corral Canyon; Sec 33 T24S R30E; 243/N & 84/E; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13363 Delaware; API #30-015-40684

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #349
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 10 T25S R30E; 490/N & 1790/E; 13 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13289 Delaware; API #30-015-40698

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #370
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 1 T25S R30E; 1380/S & 320/W; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14563 Delaware; API #30-015-40699

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #423
S Corral Canyon; Sec 19 T25S R30E; 1750/S & 880/E; 11 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14701 Delaware; API #30-015-40710

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #414
S Poker Lake; Sec 4 T25S R31E; 1250/N & 2025/E; 17 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14014 Delaware; API #30-015-40691

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #415
S Poker Lake; Sec 4 T25S R31E; 2450/S & 2390/E; 17 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14528 Delaware; API #30-015-40692

Murchison Oil and Gas Inc.
Ogden State #7
S Black River; Sec 2 T25S R26E; 350/N & 175/E; 3 mi SW Black River; Rot 2060 Delaware; API #30-015-40696

Yates Petroleum Corporation
Canyon BJL State Com #3
E Pierce Crossing; Sec 6 T25S R30E; 1650/S & 2280/W; 10 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13637 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40680

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Grande Mike AZK St #5
County Line Tank; Sec 2 T16S R29E; 900/N & 200/W; 10 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 7450 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40719

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Grande Mike AZK #6
County Line Tank; Sec 2 T16S R29E; 2150/S & 200/W; 10 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 11848 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40720

Oxy USA WTP LP
Piglet 21 Federal #12
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 445/N & 1865/E; 6 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40716

Oxy USA WTP LP
Piglet 21 State #15
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 1710/S & 1536/W; 6 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40721

Oxy USA WTP LP
Piglet 21 State #16
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 646/S & 460/W; 6 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40723

Oxy USA WTP LP
Piglet 21 State #17
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 1040/S & 1611/W; 6 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40722

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #653
Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 2310/S & 990/E; 5 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40711

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #85
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 1105/N & 2590/E; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6136 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40726

COG Operating LLC
Puckett 12 Fed #8
E Fren; Sec 12 T17S R31E; 190/S & 626/E; 3 mi W Maljamar; Rot 11165 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40737

COG Operating LLC
Puckett 13 Federal #6
Fren; Sec 13 T17S R31E; 36/N & 1627/E; 4 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 11309 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40736

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #645
Fren; Sec 14 T17S R31E; 384/N & 2313/W; 4 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6700 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40727

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #781
Fren; Sec 22 T17S R31E; 1025/N & 15/E; 7 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6714 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40728

Hudson Oil Co. of Texas
Puckett North #16
Maljamar; Sec 12 T17S R31E; 1980/N & 660/E; 3 mi W Maljamar; Rot 4300 GB/SA; API #30-015-40712

Hudson Oil Co. of Texas
Puckett North #17
Maljamar; Sec 12 T17S R31E; 660/N & 660/E; 3 mi W Maljamar; Rot 4300 GB/SA; API #30-015-40713

Apache Corp.
Skelly Unit #847
Cedar Lake; Sec 15 T17S R31E; 1650/S & 1650/E; 5 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6700 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40729

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #56
Cedar Lake; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 2300/S & 450/W; 5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6430 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40730

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Anthill AAK State Com #4
Parkway; Sec 2 T20S R29E; 435/S & 330/E; 15 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12714 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40731

Chevron USA Inc.
Softail BC 26 #1
East Loving; Sec 26 T23S R28E; 330/S & 660/W; 2 mi SE Loving; Rot 10694 Brushy Canyon; API #30-015-40739

Nearburg Production Co.
Irami 34 Federal #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 34 T19S R25E; 330/S & 165/W; 6 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 6083 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40732

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Ringer Federal Com #11
East Sage Draw; Sec 4 T25S R26E; 330/N & 1210/W; 4 mi SW Black River; Rot 13575 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40738

COG Oprerating LLC
Lakewood SWD #1
SWD; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 1220/N & 2490/E; 3 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 8400 Cisco; API #30-015-40717

COG Operating LLC
Lakewood SWD #2
SWD; Sec 9 T19S R26E; 1470/N & 1980/W; 3 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 8400 Cisco; API #30-015-40718

SM Energy Co.
Parkway 35 Federal Com #3-Y
Parkway; Sec 35 T19S R29E; 2090/S & 330/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12521 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40734

BOPCO LP
Big Eddy Unit #246
Williams Sink; Sec 35 T19S R31E; 1215/N & 10/E; 7 mi NW Halfway; Rot 15,766 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40715

BOPCO LP
Big Eddy Unit #248
Williams Sink; Sec 35 T19S R31E; 1175/N & 10/E; 7 mi NW Halfway; Rot 15,861 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40714

COG Operating LLC
Dandelion Wine St Com #1
San Lorenzo; Sec 15 T25S R28E; 190/S & 990/W; 6 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12810 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40724

COG Operating LLC
Dime State #5
Welch; Sec 16 T26S R27E; 380/S & 190/W; 12 mi SE Black River; Rot 12057 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40740

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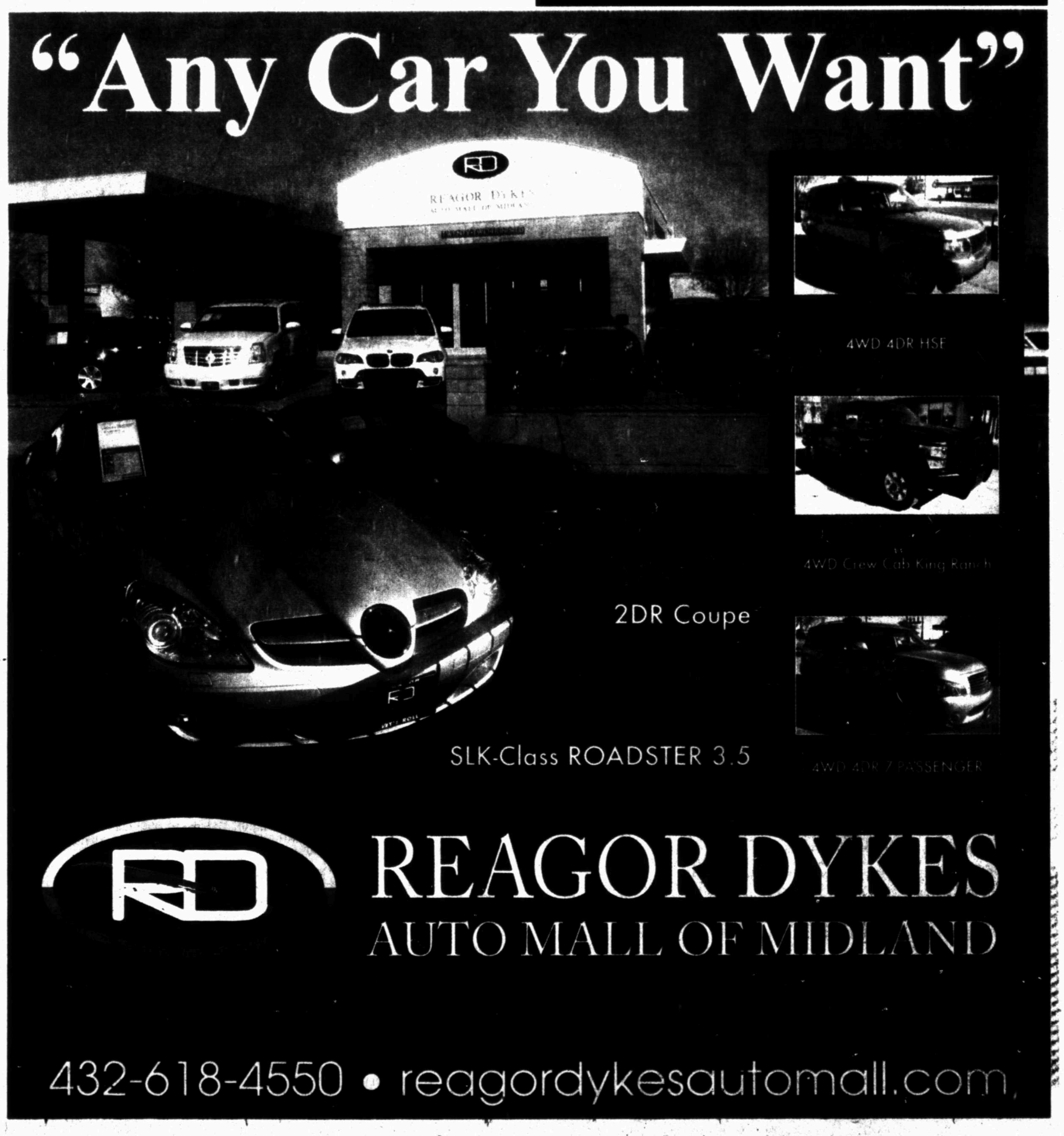

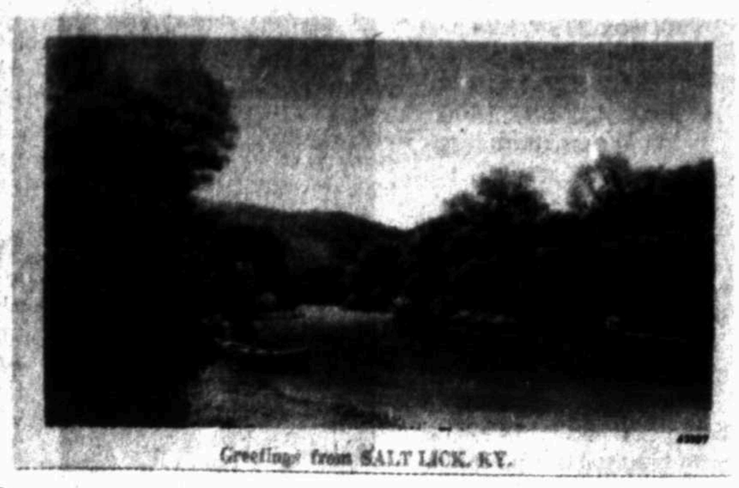

the artistry of POSTCARDS

Exhibit shows family's correspondence through decades

By Georgia Temple
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Words of war, love, death, birth, leisure and travel are captured on the postcards displayed at the Ellen Noel Art Museum through Jan. 13.

"The postcards have been very well-received," Doylene Land, deputy director and curator of education, said of the exhibition, "The Artistry of Postcards from the Greene Collection."

"When people come in and they start visually looking at these and then they start reading the story behind this certain collection, it brings back memories of their own families and vacations and adventures and family history that they've experienced."

The postcards from the Greene collection tell a story of the life of a family from Salt Lick, Ky., during the 1930s to the 1970s. With written communication between lovers, brothers, families and friends a dialogue of life in America begins to unfold.

"The postcards were a personal collection of this collector, and they tell a story of Mr. Earl Greene, who went off to war," said Land. "A lot of them are notes he wrote back to his then-sweetheart, later to become wife, and also back to his family — his brother and his mom and dad.

"He kept all these postcards. He was a constant list-keeper, a keeper of all things ephemera. He loved keeping mileage lists, price lists that normally you would throw away and part of that was all of these postcards. He had them starting from the late 1930s up until the 1970s and even '80s. After he and his wife passed away, his son, Mr. Earl Greene Jr., obtained all of them, so he's the one who actually has the collection."

There was a time when the postcard was the most immediate way for travelers to share their experiences, both visual and written, with people who lived elsewhere.

"Why would somebody pick a certain image and send it to somebody verses another?" Land asked. "So, it really is about the visual as well as

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Les Miserables

Jackman, Hathaway dream a dream in 'Les Miserables'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They've both played superheroes. They've both hosted the Oscars. But what unites "Les Miserables" co-stars Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway most is a deep, some might even say geeky, love of musical theater.

Yes, Catwoman and Wolverine can sing.

Musical ardor does not always burnish the reputations of action stars. But in Tom Hooper's new film of the famed musical, Jackman, as Jean Valjean, and Hathaway, as the unfortunate Fantine, are finally exercising their musical chops on the big screen.

Jackman has made a home on Broadway and won Tony awards, while Hathaway's theater experience is more limited. Both dove into "Les Miserables" with zeal, considering it a chance of a lifetime: Jackman carrying the weight of the lead performance and Hathaway with the show-stopping number, "I Dreamed a Dream."

Both actors shed considerable weight for their roles (it's a gaunter, more hardened Jackman than moviegoers are used to) and Hathaway also had her hair trimmed in an on-camera buzz cut. The film is to be released Tuesday but Hooper's naturalistic adaptation — shot almost entirely with live singing as opposed to the typical dubbing for movie musicals — has already made "Les Miserables" an expected hit. Oscar nominations, including Jackman as best actor and Hathaway for best supporting actress, are widely anticipated. Both received Golden Globe nominations.

Hathaway and Jackman recently sat down to reflect on their similarities, "manning-up" in musical theater and whether they'll ever get the songs of "Les Miserables" out of their heads.

AP: You two each grew up dreaming of Broadway, have

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Dec. 23 - Dec. 29

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SUNDAY

Basin PBS: "Downton Abbey," Season 2, 2p.m. - midnight.

Ellen Noel Art Museum: Exhibits: "Destinations in Painting: From the Kasten Collection through Feb. 24. And: "Art Glass 1880 -1940" From the Becker Collection through Feb. 17. And: "Wish You Were Here: The Artistry of Postcard from the Greene Collection" through Jan. 13. For more information, visit the museum's website: www.noelartmuseum.org or call 432-550-9696. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Admission is free. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged. Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

MONDAY

Midland Arts Association: Features Mary Lambeth with her artwork at the Community National Bank through December. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas Ave.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

The Palette Club: Artwork of Mary Beth Barton on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri Ave., through December. Call Susan May to exhibit your work,634-1795.

Sibley Nature Center: 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes. Call for holiday hours.

Tall City Cloggers: Dances every Monday at M-Squarena. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

Museums closed on Christmas Day.

WEDNESDAY

Basin PBS: Nova: "Building the Great Cathedrals" 8 p.m., "Quest for Solomon's Mines" at 9 p.m.

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. For more information, call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Temporary Exhibit: "Eat Well, Play Well," from The Oregon Museum of Science through Jan. 6. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 432-682-2931 or 432-688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford St., 432-682-5447. Open by appointment.

Midland County Public Library: Exhibit: "Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence" through Dec. 31. Regular hours 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Downtown Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Call 688-4334.

Museum of the Southwest: Exhibits: 15th Annual Christmas at the Mansion through Dec. 29. And: Billy Keen: "Visions of Santa," Lissa Noel Wagner Wing through Jan. 6. And: Contemporary Artist Series 2012, "Tribal Stories" Nathan Youngblood in the Here and Now Gallery through Dec. 29. And: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists Collection on view all year. And: The Sculpture Park with 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 W. University Blvd. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 S. Main St., 432-685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

THURSDAY

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker: 3 and 7:30 p.m. , the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 432-687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email info@acmidland.org.

'Breakfast at Tiffany's' added to US film registry

By Brett Zongker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — 'Breakfast at Tiffany's,' "Dirty Harry" and "A League of Their Own" will be preserved for their enduring significance in American culture by the Library of Congress, along with "A Christmas Story" and some pioneering sports movies.

They are among 25 selections the library is inducting Wednesday into the National Film Registry. Congress created the program in 1989 to preserve films for their cultural or historical significance. The latest additions bring the registry to 600 films that include Hollywood features, documentaries, independent films and early experimental flicks.

The newest movie chosen for preservation is 1999's "The Matrix," noted for its state-of-the-art special effects and computer-generated animation with a style that drew on Hong Kong action films and Japanese anime to change science fiction filmmaking, curators noted.

The oldest film being preserved, "The Corbett-Fitzsimmons Title Fight," dates back 115 years to 1897. Film curators said the boxing movie helped establish the film industry as a successful business, drawing on the sport's popularity and controversy to generate $750,000 in income.

The Librarian of Congress makes the selections each year after conferring with members of the National Film Preservation Board and receiving public nominations. To be considered, the films must be at least 10 years old.

"These films are not selected as the 'best' American films of all time, but rather as works of enduring importance to American culture," said Librarian of Congress James Billington in announcing the selections. "They reflect who we are as a people and as a nation."

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"SECRET AGENT"
By ERIK AGARD

ACROSS
1 To be, to Baizac
5 Perfume oil
10 It __ to me ..."
15 Classic pop favorite?
19 Number on le menu
20 "Next week on ..." ad
21 It's blocked by sunblock
22 Gives the sack
23 "Scenic souvenirs
26 Slow roller on a baseball diamond?
27 Cuddle, in a way
28 Delivered a sermon
29 Little green man?
30 Place for a pin
33 "Eww, more than I need to know"
34 Take exception
36 "Acupuncturist's target
41 One way or another
45 "Malcolm in the Middle" dad
46 Get rid of
47 Egyptian Christians
49 Prefix with cab
50 Flips (through)
53 Oscar-winning foreign language film based on a Fugard novel
56 Sap
57 Fesses up to
58 Memorable tumbler
59 "Nonconformist, idiomatically
62 Browns quickly
63 To-do list items
65 Aptly named fruits
66 Shore flier
67 "Cookies sent from home, say
69 "¿Cómo __ usted?"
73 Apt to mope
75 Sofa cushion concerns
76 Legal right
77 "Repair shop item
81 Old-style "once"
82 One just starting
83 Intense passion
84 Van Gogh masterpiece
86 Totals
87 Fall guy
88 Three-star mil. officer
90 Wheel with a knife nearby
92 __ de Cologne
93 Seventh-inning ritual
95 "Tense subject?
100 Space __
102 Zip
103 "It's the Hard-Knock Life" musical
104 Singer LuPone
107 Didn't go along
110 Guitar parts
114 Et __
115 "British Sunday meal staple
118 O'Brien predecessor and successor
119 Video game plumber
120 Looks for a vein
121 Pierre's South Dakota?
122 Eight-legged team
123 Rhett's last words
124 Actress MacDowell
125 Agents "hiding" in the answers to starred clues

DOWN
1 "House" actor
2 Voyage
3 Puerto __
4 Lauds
5 Earth Day mo.
6 Afternoon ora
7 Brings down
8 Love of Latin
9 Faced head-on, as a challenge
10 To the point
11 Cole Porter's "Well, Did You __?"
12 Put one's foot in it
13 Most miffed
14 Part of MS-DOS: Abbr.
15 "Protected area
16 Teacher's handout
17 Rosemary, e.g.
18 "__ with my little eye ..."
24 Señor's "some"
25 Author Hoag
29 Mess (up)
31 Whines
32 Oldest of the gods, in Plato's "Symposium"
35 Cal. pages
36 Put into words
37 Takeover engineer
38 Composer of the Beetlejuice" score
39 Diminutive
40 Chuck
42 Rattletrap
43 Garfield's pal
44 Building addition
48 Agreeably sharp-tasting
51 "Smokey Bear's bailiwick
52 NYPD ranks
54 Typos and such
55 Fatty-acid esters
56 Soft & __, Dial product
58 MacGyver, so to speak
60 Trendy fleece-lined boots
61 Malt beverage
63 It's often raw
64 Goosebump raiser
67 Target on the green
68 Mouth
70 "Evidently"
71 "Fresh entertainment" mint
72 Eschewed cooking
74 On top of, to poets
76 Abbey title
77 Yields to gravity
78 Bapt. or Meth.
79 Feast of Esther month
80 Nonkosher
82 Certain club restriction
85 Together
86 Cereal box title
88 HDTV feature, often
89 Pulitzer-winning Cormac McCarthy novel
91 Like a McJob
94 Mai __
96 Wednesday's mom, to Gomez
97 Last syllable
98 Fruit discard
99 Thing out on a limb
101 Caesar's land
104 __ Alto
105 Michael's "Family Ties" role
106 Pea piercer
108 Milk choice
109 Leprechaun's turf
111 Mention
112 Sack opener?
113 Boot camp NCOs
115 Soprano Sumac
116 I.M. with plans
117 Employ

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Play it upside down

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 7 5
♡ Q 10 9
◊ 10 8 3
♣ Q 7 6

WEST
♠ K Q J 10
♡ 6 2
◊ Q 5 2
♣ J 9 4 3

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 2
♡ 8 5 3
◊ A K 9 7
♣ 10 8

SOUTH
♠ 3
♡ A K J 7 4
◊ J 6 4
♣ A K 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

One of the basic tenets of declarer play is to protect your trump holding. If you must take ruffs, do so in dummy. Once in a while, though, you must switch your aims. Consider this deal.

The bidding is simple enough, and the opening lead is normal. Declarer won in dummy and was faced with a problem. If he drew trumps he would lose three diamonds and a club unless the club suit breaks evenly, but that is against the odds. Accordingly, declarer planned to make dummy the master hand.

Declarer won the opening lead with dummy's ace and ruffed a spade high. A low trump was led to the nine, and another spade was ruffed high. A trump to the 10 was the entry to ruff the remaining spade and the queen of clubs was the entry to use dummy's trumps to draw the outstanding trump In all declarer scored one spade, three spade ruffs, three trumps and three clubs for a total of 10 tricks. Not surprisingly, this technique of using the table's trumps to extract the enemy teeth is known as a Dummy Reversal.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012:
This year you often represent the best of your sign, and also the worst of your sign. For instance, you endure unceasingly, yet you can't seem to let go and enjoy yourself. Taurus is grounded like you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Many of you might question the materialism of this holiday, yet you enjoy all of the hoopla. Don't be unduly hard on yourself right now. Tonight: Back in the saddle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ A partner challenges you, yet the reason is debatable. Perhaps this person might be acting out. Tonight: Use your charisma.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. Fatigue could affect your perspective. What a perfect excuse to take a nap! Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Enjoy the moment and all the people around you. You could have a lot of ground to cover. Prioritize. Tonight: Let go, and enjoy the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds, and your mood reflects your stress level. Find a few moments alone to ground yourself. Tonight: Help an older friend or relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to a friend at a distance. This person appreciates your thoughtfulness. You might be surprised at unexpected news. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. The concern that will arise between you stems from having two different perspectives. Tonight: Indulge a family member.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others might be contentious and could try to use their manipulative styles to get what they want. Tonight: Say "yes," if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Finishing what others left undone might not be glamorous, but is necessary. Tonight: Treat this day like any other Sunday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges through your choices. You can go with the flow and not be so concerned about others' reactions. Tonight: As a "free spirit" for a day, what would you choose to do?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Stay centered. Choose to stay close to home because it feels good. Tonight: Enjoy the tree and nibble on a cookie while visiting with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep communication open, even if you feel like slamming the phone down. Someone at a distance could be cold and/or distant. Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

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BORN TODAY
Religious leader Joseph Smith Jr. (1805), actress Susan Lucci (1946), singer Eddie Vedder (1964)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Dec. 23-29

TODAY

Holiday lights

ODESSA — Starbright Village, McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road, holds more than 1 million lights that are on from 6 to 11 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The drive is about a quarter of a mile and may be taken by car or on foot. Concessions are available. Admission is free with a $5 donation accepted. Children can visit with Santa from 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, contact Odessa's Parks and Recreation at 432-368-3548

WEDNESDAY

Christmas at the Mansion

Now in its 15th year, Christmas at the Mansion at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

The Southwest Express, a 200-square-foot O gauge electric train, makes its home at the museum and is running through the holiday season. A popular feature of this annual event, the train is fully operational and has interactive moving parts as it makes it way through the land and towns. After Saturday, the Southwest Express will retire for another year.

The facility is filled with Christmas trees and decorated holiday scenes. On display at the Blakemore Planetarium is a Gingerbread Exhibition.

An exhibition of Texas artist Billy Keen's Santa Claus paintings, "Visions of Santa," is on display at the museum through Saturday.

The museum is closed Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

THURSDAY

Nutcracker ballet

The special 20th anniversary production of Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker will be performed Thursday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N Farm to Market 1788. The ballet will feature a new "Dove of Peace," where two dancers become one bird, inspired by the early works of Stanislov Vlasov, original choreographer and director of Moscow Ballet's inaugural Great Russian Nutcracker.

Performances are at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range in price from $27.50 to $68 not including handling charges. Go to etix.com or call the Wagner Noel, 552-4430.

The ballet will be performed to canned music. This season the company is turing 60 U.S. cities.

UPCOMING

On stage

Stephen Schwarz and John Michael Tebelak's musical, "Godspell," will be produced at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., in January. The production is a reprise of the show performed in August at First Presbyterian Church.

The musical will be onstage at 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 5, 11and 12 and 2 p.m. Jan. 6.

Tickets are $15. All are general admission. Doors open to the public 30 minutes before curtain. Tickets will be available at the door 30 minutes before curtain and for pre-sale at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Spirit Creations/Logo Me Loco (Next to Murray's on Wadley Avenue) and Noteables Stationery, 2101 W. Wadley Ave.

Concert

Live on Stage continues its season Feb. 9 with the Masters of Motown at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Single admission tickets are $30. For more information, call 789-1249.

Art show

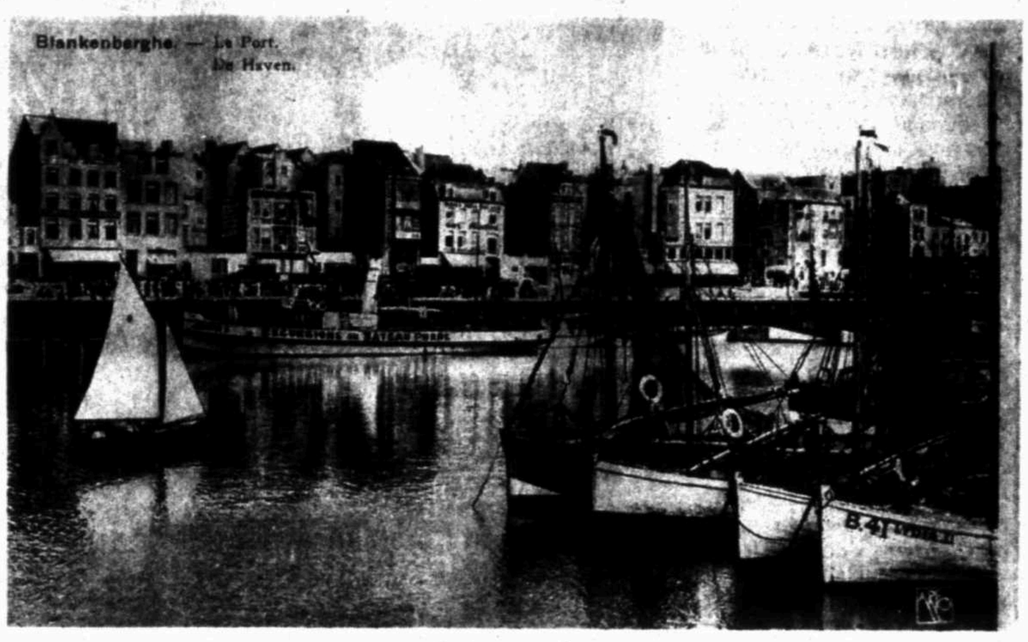
Midland Arts Association's 35th Annual Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for March 28-April 28 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Michael R. Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, is the juror.

Entry deadline is Feb. 1. Categories include oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, fabric, drawing, print making, photography, pastel and three-dimensional. Entries must be appropriately framed, with attached wire for hanging. Size limit is 50x50.

MAA reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate, misrepresented or inadequately framed artwork. Original artwork only from idea to execution completed within the last two years without supervision and not previously shown competitively in Midland.

Anne Hathaway and Hugh Jackman



MUSICAL

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played superheroes and have hosted the Oscars.

Hathaway: One of us successfully.

AP: Do you feel at all simpatico?

Jackman: I've always felt simpatico with Anne ever since we met. When we first started to really work together on the Oscars thing, I instantly loved her. I've been hounding Annie to do any number of films.

Hathaway: (Biting her sweater) It's hard when someone you admire so much says nice things about you. I've just admired you. I think I've probably known about you longer than you've known about me. Hugh was always this myth in the Broadway and West End community. And though I never did a show, I did a lot of workshops and readings and things like that. Everybody had a Hugh Jackman story. Hugh's always been this beacon of light out there, someone who could do theater and film.

AP: What struck me is that in "Les Miserables," from your point of view, you're belting out songs with a live pianist accompanying you through earpieces. But the set is totally quiet. No one else can hear the music.

Jackman: It was a weird set to go on. It was a bunch of crazy people in the rain singing. The good thing about that was, they couldn't tell if you were hitting the wrong key because they couldn't hear the accompaniment.

Hathaway: I really want someone to go and talk to the crew and find out from their perspective what it was like to see dozens and dozens of actors every day standing there looking at the camera and then all of a sudden bursting out into eight-part harmony simultaneously.

Jackman: It was weird how natural it became.

AP: Few films have recorded singing live like this. How does that affect your acting?

Jackman: Acting through song, the way I do it is I take the lyrics off the music sheet and I write them out as dialogue, as you would break down any script — as a series of thoughts and ideas and motivations. That I needed to get under my skin first. And I learned that from Trevor Nunn (the famed theater director and director of the first English-language production of "Les Miserables").

AP: For you, Anne, what was it like the day you performed "I Dreamed a Dream" in a single take?

Hathaway: It came right after I cut off my hair so it was a little bit of an intense one-two punch. It wasn't my favorite scene to shoot just because there was so much pressure of expectation. I had gone to Tom and said I was starting to feel nervous about a week before. He said: "Listen. It's not an iconic song. You mustn't think about it like that. It's this woman's howl. It's her processing what's just happened to her." So I felt very protected; I knew what I wanted to do. But all of a sudden the stakes were raised because there was a camera there and it was going to be forever. I couldn't stop thinking about how if I messed it up how exposed I would feel. So I did the first take and I was so angry with myself because it wasn't good enough. I had really wanted to come out of the gate and just nail it. I dug in a little deeper and we did the second take and it wasn't there and I just thought, "Oh, God." I started the third take and I just said, "No, no. Stop. I'm sorry. The balance, it's off." And that's when I took the earpieces and stuck them in my ears. I closed my eyes and I remember thinking, "Hathaway, if you do not do this in this moment, you have no right to call yourself an actor. Put aside all that bulls— and just do your job." I opened my eyes and I'm like (snaps figures): "Let's go." And I did it. That was the one that I let rip and that was the one that was in the piece.

AP: You two have seen the awards season play out from multiple perspectives before. With the predictions for you both, what's your attitude going into that process?

Hathaway: On Jan. 11 (the day after the Oscar nominations), if I am not nominated, I do not want to look back and say I missed all of the joy of the "Les Miz" press because I was expecting to get nominated. I am so happy being here today, talking with you about this extraordinary film that I have a small part in. To want or expect more just feels a bit greedy.

Jackman: Being a lover of musical theater, the thought that maybe there is some recognition for the film and therefore the genre, that maybe Tom has found a new way to deliver the genre, to make it feel relevant and immediate — that's exciting. Now it's selfish, but I would like to be in some more.

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ALL THE DETAILS

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When: Through Jan. 13

Where: Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: No admission charged

Info: Also on display "Destinations in Paintings: From the Kasten Collection" through Feb. 24 and "Art Glass 1880-1940: From the Becker Collection" through Feb. 17. Visit the museum's website: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the museum at (432) 550-9696.

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the written."

Subject matter ranges from military and domestic travel, to European destinations and landscape vistas. They provide insight into a society by the specific images reproduced.

The postcards from the Greene Collection provide the visitor with a look at personal stories communicated in an art form that often is overlooked.

"The postcards are important for current and future generations to look at to reflect on these ordinary people living their lives and learning about what happened to them," Land said. "These times were not just about war, but also about the lives of people who loved each other. These postcards reveal the lives of people participating in history but taking time to say things to one another through a visual and a written communication."

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

T.I.
"Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head"

After a lackluster response to 2010's "No Mercy," some questioned whether T.I.'s rap presence was still strong. But the Grammy winner shows he hasn't lost a step, delivering an assortment of quality songs on his eighth album, "Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head."

The self-proclaimed "King of the South" lives up to his billing with one of his best pieces of work, featuring stellar production from Pharrell, No I.D., T-Minus and DJ Toomp, and guest appearances from Lil Wayne, Pink, Andre 3000 and CeeLo Green.

The 16-track album, which was inspired by Marvin Gaye's 1972 album "Trouble Man," details T.I.'s struggles to overcome his continuous missteps. On three interludes, he reenacts some of those moments, including his arrest before the 2008 BET Hip-Hop Awards and when his best friend, Philant Johnson, was killed in a 2006 shootout in Cincinnati.

But despite his mishaps, T.I. is unapologetic to his critics. He's certainly that way on the Jazze Pha-produced "Sorry," featuring Andre 3000, who blesses the track with his superb rhymes.

On the top-notch "Can You Learn," with R. Kelly, T.I. asks his woman if she could support her mate who often finds himself in trouble. Pink's vocals soar on the melancholy "Guns and Roses," while "Trap Back Jumpin'" and "Go Get It" are definite street anthems. The easy-riding "Hello" and "Hallelujah" are standouts, as well.

— Jonathan Landrum Jr./AP

CHIEF KEEF
"Finally Rich"

Rapper Chief Keef made major noise with his omnipresent song, "I Don't Like," but those three words also describe my thoughts on his major label debut.

Unfortunately, the Chicago native fails to follow up on his great single in so many ways on "Finally Rich." He has several good guest appearances with Rick Ross, 50 Cent, Young Jeezy and Wiz Khalifa, and the production is solid with Young Chop helming most of the 12-track set. But it's not enough to save this woeful album.

The 17-year-old rapper's simple rhymes lack creativity and it's a struggle to understand his words. The album, with topics including his menacing character and large stash of cash, is borderline unbearable.

"Laughin' to the Bank" is laughable — and not in a good way. He raps about spending money and using ecstasy on "Ballin'" and on "3Hunna," he raps about his gunplay mentality.

Keef shows some promise on "Kay Kay," but overall, "Finally Rich" is that album I don't like.

Jonathan Landrum Jr./AP

After Grammys diss, Miguel returns with 5 nods

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA — When Miguel didn't receive any nominations for the Grammy Awards presented earlier this year, it surprised many people because he had last year's most popular R&B song with "Sure Thing."

But the apparent Grammy snub didn't derail the 25-year-old singer from Los Angeles. He returned with more impressive work in 2012 and is now up for five awards, including song of the year for his crossover hit, "Adorn."

"I think through that experience I learned, or I was reminded, that all of this is icing on the cake. The real blessing is that people are actually listening to the music," he said in an interview. "I take it in stride and I feel really blessed, and I'm incredibly humbled by it."

"Adorn" hit the No. 1 spot on Billboard's R&B/Hip-Hop songs chart and is a Top 20 pop hit. It's from his sophomore album, "Kaleidoscope Dream," which debuted at No. 3 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart. It's nominated for new category best urban contemporary album, pitting him against Frank Ocean's "channel ORANGE" and Chris Brown's "Fortune."

"I just want to be one of those artists that are pushing those boundaries," he said. "I want to lead people to discover sounds and ideas that they might not have discovered themselves."

Miguel had success with his 2010 debut, "All I Want Is You," which featured the R&B hits "Sure Thing," "Quickie" and the title track. He was also known for his guest appearance on rapper Wale's "Lotus Flower Bomb," which he co-wrote and is nominated for best rap song.

Miguel is part of a new breed of singers from Ocean to The Weeknd who are revitalizing R&B with a soulfully eclectic vibe, meshing some funk and rock while maintaining the traditional R&B sound. Miguel wants to push the genre forward like Marvin Gaye and Prince.

"Growing up, the artists that inspired me took risks and were very unapologetic about their music," he said. "They did whatever they wanted and I admired that. I always wanted to be that type of person."

"Adorn" is also nominated for best R&B performance and best R&B song, where the singer will compete with the two people he's currently on tour with: Trey Songz and Elle Varner.

"I love it," he said. "It says a lot about the tour, right?"

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NOTEWORTHY

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Google launches 'scan and match' music service

Google is turning on a "scan and match" service for Google Music users to store copies of their songs online, offering for free what Apple charges $25 a year for.

The service, which launched Tuesday, cuts uploading time for those who want to save their music libraries online. It scans a user's computer and gives them online access to the songs it finds, as long as they match the songs on its servers. Otherwise, it will upload songs to a user's online locker.

The service is similar to Apple Inc.'s iTunes Match, which includes online storage for 25,000 songs. Google Inc. allows storage for 20,000 songs and allows users to re-download the songs only at the same quality as they were at previously. Apple upgrades songs to iTunes quality.

Amazon runs a similar matching and uploading service called Cloud Player. It costs $25 a year for 250,000 songs. A free version is limited to 250 songs.

TENNESSEE

The Black Keys' Patrick Carney to host radio show

NASHVILLE — Have you ever wanted to sit down and have a long conversation about music with The Black Keys? Well, that's probably not going to happen. But SiriusXM is offering a glimpse into the duo's world as Patrick Carney debuts a new radio show.

The drummer of the Grammy Award winners will host "Serious Boredom," a new free-form monthly show on the satellite radio provider's SiriusXMU channel.

"They asked me if I was interested in doing the show," Carney said in a phone interview. "It never really crossed my mind, but I decided I wanted to do it, to give it a shot. I don't have any format. I can play whatever I want. Being able to play stuff that's interesting to Dan (Auerbach) and I and stuff I'm into at the moment. I think it's a cool opportunity."

Carney kicked off the show Thursday with music he was into in high school, a mix of standard indie rock leavened with Captain Beefheart. Carney hopes to have a theme for each show, airing the first Thursday of each month beginning in January.

DETROIT

Singer KEM provides haircuts for students

Students at a Detroit elementary school have been treated to free haircuts courtesy of R&B vocalist KEM.

The Detroit native arranged for a barber to visit Golightly Education Center recently.

Principal Sherrell Hobbs said 19 boys in kindergarten through fifth grade received haircuts. She said the gesture is another example of how KEM gives back to the community.

KEM hosted a free concert and food drive to benefit Detroit's homeless last year. The Grammy nominee has said his past included drug addiction and being homeless.

Coming Tuesday

Original Broadway cast recording 'Leap of Faith'

Original Cast recording 'Now.Hear.This.'

Nullah 'Endzeit'

Markus Schulz 'World Tour 2012'

Alice Willis 'Childstar'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ALPINE

DECEMBER

23 **Hunter Blain, Richard Jaquez, Ann Russell, Dan Ferguson** @ Music City Mall
26 **Mannheim Steamroller** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
27 **Ryan Beaver** @ Rockin Rodeo
28 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Detour
28 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
28 **Dash Rip Rock** @ Blue Max
28 **Creed Fisher** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Technical Jazz, Ann Russell** @ Music City Mall
28-29 **Loudflinger** @ Hot Shots
29 **Rick Trevino** @ The Bar
29 **Kenny Harrell** @ Rednecks
29 **Bleu Edmondson** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Matthew Rios, Pat Keefer** @ Music City Mall
29-30 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
30 **Justin Langston, WB Quarter, Matthew Rios, Dan Ferguson** @ Music City Mall
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Redneck Drafthouse
31 **Chrome Molly** @ Riley's
31 **The Shades** @ The Bar

JANUARY

2 **Charlie Stout** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4-5 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
5 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Gregg Allman** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
5 **Casey Donahew** @ Dos Amigos
7 **The Sheds** @ Pine Box
9 **Secret Circus** @ Riley's
9 **Black Veil Brides, William Control** @ Dos Amigos
10 **Izzy Cox, WhiskeyDick, Stevie Tombstone** @ Blue Max
10 **Ray Price** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
11 **Tejas Brothers** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Austin English and the Resurrection** @ Redneck's
11-12 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
12 **Ignite 454, New Days Dawn, Nightmare Canvas** @ Fast Freddy's
12 **Run Home Jack** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Vince King** @ Ector Theatre
12-13 **Diamond Dust** @ Riley's
15 **B.B. King** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
17 **William Clark Green, Kyle Bennett Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
18 **Stoney LaRue** @ Graham's
18 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Willie Stradlin** @ Redneck's
18-19 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Escape Lounge
18-19 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
19 **John Evans Band** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **The Continuums, Sam From Amsterdam** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks III** @ Wagner Noel Performmning Arts Center
19-20 **Diamond Dust** @ Riley's
20 **The Music of ABBA** (Arrival From Sweden) @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
21 **The Oak Ridge Boys** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **Silver Snakes** @ Pine Box
24 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Rockin Rodeo
25 **Texas Renegade** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Thom Shepherd** @ Redneck's
25-26 **Freeride** @ The Bar
26 **The Shane Rogers Band** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **Falls County** @ Redneck's
28 **Title Fight** @ Pine Box

FEBRUARY

1 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar

LUBBOCK

JANUARY

8 **We Came as Humans, Crown the Empire** @ Jake's
18 **George Strait, Martina McBride** @ United Spirit Arena

FEBRUARY

23 **Old 97's** @ Blue Light

MARCH

8 **The Devil Wears Prada, As I Lay Dying, The Chariot** @ Lonestar Events Center
17 **Bon Jovi** @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

FEBRUARY

15 **Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
16 **Little River Band** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

DECEMBER

23 **Trans Siberian Orchestra** @ American Airlines Center
30 **Trey Songz, Miguel, Elle Varner** @ Verizon Theatre