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Texas House of Representatives assistant sergeant-at-arms Trevor Rice arranges names on the electronic voting board in the House Chambers at the Texas Capitol in Austin on Thursday. The 83rd Texas Legislature convenes Tuesday.

PBPA: Railroad Commission sunset review will be No. 1 focus

By Mella McEwen
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Proposed changes to the state agency that regulates Texas oil and gas activity will be the main focus for the Permian Basin Petroleum Association as the Texas Legislature begins its upcoming session.

"Railroad Commission sunset review will be the No. 1 topic," said Ben Shepperd, president of the association.

Shepperd said this is the second consecutive legislative session in which the commission was reviewed, but "it won't be as controversial this time."

In its 2011 review of the Railroad Commission, the Sunset Advisory Commission had recommended changing from three elected commissioners to one elected commissioner, a proposal opposed by many in the industry.

This time there are no major efforts to restructure the agency other than to rename it the Texas Energy Resources Commission because it has no oversight of the state's railroads, Shepperd said.

The most controversial recommendation is to move hearings from the Railroad Commission to the state's Office of Administrative Hearings, he said.

"We don't agree with moving the hearings," he said. "The Railroad Commission has expertise in administrative hearings, and they need to stay there."

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He said the industry also will oppose eliminating the Oilfield Cleanup Advisory Committee because of the expertise its members offer and which the Railroad Commission needs as it performs its cleanup and plugging duties.

"Some proposals, like resign-to-run (for other offices) and fundraising limitations, we supported in the past, but now we feel they're not necessary," he said. "Holding those officials to a different standard than other elected officials is not reasonable."

Water also will be a major issue during the session, Shepperd said.

"Clearly, we remain in drought conditions throughout the state," he said. "The state is growing; demand is growing. Water planning will be a priority, and we

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Workers prepare the Texas House of Representatives Chambers at the State Capitol in Austin on Thursday.

School budgets likely to dominate Legislature

■ Warren: Look for education bills related to school choice, vouchers during 83rd session.

By Meredith Moriak
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For the first time in recent years, educational leaders in Midland are optimistic about the legislative session, which convenes at noon Tuesday in Austin.

"The economic outlook is much better than it has been in the last two sessions, and with education discussions going around the state and the parental involvement regarding the amount of testing put on our students, I believe there will be a substantial push in eliminating some testing," said Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

Thus far, education-related bills have been filed on issues such as establishing a pilot program under which high school students can accrue prepaid tuition credits through community service activities and requiring governing bodies of colleges and universities to broadcast board meetings online.

Providing a limited, tax-free purchase period for textbooks has been proposed, as well as a bill that would stop districts from using radio identification chips to keep track of students.

The issue of school choice and vouchers is set to be the "hot button" public education issue for the 83rd Legislature, Warren said.

Dan Patrick, R-Houston, chairman of the Senate public education committee, has authored a bill that would provide school choice vouchers to students attending schools that the Texas Education Agency rated as unacceptable.

This is an issue Warren doesn't support, but he knows will drive the session. Rather than moving students from underperforming campuses, Warren said the conversation regarding school choice should focus on giving students and parents more choices about their education.

"Parents and children need more choices regarding their graduation plan, but vouchers will no doubt be the political hot button this year," Warren said. "I'd like to see the Legislature do away with the four-by-four degree plan and instead let parents and students create their own degree plans. To me, that's a lot more expansive than what Sen. Patrick is talking about right now."

Warren also expects the accountability system to be a major issue and said he believes it might be possible to see a decrease in the number of tests students must take to graduate.

As far as money is concerned, Warren

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MPD: Man injured in train accident, charged with DWI

By Tyler White
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A Midland man was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries Saturday evening after a freight train struck his vehicle, according to Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and the Midland police and fire departments responded to the crash at about 5:38 p.m. near the intersection of North Carver Street and East Industrial Avenue.

A witness told police that a man, later identified as Benjamin Oakes, 60, was driving a pickup north on Carver Street and drove through the crossing arms and came to a stop on the railroad tracks, said Higgins said.

Oakes suffered minor injuries after an eastbound train struck the front end of the vehicle.

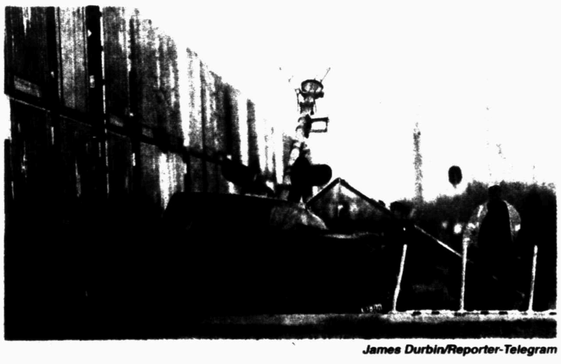
The emergency crossing post received significant damage.

Patricia Hill, who lives in the 1300 block of Davis Avenue, said she heard the crash and ran to assist the driver. She said she did not hear the emergency bells sound at the time of the crash.

"We were trying to keep him alert until the ambulance got to him," Hill said.

Oakes will be charged with driving while intoxicated, Higgins said.

Police are still investigating the crash, she said.



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Midland emergency personnel investigate the scene after a truck traveling northbound on Carver Street was struck by a train Saturday. The driver was the only occupant and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

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■ B.B. King, Jan. 15;
■ MOSC Masterworks III, Jan. 19;
■ The Music of ABBA, Jan. 20; and
■ Oak Ridge Boys, Jan. 21.

Police officer testing taking place Jan. 19

The Midland Police Department is looking to fill vacancies for the position of police officer. At 9 a.m. on Jan. 19, potential candidates will take a physical fitness test and a written examination for the upcoming academy.

All eligible applicants should report to the Midland Police Department front lobby located at 601 N. Loraine St.

The physical fitness test is 30 sit-ups , 25 push-ups, and a 1.5-mile run in at least 14 minutes and 46 seconds.

Those who pass the physical will then take the written test.

Sixty college credit hours are required, but applicants who have fewer still may qualify depending on past years of experience.

The department will also be testing for cadet positions.

For more information, please visit http://www.midlandtexas.gov/departments/police_department/policeofficer.html or contact the Recruiting Division at 685-7590.

Christmas tree still up?

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)

City crews will pick up the trees from the Hogan Park location and haul them to the city landfill for mulching.

The disposal of trees in areas besides the listed sites is considered illegal dumping.

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.

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.

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Santa delivers for High Sky's kids

Brandon Jones, 4, shows off a set of Hot Wheels cars he received from Santa at the High Sky Children's Ranch annual Christmas Party last month. High Sky Children's Ranch, is dedicated to healing abused children and promoting family wholeness, according to its web site. Anyone wanting to learn more about High Sky Children's Ranch can go to its web site — http://highsky.org.

Photo by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Club meetings, support groups this week

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

■ 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.

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ 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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ 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.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m. second Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m. second Tuesday, Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. AND Tuesdays at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave. Weigh-in at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

■ 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.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners , 10 a.m. the second Saturday; 682-1700.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or doc-weathers@suddenlink.net.

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

Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com.

■ 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.

October hotel report for Midland, West Texas

October 2012
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $8,459,509
Odessa: $7,226,282
Lubbock: $7,086,011
San Angelo: $3,314,327
Abilene: $3,194,327

Midland in:
October 2011: $5,318,568
October 2010: $3,830,358
October 2009 $2,542,862
October 2008: $4,331,394

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)

Double Tree	$1,159,806
La Quinta (Wall)	$696,791
Residence Inn	$661,154
Townplace Suites	$583,978
Plaza Inn	$537,242
Holiday Inn Express	$528,367
Courtyard/Marriott	$515,432
Sleep Inn	$420,242
La Quinta (L-250)	$418,676
Best Western	$365,850
Clarion Hotel	$365,741
Hampton Inn/Suites	$363,493
Fairfield Inn	$356,354
Airport Plaza Inn	$182,066
Midtown Hotel	$313,032
Comfort Inn	$312,362
Country Inn	$296,934
Comfort Suites	$283,980
Best Value Inn	$258,354
Value Place	$245,333
W.T Inn/Suites	$231,602
Studio 6	$216,436
Am. Best Value Inn	$183,082
Travelodge Midland	$138,499
Super 8 Motel	$128,994
Victorian Inn	$123,748

Also listed: HB Rentals $224,790

Top in Midland-Odessa

MCM Fundome (O)	$1,201,993
Double Tree	$1,159,806
MCM Elegante (O)	$823,893
La Quinta (Wall)	$696,791
Residence Inn	$661,154

Source: Texas Comptroller

2012 weather report for Midland

Average annual temperature: 67.0 degrees (a new record for Midland)
Typical average: 63.9
Days over 100: 34
Days over 105: 8
Records set for warmest months: 2 (April and November)
Rain in 2012: 12.80 inches
Average annual rain: 14.60 inches

Warmest years on record in Midland
(1931-2012)

Year	Degrees
1. 2012	67.0
2. 2011	66.6
3. 1998	66.3
4. 1946	66.0
5. 1964	65.9

Note: Average temperature is 63.9 degrees

Top 5 daily precipitation records

Day	Inches
1. Aug. 24, 1934	5.32
2. May 9, 1968	4.75
3. Sept. 28, 2012	4.66
4. July 21, 1961	4.10
5. June 24, 1940	3.95

Top 5 daily snowfalls

Day	Inches
1. Jan. 9, 2012	10.6
2. Dec. 11, 1998	9.8
3. Nov. 28, 2001	6.0
4. Jan. 9, 1955	5.9
5. Dec. 24, 2011	5.8

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Wednesday, January 16th, 12:00 pm
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Para información adicional sobre la aplicación y el proceso de identificación, orientaciones se llevaran acabo en el auditorio de Carver Center en las fechas siguientes:
Orientaciones Dotados/Talentosas para Primeria y Secundaria
lunes, 15 de enero, 5:30 pm.
miercoles, 16 de enero, 12:00 pm.
Los aplicacións deben estar a su escuela de origen antes de las 16:00, jueves, 31 de enero 2013.
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Bombing victim grateful for counseling

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — When Carolyn McKinstry hears that young survivors of a mass shooting like last month's in Connecticut are receiving counseling, she can speak to its value through her own experience — or lack of it.

McKinstry was 15 years old when she survived the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., where four girls were killed. It was a key moment in the civil rights movement.

The only time the bombing was mentioned in her own home during the aftermath was when the FBI came to interview her, said McKinstry on Saturday. Still, her parents listened but didn't talk about it. McKinstry appeared at a news conference Saturday about the Investigation Discovery network film about the civil rights movement, "March to Justice," which will air in February.

"My parents didn't ask, 'Are you afraid?'" she said. "It wasn't mentioned ever — at home, at church or at school."

Only many years later did McKinstry learn that she suffered from depression and a form of survivor's guilt. It was heightened by her experience answering a phone at the church just before the bombing where someone said only, "three minutes," and hung up.

While she wished her parents had said something about the bombing, she realized that it was a different time.

Six months after the church bombing, the windows in McKinstry's home were blown out when a bomb went off in the middle of the night across the street.

"I tried to imagine what (my father) would say to me," she said. "He couldn't say, 'Don't be afraid, daddy's going to protect you.' He couldn't say 'This is never going to happen again.' There wasn't anything that he could possibly say that would be consoling."

McKinstry, who lives in Birmingham now and works at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, said she's glad to hear about it when survivors of the Sandy Hook elementary school shooting in Newtown, Conn., received counseling.

"I don't know who came up with it, but I'm so grateful that it's there," she said. "We probably can't imagine the kinds of things that we head off by allowing time for healing and for that discussion."

Associated Press

Addison Strychalsky, 2, of Newtown, Conn., pets Libby, a golden retriever therapy dog, during a visit from the dogs and their handlers to a memorial for the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims in Newtown on Dec. 18.

Some gun shows cancel after Conn. shooting

Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Several gun shows, all about an hour's drive from Newtown, Conn., have been canceled.

A show in White Plains, N.Y. — brought back a few years ago after being called off for a decade because of the Columbine shooting — is off because officials decided it didn't seem appropriate now, either. In Danbury, Conn. — about 10 miles west of Newtown — the venue backed out. Same with three other shows in New York's Hudson Valley, according to the organizer.

Gun advocates aren't backing down from their insistence on the right to keep and bear arms. But heightened sensitivities and raw nerves since the Newtown shooting have led to toned-down displays at gun shows and prompted some officials and sponsors to cancel the well-attended exhibitions altogether.

Some of the most popular guns will be missing from next weekend's gun show in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., after show organizers agreed to bar the display and sale of AR-15 military-style semi-automatic weapons and their large-clip magazines.

"The majority of people wanted these guns out of the city," said Chris Mathiesen, Saratoga Springs' public safety commissioner. "They don't want them sold in our city, and I agree. Newtown, Conn., is not that far away."

The mayor of Barre, Vt., wants a ban on sales of military-style assault weapons at an annual gun show in February. Mayor Thom Lauzon said he supports responsible gun ownership but is making the request "as a father."

The police chief in Waterbury, Conn., just a few miles from Newtown, has halted permits for gun shows, saying he was concerned about firearms changing hands that might one day be used in a mass shooting.

In White Plains, in New York's suburban Westchester County, Executive Rob Astorino had brought back the show in 2010 after a ban of more than a decade following the 1999 Columbine High School shooting in Colorado, but he said the show would be inappropriate now.

4 dead after Colo. police standoff

Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. — A gunman barricaded inside his Colorado home fired shots at police from a second-story window before he was killed as SWAT officers stormed the home Saturday. Once inside, they found the bodies of three other adults, authorities said.

The suspect, whose name was withheld by police, held officers at bay for nearly six hours after neighbors reported gunfire at 3 a.m. inside the modest townhome in the Denver suburb of Aurora, said police Sgt. Cassidee Carlson. It wasn't known if officers shot the suspect or if he shot himself.

Investigators said two men and a woman appeared to have been killed before officers arrived.

The suspect shot at police who approached the front of the home with an armored vehicle and who fired tear gas around 8:15 a.m. He was killed when he fired at officers from the second-story window about 45 minutes later, Carlson said.

"After we arrived on scene, there were no more shots fired up until he fired at us," Carlson said. "During this time he was all over the house. He moved furniture. He was throwing things. He was agitated. He was irrational."

A large front window was missing in the two-story townhome, the window's mini-blinds in disarray. Bullet holes marked two upstairs windows, and neighbors milled about outside. A fifth person escaped unharmed and called police to report that she saw three people inside the home who "appeared lifeless," said Carlson, who declined to elaborate about the woman's escape.

A motive for the killings was unknown, and police had yet to say what weapon or weapons were used.

Police declined to release the victims' names.

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David Granirer is a counselor, stand-up comic, and author of The Happy Neurotic: How Fear and Angst Can Lead to Happiness and Success. He also created and leads Stand Up For Mental Health (SMH), teaching stand-up comedy to people with mental illness as a way of building their confidence and fighting public stigma, prejudice, and discrimination.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today
"Godspell," 2 p.m., The Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets: $15. General admission.

Thursday
Concert, Ray Price, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Friday
Children's event, "American Girl," 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Saturday
West Texas Public Radio's Classical Concert featuring Katharine Dain as soprano and Jeffrey Grossman on piano, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets at www.wagnernoel.com.

Saturday and Jan. 13
Midland County Livestock Show at the Horseshoe

Meetings schedule

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

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

MISD
5:30 p.m. Tuesday
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA Thursday
Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Note: Some meetings times, dates and locations are subject to change.

Online this week

■ Go to Facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram to compete for two sets of three tickets to Tuesday night's Texas Tech v. Baylor basketball game.

■ The Reporter-Telegram is looking for contestants for the Miss West Texas pageant. Go to MyWestTexas.com/pageant for a complete list of rules and guidelines, as well as the entry form.

■ Check MyWestTexas.com this week for area high school and college basketball photo galleries.

Collecting for MDA

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is in her second year of collecting change for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Since Sept. 1 she has collected $19.20 — between change she has found walking and change that has been donated by staffers and readers.

If you're interested in helping with the cause, you can add your change to the bowl in the lobby of the Reporter-Telegram, or contact Dearen at 687-8852 or mdearen@mrt.com.

Water tracker

The following is the amount of water delivered to the city of Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis water fields.

Dec. 29: 12.530,000 gallons
Dec. 30: 12.530,000 gallons
Dec. 31: 12.207,000 gallons
Jan. 1: 11.157,000 gallons
Jan. 2: 10.207,000 gallons
Jan. 3: 11.402,000 gallons

Total storage by CRMWD in their lakes as of Friday was 156,273 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is about 325,800 gallons)

Total storage last year at the same time was 104,618 acre-feet. The average delivery from the CRMWD for December was 9,397,860. The average for January 2013 is 7,685,667.

Photo gallery

Now readers can purchase local photos never before seen on the pages of the Reporter-Telegram. Look for extra photos from area sports, features, news subjects, parades and other community events.

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Have questions? Contact Photo Editor Tim Fischer at tfischer@mrt.com or Online Editor James Cannon at jcannon@mrt.com.

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Today in history

Today is Sunday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2013. There are 359 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms:" Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce.

Jerry Lara/San Antonio Express-News

Texas House of Representatives assistant sergeant-at-arms Trevor Rice arranges names on the electronic voting board in the House Chambers at the Texas Capitol in Austin on Thursday. The 83rd Texas Legislature convenes Tuesday.

83RD SESSION

Legislating will interrupt politicking

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

The Texas Legislature's biennial 20-week session will start on Tuesday, and it feels upside down, as if governing the state is an interruption of the normal business of politics.

Think of it this way: Legislators govern for 140 of every 730 or 731 days (leap years) and spend the rest of the time running for office.

Somewhere along the line, elections expanded to fill all of the space between sessions. Sometimes, they bust even those barriers. Talk of the 2014 races — of whether Gov. Rick Perry will run again, and what follows that, and who, and so on — was under way in Austin before the 2012 election had been held.

At the risk of sounding provincial, we in the provinces like to blame Washington for the current climate, where politics trumps everything.

The Legislature last met in 2011, on the heels of an election that matched Perry against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a fellow Republican, and then against former Mayor Bill White of Houston, a Democrat. It was a humdinger, and it ate the better part of a year. Perry went on a national book tour after his re-election — and before the session — and talk of his possible run for president became the order of the day.

That conversation and a tug of war over a tight budget dominated the five-month session. Once lawmakers left, the presidential primaries and caucuses (and Perry's presidential campaign), as well as redistricting, Senate elections, summer runoffs and November elections, gobbled up the squares on the calendar.

■ COMMENTARY

It's hard to find fault with a citizen who can't remember the legislative session wedged into that schedule.

In civics textbooks, governing is the thing. Politics is in there, certainly, but the elections have a beginning and an end. The Legislature meets every two years for 140 days. A period of civic peace and prosperity follows for six or seven months. Birds sing. The sun shines. Children laugh and play. Late in the year, candidates file for March primaries. When that's over, another period of relative calm would fall on Texas, ending around Labor Day, when candidates fire up their general election campaigns. The November elections would start the cycle all over again, regular as weather.

Back here in real life, the elections never stop. Neither does the electioneering. It's a two-year political season, interrupted by five months of fierce legislating — a bit of which has as much to do with politics and elections as with governing the state.

Once the session starts this week and the politics of the speaker's race ends, the politicos become lawmakers.

It's hard to distinguish which season is preparation and which is performance. The election is the long season, when ambitious people noisily and expensively apply for jobs in Austin. The short season that starts on Tuesday is when we find out if we hired the right ones.

And then it starts all over again. The governor and the attorney general were recently asked at a news conference what they'll do in 2014. The answer? They said they'll reveal their plans in June.

EDUCATION

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said he'd like to see the state refund the cuts that were made during the last session and hopefully pay for the growth schools have sustained during the past two years.

Midland College President Steve Thomas and his colleagues from the Texas Association of Community Colleges hope for appropriations similar to the 82nd legislative cycle and an increase in retirement and insurance funding.

"Our legislative affairs committee created an agenda for this session that was ratified by the membership," Thomas said. "We use that essentially as a way of speaking out of the same hymnal when we talk with our legislators."

The state budget provides all community college funding through one appropriation, which is distributed to the 50 districts based on relative growth, Thomas said. Legislative staffers have advised the presidents this probably will not be a session where additional funding is provided to higher education because the money likely will be dedicated to public school finance and Medicaid costs. Thomas said community colleges, therefore, are asking for hold-harmless funding, which would provide them roughly the same funding they were guaranteed during the 82nd legislative session.

"If we can receive right at or about the same amount of formula funding from two years ago, it won't solve all our problems because many of us have grown, but we won't continue to lose ground in terms of financial support from the state," Thomas said.

Another issue Thomas said he will watch closely during the legislative session is the amount of state funding that is tied to community college performance.

Though 10 percent has been the number discussed in the past and the one TACC members support, Dan Branch, R-Dallas, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee, has proposed tying about 25 percent to accountability outcomes such as graduation.

However, Thomas said TACC has proposed tying only 10 percent of funding to performance outcomes during the initial period when an accountability system is crafted.

"We need to see how this is going to work and see that it's not damaging to academic standards, but rather gets the desired results and better student performance before we tie it to more funding," Thomas said.

He said a common concern among TACC members is that colleges may water down their curriculum and expectations to ensure students meet the required benchmarks just because they are solely dependent on the funding.

"I've made it very clear that Midland College will preserve the integrity of what we do and the quality of what we do," Thomas said. "Under no circumstances do I expect us to manipulate our standards to get there."

Ensuring that funding of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas remains substantial and adequate is another top priority for West Texas educators.

"The state has always provided ample and adequate support for insurance and retirement benefits, but during the last session they were dramatically reduced," Thomas said, noting the college had to make up the difference in the insurance benefits, depleting the budget in other areas.

"If our goal is to recruit and retain quality faculty and staff, the state needs to stop the reductions in support for insurance," Thomas said. "That's a bit of an issue for us because there are some state leaders who think the state needs to get out of the business all together of providing that support. However, we're required to cover those costs, so it would just mean more money and local dollars going toward insurance and retiree benefits if the state stops."

Not only is it important the state increase its contribution to the TRS and TRS Care funds during the session, but legislation must also ensure retirement benefits for new and current teachers don't change from defined benefit to defined contribution, said Midlander Maridell Fryar, president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

"If they move to defined contribution, it will be a detriment to those entering the teaching profession," Fryar said.

"Defined benefit" guarantees a lifetime pension, while "defined contribution" is limited to the amount in the employee's account, according to www.trta.org.

Though hundreds of bills will be drafted and a countless number of hearings held during the upcoming months, Warren said he's more excited and optimistic about this legislative session than he has been during the last three sessions.

Based on recent conversations with Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Tom Craddick, Thomas also is upbeat about the upcoming session.

"I'm optimistic and certainly very hopeful that we'll get the support we need from our elected officials. I do believe they'll support us," Thomas said.

Bill pushes for more legislative sessions in Texas

By Manny Fernandez
New York Times

AUSTIN — Long before lawmakers prepared to gather at the sand-colored Capitol here on Tuesday for the opening day of the legislative session, state Rep. Richard Pena Raymond had already filed a little-noticed bill to drastically change not only how they conduct business, but also how often.

Texas is one of only four states whose legislatures convene in regular session every two years. Lawmakers in Texas meet in odd-numbered years only — as do legislators in Montana, Nevada and North Dakota — while those in the 46 other states hold legislative sessions yearly, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Raymond's bill would require the Texas Legislature to meet in regular session in odd-numbered years and to hold a budget session in even-numbered years. The move would mean annual meetings and budgets, an idea that has been debated for decades but has long been viewed with suspicion in a place that prizes small government, low taxes and deregulation.

"As big a budget as we have, as big a state as we are, as diverse of an economy as we have, we really should be looking at annual budgets," said Raymond, D-Laredo, a former member of the Appropriations Committee, which writes the budget. "There's no business in the private sector that does two-year budgets. It's a very outdated idea."

In Texas, the biennial sessions unfold quickly — beginning at noon on the second Tuesday in January and ending in May after a 140-day run. It is a tradition dating back 137 years, when the state Constitution was ratified and required the Legislature to meet every two years.

Although the state's population has grown in that time to nearly 26 million people from about 1 million, Texas has held onto the biennial tradition. Several Republican lawmakers and conservative activists said it suited them, and the political culture, just fine.

They described Raymond's bill — his third attempt to change the system since the 2009 session — as a long shot at best.

Republicans control both chambers of the Legislature, and even if the bill were to pass, a constitutional amendment changing the legislative schedule to annual sessions would have to be approved by Texas voters before it could take effect.

"There's not a single Republican who would vote for that," said Steve Ogden, a Republican senator from Bryan who was preparing to officially retire on Tuesday after 22 years in the Legislature. "I think one of the reasons that Texas does as well as it does is because the Legislature meets as infrequently as it does. In a state that believes in limited government, I think it works well for us."

"A part-time Legislature allows lawmakers to come in and complete the business of Texans and then go out and live under the laws that they've passed," said Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for Perry.

Texas investment funds await new scrutiny

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Bankruptcies and a criminal investigation marred Texas' signature programs that use taxpayer funds to boost private startups in 2012, and lawmakers this year must decide how much of an appetite they have to keep the money flowing.

The state budget picture will be brighter when Legislature reconvenes Tuesday, but leaders of both Gov. Rick Perry's Emerging Technology Fund and the embattled Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, or CPRIT, will find it a much tougher sell getting lawmakers to buy in to their programs and fork over a combined $739 million over the next two years.

Terry Chase Hazell, chairwoman of the Emerging Technology Fund's advisory committee, on Friday acknowledged various challenges in making a case for funding, but said she was confident that lawmakers would be thorough.

"The broader lens that the Legislature looks at the funds through is not something we should, or try, to control," Hazell said.

On the flip side, another prominent state economic development program isn't asking for a dime. The Texas Enterprise Fund is touted as Perry's deal-closer to bring companies such as Apple to Texas, and carried an unused balanced of about $145 million at the end of last year, said Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed.

"I think we just looked at what we already have in the bank and felt that was an appropriate amount to move forward with," Nashed said.

CPRIT accounts for the bulk of the high-tech money being sought — $600 million requested over 2014-15 — and is the most battered. The state's $3 billion cancer-fighting agency unraveled last year amid internal accusations of politics trumping science, widespread resignations and now a criminal investigation into an $11 million grant that was given to a private company and that completely bypassed the review process.

Both the tech fund and the part of CPRIT's budget that is set aside for private company awards — roughly 15 percent, as the bulk of CPRIT's funding underwrites cancer research in university labs — were established with economic development and breakthroughs in mind. Backers defend the taxpayer funding as another boost to Texas' rapidly growing high-tech sectors the well-paying jobs the industries bring.

ENERGY

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will participate in those efforts. Water is critical to oil and gas operations, and we want to ensure reasonable access."

Shepperd said he expects there will be an emphasis on incentivizing the industry to reuse and recycle its water, which he said is "taking off" among producers.

Shepperd said road use by oilfield trucks may be an issue during the session. "Everyone understands whether it's here or in the Eagle Ford, truck traffic has grown and the infrastructure is strained," he said. "We do need to find a way to help pay for road maintenance."

He said a unified approach is necessary, even if it means modifying country road agreements.

He pointed out that the New Mexico Legislature also will start its session and the association will be active in oil- and gas-related issues in that state.

"We're so concerned with all the issues facing the industry right now, the PBPA for the first time has opened an Austin office in addition to one in Santa Fe," he said. "We have a full-time staff in Austin and in Santa Fe as we battle federal regulations."

Cimarex Energy Pavilion to open at sports complex in March

■ Oil company agrees to two-year naming rights deal for the events venue.

By Joseph Basco
jbasco@mrt.com

Scharbauer Sports Complex will have a new addition in March when the Cimarex Energy Pavilion opens.

The pavilion is a venue between Grande Communications Stadium and Citibank Ballpark that will be used for special events such as concerts, festivals and car shows, according to Jeremy Lukas, assistant manager of sales and events for the Midland RockHounds.

The venue will encompass the grassy area between the two facilities that has been used in the past for festivals and cook-offs.

Lukas said construction of the pavilion's fence, brick pillars and entrances will begin Monday and will last up until March, when the first event, a barbecue cookoff, will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of that month.

Organizations that wish to hold events at the pavilion will pay depending on the number of people that will attend, the number of days the event will take place and the extent of cleanup work needed, Lukas said.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Families gather in June 2011 to listen to music and watch performances at the 2011 Mex-Tex Family Fiesta. The grassy area will be a part of the new Cimarex Energy Pavilion.

The deal between the RockHounds and oil company Cimarex was for $20,000 a year for two years, with an option to renew on a yearly basis, said Roger Alexander, region manager for Cimarex's Permian Basin region.

"I have a soft spot for the RockHounds," Alexander said. "I used to play baseball for the Lee (High School) Rebels and played professional baseball for eight years."

He said the complex is a great way to support the RockHounds, in addition to gaining exposure for Cimarex. According to Alexander, Cimarex has spent more than $2.4 billion in oil drilling in the Permian Basin region.

Lukas said a press conference, featuring Thomas E. Jorden, the president of Cimarex, will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 at the pavilion.

OFFBEATBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Family reunited with stolen 1938 heirloom telegram

DALY CITY — A California detective has reunited a family with a stolen 1938 heirloom telegram.

The Western Union telegram is described as the opening page of the love story of now-deceased Minnie and Fred Ciolino, who sent the message 74 years ago after their Reno wedding on Christmas Eve.

The telegram sent to San Francisco area relatives read: "ARRIVED SAFELY, NO SNOW BUT REAL COLD NICE TRIP BE BACK MONDAY MERRY XMAS TO ALL = MINNIE & FRED."

The San Jose Mercury News reported a cousin found the telegram in November and mailed it to one of six Ciolino daughters. But it never arrived.

It was found last month by Daly City police detective Joe Bocci, who is investigating a postal worker charged with stealing letters to finance his drug habit.

MASSACHUSETTS

Cops caught egging superior officer's home

NEWTON — Massachusetts police responding to reports of teenagers tossing eggs at a house last month got quite a surprise when they tracked down the suspects.

A department spokesman told The MetroWest Daily News the three people who egged the house in Framingham early Dec. 11 were fellow law enforcement officers serving with the Newton police. They were off duty at the time.

They told Framingham police the egging incident was "a prank, a joke between friends."

The homeowner is a Newton police sergeant and their superior officer. He says is handling the matter internally. No charges were filed, and the Newton officers were not publicly identified.

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NATIONBRIEFS

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ALASKA

Strong earthquake shakes parts of US, Canada

JUNEAU — A powerful earthquake sparked a tsunami warning for hundreds of miles of Alaskan and Canadian coastline, but the alert was canceled when no damaging waves were generated.

The magnitude 7.5 quake and tsunami warning that followed caused concern in some coastal communities, with alarms sounding and people rushing to higher ground for safety.

But the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center later said the waves were too small to pose a threat, reaching just six inches above normal sea level in places such as Sitka and Port Alexander.

"Initially, in the first 15 to 20 minutes, there might have been a bit of panic," Sitka Police Chief Sheldon Schmitt told The Associated Press in a phone interview. But he said things calmed down as the town waited for the all clear.

The temblor struck at 1 a.m. Pacific Standard Time on Saturday and was centered about 60 miles west of Craig, Alaska, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The quake was followed by several aftershocks, including a 5.2 quake felt in southeastern Alaska and British Columbia.

"Houses shook; mine had things tossed from (the) wall," Craig Police Chief Robert Ely said. But he added that there were "no reports of any injuries, no wave, no tidal movement seen."

The tsunami warning was eventually expanded to include coastal areas from Cape Fairweather, Alaska, to the northern tip of Vancouver Island, Canada — an area extending more than 700 miles.

ALASKA

Salvors ready Shell drill ship for tow attempt

ANCHORAGE — Spokesmen for Royal Dutch Shell PLC and the Coast Guard say naval architects have pronounced the oil company's drill ship sound and they're preparing for an attempt to pull it off rocks near a remote Alaska island.

Shell incident commander Sean Churchfield said the Kulluk will be moved "as soon as we are ready and able."

The Kulluk ran aground New Year's Eve after breaking loose from its main tow vessel.

Churchfield said a tow plan has been developed and a salvage team is on board the 266-foot diameter barge but timing will depend on weather, tides and readiness.

The Coast Guard reported wind at 23 mph just before noon Saturday and 2-foot waves. The tow plan calls for 30-mile tow to shelter in Kodiak Island's Kiliuda Bay.

Woman, oldest living US citizen, dies at 114

Associated Press

A 114-year-old South Carolina woman who was the oldest living U.S. citizen has died, two of her daughters said Saturday.

Mamie Rearden, of Edgefield, who held the title as the country's oldest person for about two weeks, died Wednesday at a hospital in Augusta, Ga., said Sara Rearden of Burtonsville, Md., and Janie Ruth Osborne, of Edgefield.

They said their mother broke her hip after a fall about three weeks ago.

Gerontology Research Group, which verifies age information for Guinness World Records, listed Mamie Rearden as the oldest living American after last month's passing of 115-year-old Dina Manfredini, of Iowa.

Rearden's Sept. 7, 1898, birth was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census, the group's Robert Young said.

Rearden was more than a year younger than the world's oldest person, 115-year-old Jiroemon Kimura, of Japan.

"My mom was not president of the bank or anything, but she was very instrumental in raising a family and being a community person," said Sara Rearden, her youngest child. "Everybody can't go be president of a bank or president of a college, but we feel just as proud of her in her role as housewife and particularly as mother and homemaker."

Associated Press

In this April 16, 2008, photo, Mamie J. Rearden poses with her daughters Martha O. Reardon, left, and Mary R. McCain in Edgefield, S.C.

Mamie Rearden, who was married to her husband Oacy for 59 years until his death in 1979, raised 11 children, 10 of whom survive, Sara Rearden said.

She lived in the family homestead with a son and a daughter on land that had been in the family since her father's accumulation of acreage made him one of the area's largest black landowners.

Her father sent her off to earn a teaching certificate at Bettis Academy on the far side of the county, spending an entire day on a loaded wagon to reach the school along dirt roads, her daughter said. She taught for several years until becoming pregnant with her third child.

In the mid-1960s at age 65, when some settled into retirement, she learned to drive a car for the first time and started volunteering for an Edgefield County program that had her driving to the end of remote rural roads to find children whose parents were keeping them home from school, Sara Rearden said.

Mamie Rearden always counseled that her children should treat others as they wanted to be treated and that included never gossiping or speaking ill of others.

When asked about a preacher's uninspiring sermon, her daughter recalled her mother saying: "'Well, it came from the Bible.' She never would bad-mouth them."

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Hugo Chavez's allies re-elect legislative chief

CARACAS, Venezuela — Allies of cancer-stricken President Hugo Chavez on Saturday chose to keep the same National Assembly president — a man who could be in line to step in as a caretaker leader in some circumstances.

The vote to retain Diosdado Cabello as legislative leader signaled the ruling party's desire to stress unity and continuity amid growing signs the government plans to postpone Chavez's inauguration for a new term while he fights a severe respiratory infection nearly a month after cancer surgery in Cuba.

The opposition and some legal experts have argued that if Chavez is unable to be sworn in as scheduled on Thursday, the president of the National Assembly should take over on an interim basis.

Cabello's selection quashed speculation about possible political reshuffling in the midst of Chavez's health crisis, and it came as Vice President Nicolas Maduro joined other allies in suggesting that Chavez could remain president and take the oath of office before the Supreme Court later on if he isn't fit to be sworn in on the scheduled date.

"It strikes me that the government has decided to put things on hold, to wait and see what happens with Chavez's health and other political factors, and figure out the best way to insure continuity," said Michael Shifter, president of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington.

Cabello, a former military officer who is widely considered to wield influence in the military, was re-elected by a show of hands by Chavez's allies, who hold a majority of the 165 congressional seats.

UNITED EMIRATES

Dubai makes bid to be City of Gold

Dubai is sometimes called the "City of Gold" because of its stunning growth from a sleepy Gulf port to a world-famous business crossroads in the space of a single generation. Its nickname has a literal meaning for traders in the precious metal.

The city is building itself up as a center for the gold trade, between sources in Africa and consumers in the rising economies of China and India.

Dubai now has about a 29 percent market share of global gold trade with nearly 1,200 tons — worth about $41 billion — changing hands at the city's gold markets, according to the gold industry website bullionstreet.com.

That's up from around $6 billion worth traded in the emirate in 2003, said Malcolm Wall Morris, CEO of Dubai Multi Commodities Centre, set up by the emirate to oversee the trade. "There's no doubt the geographical location of Dubai has played an important factor," he said.

Dubai's tax-free status has made it one of the cheapest places to buy gold in the world.

The emirate has set up gold refineries and vaults and jewelry-making facilities, importing gold — including scrap from India — and melting it down to produce gold bars.

Gold prices remained relatively steady in 2012, close to $1,700 an ounce. Some traders predict prices could once again rise toward the record high of nearly $1,900 an ounce, as central governments and investors look to gold as a safe bet in the unsteady world economy.

NEW DELHI

India gang-rape victim's friend recounts attack

Passers-by refused to stop to help a naked, bleeding gang-rape victim after she was dumped from a bus onto a New Delhi street, and police delayed taking her to a hospital for 30 minutes, the woman's male companion said in an interview.

It was his first public account of the gruesome attack that killed the 23-year-old student and prompted demands for reform of a law enforcement culture seen as lax in crimes against women.

The gang-rape victim's brother blamed a delay in medical treatment of nearly two hours for her death last week in a Singapore hospital.

The woman's male companion, who has not been named, sat in a wheelchair with a broken leg in his interview aired Friday on Indian TV station Zee News. He recounted the 2 1/2 hour rape and beating by a group of men on a bus, which the pair had boarded as they were returning from seeing a movie together.

The woman tried to call the police using her mobile phone, but the men took it away from her, he said. They then took her to the rear seats of the bus and one-by-one began raping her, beating and violating her with an iron rod.

Afterward, he overheard some of the attackers saying the woman was dead before dumping both onto the street, he said.

Syrian president to give speech today

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian President Bashar Assad will deliver a speech today in a rare address to the nation, state media said, as rebels fighting to topple his embattled regime pressed ahead with an offensive on the capital.

The official SANA news agency said in a brief statement Saturday that Assad will speak about the latest developments in Syria. The speech will be the first by the leader since June and comes amid intense fighting between government troops and rebels on the outskirts of Damascus.

Assad has rarely spoken in public since the uprising against him began in March 2011. In each of his previous speeches and interviews, the president has dug in his heels even as Western powers have moved to boost the opposition in Syria's civil war.

In his last public comments, Assad vowed in an interview with Russia Today on Nov. 8 that he would "live and die in Syria."

Fighting has raged for weeks in the neighborhoods and towns around Damascus that have been opposition strongholds since the Syrian revolt began. The uprising started with peaceful protests but morphed into a civil war that has killed more than 60,000 people, according to a recent United Nations recent estimate.

The rebels are trying to push through the government's heavy defenses in Damascus, prompting the regime to unleash a withering assault on the suburbs that has included intense barrages by artillery and warplanes.

Diplomatic efforts to end the Syrian crisis have failed so far to bring an end to the bloodshed, although the international community continues to push for a peaceful settlement.

On Saturday, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal told reporters after a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart in Riyadh that there should be an immediate end to the bloodshed in Syria and called for a peaceful political transition.

Saudi Arabia and Egypt have both called on Assad to step down, and Riyadh has also been an outspoken supporter of the rebels.

The president of the U.N. Security Council said Thursday there are important developments in efforts to find a diplomatic solution to the 21-month conflict in Syria, and there could be another U.S.-Russia meeting with international envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

Brahimi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov both said after their meeting last Saturday that the Syrian crisis can only be settled through talks, while admitting that neither the government nor the opposition has shown a desire to compromise. Neither official hinted at a possible solution that would persuade the two sides to agree to a ceasefire and sit down for talks about a political transition.

But Lavrov said Syrian President Bashar Assad has no intention of stepping down — a key opposition demand — and it would be impossible to try to persuade him otherwise. Russia is a close ally of the Syrian government, and has shielded it from punitive measures at the U.N.

It was not clear what kind of initiative, if any, Assad may offer in his speech.

Syrian journalists caught in middle of conflict

BEIRUT — Sandra Alloush said she loved her work as an announcer for an official Syrian television news channel and saw it as a way to help her country. But to the armed opposition, she was a traitor.

One friend was kidnapped; five reporter friends were killed. In November, a car tried to force the vehicle she and her future husband were in off the road. She quit the next day and has since left Syria for another Arab country.

"If you want freedom and say the regime is non-democratic and dictatorial, dudes, you are doing way worse by killing a journalist who is just doing his job," she said in an interview Saturday.

Syrian journalists, whether with the opposition or government, are caught in the middle in a conflict that is nearly 2 years old and getting more violent by the day. The United Nations estimates that at least 60,000 people have died.

There was word of another casualty among journalists Saturday. Suheil Ali, of private, pro-government Addounia television, died four days after the government said gunmen opened fire on him on his way home from work. Others said he was wounded covering fighting in the northern city of Aleppo.

"The fighting is getting uglier and uglier, and the definition of who is considered the enemy is getting broader," said Nadim Houry, deputy director for Human Rights Watch in the Middle East. "It is increasingly affecting journalists. It applies not just to opposition but pro-government outlets, or outlets that are perceived as pro-government."

The Committee to Protect Journalists called Syria the deadliest country in 2012 with 28 journalists killed or targeted for assassination by the government or rebels.

The government and rebels regard the media as propaganda tools for courting domestic and world opinion, creating a minefield of bias, exaggeration and misinformation for journalists.

— *Ned Parker, Los Angeles Times*

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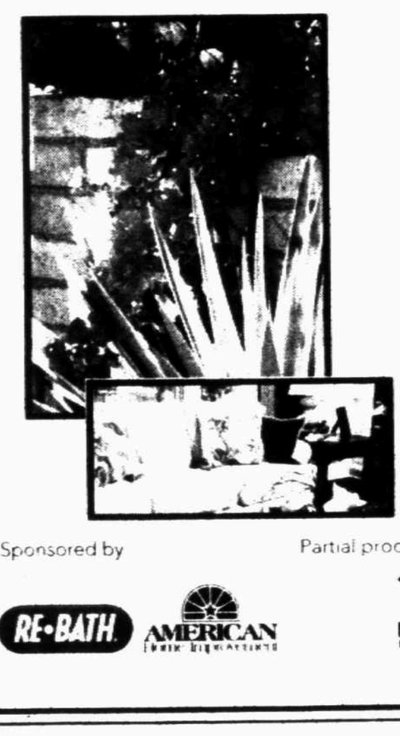

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All-volunteer military may desensitize US to war, some fear

By Matthew Schofield
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Before a roadside bomb in Baghdad burned and tore apart Jerry Majetich, before 62 operations put him back together, even before he volunteered for the Marines, then the Army, there were five older brothers who'd enlisted and a mother who'd served as an Army nurse in Korea.

His family background shaped former Staff Sgt. Majetich, who's now 42, a single father and an investment firm vice president in Jacksonville, Fla. Despite the torment since the 2005 blast, that history is part of what moved his 21-year-old son to consider leaving college to pursue a military career and his 17-year-old daughter to join her high school Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

"I'd be thrilled if they chose to serve," he said. "Despite everything, I believe in military service."

This month marks 40 years since the United States ended the military draft, and an ever smaller slice of the population appears to share Majetich's belief. Statistics are rare, but a Department of Defense 2011 Status of Forces survey indicated that 57 percent of active troops today are the children of current or former active or reserve members of the armed forces.

A recent Gallup poll showed that despite the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a much smaller percentage of those who've reached military age since Sept. 11, 2001, have served than in previous decades.

Part of it is simple demographics. While the U.S. population has grown since the draft ended in 1973, the military has shrunk. But this all-volunteer force appears to be passing from generation to generation, bringing up the worrying notion that the United States is developing a warrior class.

"The declining veteran population is one of our concerns, since there are fewer young adults in American society who are exposed to military service," said Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, a Pentagon spokesman. "While the armed forces continue to be largely representative of the country as a whole, nearly four decades of an all-volunteer force has shaped who is most likely to serve and from where."

In the wide halls of the Pentagon, the military often is referred to as "the world's largest family business." The fear among some military leaders, politicians and experts begins with the belief that as fewer segments of society have family or friends in uniform, others become desensitized to the risks and stresses of military service. The feared risks range from a reluctance to fully support those who serve to an almost cavalier willingness to wage war, reasoning, "That's what THEY signed up for."

Historically, problems with such classes have ranged from the military having too much influence in all walks of society — Prussian officers collected taxes — to being marginalized, as with the so-called "barbarization" of the Roman military, which relied heavily on non-Romans.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., has spent decades voicing such fears. He's one of the few politicians around who still yearn for a draft.

"Now, we're never going to get the draft back," he said. "But I really believe the greatest risk isn't to the military and the few who serve. It's to the rest of society."

Inhofe thinks that military service makes better citizens. The broader the base of volunteers, he said, the better.

Even in a conservative state such as Oklahoma, Tulsa residents — more distant from military bases than other parts of the state are — express less interest in Afghanistan and other defense issues than those who interact more often with the military, he said.

"It's only natural that people are becoming more and more distant from the military," Inhofe said. "It's a nationwide trend."

The concept of a warrior class isn't new, nor is it unique to the United States. Japan had its samurai. Europe had knights and vassals. The Aztecs had warrior nobility known as the Shorn Ones.

Israel, with nearly 8 million people, avoids this by having everyone serve. That wouldn't work in the U.S., with a population of 310 million and a military of 1.5 million. Military leaders widely prefer a volunteer force, and one that's committed to learning and staying on the job, to a conscripted one that can't wait to muster out.

Still, Michael O'Hanlon, a defense policy expert at the Brookings Institution, a research center based in Washington, worries that whole segments of the population won't even consider military service in the coming decades. When that happens, do those serving lose political clout?

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"A broader base of volunteers helps ensure we don't stop paying attention," he said.

The military relies heavily on volunteers from the South and Midwest. Current trends might lead to an even narrower pool of volunteers.

While public support for the military has been strong for the past decade, "the real test comes five years after we leave Afghanistan, after the sexy missions are over," he said.

Victor Davis Hanson, a military historian at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, said the current picture of the military might have been inevitable. Some people gravitate toward the military, while others are lured to jobs in finance or the post office, he said.

"A lot of people think this current system is a great deal, and that includes both those who chose to serve and those who chose not to," he said.

Still, former Staff Sgt. Majetich can't help but wonder whether national defense shouldn't have a broader base of support.

"Do people understand the sacrifices?" he said. "Do they understand the toll combat, long deployments, not to mention injuries and death, take on a person, a family? Do they understand that my 17-year-old daughter has more memories of me in recovery than before the injury? No, they don't. Not at all."

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TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 45 Low: 36

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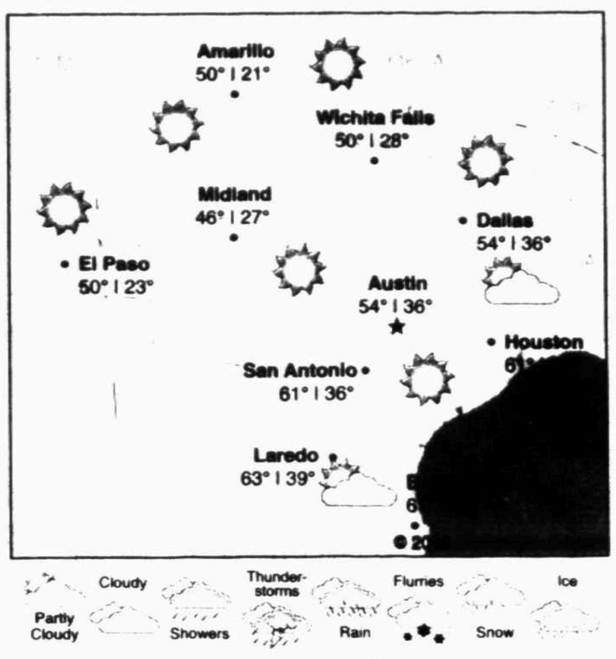
Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 29 and southeast winds around 5 mph.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 53 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Expect mostly cloudy skies at night, with a low around 36 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast after midnight. There is a 20 percent chance of showers after 1 a.m.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for a slight chance of showers before 7 a.m. and after 1 p.m. Expect mostly cloudy skies during the day, cloudy skies at night, with a high around 45 and a low around 36. There is a 50 percent chance of rain during the day and a 60 percent chance of rain during the evening.

The high on Saturday reached 54, while the low dropped to 26. The record high for Jan. 5 is 80 set in 1994. The record low is 2 set in 1971.



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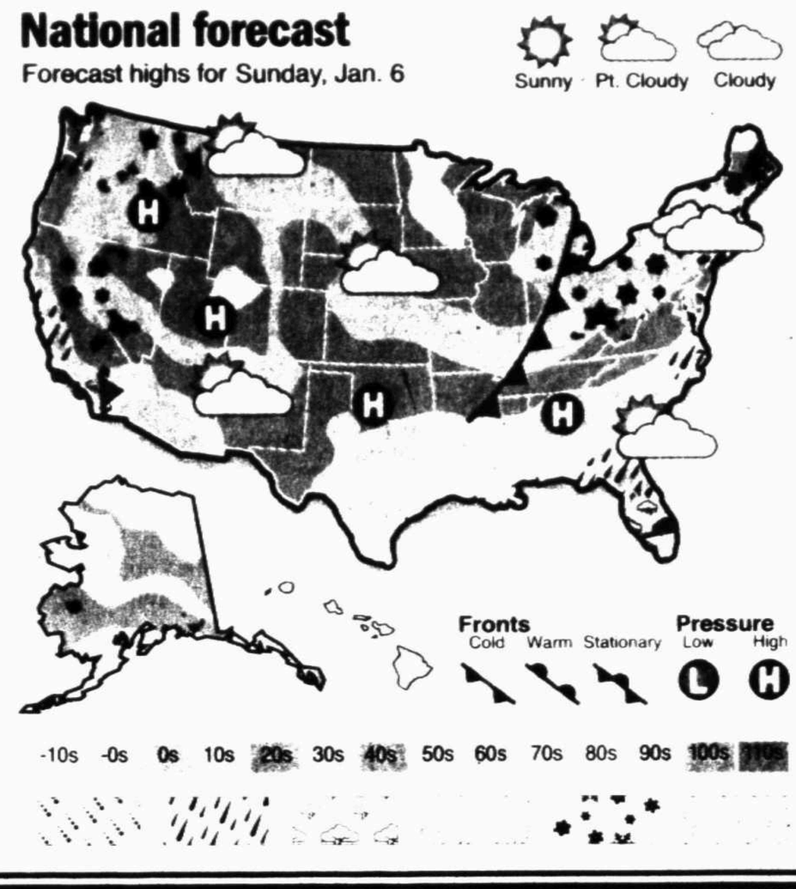
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Jan. 6



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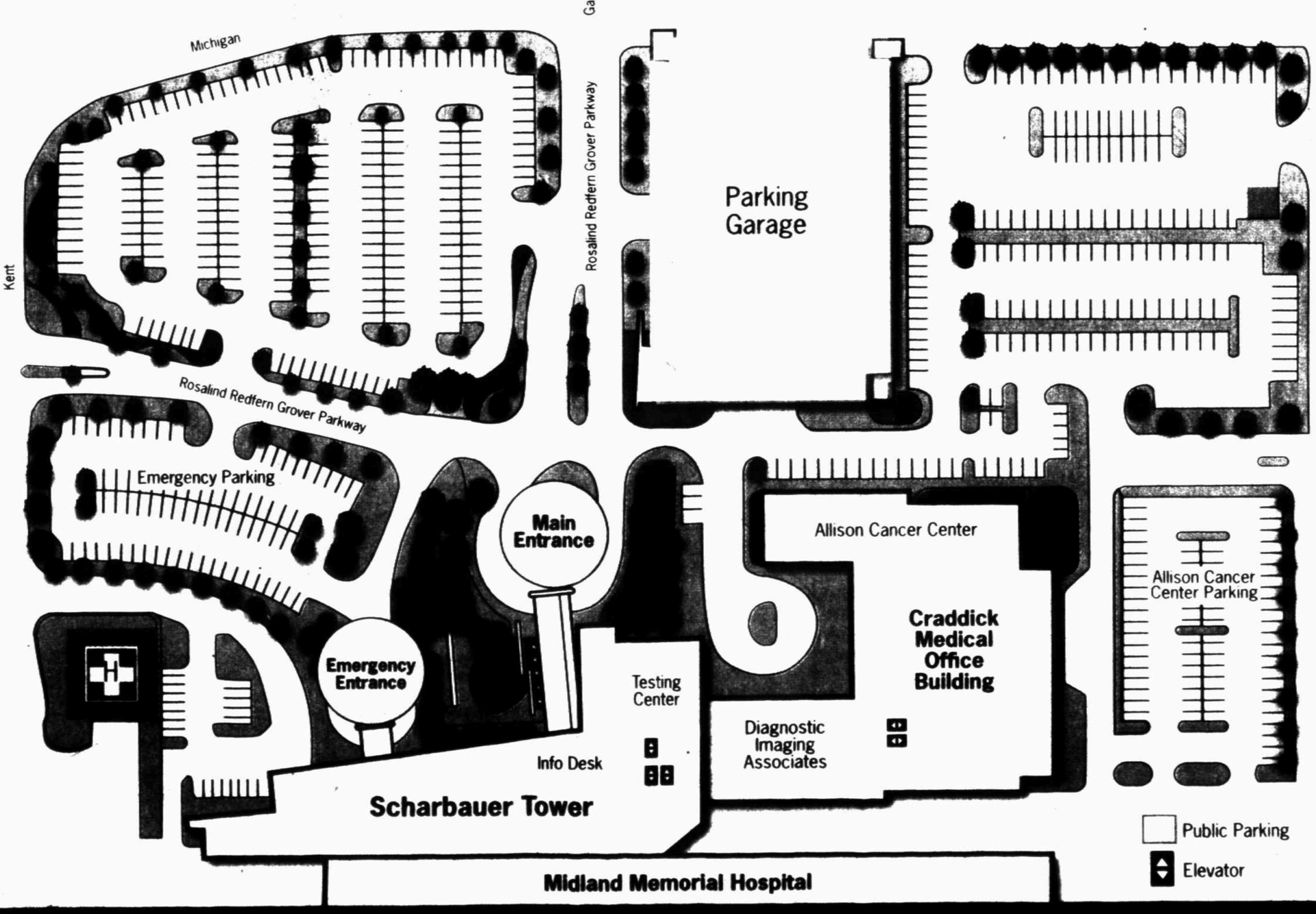

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OPINION

El futuro habla espanol (The future speaks Spanish)

■ The roadmap for Republicans politically has become painfully obvious. Start caring about Hispanics or prepare to become less relevant.

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

The new year has begun with an avalanche of Republican retrospectives: What went wrong? What must the GOP do?

In attempting to navigate my own thoughts, I keep bumping into advice my father gave me a long time ago: "Learn Spanish. You will need it to survive in the world you will inherit."

Living in Florida then, the trends were becoming obvious. They were literally in our neighborhood, where in 1960 a recently arrived Cuban family moved in a few doors down. Having just escaped Castro's Cuba with only a few coins sewn in the hems of the mother's and daughters' dresses, this family of six spoke little English.

We became close friends and eventually, as much out of fascination and affection as pragmatism, I did learn their language — and they mine.

My father's advice was prescient, if somewhat exaggerated. I haven't needed Spanish to survive, though being bilingual has helped. A lot. As I often tell college audiences, I was hired for my first job not because I had a journalism degree (I didn't) but because I spoke Spanish.

What was clear to my father even then is that our hemisphere could not long be segregated by language. Nor, apparently, can we be kept apart by borders, no matter how many fences we build or drones we deploy.

Meanwhile, and not incidentally, our new, 113th U.S. Congress has welcomed 31 Hispanic members. Three are in the Senate, including GOP superstar Marco Rubio of Florida and Republican Ted Cruz of Texas, as well as Democrat Robert Menendez of New Jersey. All are Cuban-American.

Of the 28 Latinos in the House of Representatives, all but five are Democrats.

Why so few Republicans? Therein lurks the relevant question for the GOP and perhaps the most important answer to the puzzle: Learn Spanish.

I offer my father's imperative not literally but as metaphor. When even some of the Latino candidates don't speak their forebears' tongue, one needn't feign fluency. Though endearing at times, nothing sounds more ridiculous — or inauthentic — than a politician pandering with a faux accent or foreign phrase. (Think Barack Obama droppin' his g's in the South, or Hillary Clinton's rendering of James Cleveland's freedom hymn at the 42nd anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" in Selma, Ala.)

May I just say, oy?

Metaphorically, learning Spanish means learning people. Knowing them as human beings, not as statistics on a game board. Recognizing their humanity and finding new ways to talk about immigration that don't alienate entire swaths of the population.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said it best shortly after the November election: "If we want people to like us, we have to like them first."

Jindal, an Indian-American, should know. The unlikeliest of good ol' boy governors, he has managed to transcend race and ethnicity in his home state to become incoming chair of the Republican Governors Association. Anti-Latino rhetoric is especially unwelcome in post-Katrina New Orleans, where most will admit that the growing Latino population rebuilt the city. Instead, dinner conversation during a recent visit with local leaders centered around the state's evolving cuisine, which is becoming a Cajun-Latino hybrid.

Upon waves of immigrants are new palates born.

And, potentially, storm-tossed political parties.

The GOP was always a natural home for Latinos, who tend to be conservative and Catholic, though decreasingly so. Fewer than 60 percent of second-generation Latinos are Catholic, according to the Pew Research Center.

Even so, the Republican narrative of hard work, entrepreneurship and personal responsibility would seem to appeal to recent immigrants who are attracted by those very opportunities. Why aren't Hispanics hearing the GOP call? Because this aspirational language is drowned out by the rhetoric of rejection.

You don't need a dictionary to translate the following: Last June, Obama, who won 71 percent of the Hispanic vote, announced reprieves from deportation for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who were here illegally, while Mitt Romney promised to end the reprieves if elected.

Whatever the legitimate arguments on either side, one shows heart and the other doesn't. Recognizing this deficit of spirit, rising non-white Republican stars are beginning to form a constellation of "opportunity conservatism," to borrow Cruz's term. The ideas aren't lacking, they say. but the messaging has been disastrous.

Whether these new ways of communication ultimately can change the complexion of the GOP remains to be seen, but the future is clear enough: Lose the Hispanic vote, and you lose. And the message to Republicans, if they want to survive, should be obvious.

OUR VIEW

Now is not time to return to old habits when using water

We are glad that "middle tier" water users in Midland will pay less after the current billing cycle ends.

The increased water availability and a lifted restriction from the Colorado River Municipal Water District led to the middle-tier multiplier being discontinued, said Sara Higgins, city spokesperson. The original middle-tier rates were planned to extend until the T-Bar water pipeline opened. The T-Bar project is scheduled to be completed in May.

Residents and businesses in this middle tier will pay $4.60 per 1,000 gallons after their usage reaches 10,001 gallons. Since April 2012, middle-tier users paid five times that amount, or $23 per 1,000 gallons.

People who use less than 10,000 gallons won't see any changes to their rates.

This is good news for Midlanders who lost lawns, trees and plants because of the water restrictions imposed by the city this past summer.

Of course, we aren't out of the woods yet.

John Grant, general manager of CRMWD, said its restriction could be reinstated if there is an inadequate amount of rainfall or of there is little to no inflow into Lake J.B. Thomas within the next six months.

"We're not out of the drought," he said.

Stuart Purvis, city utilities director, said the city will be keeping an eye on several factors to guide the city's decisions on future water uses. Those factors include the city's rapid growth, the return of residential landscaping in the spring, the opening of the T-Bar pipeline and the possibility CRMWD will re-enact its restriction.

"We're going to feel our way through this," he said. "We can't go crazy."

This is the very point we want to highlight. Even though watering habits are likely to change from this past summer, we hope Midlanders will continue to be water-conscious during the coming months. We need to keep that mindset and regard our water resources as a precious commodity.

Even with the liberalization of water usage regulations, we need to follow the advice laid out by Purvis. We can't go crazy.

We're asking residents to follow all rules regarding watering now and in the future. Be as conservative as possible in your water usage and prevent runoff when watering.

Many of the cost restrictions we faced last summer have been lifted and it will be tempting for some to return to old ways. However, we now live in an age when the return to old times is not a good idea.

Make sure you play a key role by using water wisely.

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Time for Obama to milk next crisis

■ Expect the president to again wait until the last minute to address the debt ceiling, blame Republicans and probably get what he wants.

RICH LOWRY
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The budget crisis is over. Long live the budget crisis. Now that the "fiscal cliff "has been resolved, we're on to the fight over raising the debt ceiling. President Barack Obama wants no part of it. Huffing and stomping his feet immediately after Congress passed his tax increases to avoid the cliff, he insisted that there is no way he'll negotiate over the debt ceiling. That would be so inappropriate.

Cue the hostage-taking analogies, the talk of extremism, the lamentations over a broken Washington. But why is the president outraged that someone would use the leverage of an impending event that everyone wants to avoid and that would damage the economy to his negotiating advantage? It's precisely how he won on the cliff.

No one called him a hostage taker when he didn't immediately accept the House Republican extension of all the Bush tax cuts, and instead insisted on forcing a choice between higher tax rates on the wealthy or going off the cliff.

He got his way. Not because Republicans wanted to raise taxes. But because taxes would go up for everyone on Jan. 1, and very few people (and no Republicans) wanted that to happen. Obama used every ounce of his leverage to raise taxes on as many people as he could — and succeeded. Congratulations.

Now that the leverage may work the other way, Obama wants an end to all this crazy talk of negotiating things and compromising. "I will not have another debate with this Congress over whether or not they should pay the bills that they've already racked up," the president bristled. He has apparently been an innocent bystander while the national debt increased by 60 percent since he took office. It's just his rotten luck to have to preside over such a profligate country.

We've hit the debt limit of $16.4 trillion, and it will need to be extended in a couple of months. When $16.4 trillion in debt isn't enough, you've clearly got a problem. The president always says that we need a "balanced approach" to address it. In the cliff deal, he got one part of the balance.

He increased income-tax rates on the oft-invoked "millionaires and billionaires," and even all the way down to $400,000-aires. In fact, thanks to the expiration of the payroll tax cut, the deal raised taxes on 77 percent of Americans, according to the Tax Policy Center. Finally, people making $40,000 a year will pay their "fair share"! The Tax Policy Center calculates that about half the additional revenue from the deal over the next year will come from households making less than $200,000.

So the tax increases — both on the rich and on the middle class — have been gloriously written into law. What about the spending cuts that the president has said in the past should be a disproportionate share of any budget solution? He's not the least bit interested in those, except as a rhetorical device. Which is why Republicans are always in the position of trying to force him to accept some sort of spending discipline.

In a better, more rational world, the debt limit wouldn't be a tool of budgetary policy. But it is one of the few must-pass pieces of legislation that Republicans can use to force spending cuts, and it obviously relates directly to our budget problem. If the president doesn't want the debate over it to go nerve-wrackingly down to the wire, he can set out a serious offer, now.

Of course, he's doing the opposite. His refusal to negotiate isn't sustainable, but he'll spend precious time trying to sustain it. He'll finally agree to talk, and then get Republicans to back off whatever their maximal position is — because Republicans will again fear being blamed if there's no agreement. Another Band-Aid will be applied to the debt, until next time. In the Age of Obama, the new budget crisis always follows the last.

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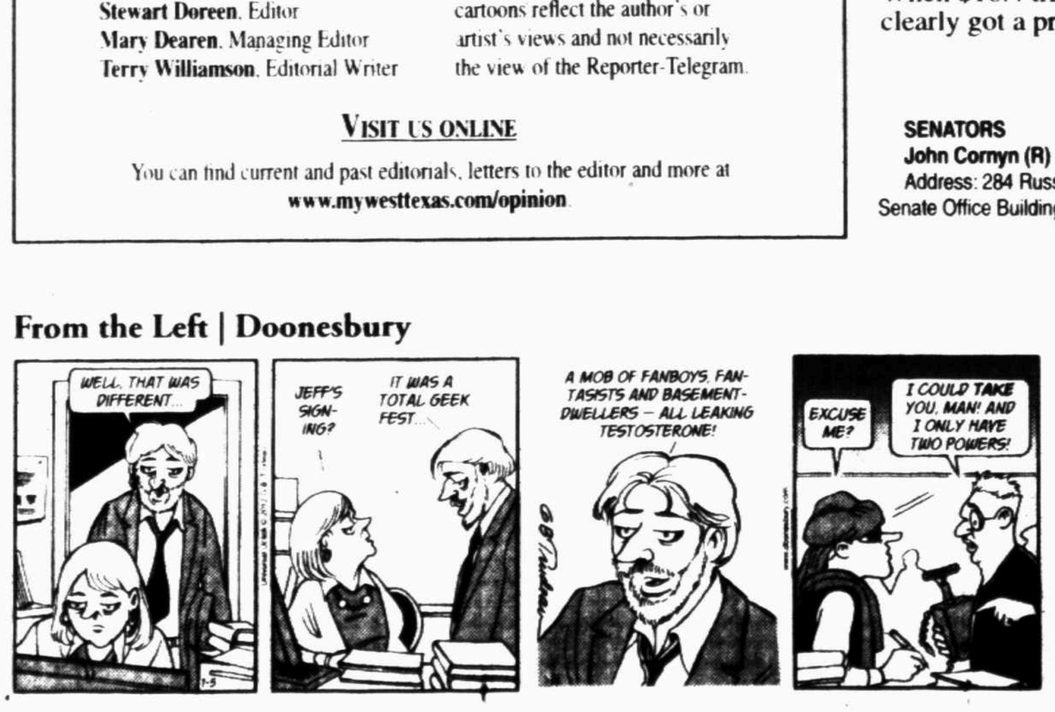

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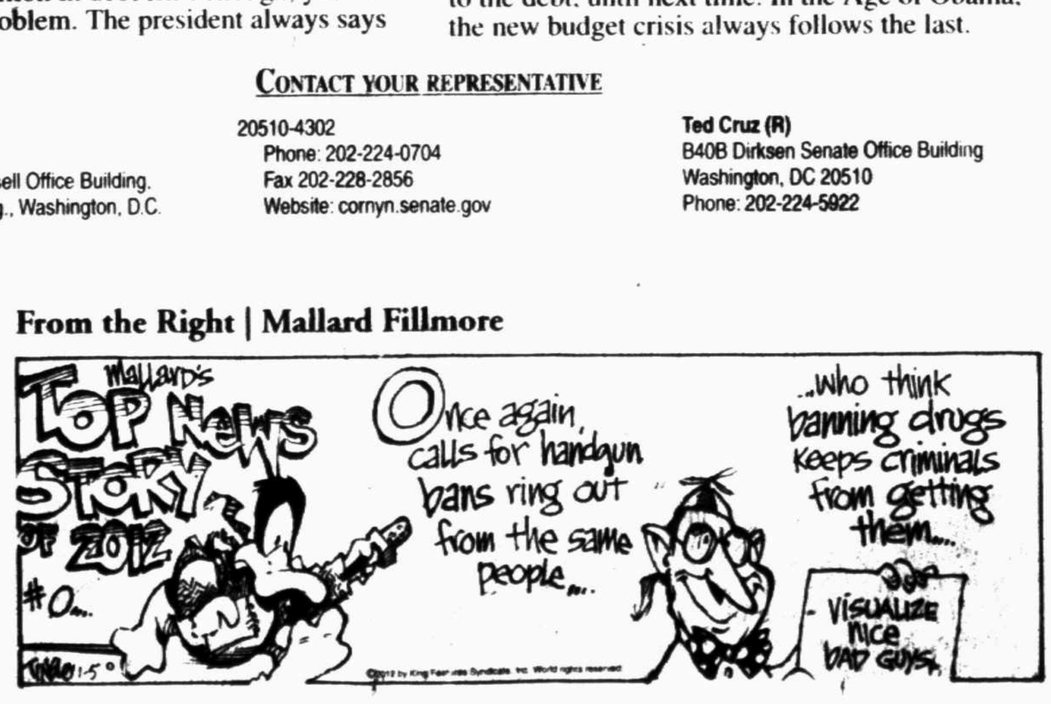

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Debate over Constitution continues

Thomas Flournoy has once again displayed total ignorance of the Constitution and religion dealing with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Thomas, it's your right to believe as you wish, and you have displayed that you are a "true believer" and that nothing could change, your mind.

Thomas, if you wish to live a lie, that's your right.

First of all, the Church of England was abolished and renamed in early America. States under the Articles of the Confederation established their own law concerning religion. Some states declared the Anglican Church as its official church.

Massachusetts passes a law ordering all Roman Catholic priests to leave the colony within three months, upon penalty of life imprisonment or execution. New York then passes a similar law and Rhode Island, famous for its supposed policy of religious toleration, inserted an anti-Catholic statute imposing civil restrictions on Catholics. This strong anti-Catholic prejudice persisted even into the federal period. When New York framed its constitution in 1777, it allowed toleration for all religions, but Catholics were denied full citizenship. These laws were not repealed until 1806.

Relaxation of blatant persecution of Catholicism came to a close during the Revolutionary era in 1820. For various reasons, the outbreak of hostilities and the winning of independence forced Protestants to at least officially temper their hostility toward Catholicism. With this came relaxation of penal measures against the Catholics.

On public schools, Jefferson believed that the fees of parents who could afford to pay would cover much of the cost of educating pauper children. The remaining expenses would be minimal: "To a county, this addition would be of about one-fifth of the taxes we now pay to the State, or about one-fifth of one percent."

This bill proposes to lay off every county into small districts of 5 or 6 miles squared and in each of them to establish a school for teaching reading, writing and arithmetic.

Jefferson was the first impostor president trying to redistribute the wealth. Read it all; not some, part or half.

Jannell Junker

Jefferson's philosophy doesn't resemble Christianity

I think there is a very strong case that many of the framers of the Constitution were deists. In spite of Christians' attempts to rewrite history to make Jefferson into a Christian, little about his philosophy resembles that of Christianity. Although Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence wrote of the Laws of Nature and of nature's God, there exists nothing in the Declaration about Christianity.

Jefferson made it very clear that in freedom of religion, we also were granted freedom from religion. In April 1786 Jefferson declared in regard to Christianity: "What is it men cannot be made to believe."

The ladies who have written in about the religious beliefs in early America are correct. King George allowed early settlers in the New World to worship as they pleased. When Georgia, the 13th colony, was brought into being in 1732 by a charter granted by King George II, its guarantee of religious freedom followed the fixed pattern: Full religious freedom was promised to all future settlers of the colony "except Catholics."

Thomas Flournoy committed an error referring to the Church of England as the church the framers had in mind.

If anything can clear the misconceptions of Jeffersonian history, it can come best from the author himself. Although Jefferson had a complex view of religion, it is too vast for this presentation.

Jefferson wrote in his autobiography: "Where the preamble declares, that coercion is a departure from the plan of the holy author of our religion, an amendment was proposed by inserting 'Jesus Christ,' so that it would read 'A departure from the plan of Jesus Christ, the holy author of our religion;' the insertion was rejected by the great majority."

Thomas sounds a little like Sarah Palin when she declared Paul Revere rode to the British forces ringing bells and shooting in the air and informing them of our Second Amendment right (the right to bear arms). I guess it slipped Palin's mind that the Constitution wasn't written until 12 years later. Palin's story is not true, but it's a good story of bravery.

Dennis Wallace

Please clarify the cost of water

I read that the water supply lakes are back to levels above that before the drought. We are now allowed to water twice a week. The new pipeline will be in by May 2013. It looks like we will have plenty of water.

Unless I missed it, the only thing that hasn't changed is the price of water. After the first 10,000 gallons the price is nearly $20 per thousand gallons. That must be an oversight, and I am sure the city plans to remedy it.

Earl R. West

Readers' views on: Gun rights

Reason is needed in gun debate

In the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting there have thankfully been some reasoned arguments and voices to be heard, namely Rich Lowry in his syndicated column, local teacher Mark LaCroix in his Speaking Out piece and Gary Gilbert's letter to the editor in the Dec. 30 edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

By way of reference, the NRA's vice president, Wayne LaPierre was severely criticized for his similar comments, but it is also interesting to note he has a higher approval rating than do his critics in the "lamestream" media. And as usual with the most vocal gun control types, without so much as a breath of human sympathy or kindness, they seek to wallow in the blood of innocent Americans (murder victims) while advocating for the abrogation of the constitutional liberties of other innocent Americans (responsible gun owners).

As with airport security, we eventually will be forced to adopt some form of the "Israeli method" for school security, like it or not. They have not had a mass school shooting since 1974, probably because it is not uncommon there to see elementary-age school children on a field trip accompanied by their young female teacher shouldering an M-1 carbine.

But the necessary changes here will not stem from a desire for child safety, enhanced security, situational awareness or any other spontaneous act of being proactive in eliminating victim-rich settings. In our litigious society, the changes will only be instituted in response to a school district or other entity (mall, stadium, municipality, etc.) losing an enormous liability lawsuit for failure to maintain a safe environment or prevent "foreseeable harm" as is currently being attempted in Connecticut. It is better to have a gun and not need it than to need it and not have it.

Drew Matthews

Time for sanity in the gun debate

How can you be a parent or a grandparent or just love children and possibly believe it is OK for all sorts of people to be able to buy assault weapons and 30-round ammunition clips?

It is time for the sane people to take over making laws regarding weapons in America.

Jean Hoelscher

Armed response is better than bad law

In my seventh decade of life, I find there are still a few things that sicken my stomach. The first are those mentally ill, psychotic, murderous killers, who over some imagined slight or insult go out and wantonly murder family and innocent children, teenagers and young adults. They always attack gun-free zones such as school campuses, theaters, churches and malls.

This has been happening since the 1966 UT sniper attack, to the 1989 Stockton, Calif., schoolyard shooting. It continues on to Columbine, Aurora, Atlanta and Sandy Hook. All gun-free zones.

Another thing that sickens me are politicians such as our president and vice president, Sens. Charles Schumer and Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy who don't even wait for the autopsies to be completed or the innocent to be buried before they are clamoring for gun control of semi-automatic firearms or the reinstatement of the assault weapon ban, which did nothing to stop shootings in gun-free zones. And then there are Michael Moore, Piers Morgan and other Hollywood personalities who abuse their First Amendment rights to curtail our Second Amendment rights.

In many of these horrific killings, the mentally ill killer was stopped by armed response, whether from an armed civilian or law enforcement officers. The NRA advocates allowing those with CCW's to protect the schools. We also have many retired police officers and veterans who could safely protect our most scared resource: our school-age children.

Those with CCW permits go through at least three background checks with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. They also receive a background check every time they purchase a firearm. Who safer to protect our precious legacy than parents, teachers and family members with a CCW permit?

Dennis Walker

Better facts needed for readers

The Reporter-Telegram ran an editorial and column advocating gun control in Wednesday's paper. Both used data coming only from groups promoting gun control instead of a balanced approach. The claim that 40 percent of gun sales occur without a background check comes straight from The Brady Center, which is one of the most radical gun control groups.

I searched classified ads in the newspapers from Houston, Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi, Midland and Odessa for firearms ads. I found a total of four ads actually wanting to sell guns. According to the FBI, there were 615,212 background checks done in the first six months of 2012. If the 40 percent were true, there would have been more than 400,000 sales without a background check. It seems improbable with only four ads in the newspapers for five of the largest cities in Texas there can be more than 2,200 sales per day without background checks.

The Arthur Kellermann study quoted in the lead editorial is also badly flawed. One the of most obvious flaws is leaving out defensive firearms uses where no shots are fired. Most defensive uses of firearms do not involve shots being fired. The article also claims that self-defense isn't a good reason to own a gun. However, studies show defensive firearms use range from about half a million times a year to more than 3 million times. Compare the recent case in Oklahoma where the 12-year-old girl shot the home invader with a Glock pistol to one in California where two children were killed and two more badly injured by a pitchfork wielding intruder because all the family guns were locked up. I personally prefer the home invader shot instead of dead children.

John Vance

There's no joking about men and guns

■ One reader points out it's not a gender-based generality to say men (not women) are responsbile for these tragic shootings.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Sometimes, just to annoy folks at social gatherings, I'll authoritatively lob a gender-based generality in which I may or may not believe that may or may not be supported by data or research.

It's fun. Try some of these. Brunch is a girls' meal. Two women never will go out for barbecue. Females take 29 times more minutes than males to select a greeting card.

Many women are worse drivers than men because a higher percentage of women did not play sports as youths. Women will include spoons when they set a table even if there is zero chance spoons will be used or needed. Women are less appreciative than men are of high-brow, American cinematic tours de force such as "The Jerk," "Animal House," "Caddyshack" and anything involving any of the Three Stooges.

I could go on, but I've been advised it's probably not advisable to alienate members of one of our major sexes. And remember, I may or may not believe any of these. They're just conversation starters (and sometimes inter-gender friendship enders).

All of this pablum is prologue to an undeniably correct, statistically supported, gender-based conclusion sent to me in one of my favorite reader emails in recent months. It's from Austinite Linda Foss, and I'm going to quote it at length for your perusal.

Foss, 66 (which we both agree makes her middle-aged), is an "almost-retired trust administrator" originally from California and met her Texas husband at a campground in London. She claims to own no weapons "other than my Chinese cleaver."

I think you'll find some thought-providing notions in her email (which serves as further proof of market research showing that readers of my columns are the most intelligent, most interesting and best-looking people in the tri-county area).

Like many of us, Foss' mind is on guns these days. Her email begins with a reference to National Rifle Association CEO Wayne LaPierre.

"Mr. LaPierre is correct, guns don't kill people and even people don't kill people; men kill people and, inexplicable to us, tiny children along with spouses, brothers-in-law, their own mothers, sisters, brothers, cousins, co-workers, people who are the wrong color, or someone wearing the wrong color or someone wearing the wrong headgear or not meeting the social or religious standards of the shooter.

"These shootings take place in intimate settings, family holidays, backyard barbecues and neighborhood get-togethers, wedding receptions, in bars and clubs, outside of stores, in workplaces, and in public places such as malls, movie theaters and again inexplicably, in schools and even churches.

"The situation is so appalling and appears so regularly ... that I wonder why no one has suggested that a gun license be accompanied by estrogen injections, maybe monthly. When was the last time a woman went postal? How about a curfew on this dangerous cohort?

"If the shooters were all of a minority, there would be calls for some kind of medical exams or quarantining and much money would be spent on finding out just why 'they' go awry. That this murdering cohort sees itself as dominant means that it does not see itself in appropriate isolation. There is talk of how 'we' are a violent nation, 'we' have violent entertainment, that 'people' don't kill people.

"Men kill people with guns when feeling insufficiently respected, in desperation, depression, rage and anger. Putting more guns in the hands of more men is a terrifying prospect."

Provocative, in a good way, right?

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Obama cooks books on immigration

■ The president is making it seem his administration is deporting mostly those who pose a threat, when he is mostly breaking up families.

Last Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," President Obama said that fixing our broken immigration system is one of the top priorities of his second term. He promised to introduce legislation this year to get it done.

No doubt the president felt the need to reiterate this well-worn pledge after two weeks of holiday-related news coverage detailing the impact that his administration's unprecedented deportations have had on immigrant communities across the country. Those news features were kicked off by the Department of Homeland Security's announcement that a record 409,849 individuals were deported in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30.

Those with only a passing interest in the issue might be forgiven for assuming that immigrants who were shown the door were the kind of people who pose a threat to our communities and our nation's security.

Unfortunately, this was not exactly true. And the subtle misrepresentation about the types of people who are being expelled calls into question how these latest statistics will be used to either hammer the president for not doing more to keep illegal immigrants in the country or to again raise the specter that his immigration books are cooked just as compromises on reforms are being negotiated.

Though John Morton, the director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, stated that 55 percent of those deported were convicted of felonies or misdemeanors — about twice the number of people in such categories deported in fiscal year 2008 — the immigrants in question are not overwhelmingly murderers, gang-bangers or drug pushers we'd normally assume them to be.

According to Bryan Johnson, an immigration attorney and blogger in New York, the only reason that ICE is breaking deportation records is because Border Patrol apprehensions are also counted. When these individuals are caught a second time crossing the border, they are then prosecuted for illegal re-entry, a federal felony.

Johnson told me he thinks DHS and the administration "want to make it look like they're prioritizing their efforts, but I think they're intentionally shifting numbers so that they look like they're deporting more and more criminals when in fact they're not — they're simply destroying more families."

While the distinction may not mean much to those who want to send all illegal immigrants packing, it actually causes two harms. First, it contributes to the incorrect, though popular, belief that simply being present in this country without the proper documentation is a criminal offense — it's usually only a civil offense, most often for overstaying a visa.

Second, it creates the illusion that limited resources are being spent getting hardened, dangerous criminals out of our communities, when it is not quite the case.

Mary Giovagnoli, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Immigration Policy Center, agrees that whether because of purposeful intent to paint deportation statistics in the best possible light — or simply because the quirks of government reporting produce un-nuanced, aggregate numbers that don't tell the whole story — it's important for those interested in our immigration policy to understand what the numbers really mean.

A soon-to-be released report from her organization will detail how these intricacies reflect an increasingly sweeping and punitive U.S. immigration enforcement environment.

"During the course of the Bush and Obama administrations, DHS and ICE have tried to show they're tough on enforcement to try to soften the ground a little bit for eventual immigration reforms," Giovagnoli said in an interview. "But ever since 2005, when Operation Streamline ordered federal criminal charges for every person crossing the border illegally, the system is on autopilot to criminalize immigrants, subjecting them to the most vigorous enforcement with few mechanisms for getting out of the system.

"Ironically, these large numbers can be used to say that we're at a tipping point and that the administration should find ways to bring the system back into balance by providing more opportunities for relief."

As immigration returns to the national discourse, President Obama would surely benefit from clearing up rampant misperceptions surrounding his administration's deportation numbers — and championing policy changes that will ensure that enforcement measures focus on the most serious threats to our nation's safety.

When will president care about immigrants, immigration?

■ Obama continues the "first-rate" con game when it comes to deportation.

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Now that we're in the new year, the nation's 52 million Latinos need to make a resolution — to never again trust President Obama when it comes to immigration.

For one thing, Obama hasn't earned that trust. Judging from his legislative record in the Illinois state Senate and the U.S. Senate, he never cared about immigrants or immigration. He only values it as a wedge issue to use against Republicans, and to make himself appear compassionate by comparison.

If you look back at his comments during the 2008 Democratic primaries, what Obama seemed most concerned about was not the plight of illegal immigrants, but rather that employers might use illegal labor to pay U.S. workers lower wages. There is this narrative in the Democratic Party suggesting that African-American and blue-collar workers are hurt by competition from immigrants. Obama's policies spring from there.

Of course, it doesn't help make the president any more accountable on immigration that the Republicans are so bad on the issue that just about anything he does seems the lesser of evils. Nor does it help that no matter what he does, he still reaps a bounty of Latino support as he did when he won an astounding 71 percent of the Hispanic vote in his re-election.

When it comes to Obama and immigration, Latinos have been bamboozled too many times. And the games that are played show such a profound level of dishonesty and disrespect that it borders on contempt. Even Obama's pledge to pursue immigration reform in the next few months has to be taken with a grain of salt.

Just look at what has happened with deportations. That illegal immigrants who shouldn't be here are being forced to leave is not a bad thing. What is a bad thing is how the administration goes about doing it, and the fact that much of what it does is driven by politics.

In the 2012 fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, an unprecedented 409,849 people were deported.

This was an increase from the previous year and happened despite much-ballyhooed policy changes that were supposedly going to reduce the removals of undocumented people who were otherwise hardworking and law-abiding. The administration is once again attempting to insist that many of those who were removed were guilty of felonies without telling us that, for instance, under current federal law, someone who is deported and simply re-enters the country has committed a felony.

Here, Obama spent much of last year campaigning for Latino votes by accusing Republicans of demonizing illegal immigrants as "takers" and promising to find a way for more of them to remain in the United States. He even portrayed as cruel Mitt Romney's solution, which was to dry up jobs so illegal immigrants would "self-deport."

All the while, Obama's underlings at the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement were demonizing illegal immigrants as criminals and removing record numbers of them. The administration doesn't practice self-deportation and let illegal immigrants decide their fate; rather, it aggressively rounds them up and deports them, dividing families and sending thousands of U.S.-born children of undocumented parents into foster care.

According to media reports, many Latinos are upset over the new deportation figures.

Really? What did they expect? Much of this is their fault. They should never have been so gullible and put so much stock in the assumption that a Democratic president "has their back" on immigration. They ignored the first rule of dealing with politicians in either party — forget what they say and watch what they do.

And when it comes to immigration, Obama does a lot of harm and hurts a lot of people. Time and again, the issue has been manipulated. The truth has been mangled. Immigrants have been offered false hope. And Latino voters have been misled.

On this issue, Obama comes across as cynical beyond belief. He's the bad guy who likes to pretend that he's the good guy. He does what he feels he needs to do for his own short-term benefit, and then tries to cover his tracks by misrepresenting the facts and taking advantage of how easy it is to fool people who support him and would rather believe anything he says than admit they made a mistake.

It's a first-rate con job. And it will likely continue — because the con man has gotten away with it.

Brothers in Mexico push for changes to nation's strict gun-control laws

The Dallas Morning News

LEBARON, Mexico — The LeBaron brothers, Alex and Max, walked outside their sprawling ranch surrounded by chile fields and pointed to the spot where they traded fire with gunmen who pinned them down for what seemed like hours until both sides reached a truce.

"Had we not been able to defend ourselves that afternoon with our own weapons, I don't know that we'd be standing here today," said Alex LeBaron, a state legislator who is leading a campaign to allow residents to arm themselves.

"Without our guns, we stood no chance," added Max. "We would have been like sitting ducks at target practice."

It turned out the gunmen were actually soldiers. These days, it's hard to tell because just about everyone in this crime-ridden area is heavily armed — everyone, that is, except for regular residents. That makes the town of LeBaron an appropriate place for a gun debate, particularly following the school shootings in Connecticut.

This community in the foothills of the Sierra Madre, whose residents have been victims of extortion, kidnappings and murder, is at the forefront of a movement to press the federal government to change laws that ban citizens from owning weapons unless they belong to a registered gun club. Currently, citizens who want to own a gun must buy it from the military — a long, bureaucratic process — or on the black market.

The LeBaron brothers were armed that day because they belong to a gun club and because they are members of a government-sanctioned militia set up to protect the community after a rash of crimes.

This community of about 1,000, just three hours from the Texas border, is home largely to Mormon farmers, many of them bilingual and dual citizens of the United States and Mexico. Many of them are related to one another through blood ties that go back decades.

Mexico has some of the strictest gun-control laws in the world, but an overwhelming arsenal of illegal guns is readily available to drug cartels battling federal forces and rival criminal groups. The drug war has left more than 60,000 people dead and 25,000 missing since then-President Felipe Calderon sent federal troops to reclaim territories from drug traffickers shortly after taking office in 2006. Few communities have been harder hit than this region, home to chile, apple and pecan growers and cheese makers — and a smuggling route, coveted by traffickers, that leads into the United States through Texas.

"We don't have a problem with jackrabbits," Max said. "We have a problem with sicarios — hit men. People show up here in fake police, soldier uniforms. You shoot first and then ask questions."

"The right to bear arms is the best thing Americans have going for them," said cousin Brent LeBaron Jr. "And here in Mexico, we have high hopes that we too can someday defend ourselves from traffickers armed to the teeth."

Members of an offshoot of the traditional Mormon church, these farmers are like everyday Mexicans anywhere. They drink beer, curse and enjoy long greetings and goodbyes. Yet vestiges of their American ancestry remain intact, including their determination to hold the government accountable — something considered rare in this country until recently — and the right to bear arms.

Three years ago, cousin Benjamin LeBaron stood up after his younger brother was kidnapped and extortionists demanded $1 million for his return. Benjamin led a peaceful movement through the streets of Chihuahua state, calling on authorities to do more to protect residents from what he called madmen who had empowered themselves across the country.

One morning, gunmen came to his home and threatened to rape his wife and harm his children unless he gave them his guns, but he didn't have any. They took him away. Benjamin and Luis Widmar, a brother-in-law who tried to intervene, were beaten, and their bodies were later found, shot in the head.

Their killings led many in the community to take a stance similar to that of Second Amendment advocates in the United States, but there is another side to the debate here, too. Many blame the U.S. gun and drug culture for the mayhem in Mexico and are adamantly opposed to more guns. Nearly 70 percent of all guns seized in Mexico originated in the United States, according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"I don't want to run around like Pancho Villa — bang, bang," said Ricardo Paisano, who owns a fruit juice stand in LeBaron. Paisano once lived in Arizona and described the scene there as the "the wild, wild West, where everyone was armed like crazies. We need more jobs, not more guns."

Others, like Daniel Madrid Mendoza, a 28-year-old member of the gun club near Casas Grandes, disagreed.

"I like guns because I like hunting," he said. "But also I don't think it's right that only the bad guys have access to guns. We should all have the right to defend ourselves."

Alex LeBaron, a 32-year-old Chihuahua state congressman with national aspirations, is haunted by the memory of his cousin "Benji" and of his own father, who was killed in a carjacking. Alex was educated in New Mexico and served in the U.S. Navy. Giving Mexicans the right to bear arms is among the issues he is most passionate about, one that he says will make Mexicans less paternalistic and more individualistic.

"When Benji was killed, the first thing you think is 'We gotta get out of here,' and yet at the moment, I realized I had nowhere to run, nor did I want to go anywhere else," he said. "This is home. This is where I was born and will one day die. We're Mexican citizens 100 percent, and very proud of that."

He added: "We have to educate residents that we cannot wait for the government to protect us. We have to take responsibility for ourselves, protect ourselves, because the government cannot always be there to help us."

"If we had arms," Max said, "we would run these criminals off our land. Mexico would be a much safer country for regular law-abiding citizens."

Following a rash of extortions, kidnappings and killings, the Mexican government did allow a supervised citizens patrol group of about 70 armed men to stand guard atop the hills at the entrance of their community.

"Look, as much as I admire the United States, I also don't agree with everything there, either," Max said. "For example, we're not advocating — at least I'm not — for an arsenal of assault weapons. We just want a gun to defend ourselves."

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Poll: Fight obesity crisis but keep the junk food

By Lauran Neergaard and Jennifer Agiesta
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Everyone could use a little help keeping those New Year's resolutions to slim down. But if it means the government limiting junk food, the response is an overwhelming, "No."

Americans call obesity a national health crisis and blame too much screen time and cheap fast food for fueling it. But a new poll finds people are split on how much the government should do to help — and most draw the line at attempts to force healthier eating.

A third of people say the government should be deeply involved in finding solutions to the epidemic. A similar proportion want it to play little or no role, and the rest are somewhere in the middle, according to the poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Require more physical activity in school, or provide nutritional guidelines to help people make better choices? Sure. 8 in 10 support those steps. Make restaurants post calorie counts on their menus, as the Food and Drug Administration is poised to do? Some 70 percent think it's a good idea.

"That's a start," said Khadijah Al-Amin, 52, of Coatesville, Pa. "The fat content should be put up there in red letters, not just put up there. The same way they mark something that's poisonous, so when you see it, you absolutely know."

But nearly 6 in 10 people surveyed oppose taxes targeting unhealthy foods, known as soda taxes or fat taxes.

And when it comes to restricting what people can buy — like New York City's recent ban of supersized sodas in restaurants — three-quarters say, "No way."

"The outlawing of sugary drinks, that's just silly," said Keith Donner, 52, of Miami, who prefers teaching schoolchildren to eat better and get moving.

"People should just look at a Big Gulp and say, 'That's not for me.' I think it starts when they are young and at school," he added.

Despite the severity of the problem, most of those surveyed say dealing with obesity is up to individuals. Just a third consider obesity a community problem that governments, schools, health care providers and the food industry should be involved in. Twelve percent said it will take work from both individuals and the community.

That finding highlights the dilemma facing public health experts: Societal changes in recent decades have helped spur growing waistlines, and now a third of U.S. children and teens and two-thirds of adults are either overweight or obese. Today, restaurants dot more street corners and malls, regular-sized portions are larger and a fast-food meal can be cheaper than healthier fare. Not to mention electronic distractions that slightly more people surveyed blamed for obesity than fast food.

In the current environment, it's difficult to exercise that personal responsibility, said Jeff Levi of the nonprofit Trust for America's Health, which has closely tracked the rise in obesity.

"We need to create environments where the healthy choice becomes the easy choice, where it's possible for people to bear that responsibility," he said.

The new poll suggests women, who have major input on what a family eats, recognize those societal and community difficulties more than men do.

More than half of women say the high cost of healthy food is a major driver of obesity, compared with just 37 percent of men. Women also are more likely than men to blame cheap fast food and to say that the food industry should bear a lot of responsibility for helping to find solutions.

Patricia Wilson, 53, of rural Speedwell, Tenn., says she must drive 45 minutes to reach a grocery store — passing numerous burger and pizza joints, with more arriving every year.

"They shouldn't be letting all these fast-food places go up," said Wilson, who nags her children and grandchildren to eat at home and watch their calories. She recalls how her own overweight grandmother lost both her legs and then her life to diabetes.

More than 80 percent of people in the AP-NORC poll said they had easy access to supermarkets, but just as many could easily get fast food. Another 68 percent said it was easy for kids to purchase junk food on their way to school, potentially foiling diet-conscious caregivers like Wilson, who doesn't allow her grandchildren to eat unhealthy snacks at home.

"If they say they're hungry, they get regular food," she said.

Food is only part of the obesity equation; physical activity is key, too. About 7 in 10 people said it was easy to find sidewalks or paths for jogging, walking or bike-riding. But 63 percent found it difficult to run errands or get around without a car, reinforcing a sedentary lifestyle.

James Gambrell, 27, of Springfield, Ore., said he pays particular attention to diet and exercise because obesity runs in his family. He makes a point of walking to stores and running errands on foot two to three times a week.

But Gambrell, a fast-food cashier, said he eats out at least once a day because of the convenience and has changed his order at restaurants that already have begun posting calorie counts. He's all for the government pushing those kinds of solutions.

"I feel that it's a part of the government's responsibility to care for its citizens and as such should attempt to set regulations for restaurants that are potentially harmful to its citizens," he said.

On the other side is Pamela Dupuis, 60, of Aurora, Colo., who said she has struggled with weight and has been diagnosed as prediabetic. She doesn't want the government involved in things like calorie-counting.

"They should stay out of our lives," she said.

The AP-NORC Center survey was conducted Nov. 21 through Dec. 14. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,011 adults nationwide and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

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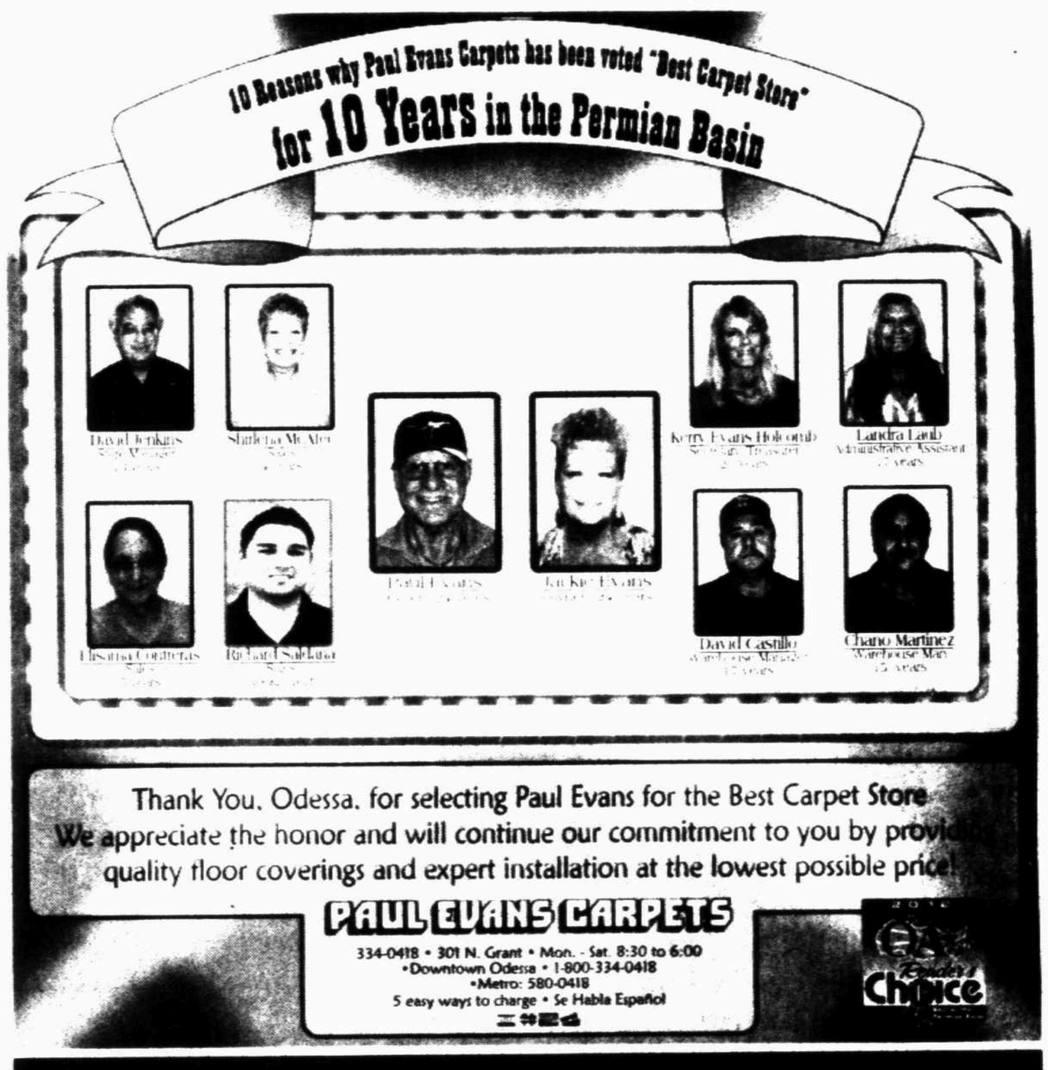
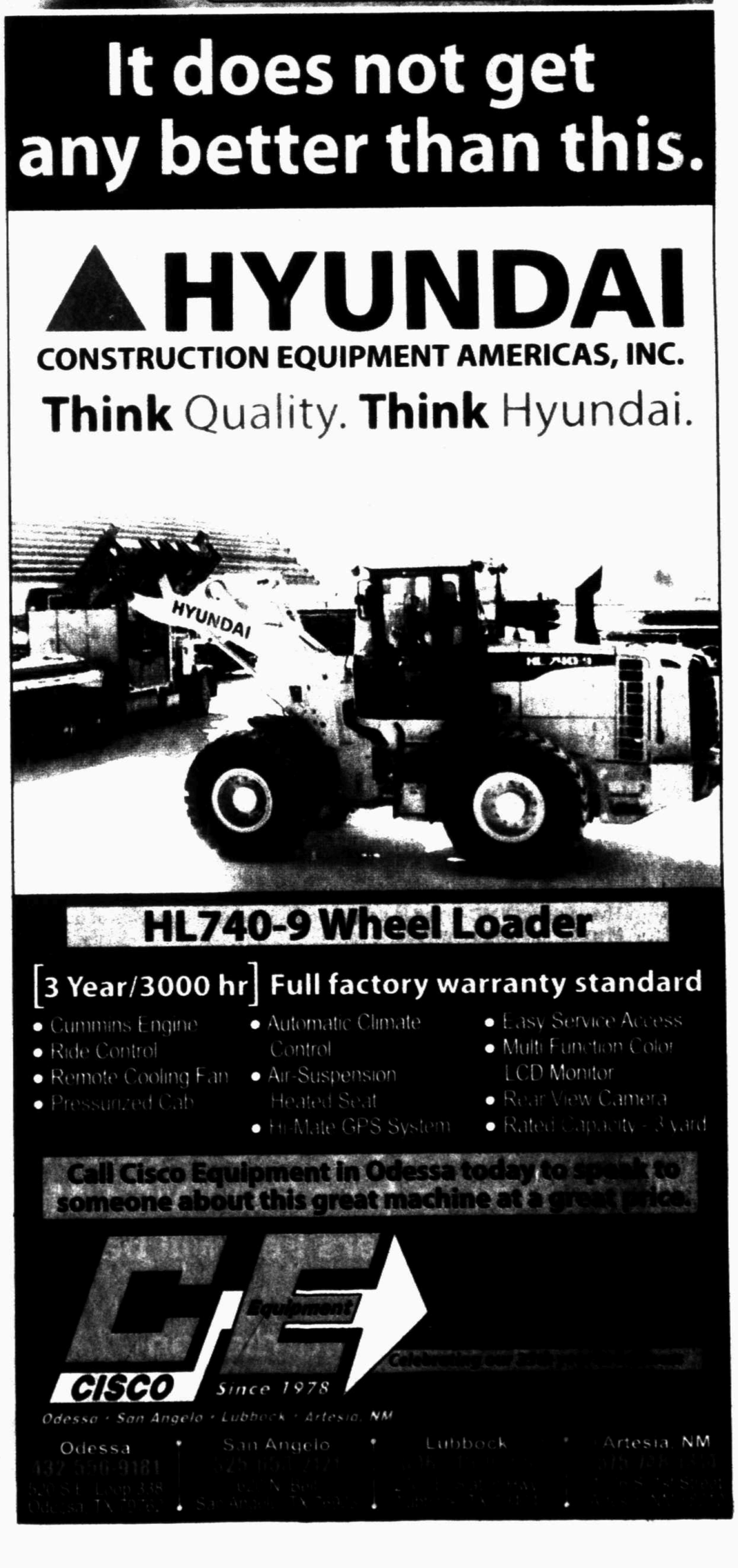
This Jan. 17 file photo shows vegetables left over by students on their cafeteria trays at the Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles. Americans blame too much screen time and cheap fast-food for fueling the nation's obesity epidemic, but a poll finds that they're split on how the government should help. A third of people say the government should be deeply involved in finding ways to curb obesity. A similar proportion want the government to play little or no role, and the rest are in the middle.





'Fiscal cliff' deal no recipe for a robust economy

By Christopher Rugaber and Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Housing is rebounding. Families are shrinking debts. Europe has avoided a financial crackup. And the "fiscal cliff" deal has removed the most urgent threat to the U.S. economy.

So why don't economists foresee stronger growth and hiring in 2013?

Part of the answer is what Congress' agreement did (raise Social Security taxes for most of us). And part is what it didn't do (prevent the likelihood of more growth-killing political standoffs).

By delaying painful decisions on spending cuts, the deal assures more confrontation and uncertainty, especially because Congress must reach agreement later this winter to raise the government's debt limit. Many businesses are likely to remain wary of expanding or hiring in the meantime.

One hopeful consensus: If all the budgetary uncertainty can be resolved within the next few months, economists expect growth to pick up in the second half of 2013.

"We are in a better place than we were a couple of days ago," Chad Moutray, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers, said a day after Congress sent President Barack Obama legislation to avoid sharp income tax increases and government spending cuts. But "we really haven't dealt with the debt ceiling or tax reform or entitlement spending."

Five full years after the Great Recession began, the U.S. economy is still struggling to accelerate. Many economists think it will grow a meager 2 percent or less this year, down from 2.2 percent in 2012. The unemployment rate remains a high 7.7 percent. Few expect it to drop much this year.

Yet in some ways, the economy has been building strength. Corporations have cut costs and have amassed a near-record $1.7 trillion in cash. Home sales and prices have been rising consistently, along with construction. Hiring gains have been modest but steady. Auto sales in 2012 were the best in five years. The just-ended holiday shopping season was decent.

Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist for the Economic Outlook Group, thinks the lack of finality in the budget fight is slowing an otherwise fundamentally sound economy.

"What a shame," Baumohl said in a research note Wednesday. "Companies are eager to ramp up capital investments and boost hiring. Households are prepared to unleash five years of pent-up demand."

The economy might be growing at a 3 percent annual rate if not for the threat of sudden and severe spending cuts and tax increases, along with the haziness surrounding the budget standoff, says Ethan Harris, co-director of global economics at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Still, Congress' deal delivered a walloping tax hike for most workers: the end of a two-year Social Security tax cut. The tax is rising back up to 6.2 percent from 4.2 percent. The increase will cost someone making $50,000 about $1,000 a year and a household with two high-paid workers up to $4,500.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, calculates that the higher Social Security tax will slow growth by 0.6 percentage point in 2013. The other tax increases — including higher taxes on household incomes above $450,000 a year — will slice just 0.15 percentage point from growth, Zandi says.

Congress' deal also postpones decisions on spending cuts for military and domestic programs, including Medicare and Social Security. In doing so, it sets up a much bigger showdown over raising the government's borrowing limit. Republicans will likely demand deep spending cuts as the price of raising the debt limit. A similar standoff in 2011 brought the government to the brink of default and led Standard & Poor's to yank its top AAA rating on long-term U.S. debt.

Here's how key parts of the economy are shaping up for 2013:

Jobs

With further fights looming over taxes and spending, many companies aren't likely to step up hiring. Congress and the White House will likely start battling over raising the $16.4 trillion debt limit in February.

Many economists expect employers to add an average of 150,000 to 175,000 jobs a month in 2013, about the same pace as in 2011 and 2012. That level is too weak to quickly reduce unemployment.

The roughly 2 million jobs Zandi estimates employers will add this year would be slightly more than the 1.8 million likely added in 2012. Zandi thinks employers would add an additional 600,000 jobs this year if not for the measures agreed to in the fiscal cliff deal.

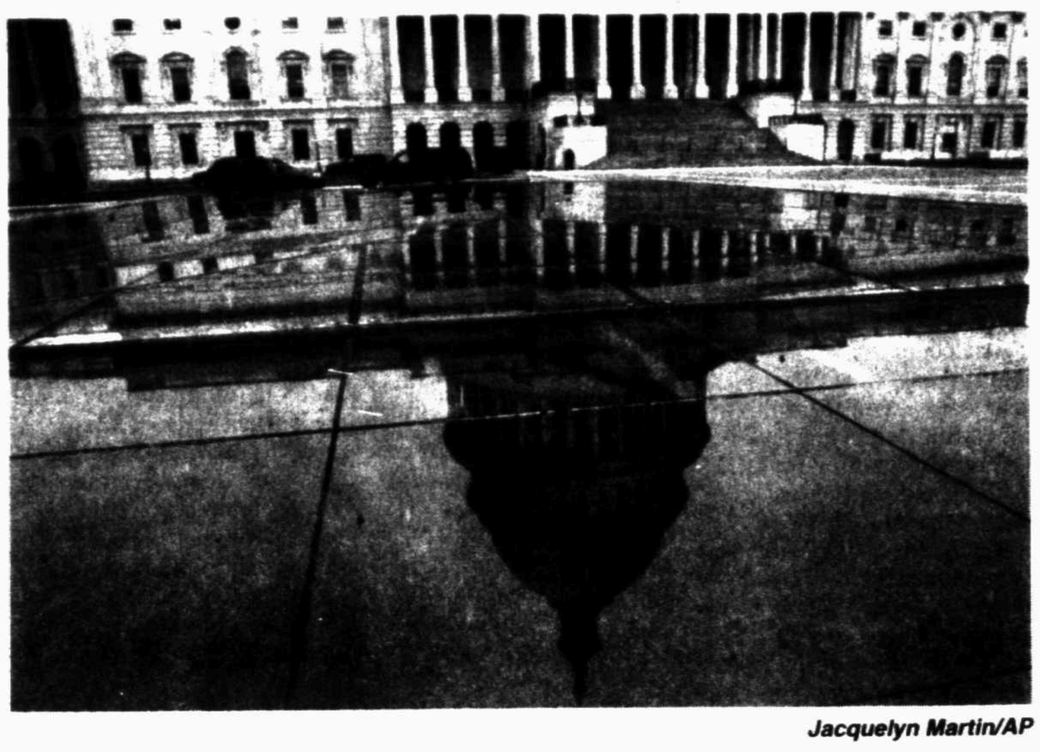
Federal Reserve policymakers have forecast that the unemployment rate will fall to 7.4 percent, at best, by year's end. Economists regard a "normal" rate as 6 percent or less.

Consumer spending

Consumer confidence fell in December as Americans began to fear the higher taxes threatened by the fiscal cliff. Confidence had reached a five-year high in November, fueled by slowly declining unemployment and a steady housing rebound. Consumer spending is the driving force of the economy.

But the deal to avoid the cliff won't necessarily ignite a burst of spending. Taxes will still rise for nearly 80 percent of working Americans because of the higher Social Security tax rate.

Since the recession officially ended in June 2009, pay has barely kept up with inflation. The Social Security tax increase will cut paychecks further. And with the job market likely to remain tight, few companies have much incentive to hand out raises.



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In this Jan. 1 file photo, the dome of the Capitol is reflected in a skylight of the Capitol Visitor's Center in Washington. By delaying hard choices on spending, the "fiscal cliff"I deal guaranteed more confrontation and uncertainty this year, especially when Congress must vote later this winter to raise the government's borrowing limit. That's likely to keep businesses cautious about hiring and investing.

Thanks to record-low interest rates, consumers have whittled their debts to about 113 percent of their after-tax income. That's the lowest share since mid-2003, according to Haver Analytics. And the delinquency rate for users of bank credit cards is at an 18-year low, the American Bankers Association reported Thursday.

Yet that hardly means people are ready to reverse course and ramp up credit-card purchases. Most new spending would have to come from higher incomes, says Ellen Zentner, senior economist at Nomura Securities.

"We don't see the mindset of, 'Let's run up the credit card again,'" she says.

Housing

Economists are nearly unanimous about one thing: The housing market will keep improving.

That's partly because of a fact that's caught many by surprise: Five years after the housing bust left a glut of homes in many areas, the nation doesn't have enough houses. Only 149,000 new homes were for sale at the end of November, the government has reported. That's just above the 143,000 in August, the lowest total on records dating to 1963. And the supply of previously occupied homes for sale is at an 11-year low.

"We need to start building again," says Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight.

Sales of new homes in November reached their highest annual pace in 2 1/2 years. They were 15 percent higher than a year earlier. And October marked a fifth straight month of year-over-year price increases in the 20 major cities covered by the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller national home price index.

Potential homebuyers "are more likely to buy, and banks are more likely to lend" when prices are rising, says James O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. "It feeds on itself."

Higher prices are also encouraging builders to begin work on more homes. They were on track last year to start construction of the most homes in four years.

Ultra-low mortgage rates have helped spur demand. The average rate on the U.S. 30-year fixed mortgage is 3.35 percent, barely above the 3.31 percent reached in November, the lowest on records dating to 1971.

Housing tends to have an outside impact on the economy. A housing recovery boosts construction jobs and encourages more spending on furniture and appliances. And higher home prices make people feel wealthier, which can also lead to more spending.

"When you have a housing recovery, it's nearly impossible for the U.S. economy to slip into recession," Zentner says.

Manufacturing

Factories appear to be recovering slowly from a slump last fall. The Institute for Supply Management's index of manufacturing activity rose last month from November. And a measure of employment suggested that manufacturers stepped up hiring in December. Factories had cut jobs in three of the four months through November, according to government data.

Another encouraging sign: Americans are expected to buy more cars this year. That would help boost manufacturing output. Auto sales will likely rise nearly 7 percent in 2013 over last year to 15.3 million, according to the Polk research firm. Sales likely reached 14.5 million last year, the best since 2007. In 2009, sales were just 10.4 million, the fewest in more than 30 years.

And if Congress can raise the federal borrowing limit without a fight that damages confidence, companies might boost spending on computers, industrial machinery and other equipment in the second half of 2013, economists say. That would help keep factories busy.

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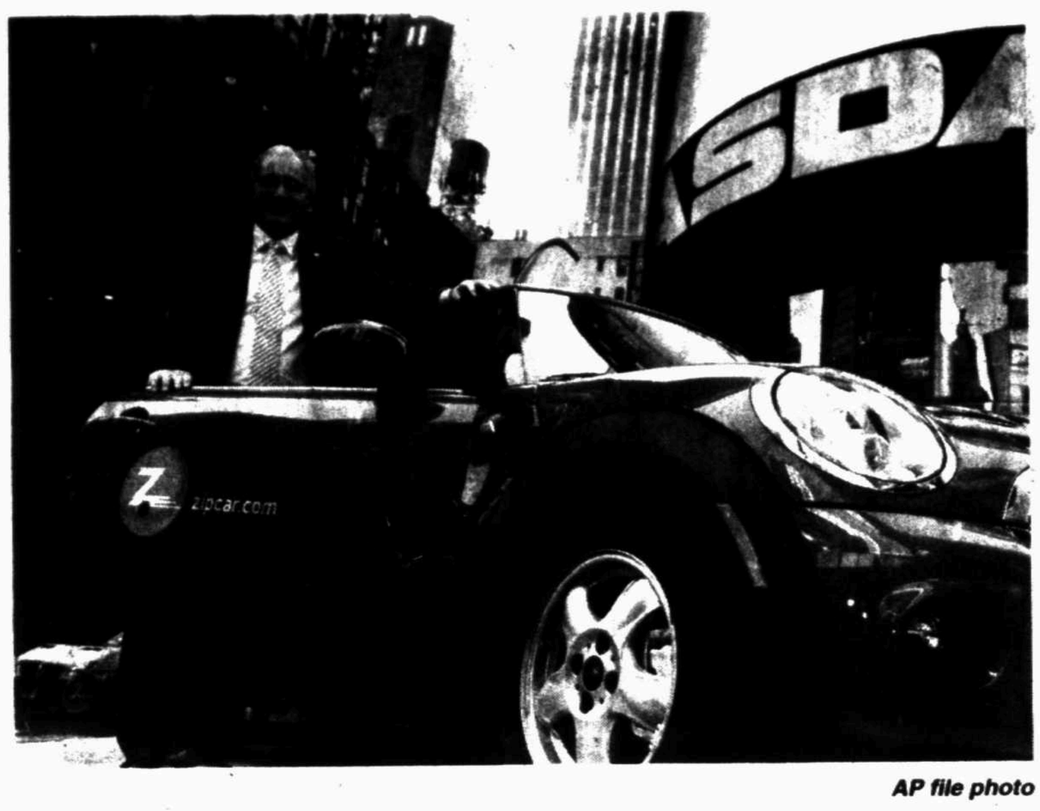

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In this April 14 file photo provided by Zipcar.com, Zipcar Chairman and CEO Scott Griffith stands with a Zipcar Mini Cooper before the opening bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite Tower in New York.

A look at the pros and cons of car sharing

By Samantha Bomkamp
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The ability to access a car quickly and give it back after a few hours is exploding in popularity among both college students and city dwellers.

Zipcar created the car-sharing concept in 2000. By the end of the decade car-sharing had caught the attention of the two largest U.S. car rental companies as Enterprise and Hertz started competing services. And this week, Avis, the nation's No. 3 car rental company, jumped into by offering nearly $500 million to buy Zipcar.

While car-sharing is a popular alternative for those who rely on public transit or live on walking-friendly college campuses, it's not feasible in less-populated areas. Traditional car rental companies still dominate at airports, catering to travelers that need a car while they're on business or visiting family away from home.

Here's a look at how Zipcar works, for whom it works best and what it can cost.

How it works

Zipcar says it caters to a younger, more tech-savvy customer who wants a simplified car-borrowing experience. Car-sharing is far quicker than a traditional rental, where you'll go to a counter and stand in line to wait for a car. And Zipcar has a fleet of small trucks that are also useful for local moves.

With Zipcar and its car-sharing brethren, customers leave a car in a city parking lot, garage or in an assigned parking space on a college campus. "Zipsters," as Zipcar calls its customers, then find the car with the name tag that matches their reservation. Viewing the make and model on the company's smartphone app allows for easier spotting.

The car is locked and unlocked with a membership "Zipcard." The keys are stashed under the dash.

Zipcars aren't often checked for cleanliness or gas in between renters (they ask that you keep a quarter-tank at all times.) That can be a downside compared with standard car rentals.

Zipcar customers fuel up using a gas card that's stored in each car. With a traditional rental, customers fill up as if it's their own car and are expected to return the car full or face a hefty per-gallon charge.

Car-sharers can extend their rental on the mobile app or by signing up for text alerts, as long as another member hasn't reserved the car already.

To return the car, bring it back to a marked parking space and swipe the Zipcard on the windshield. That stops your rental clock and tells the company that you returned the car on time.

What it costs

To join Zipcar, members pay a $25 application fee and $50 a year. Rates run from $7.50 an hour and include gas, insurance and any mileage racked up beyond 180 miles a day. By comparison, Hertz on Demand Standard car rental prices vary widely but generally range between $50 and $100 per day in big cities.

Pros and cons

- You're generally not charged for mileage if you're renting from Hertz or Avis. "Zipsters" have to pay for any trip longer than 180 miles. For a long weekend trip, a Zipcar might not be your best bet, especially if you're driving a great distance.
- You only have to be 21 to rent a Zipcar, or 18 if you're renting it from a university campus and have a clean driving record. Most renters have to be 25 to rent through a traditional rental car company. Sometimes, younger drivers can rent for an extra per-day fee.
- Once you go beyond 24 hours, car-sharing is generally more expensive than a standard rental.
- Zipcar is far larger than competitors Hertz and Enterprise, but you can link your rewards memberships through those companies and earn points for future rentals.

Where to find it

The car-sharing model makes the most sense in high-populated areas, which explains its popularity in major cities or on college campuses. But the number of Zipcar locations will grow once the Avis deal is complete. Zipcar now has more than 760,000 members, triple what it had in 2008. It has 10,000 vehicles across locations in the U.S., U.K., Spain and Austria.

Starbucks enters competitive coffee market in Vietnam

By Mike Ives
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Nghiem Ngoc Thuy has been slinging coffees to thirsty Vietnamese for 20 years in her colonial-style villa with peeling shutters, and she and her customers aren't too worried that the imminent arrival of U.S. giant Starbucks will alter their time-tested coffee traditions.

Starbucks announced Thursday that it will open its first cafe in Vietnam early next month in Ho Chi Minh City as part of its strategy to expand across Asia and that it plans to add more shops throughout the country.

But compared with other Asian markets Starbucks has recently entered, the Seattle-based company faces a unique scenario in Vietnam, where French-inspired coffee culture reigns supreme, two homegrown chains have established presences and family-run sidewalk cafes are as ubiquitous as noodle shops.

"Our prices are affordable for average Vietnamese," Thuy said, pausing for just a moment during an afternoon rush at her family-run cafe in Hanoi, the capital. "Expensive coffee is just for the children of government officials or people who have lots of money."

Vietnamese coffee, made from bold robusta beans, packs a stronger caffeine wallop than European-style espresso, which is made from effete arabica. It has a slightly bitter taste that usually is offset by sweetened, condensed milk known to rattle tourists' eyeballs.

Dang Le Nguyen Vu, whose Trung Nguyen Group owns 55 cafes in Vietnam, said he welcomes Starbucks and doesn't view the American newcomer as a threat.

"I could imagine Starbucks opening up to a hundred cafes at most in Vietnam in the next 10 years," Vu said. "But will people in a country with such a low GDP per capita and a different taste in coffee really accept Starbucks?"

Unlike China, where tea is the caffeinated drink of choice, Vietnam inherited a coffee culture from French colonizers in the 19th century. Vietnam also is the world's second-largest exporter of coffee behind Brazil. According to the government, it produced 1.73 million tons of coffee last year, for an export value of $3.7 billion.

Starbucks already operates more than 3,300 stores across 11 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and its entry into Vietnam marks the latest salvo in a campaign to woo Asia's emerging middle classes despite a stagnating U.S. economy.

Jinlong Wang, president of Starbucks Asia-Pacific, said the company plans to expand across Vietnam in a way that celebrates the country's "coffee culture and heritage."

"We look forward to growing with Vietnam's already vibrant coffee industry, and making a positive impact in the communities where we operate," he said in comments emailed to The Associated Press.

Vietnam's economy has slowed recently in part because of a problematic banking sector, but Starbucks' upmarket brand will appeal to the growing Vietnamese middle class, said Anthony Emms, managing partner at Stanton Emms Strategy Consultants in Singapore, which advises international food and beverage companies on Asian markets.

"I don't believe there is a massive barrier to Starbucks in Vietnam," he said by telephone. "Starbucks is not really a coffee; it's a food-service concept."

More than 60 percent of Vietnam's population was born after the Vietnam War ended in 1975, and there is a strong demand among youth in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City for branded clothing and accessories, no matter that the labels often are fakes, and average annual income is only about $1,500.

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CASA seeks volunteers to advocate for kids

Increase in the population puts more children in foster care, director says

By Joseph Basco
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CASA of West Texas is looking for volunteers who are willing to serve as advocates for children in court.

Patty Pisklak, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates of West Texas, said the organization is in need of 15 to 20 people to apply before training begins on Jan. 22.

CASA's mission is to promote volunteers who speak for an abused child's best interests in court, according to its website.

"We want to put children in a safe, permanent home in a timely manner," Pisklak said.

She said CASA of West Texas served 31 percent more children in 2011 than the previous year, but the organization cannot keep up with demand.

"With the influx of Midland's population putting more children in the (foster care) system, we need more volunteers," Pisklak said.

In all of the counties CASA of West Texas serve, a total of 45 volunteers are needed to make the organization better capable of meeting the demand, Pisklak said.

Prospective volunteers must go through a background check and an in-person interview before attending the training. The 30-hour training consists of learning about the basic requirements and the court and foster care systems, Pisklak said.

After training, the volunteer then serves a child for one to 1 1/2 years, speaking out in the child's behalf in court. Pisklak said the volunteers try to place the children in permanent housing situations, such as adoption or being reunited with relatives.

"This is difficult volunteer work," Pisklak said.

Volunteer Amy Hood, who joined CASA of West Texas in September, said she volunteers in the evenings and weekends because she has a full-time job during the week.

"It takes so much of your personal time, but it matters to kids," Hood said. "I am one of the only people in their life than can help them."

While four people currently are in the application process, more people are needed, Pisklak said.

"We are in desperate need of volunteers, while too many kids remain in foster care," she said.

About 6,400 children under the care of the state of Texas were available for adoption as of Sept. 30, according to the Texas Adoption Resource Exchange's website.

TOP: A prairie dog sits back and relaxes outside of its hole in a field near South Lamesa Road and Texas Avenue on Saturday. **ABOVE LEFT:** A prairie dog has a snack. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A prairie dog hollers to other prairie dogs outside of its hole. **BELOW LEFT:** Gabbanna snags a Frisbee thrown by her owner, Anna Lee. **BELOW RIGHT AT TOP:** Nanook, a 12-year-old Siberian husky, relaxes with her owner, Darwin Wilson, Saturday at Hogan's Run Dog Park in Midland. **BELOW RIGHT AT BOTTOM:** Andrew Sanchez, 3, keeps the water bucket full for some canine friends.

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Firefighters review safety measures in wake of NY shooting

By Tyler White
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Firefighters in Webster, N.Y., didn't expect to dodge bullets along with flames on Christmas Eve.

A gunman, William Spengler, 62, shot four firefighters that day, and killed two in a trap he set before he killed himself.

Fire departments around the nation will likely increase training and safety measures in the wake of the shooting, said Jeff Meiner, Midland Fire Department's fire marshal.

MFD has not released details on what changes will be made, but Meiner expects the department will increase training to address incidents such as a shooting.

While shootings are rare, Meiner said firefighters can never be too cautious when approaching a fire.

"We try not to get tunnel vision," he said. "We always size up the scene when we arrive."

MFD keeps its employees apprised of emergency preparedness procedures when new threats and concerns arise, Meiner said. For example, after 9/11, MFD workers went through training on how to deal with bombs and terrorist attacks.

The fire marshal thinks the shooting in New York will bring an increased awareness to the emergencies that firefighters respond to on a regular basis.

"It was a tragic event, and (it) makes our job more hazardous," he said.

The collaboration between firefighters and law enforcement is a common, yet crucial, part of handling emergency calls, said David Hickman, MFD's assistant fire marshal.

Midland police set up a perimeter at the scene of a fire to provide a safe working area for the firefighters, according to Chief Price Robinson. If a shooting were to occur, police would call for backup and move firefighters away from danger, he said.

Police also would evacuate nearby homes and work to stop a gunman from harming any firefighters, Price said.

The Fire Department's fire code stipulates it is unlawful to set up traps or hazards for firefighters who respond to an emergency call, Hickman said. These codes also require that a building be properly maintained and that elevators be shut down during an emergency response.

Shopping in foreign countries is not like shopping in US

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

When you travel with the wife, there is one unflinching obligation that stares the men square in the face — shopping.

There's no getting around it. You have to buy for the grandkids, your kids, the spouses, your parents, the keeper of the pet, the wife, etc. In fact, the list is so long that you have to carry an extra suitcase along just for the gifts.

This gets quite expensive when airlines charge a baggage fee. You usually end up paying more for the baggage than all the junk that's in them. You don't have to tell me about the ever-growing cost of travel.

But you have to buy the junk, smile when it's delivered and make sure there is a neat story to go with each foreign gift.

The wife and I took a seven-day cruise to Central America (Cozumel, Roatan and Belize) over the Christmas holiday, and we've discovered that few countries have a system like the one we have in the United States.

There seldom are prices marked on any items in stores in foreign countries.

This means negotiating for a price is allowed and even encouraged. The idea is to make you think you came away with a steal. If you pay full price, the retailer is pleased pink, but he will think of you're a fool when you leave his store.

In your travels, don't be disappointed if you get a good deal in one country and not such a good deal in another.

For instance, in Istanbul, Turkey, they allow bartering, but it is a hard bargain. They don't come down much unless you are buying a silk rug. Silk rugs are expensive, but many tourists love to buy one on their visit. Here you can get a $15,000 rug for $7,000 to $10,000.

We were told to barter in Helsinki, Finland, and Oslo, Norway, but I guess we didn't hit the right shops in our one-day stopover in each of those cities.

In St. Petersburg, Russia, they will haggle with you, but vendors are so serious-minded that you're never really sure if you landed a good deal or not. Haggling isn't allowed in France or Great Britain unless it's along some river bank with a starving artist. You will overpay for all things in Britain and France. It's sort of like shopping here in the U.S.

Italy barters goods but not so much in the summer months when all the tourists are in town. Italians become capitalists in the height of summer. Italians will offer a tourist one price and a local a lower price for the same item. The deal here is to get a local to purchase your goods for the best price.

Shopping in Alaska or Hawaii is a no-no. Find a shell on the beach and call it good for the grandkids. Prices are high and pretty much set.

If you have found a deal in either of these places, you got a steal.

Here's the way it went in Cozumel when the wife found a ring she couldn't live without:

Shopkeeper: "Welcome to my store. I see you are interested in this beautiful ring."

Me: "Yeah, but there is no price on it. What does it cost?"

Shopkeeper: "Well, it runs $2,800, but this is Christmas Day, so for you it's 80 percent off for $380."

Me: "That sounds pretty good, but I don't have that kind of money. Let's go, honey."

Shopkeeper: "Wait a minute, I give it for $185. Just for the lady on Christmas

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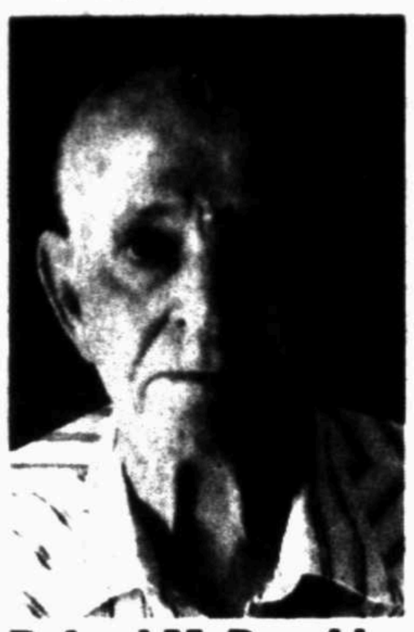

Buford McDonald

Buford Ray McDonald, 83, of Midland passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2013. He was born on January 20, 1929 in Ranger, Texas to David Lee McDonald and Mattie Jane Yountz. He married Marie Harrison in 1950. They were married until her death in 1994. On January 14, 1995 he married Mary E. Duggan. He worked as a barber and owned a vet retirement home on South Main.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Marie Harrison; a son, Buford Jr. and a daughter-in-law, Lee McDonald, grandson, Billy Ray; granddaughter, Kelly and five sisters.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory is his wife, Mary E. Duggan; one brother, David McDonald of Odessa, Texas; sister, Peggy Stone of Graham, Texas; step-son, Mike Reed and wife Dottie; step-daughter, Sherry Priddy and husband Ronny. He also leaves behind five step-grandchildren, seven step- great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Monday, January 7, 2013 between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A Graveside service will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 2:00pm at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com. Family asks in lieu of flowers please make donations to the charities of your choice in his name.

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Della JoAnn (Hayes) Henson

Della JoAnn (Hayes) Henson, age 73, passed away in Spokane, WA on January 4, 2013. She was born on February 17, 1939 in Jal, NM to Dortha Bilbrey and Johnny Frank Hayes. JoAnn graduated from Stanton High School in 1957. She married Earl Henson on December 27, 1957 and celebrated 55 years together. JoAnn came to know the Lord as her Savior in the spring of 1951 and went on to teach Sunday school most of her adult life as well as attended Bible Study Fellowship. JoAnn was so thankful for her last years at Crossover Church where she experienced God's love from all the people there and learned so much about the Truth of God's Word. She loved a bargain and thrift store shopping, babies and children. JoAnn is survived by her husband Earl Henson, son Michael (Cynthia) Henson, daughter Rebecca (Doug) Ballou, grandchildren John, Lydia and David Henson, Hope and Hunter Ballou, and sister Cleta May (Joe) Barber. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons Stephen Henson and Jim Bob Henson, and siblings Charles Hayes and Esther Wanell Hayes Callaway. A graveside service will be held at Riverside Memorial Park in Spokane, WA on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 11 am. A memorial service will follow at Crossover Church in Spokane, WA at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to Crossover Church Missions Program, 16825 N Newport Hwy, Mead, WA 99021 or to Horizon Hospice 123 W Cascade Way, Ste. E, Spokane, WA 99208.

Carol Anderson

Carol Anderson, 66, of Stanton, formerly of Big Spring died Friday, January 4, 2013, in Stanton. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with David Harp officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carol was born September 3, 1946, in Big Spring to Lena Lanelle and Lloyd D. Ringener. She was a lifetime resident of Martin and Howard Counties. Carol was a homemaker, but also had worked at the Martin County ASCS office in Stanton for fifteen years. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, and working crossroad puzzles.

Carol is survived by four sons: Jerry Anderson of Stanton, Terry Anderson and his wife Kim of Midland, Tommy Anderson of Stanton, and Jimmy Anderson and his wife Elizabeth of Stanton; thirteen grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Ruiz, Keith Cooper, Beau Anderson, Braden Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Johnathan Anderson, and Ben Anderson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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James Francis Devenport

May 18, 1935-Dec. 24, 2012

James began his life of 77 years in Alpine, Brewster County, Texas, at 12:30am on May 18, 1935, the second son of Elmer Devenport, an architectural engineer, and Frances Ferguson Devenport, an educator.

Education was stressed to James by his parents who each had earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Technological College in 1929 and 1930, the first and second graduating classes at Texas Tech. James attended grade school years 1-12 in Alpine and then earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Sul Ross State College in 1956 and a Master of Education from Sul Ross State College in 1958. He began a career of teaching mathematics with Midland ISD in 1959.

He married Judith Hardaway on August 14, 1960, in the First United Methodist Church of Midland. In 1961 they moved to Austin where James attended postgraduate mathematics studies at The University of Texas on a National Science Foundation Grant. In September 1962, he returned to Midland and resumed his teaching career with Midland ISD. In June of 1968 he attended Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania, again on a National Science Foundation Grant, and afterwards returned to Midland as Mathematics Chairman of Lee High School and part-time Mathematics Instructor at Midland College.

He retired from Midland ISD in June 1977 and established James F Devenport & Company, a petroleum land and leasing company. He received his Real Estate License in 1972 and his Texas Real Estate Broker's License in 1978. He was certified as an American Lineage Specialist by the Board for Certification of Genealogists in December 1991. He served as a member of the City Council of Midland 1991-1993. In 1992, James co-authored with Laurence B. Gardiner of Memphis, Tennessee, a genealogical reference book, Descendants of James Hardaway, Charles City County, Virginia, 1650-1800, a copy of which is in the Midland County Public Library. Lineage society memberships include The Sons of the Republic of Texas and The Jamestowne Society of which he served as Governor, West Texas Company, 1993-1995.

James is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland, The Petroleum Club of Midland, and The Racquet Club of Midland. He cherishes friends from each.

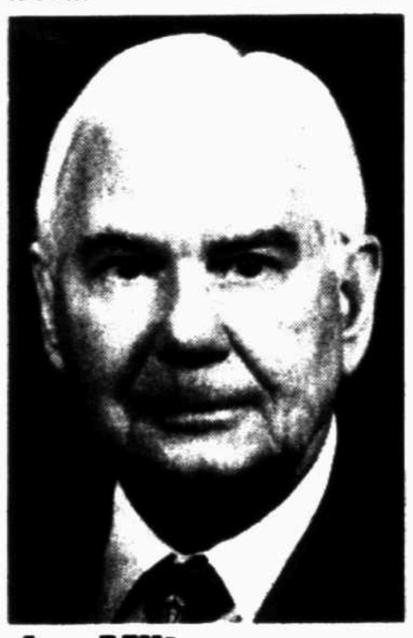
He was predeceased by his Father and Mother, Elmer and Frances Devenport, two brothers, John Elmer Devenport and Joe Lee Devenport, and a sister, Jane Devenport Hoffman. He is survived by his spouse of 52 years, Judith, and his sister, Anne Devenport Powell as well as many nieces and nephews.

There will be a graveside service at Elm Grove Cemetery, Alpine, Texas, at 11:00 am on January 5, 2013 followed by lunch at Holland Hotel in Alpine. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 11:30 am, followed by a reception at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

Honorary pallbearers are his coffee group from the Petroleum Club of Midland, and the Partners Sunday School Class from First United Methodist Church of Midland.

The family requests any charitable donation made in James's honor be given to The First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W Texas, Midland 79701, or to one's choice.

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



Jon Milton Thacker

On Thursday, January 3, 2013, Jon Thacker passed away. He was 89 years old. He was born on October 16, 1923, at home in Stringtown, Oklahoma, to Viva Lou Self Thacker and William D. Thacker. He and his wife of 64 years, Constance Mills Cooper, were married at Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 28, 1948.

Jon enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943. He graduated from the University of Tulsa in 1950 with a degree in petroleum engineering. After graduation, Jon and Connie moved to Goldsmith, Texas, where he began his career in the oil business with Devonian Oil Company. Over the years, they lived in many locations throughout south Louisiana, but eventually returned to West Texas in 1977 when they moved to Midland with Gulf Oil. After 33 years in the oil business, Jon retired in 1983. He was the general manager of Gulf's Southwest District production operations.

Jon had a variety of interests, but he especially enjoyed playing golf. He was a member of Green Tree Country Club, and was particularly proud of having made a hole-in-one while playing a round of golf with his brother-in-law, as well as having made a birdie on No. 7 at Pebble Beach. Jon also loved to work in his garage workshop on all kinds of woodworking and metalworking projects, including restoring and repairing cars. He was very proud of his Ferraris and a 1971 Camaro that he was restoring. He was a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying his Cessna 172 airplane in earlier years.

Jon was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Chevron Retirees' Association, and he was also a very proud tribal member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Jon is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Jeanne Wilson, and her husband Jesse, and his aunt and uncle, Imogene and Alva Roberts. Those who remain to love and cherish his memory are his wife Connie of Midland, his daughter Jeannie Campbell of Midland and her husband Tom, his son Mark of San Ramon, California and his wife Lisa, his grandchildren Courtney Campbell Prescott of Midland, Jon Thacker of Chicago, Christina Kline and her husband Philip of Plymouth, Michigan, and Jennifer Thacker of North Hollywood, California, and his four great grandchildren, Catie, Denium, Skylar and Thomas, all of Midland, and his beloved dog Molly.

A private graveside service for Jon's family will be followed by a memorial service for all who wish to join with his family to celebrate Jon's long life. The memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. with the Reverend Steve Schorr presiding. A reception will follow in the Church's parlor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stringtown Historical Foundation (P.O. Box 217, Stringtown, Oklahoma 74569), the Parkinson's disease Foundation, the American Cancer Society, or any other charity of choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Joyce Scaff McCarty

Joyce Scaff McCarty, 66, of Odessa, passed away in her home on December 31, 2012. She was born to the late Charlie and Louvaine Scaff on February 16, 1946 in Matador, Tx.

Joyce loved life, family, state and country. She was an American Patriot!

Left to cherish her memory are her son and daughter in law, Michael John McCarty and Heidi Kyle of San Antonio, Tx.; one brother, Roger Scaff of Paris, Tx; two sisters, Jill Scaff of Odessa, Tx. and Jane Cartwright of Canadian, Tx.

Viewing will be held at American Heritage Chapel, Tuesday, January 8 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held in Matador, Tx. at First United Methodist Church, Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Roger Scaff officiating. Interment will follow at East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

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Joyce Schroeder

Joyce Elaine Schroeder, 81, of Scottsdale, passed away November 28, 2012 with her 3 sons at her side. Born Joyce Elaine Armistead January 2, 1931 in Fort Stockton, Texas, to Mabin and Georgeanne Armistead, Joyce was the middle child among 5 sisters and 2 brothers. Joyce graduated from Fort Stockton High School, after which she attended Fashion Design School in Dallas. It is there she met James "Jim" Beird, a commercial artist, whom she married in 1951. Following Jim's passing in 1968, Joyce worked as a travel agent in Matteson, Illinois. It was there she met John Schroeder, an industrialist, whom she married in 1974. After John's retirement, they moved from Chicago and settled in the Phoenix area in 1978. Their shared interests in golf, art and travel provided a wonderful life. John passed away in 2010, at 98, in Scottsdale. Joyce is survived by her sons David (Phoenix), Kermit (Dallas), and James Michael "Mike" (Chicago) and their wives. Her 6 grandchildren, Cody, Nathan, Tyler, Jim, Allyssa and Meridith, all grown, have all shared very special times with their "Gran". Joyce is also survived by sisters Bonnell, Nancy and brother John, and many nieces and nephews. Joyce will share her final resting alongside her husband John in Midland, Texas. A memorial service is planned for Spring, 2013; the date has yet to be announced. Donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley, Eckstein Center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Nancy Kay Unruh

Nancy Kay Unruh, 57 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born on February 3, 1955 in Pampa, Texas to Lorene Long and the late Harold Clay Long. She was raised and educated in Midland, graduating from Midland Lee High School. Nancy married Roland Unruh on May 14, 1976. The couple resided in Midland and Nancy stayed at home to raise her two beautiful children, Leann and Trace. Nancy was a loving wife, mother and friend. She enjoyed reading, gardening and chatting with everyone. Even though she had no biological grandchildren, she had many "grandkids" who she enjoyed watching in sports and in school plays. She always enjoyed watching her two favorite football teams, the Texas A&M Aggies and the Midland Lee Rebels.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband, Roland Keith Unruh of Midland; her daughter, Leann Kyle Unruh and fiancé Don Fletcher both of Midland; Trace Kegan Unruh of Houston; her mother Lorene Long of Midland and two brothers, Ronnie Long of Borger, Texas, and Steven Clay Long of Midland. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Alma Thompson and husband Mike Thompson, and brother-in-law Scott Unruh and Amy Armour; two nephews and two nieces.

Family will receive friends on Sunday, January 6, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral service is set for Monday, January 7, 2013, at 10:00am, at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Dick Spencer will officiate. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com In lieu of flowers; memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital, by calling 1-800-805-5856 or online at www.stjude.org/donate

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Thomas Carlyle Wolfe

Thomas Carlyle Wolfe, 70, passed away on Friday January 4, 2013 in Midland, Texas. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana and moved, with his parents, to Odessa, Texas in 1948. He attended school at Bowie Jr. High and Odessa High. He enlisted and served two years in the Navy. Thomas returned to Odessa and worked in the oil field and as a machinist for 17 years before moving to Midland where he worked for the Midland Reporter-Telegram for 10 years as supervisor to the mail room. He retired in 2001.

In his retirement, Thomas maintained and ran the model train exhibit at the Midland Heritage Museum during the holiday season. In his free time Thomas loved traveling with his life partner of 20 years, Ann. He and Ann would often host friends from abroad as they traveled the States. In his lifetime he also enjoyed piloting small aircraft and riding motorcycles.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents, Harold E. Wolfe and Ruth M. Wolfe of Odessa. His survived by Ann Akin and her children, Carl, Terrie, Dale, and Rina and his children Patricia, John, Harold "Corky", and Anita and their mother Guadalupe Wolfe.

Thomas enjoyed spending time with his family and watching his 17 grandchildren grow.

We will miss you Pop. You were one of a kind.

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Wanda Lou Phillips

Wanda Lou Phillips, 88, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Graveside services will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 2:00PM at Resthaven Memorial Park with Myron Unruh, officiating.

Wanda was born March 1, 1924 in Electra, Texas to William Gentry and Mittie Gentry.

Wanda worked for Mobil Oil for 34 years, retiring January 1, 1988. She was a member of Professional Secretaries International. Wanda also was a member of DAR, the United Daughters of Confederacy, the Porcelain Art Club in Midland and Odessa, and Bellview Baptist Church. Wanda played either piano or organ and was a choir leader at Church of the Nazarene for over 50 years where she was a charter member. She was also a charter member of the Calloway Family Association. She dearly loved going to their annual meetings all over the USA.

Survivors include daughter, Joyce Taylor (Jackie) of Midland, TX; daughter, Wanda Smith (Kenney) of Denver City, TX; daughter Ann Thompson (Larry) of Lubbock, TX; son, Loyd Phillips (Pat) of Lubbock, TX; grandson, Dusty Taylor (Rachelle) of Midland, TX; grandson, Joel Taylor (April) of Pflugerville, TX; granddaughter, Elizabeth Taylor (Charlie) of Midland, TX; grandson Chad Smith (Blanca) of Monahans, TX; grandson, John Thompson (Beth) of Lubbock, TX; granddaughter, Amy Stell (Michael) of El Paso, TX; grandson, Scott Phillips of Lubbock, TX; grandson, Brad Phillips of Lubbock, TX; 14 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren, and 3 very special nieces, Sonoia Ethwa, Peggy and Patsy.

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Wanda is preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow C. Phillips; grandson, Rohn Smith; great grandson, Kyle Phillips; brother, Joe Lee Gentry and sister, Thelma Jurnigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations, in Wanda Phillips name, may be made to Texas A & M Corps of Cadets Foundation, 1134 Fin Feather RD, Bryan, TX 77803 Re: Wanda Phillips.

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

Frank Agar

Frank M. "Kip" Agar died at his home on January 2, 2013. He was born in 1932 to John G. and Lillian R. Agar in Chicago, Illinois. He spent his earliest years in Lake Forest, Illinois, before moving to Beverly Hills, California where he graduated from The Harvard School.

He attended the University of Southern California and graduated from The University of Oklahoma where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. While at O.U., he met his wife, the former Dyan Symonds. They were married in 1956.

Frank served in the U.S. Army and then the couple moved to Dallas, Texas where he began his career with Sun Oil Company. After several years with Sun Oil Company, he became an independent land man in Tyler, Texas. Frank was later employed by Tipperary Corporation of Midland as executive vice president of exploration. He held that position until 1978, at which time he became a principal of HCW Corporation of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1986, after HCW was sold, Frank and his son, Frank Jr. formed Carlow Corporation here in Midland.

An active volunteer, Frank served as a board member of the Cerebral Palsy Center, and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and was himself a children's advocate. He served also on the board of the United Bank of Midland. Additionally, he was a board member of Garnett Oil Corporation of Tulsa, OK and board member of the Foundation of Neurological Diseases in Boston, Massachusetts.

His parents, a brother, John Agar and a sister, Joyce Agar Wheeler, preceded Frank in death.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dyan; his son Frank Agar, Jr. and wife Sally Gibson Agar of Midland; a daughter, Courtney Holliday and husband, Carl of Oklahoma City, OK; five grandchildren: Reistle Cohenour and Hadley Holliday of Oklahoma City, OK, Frank Agar III, Richard Gibson Agar, Lillian Jewel Agar of Midland and one great grandson, Jaicks Henry Cohenour of Oklahoma City, OK. Survivors also include one brother, James R. Agar and wife Jere of Norman, OK as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park will be followed by a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church, at 1:30 pm on Monday, January 7, 2013. Dr. Steve Schorr will officiate.

Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701 or a charity of choice.

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

William Loyd

William Dewey Loyd, 84, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 31, 2012. He was born in Romney, Tx. to W. A. "Pop" and Beulah Loyd on February 26, 1928.

Dewey spent his childhood years in central Texas and while a senior in high school, his family moved to Artesia, NM. After graduation he was drafted into the Army in the last group from New Mexico. After discharge he returned to Artesia where he met his future wife of nearly 62 years, Reba Jean Newton. Dewey and Reba were married January 16, 1951 in the First Baptist Church of Artesia. In 1955 Dewey began his 35 year career with Phillips Petroleum Company in Hobbs, NM. His work moved him to Kermit, Odessa and Midland where he retired as Production Foreman at the Sprayberry Plant.

Dewey is preceded in death by his parents; in laws, Brownlow and Florence Newton; precious oldest daughter, Sharon Kay; brothers, Truett and Bobby Loyd.

He is survived by his loving wife, Reba Jean; two daughters, Laqueta and husband, David Howard of Odessa, TX and Tashya Cole of Humble, TX; three beautiful grandchildren which he adored, Christian Lynn (14), Brinkley (12) and Trace Michael (10) Cole.

The Loyd family would like to thank Amy from Home Hospice for her dedication to our family. We owe extreme gratitude to the caregivers; Elva Sanchez, Delores Clay and Sheila Austin for making Dewey's life comfortable and pleasant in his last few months.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, 11:00 a.m. at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Midland with Steve Mohr officiating. Interment will follow at Ector County Cemetery in Odessa.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park.

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Death Notices

Floyd Edward Williams

Floyd Edward Williams 78 of Midland, Texas passed away on Friday January 4, 2013.

He is survived by his wife Pam, daughters Georgann (Mike) Small, Ashleigh (James) Buys both of Midland. He is also survived by his brothers, Bobby (Lea) Williams of Odessa, Jerry (Luddie) Williams of Houston and Calvin (Linda) Williams of Florence, Alabama. He leaves behind two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 1:00pm at St. Luke's Methodist Church. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Questions about death notices or online Guest Books?
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Clearing Texas rape kit backlog brings hefty price

By Brandi Grissom
Texas Tribune

There are about 20,000 untested rape kits sitting on evidence shelves in police departments across Texas, the state Department of Public Safety estimates.

Each box with samples of hair, skin and clothing represents one of the worst moments of the victim's life, a crime that was followed by hours in a doctor's office submitting the most personal evidence.

"For nothing to be done with it is a revictimization of that person," said Victoria Camp, deputy director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. "And I think that is unfair."

In 2011, Texas lawmakers approved a bill by state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, that required law enforcement agencies to audit the number of untested rape kits in their evidence rooms and report that information to the DPS. Now that the state has counted the number of kits, lawmakers will have to determine in the 2013 session how much money it will take to clear the backlog.

"We'll have to go back in next session and see what we can come up with," Davis said.

Over the years, thousands of untested kits collected in police evidence rooms, a result of tight budgets, overworked crime labs and a common law enforcement philosophy that rape kits were useful as evidence only if a stranger had committed the assault.

As law enforcement agencies test the kits and identify DNA from assailants, Davis and advocates for sexual assault victims are hoping to track down rapists and solve cases.

Initially, the auditing requirement met with resistance from some law enforcement agencies.

Some worried that requiring DNA testing on all rape kits could do more harm than good. In many cases, that evidence would not prove helpful to catching more perpetrators, and often the victims decide not to prosecute.

Forcing all the kits into the lab, they worried, might further clog the system. Despite an October 2011 deadline to report their untested backlog, so many had failed to do so that in May, Davis sent a memo reminding police agencies that they were required to obey the law.

The pace of reporting improved, and now the department reports that more than 130 of the more than 2,600 police agencies have submitted information about their backlogs; many of those reporting are the biggest agencies. Davis said officials were confident the remaining departments were making efforts to report their untested kits. The departments so far have reported about 15,900 untested kits. Because some agencies have not reported figures, the DPS estimates there are about 20,000 untested kits statewide.

The department estimates it would cost the state $7 million to $11 million to clear such a testing backlog. It would be less expensive but would take longer if the department did the testing in-house, rather than outsourcing the tests. "The funding is the million-dollar question, literally," said Camp, of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault. "I don't have a good answer for that."

Some agencies, like the Houston Police Department, are seeing results from clearing the backlog. The city uses a fee collected from strip-club patrons to pay for kit testing. In July, testing led to the arrest of a man who was charged with a 2003 rape.

Davis said she was hopeful that a bill that the U.S. Senate approved on New Year's Eve would help pay for the tests.

The Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Reporting, or SAFER, Act by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, would provide financing for states to test backlogged rape kits. It will be reintroduced to the new U.S. House and Senate.

If that measure does not pass, Davis said, she would work with lawmakers to find the money in Texas to pay the bill.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Dec. 31, 2012-Jan. 4 by District Judges Elizabeth B. Leonard, Rodney W. Satterwhite, George D. Gilles and Robin Malone Darr.

Daniel Ray Allred, 20, theft by repetition, six months in the state jail division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Tracy Antony Colvin, 45, failure to appear, evading arrest and detention, possession of a controlled substance, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Axel Fernando Dominguez, 22, possession of a controlled substance to wit cocaine, three years deferred, fine and court cost.

Noel Armendariz Estrada, 18, burglary of a habitation, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for eight years community supervision, a fine of $1,000 and a restitution of $1,000.

Matthew Jacob Guzman, 20, assault on a public servant, four years deferred, fine and court cost.

George Hall III, 19, tampering with a witness, 180 days in state jail.

Jason Gomez Hernandez, 31, assault family violence with prior convictions, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Victoria Lynn Hernandez, 33, retaliation, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Brytton Rodd Huber, 22, evading detention in a motor vehicle, five years community supervision and a fine of $1,000.

Andrew Sabastian Ison, 30, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Joshua Laynne Lindsay, 18, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 14 years in state jail and restitution of $10,000.

Adam Dale Mansfield, 36, retaliation, 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, suspended for seven years community supervision and a fine of $1,000.

David Eugene Marshall, 45, burglary of a building, eight months state jail.

Cameron Lee Massey, 19, unauthorized absence from a community correctional facility, six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Edward Joseph Meja, 54, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years/probated five years community supervision, TAIP, fine and court cost.

Ronald Richard Paulsen, 46, forgery by passing, one year deferred, fine and court cost.

Aaron Michael Pope, 20, theft over $1,500, possession of a controlled substance to-wit: cocaine less than one gram, failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements, six months in state jail, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, restitution of $500 and restitution of $140.

Justin Wayne Reddin, 19, evading arrest and detention in a motor vehicle, 10 years suspended for five years on probation, $1,000 fine and 24 days in jail.

Mario Salazar, 41, driving while intoxicated and online solicitation of a minor, nine years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Janet Beth Shrake, 38, debit card abuse, 180 days in state jail.

Robert Danny Smith Jr., 42, theft over $1,500, two years in state jail suspended for two years community supervision, a fine of $2,500 and driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Daniel Velasquez, 26, arson, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Carla Darcel Webster, 53, credit card abuse, eight months in state jail.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

18 workers reassigned amid probe

Associated Press

EL PASO — Texas officials say 18 employees of the El Paso State Supported Living Center have been reassigned amid allegations of abuse or neglect involving its special needs residents.

Allison Lowery, with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, said the investigation could take weeks or months. The employees will not have contact with the residents during that time.

Lowery said the El Paso center has had a total of 67 allegations of abuse or neglect by staff since September.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is investigating the allegations.

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Electricity	373families	$118,556.76
Water	134 families	$ 37,551.65
Medical	98 families	$ 60,947.04
Gas/Propane	56 families	$ 7,854.00
Legal Aid	18 families	$ 16,792.30
Home Repairs	24 families	$ 23,792.14
Miscellaneous	87 families	$ 88,616.03
Transportation	38 families	$ 21,550.05
TOTAL		**$1,363,881.99**

Large Food Boxes were given to 3,395 families
Estimated value of food $213,885.00

Clothing (3 complete outfits, 1 pair of shoes and coat/jacket, per person) Given to 116 people at an estimated cost of $80/person
Estimated value of clothing $17,400.00

Furniture, Appliances and Household Items given to 29 families (Estimated value of a bed is $60 and a sofa is $50)
Estimated value of furniture $4,900.00

THANKSGIVING
265 families received the complete fixings for Thanksgiving dinner, plus food for the entire week
Estimated value of donated food $39,750.00

CHRISTMAS
266 families received the complete fixings for Christmas dinner, plus food for the entire week.
Estimated value of donated food $41,930.00

653 children received new toys and were given new clothes and shoes. Estimated cost of clothing and shoes was $150 per child. Toys: over $41,000.
Estimated value of clothing and toys $175,600.00

GIFT CARDS
Thanks to the generosity of a very caring couple, gift cards to WalMart were purchased that were given to needy families to help with food, clothing and household needs through the holiday season
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Gulf swallowing Galveston faster than thought

By Harvey Rice
Houston Chronicle

GALVESTON — Rising sea levels are likely to cover the coastal highway on the unprotected west end of Galveston sooner than previously predicted.

A 2007 study underwritten by the city of Galveston that anticipated rising sea levels would cover the highway within 60 years appears to have been overly optimistic.

The $50,000 geological hazard report was prepared for the city by geologists from the University of Texas, Rice University and Texas A&M University but then shelved. The report based its calculation on historic sea level rise and failed to include climate change. Sea levels are rising much faster than previous estimates that accounted for climate change, according to reports released in December by U.S. government scientists and in November by the World Bank.

"It's higher than the estimates they gave us five years ago," said Jim Lester, president of the Houston Advanced Research Center, whose scientists are experienced in coastal issues.

Sea-level rise may pose an even graver problem for Galveston than other coastal areas because the island is sinking at a faster rate than most other areas in the country, a condition known as subsidence.

"If you assume subsidence will occur, that means sea-level rise will be even worse than in the rest of the country," said Stephen Gill, senior scientist with the National Oceanic and Aeronautics Administration, or NOAA.

Erosion and loss of protective wetlands are further eating away at the island, said Val Marmillion, managing director of America's Wetland Foundation. The island could shrink by one-third within 30 years, said Marmillion, whose organization based its conclusions on a $4.2 million study by Entergy of sea-level rise threats to the Gulf Coast.

"The barrier islands are in a very serious situation in all the Gulf Coast states," Marmillion said. "Galveston, because it is so heavily populated, may be one of the more vulnerable islands we have."

The World Bank study, "Turn Down the Heat: Why a 4-degree C Warmer World Must be Avoided," found that sea levels rose 0.6 inch each decade for most of the last century, but more than doubled to 1.4 inches per decade beginning in the 1990s. The bank said that glacial and Antarctic ice melt has accelerated in recent years and could add 4.6 feet to sea-level rise by 2100 if the rates persist.

The annual increases are imperceptible and may take decades to inundate populated areas, but sea-level rise increases erosion and property damage from high tides and small storms, as well as major storms, according to a November report by Climate Central, an independent organization that assesses climate science. Every small increase in sea-level rise adds to the threat, said climate scientist Ben Strauss, Climate Central chief operating officer.

"They are a launching pad," Strauss said.

The Climate Central study found that sea-level rise based on the historical record alone increased the odds of flooding on Galveston island by 2030 from a 100-year-flood or greater between 14 and 17 percent. The odds grow to about 20 percent if climate change is taken into account.

The NOAA report is designed to aid planners in preparation for an inevitable sea-level rise that cannot be precisely predicted. "Sea-level rise has been happening over past history, so it doesn't make any sense to ignore it completely, although it's certainly easier to ignore than include it in planning," said Texas State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon, regents professor at Texas A&M University.

Five years ago, the Galveston City Council decided the geohazard report wasn't worth using, based on the recommendation of then-city manager, Steve LeBlanc. The current city manager believes sea-level rise needs to be addressed. "Whether it's man-made or cyclical, the oceans and our Gulf are rising," City Manager Michael Kovacs said in an email response to Houston Chronicle questions. "I think an aggressive coastal management plan and shoreline protection program, with an emphasis on dune restoration and beach nourishment, can help our non-seawall areas."

Other cities on the Texas Gulf Coast are taking sea-level rise into consideration as well, including Corpus Christi. "We are no different than any other coastal community," said Oscar Martinez, assistant Corpus Christi city manager. "We looked into the fact that the future landscape of Corpus Christi, in particular the areas adjacent to the Gulf, are going to change over the future and we need to take that into consideration in our planning."

More attention has been focused on preventing a repeat of the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike's storm surge in 2008. Galveston contributed $250,000 toward the cost of a study of the "Ike Dike," a proposed system of levees and gates shielding Galveston Island, the Bolivar Peninsula and the entrance to Galveston Bay. The Ike Dike will not deal with all the problems of sea level rise, said Texas A&M Galveston scientist Bill Merrell, who conceived the idea.

"We have sea level getting into freshwater wetlands, erosion, a whole host of issues with this," Merrell said.

Lubbock man charged for murder of elderly woman

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Authorities in the Texas Panhandle say a man has been arrested and charged with murder after an elderly woman died in a fire.

The Lubbock Police Department said 23-year-old Austin Hasten was charged with murder in connection with the apartment fire Friday night. He remains at the Lubbock County Jail on $3 million bond.

Jail records show Hasten lives in an apartment in the same complex where the blaze happened.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Saturday that firefighters found the woman's body after they entered her apartment to extinguish the blaze.

Sgt. Johnathan Stewart said police were called to the scene because it appeared suspicious. He did not say if the woman lived alone.

Her identity was not immediately released.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Misty R. DeLeon, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Matthew L. Esquivel, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of probation.

Kurtis L. Hawkins, 23, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams, tampering or fabricating physical evidence and injuring a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Edward J. Mejia, 54, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Thomas M. Slade, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

William Whitfield, 41, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of a bench warrant and two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Man says he was kidnapped by mistake

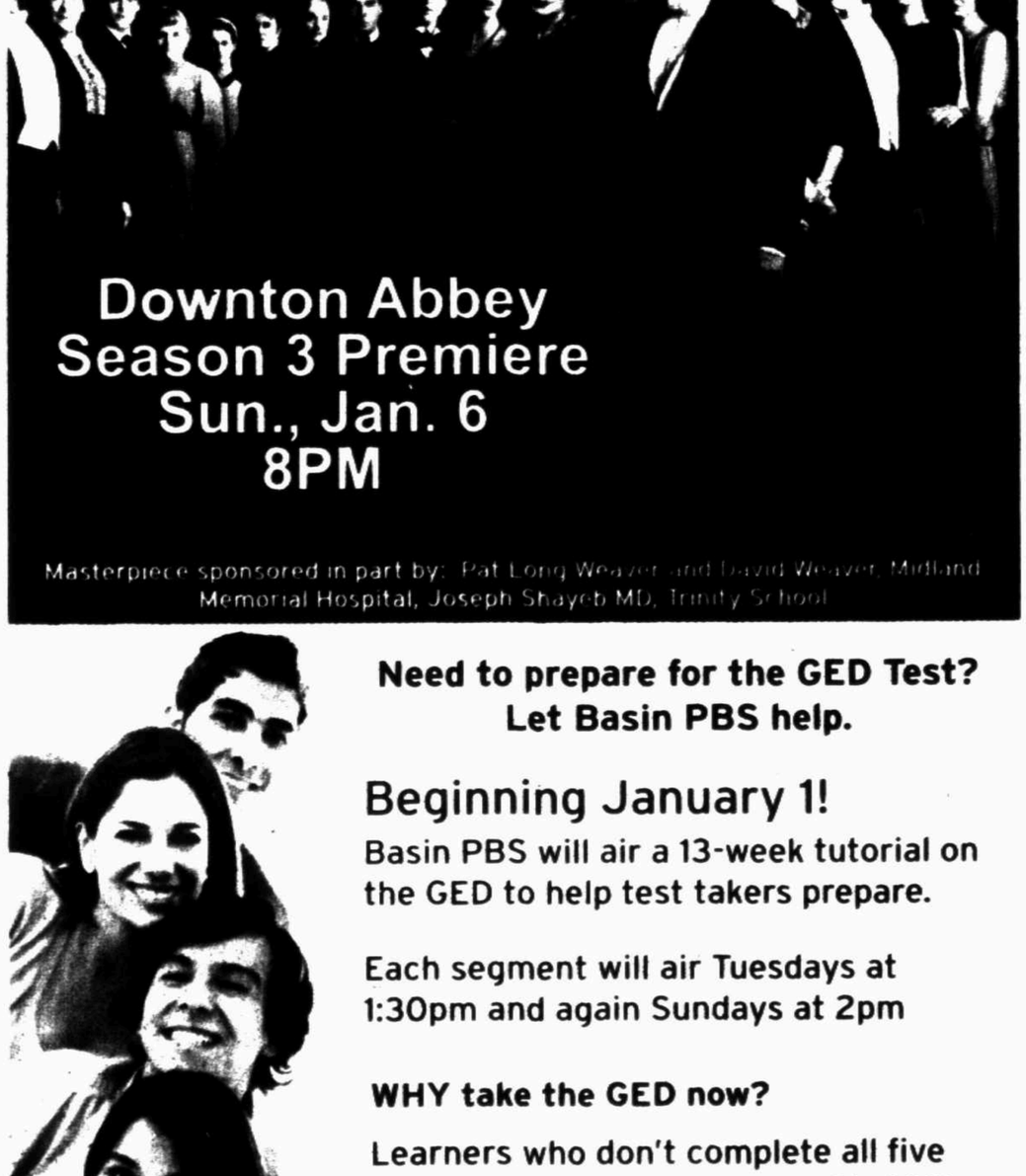
Associated Press

McALLEN — South Texas authorities say a man reported that he was kidnapped by mistake in a town near the Mexican border.

Jorge Cedillo told the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office that gunmen took him from his house in Alamo on Wednesday night and released him Friday morning after questioning him for about eight hours. The Sheriff's Office said when he was released, the armed men told Cedillo that he was the wrong person.

Sheriff Lupe Trevino told the McAllen Monitor that Cedillo didn't have apparent links to criminal organizations. The sheriff said authorities seized 800 pounds of marijuana from a car registered to him in 2008. Cedillo, from Reynosa, Mexico, was not charged in that case.

Trevino said the circumstances surrounding the reported kidnapping leave him with "a lot of skepticism."



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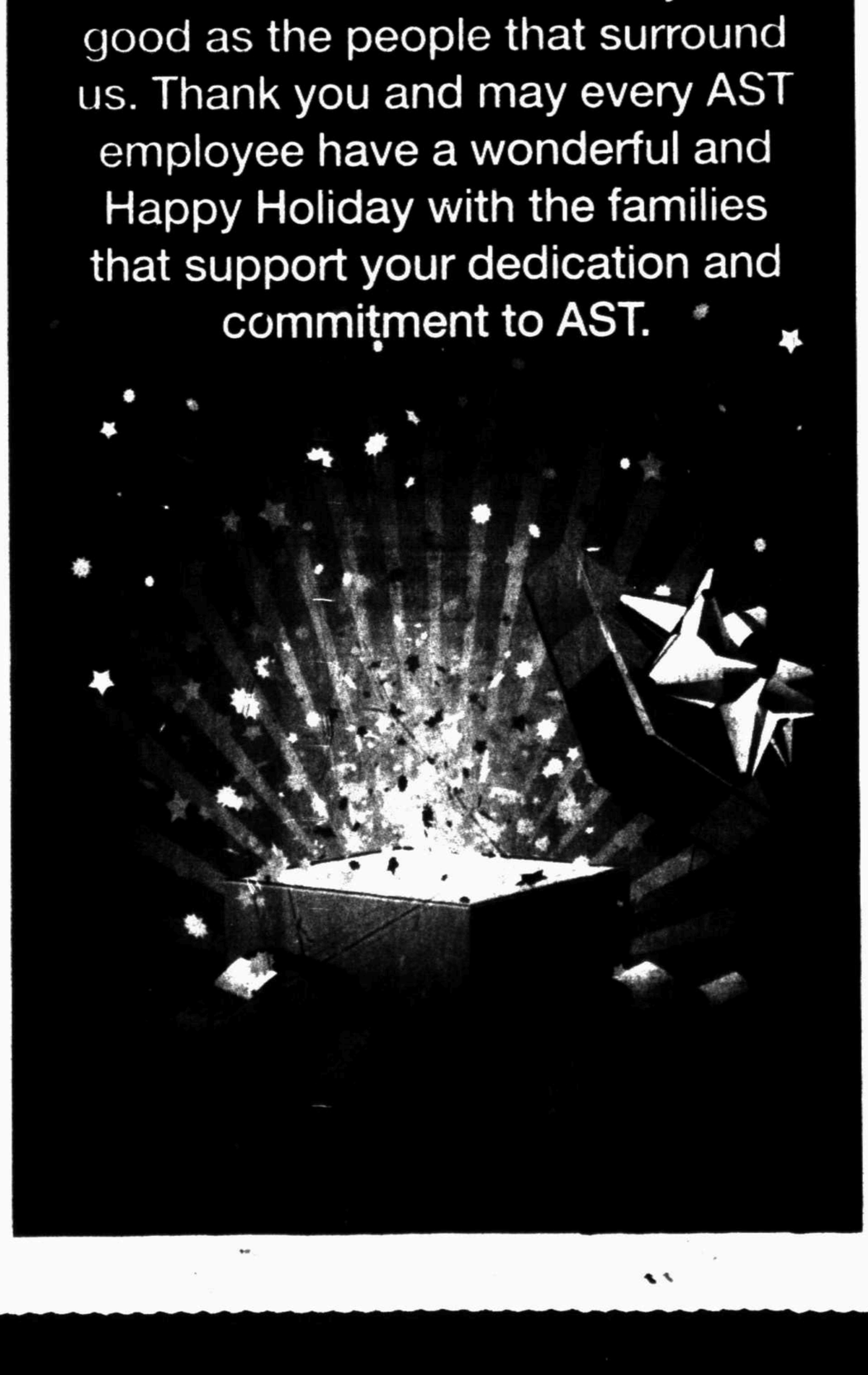

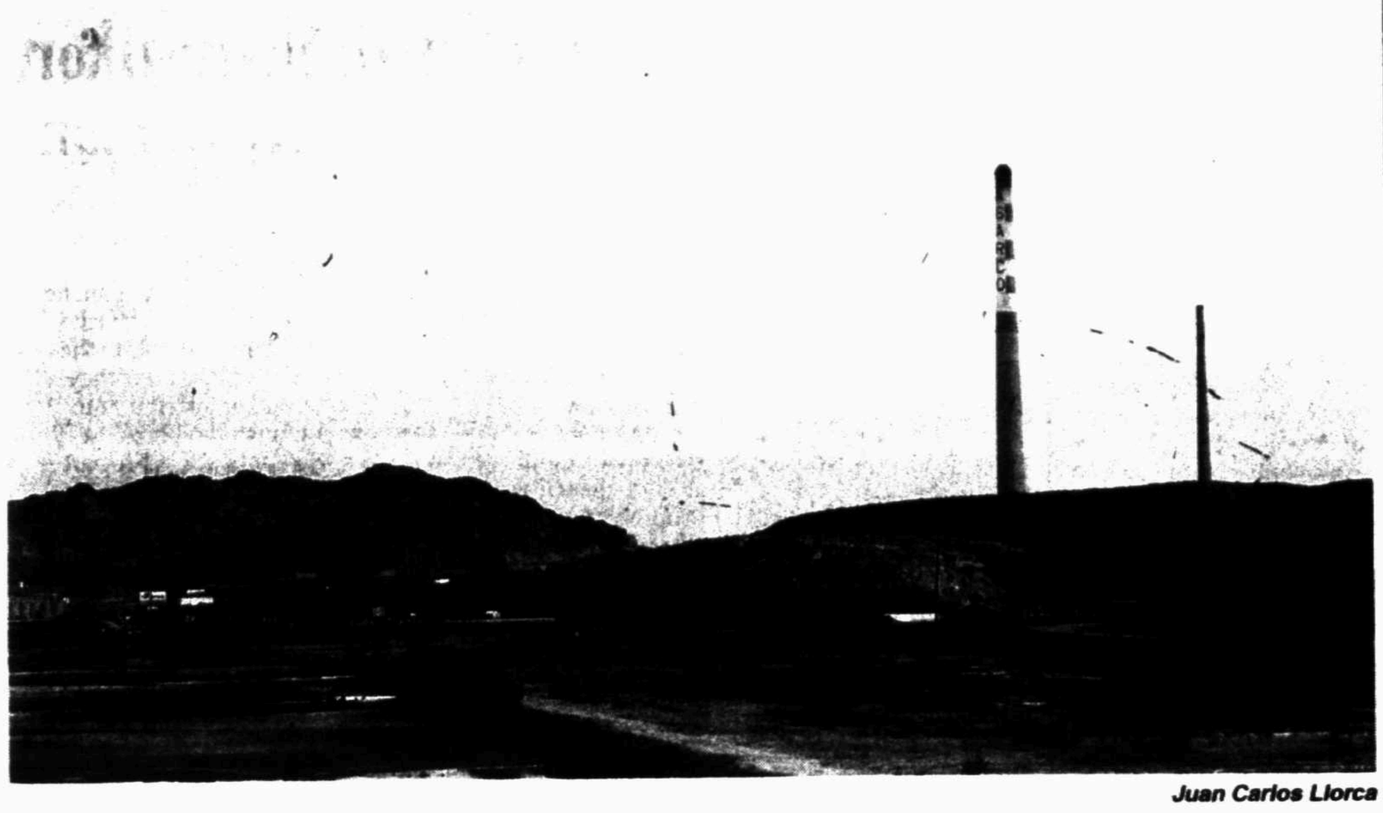

Juan Carlos Llorca

This Nov. 28, 2012, photo shows the ASARCO copper smelter smokestacks near the Rio Grande in El Paso. People spent years trying to close the massive copper plant they said spewed fumes that made their eyes teary, their lungs burn. Now, more than a decade after they claimed victory when the copper smelter shut down, some who opposed the plant are banding together in a long-shot effort to prevent the demolition of the plant's smokestacks that have dominated the local skyline for nearly half a century.

El Paso group on mission to save smokestack

By Juan Carlos Llorca
Associated Press

EL PASO — People in this West Texas city spent decades trying to close a massive copper plant they said spewed fumes that made their eyes teary, their lungs burn. Workers got sick and blamed the company. A hill near a college campus gradually turned black as the towering smokestacks churned out heavy emissions year after year.

The people claimed victory when the ASARCO copper smelter finally shut down in 1999. Now, more than a decade later, some who opposed the plant are banding together in a long-shot effort to prevent the demolition of the plant's iconic smokestacks that have dominated the local skyline for nearly half a century. The chimneys, they say, are a mark of the city's industrial heritage and should be preserved as a monument to workers who fell ill because of toxic materials incinerated at the sprawling site.

"I want them to stay as a reminder that people in a democracy can stand up like David to Goliath and win," said Daniel Arellano, a former acid plant operator who suffers from myelodysplastic syndrome, a blood and bone marrow disease, after working at the plant from 1975-99.

Arellano is among a group of former workers and residents who are supporting the cause of Save the Stacks, a group dedicated to raising money to purchase the site before the towers are demolished. But the trustee in charge of cleaning and selling the 153-acre property said he has given the group enough time to raise the funds and has already made up his mind to tear down the last remaining pieces.

Still, the group believes there is a chance to save the hulking towers and turn them into the nation's tallest monument. Standing at more than 820 feet, the tallest chimney took 29 days of round the clock concrete pouring to build and rises higher than the Washington Monument or the St. Louis Arch.

"They want to wipe away our history," said Robert Ardovino, a member of Save the Stacks. "As a city we deserve something good to come from it and a giant slab of asphalt and a box store is not it."

The towers' red and white stripes and ASARCO sign can be seen from miles away amid the mountains near the Mexican border. They were a significant addition in 1966 to a copper smelter that opened in 1887 at the banks of the Rio Grande.

It operated for more than a century until it was shut down amid complaints of polluting the area while incinerating materials from a military facility that produced chemical weapons from World War II. ASARCO filed for bankruptcy in 2005 and four years later placed $52 million in a trust to clean up the area.

The towers were to be demolished last spring but the trustee granted a one-year moratorium so Save the Stacks could have time to raise money and show the structures were stable. They still have a long way to go to raise enough funds. They have collected less than $40,000 and estimate it would cost about $3.9 million to keep the smokestacks standing. The group also failed to get any financial backing from the city, which instead passed a resolution supporting the group's mission as long as it does not mean spending public money.

The trustee, Roberto Puga, said he now has no choice but to tear down the towers because potential buyers don't want them there. He said it would cost about $14 million to insure, update and maintain the stacks over 50 years and doubts the group will ever find the money.

"If there was a guardian angel that said, 'I'll write you a big check,' he would have done it by now," Puga said.

Still, Save the Stacks isn't ready to give up. The group has recruited public officials to help convince Puga to save the smokestacks.

"We will talk with him and continue to talk with him until he pushes the button," Ardovino said.

The towers are surrounded by the University of Texas at El Paso and an empty stretch of desert being developed with upscale apartments. The plant's construction more than a century ago ushered in an era of industry in El Paso that eventually expanded into businesses such as apparel factories and other types of assembly plants. The plant also helped grow many other businesses such as utility companies and railroads and brought good-paying jobs to the area.

"People came for a better way of life," said local historian Jackson Polk. "There was a good middle class, now kids from a smelter town could go to college. But it also brought dangers."

The memory of those dangers has some in this community divided on whether the towers should stay or go.

Alice Delgadillo, who works at a supermarket, wants Puga to push ahead with the demolition.

"If they don't serve a purpose, why have them?" she said.

Others, such as Juan Cameros, are more sentimental.

"It will be very sad for the people of El Paso if they bring them down. For the families of the men that worked there," he said while at a local Laundromat. "I had a teacher, her father worked for many years to provide for his family. It would be sad for everyone."

Mariana Chew, an activist working with the former ASARCO workers, wants the site turned into a museum and a center for environmental studies. She also wants to create a fund to address the health issues and medical expenses of the former workers.

But for most workers, pursuing more money in the courts is not worth their while since the company has filed for bankruptcy and is likely to offer a minimal payout.

They say that's why preserving the towers is so vital for them.

"That's the gun right there," Arellano said, looking up at the towers. "They want to throw away the smoking gun."

Officials: At least $26K missing from Christmas charity

Associated Press

AUSTIN — At least $26,000 is missing from a Central Texas holiday charity that is essentially closed and under investigation, officials said.

A criminal background check was never performed on the organization's president, Shon Washington, who had three theft convictions before becoming involved with the Christmas Bureau of Austin and Travis County. He's now jailed on unrelated drug charges; he isn't charged with anything connected to the possible theft.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the Christmas Bureau isn't an official Texas charity because it never filed the appropriate paperwork with the Secretary of State's Office. The bureau hasn't filed tax forms since 2010.

Last month, the Texas Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit alleging misconduct by the Christmas Bureau, which works with an Austin police-founded program to provide holiday gifts to needy families. A judge has frozen the nonprofit's assets during the investigation.

Blue Santa is operated by Austin police employees, volunteers and members of community organizations.

It is unclear exactly who was on the Christmas Bureau's board of directors at the time of Washington's alleged misconduct. Meanwhile, the accuracy of the list of board members on the Christmas Bureau's 2010 tax forms is in question.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office Brown Santa program was never on the board of directors, although its name is on the tax documents, program chair Tracy Hill-Dorty said.

But Blue Santa was on the documents. In 2011, the Christmas Bureau provided gifts for 6,000 people through Blue Santa, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said. But it failed to take an active role in the nonprofit's internal operations, he said.

"It appears that, at one point, we did have a voting member," he said. "But somewhere along the line, (we) just started focusing on processing applications."

Washington became involved with the Christmas Bureau in 2010 as a volunteer and later advanced to the top job. The charity came under suspicion last year after Washington failed to provide the applications for the Blue Santa program.

The Christmas Bureau raised more than $110,000 each year to fund its operations, according to the attorney general's lawsuit, which also accuses Washington of using donations for personal gain.

The lawsuit also accuses former presidents Clift Bowman and Cynthia Colpaart of grossly negligent mismanagement, saying they failed to properly monitor the charity.

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NEW MEXICO

More WSMR soldiers to be deployed to Afghanistan

LAS CRUCES — Around 120 soldiers based at White Sands Missile Range are slated to be deployed to Afghanistan.

A deployment ceremony is scheduled Monday at the 2nd Engineer Battalion headquarters. The soldiers from the 40th Mobile Augmentation Co. will join soldiers with the 573rd Clearance Co. and the 595th Sapper Co. that have been sent to Afghanistan.

Soldiers with the 595th Sapper Co. were deployed in early December, and soldiers with the 573rd Clearance Co. left in early July. All soldiers will be on nine-month deployments.

Three of the battalion's five companies will be on deployment. Altogether, the battalion has about 700 soldiers.

NEW MEXICO

Police: Dad, son linked to shooting

ALBUQUERQUE — Authorities say a New Mexico father and his son are facing charges in connection to a shooting.

KOB-TV reported that 47-year-old David Martinez Sr. and his 17-year-old son were arrested for the drive-by shooting Thursday in Albuquerque.

Police said the victim, whose name has not been released, got into a fight with the elder Martinez. The victim told police that two men shot at him out of fear of retaliation. He's recovering from surgery.

WASHINGTON

NM congressman named chief deputy whip

New Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan has been appointed a chief deputy whip for the 113rd Congress.

Whips are responsible for mobilizing the party vote on important bills before they come to the floor for a vote. They also act as a liaison between members and the caucus to build support for the Democratic agenda.

In addition to Lujan, House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer appointed Reps. Keith Ellison and Terri Sewell to his team.

Lujan, who represents northern New Mexico, said he looks forward to helping promote an agenda that creates jobs and opportunities for the American people.

NEW MEXICO

Former DA Orlando lands juvenile justice job

LAS CRUCES — Former Dona Ana County District Attorney Amy Orlando, who was ousted from office in November, has landed a new position.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported that Orlando began this week as the associate deputy director for Juvenile Justice Services of Southern New Mexico. It's a state position with the Children, Youth and Families Department.

Orlando worked in the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office for nearly two decades. Much of that time, Orlando served as a deputy under Gov. Susana Martinez, the former longtime DA who appointed Orlando in that position in 2010.

Orlando was defeated in November by Democrat Mark D'Antonio, former FBI special agent.

NEW MEXICO

Sheriff: Man arrested in Texas in pot plantation case

ESTANCIA — A man wanted in the case of a huge marijuana plantation that a couple of hunters stumbled upon in the Manzano Mountains is now in custody, authorities said.

KRQE-TV reported that Torrance County Sheriff's Department said this week that U.S. marshals recently arrested Joseph Hazle in Texas. He will soon be extradited back to New Mexico to face charges for the illegal plants on his property.

In September, two hunters told deputies that they stumbled upon the plantation and four men started shooting at them. The men escaped before authorities arrived on the scene, police said.

Torrance County Sheriff Heath White said the plantation was powered by an elaborate setup of generators and pumps. Around 400 pot plants were tucked away in the mountains, he said.

According to authorities, Hazle is one of four men wanted in the case that may have Mexican drug cartel connections. Detectives said they were not sure at first if Hazle knew about the illegal plantation on his property but now think he had knowledge of the operation.

White said they have evidence Hazle was there when the pot was planted.

The Torrance County case comes as law enforcement agencies said they are finding more marijuana growers running elaborate and self-sufficient operation in isolated regions in states like New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO

Ex-congressional candidate wanted in Texas

ALBUQUERQUE — A former New Mexico congressional candidate accused of stalking an opponent and slashing the tires on her vehicles is also a wanted man in Texas.

El Paso police said they issued an arrest warrant in March against Gary Smith for a felony charge of aggravated assault and misdemeanor vandalism.

Kenneth Propps told The Associated Press on Friday that Smith, his neighbor at the time, slashed the tires of a number of family vehicles following a dispute over damage from a 2007 wind storm. Propps said Smith also stabbed him after he caught him slashing his tires but Smith was never arrested in El Paso.

ARIZONA

Federal groups to work on goals for power plant

PHOENIX — The U.S. Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy have agreed to work together on shared goals for the Navajo Generating Station in northern Arizona.

In a statement, the federal agencies said they'll work together to find ways to produce "clean, affordable and reliable power, affordable and sustainable water supplies, and sustainable economic development."

The generating station is a coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Nation about 12 miles from Grand Canyon National Park.

The 40-year-old plant is partially owned by the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation. Power from the facility is distributed to customers in Arizona, California and Nevada.

The Sierra Club claims the generating station "is Arizona's largest single source of climate-changing pollution." The environmental group wants the plant to transition from coal.

In a joint statement, Arizona Sen. John McCain and Sen. Jeff Flake, said they were encouraged by the project but wanted more details from the Obama administration.

The senators said they were still unclear if the EPA will "impose costly and unnecessary visibility regulations" that could threaten the station.

ARIZONA

Couple rescues 22 dogs, monkey from fire

PHOENIX — A married couple says they managed to rescue 22 dogs and a monkey from a fire that ripped through their Phoenix home.

Chris Koudelka told KPHO-TV that they pulled the animals out of the burning house Thursday after the couple noticed smoke outside.

Koudelka said she and her husband, Mitchell, have six dogs but were dog sitting a friend's herd of Chihuahuas. She said they couple also has a marmoset monkey named Jewel, who is her husband's service animal.

Koudelka said the house was engulfed and the flames came billowing out of the attic.

No one was hurt in the fire.

Authorities still don't know the cause.

OKLAHOMA

14-year-old suspect in Nev. woman's death was on probation

TULSA — A teenager charged with murder was on court-supervised probation when he was arrested in connection with the slaying of a Nevada woman who was visiting her parents in Oklahoma, records show.

A prosecutor filed first-degree murder and burglary charges against the 14-year-old last week in the December shooting death of Mary Escue, 47, of Reno, Nev.

A not-guilty plea was entered on the teen's behalf on the murder charge, the Tulsa World reported Saturday. The Tulsa County Public Defender's Office was appointed to represent the teen, who is due in court Feb. 14.

Juvenile records show the teen was placed on probation in May after he was found delinquent on a Creek County charge of cruelty to animals, the World reported.

He and another teen were accused of stabbing a pig in a livestock show barn in 2011.

In July, the teen was ordered to remain on probation after being charged with assault and battery, the World reported. He and two other juveniles were accused of choking and punching another person in February.

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San Antonio's HemisFair plan needs help from lawmakers

By Josh Baugh
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — When Texas lawmakers convene in Austin next week to start their biennial task of crafting new legislation, they'll be asked to consider some bills that would directly impact the city of San Antonio.

At the top of the list is a proposal that would allow HemisFair Park's master plan to be realized. The plan calls for overhauling the urban park into a sprawling mixed-use area that would be a beacon for all San Antonians.

Here's the rub: In order to completely redevelop the park as it's been envisioned, the city needs to offer some of the designated park space as property available for private development.

HemisFair Park won't lose any park acreage — in fact, it will likely gain green space. Still, state law calls for voters to decide whenever the government wants to use park land for something that isn't "a public purpose," said Carlos Contreras, an assistant city manager who oversees the city's legislative agendas.

Mayor Julian Castro said getting the Texas Legislature to pass a narrowly tailored law that gives the City Council the authority to swap park land for land not designated for parks within HemisFair is an important component in creating a world-class gathering place.

"The first concern is to create a great park at HemisFair. We don't have a real park at HemisFair right now," he said. "It's a park in name only, and we can create wonderful green space that everyone will be proud of. But we need some flexibility to do that."

The proposed legislation has safeguards that will ensure that park space at HemisFair wouldn't be reduced — it could only be expanded.

Contreras said the bill also includes provisions excluding historic landmarks such as the Tower of the Americas, the River Walk and La Villita.

The park's master plan calls for the development of mixed-use spaces — development that often has bars, restaurants and retail on the ground floor and residential units above — on some of the land designated for parks. Under current state law, in order for the city to designate those areas for development, it would have to take the issue to local voters.

The city wants to give the authority to makes those swaps — at HemisFair only — to the council.

Asking the legislature to consider it is no small request.

"Certainly it's a difficult ask to do that during this legislative session because of the challenges the legislature is facing," Contreras said. "But we're hopeful our delegation sees fit to support it and we can get it passed."

San Antonio's legislative agenda also includes proposals that would expand the city's ability to prevent property owners from illegally adding fill to their land in the flood plain and broaden its ability to address blighted areas through a land bank program.

"This initiative would give the city the power to go to court and ask for injunctive relief to stop a property owner from violating city ordinance," Contreras said.

Under state law, the city only has the right to act administratively against those who are illegally adding fill to their properties. City officials want to amend a section of the Texas Local Government Code to give municipalities the authority to go beyond current limits of a possible $500 daily fine.

The city is asking that it be able to seek a court order to both stop the illegal dumping and require cleanup. Under the proposal, if a judge issues such an order and it isn't obeyed, the city would be able to do the cleanup itself and charge the property owner.

Contreras said the city also will ask lawmakers to consider expanding municipal authority for land banking, a practice that allows cities to amass land in blighted areas and offer it up for redevelopment.

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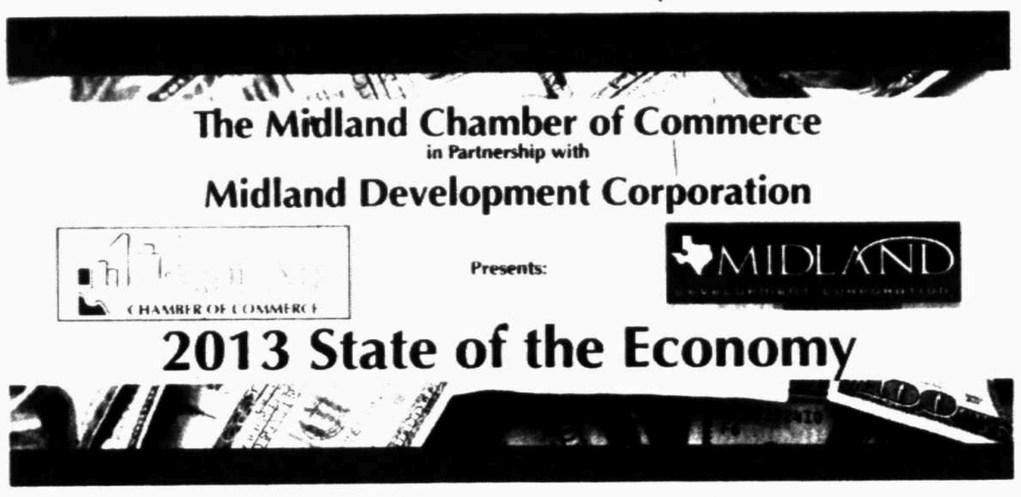

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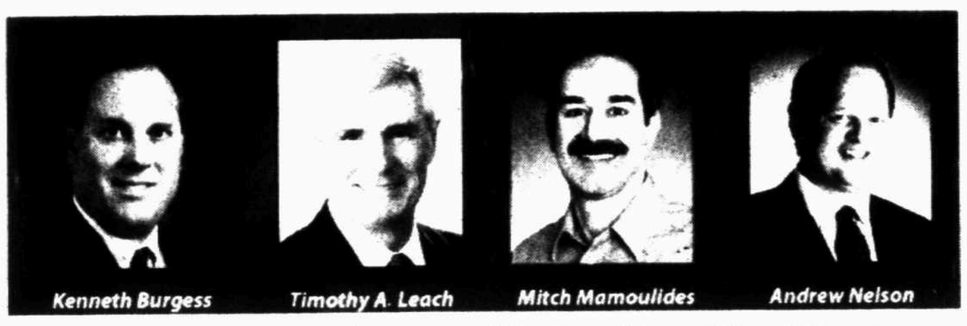

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- *Population growth and increased economic activity*

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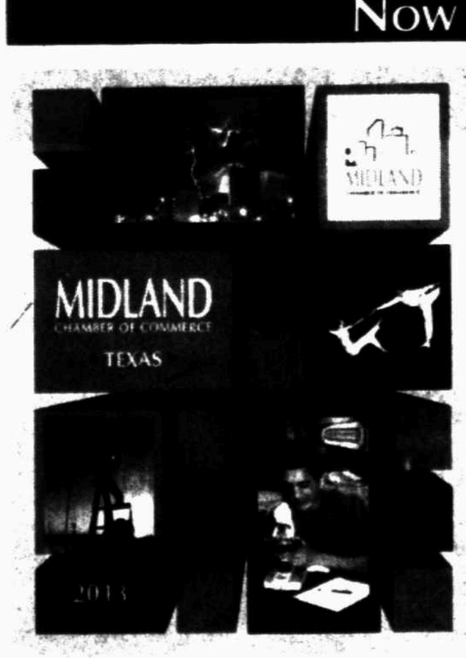

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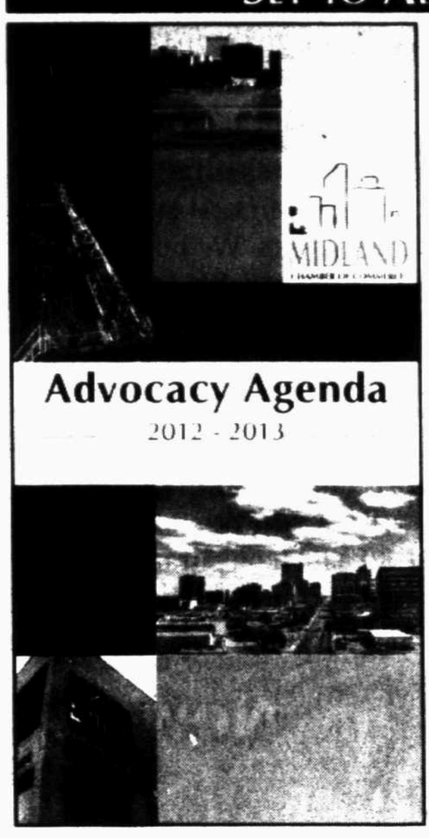
Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee Set to Advocate in Austin



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- Actively monitor issues
- Provide updates, including call-to-action updates as needed; and
- Act as liaison and voice the position of the chamber to our elected officials

Our governmental affairs committee conducted a survey of our membership in September 2012. The results of that survey were used to compile the 2012-2013 Advocacy Agenda, highlighting the primary governmental concerns of our Midland business community. Copies of the document have been mailed to our membership. Digital copies are available for the general public on our website at: www.MidlandTXChamber.com.

Next month, on February 18-19, 2013, representatives from the Midland Chamber will partner with the Odessa Chamber to visit with Senator Kel Seliger, Representative Tom Craddick and Representative Tryon Lewis. We invite you to join us as we voice the concerns of our member and area businesses. Registration forms are available on our website. Priority registration will be given to Chamber Members.

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On February 18th and 19th, we invite you to join our Advocacy Group as we visit with **Senator Kel Seliger, Representative Tom Craddick** and **Representative Tryon Lewis** in Austin. We will also hear from Ken Armbrister, *Legislative Director to Governor Rick Perry*, Michael Williams, *Texas Commissioner of Education* and Michael Thornhill, one of Texas' leading hydrogeologic consultants. We hope you will allot time to join us for this critical event as we voice our local concerns. Registration forms are available on our website or by calling us at 432-683-3381.

Next month your Midland Chamber, in partnership with the Midland Development Corporation, will host the **2013 State of Economy luncheon** at the Midland Center. This year's luncheon will feature a discussion with several key business leaders in Midland: **Kenneth Burgess with FirstCapital Bank of Texas, Timothy Leach with Concho Resources, Mitch Mamoulides with Chevron North America** and **Andrew Nelson with XCOR**. Laura Roman, Chairman of the Board for Midland Development Corporation and Vice-Chair of Education for the Midland Chamber's Board of Directors, will serve as moderator. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and the program will begin at 11:30 a.m. I encourage you to join us for this timely and exciting discussion about the remarkable economic prosperity in our region and the challenges we face to sustain the trend. Tickets and sponsorships are available on our website.

If you are not already a Chamber member, I invite you to join today to take advantage of the great benefits offered. Together we truly will *"...create the best business climate on the planet!"* Call us today at 432-683-3381 for membership details.

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MHS grad Middleton takes the long way to Texas Tech

By Jonathan Hull
jhull@mrt.com

The recruiting process came full circle for Tyler Middleton last weekend.

Middleton gave a verbal commitment to play football at Texas Tech next season after having spent the last two years playing at Navarro Junior College in Corsicana. Lubbock is exactly the spot Middleton hoped he was going to end up two years ago when he was playing running back at Midland High.

"It's kind of weird because I thought I might be at Tech (right after high school)," Middleton said. "I couldn't go because of grades. Now I'm back here anyway. It's pretty exciting."

Following his prolific senior year at Midland High in 2010, during which he scored a single-season school-record 33 TDs, Middleton was courted heavily by the Red Raiders. Yet while the talent was certainly there, his grades weren't and Middleton was forced to go the junior college route if he wanted to continue his football career.

The former Midland High standout running back landed at Navarro, and made the most

Middleton

of his opportunity. During his sophomore year, Middleton finished second in the Southwestern Junior College Football Conference in rushing with 779 yards, despite having just 64 carries. He had an incredible 12.2 yards per attempt and scored nine TDs.

Middleton also had 213 receiving yards and five TDs on 16 catches. His prolific season, which concluded with him garnering Most Valuable Player honors in the Heart of Texas Bowl, caught the attention of numerous FBS programs, including Houston, Arkansas, Louisiana Tech and Oregon.

Middleton was leaning toward signing with Louisiana Tech after forming a relationship with assistant coach Kevin Curtis. But Curtis made the move to Texas Tech a couple weeks ago as a member of new Red Raiders coach Kliff Kingsbury's staff.

Curtis showed Kingsbury the tape he had on Middleton, and the Red Raiders' new coach picked up the phone shortly after viewing it.

"Coach Kingsbury called me and told me he liked my tape," Middleton said. "He offered me a scholarship then."

Middleton said Kingsbury plans to use him as both a running back and slot receiver, which is similar to the role he played while at Navarro. The goal is to get the speedy Middleton into the open field so he can make plays.

Middleton is happy about his return to West Texas. He said it will give his friends and family

Please see MIDDLETON/2C

NFL PLAYOFFS

Texans trample Bengals

Eric Gay/AP

Houston running back Arian Foster (23) runs the ball against Cincinnati strong safety Nate Clements (22) during the third quarter of Saturday's wild card playoff game in Houston.

Houston opens wild card round with win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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HOUSTON — J.J. Watt swatted away passes, Arian Foster ran away from tacklers and the Houston Texans did just enough to knock Cincinnati out of the playoffs for the second straight year.

Matt Schaub made his first postseason start a successful one when Foster's 1-yard touchdown in the third quarter helped the Texans to a 19-13 AFC wild-card win over the Bengals on Saturday.

"The whole stadium knew we had to line up and run the ball and boy, he was at his best there at the end," coach Gary Kubiak said. "He's become a fine, fine player, and it just seems like the bigger it gets, the better Arian gets."

Now comes the big test. The Texans (13-4) move on to the second round on Jan. 13, when they visit the New England Patriots, who beat them 42-14 in Week 14. This time they're 9 1/2-point underdogs.

"It's one step," Watt said of the win. "We know what it means, and we have bigger goals than that."

Shayne Graham kicked four field goals for the Texans, while Foster finished with 140 yards and became the first NFL player to have 100-yard games in each of his first three playoff games.

Watt finished with a sack and swatted away two of Andy Dalton's pass attempts, once wagging his finger at the Bengals quarterback after the play.

"I think it was a full defensive effort, everybody was flying around and we were getting off the field on third downs," Watt said.

The Texans defense smothered Dalton and the Bengals early. Their second drive ended when Connor Barwin tackled BenJarvus Green-Ellis for a 6-yard loss and Watt followed with a sack of Dalton.

Houston's offense had the ball for almost 39 minutes as it ate up the clock with a season-high 32 carries from Foster.

"We controlled the line of scrimmage, and any time we do that it's going to be hard to beat us," Foster said.

The Texans had trouble finishing drives and managed three field goals in the first half against the Bengals (10-7). Houston struck first after the break, with Foster scoring the game's only offensive touchdown to make it 16-7.

Schaub, who missed last year's playoffs with a foot injury, had an interception returned for a touchdown by Leon Hall before halftime.

"It was never easy," Schaub said. "Cincinnati is a great team. I made a turnover and gave them points. We just had to rally around each other and we did that."

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Packers show off depth in win over Vikings

Mike Roemer/AP

Green Bay Packers fullback John Kuhn celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the first half of Saturday's wild card playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings in Green Bay, Wis.

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — This rematch was a mismatch.

And the rest of the NFC might want to take note.

Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers showed how dangerous they can be when they're at full strength Saturday night, overwhelming the Minnesota Vikings 24-10 in an NFC wild-card game that was never really close.

"Playoff victories are always ones that are very special," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "Tonight's win definitely starts and ends with our defense."

John Kuhn scored two touchdowns, DuJuan Harris added another and Rodgers connected with an NFL playoff-record 10 receivers as he threw for 274 yards in his first playoff victory at home. Defensively, the Packers (12-5) finally managed to contain Adrian Peterson and were all over Vikings backup Joe Webb, pressed into service because of Christian Ponder's elbow injury.

Peterson was held to 99 yards — an improvement after gaining 199 and 210 in the first two

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If playoffs were now, Aggies may have benefited

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

ARLINGTON — Texas A&M freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel is so fast he outran secondaries from both the Southeastern and Big 12 conferences this season. His sensational speed helped lead the Aggies to an 11-2 record, an upset of then-No. 1 Alabama, the Heisman Trophy and a 41-13 thumping of Oklahoma in Friday night's Cotton Bowl.

"We tried to keep him contained and stay in the box," Sooners safety Javon Harris said. "But once he slipped out, we were chasing him."

Too bad for the Aggies, however, Manziel's speed can't propel them into the future. The red-hot squad, led by first-year coach Kevin Sumlin, is Exhibit A (and M) on why the playoffs can't arrive soon enough to big-time college football.

"Coach Sumlin and his staff totally outplayed us, and outcoached us the second half," Sooners coach Bob Stoops of A&M outscoring OU 27-0 over the final two quarters.

Both squads entered with five straight wins, and the Aggies closed out a season with at least six consecutive victories for the first time since the 1985 season, when they defeated Auburn and Heisman Trophy winner

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ND State defends FCS title in Sam Houston rematch

Bison	39
Bearkats	13

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Quarterback Brock Jensen ran for three touchdowns, Sam Ojuri scored twice and North Dakota State beat Sam Houston State 39-13 in a title-game rematch Saturday for its second straight FCS championship.

Jensen scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard sneak in the third quarter, and Ojuri had a 2-yard TD run on fourth-and-1 after the Bison (14-1) got the ball with a fourth-down stop.

The Bearkats (11-4) had a 40-yard touchdown run by Tim Flanders brought back by a holding penalty on the first possession of the second half, and Brian Bell's second interception on the next play led to Jensen's go-ahead score.

The Bison, who won 17-6 a year ago, improved to 10-1 in the FCS playoffs with their eighth straight postseason win.

Ojuri had 92 yards rushing, and Jensen added 44 to go with 115 passing yards.

John Crockett had 80 yards rushing, 24 receiving and a 26-yard pass to set up a score on a trick play after taking a straight-ahead handoff.

Bell threw for 255 yards against the nation's best pass defense, but had three of Sam Houston's four interceptions. Flanders, the school's career rushing leader, was held to 53 yards on 19 carries, a 2.8 average.

It was tied at 10 when Flanders broke loose on an apparent touchdown on the first possession of the second half. Instead, Sam Houston had a third long run deep into Bison territory wiped out by a holding penalty. None

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Sunday Morning Line

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Random musings about the sports happenings in Midland and beyond from a befuddled mind:

I must start with congratulations to former Midland High running back Tyler Middleton on his recent commitment to play at Texas Tech next season.

Middleton's path to Tech hasn't been an easy one but it's paid off for him. I know I wasn't the first and only sports writer to cover Middleton, but I am pretty certain he hasn't talked to another member of the media than me.

During his junior year, it was hard to get more than three-word answers out of Middleton, and he wasn't much better during his breakout senior season. He wasn't always the easiest guy to interview and write a story about, and trust me I wrote plenty of stories about Middleton's athletic exploits his senior year.

I've spoken with him twice since he's been at Navarro Junior College, and it's like I'm talking to a completely different person. He's more relaxed during interviews. He definitely shows signs of being much more mature.

I find it admirable when a person can realize they made some mistakes, learn from them and then make the most of a second chance. That's what Middleton has done in the past two years.

Throughout this season, I was in awe of the stats I saw Middleton posting at Navarro. He was electric in limited opportunities. Texas Tech gained a playmaking running back who understands what kind of work it takes both on the field and in the classroom in order to be a successful college football player.

■ It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the girls District 2-5A season and it's pretty clear who the contenders and pretenders are at this point.

There's no doubt Lubbock Coronado is a couple notches above the rest of the district, but it's also fair to say Midland High is No. 2 and Lee is No. 3 in 2-5A. That's obviously what the standings suggest as well.

Coronado is going to be tough for anyone to beat. Midland High coach Ron Berry has said the Lady Mustangs are state championship caliber team. But Berry and first-year coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler are both working with young rosters.

Coronado is going to graduate heavy after this season, and the door is going to open up for Lee and Midland High. Expect the Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs to be competing for a district title as soon as next season. It's really incredible to see what Berry and Moylan-Fowler have done with such young squads this season.

■ Speaking of girls basketball, it's starting to look like that's the only brand of hoops we'll see played by MISD teams in mid-February. The Lee and MHS boys basketball teams have really dug themselves into a hole, and it's going to be hard to pull themselves out of it.

It's not impossible, though and the ball could start bouncing their way.

■ For those of you Dallas Cowboys fans screaming for a new quarterback, I'm going to use MRT sports editor Len Hayward's most infamous quote frequently spouted about the office.

"Who else ya gonna get?"

Think about it Cowboys fans. I realize Romo threw a ton of interceptions this season, but he was money in November and December heading into the final game against Washington. The only reason the Cowboys even had a shot at the playoffs was because of Romo, who once again played behind one of the worst offensive lines in the league.

And there is no one better available in free agency or in the draft.

■ Nice playoff win for the Houston Texans on Saturday, but don't expect them to hang around in the postseason for much longer. The Texans are simply too beat up on defense and a trip to New England to face Tom Brady and the Patriots next weekend is not a good remedy for that particular ailment.

■ Anyone else wondering what Texas A&M's record would have been had it played in the Big 12 this season?

I cheered for the Aggies all season for spurning Texas and bolting for the SEC. I wonder how many UT fans could experience any joy from seeing Johnny Manziel and the Aggies torch Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.

Any argument for another player winning the Heisman Trophy went out the window with Manziel's 516-yard performance. I was all for Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o winning a month ago, but it was apparent Friday the Heisman Trust made the right decision.

■ And finally, it's nice to see winter finally descend upon the Permian Basin. Here's hoping it might stick around for at least a month.

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On the air

What's on tv

AUTO RACING
Dakar Rally, stage 2 (delayed tape), 1:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
GoDaddy.com Bowl, Kent St. vs. Arkansas St., 8 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii, 2 p.m., NBC
PGA Tour, Tournament of Champions, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii, 5 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Temple at Kansas, 3:30 p.m., CBS
Florida at Yale, 4:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Tulsa at SMU, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Oregon at Oregon St., 9 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NFL
Indianapolis at Baltimore, Noon, CBS
Seattle at Washington, 3:30 p.m., Fox

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Georgia at Tennessee, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest
Texas A&M at Arkansas, 2 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Oklahoma St. at Baylor, 4:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Midland Christian girls fall to Hobbs

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — The Lady Mustangs struggled to keep pace with the No. 2 team in the state of New Mexico.

Hobbs doubled the offensive output of MCS in the first three periods and led 50-25 heading into the fourth. Morgan Ashton led the Lady Mustangs with 14 points, while Tori Watson added 11

The Lady Mustangs being TAPPS 1-4A play at 6 p.m. Friday with a visit to Fort Worth Southwest Christian.

HOBBS, N.M. 61, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 36
MCS (12-9) — Brie Velarde 2, Abby Needham 3, Morgan Ashton 14, Rylee Machen 3, Destiny Jared 2, Bethany Roach 1, Tori Watson 11
Hobbs — Martinez 3, Sanchez 2, Sims 4, Calderon 1, Lester 2, Gonzalez 2, O'Brian 1, Lattimer 10, Patterson 24, Woods 11, Mason 1

MCS	7	12	6	11	—36
Hobbs	14	24	12	11	—61

Free throws — MCS 8-17, Hobbs 21-34. 3-point goals — MCS (Ashton 3), Hobbs 0. Total fouls — MCS 20, Hobbs 19. Fouled out — None.
Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

Midlander Kenney near top in tie-down roping

From staff reports

ODESSA — Midland native Matt Kenney found himself near the top of the tie-down roping leaderboard after his performance Saturday at the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo at Ector County Coliseum.

Kenney completed his run in 10.4 seconds, which placed him second only to Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M. Clark posted a time of 9.8 on Friday.

Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo
Ector County Coliseum, Odessa
Through Saturday
Bull riding — 1. Josh Barentine, Johnson's Bayou, 82; 2. Tyler Smith, Fulta, Colo., 78; 3. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah, 70
Steer wrestling — 1. Kyle Broce, La Junta, Colo., 3.6; 2. Gabe Burrows, Hugoton, Kan., 4.2; 3. Tommy Cook, McAlester, Okla., 4.4
Bareback riding — 1. Bobboy Mote, Culver, Ore., 86; 2. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 81; 3. (tie) Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho, 79; Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash., 79
Tie-down roping — 1. Jesse Clark, Portales, N.M., 9.8; 2. Matt Kenney, Midland, 10.4; 3. Cheyenne Harper, Iowa, La., 11.1
Saddle Bronc — 1. (tie) Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 81; Tory Crowser, Whitewood, S.D., 81; 3. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D., 78
Barrel Racing — 1. Hayden Segelke, Snyder, Colo., 14.33; 2. Shelly Anzick, Livingston, Mon., 14.48; 3. (tie) Cassie Moseley, Cedar Lane, 14.64, Kassidy Dennison, Tohatchi, N.M., 14.64

Jackalopes' slide reaches 26 of last 27 games

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — A late rally by the Odessa Jackalopes came up short Saturday night as they picked up their 26th loss in their last 27 matches.

The Jacks scored two goals in the third period to get within a goal of the Corpus Christi IceRays, but couldn't find the net once more, losing 5-4 at American Bank Center.

The IceRays, which outshot the Jacks, 46-23, jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period, and led 5-2 by the end of the second. Lawrence Cornellier scored on a power-play goal with 6:09 left in the match to pull the Jacks to within 5-3. Jimmy Peplinski found the net while the Jacks had an extra attacker with just four seconds remaining.

The Jacks (5-27-2, 12 points) didn't get a chance at a last-second game-tying goal. Odessa, which now on a six game losing streak, play a weekend series at Wichita Falls beginning at 7:15 p.m. Friday at Kay Yeager Coliseum.

UTPB ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO TAMUI

LAREDO — The UTPB men's basketball team had a tough time shutting down a hot Texas A&M International offense Saturday afternoon, falling, 81-72.

Xavier Martin led four Falcon players in double digits with 14 points, hitting 7-of-10 attempts at the line. Madison Turner and Anthony Dees added 13 points each and Keith Martin contributed 11.

TAMUI's Matthew Culliver, Jr. led all players with 22 points on the night, grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out five assists.

The Falcons are back in action at 6 p.m. Monday, hosting Arlington Baptist.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GETS 1ST CONFERENCE WIN

LAREDO — The UTPB women's basketball team picked up its first Heartland Conference victory of the season Saturday afternoon, breaking away from Texas A&M International in the second half in a 66-56 road win.

Teisha King led the Falcons with 17 points, dished out five assists and grabbed four steals along with six rebounds. Brianna Dominguez scored 14 points, hitting four 3-pointers on the day and leading the team with seven rebounds. Taniqua Ards added 13 points and Briannah Matthews chipped in 11.

Tina Dang led Texas A&M International with 17 points, and Samantha Chacon added 12 while sharing the team lead in rebounds with seven.

UTPB returns to the court at 2 p.m. Saturday, hosting Oklahoma Panhandle State.

MIDDLETON

From 1C

in Midland more opportunities to see him play. It also gives him a chance to follow in the footsteps of fellow former Midland High running back Baron Batch.

Middleton has long admired Batch, who just completed his second season in the NFL as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers and has been a mentor for Middleton.

"I told him I committed and he told me congrats," Middleton said. "He was excited for me. It's crazy how I'm kind of following him to Tech after following him (at Midland High)."

There's one more place Middleton would like to follow Batch, though.

"I'm going in trying to do my best, have a good season and help Tech out," Middleton. "Maybe I can get to the NFL then."

The move to Tech also make Middleton teammates with Odessa High grad Bradley Marquez, a one-time rival on both the football field and track.

"That's pretty exciting. I've already talked to him," Middleton said. "West Texas boys unite. We're looking forward to it."

Middleton probably would have preferred to just attend Texas Tech right after high school, but he doesn't regret the path he took in becoming a Red Raider.

"It's pretty tough to play at juco," Middleton said. "I had to grow up and stuff. Juco can be just like D-I because it's where a lot of D-I guys go that can't make the grades. It was a good experience. It made me focus on school more, since that's why I had to go there in the first place. I have to remember I'm a student-athlete first."

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Hornets take OT win over Mavs in Dirk's 1st start

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Hornets	99
Mavericks	96 (OT)

DALLAS — Having Dirk Nowitzki back in the starting lineup was a significant step for the Dallas Mavericks.

Eric Gordon's first start of the season for New Orleans had a much better ending.

Gordon, who like Nowitzki missed time recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery, completed a three-point play with 4.7 seconds left in overtime Saturday, lifting the Hornets to a 99-96 victory.

Though Gordon was 4-of-13 shooting in only his third game this season, he made the biggest basket of the night on a bank shot from the top of the circle after he got Darren Collison in the air and drew the foul. He then sank the free throw.

"On that last one, I was starting to feel it a little bit.. I kept on playing and taking jump shots," Gordon said. "It's definitely a confidence booster to do well in overtime, especially for such a tough shooting night, it felt good to overcome it."

After a timeout, O.J. Mayo was beyond the 3-point line when Gordon went up the air and by him. Gordon's foot made contact with the ball, knocking it loose. Instead of a foul, officials called it a kicked ball. Dallas got one more chance but Vince Carter's shot from the right corner ricocheted off the rim.

Soon after the game, Mavericks owner Mark Cuban tweeted: "Im sorry NBA fans. Ive tried for 13 yrs to fix the officiating in this league and I have failed miserably. Any Suggestions ? I need help."

Nowitzki had a team-high 20 points on 7-of-16 shooting in 34 minutes, his most extensive action this season. He missed a free throw with 18 seconds left in regulation that would have put the Mavericks ahead by a point.

"Obviously, I'm not quite there yet, it's still a work in progress, especially playing 30 minutes and then being asked to get the ball down the stretch every time and make something happen. I don't think I'm at that point yet," Nowitzki said. "But I'm going to keep working on going in the right direction and turn it around, pull some of those close games out and get some of those wins."

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 109, 76ERS 86

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had 20 points and Manu Ginobili added 19 and San Antonio routed Philadelphia.

Tim Duncan added 16 points, Danny Green had 13 and Gary Neal had 12 for San Antonio, which has won 10 straight at home. Tiago Splitter had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

ROCKETS 112
CAVALIERS 104

CLEVELAND — James Harden scored 29 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter, and Houston beat Cleveland.

Jeremy Lin added 20 points for Houston, which has won 11 of its last 14.

KNICKS 114
MAGIC 106

ORLANDO, Fla. — Carmelo Anthony scored 16 of his 40 points in the fourth quarter, helping the New York Knicks top the Orlando Magic 114-106 on Saturday night.

PACERS 95
BUCKS 80

INDIANAPOLIS — Roy Hibbert had 20 points, 15 rebounds and five blocked shots to lead Indiana past Milwaukee.

CELTICS 89
HAWKS 81

ATLANTA — Rajon Rondo had 14 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and the Boston Celtics rallied to beat Atlanta.

NETS 113
KINGS 93

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 18 points in 17 minutes to lead six players in double figures, and Brooklyn got a nice effort from their reserves for its third straight victory.

TRAIL BLAZERS 102
TIMBERWOLVES 97

MINNEAPOLIS — Nicolas Batum and Wesley Matthews each made five 3s and scored 26 points to lead Portland past injury-depleted Minnesota.

NUGGETS 110
JAZZ 91

DENVER — Danilo Gallinari scored 26 points and Denver rebounded from a rare home loss to beat Utah.

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Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52-58 degrees; 9.45' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, Texas rigged 10" Power Worms and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 51-56 degrees; 8.25' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 52-57 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on shad pattern crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 51-58 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 51-56 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 50-56 degrees; 28.82' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 42.18' low. No report on black bass. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 91.57' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 98.93' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 53.1' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 34.31' low. Black bass are good on soft plastics in 18-25 feet. Striped bass are good on jigging spoons under birds in 40-60 feet. White bass are good on jigging spoons under birds in 40-60 feet. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch in 18-30 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 67-71 degrees; 10.14' low. Black bass are good on Bass Hogg spinnerbaits, craw Bass Hogg jigs, Persuader crankbaits, and Grande Bass Baby Rattle Snakes along the shorelines of creeks and off points in coves. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Lil Fishies and crawdad crankbaits. Crappie are good on Lil Fishies and tube jigs over brush piles in 12-15 feet. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 68-72 degrees; 27.56' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse Curb's jigs, Texas rigged weightless watermelon blue flake Whacky Sticks and smoke red flake JDC Spider Grubs on flats. Striped bass are good on Spoiler Shads, Pink Minnows, and drifting live bait in 20-35 feet. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies and 2 plastic swim baits in deep creeks. Crappie are fair on white crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 67-71 degrees; 13.22' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are fair on electric blue Carolina rigged Finesse worms in 10-16 feet, and on spinnerbaits along the outside edges of grass. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp over baited holes in 14-18 feet.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 67-71 degrees; 5.64' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red and pumpkinseed soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on shrimp, stinkbait, and live minnows.

GRANGER: Water stained; 68-72 degrees; 1.15' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on shad upriver. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits and on juglines baited with cut bait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

LBJ: Water clear; 68-72 degrees; 0.27' low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits, Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, and wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks off points. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair vertically jigging Pink Minnows under birds. Crappie are good on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles in 12-18 feet. Channel catfish are fair on minnows under docks. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 68-72 degrees; 49.19' low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and Lil Fishies. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water lightly stained. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows, and on red/white and chartreuse jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and frozen shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water lightly stained; 67-71 degrees; 8.89' low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin and tequila sunrise spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are good on shrimp, nightcrawlers, and stinkbait.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Duke (14-0) beat Wake Forest 80-62. Next: vs. Clemson, Tuesday.
2. Michigan (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, Sunday.
3. Arizona (14-0) beat Utah 60-57. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.
4. Louisville (13-1) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
5. Indiana (13-1) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Monday.
6. Kansas (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Sunday.
7. Syracuse (13-1) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
8. Ohio State (11-3) lost to No. 11 Illinois 74-55. Next: at Purdue, Tuesday.
9. Minnesota (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
10. Gonzaga (15-1) beat Santa Clara 81-74. Next: vs. Saint Mary's (Cal), Thursday.
11. Illinois (14-2) beat No. 8 Ohio State 74-55. Next: vs. No. 9 Minnesota, Wednesday.
12. Missouri (11-2) beat Bucknell 66-64. Next: vs. Alabama, Tuesday.
13. Florida (9-2) did not play. Next: at Yale, Sunday.
14. Cincinnati (13-2) lost to St. John's 53-52. Next: vs. No. 21 Notre Dame, Monday.
15. Georgetown (10-2) lost to Marquette 49-48. Next: vs. No. 24 Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
16. Creighton (14-1) beat Indiana State 79-66. Next: vs. Drake, Tuesday.
17. Butler (12-2) beat New Orleans 57-44. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Wednesday.
18. Michigan State (12-3) beat Purdue 84-61. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
19. San Diego State (12-2) did not play. Next: at Fresno State, Wednesday.
20. New Mexico (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. UNLV, Wednesday.
21. Notre Dame (13-1) beat Seton Hall 93-74. Next: at No. 14 Cincinnati, Monday.
22. Oklahoma State (10-3) lost to No. 25 Kansas State 73-67. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
23. N.C. State (12-2) beat Boston College 78-73. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
24. Pittsburgh (12-3) lost to Rutgers 67-62. Next: at No. 15 Georgetown, Tuesday.
25. Kansas State (12-2) beat No. 22 Oklahoma State 73-67. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.

Saturday's Scores
SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 86, Delaware St. 51
Arkansas St. 75, W. Kentucky 61
Baylor 86, Texas 79, OT
Louisiana Tech 55, Texas-Arlington 52
Stephen F. Austin 71, McNeese St. 43
Texas Tech 62, TCU 53

SOUTH

Alabama 65, Oakland 45
Barton 75, Limestone 59
Bellarmine 81, Ill.-Springfield 52
Belmont 83, Tennessee Tech 52
Berea 97, Kentucky Christian 69
Bethel (Tenn.) 86, Northland 65
Bridgewater (Va.) 64, Roanoke 57
Campbell 93, Gardner-Webb 81, 3OT
Charleston Southern 81, Radford 74
Chattanooga 74, Samford 70
Christian Brothers 78, Union (Tenn.) 64
Coastal Carolina 80, Longwood 72
Coastal Georgia 72, Spring Hill 71
Coll. of Charleston 60, Furman 56
Cumberland (Tenn.) 88, Georgetown (Ky.) 85
Cumberlands 81, St. Catharine 79
Davidson 85, UNC Greensboro 53
Delaware 84, Old Dominion 72
Duke 80, Wake Forest 62
E. Kentucky 78, SIU-Edwardsville 72
E. Mennonite 78, Emory & Henry 71
East Carolina 91, NC Wesleyan 60
Erskine 82, Pfeiffer 76, OT
FIU 75, Louisiana-Lafayette 70
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Jacksonville 55
Florida St. 71, Clemson 66
Fort Valley St. 76, Kentucky St. 64
George Mason 73, William & Mary 66
Georgia St. 68, James Madison 52
Guilford 68, Hampden-Sydney 54
High Point 74, Winthrop 61
Howard 70, Coppin St. 60
Kennesaw St. 83, Mercer 75
Kentucky Wesleyan 72, Missouri St.-St. Louis 71
King (Tenn.) 80, Belmont Abbey 61
LSU 79, Bethune-Cookman 63
Lees-McRae 112, Mount Olive 70
Lipscomb 60, ETSU 56
Maryland 94, Virginia Tech 71
Miami 62, Georgia Tech 49
Middle Tennessee 60, South Alabama 56
Milligan 88, Reinhardt 82
Morehead St. 65, E. Illinois 50
NC A&T 71, Georgia Southern 65
Newberry 113, Mars Hill 72
Norfolk St. 74, Navy 68
North Florida 90, Stetson 74
North Georgia 82, Georgia College 63
Northwestern St. 86, Lamar 58
Notre Dame (Ohio) 79, Trevecca Nazarene 75, OT
Nova Southeastern 79, Eckerd 74
Oral Roberts 76, Nicholls St. 63
Point Park 102, Asbury 97
Princeton 74, Elon 64
Randolph 66, Randolph-Macon 65
SC-Upstate 60, N. Kentucky 54
SE Louisiana 72, Cent. Arkansas 68
Saint Joseph's 70, Morgan St. 60
South Carolina 80, SC State 69
Southern Wesleyan 90, Loyola NO 86
Tennessee St. 66, Jacksonville St. 57
Tougaloo 60, Fisk 58
Transylvania 75, Defiance 68
Troy 67, UALR 64
UCF 99, Florida A&M 69
UNC Asheville 83, Liberty 69
UNC Pembroke 70, Augusta St. 64
UT-Martin 76, Austin Peay 74, OT
VCU 59, Lehigh 55
VMI 86, Presbyterian 77
Va. Intermont 89, Bryan 78
W. Carolina 72, The Citadel 55
Wheeling Jesuit 80, Seton Hill 74
Xavier (NO) 67, Edward Waters 56

MIDWEST

Aquinas 84, Davenport 79, OT
Bellevue 81, Indiana-East 58
Beloit 79, Illinois College 61
Bethel (Minn.) 80, St. Olaf 66
Butler 57, New Orleans 44
Calvin 66, Albion 63
Carleton 83, St. Mary's (Minn.) 60
Carroll (Wis.) 119, Grinnell 110
Central Methodist 70, Avila 60
Columbia (Mo.) 73, Park 59
Concordia (Mich.) 59, Cornerstone 56
Concordia (St.P.) 99, Macalester 70
Concordia (Wis.) 61, Benedictine (Ill.) 53
Creighton 79, Indiana St. 66
Culver-Stockton 88, Baker 75
Dayton 78, UAB 71
Detroit 84, Green Bay 76
Edgewood 69, Concordia (Ill.) 57
Evansville 85, S. Illinois 68
Ferris St. 70, Walsh 68
Grand Valley St. 78, Malone 63
Henderson St. 93, S. Nazarene 82
Hope 81, Adrian 72
IPFW 96, Nebraska-Omaha 78
Illinois 74, Ohio St. 55
Kalamazoo 83, Olivet 71
Kansas St. 73, Oklahoma St. 67
Lake Superior St. 85, Tiffin 71
Lakeland 86, Dominican (Ill.) 73
Lourdes 61, Marygrove 39
Madonna 86, Siena Heights 69
Marian (Wis.) 65, Rockford 60
Marquette 49, Georgetown 48
Michigan St. 84, Purdue 61
Michigan Tech 81, Ashland 59
Minn. Duluth 71, Mary 69
Minn. St.-Mankato 66, Wayne (Neb.) 54
Minn. St.-Moorhead 82, Bemidji St. 48
Minot St. 68, St. Cloud St. 62
Missouri 66, Bucknell 64
Missouri St. 77, Drake 65
Murray St. 74, SE Missouri 66
N. Dakota St. 63, UMKC 44
N. Iowa 70, Illinois St. 60
N. Michigan 66, Lake Erie 52
Northern St. (SD) 66, Minn.-Crookston 47
Northwestern (Iowa) 96, Doane 69
Northwood (Mich.) 77, Ohio Dominican 60
Notre Dame 93, Seton Hall 74
Ohio 94, Marshall 57
Oklahoma City 76, Oklahoma Science 70
Ripon 91, Knox 82
SW Minnesota St. 74, Upper Iowa 69
Saginaw Valley St. 48, Hillsdale 41
Shawnee St. 80, Campbellsville 65
South Dakota 74, S. Dakota St. 71
St. John's 53, Cincinnati 52
St. Norbert 64, Monmouth (Ill.) 52
St. Thomas (Minn.) 94, Augsburg 52
St. Xavier 95, Holy Cross (Ind.) 77
Trine 83, Alma 76
W. Illinois 57, IUPUI 53, OT
Wayne (Mich.) 66, Findlay 61, OT
William Woods 77, Harris-Stowe 60
Winona St. 76, Sioux Falls 71
Wis.-La Crosse 65, Wis.-Oshkosh 49
Wis.-Platteville 96, Wis.-Superior 55
Wis.-Stevens Pt. 54, Wis.-Eau Claire 50
Wis.-Whitewater 68, Wis.-River Falls 63, OT
Wright St. 53, Milwaukee 51
Youngstown St. 68, Loyola of Chicago 66

FAR WEST

Arizona 60, Utah 57
Boise St. 106, Walla Walla 39
Colorado St. 85, St. Bonaventure 64
Gonzaga 81, Santa Clara 74
Idaho St. 86, N. Colorado 63
Long Beach St. 77, UC Santa Barbara 70
Montana 62, Portland St. 55
NJIT 57, Utah Valley 52
New Mexico St. 78, Texas St. 67
S. Utah 90, N. Arizona 77
Saint Mary's (Cal) 74, Loyola Marymount 61
UCLA 68, Stanford 60
Weber St. 95, North Dakota 63

EAST

Brooklyn 62, Lehman 58
Bryant 78, St. Francis (Pa.) 58
CCSU 77, Robert Morris 70
Canisius 73, Marist 64
Chestnut Hill 66, Nyack 52
Cheyney 72, Clarion 60
Colgate 78, Dartmouth 62
Columbia 64, Army 52
DePaul 83, Providence 73
Dominican (NY) 72, Wilmington (Del.) 68, OT
Endicott 69, W. New England 66
Gettysburg 69, Washington (Md.) 53
Hartford 77, Boston U. 74
Hartwick 81, Houghton 73
Harvard 92, Rice 62
Hobart 67, Skidmore 66, OT
Holy Family 80, Caldwell 78, OT
Ithaca 48, St. John Fisher 46
La Salle 74, Penn 57
Maine 81, UMBC 66
Marie-Farmington 74, Lyndon St. 59
Mount St. Mary's 71, Monmouth (NJ) 59
NC State 78, Boston College 73
Niagara 71, Fairfield 67
Northeastern 68, UNC Wilmington 64
Oklahoma 67, West Virginia 57
Philadelphia 77, Post (Conn.) 53
Quinnipiac 82, LIU Brooklyn 74
Ramapo 88, Rowan 87, OT
Rochester 89, Emory 80
Rutgers 67, Pittsburgh 62
S. Connecticut 66, St. Rose 60
Sacred Heart 66, St. Francis (NY) 65
Sciences (Pa.) 75, Concordia (N.Y.) 74
Slippery Rock 68, Shippensburg 59
St. Anselm 78, Bentley 69
Staten Island 74, Baruch 64
Stevens Tech 76, Nazareth 70
Stevenson 76, Lebanon Valley 66
Stony Brook 65, New Hampshire 49
Susquehanna 72, Drew 46
Thomas More 67, Thiel 55
Towson 69, Drexel 66
UMass 75, E. Michigan 61
Utica 86, Alfred 74
Vermont 76, Albany (NY) 48
Wagner 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
William Paterson 69, NJ City 64, OT

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

LOUISIANA TECH 55, TEXAS-ARLINGTON 52

LOUISIANA TECH (12-3): Kyser 2-4 1-2 5, Gibson 0-7 0-0 0, Appleby 1-11 0-0 2, Smith 0-3 3-4 3, C. Johnson 1-7 3-4 5, Hamilton 4-9 6-4 14, Anderson 3-8 0-0 6, Massey 3-6 1-1 7, McNeal 4-9 0-0 10, J. Johnson 1-3 0-0 3, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-67 14-20 55.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON (6-6): Butler 1-5 2-2 4, Edwards 3-5 1-3 7, Reves 2-6 1-2 5, Catlett 3-13 0-0 6, Gruszecki 1-5 0-0 3, Outler 3-9 4-7 12, Charles 2-5 2-2 7, White-Miller 1-2 0-0 3, Gainey 3-4 0-0 6, Rodgers 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 18-54 12-18 52.

Halftime—Texas-Arlington 28-23. 3-Point Goals—Louisiana Tech 3-22 (McNeal 2-4, J. Johnson 1-2, Hamilton 0-1, Appleby 0-5, Gibson 0-5, C. Johnson 0-5), Texas-Arlington 4-17 (Outler 2-6, White-Miller 1-2, Charles 1-3, Butler 0-2, Gruszecki 0-4). Fouled Out—Butler. Rebounds—Louisiana Tech 38 (Anderson, Appleby, Hamilton 5), Texas-Arlington 52 (Edwards 15). Assists—Louisiana Tech 11 (Smith 5), Texas-Arlington 7 (Reves, White-Miller 2). Total Fouls—Louisiana Tech 16, Texas-Arlington 19. A—1,276.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 71, MCNEESE ST. 43

MCNEESE ST. (6-6): Hardy 3-8 1-1 7, Guidry 3-7 6-8 12, McFerrin 1-4 0-0 2, Mitchell 1-5 0-0 2, Cannon 3-8 0-1 6, Johnson 0-2 1-2 1, Wells 1-1 0-2 2, Fields 3-7 1-1 8, Eackles 0-3 2-2 2, Regis 0-2 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Kpan 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 15-47 12-19 43.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (12-1): Smith 6-8 3-9 15, Parker 5-9 3-4 14, Bateman 3-4 0-1 6, Bostic 5-10 5-5 15, Haymon 0-4 1-2 1, Walkup 5-7 1-4 11, Walker 1-4 1-1 3, Pinkney 0-1 2-4 2, Perez 0-0 0-0 0, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Bright 1-1 0-0 2, Baxter Jr. 1-1 0-0 2, Asortse 0-8 0-0 0. Totals 27-49 16-30 71.

Halftime—Stephen F. Austin 23-19. 3-Point Goals—McNeese St. 1-11 (Fields 1-3, Regis 0-1, Eackles 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Mitchell 0-2, Cannon 0-2), Stephen F. Austin 1-7 (Parker 1-2, Bostic 0-1, Walker 0-2, Haymon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—McNeese St. 25 (Guidry 8), Stephen F. Austin 41 (Smith 14). Assists—McNeese St. 7 (Cannon 3), Stephen F. Austin 16 (Bateman 6). Total Fouls—McNeese St. 19, Stephen F. Austin 17. A—2,001.

TEXAS TECH 62, TCU 53

TEXAS TECH (8-4): Kravic 2-6 0-0 4, Tolbert 4-10 3-4 11, Jackson 2-6 2-3 7, Hannahs 4-6 0-0 12, Gray 4-7 0-0 8, Nurse 2-3 0-0 5, Robinson 0-0 2-2 2, Tapsoba 0-0 0-0 0, Gotcher 0-0 0-0 0, Williams, Jr. 0-2 0-0 0, Crockett 5-8 3-4 13. Totals 23-48 10-13 62.

TCU (9-5): Abron 7-9 2-4 16, McKinney 3-10 2-4 8, Green 2-10 4-4 9, Anderson 1-12 4-4 6, Butler Lind 2-4 2-2 6, Hill Jr. 0-0 0-0 0, Crossland 4-8 0-0 8, Zurcher 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 14-18 53.

Halftime—Texas Tech 29-22. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 6-10 (Hannahs 4-5, Jackson 1-1, Nurse 1-2, Williams, Jr. 0-1, Crockett 0-1), TCU 1-7 (Green 1-2, Butler Lind 0-1, Anderson 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas Tech 30 (Tolbert 9), TCU 35 (Crossland 9). Assists—Texas Tech 14 (Robinson 5), TCU 7 (Anderson 5). Total Fouls—Texas Tech 17, TCU 14. A—5,448.

HARVARD 92, RICE 62

RICE (3-10): Wilson 1-2 0-0 2, Gearhart 2-6 1-2 6, Guercy 6-8 3-4 19, Jackson 4-12 6-8 14, DeBose 3-9 1-2 10, Washington 0-5 0-0 0, Peera 0-0 0-0 0, Franshaw 1-1 2-2 4, Ramijak 2-6 3-4 7, Firozgary 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-49 16-22 62.

HARVARD (8-5): Travis 4-8 2-2 10, Rivard 7-9 2-3 21, Chambers 4-9 4-4 14, Webster 2-5 2-2 7, Saunders 8-9 5-5 21, Nesbitt 0-1 0-0 0, Moundou-Missi 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 4-4 3-5 11, Cummins 0-0 1-2 1, Okolie 0-0 3-4 3, Hall 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 31-48 22-27 92.

Halftime—Harvard 43-21. 3-Point Goals—Rice 8-22 (Guercy 4-4, DeBose 3-4, Gearhart 1-4, Ramljak 0-3, Washington 0-3, Jackson 0-4), Harvard 8-15 (Rivard 5-7, Chambers 2-5, Webster 1-2, Nesbitt 0-1). Fouled Out—DeBose. Rebounds—Rice 23 (Jackson 9), Harvard 33 (Okolie 6). Assists—Rice 7 (Guercy 5), Harvard 20 (Chambers 10). Total Fouls—Rice 25, Harvard 13. A—1,722.

BAYLOR 86, TEXAS 79, OT

TEXAS (8-6): Holmes 2-5 0-0 5, Ridley 0-3 0-0 0, McClellan 9-19 1-2 21, Felix 11-23 4-7 26, Lewis 4-8 0-0 9, Holland 0-2 0-0 0, Bond 1-3 0-0 2, Lammert 2-4 2-2 6, Papapetrou 2-4 0-0 4, Ibeh 2-3 2-3 6. Totals 33-74 9-14 79.

BAYLOR (9-4): Jefferson 7-10 11-14 25, Austin 6-13 5-6 18, Heslip 1-8 2-2 5, Walton 1-7 1-2 3, Jackson 5-13 13-15 24, Rose 0-1 0-0 0, Gathers 1-7 3-4 5, Franklin 1-1 0-0 3, Bello 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 23-64 36-45 86.

Halftime—Baylor 40-31. End Of Regulation—Tied 68. 3-Point Goals—Texas 4-13 (McClellan 2-6, Holmes 1-2, Lewis 1-2, Holland 0-1, Lammert 0-1, Bond 0-1), Baylor 4-18 (Franklin 1-1, Austin 1-3, Heslip 1-5, Jackson 1-6, Walton 0-3). Fouled Out—Bond, Holmes. Rebounds—Texas 44 (Lammert 7), Baylor 45 (Austin 12). Assists—Texas 20 (Felix 9), Baylor 12 (Jackson 6). Total Fouls—Texas 26, Baylor 12. A—7,749.

LOUISIANA-MONROE 81, NORTH TEXAS 68

LOUISIANA-MONROE (3-8): James 6-10 7-8 19, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Hansberry 5-7 2-2 13, McCray 5-8 0-0 11, Mackey 2-5 4-5 10, Olatayo 6-12 4-5 17, Koszuta 2-3 0-0 6, Lindsey 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 28-48 17-20 81.

NORTH TEXAS (6-10): Patton 6-11 4-4 16, T. Mitchell 4-8 5-9 15, Franklin 3-6 2-5 8, Hardwick 4-6 0-0 8, J. Williams 6-12 2-3 16, A. Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Overlander 0-1 0-0 0, Stojiljkovic 0-4 2-2 2, Coleman 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 24-49 16-25 68.

Halftime—Tied 30-30. 3-Point Goals—Louisiana-Monroe 8-16 (Koszuta 2-3, Mackey 2-5, Lindsey 1-1, Hansberry 1-2, Olatayo 1-2, McCray 1-3), North Texas 4-12 (J. Williams 2-4, T. Mitchell 2-5, Overlander 0-1, Stojiljkovic 0-2). Fouled Out—Brown, Lindsey. Rebounds—Louisiana-Monroe 30 (James 10), North Texas 19 (T. Mitchell 6). Assists—Louisiana-Monroe 13 (James 6), North Texas 12 (Hardwick 6). Total Fouls—Louisiana-Monroe 20, North Texas 12. A—3,361.

NEW MEXICO ST. 78, TEXAS ST. 67

TEXAS ST. (4-12): Koenen 0-1 0-0 0, Staff 4-8 0-0 9, Wright 5-11 6-7 17, Davis 2-4 1-2 5, T. Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Hawkins 3-5 2-4 9, Stern 3-6 0-0 6, Richardson 0-2 0-0 0, Brown II 0-3 0-0 0, D. Jones 5-7 2-2 15, Hinton 2-6 0-0 6. Totals 24-56 11-15 67.

NEW MEXICO ST (8-8): Sy 6-11 2-2 16, Watson 3-8 1-1 7, Bhullar 9-9 2-2 20, Ross-Miller 0-4 0-0 0, Mullings 8-15 5-6 22, Barry 0-1 1-2 1, Aronis 0-2 0-0 0, de Rouen 3-4 0-0 8, Buovac 0-0 0-0 0, Dixon 0-0 4-4 4. Totals 29-54 15-17 78.

Halftime—Tied 37-37. 3-Point Goals—Texas St. 8-21 (D. Jones 3-5, Hinton 2-4, Wright 1-1, Hawkins 1-2, Staff 1-2, Davis 0-1, Brown II 0-1, Koenen 0-1, Richardson 0-1, T. Jones 0-3), New Mexico St. 5-16 (de Rouen 2-3, Sy 2-5, Mullings 1-3, Aronis 0-2, Ross-Miller 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas St. 25 (Wright 7), New Mexico St. 36 (Sy 10). Assists—Texas St. 13 (Hawkins 8), New Mexico St. 17 (Ross-Miller 6). Total Fouls—Texas St. 21, New Mexico St. 17. A—4,451.

Monday's Schedule
SOUTHWEST

SE Louisiana at Lamar, 7:30 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Sam Houston St., 7:45 p.m.

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman at Fisk, Noon
Jacksonville at Stetson, 4:15 p.m.
James Madison at Hampton, 6 p.m.
Warren Wilson at N. Carolina, 6 p.m.
North Florida at Florida Gulf Coast, 6:30 p.m.
ETSU at N. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.
SC-Upstate at Lipscomb, 7:15 p.m.
Nicholls St. at McNeese St., 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Ill.-Chicago at Cleveland St., 5 p.m.
Notre Dame at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

S. Utah at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.

EAST

Albany (NY) at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Georgia St. at Hofstra, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Penn St., 6 p.m.

Women

Women's Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. UConn (12-1) lost to No. 5 Notre Dame 73-72. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
2. **Baylor (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Oklahoma State, Sunday.**
3. Duke (12-0) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Sunday.
4. Stanford (12-1) did not play. Next: at Utah, Sunday.
5. Notre Dame (12-1) beat No. 1 UConn 73-72. Next: at South Florida, Tuesday.
6. Kentucky (12-1) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Sunday.
7. California (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Colorado, Sunday.
8. Maryland (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Florida State, Sunday.
9. Penn State (11-2) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Sunday.
10. Georgia (13-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Tennessee, Sunday.
11. Louisville (12-3) lost to DePaul 86-80. Next: vs. Rutgers, Tuesday.
12. Tennessee (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Georgia, Sunday.
13. Oklahoma State (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Sunday.
14. Purdue (13-2) beat No. 25 Nebraska 69-66, OT. Next: vs. Ohio State, Monday, Jan. 14.
15. North Carolina (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
16. UCLA (10-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Sunday.
17. Oklahoma (12-2) beat Texas 78-70. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
18. South Carolina (12-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Sunday.
19. Florida State (12-1) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Maryland, Sunday.
20. Colorado (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 California, Sunday.
21. Kansas (11-2) beat West Virginia 60-59. Next: at No. 13 Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
22. Dayton (12-1) did not play. Next: at Butler, Saturday, Jan. 12.
23. Arkansas (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Texas A&M, Sunday.
24. **Texas A&M (11-4) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Arkansas, Sunday.**
25. Nebraska (11-4) lost to No. 14 Purdue 69-66, OT. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.

Saturday's Scores
SOUTHWEST

Delaware St. 84, Houston Baptist 83, OT
Denver 75, UTSA 73
Iowa St. 58, Texas Tech 54
McNeese St. 74, Stephen F. Austin 57
New Mexico St. 61, Texas St. 58
North Texas 79, Louisiana-Monroe 51
Oklahoma 78, Texas 70

SOUTH

Cent. Arkansas 76, SE Louisiana 60
Chattanooga 76, UNC-Greensboro 46
Coastal Carolina 64, Charleston Southern 56
Coll. of Charleston 58, Georgia Southern 56
Davidson 65, Appalachian St. 49
E. Illinois 78, Morehead St. 58
ETSU 80, Lipscomb 74
Elon 65, Samford 41
FIU 63, Louisiana-Lafayette 47
Florida Gulf Coast 74, Jacksonville 57
High Point 64, Gardner-Webb 42
Lamar 71, Northwestern St. 68
Liberty 75, UNC Asheville 49
Longwood 79, Winthrop 74
Louisiana Tech 65, Texas-Arlington 58
Memphis 109, Wright St. 68
Mercer 71, Kennesaw St. 46
Middle Tennessee 60, South Alabama 39
Murray St. 82, UT-Martin 72
N. Kentucky 70, SC-Upstate 62
Nicholls St. 69, Oral Roberts 66
Presbyterian 68, Campbell 62, OT
SIU-Edwardsville 73, E. Kentucky 69, OT
Southern Miss 69, New Orleans 59
Stetson 71, North Florida 57
Tennessee St. 88, Jacksonville St. 68
Tennessee Tech 58, Belmont 52
UALR 71, Troy 50
W. Carolina 54, Wofford 40

MIDWEST

Butler 84, Ill.-Chicago 61
Creighton 70, Evansville 63
DePaul 86, Louisville 80
Green Bay 61, St. Bonaventure 42
IUPUI 55, W. Illinois 36
Kansas St. 59, TCU 58
Loyola of Chicago 64, E. Michigan 54
N. Dakota St. 59, UMKC 48
Nebraska-Omaha 60, IPFW 50
North Dakota 73, Weber St. 49
Ohio 68, Xavier 62
Purdue 69, Nebraska 66, OT
S. Illinois 77, Drake 70
SE Missouri 71, Austin Peay 57
Syracuse 92, Marquette 79
Valparaiso 54, N. Illinois 49

FAR WEST

BYU 80, San Francisco 58
CS Bakersfield 83, Nevada 80
CS Northridge 56, Cal St.-Fullerton 55
Cal Poly 64, UC Irvine 46
Gonzaga 79, Santa Clara 50
Hawaii 65, UC Riverside 50
Long Beach St. 52, UC Santa Barbara 45
Montana 70, Portland St. 55
Montana St. 73, E. Washington 60
N. Colorado 71, Idaho St. 63
Pacific 78, UC Davis 64
Saint Mary's (Cal) 84, Loyola Marymount 77, OT
San Diego 69, Portland 63
Seattle 72, San Jose St. 60
Utah St. 91, Idaho 85
Utah Valley 71, Texas-Pan American 66, OT

EAST

Albany (NY) 72, Binghamton 47
Boston U. 45, Hartford 39
Cornell 70, Buffalo 43
Fairleigh Dickinson 66, Wagner 59
Georgetown 79, Providence 64
Kansas 60, West Virginia 59
Lafayette 56, Brown 32
Lehigh 46, NJIT 45
Miami (Ohio) 54, Duquesne 49
Mount St. Mary's 70, Monmouth (NJ) 51
Notre Dame 73, UConn 72
Quinnipiac 67, LIU Brooklyn 60
Robert Morris 65, CCSU 48
Saint Joseph's 66, Penn 53
Seton Hall 69, Pittsburgh 56
St. Francis (NY) 56, Sacred Heart 47
St. Francis (Pa.) 81, Bryant 76
Stony Brook 48, New Hampshire 44
UMBC 54, Maine 50
Yale 82, Bucknell 62

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

No. 17 OKLAHOMA 78, TEXAS 70

OKLAHOMA (12-2): McFarland 3-4 1-1 8, Griffin 1-4 4-5 6, Ellenberg 7-16 1-2 18, Hook 7-10 0-0 17, Campbell 7-11 7-9 24, Kornet 0-1 0-0 0, Durrett 2-7 0-0 5, Hartman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-53 13-17 78.

TEXAS (7-6): Enemkpali 7-18 0-0 14, McGee-Stafford 6-10 0-0 12, Davenport 6-11 3-2 12, Roberts 3-6 0-0 7, Fussell 5-16 2-3 14, Rodrigo 3-5 0-0 0, Sanders 1-4 4-4 6, Hattis 0-0 0-0 3, Reed 2-6 1-4 5. Totals 30-76 7-13 70.

Halftime—Oklahoma 36-31. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma 11-17 (Hook 3-3, Campbell 3-3, Ellenberg 3-8, Durrett 1-1, McFarland 1-2), Texas 3-13 (Fussell 2-6, Roberts 1-3, Sanders 0-1, Rodrigo 0-3). Fouled Out—Griffin. Rebounds—Oklahoma 25 (Hook 6), Texas 48 (Enemkpali 10). Assists—Oklahoma 8 (Hook 4), Texas 15 (Rodrigo 4). Total Fouls—Oklahoma 13, Texas 16. A—3,842.

Monday's Schedule
SOUTHWEST

SE Louisiana at Lamar, 5:30 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Sam Houston St., 5:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Jacksonville at Stetson, 2 p.m.
W. Carolina at Georgia Southern, 3 p.m.
ETSU at N. Kentucky, 4 p.m.
North Florida at Florida Gulf Coast, 4:15 p.m.
Howard at Coppin St., 5 p.m.
S.C.-Upstate at Lipscomb, 5 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
Nicholls St. at McNeese St., 5:30 p.m.
Davidson at Coll. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at Elon, 6 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at Florida A&M, 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Furman, 6 p.m.
Campbell at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
La Salle at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Trinity Baptist at Savannah St., 6 p.m.
Samford at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Belmont at Jacksonville St., 7 p.m.
Tennessee St. at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
Loyola (NO) at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Austin Peay at UT-Martin, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Murray St. at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.

EAST

Bryant at Robert Morris, 9 a.m.
Columbia at Lehigh, 10:30 a.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (N.Y.) at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
CCSU at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.
W. Michigan at Temple, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (N.J.) at Wagner, 6 p.m.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	10	.697	—
Brooklyn	19	15	.559	4 1/2
Boston	16	17	.485	7
Philadelphia	15	20	.429	9
Toronto	12	21	.364	11

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	9	.710	—
Atlanta	20	12	.625	2 1/2
Orlando	12	21	.364	11
Charlotte	8	24	.250	14 1/2
Washington	4	27	.129	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	14	.588	—
Chicago	18	13	.581	1/2
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	3
Detroit	13	22	.371	7 1/2
Cleveland	8	27	.229	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	9	.750	—
Memphis	20	10	.667	4
Houston	20	14	.588	6
Dallas	13	21	.382	13
New Orleans	8	25	.242	17 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	25	7	.781	—
Portland	18	15	.545	7 1/2
Denver	19	16	.543	7 1/2
Minnesota	15	15	.500	9
Utah	17	18	.486	9 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	8	.765	—
Golden State	22	10	.688	3
L.A. Lakers	15	17	.469	10
Sacramento	13	21	.382	13
Phoenix	12	22	.353	14

Saturday's Scores

Boston 89, Atlanta 81
Indiana 95, Milwaukee 80
New York 114, Orlando 106
Houston 112, Cleveland 104
Brooklyn 113, Sacramento 93
Portland 102, Minnesota 97
New Orleans 99, Dallas 96, OT
San Antonio 109, Philadelphia 86
Denver 110, Utah 91
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Oklahoma City at Toronto, Noon
Washington at Miami, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Oklahoma City at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

HORNETS 99, MAVERICKS 96, OT

NEW ORLEANS (99): Aminu 3-6 4-4 10, Davis 1-3 2-2 4, Lopez 4-8 1-2 9, Vasquez 11-18 0-2 25, Gordon 4-13 5-5 14, Anderson 6-15 0-0 16, Roberts 1-5 1-1 3, Rivers 1-5 0-0 2, Smith 6-10 0-0 12, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Mason 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 13-16 99.

DALLAS (96): Nowitzki 7-16 4-6 20, Marion 4-12 0-0 8, Kaman 2-3 0-0 4, Collison 5-7 2-2 12, Mayo 5-17 3-3 14, Carter 6-11 2-2 17, Da.Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Beaubois 3-5 0-0 6, Brand 6-10 0-0 12, Crowder 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 39-85 11-13 96.

New Orleans	25	15	23	26	10	— 99
Dallas	23	24	20	22	7	— 96

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 8-21 (Anderson 4-7, Vasquez 3-6, Gordon 1-4, Roberts 0-1, Mason 0-1, Rivers 0-2), Dallas 7-19 (Carter 3-5, Nowitzki 2-3, Crowder 1-2, Mayo 1-7, Marion 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 50 (Aminu 13), Dallas 48 (Marion 9). Assists—New Orleans 23 (Vasquez 9), Dallas 21 (Collison 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 10, Dallas 20. A—20,338 (19,200).

SPURS 109, 76ERS 86

PHILADELPHIA (86): T.Young 5-13 1-4 11, Turner 4-13 4-4 12, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Holiday 5-15 0-0 11, Richardson 4-10 1-2 11, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, N.Young 4-11 2-2 10, Wright 0-3 0-0 0, Hawes 10-13 2-2 22, Wilkins 0-1 1-2 1, Wayns 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 35-84 13-20 86.

SAN ANTONIO (109): Leonard 1-4 0-0 2, Duncan 7-10 2-2 16, Splitter 4-13 4-5 12, Parker 8-16 4-5 20, Green 4-10 2-2 13, Ginobili 6-10 5-5 19, Diaw 0-1 0-0 0, Neal 5-9 0-0 12, De Colo 1-3 0-0 3, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2, Blair 3-4 2-4 8, Mills 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-85 19-23 109.

Philadelphia	21	21	21	23	— 86
San Antonio	31	23	27	28	— 109

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-17 (Richardson 2-4, Holiday 1-2, Wilkins 0-1, Wayns 0-1, T.Young 0-1, Wright 0-2, N.Young 0-2, Turner 0-4), San Antonio 8-25 (Green 3-7, Neal 2-3, Ginobili 2-5, De Colo 1-3, Leonard 0-1, Bonner 0-1, Diaw 0-1, Parker 0-2, Mills 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 50 (Holiday 8), San Antonio 54 (Splitter 10). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Holiday 8), San Antonio 24 (Parker 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 17, San Antonio 17. A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 112, CAVALIERS 104

HOUSTON (112): Parsons 2-9 2-2 7, Morris 4-8 2-2 11, Asik 1-3 2-4 4, Lin 7-13 3-5 20, Harden 6-17 14-15 29, Smith 5-5 1-5 11, Patterson 7-13 0-0 15, Delfino 3-6 1-1 9, Douglas 2-5 1-2 6. Totals 37-79 26-36 112.

CLEVELAND (104): Gee 6-12 4-4 18, Thompson 5-11 4-6 14, Zeller 4-9 4-4 12, Irving 10-24 7-8 30, Miles 4-14 0-0 9, Waiters 4-13 4-4 13, Walton 1-3 0-0 2, Livingston 0-3 0-0 0, K.Jones 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 36-91 25-28 104.

Houston	20	34	24	34	— 112
Cleveland	26	24	28	26	— 104

3-Point Goals—Houston 12-34 (Lin 3-5, Harden 3-9, Delfino 2-5, Douglas 1-2, Morris 1-4, Patterson 1-4, Parsons 1-5), Cleveland 7-23 (Irving 3-8, Gee 2-4, Waiters 1-5, Miles 1-6). Fouled Out—Gee. Rebounds—Houston 56 (Smith 11), Cleveland 54 (Thompson 16). Assists—Houston 23 (Lin 5), Cleveland 20 (Irving 6). Total Fouls—Houston 23, Cleveland 25. A—16,866 (20,562).

TRAIL BLAZERS 102, TIMBERWOLVES 97

PORTLAND (102): Batum 9-11 3-3 26, Aldridge 7-20 0-0 14, Hickson 1-10 0-0 2, Lillard 7-14 3-3 20, Matthews 8-15 5-5 26, Freeland 0-1 0-0 0, Claver 2-3 0-0 5, Price 1-8 1-2 3, Jeffries 0-0 0-0 0, Babbitt 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 37-86 12-13 102.

MINNESOTA (97): Kirilenko 7-13 0-0 15, Cunningham 5-13 0-0 10, Pekovic 9-14 3-3 21, Ridnour 4-11 7-8 15, Shved 1-11 0-0 2, Stiemsma 1-4 0-0 2, Barea 5-13 2-2 14, Hayward 0-1 0-0 0, D.Williams 6-10 4-5 18, Amundson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-91 16-18 97.

Portland	23	30	26	23	— 102
Minnesota	21	22	18	36	— 97

3-Point Goals—Portland 16-24 (Batum 5-6, Matthews 5-7, Lillard 3-5, Babbitt 2-3, Claver 1-2, Price 0-1), Minnesota 5-16 (D.Williams 2-3, Barea 2-5, Kirilenko 1-1, Hayward 0-1, Shved 0-3, Ridnour 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 45 (Hickson 11), Minnesota 60 (Pekovic 15). Assists—Portland 22 (Lillard, Aldridge 6), Minnesota 22 (Barea, Shved 7). Total Fouls—Portland 22, Minnesota 13. Technicals—Barea. A—16,220 (19,356).

NETS 113, KINGS 93

SACRAMENTO (93): Salmons 5-13 0-0 13, Thompson 7-16 1-4 15, Cousins 11-18 6-8 28, Thomas 3-5 5-5 12, Garcia 0-4 0-0 0, A.Brooks 4-7 3-4 13, Robinson 4-7 0-2 8, Hayes 0-4 0-0 0, Ja.Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Fredette 0-4 0-0 0, Outlaw 0-5 0-0 0, Honeycutt 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-90 15-23 93.

BROOKLYN (113): Wallace 2-5 3-4 8, R.Evans 3-4 1-2 7, Lopez 7-12 4-4 18, Williams 5-8 4-4 15, Jo.Johnson 6-14 0-0 15, Bogans 0-2 0-0 0, Blatche 7-11 1-1 15, M.Brooks 7-14 1-1 15, Teletovic 5-10 2-2 14, Watson 1-2 0-1 2, Shengelia 0-0 2-2 2, Taylor 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 44-85 18-21 113.

Sacramento	31	16	25	21	— 93
Brooklyn	36	29	23	25	— 113

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 6-19 (Salmons 3-7, A.Brooks 2-3, Thomas 1-3, Outlaw 0-1, Honeycutt 0-1, Ja.Johnson 0-1, Garcia 0-1, Fredette 0-2), Brooklyn 7-24 (Jo.Johnson 3-7, Teletovic 2-5, Wallace 1-3, Williams 1-3, Watson 0-1, Bogans 0-2, M.Brooks 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 51 (Cousins 11), Brooklyn 55 (R.Evans 12). Assists—Sacramento 18 (A.Brooks 4), Brooklyn 26 (Williams 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 16, Brooklyn 19. Technicals—Brooklyn defensive three second 2. A—17,732 (17,732).

KNICKS 114, MAGIC 106

NEW YORK (114): Anthony 14-29 8-9 40, Camby 1-1 0-0 2, Chandler 6-6 2-4 14, Kidd 5-10 0-0 15, Brewer 1-4 0-0 2, J.Smith 8-18 2-3 18, Stoudemire 3-7 5-5 11, Prigioni 2-6 0-0 5, Copeland 0-1 0-0 0, Novak 2-6 1-1 7. Totals 42-88 18-22 114.

ORLANDO (106): Jones 4-8 0-1 8, Nicholson 5-6 1-1 11, Vucevic 5-12 1-1 11, Nelson 10-20 4-4 29, Afflalo 10-14 7-9 29, McRoberts 1-5 0-0 2, Turkoglu 0-5 1-2 1, Redick 3-10 0-0 9, I.Smith 2-4 0-0 4, Harkless 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-85 14-18 106.

New York	27	32	22	33	— 114
Orlando	36	19	34	17	— 106

3-Point Goals—New York 12-33 (Kidd 5-8, Anthony 4-9, Novak 2-6, Prigioni 1-3, Copeland 0-1, Brewer 0-2, J.Smith 0-4), Orlando 10-26 (Nelson 5-9, Redick 3-9, Afflalo 2-3, I.Smith 0-1, Jones 0-2, Turkoglu 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Chandler 12), Orlando 50 (Vucevic 18). Assists—New York 24 (Kidd 7), Orlando 23 (Nelson 8). Total Fouls—New York 19, Orlando 19. Technicals—McRoberts. A—19,171 (18,500).

CELTICS 89, HAWKS 81

BOSTON (89): Pierce 8-20 7-9 26, Bass 5-6 0-0 10, Garnett 7-12 0-0 14, Rondo 7-16 0-0 14, Bradley 3-9 0-0 6, Sullinger 4-8 0-1 8, Terry 2-8 0-0 4, Collins 1-1 0-0 2, Green 1-4 1-2 3, Lee 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-85 8-12 89.

ATLANTA (81): Korver 3-9 0-0 9, Smith 4-18 3-6 12, Horford 2-8 2-2 6, Teague 7-14 2-2 17, Williams 9-12 5-6 28, Pachulia 0-1 2-2 2, Stevenson 0-2 0-0 0, Tolliver 1-2 1-1 3, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-68 15-19 81.

Boston	18	20	33	18	— 89
Atlanta	31	22	9	19	— 81

3-Point Goals—Boston 3-16 (Pierce 3-8, Bradley 0-2, Rondo 0-2, Terry 0-4), Atlanta 10-29 (Williams 5-8, Korver 3-8, Teague 1-5, Smith 1-5, Tolliver 0-1, Stevenson 0-2). Fouled Out—Korver. Rebounds—Boston 50 (Rondo 11), Atlanta 44 (Smith 10). Assists—Boston 27 (Rondo 10), Atlanta 18 (Smith 5). Total Fouls—Boston 15, Atlanta 19. A—19,159 (18,729).

PACERS 95, BUCKS 80

MILWAUKEE (80): Mbah a Moute 1-6 1-2 3, Udoh 2-3 0-0 4, Sanders 6-11 0-0 12, Jennings 4-15 3-4 12, Ellis 8-19 3-4 21, Henson 1-6 4-6 6, Dunleavy 3-8 0-0 7, Udrih 4-7 0-0 8, Harris 0-1 2-2 2, Gooden 1-4 0-0 2, Lamb 0-0 0-0 0, Daniels 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 31-82 13-18 80.

INDIANA (95): George 4-11 0-0 8, West 3-9 4-6 10, Hibbert 8-16 4-4 20, Hill 7-16 0-0 14, Stephenson 5-8 0-0 10, Green 2-10 0-0 5, Pendergraph 0-0 0-0 0, T.Hansbrough 3-6 3-8 9, Johnson 3-8 1-2 7, Augustin 3-5 0-0 8, Mahinmi 2-3 0-0 4, B.Hansbrough 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-92 12-20 95.

Milwaukee	21	26	17	16	— 80
Indiana	21	31	25	18	— 95

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-18 (Ellis 2-4, Daniels 1-1, Dunleavy 1-5, Jennings 1-5, Henson 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Gooden 0-1), Indiana 3-20 (Augustin 2-3, Green 1-7, George 0-1, Stephenson 0-2, Johnson 0-3, Hill 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 49 (Henson 13), Indiana 67 (Hibbert 15). Assists—Milwaukee 18 (Udrih, Jennings 5), Indiana 19 (Hill, George 4). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 14, Indiana 18. Technicals—Gooden, George, Green, Pendergraph. A—15,329 (18,165).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with 1B Mark Hamilton on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated OF Chris Dickerson for assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned RHP D.J. Mitchell outright to Tacoma (PCL).

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Released RHP Rick van den Hurk.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed LB Kion Wilson to a reserve/future contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB Ricky Elmore and LB Marcus Benard to reserve/future contracts.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Brittan Golden and TE Zach Miller to reserve/future contracts.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed DE Jay Richardson to a reserve/future contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed QB Mike Kafka and CB Cliff Harris to reserve/future contracts.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed CB Chris Hawkins to a reserve/future contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed DB D.J. Johnson to a reserve/future contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned RW Andrej Nestrasil and D Gleason Fournier from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL) and RW Willie Coetzee from Grand Rapids to Toledo.

ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with coach/director of hockey operations Brad Ralph on a two-year contract extension.

COLLEGE

RUTGERS — Announced RB Jawan Jamison will enter the NFL draft.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football
Today
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Arkansas St	+1	3 1/2	(62 1/2)	Kent St
Monday				
BCS National Championship				
At Miami				
Alabama	7 1/2	9 1/2	(40 1/2)	Notre Dame

NFL Playoffs
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Baltimore	7	7	(47)	Indianapolis
Seattle	1 1/2	3	(46 1/2)	at Washington
Jan. 13				
at New England	9	9 1/2	(49)	Houston

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

Brisbane International Results
Saturday
At Queensland Tennis Centre
Brisbane, Australia
Purse: Men, $486,000 (WT250); Women, $1 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals

Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5).

Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, 6-4, 2-0, retired.

Women
Championship

Serena Williams (3), United States, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
Men
Semifinals

Marcelo Melo, Brazil, and Tommy Robredo, Spain, def. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, and Kei Nishikori, Japan, walkover.

Women
Championship

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sania Mirza, India, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, and Kveta Peschke (4), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-4, 10-7.

ATP

Aircel Chennai Open Results
Saturday
At SDAT Tennis Stadium
Chennai, India
Purse: $450,000 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals

Janko Tipsarevic (2), Serbia, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, def. Benoit Paire (5), France, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles
Semifinals

Andre Begemann and Martin Emmrich, Germany, def. Sanchai and Sonchat Ratiwatana, Thailand, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Benoit Paire, France, and Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Nicholas Monroe, United States, 6-7 (9), 6-4, 10-8.

Qatar ExxonMobil Open Results
Saturday
At The Khalifa International Tennis & Squash Complex
Doha, Qatar
Purse: $1.11 million (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship

Richard Gasquet (2), France, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

ITF

Hyundai Hopman Cup Results
Saturday
At Perth Arena
Perth, Australia
Purse: $1 million (ITF Exhibition)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Championship
Spain 2, Serbia 1

Novak Djokovic, Serbia, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 7-5.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2.

Verdasco and Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Djokovic and Ivanovic, Serbia, 6-4, 7-5.

WTA

ASB Classic Results
Saturday
At ASB Bank Tennis Centre
Auckland, New Zealand
Purse: $235,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Chanpionship

Agnieszka Radwanska (1), Poland, def. Yanina Wickmayer (3), Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles
Championship

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Yaroslava Shvedova (1), Kazakhstan, 2-6, 6-2, 10-5.

Shenzhen Longgang Gemdale Open Results
Saturday
At Longgang Tennis Center
Shenzhen, China
Purse: $500,000 (Intl.)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Championship

Li Na (1), China, def. Klara Zakopalova (5), Czech Republic, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

Doubles
Championship

Chan Hao-ching and Yung-jan (1), Taiwan, def. Irina Buryachok, Ukraine, and Valeria Solovieva, Russia, 6-0, 7-5.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 6:38 am packed powder machine groomed 29-29 base 63 of 77 trails 91% open 6 of 7 lifts Mon-Thu 9a-4p Fri 9a-8p Sat 9a-8p Sun 9a-4p

Pajarito — Sat 8:51 am packed powder machine groomed 20-22 base 33 of 44 trails 75% open 3 of 7 lifts Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Sat 8:23 am packed powder machine groomed 35-40 base 53 of 57 trails 93% open 230 acres 7 of 7 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Sat 9:21 am packed powder 17-19 base 2 of 35 trails 6% open 2 of 5 lifts Wed-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p Open Wed-Sun

Sipapu — Sat 6:40 am packed powder machine groomed 23-31 base 39 of 41 trails 96% open 5 of 5 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Thu 1:00 pm packed powder machine groomed 10-19 base 12 of 55 trails 22% open 6 of 10 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 9:50 am packed powder machine groomed 38-44 base 54 of 77 trails 75% open 7 of 7 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Taos — Sat 5:41 am packed powder machine groomed 35-45 base 77 of 113 trails 65% open 14 of 14 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Angel Fire Resort XC — Operating no details

Enchanted Forest XC — Operating no details

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5:25 am packed powder machine groomed 21-21 base 27 of 109 trails 19% open 183 acres 7 of 8 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:16 am packed powder 29-37 base 106 of 124 trails 94% open 962 acres 5 of 5 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:13 am packed powder 20-23 base 72 of 76 trails 98% open 659 acres 6 of 8 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sat 7:33 am packed powder machine groomed 25-26 base 136 of 149 trails 83% open 1524 acres 25 of 25 lifts Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun 8:30a-3:30p

Breckenridge — Sat 7:34 am packed powder machine groomed 31-31 base 87 of 155 trails 62% open 1468 acres 29 of 31 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Buttermilk — Sat 5:15 am packed powder 22-23 base 39 of 44 trails 94% open 432 acres 7 of 8 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Sat 5:08 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 82 of 140 trails 58% open 864 acres 17 of 22 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Sat 6:18 am packed powder 28-28 base 79 of 121 trails 94% open 548 acres 12 of 16 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Eldora — Sat 8:18 am packed powder machine groomed 30-30 base 28 of 53 trails 50% open 11 of 11 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Irwin — Operating no details Mon-Fri 8a-5p Sat/Sun 8a-5p

Kendall Mountain — Operating no details

Keystone — Sat 7:36 am packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 84 of 135 trails 54% open 1686 acres 20 of 20 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Loveland — Sat 5:29 am packed powder 28-28 base 31 of 93 trails 23% open 377 acres 6 of 9 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Sat 3:50 am powder machine groomed 32-32 base 59 of 62 trails 100% open 680 acres 6 of 6 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Powderhorn — Sat 7:49 am packed powder machine groomed 39-39 base 43 of 44 trails 99% open 4 of 4 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Purgatory at Durango — Sat 6:11 am packed powder machine groomed 26-30 base 81 of 88 trails 92% open 1180 acres 9 of 10 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Silverton Mountain — Sat 6:28 am powder 29-53 base 65 of 69 trails 99% open Thu-Fri 9a-3p Sat/Sun 9a-3p Open Thu-Sun

Ski Cooper — Sat 6:00 am powder machine groomed 25-27 base 26 of 26 trails 100% open 400 acres 4 of 5 lifts Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8a-4p

Ski Granby Ranch — Sat 3:11 am packed powder 18-20 base 28 of 41 trails 80% open 5 of 5 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat 9a-4p 5p-8p Sun 9a-4p

Ski Hesperus — Operating no details

Snowmass — Sat 5:11 am packed powder machine groomed 26-34 base 85 of 91 trails 79% open 2632 acres 17 of 21 lifts Mon-Fri 8a-4p Sat/Sun 8a-4p

Steamboat — Sat 1:05 pm packed powder 39-41 base 160 of 165 trails 98% open 2971 acres 16 of 18 lifts Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Sunlight — Sat 8:44 am packed powder 29-32 base 60 of 67 trails 98% open 470 acres 3 of 3 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Telluride — Sat 5:16 am packed powder 24-24 base 50 of 125 trails 40% open 17 of 18 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Vail — Sat 7:32 am packed powder machine groomed 21-21 base 190 of 193 trails 96% open 5069 acres 30 of 31 lifts Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Winter Park — Sat 6:01 am packed powder machine groomed 37-39 base 123 of 143 trails 60% open 1812 acres 23 of 26 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — Sat 6:24 am powder machine groomed 39-41 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open 1600 acres 7 of 7 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Ashcroft XC — Thu 6:30 am powder machine groomed 4-18 base 12 of 20 trails 21 miles Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Aspen/Snowmass XC — Sat 8:25 am packed powder machine groomed 5-7 base 14 of 15 trails 75 miles Mon-Fri 7a-5p Sat/Sun 7a-5p

Crested Butte XC — Thu 9:15 am packed powder machine groomed 10-18 base 21 of 23 trails 50 miles Mon-Fri 8:30a-5p Sat/Sun 8:30a-5p

Devil's Thumb XC — Operating no details

Gold Run XC — Operating no details

Grand Lake XC — Operating no details

Snow Mountain XC — Sat 6:35 am hard packed machine groomed 7-32 base 32 of 28 trails 65 miles Mon-Fri 8:30a-5p Sat/Sun 8:30a-5p

Steamboat XC — Operating no details

Tennessee Pass XC — Operating no details

Vail Resorts Nordic — Operating no details

Vista Verde Ranch XC — Operating no details

FIGHT SCHEDULE

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.

Jan. 12

At Toluca, Mexico, Adrian Hernandez vs. Dirceu Cabarca, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title.

Jan. 19

At The Theater at Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Orlando Salido vs. Miguel Angel Garcia, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title; Gennady Golovkin vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, for Golovkin's WBA middleweight title; Roman Martinez vs. Juan Carlos Burgos, 12, for Martinez's WBO junior lightweight title.

At Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, Conn. (NBCSN), Gabriel Campillo vs. Sergey Kovalev, 10, light heavyweights; Elvin Ayala vs. Curtis Stevens, 10, middleweights.

Jan. 25

At Turning Stone Casino Resort, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), Sergiy Dzinziruk vs. Brian Vera, 12, for the NABO middleweight title; Miguel Gonzalez vs. Tony Luis, 10, junior welterweights.

At Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (SHO), Demetrius Andrade vs. Freddy Hernandez, 10, junior middleweights; Raymond Serrano vs. Emmanuel Taylor, 10, junior welterweights; Chad Bennett vs. Ben Ankrah, 12, for Bennett's WBO Asia Pacific Junior Welterweight title.

NFL PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S MATCHUPS
COLTS (11-5) VS. RAVENS (10-6), Noon, Fox

Motivation and inspiration are mentioned so often in the NFL that it is easy to also forget that skill and preparation come into play. Some will say that the inspirational return of coach Chuck Pagano will lift Indianapolis to victory; others will assert that this being the last postseason for linebacker Ray Lewis will be all the motivation Baltimore needs to win. This game could instead be decided by Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne.

A star during Peyton Manning's prime, Wayne had his role change this season as the Colts lined him up in various spots to exploit matchups, and he quickly emerged as Andrew Luck's favorite, and sometimes only, receiving option. After finishing the season with 106 receptions, Wayne will be going against a Ravens secondary that no longer has the talent to back up its reputation. Luck had a poor completion percentage and was prone to turnovers early in games, but the Ravens have multiple weak links in their defensive chain and Wayne can move around to exploit them.

Pagano also has deep knowledge of the Ravens' personnel from his time as their defensive coordinator. Ed Reed, one of the few Ravens players who still inspire fear in opponents, acknowledged Pagano's importance.

"Chuck's like a dad to me," Reed told reporters last week. "He means a lot to me. I would have much rather seen them in the AFC Championship game than the first game."

Should the Colts' defense contain Ray Rice and keep the game close heading into the fourth quarter, Luck and Wayne have what it takes to win on the road.

Line: Ravens by 7. Pick: Colts

SEAHAWKS (11-5) VS. REDSKINS (10-6), 3:30 p.m., Fox

Before last season, two rookie quarterbacks had never faced each other in a playoff game. But Andy Dalton and T.J. Yates did not generate the excitement that Russell Wilson and Robert Griffin III did. Wilson and Griffin played so well this season, their experience became irrelevant.

Despite their talents, the quarterbacks will probably not decide this game. And it will not come down to the ground game — each team runs the ball exceptionally well behind a star back, Alfred Morris for Washington and Marshawn Lynch for Seattle.

Instead, the game could be defined by defense, specifically the Seahawks'. Seattle features the best secondary in the league, led by cornerback Richard Sherman, but with huge contributions from safeties Kam Chancellor and Earl Thomas, as well as cornerback Brandon Browner, who returns from a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

Griffin is an unusual rookie because he makes few mistakes — he has a 102.4 passer rating, 20 touchdown passes and only five interceptions. He is even more dangerous when the speedy Pierre Garcon is on the field, as Griffin finds him in the open and Garcon outruns opponents for long gains. Expect Sherman to shadow Garcon.

With Leon Washington anchoring one of the best kick-return units in the NFL, Seattle, known for its prowess at home, could win a playoff game on the road.

Line: Seahawks by 3. Pick: Seahawks

Glance
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Houston 19, Cincinnati 13
Green Bay 24, Minnesota 10
Today
Indianapolis at Baltimore, Noon (CBS)
Seattle at Washington, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore or Indianapolis at Denver, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington or Seattle at Atlanta, Noon (FOX)
Houston at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC, TBA (CBS)
NFC, TBA (FOX)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (NBC)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
[illegible] NFC champion, 5 p.m.

Injury report

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — COLTS: OUT: G Joe Reitz (concussion). QUESTIONABLE: RB Delone Carter (ankle), NT Antonio Johnson (ankle), T Winston Justice (shoulder), C A.Q. Shipley (knee), S Tom Zbikowski (knee). PROBABLE: LB Pat Angerer (illness), LB Jerrell Freeman (thumb), LB Dwight Freeney (not injury related), DT Kellen Heard (illness), QB Andrew Luck (knee), LB Robert Mathis (not injury related), DE Cory Redding (quadriceps), C Samson Satele (ankle), T Bradley Sowell (illness), CB Teddy Williams (knee). RAVENS: QUESTIONABLE: WR Tandon Doss (ankle), S Bernard Pollard (chest), G Jah Reid (toe). PROBABLE: RB Anthony Allen (head), TE Billy Bajema (head), WR Anquan Boldin (shoulder), LB Dannell Ellerbe (ankle), CB Chris Johnson (thigh), DE Arthur Jones (thigh), RB Vonta Leach (knee, ankle), LB Ray Lewis (triceps), LB Albert McClellan (shoulder, thigh), DE Pernell McPhee (thigh), DT Haloti Ngata (knee), G Kelechi Osemele (knee), RB Bernard Pierce (ankle), S Ed Reed (shoulder), CB Jimmy Smith (abdomen), WR Torrey Smith (knee), LB Terrell Suggs (biceps), G Marshal Yanda (shoulder, knee).

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — SEAHAWKS: PROBABLE: CB Jeremy Lane (knee), RB Marshawn Lynch (back). REDSKINS: QUESTIONABLE: S DeJon Gomes (knee), G Kory Lichtensteiger (ankle). PROBABLE: LB Lorenzo Alexander (shoulder), DE Stephen Bowen (biceps), QB Kirk Cousins (illness), LB London Fletcher (ankle), WR Pierre Garcon (foot), QB Robert Griffin III (knee), CB DeAngelo Hall (elbow), LB Ryan Kerrigan (ankle), C Will Montgomery (knee), WR Joshua Morgan [illegible] (ankle), P Sav Rocca [illegible] Williams (elbow).

Dave Einsel/AP

Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt (99) goes after Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton (14) during the third quarter of Saturday's wild card playoff game in Houston.

TEXANS

From 1C

Johnathan Joseph, a former Bengal, came up with an interception for the Texans, who kept Cincinnati without a playoff win since the 1990 season, the league's longest current streak.

Houston had struggled on third downs lately. This time, the Texans didn't let the Bengals convert a third down on nine tries.

The Texans rebounded from a terrible month where they lost three of four games and the No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs. The win came in front of a record crowd of 71,738, including former Oilers great Earl Campbell.

"We like to run the ball and play good defense," Foster said. "It only takes one week to turn things around in the NFL and we did that."

The Bengals couldn't do anything offensively before the break, and were outgained 250-53 in the first half. Dalton was 4 of 10 for 3 yards in the first half.

Schaub shook off his first-half miscue to finish 29 of 38 for 262 yards, and Dalton finished 14 of 30 for 127 yards.

The Bengals had a chance for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but Dalton's pass sailed just out of reach of a diving A.J. Green in the end zone.

"The offense didn't play as well as it could have," Dalton said. "You can always look back and say, 'What if?'"

Dalton's 45-yard pass to Green got Cincinnati moving in the third quarter and set up Josh Brown's 34-yard field goal. When Dalton tried to go to Green again, Joseph intercepted and got the Texans in scoring range again as the quarter ended.

In last year's playoffs, the Texans routed the Bengals 31-10, with Dalton throwing three interceptions.

The main difference in this one: Schaub was back in charge for Houston. Rookie T.J. Yates filled in for Schaub, got the Texans a win in their first playoff game, but couldn't take them any further.

On their second possession, Schaub completed an 18-yard pass, Foster had a 17-yard run and Keshawn Martin went 16 yards on a reverse, setting up Graham's field goal.

It became a pattern — move the ball down the field, settle for three points. The fans started booing.

And then Schaub did the one thing he wanted to avoid — he let Cincinnati's defense get its hands on the ball. Hall anticipated Schaub's throw, stepped in front and returned it untouched, high-stepping the last few yards, for the defense's fourth touchdown in the last four games.

"It's disappointing. I mean, we had a good year, but it didn't end how we wanted it to and how we planned it to," Hall said. "At the end of the day, they made the plays that won the game for them."

Hall also ran back an interception 17 yards for the only Bengals touchdown in a 13-10 win over Pittsburgh that clinched a playoff spot. It was the first interception return for a touchdown against the Texans this season.

Like the Texans, the Bengals ended the season by hitting a wall on offense — one touchdown in the last two games. The offensive woes continued on Saturday when the Bengals failed to score a touchdown on offense again.

TEXANS 19, BENGALS 13

Cincinnati	0	7	3	3	—13
Houston	3	6	7	3	—19

First Quarter
Hou—FG S.Graham 48, 7:49.
Second Quarter
Hou—FG S.Graham 27, 13:07.
Cin—Hall 21 interception return (Brown kick), 9:30.
Hou—FG S.Graham 22, 2:19.
Third Quarter
Hou—Foster 1 run (S.Graham kick), [illegible].
Cin—FG Brown 34, 7:48.
Fourth Quarter
Hou—FG S.Graham 24, 14:[illegible].
Cin—FG Brown 47, 9:03.
A—71,738.

	Cin	Hou
First downs	12	24
Total Net Yards	198	420
Rushes-yards	16-80	39-158
Passing	118	262
Comp-Att-Int	14-30-1	29-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	0-0
Punts	5-46.6	3-42.[illegible]
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-51	7-55
Time of Possession	21:11	38:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Green-Ellis 11-63, Dalton 4-15, Leonard 1-2. Houston, Foster 32-140, Martin 1-16, Schaub 4-1, Tate 2-1.

PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 14-30-1-127. Houston, Schaub 29-38-1-262.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Green 5-80, M.Jones 3-34, Hawkins 2-15, Gresham 2-7, Green-Ellis 2-(minus 9). Houston, Daniels 9-91, Foster 8-34, Johnson 4-62, Walter 4-26, G.Graham 3-29, Casey 1-20.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PACKERS

From 1C

games. Webb, who hadn't thrown a pass all season, was sacked three times and off target all night. His only highlight was a 50-yard scoring pass to Michael Jenkins late in the fourth quarter, but it was far too late for the Vikings (10-7).

With a little over a minute left, Packers fans began taunting the Vikings (10-7) with chants of "Nah-nah-nah-nah ... goodbye." The win snapped a two-game losing streak at Lambeau Field in the playoffs, and sends the Packers to San Francisco next Saturday for an NFC divisional game with the 49ers. The teams met in the season opener, with San Francisco winning 30-22.

"The main thing was to come out and help this team get a big win," said Charles Woodson, playing in his first game since breaking his right collarbone Oct. 21. "This is the first playoff game for us this year and we want to continue to ride."

This was the third game in six weeks between Green Bay and the Vikings, and second in six days. The Packers' loss in Minnesota last weekend cost them the No. 2 seed in the NFC, along with a bye this weekend, and left them looking — dare we say it? — vulnerable going into the playoffs. But with Charles Woodson back from the broken collarbone that's sidelined him since Oct. 21 and Rodgers having all four of his top receivers for, essentially, the first time since Sept. 30, Green Bay looked like a team that could make the kind of deep run it did two years ago when it won the Super Bowl.

Rodgers used so many different options other NFL quarterbacks must have been drooling. He went with Harris on Green Bay's first scoring drive, mixed it up between James Jones, Tom Crabtree and Greg Jennings on the second, and had 22- and 23-yard completions to Jordy Nelson before Kuhn scored on a 3-yard run that put the Packers up 17-3 just before the half. It was more Harris and Kuhn on the final scoring drive.

Harris, who didn't play in the first game against Minnesota this season because he'd only been elevated from the practice squad a day earlier, led the team in receiving (five catches for 61 yards) and rushing (47 yards on 17 carries). Jennings and Jones had four catches each and Nelson had three before hobbling off late in the fourth quarter.

"We have some stuff to work on," Rodgers insisted. "We've got to help our defense out more, close a team out like that. Tough test next week back in San Francisco. We'll be excited about that."

Hey, at least the Packers are still playing. That's more than the Vikings can say.

Ponder's right elbow was hurt last weekend when Morgan Burnett slammed into him on a blitz, and there just wasn't enough time to recover with the short, six-day turnaround. He tested the arm before the game, but the Vikings decided to go with Webb, whose only playing time this year was a couple of handoffs at the end of a blowout of Tennessee in early October.

Mike Roemer/AP

Green Bay Packers cornerback Tramon Williams, right, breaks up a pass intended for Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Jerome Simpson, left, during the second half of Saturday's wild card playoff game in Green Bay, Wis.

PACKERS 24, VIKINGS 10

Minnesota	3	0	0	7	—10
Green Bay	7	10	7	0	—24

First Quarter
Min—FG Walsh 33, 9:26.
GB—Harris 9 run (Crosby kick), :00.
Second Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 20, 3:25.
GB—Kuhn 3 run (Crosby kick), :38.
Third Quarter
GB—Kuhn 9 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 9:25.
Fourth Quarter
Min—Jenkins 50 pass from Webb (Walsh kick), 3:39.
A—71,548.

	Min	GB
First downs	17	20
Total Net Yards	324	326
Rushes-yards	29-167	31-76
Passing	157	250
Comp-Att-Int	11-30-1	23-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	3-24
Punts	5-49.6	8-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	2-10
Time of Possession	27:02	32:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, Peterson 22-99, Webb 7-68. Green Bay, Harris 17-47, Rodgers 2-12, Grant 7-7, Cobb 2-6, Kuhn 3-4.

PASSING—Minnesota, Webb 11-30-1-180. Green Bay, Rodgers 23-33-0-274.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Jenkins 3-96, Rudolph 3-42, Simpson 2-21, Wright 2-13, Peterson 1-8. Green Bay, Harris 5-53, G.Jennings 4-61, J.Jones 4-51, Nelson 3-51, Kuhn 2-15, Grant 1-16, Crabtree 1-10, Finley 1-10, Cobb 1-7, Taylor 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Carroll, Shanahan face off as Seahawks take on Redskins

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Chapter 5 of Pete Carroll's book "Win Forever" is all about the decision he made in 1995 that eventually landed him a gig as the defensive coordinator in San Francisco and helped frame his coaching philosophies moving forward.

Carroll

Shanahan

The chapter is titled, "The 49ers Way." It was one phone call away from having nothing to do with San Francisco and all about Carroll joining up with Mike Shanahan in Denver.

"I thought I was going with Mike. I was really thrilled, after getting bounced with the Jets that somebody called," Carroll recalled this week.

Once nearly co-workers in Denver, Carroll and Shanahan will reconnect today when the Redskins host the Seahawks on the opening weekend of the NFC playoffs.

While most of the attention has fallen on the two rookie quarterbacks — Washington's Robert Griffin III and Seattle's Russell Wilson — the coaches involved in this playoff matchup are respected for their abilities to be different and innovative on the offensive side (Shanahan) or on the defensive side (Carroll).

Their outward personas might be drastically different, but their ability to scheme and coach seems to be without question.

"I think you've got to be yourself and that's what Pete has done. He's been himself," Shanahan said. "Everyone knows the type of job he did at Southern Cal. He's a guy that is very enthusiastic in everything he does and a good friend."

Each in his third season with his team, Carroll and Shanahan put together regular seasons that will be remembered for the risks they were willing to take in regards to their quarterbacks. For Shanahan, it was giving up a bounty to move up in the draft to select Griffin, then retooling his entire offensive system to fit what his new franchise QB could do best. The result was one of the finest seasons ever by a rookie quarterback.

Not to be outdone, Carroll took a chance by throwing his third-round selection into the middle of a three-way quarterback competition that included free-agent signing Matt Flynn. Wilson became the clear winner and because Carroll had made it a competition, the decision to go with the rookie didn't become an issue in the locker room.

"His energy that he brings every day is unbelievable. It's unmatchable. He loves the game of football. He loves us players," Wilson said. "In terms of just the energy that he brings to practice and in the meetings and everything, you really want to play for him. You just want to put your best foot forward every time you step out on the field."

There was a moment when Shanahan nearly got that personality of Carroll's on his staff. Shanahan had just landed the head coaching position with the Broncos and was seeking a defensive coordinator. He called Carroll, who had just been fired after one season with the New York Jets, and asked him to come to Denver to interview.

Carroll was on his way to Denver when he heard from 49ers head coach George Seifert. San Francisco was about to lose defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes to the head coaching job in Philadelphia and Seifert wanted Carroll to interview for the expected opening.

In Denver, Carroll could be part of something new, developing the defense alongside what Shanahan was doing offensively with John Elway. In San Francisco, there would be expectations of trying to match the previously set standards. Eventually, Carroll said he wanted the challenge that came with going to San Francisco along with the opportunity to learn more of the intricacies of the West Coast offense.

"The really sound decision was to go to the up-and-coming team as opposed to the team that had just won the world championship, but when I finally realized that I had a hard decision because it meant so much to go to San Francisco and to go back home with George and all of that. I finally figured out that was what was bothering me, and I was thrilled about going forward. I needed to go to San Francisco because I needed to know where they were with their system and all of that."

That opportunity to be in the 49ers system and later during his two seasons there, the chance to pick the brain of Bill Walsh, proved vital for Carroll going forward. Denver didn't miss a beat either, hiring Greg Williams as its defensive coordinator instead of Carroll, and going on to win two Super Bowl titles.

Indy needs playoff newcomers to get past Ravens

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The playoffs can't start soon enough for Donnie Avery.

Five years after being the first receiver taken in the 2008 NFL draft, he will finally make his postseason debut at Baltimore.

It's about time.

"It's great, it's like starting the season all over again," the Colts receiver said Friday with a smile. "It's got my juices flowing again."

The veterans who have been there before will explain this is the way the playoffs are — exciting and nerve-racking all the same time.

And this week, at least, Avery isn't the only one in the Colts' locker room going through this experience for the first time. Of the 53 players on this year's roster, 28 have never played in an NFL playoff game.

Perhaps that should be expected from a team that has relied on rookie quarterback Andrew Luck, piled up more combined rushing and receiving yards by rookies than any team since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger and endured the most thorough housecleaning project of any team in the league after last years' 2-14 debacle. More than a half-dozen key players from the Colts' 2009 Super Bowl team, including Peyton Manning, were let go.

But the truth is only nine rookies are on that first-timer list as the surprising Colts (11-5) visit AFC North champion Baltimore (10-6) in today's wild-card round game.

The other names include linebacker Jerrell Freeman, who had a team-high 203 tackles after arriving from Canada; Cassius Vaughn, who spent the last two seasons in Denver but didn't get to play in either of the Broncos' postseason games last year; and cornerback Vontae Davis, the reigning AFC defensive player of the week who spent his first three years in Miami.

"It's a special moment. I've never been to the playoffs being in Miami. My brother, Vernon Davis of San Francisco, he went to this first playoffs last year. He said it's a great feeling, a great experience," Vontae Davis said. "I asked him for any tips and he just said 'play harder.'"

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Cole and Sally Creek at Midland Barbershop

Saban opens up at media day

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

MIAMI — Nick Saban has a charity called Nick's Kids Fund.

He and his wife Terry have been running it for 14 years and it raises money for needy children. It's not named after the Alabama coach. It's named after his late father, the hardworking man and tough Pop Warner coach who made Saban what he is.

Saban, who isn't one to let his emotions show easily, opened up a bit while talking about his father during media day for the BCS championship. Saban's Crimson Tide play Notre Dame on Monday for the national title.

Saban grew up in rural West Virginia and started working by the time he was 11, "which I think is probably been the most critical thing in the development of the work ethic that I have," he said Saturday.

His father and mother, Mary, instilled in Saban the importance of respecting people and at times he was taught hard lessons.

"There was a bum that used to come to my Dad's service station early in the morning because he'd give him free coffee and doughnuts," Saban said. "We had had a tough game the night before. I don't remember whether it was basketball game, a football game or whatever. The guy was giving me a hard time and I sort of sassed him. I was 17 years old. I got the strap right on the spot.

"It was the right thing. I needed to learn a lesson. I was disrespectful to an older person, regardless of the situation."

Big Nick Saban started the Pop Warner football league in which is son played. Saban said his father bought a school bus to drive the kids around, picking them up from the coal mining towns where they lived and driving them home so they wouldn't have to hitchhike.

"He was a tough coach," Saban said. "He expected the best all the time. Probably instilled some of the perfectionist-type characteristics that I have in what I try to do. He had a high standard of excellence for what he expected from me. Discipline was a very important part of what you did."

Saban said that he, like many people, didn't really appreciate what his father was trying to teach him until he was an adult.

"Probably when I was a senior in college. That's probably when I realized it," he said. "And my first year of graduate school was when he passed away. I never really ever told him, which I regret."

Alabama RB commit Henry scores TD in Army game

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Alabama running back commit Derrick Henry ran for 53 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl on Saturday, showcasing the form that made him a key recruit for the Crimson Tide.

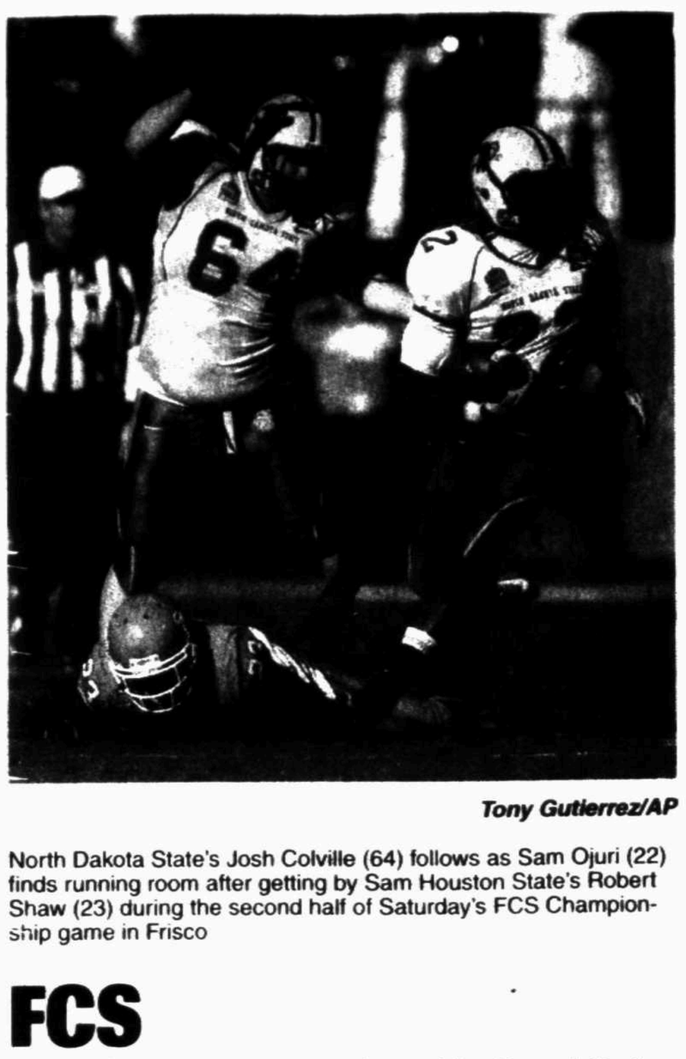
Henry also scored on a 2-point conversion to help the East team beat the West 15-8. When the decision was made to go for 2, Henry knew he could get in.

"I told coach I wanted the ball," Henry said. "I've been looking forward to this game more than watching Alabama play. This is the height of competition, and I wanted to show I can play."

Wide receiver James Quick announced that he'd stay in his hometown and play for Louisville, which is fresh off a Sugar Bowl win over Florida. Quick scored on a 34-yard touchdown pass from Jeremy Johnson for the East.

The West went ahead 8-7 with just less than seven minutes to go when Max Browne, a Washington state high-school passing record-holder from Sammamish, Wash., completed a 16-yard TD pass to Derrick Griffin. Browne, a Southern Cal commit, followed with a 2-point conversion pass to tight end DeSean Smith, who has committed to LSU.

East	**15**
West	**8**



Tony Gutierrez/AP

North Dakota State's Josh Colville (64) follows as Sam Ojuri (22) finds running room after getting by Sam Houston State's Robert Shaw (23) during the second half of Saturday's FCS Championship game in Frisco

Ole Miss crushes Pitt in BBVA Compass Bowl

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Hugh Freeze needed only one year to make a winner out of a Mississippi team that was woeful in 2011.

The coach noted with satisfaction that most experts didn't predict such dramatic improvement in his first season.

Bo Wallace threw three touchdown passes and Ole Miss beat Pittsburgh, 38-17, in the BBVA Compass Bowl on Saturday to complete an impressive turnaround. Ole Miss (7-6) took a five-win improvement over its 2-10 finish in 2011.

"I've tried to learn not to make too much out of a single game either way, but no question this advances our journey a bit," Freeze said. "To be where we're sitting here year one far surpasses certainly the prognosticators and whatever they had for us. Our guys really chose to buy in and determine we could be who we want to be. We don't have to have someone else determine that."

The bowl win was especially satisfying for veteran players who had no postseason last year.

"The best thing is our program is moving in the right direction," said junior linebacker Mike Marry, who had four of the Rebels' 11 tackles for losses. "We're not where we want to be right now but we're moving there."

Freeze's no-huddle, up-tempo offense produced 38 first downs and 387 yards. Pitt was held to 266 yards, its second-lowest total of the season.

"Obviously, it was a tough one for us," said Pitt coach Paul Chryst, also completing his first season. "Give Ole Miss credit. They beat us in almost every phase. They were clearly the better team."

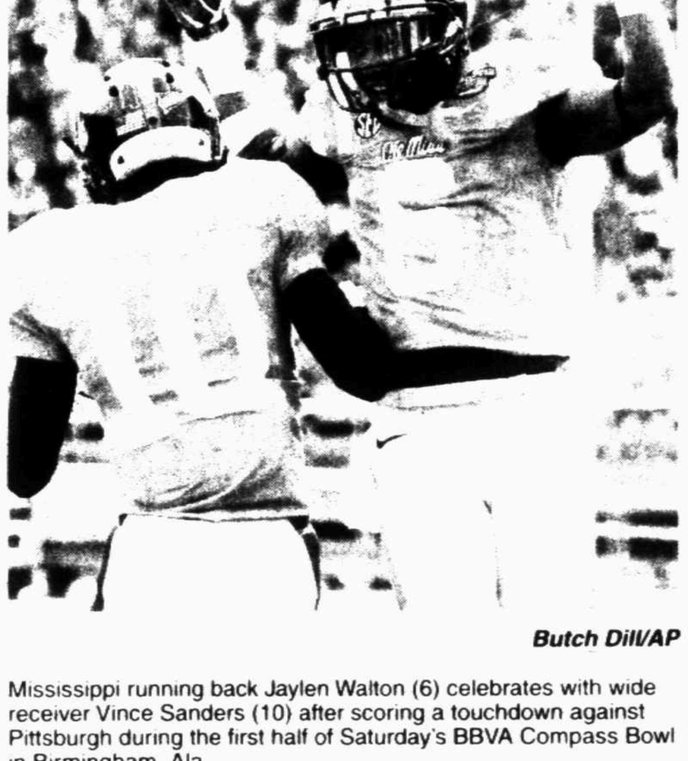
Wallace, chosen the game's MVP, completed 22 of 32 passes for 151 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. He judged his performance as only average.

"I played OK. Nothing just crazy," Wallace said. "I felt really good at the start of the game and then had the two interceptions and just had to bounce back from it."

Pitt (6-7) struggled on offense as leading rusher Ray Graham was held out with a hamstring injury he suffered in bowl practice.

"We just couldn't get in a rhythm, probably because of their pressure," said Pitt wide receiver Mike Shanahan, who had a 16-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.

"We just couldn't seem to get in good field position."



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Mississippi running back Jaylen Walton (6) celebrates with wide receiver Vince Sanders (10) after scoring a touchdown against Pittsburgh during the first half of Saturday's BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham, Ala.

Rebels	**38**
Panthers	17

FCS

From 1C

of the drives ended in points.

After the holding call on Flanders' run, Carlton Littlejohn intercepted Bell's pass while falling to his knees, and the turnover was upheld on review. Ojuri had 25 yards rushing on a drive that ended with Jensen's score for a 17-10 lead.

The Bearkats were driving again when Bell had to throw the ball away before getting slammed to the turf on fourth-and-1. He stayed flat on his back and sat out parts of the fourth quarter.

Jensen's 31-yard pass to Zach Vraa set up Ojuri's fourth-down run, and the Bison further deflated the Bearkats when they turned a botched snap on the extra point into a 2-point conversion and a 25-10 lead on a desperation pass from kicker Adam Keller to Mike Hardie.

North Dakota State scored the first touchdown in the second quarter by covering 65 yards on three running plays. Jensen ran 21 yards on third down after the field opened when Sam Houston State's leading tackler, Darnell Taylor, crumpled to the ground in front of him with an apparently leg injury. Ryan Smith ran 24 yards, and Jensen, who accounted for both touchdowns in last year's game, scored from the 20.

The 72-yard drive came after Marcus Williams set a North Dakota State record with his 17th career interception. Williams later added his 18th.

Sam Houston State ended a championship game touchdown drought just before it reached six quarters and tied the score at 10 when Bell threw a 1-yard pass to K.J. Williams with 33 seconds left in the first half. A 30-yard toss to Richard Sincere put the ball on the 1 three plays after an interception by Andre Martin Jr. was wiped out when he was called for defensive holding.

Crockett's career-long 57-yard run set up a 32-yard field goal by Keller to give North Dakota State a first-quarter lead. Miguel Antonio kicked a tying 38-yarder in the second quarter after missing from 32 yards in the first.

Aggies

From 1C

Bo Jackson 36-16 in the Cotton Bowl.

"This is one of the teams in the country that truly got better every week," Sumlin said of his current bunch.

Leading to the question: What if the Football Bowl Subdivision had, say, an eight-game playoff in 2012? The surging Aggies, pegged ninth in the final BCS rankings leading to the bowl games, likely would be among one of the top two or three teams picked to win a national title.

"When the rules change, there's time to talk about that," Sumlin responded to the "what if" scenario. "You have your schedule, you play your games and you try to win 'em all. That's the way college football is set up right now."

That changes following the 2014 season, when FBS football turns to a four-team playoff system. Playoff advocates hope that will then lead to an eventual eight-team postseason based on the presumed success of the four-team setup.

"The way things are set up now, there's no reason to look back and ask 'what if,'" Sumlin added. "When that format changes, you'll try to play your way into that playoff system."

For now, then, the Aggies will enjoy their first perfect mark away from Kyle Field (7-0) since their 1939 national title, in defeating SMU, Ole Miss, Auburn, Mississippi State and Alabama on their home fields, and Louisiana Tech and OU at neutral sites.

The Aggies' lone two losses occurred at Kyle Field by a combined eight points to Florida in the season opener and LSU seven games in.

"It's been crazy to see how things have played out," Manziel said. "From the first game to where they are now."

The Aggies are scheduled to return seven starters on offense, but touted junior offensive tackles Luke Joeckel and Jake Matthews have yet announce whether they'll return for their senior seasons or declare for the NFL draft.

TODAY'S BOWL GAME

GODADDY.COM BOWL
No. 25 Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Site: Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.

Line: Arkansas State by 3 1/2

Series Record: First meeting

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Kent State wants to finish a breakout season in style. It's the first time the Golden Flashes have been to a bowl game in 40 years and they've already set a school record for wins in a season. Arkansas State — which has won back-to-back Sun Belt championships — gets a second chance in the GoDaddy.com Bowl after losing last season to Northern Illinois.

KEY MATCHUP

Arkansas State QB Ryan Aplin against the Kent State defense: Aplin owns nearly every passing record in Arkansas State history after throwing for 10,545 yards and 66 touchdowns in his four seasons. His final game will be against a Kent State defense that has forced 38 turnovers this season, which is the most in the Football Bowl Subdivision. They're also first in the country with a plus-21 turnover margin.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kent State: Junior RB Dri Archer has been the Golden Flashes' primary playmaker, rushing for a team-high 1,352 yards and 15 touchdowns this season. The 5-foot-8, 175-pounder is also tops on the team with 35 catches for 539 yards and four touchdowns.

Arkansas State: Junior RB David Oku has had a productive season after transferring from Tennessee, rushing for 1,054 yards and 15 touchdowns. He has been the Red Wolves' workhorse, averaging nearly 20 carries per game.

FACTS & FIGURES

Arkansas State takes a seven-game winning streak into the GoDaddy.com Bowl. The Red Wolves haven't lost since Sept. 29 against Western Kentucky. ... Defensive coordinator John Thompson will serve as the Red Wolves' interim coach after Gus Malzahn left to take the Auburn job last month. Arkansas State hired Bryan Harsin to replace Malzahn, and the former Boise State and Texas offensive coordinator will take over after the bowl game. ... Arkansas State has a 6-13 record against current programs in the Mid-American Conference. ... This will be Darrell Hazell's final game as the head coach at Kent State. He was hired last month at Purdue and will take over the Boilermakers full time after Sunday's game. ... Kent State left tackle Brian Winters will be making his school-record 50th career start. He was the only player from the MAC selected to play in the Senior Bowl.

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SCORES AND SCHEDULE

FBS Bowl Glance
Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6

Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
UCF 38, Ball State 17

Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State 28, Washington 26

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU 43, Fresno State 10

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan 24, Western Kentucky 21

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Cincinnati 48, Duke 34
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor 49, UCLA 26

Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech 13, Rutgers 10, OT
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31

Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Rice 33, Air Force 14
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse 38, West Virginia 14
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State 62, Navy 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas 31, Oregon State 27
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State 17, TCU 16

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt 38, N.C. State 24
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech 21, Southern Cal 7
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Tulsa 31, Iowa State 17
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson 25, LSU 24

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Oklahoma State 58, Purdue 14
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Northwestern 34, Mississippi State 20
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia 45, Nebraska 31
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina 33, Michigan 28
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford 20, Wisconsin 14
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Florida State 31, Northern Illinois 10

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Louisville 33, Florida 23

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Oregon 35, Kansas State 17

Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M 41, Oklahoma 13

Saturday
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Mississippi 38, Pittsburgh 17

Today
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19
RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Stars vs. Stripes, 2 p.m. (CBSSN)
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Glance
First Round
Saturday, Nov. 24
Wagner 31, Colgate 20
Coastal Carolina 24, Bethune-Cookman 14
South Dakota State 58, Eastern Illinois 10
Stony Brook 20, Villanova 10
Second Round
Saturday, Dec. 1
Wofford 23, New Hampshire 7
Georgia Southern 24, Cent. Arkansas 16
Old Dominion 63, Coastal Carolina 35
Illinois St. 38, Appalachian State 37, OT
North Dakota State 28, South Dakota State 3
Sam Houston State 18, Cal Poly 16
Eastern Washington 29, Wagner 19
Montana State 16, Stony Brook 10
Quarterfinals
Friday, Dec. 7
Sam Houston State 34, Montana State 16
Saturday, Dec. 8
Georgia Southern 49, Old Dominion 35
North Dakota State 14, Wofford 7
Eastern Washington 51, Illinois State 35
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 14
North Dakota State 23, Georgia Southern 20
Saturday, Dec. 15
Sam Houston State 45, Eastern Washington 42
Championship
Saturday
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
North Dakota State 39, Sam Houston State 13

SATURDAY'S BOXES

FCS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
N. DAKOTA ST. 39, SAM HOUSTON ST. 13

Sam Houston St.	**0**	**10**	**0**	**3 —13**
N. Dakota St.	**3**	**7**	**15**	**14 —39**

First Quarter
NDSt—FG Keller 32, 3:49

Second Quarter
SamH—FG Antonio 38, 14:18
NDSt—Jensen 20 run (Keller kick), 3:09
SamH—K.Williams 1 pass from Bell (Antonio kick), :33

Third Quarter
NDSt—Jensen 1 run (Keller kick), 8:30
NDSt—Ojuri 2 run (Hardie pass from Keller), 2:08

Fourth Quarter
SamH—FG Antonio 32, 13:20
NDSt—Jensen 1 run (Keller kick), 10:13
NDSt—Ojuri 11 run (Keller kick), 6:00
A—21,411

	SamH	NDSt
First downs	23	22
Rushes-yards	38-116	45-300
Passing	275	141
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-4	10-17-0
Return Yards	0	54
Punts-Avg	2-45.0	4-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-80	4-38
Time of Possession	29:47	30:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Sam Houston St., Flanders 19-53, Sincere 10-33, Bell 6-26, T.Williams 1-2, Gretl 2-2. N.Dakota St., Ojuri 14-92, Crockett 11-82, R.Smith 5-47, Jensen 8-44, Lang 5-37, Grothmann 1-0, Wentz 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Sam Houston St., Bell 19-33-3-255, Gretl 1-2-1-20. N.Dakota St., Jensen 9-16-0-115, Crockett 1-1-0-26.

RECEIVING—Sam Houston St., Sincere 4-83, Diller 4-46, T.Williams 4-41, Wilkerson 2-39, Flanders 2-35, Nelson 2-9, Young 1-21, K.Williams 1-1. N.Dakota St., Waadeland 2-34, R.Smith 2-30, Crockett 2-24, Okland 2-17, Vraa 1-31, Gebhart 1-5.

BBVA COMPASS BOWL
MISSISSIPPI 38, PITTSBURGH 17

Pittsburgh	**0**	**10**	**0**	**7 —17**
Mississippi	**14**	**10**	**7**	**7 —38**

First Quarter
Miss—Logan 14 pass from Wallace (Rose kick), 10:16
Miss—Mackey 27 pass from Wallace (Rose kick), 5:22

Second Quarter
Pitt—Street 10 pass from Sunseri (Harper kick), 7:13
Miss—Sanders 18 pass from Wallace (Rose kick), 6:02
Pitt—FG Harper 47, 1:56
Miss—FG Rose 31, :00

Third Quarter
Miss—Brunetti 1 run (Rose kick), 2:21

Fourth Quarter
Miss—Mathers 62 run (Rose kick), 8:48
Pitt—Shanahan 16 pass from Sunseri (Harper kick), 2:23
A—59,135

	Pitt	Miss
First downs	17	23
Rushes-yards	36-81	49-224
Passing	185	163
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-1	24-37-2
Return Yards	12	54
Punts-Avg	6-48.3	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	3-26	8-66
Time of Possession	28:36	31:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Shell 25-79, Crockett 5-18, Sunseri 6-(minus 16). Mississippi, Mathers 6-96, Walton 10-56, Mackey 8-36, Wallace 8-27, Brunetti 7-22, Je.Scott 6-18, Neal 1-(minus 5), Team 3-(minus 26).

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Sunseri 16-32-1-185. Mississippi, Wallace 22-32-2-151, Brunetti 2-4-0-12, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Street 7-83, Shanahan 4-57, Crockett 2-24, Tinker 1-14, Jones 1-4, Heltz 1-3. Mississippi, Logan 6-36, Moncrief 6-31, Sanders 5-39, Je.Scott 3-2, Neal 2-13, Mackey 1-27, Allen 1-15.

SMU's Brown, Tulsa's Manning in rare matchup

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Now that he's back in the college game, Larry Brown is looking for the next Danny Manning. Meantime, he's not very excited about coaching against the real thing.

When Manning and Tulsa visit SMU tonight, it will be just the second time the most outstanding player from an NCAA championship team opposes his coach on the sideline.

Thinking back to the moment when Kansas won that title in 1988, Brown can hardly bear the notion of trying to beat maybe his favorite player in a 40-year career.

"It's going to be a special moment seeing him on the other bench coaching," Brown said. "But I don't enjoy that opportunity because if we lose, I don't take losses very well and if we win, I'm not going to be happy about him being on the losing side. I admire the heck out of him."

The 72-year-old Brown, a Naismith Hall of Famer who is the only coach to win NBA and NCAA titles, is coaching in college for the first time since the Kansas championship, and said he will "go to high school games and look for kids just like" Manning.

Their bond is pretty rare because Brown also coached Manning's dad, and Manning passed up a chance to be the first pick in the NBA draft in part because he wanted to win a national championship. He ended up doing it, and turns out he was just delaying the inevitable because the Los Angeles Clippers made him the top pick in 1988. Manning and Brown were later paired again for two years with the Clippers.

Manning, the eighth-leading scorer in NCAA history, said he remembers all those days fondly. Brown thinks maybe there's some revisionist history in play.

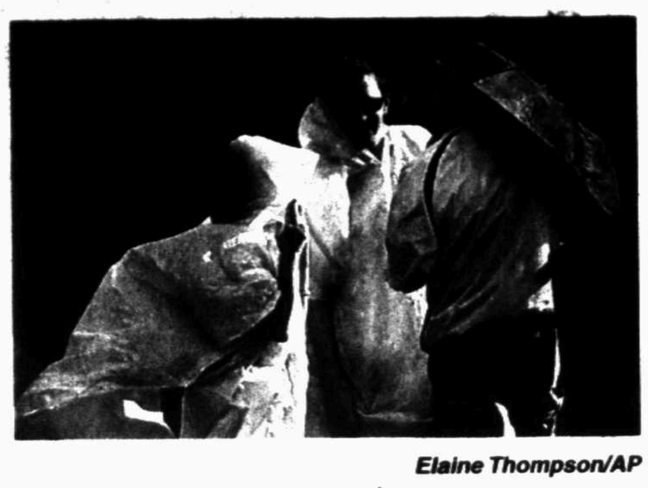
"I think he thought I was a jerk when I was a college coach and maybe I took it up a notch as a pro coach," Brown said. "He thought it was like groundhog day and maybe wasn't too excited about it."

It couldn't have been that bad. Manning called his old coach into his office last spring because he wanted to know what Brown thought about his decision to pursue a head coaching job after nine years on the staff at Kansas. Plus, Brown spent a lot of time around the KU program, especially in the 16 months between getting fired by the Charlotte Bobcats and hired at SMU.

"He had a huge impact on my life on and off the court," Manning said. "A lot of the things he taught us when we were in school are still things that hold true today for me just in terms of you always want your team to go out and play hard together, be unselfish with their thoughts and their actions."

Brown has seen Manning around basketball almost as long as he's been a head coach, going back to when Ed Manning's young son would show up at practice for the Carolina Cougars of the ABA in the early 1970s. For years, Brown figured Manning would be a coach. He just thought it would be in the NBA, where Manning had a 15-year playing career.

"I know when he was winding down at the end of his career, every coach that had him told me he mentored the young players," Brown said. "It was like having another coach on the bench."



Elaine Thompson/AP

Fans huddle under ponchos and an umbrella against high winds as they watch players on the driving range at the Tournament of Champions on Saturday in Kapalua, Hawaii. Because of wind, play was canceled for the day after being stopped a day earlier. It has been re-scheduled to begin today.

PGA Tour's season opener delayed again

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — For those who think the PGA Tour season never ends, here's a new twist: This one can't get started.

The season-opening Tournament of Champions was postponed for the second straight day because of gusts that topped 40 mph and made it impossible to play golf. Unlike the previous day when 24 players managed to tee off, no one hit a shot Saturday on the Plantation Course at Kapalua.

"We tried as best we could," said Slugger White, the tour's vice president of rules and competition. Play was delayed three times before it was called for the day.

The season now starts today — that's when most tournaments end — with hopes of playing 36 holes, followed by an 18-hole finish Monday.

It will be the first time the Tournament of Champions is reduced to 54 holes since 1997, when Tiger Woods hit a 7-iron to a foot to beat Tom Lehman in a playoff when a par 3 at La Costa was the only hole that could be used because of so much rain.

Players arrived in darkness and never got farther than the practice range. The wind has been relentless for two days, and it was clear early on there would be trouble. The back nine of the Plantation Course is higher up the mountain and more exposed. White and the rules officials found that golf balls kept moving on the 10th, 11th and 13th holes.

"On the 10th hole, we dropped a ball on the back of the green and it rolled 20 yards off the front," White said.

He said the wind caused another ball to roll uphill.

The forecast is slightly better for today and Monday, with strong wind in the morning gradually abating through the day. Even so, the Plantation Course is a long walk with severe changes in elevation, which figures to be brutal on the caddies. White said they were considering offering more shuttle rides on portions of the course to help.

"It's just a little too windy out there for us to play," Brandt Snedeker said. "If the course wasn't so exposed, it wouldn't be a problem. But you have a lot of greens exposed to 40 mph wind gusts. It's tough to make that call. They did the right thing. We had to try to play today if we wanted to try to get 72 holes in."

The PGA Tour has weather guidelines with an emphasis to play 72 holes, even going a fifth day provided the forecast allows for it.

But this is different. The tour opted last year for a Monday finish to try to stay away from NFL playoffs, and finish before the BCS championship game. The Sony Open in Honolulu starts on Thursday, and it's no small task to get the television and other tournament equipment to another island.

If the tournament doesn't end by mid-afternoon on Monday, the Sony Open would have a limited TV operation for its opening round on Thursday. The only way the Tournament of Champions would stretch into Tuesday would be if 54 holes could not be completed. Then, there would be no television coverage.

TEXAS&BIG12ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BAYLOR 86
TEXAS 79, OT

WACO, Texas — Cory Jefferson scored 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made the tiebreaking free throws with 50 seconds left in overtime as Baylor opened Big 12 Conference play with an 86-79 victory over Texas on Saturday.

Pierre Jackson added 24 points for the Bears (9-4). Jefferson and Jackson combined to score all but one of Baylor's 18 points in overtime. Jackson had 11 of them, including nine free throws.

TEXAS TECH 62
TCU 53

FORT WORTH — Jaye Crockett scored 13 points, Dusty Hannahs had 12 and Texas Tech defeated TCU 62-53 on Saturday in the Big 12 Conference opener for both teams.

Crockett's two free throws with 25 seconds left staved off a late TCU rally, and Hannahs hit 4 of 5 3-pointers.

OKLAHOMA 67
WEST VIRGINIA 57

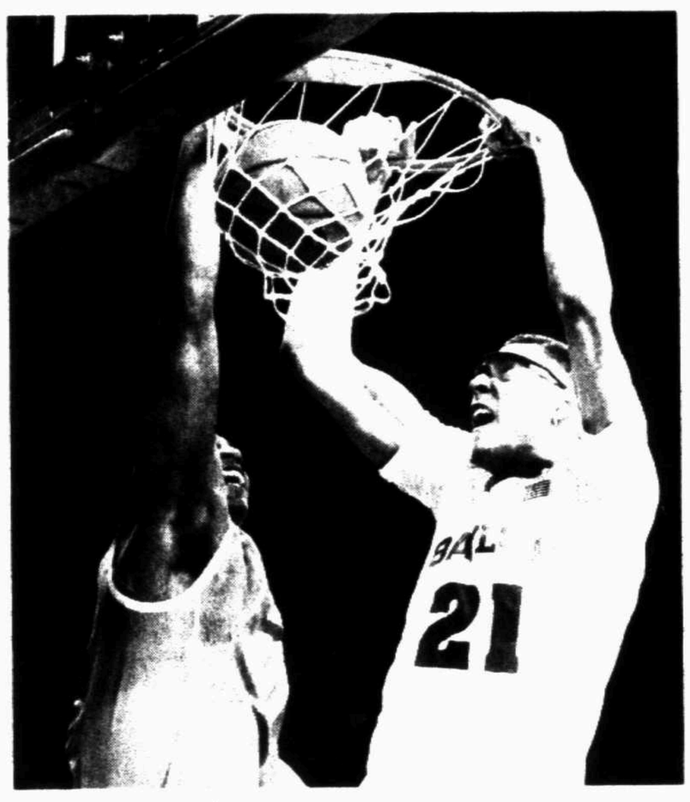
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Romero Osby and Steven Pledger scored in double figures for Oklahoma to negate an outstanding day by West Virginia freshman Terry Henderson Saturday as the Mountaineers lost their inaugural Big 12 game 67-57.

Osby had 21 points and nine rebounds and Pledger added 12 as the Sooners (10-3) beat the Mountaineers (7-6) for the second time this year. The two league opponents met in a nonconference game in a Thanksgiving tournament which did not count against the standings.

NO. 25 KANSAS ST. 73
NO. 22 OKLAHOMA ST. 67

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Rodney McGruder scored all but two of his 28 points in the second half, and No. 25 Kansas State turned away a game effort from Marcus Smart and No. 22 Oklahoma State for a 73-67 victory Saturday.

McGruder was 10 of 13 from the field and hit all five of his 3-pointers after the break, including two in the closing minutes. The first answered seven straight points by the Cowboys, and the second gave the Wildcats (12-2, 1-0 Big 12) a 70-65 lead with 1:37 left.



Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune Herald

Baylor's Isaiah Austin (21) scores over Texas' Jonathan Holmes during the second half of Saturday's game in Waco. Baylor won in overtime, 86-79.

NORTHWESTERN STATE 86
LAMAR 58

NATCHITOCHES, La. — Shamir Davis and DeQuan Hicks each scored 15 points to lead Northwestern State to an 86-58 win over woeful Lamar on Saturday.

O.J. Evans finished with 10 points for the Demons (8-4, 2-0 Southland Conference), who have won three straight games. Northwestern State shot 39.4 percent (28 of 71) from the floor, but scored 27 points off 20 turnovers by the Cardinals.

LOUISIANA-MONROE 81
NORTH TEXAS 68

DENTON — Jayon James had 19 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Louisiana-Monroe closed the game on a 21-7 run to defeat North Texas 81-68 Saturday night.

Amos Olatayo added 17 points and Marcelis Hansberry had 13 for the Warhawks (3-8, 2-3 Sun Belt), who shot 68 percent from the field in the second half.

HARVARD 92
RICE 62

CAMBRIDGE — Laurent Rivard and Wesley Saunders scored 21 points each and Harvard shot 64.6 percent from the field in a 92-62 nonconference victory over Rice on Saturday.

The victory was the 100th for coach Tommy Amaker against 61 losses in his six seasons at Harvard. His overall record is 276-200 in 16 seasons.

LOUISIANA TECH 55
TEXAS-ARLINGTON 52

ARLINGTON — Alex Hamilton had 14 points for the Bulldogs on Saturday night, six of which came in the final 2:35 to spark Louisiana Tech to a 55-52 victory over Texas-Arlington.

Louisiana Tech (12-3, 3-0 WAC) trailed 52-45 with 2:35 remaining in the game but closed out the Mavericks with a 10-0 run to earn the victory. Hamilton scored a bucket and hit four free throws during that span.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 71
MCNEESE STATE 43

NACOGDOCHES — Taylor Smith had 15 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and Stephen F. Austin shot 55.1 percent from the field in a 71-43 blowout over McNeese State on Saturday night.

Stephen F. Austin (12-1, 3-0 Southland) held the Cowboys to just 31.9 percent shooting and out-rebounded them 41-25. The Lumberjacks led 23-19 at halftime but shot 66.7 percent in the second half, making 18 of 27 shots and outscoring the Cowboys 48-24.

NEW MEXICO STATE 78
TEXAS STATE 67

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Daniel Mullings scored 22 points and Sim Bhullar added 20 as New Mexico State defeated Texas State 78-67 Saturday night.

Bandja Sy added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Aggies (8-8, 2-2 Western Athletic), who shot 54 percent from the floor and outrebounded the Bobcats 36-25.

Women

NO. 17 OKLAHOMA 78
TEXAS 70

AUSTIN — Sharane Campbell scored 24 points to lead Oklahoma past Texas.

Campbell made all three of her 3-point attempts, as did Morgan Hook, who finished with 17 points for the Sooners (12-2, 2-0 Big 12). Hook also had six rebounds.

NO. 21 KANSAS 60
WEST VIRGINIA 59

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Carolyn Davis hit a go-ahead layup with 42 seconds remaining and Kansas beat West Virginia.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 1 DUKE 80
WAKE FOREST 62

DURHAM, N.C. — Ryan Kelly scored a season-high 22 points in No. 1 Duke's 80-62 rout of Wake Forest on Saturday.

Seth Curry also had 22 points and Quinn Cook had a career-high 14 assists for the Blue Devils (14-0, 1-0), who shot 46 percent in their Atlantic Coast Conference opener and hit 11 3-pointers — including six during the 25-7 first-half run that put them up big.

NO. 3 ARIZONA 60
UTAH 57

TUCSON, Ariz. — Solomon Hill had 19 points and Mark Lyons hit two free throws with 7.2 seconds left as Arizona dodged another last-second shot to remain undefeated.

Arizona (14-0, 2-0 Pac-12) needed some help from a disputed call by the officials to win its conference opener. The Wildcats faced another big shot in the closing seconds, when Utah's Jarred DuBois shot a 3-pointer that bounced off the rim, hit the top of the backboard and hit the rim again before missing.

NO. 10 GONZAGA 81
SANTA CLARA 74

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kelly Olynyk made a key putback with 1:55 remaining on the way to a career-high 33 points, and Gonzaga held off a late rally by Santa Clara for its sixth straight victory.

Elias Harris added 14 points for the Zags, determined to win another West Coast Conference crown after Saint Mary's snapped the school's run of 11 straight won or shared conference titles.

NO. 11 ILLINOIS 74
NO. 8 OHIO STATE 55

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Brandon Paul scored 19 points as Illinois bounced back from a tough loss in its Big Ten opener.

The Illini (14-2, 1-1 Big Ten) led 37-25 at halftime and used a 13-2 run early in the second half to build a 50-27 lead.

NO. 12 MISSOURI 66
BUCKNELL 64

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Phil Pressey scored a career-high 26 points and Laurence Bowers added 16 for Missouri.

Pressey missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 10.3 seconds remaining, setting off a frenzied final few seconds. Bucknell's Mike Muscala stepped on the baseline with 4.1 seconds left after catching a pass from Ryan Hill.

ST. JOHN'S 53
NO. 14 CINCINNATI 52

CINCINNATI — JaKarr Sampson scored 16 points and D'Angelo Harrison added 15 and St. John's beat Cincinnati in yet another close game between the teams.

Cashmere Wright, who finished with 23 points, hit two 3-pointers in an 8-0 run that pulled Cincinnati within one with 2:32 left in the game. Wright's layup with 53 seconds to play gave the Bearcats a 52-51 lead.

MARQUETTE 49
NO. 15 GEORGETOWN 46

MILWAUKEE — Davante Gardner made two free throws with 8.3 seconds left and Marquette had to hang on while Georgetown missed a deciding free throw.

With Marquette leading 49-46, Greg Whittington of the Hoyas was fouled by Trent Lockett on a baseline 3-point shot with 2.3 seconds left. He made the first two free throws and after Marquette coach Buzz Williams called a timeout, hit the front of the rim on the final attempt.

NO. 16 CREIGHTON 79
INDIANA STATE 66

OMAHA, Neb. — Doug McDermott had 25 points and nine rebounds, and Creighton used a 19-4 run to break open a close game in the second half.

The Bluejays (14-1, 3-0) have won eight straight and are off to their best start in Missouri Valley Conference play since 2003-04.

NO. 17 BUTLER 57
NEW ORLEANS 44

INDIANAPOLIS — Kellen Dunham scored 15 points and Khyle Marshall added 13 to lead Butler.

The Bulldogs (12-2) are 7-0 at home this season and will take a nine-game winning streak into their Atlantic 10 debut Wednesday night at Saint Joseph's.

NO. 18 MICHIGAN ST. 84
PURDUE 61

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Freshman Gary Harris scored a season-high 22 points and Michigan State used a 28-7 run in the second half to pull away.

NO. 21 NOTRE DAME 93
SETON HALL 74

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Scott Martin had a season-high 22 points on a career-high six 3-pointers and Jack Cooley added 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead Notre Dame to its 11th straight win.

NO. 23 N.C. STATE 78,
BOSTON COLLEGE 73

BOSTON — Scott Wood atoned for a scoreless first half with 12 points in the second, hitting two 3-pointers and six free throws down the stretch for North Carolina State in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

RUTGERS 67
NO. 24 PITTSBURGH 62

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Eli Carter scored 23 points and Rutgers held off a second-half rally to hand Pittsburgh its second straight loss.

Women

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME 73
NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 72

STORRS, Conn. — Kayla McBride scored 21 points and Skylar Diggins added 19 to help No. 5 Notre Dame upset top-ranked Connecticut 73-72 on Saturday in the Big East conference opener for both teams.

DEPAUL 86
NO. 11 LOUISVILLE 80

CHICAGO — Anna Martin scored 22 points and DePaul held on to beat Louisville.

NO. 14 PURDUE 69
NO. 25 NEBRASKA 66, OT

LINCOLN, Neb. — Sam Ostarello had 17 points and a career-high 19 rebounds to help Purdue hold off Nebraska in overtime.

Armstrong may consider confessing

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong may be considering a change in course, dropping his years of denials and admitting that he used performance-enhancing drugs — though whether such a move would help him is uncertain.

The New York Times, citing anonymous sources, reported late Friday that Armstrong has told associates he is thinking about the move.

However, Armstrong attorney Tim Herman said that the cyclist hasn't reached out to USADA chief executive Travis Tygart and David Howman, director general of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

A USADA spokeswoman declined comment on Saturday, while Howman was quoted by the Sunday Star-Times in New Zealand, where he is vacationing, saying Armstrong has not approached his group.

USADA stripped Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles last year and issued a report portraying the cyclist as the leader of a sophisticated doping operation on his winning teams.

Public confessions and apologies have been the route of redemption for several athletes who have gotten in trouble.

For example, Tiger Woods said he was sorry for cheating on his wife in televised speech, and baseball slugger Mark McGwire eventually admitted to steroid use. Yet Armstrong faces serious legal entanglements those megastars didn't, and a confession to doping could end up complicating matters for Armstrong — not making them easier.

The U.S. Department of Justice is considering whether to join a federal whistle-blower lawsuit filed by former Armstrong teammate Floyd Landis alleging fraud against the U.S. Postal Service during the years the agency sponsored Armstrong's teams.

A Dallas-based promotions company has also said it wants to recover several million dollars paid to Armstrong in bonuses for winning the Tour de France. And the British newspaper The Sunday Times is suing to recover about $500,000 paid to Armstrong to settle a libel lawsuit.

Armstrong has testified under oath that he never used performance-enhancing drugs, which could theoretically lead to charges if he confessed. Former U.S. track star Marion Jones spent several months in federal prison for lying to investigators about her drug use.

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THE FREELANCE 411

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Whether by choice or necessity, the rank of freelance workers continues to rise.

In a tough economy, freelancers are taking the bull by the horns, so to speak, and managing their own careers on a day-to-day basis as contract workers. Economists and business leaders predict this trend will continue to expand over the next few years.

"This is a segment of the population that is growing, yet it's overlooked by politicians and the mainstream media," says Ed Gandia, creator of the 2012 Freelance Industry Report and founder of the International Freelancers Academy.

The IFA's 2012 Report – gathered from surveys of 1,491 freelancers in more than 50 different fields and professions – was aimed to garner more information about this growing sector. Respondents were involved with everything from photography to project management, search engine optimization (SEO) consulting, bookkeeping, engineering and public relations.

Gandia, of Marietta, Georgia, who also offers coaching on transitioning into freelance work, said the results painted a very positive outlook. Some key findings:

• Freelancers earn healthy rates for their work. Although the range varies widely, 49 percent of freelancers earn $20 to $59 per hour. Some 33 percent earn $70 or more per hour, and 15 percent earn $100 or more per hour.

• Freelancers expressed optimism, with 77 percent stating that they feel positive about their business prospects over the next year.

• Freelancers who define themselves as entrepreneurs earn higher rates. About 38 percent of them earn $70 or more per hour, as opposed to 20 percent of non-entrepreneurial freelancers.

Gandia says that the secret to success is planning in advance. "Accidental" freelancers, who are freelancing as the result of a layoff or being downsized, are more likely to earn less as a freelancer than peers who planned their way to self-employment. From his coaching, he has also found that aspiring freelance writers fail because most of them don't have a solid transition plan. If you're still employed on a full time basis, you ideally want to be making at least 50 percent of your targeted salary in freelance work before you quit your job. "This transition gives you an opportunity to see if you like the life of a freelancer and to save some money in the process," he says.

Others tips for those considering a career as a full-time freelancer:

• Develop a specialty. You will be able to offer better services if you focus on developing competence and mastery in one field only. If necessary, partner with another freelancer to offer clients other services.

• Expect to deal with secondary business issues. You might need to find independent health insurance plans, deal with tax consequences, build a cash flow and develop selling skills.

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MANY ENTREPRENEURS ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE ECONOMY AND THE PROS AND CONS OF STARTING A BUSINESS RIGHT NOW. HERE'S WHY.

By NICKY NICHOLSON-KLINGERMAN
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Imagine never having to work for someone else again. Imagine being your own boss. With the success of online platforms such as Pinterest, Instagram and Zappos.com, now's the time for startups and small businesses. According to Global Entrepreneur Monitor, there was a 60 percent increase in the creation of startups from 2010 to 2011.

A study by Kauffman Foundation and LegalZoom.com shows that 83 percent of entrepreneurs are confident that their profits will increase in the next year. Young entrepreneurs are especially optimistic at 93 percent. Forty-one percent of entrepreneurs surveyed at the start of the fourth quarter also believe that the economy will improve in the next 12 months, compared to 32 percent going into the third quarter.

Ted Zoller, a senior fellow at Kauffman Foundation, says that entrepreneurs' perspectives reflect their financial situation at that moment. In the fourth quarter, sales will be higher for the holidays, which could be a factor. "I would argue that there's only been a marginal improvement in confidence, which is very positive but is probably a function of the business cycle," Zoller says.

However, other factors show that startups are doing even better than what entrepreneurs think. "We're seeing data that directly reflects the input of new entrepreneur firms, but credit capabilities, consumer confidence and employment are actually outpacing their own confidence," Zoller explains.

Furthermore, entrepreneurs seem to do well in an unstable economy. "What we're seeing is an economy that's under transition," Zoller says. "Entrepreneurs come in to solve problems created by those transitions. While most people might think that when economic confidence is low then entrepreneurship is low, it's actually the reverse. Generally, entrepreneurs will increase their activity."

The Startup 2012 Outlook study completed by Silicon Valley Bank supports many conclusions from the Kauffman and LegalZoom study. This study analyzes four types of startups: tech, software, life science and hardware. Two in three companies met their revenue targets. Six in ten startups say that business conditions are better than a year ago, and 83 percent of startups plan to hire in the next year.

Mary Dent, head of Silicon Valley Bank's public policy department, says that startups play a crucial role in helping the economy. "Most jobs that have been created have been accounted for by small micro-companies. They are the cutting edge of what is coming toward our economy over the longer term," Dent says.

Tech startups are the most successful. Fifty-seven percent of tech startups met their revenue goals and 36 percent exceeded their goals, according to the SVB study. "Even during the financial downturn, technology companies, including tech startup companies, tended to outperform the broader economy," Dent says. Technology companies lead the nation's economic turnaround, according to the survey.

Starting a company is less expensive now, which contributes to the rise in startups, says Bob Lee, the division manager at SVB. "Ten years ago, if you started a software company it might take $10 to $12 million, whereas now it might take a million, million and a half," Lee says.

But, like any business, there are always major complications. Capital and credit capabilities are needed to fund a startup. One in three entrepreneurs say that access to equity financing is one of the biggest challenges, according to the Startup 2012 Outlook. In spite of these difficulties, 65 percent of entrepreneurs say that good investors are what make the United States so appealing for business.

Still, the question remains: Is this a good time to start a business?

This is an outstanding time to start a business," Zoller says. "The economy is in transition. This is when we really need people looking at private sector solutions, not only new enterprises started but jobs created."

Entrepreneurs rely on economic change to drive their business, while entrepreneurs are needed for innovation and additional jobs. There will never be a perfect time to start a business. However, it seems that the combined economical transition, consumer demand and increasing confidence in business performance is a great start for any aspiring entrepreneur.

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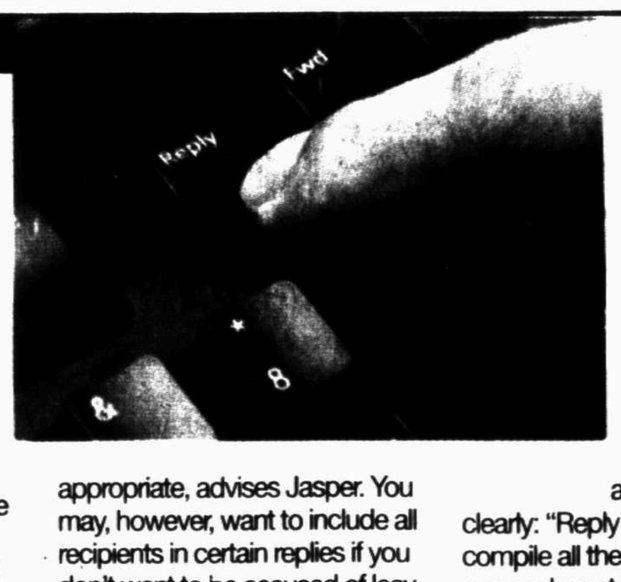
WORKER WOES

SUBJECT: REPLY ALL?

Every day, millions of workers make an avoidably simple mistake when they press the "reply all" key on an email.



According to VoloMetrix, a Seattle firm that analyzes how businesses use technology, at least fifteen percent of an office worker's time is spent on email, and at least five percent of emails land in multiple workers' inboxes because the sender chose to "reply all," meaning his or her response to an email is blasted to all the recipients of that original email

"For the past couple of years, [businesses] have been concerned about how and why people use reply all," notes Jan Jasper, author of "Take Back Your Time." (St. Martin's Press)

Indeed, in a firm with only a handful of employees, messages sent to everyone may be just a nuisance. But at a large company, reply-all emails that spawn dozens of other reply-all messages can multiply into a significant time waster, notes Ryan Fuller, CEO of VoloMetrix.

Hold that trigger finger until you decide whether reply all is appropriate, advises Jasper. You may, however, want to include all recipients in certain replies if you don't want to be accused of leaving someone out of the information you're sending, says Jasper.

Just be aware of the dangers of this reply all practice, warns Laura Stack, who runs ThePro-ductivityPro.com and gives speeches on workplace efficiency. "My audience members say it's one of the most annoying habits in the workplace," she says.

When originating a message, adds Stack, state clearly: "Reply to me only. I will compile all the results for everyone and create one email with the results."

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ECI Family Service Coordinator is responsible for assisting families in gaining access to needed services and supports as outlined the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). This person is the primary contact for each family assigned and must have considerable knowledge in the functioning of social services, medical treatment facilities and community resources. These duties include the following activities: referral and intake, service coordination, transitioning, identification of additional assessments, service/services, public awareness, tracking of deadlines, coordination of and participation in initial and ongoing developmental assessments, service planning on an interdisciplinary team and providing developmental services using a routines based intervention strategy. Travel is required 80% of the time within a twelve county service area. Employee is required to use their personal vehicle/ or an agency rental vehicle. All employees are required to have a personal vehicle available for work purposes and maintain current, valid vehicle liability on the personal vehicle. Personal vehicle usage is subject to Center authorized mileage reimbursement rates. Salary $36,108 to $41,160 depending on experience. LPC, Social Worker, BSRN, LMFT or Bachelor's Degree which includes a minimum of 18 hrs of course credit relevant to early childhood intervention including three hrs in early childhood development, human development or early childhood special education. Andrews, Monahans, Kermit Area.

Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org or by calling JOBLINE 800-687-2769 EOE

West Texas Centers

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West Texas Centers

MH Mobile Crisis Outreach Worker for Western Region: Will respond to the crisis hotline and provide face to face care for in-crisis mental health consumers. Requires Bachelor's degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Travel within an assigned region is required. Personal vehicle required - mileage reimbursement. Hours are Mon. - Fri. -$14.71 -$15.72 hr ($1176.47 - $1257.60 bi weekly $30,588 -$32,700 annually) Salary Dependent on experience. Locations Monahans and Pecos area. **Sign on bonus and housing stipend.**

Case Manager for Mental Health: Assists individuals in gaining access to medical, social, vocational and educational services. Requires Bachelors degree in Social Work field or Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 24 hours in psychology, sociology or other human service hours. Base salary $14.71-$15.72 per hour ($30,588.00-$32,700.00 annually) DOE, plus excellent benefit package. Four day work week is possible. Flexible schedule offered. Crisis on-call rotation required. Applicants must live within 70-mile radius of duty site. Locations Monahans and Pecos area. **Sign on bonus and housing stipend.**

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

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PC TECH

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice

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MANUFACTURING & OPERATIONS

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Teraco, Inc FT

Teraco, Inc. is an industry leading plastic card manufacturer located in Midland. We currently have a job opening in our Personalization Department. We are looking for someone who has experience in management, employee development and training, quality control, and can adhere to production schedules. Must be willing to work overtime. At least a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Benefits include paid vacation and holiday, tuition reimbursement, 401K, and medical insurance. Email your inquiries to resume@teraco.com or stop by 2080 Commerce Dr. to fill out an application.

OTHER JOBS

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Camp Fire USA FT

Camp Fire is looking for after-school personnel to work Monday-Friday, from 2:30pm to 6:00pm in Midland and Odessa. Must be 18 years of age, High school diploma or GED and pass a criminal background check. Wages will start at $8.25 to $9.00 per hour based on work experience. Camp Fire also has a College tuition reimbursement program for qualified students. Apply at 310 W. Wall #810 in Midland or call 432-570-4144 or download and application at www.campfirwtx.org

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FLOWERLAND FT/PT

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Graphics Operator

CBS-7 FT

CBS-7 has an opening for a full-time Graphics Operator. This is an entrly level position. Duties will include running graphics for evening newscasts. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Interested applicanst should send resume or fill out an application at CBS7, 4101 E 42nd St., Suite J-7, Odessa, TX 79762 or e-mail to djordan@cbs7.com. CBS-7 is an EEO Employer. Paid vacation, flexible hours and health benefits available.

Janitorial Help & Floor Tech

Part-time janitorial help needed in the evening. Also, part-time & full- time janitorial floor tech needed. Please call 570-9903.

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The successful Leader will have:

- 10+ years' experience with Drilling Fluids & or Solids Control.
- 5+ years' experience in a Business Development / Sales role for same or similar industry.
- Experience with developing proposals, quotes, etc.
- Very strong leadership skills with ability to lead a diverse group of staff.
- Strong computer skills for reports, presentations, research.
- A commitment to Operational Excellence & ethical business practices..
- Strong communication and professional skills (both written and verbal).
- A proactive and detailed approach to procedures, records and reporting.
- Ability to work flexible hours with some travel
- A clean driving record.

Additional Assets / Experience

- Experience with logistics, purchasing, inventory management and planning, bi-lingual can be an asset.

Deadline for applications: January 16, 2013

Q'Max America Inc. has an immediate opening for a Business Development Sales Rep. for our USA division located in West Texas (Midland/Odessa).

The successful Sales Rep. will have:

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- Very strong personal development goals and willing to work hard.
- Strong computer skills for reports, presentations, research.
- A Commitment to Operational Excellence & ethical Business Practices.
- Strong communication and professional skills (both written and verbal).
- A proactive and detailed approach to procedures, records and reporting.
- Ability to work flexible hours.
- A clean driving record.

Additional Assets / Experience

- Experience with logistics, purchasing, inventory management and planning, bi-lingual can be an asset.

Deadline for applications: January 16, 2013

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Flowback Well Test Operators

Cornell Production Testing, LLC FT

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- ▶ Minimum of 1 year experience
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- ▶ Must be computer literate with use of Microsoft Excel and Outlook
- ▶ Must be able to climb up and down stairs repeatedly
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EOE/AA

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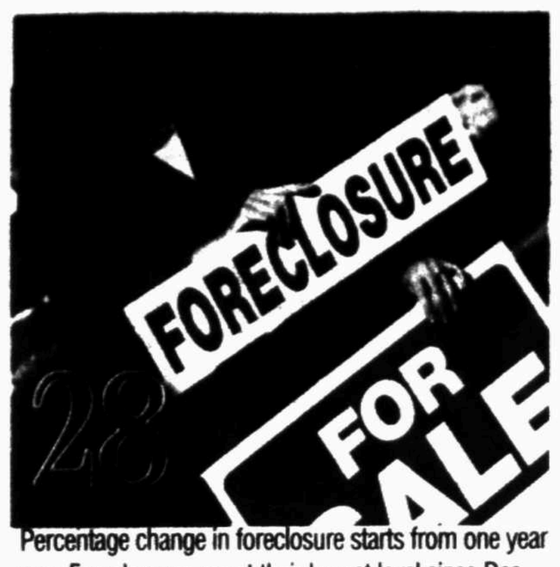

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The issue faced by many borrowers is different. The savings rate in the U.S. is less than 4 percent. In many cases, tough economic times make prepayments difficult.

ARMs in general shift the risk of inflation from lenders to consumers. That's not a problem at this time, but it could be in the future if rates rise and payments go higher.

For instance, as this is written, 30-year fixed-rate financing for well-qualified borrowers is available below 3.5 percent. That's near the historic low for mortgage rates – but what if rates go higher? The fact is that rates can plainly go up. In 1982, mortgage levels were above 14 percent.

For those with fixed-rate mortgages, rising interest levels are not a financial threat. But for ARM borrowers, higher monthly costs can make ownership difficult if not impossible, especially for households where jobs have been lost or income has declined.

If ARMs seem enticing, then look at FHA, VA and conventional ARMs. Such loan products have rate caps to prevent payment shock and prohibit prepayment penalties.

The catch is that rate "caps" do not mean monthly costs cannot rise, only that they cannot rise above certain limits. If the thought of bigger payments for principal and interest seems unsettling, then stick with a fixed-rate mortgage – it's a big-ticket hedge against inflation.

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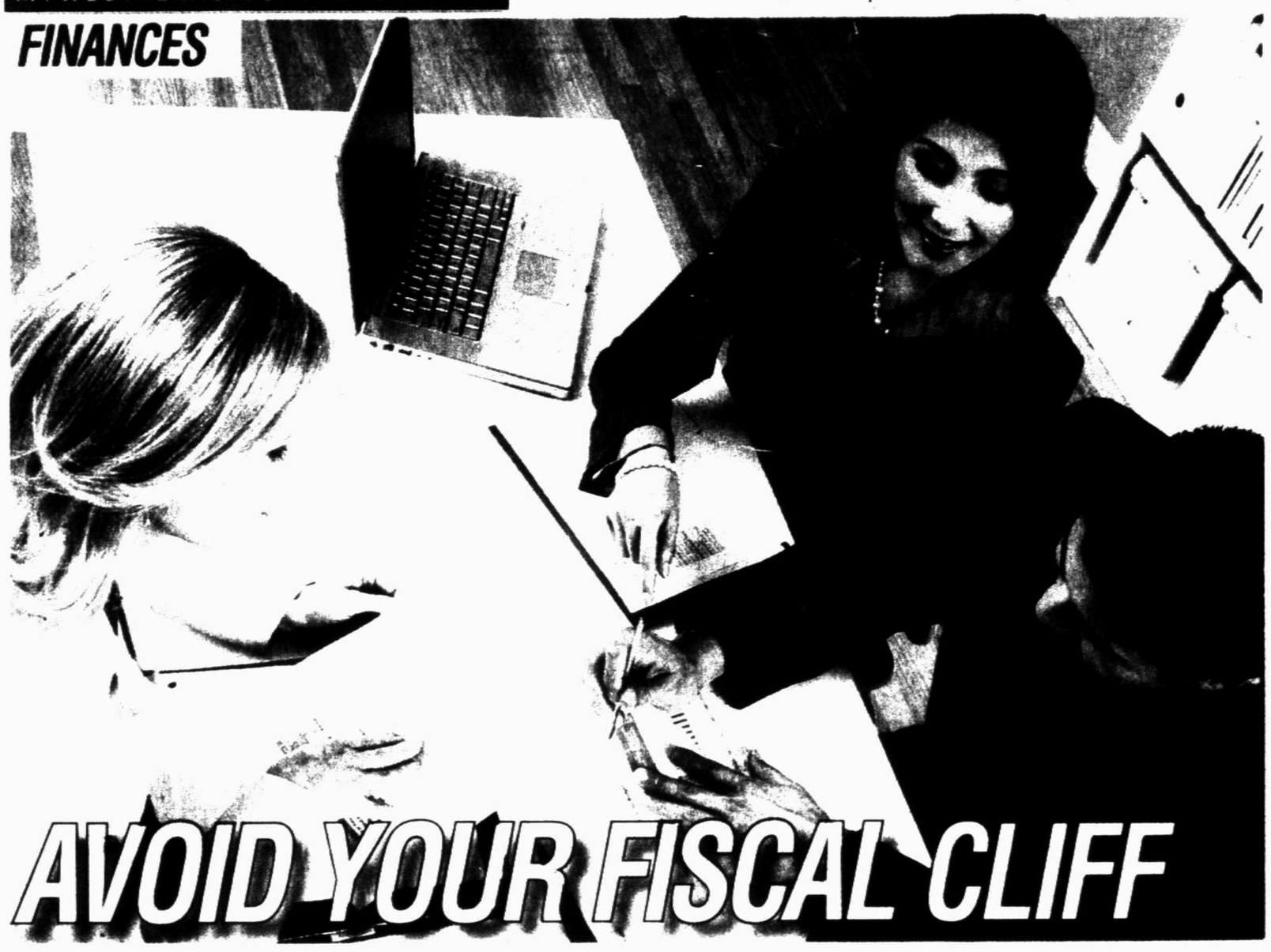

AVOID YOUR FISCAL CLIFF

HAVING TROUBLE DEALING WITH DEBT? DON'T PUT IT OFF – POTENTIAL HOMEBUYERS SHOULD MANAGE CREDIT AND DEBT BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LOAN

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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Uncle Sam isn't the only one who has to try to pay off his debts and avoid going off the fiscal cliff. Prospective homebuyers seeking a mortgage loan also need to get their finances in order and better manage monies they owe to creditors.

When applying for a mortgage loan, borrower candidates face more scrutiny today than in years past. Lenders carefully assess credit-worthiness and ability to repay the loan by looking at income, credit score and history, employment history, tax returns, bank statements and debt. Those with large amounts of debt have a hard time getting affordable interest rates, and they may struggle to find a lender who is willing to give them a mortgage.

Consequently, it's important to take inventory of your financial status prior to shopping for a mortgage, says Doug Lebda, founder, chairman and CEO of Lending Tree, Charlotte, N.C.

"You'll want to assess your debt and prioritize payments and amounts," Lebda says. "Having maxed-out credit [cards and accounts] rarely sits well with lenders. Ideally, you'll want to pay down as much as possible while remaining current on your payments. This means paying more than the minimum payment on your bills, paying bills before they are due and getting a copy of your credit history so you can investigate and correct any outstanding debts or incorrect charges."

Potential homebuyers should check their credit reports – available from each of the three nationwide credit-reporting agencies, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – for no charge every 12 months at AnnualCreditReport.com. If there are inaccuracies or errors, contact the credit-reporting agency and the information provider; the Federal Trade Commission offers more tips on how to dispute credit errors at www.consumer.ftc.gov.

If you have liens or collections on your credit report, get them resolved as soon as possible, says Carol Lynn Upshaw, vice president of Private Mortgage Services in Atlanta.

"You'll also want to talk to a mortgage broker to get prequalified to determine what your debt-to-income ratio is and then decide if you need to pay down some balances so you can purchase more house," Upshaw says.

Lebda says that the standard debt-to-income ratio when determining a person's "lendability" is 28/36, meaning that 28 percent of total monthly income (before taxes) can go toward the mortgage payment and 36 percent of total income can go toward the total monthly debt. An acceptable level of debt is approximately 8 percent of total pre-tax income.

Additionally, potential homebuyers must understand how much they can afford before hunting for a mortgage.

"Make a budget and live by that budget. Get everybody in your family on board and be committed to working together for what could be a long process. It could even take a few years [to get out of debt]," says Rodney Powell, broker, Powell Real Estate, Tomball, Texas. "Start paying off bills, and don't buy any new stuff or take vacations."

It might sound too simple to be true, but the key to debt reduction is simply not spending more than you have. Credit cards make it too easy to break this rule, so Lebda says, "Consider reducing or discontinuing the use of your credit cards until you can comfortably manage a zero to low card balance."

Lastly, remember that you'll need cash available for a down payment. A minimum of 20 percent of the cost of the home is usually required, so make sure to set aside some money in your rush to pay down debts.

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A recent study shows just how much location is worth – about $1.6 million

Every homebuyer knows the importance of location, and a recent Coldwell Banker Real Estate report shows that homes in the priciest markets are worth up to $1.6 million more than those in the most affordable markets.

A four-bedroom, two-bathroom home in Los Altos, Calif., has an average listing price of $1.7 million, according to the report, compiled from listings in January to June 2012 and released in November. In contrast, the most affordable market in the U.S. is Redford, Mich., where similar homes are listed for about $60,000.

Overall, the average listing price of four-bedroom, two-bathroom homes in the U.S. is about $292,000 in 2012.

California lays claim to the top six most expensive cities. In general, coastal states tend to be more expensive than inland states. But that doesn't mean the Midwest and South are devoid of pricey homes – the report notes that some markets can offer "lifestyle and prestige," like Orono, Minn., where average home listings climb past $1 million and drive up the state average.

The report highlights that some affordable markets are geographically close to their expensive counterparts. The average four-bedroom, two-bathroom home in Lake Elsinore, Calif., costs close to $193,000 – and that's just an hour away from Newport Beach, Calif., where a similar home will cost about $1.6 million.

Here, the states with the priciest and most affordable housing and their average listing price:

Most Expensive:
1. Hawaii, $742,551
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Relax in your cozy new living area where the rich wooden floors and wall colors combine for a wonderful atmosphere. You'll have plenty of room for couches, lounge chairs and an entertainment center on the wall. Nearby, the sequestered master features carpeting and windows facing the front and side yard. The bathroom has been totally updated with tile countertops and a modern artistic sink and faucet. One set of cabinets have been cleverly turned into a bonus closet and there is more storage beneath the sink.

Entertain in the dining area, which is right off the den. A large picture window provides a view of the backyard. With the kitchen close at hand, you can serve up your favorite recipes. Walls of cabinets create areas for keeping appliances and dishes tucked away and several have glass fronts for displaying favorite items. A few others have no doors and have been turned into clever shelves for books and artwork. Tile countertops and a wooden backsplash in addition to a large pantry make this area a very enjoyable workspace. Step out the back door to a separate laundry room which has also been totally updated and keeps the mess of laundry out of main areas of the house. Black walls with red cabinets, a clothes rack and ironing space in addition a large storage closet makes doing your laundry a little more fun.

On the other side of the den, you will find two more bedrooms, one facing the front and one facing the side of the house. Both have nice sized closets, ceiling fans and like-new carpeting. They share a full bathroom in the hallway, which has new tile in the bathtub area.

Out back, a storage building offers more areas for hiding larger items or holiday décor. The yard is big and has great potential for play areas or gardens. There is also a one-car garage to keep your car out of the weather.

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How to Prepare Your Yard and Garden for Winter

While we spend so much time and money keeping our yard beautifully maintained all summer, we often fall short when fall rolls around. By taking just a few easy steps, you can properly prepare your lawn and garden for the winter months, so that you can enjoy its full splendor when warmer weather returns.

The experts at garden equipment manufacturer Troy-Bilt recommend taking the following steps:

• **Evaluate.** Before you start your preparations, take a moment to review what worked and did not work in the garden over the past season and jot down notes in a garden journal so you remember a year or two from now. Fall is the best time to move plants because roots are given ample time to establish.

• **Clean up.** Removing leaves and debris reduces the likelihood of future problems since they can harbor pests and diseases.

• **Repair damage.** Fall is the best time to reseed a lawn that's been damaged by summer heat. Top-dressing the seed with up to one-quarter inch compost or soil will help it take root.

• **Don't put away the hose- yet.** Continue to water plants and lawns in the fall, as the rainfall tends to slow down. Plants need to stay hydrated to properly retreat to their winter states.

• **Fertilize.** Despite what many people might think, autumn – not spring – is the most crucial time to fertilize lawns and gardens. Renewing the mulch in flower beds, especially the top two or three inches, will protect many plants from harmful freezes.

• **Go easy on pruning.** Pruning promotes growth. It's important to prepare plants to go dormant during the winter rather than growing.

• **Think spring.** Some spring bulbs, such as crocus and grape hyacinth, should be planted in the fall. Larger bulbs, such as tulips and daffodils, should be planted in the fall but won't bloom until spring. Many vegetable plants, like beets, broccoli and cabbage grow best in the winter.

• **Cover plots.** Covering a garden bed with burlap keeps weeds at bay. Another option is to plant a nitrogen-rich cover crop, like clover, which can be easily turned under when spring arrives.

• **Tune-up tools.** After completing all preparations, clean, oil and sharpen tools, and then store them in a dry place to prevent rusting.

• **Winterize your power equipment.** Make sure to drain the gas from your lawn mower and other gas-powered equipment after you've finished using them for the season to keep the engine running smoothly next year.

Although you may be tempted to skip these less-than-glamorous fall tasks, keep in mind that winterizing your garden will make for less work come springtime.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

8 tips to avoid stress when buying a home

Buying a home for the first time or the fifth can elicit a range of emotions from excitement to anxiety. Owning a home you can make your own can be fulfilling, but taking on the responsibility of homeownership might be stressful. The good news is that you can reduce that stress and focus on the enjoyable aspects of home buying with these eight tips:

Be a smart saver. Long before you tour potential properties, lay the groundwork for a good home buying experience by saving up for your down payment. Having some money to put toward the purchase gives you more flexibility when it's time to get a loan.

Know what your credit report says. You'll want to check your credit report to see if there are any mistakes or problems you can clear up prior to applying for a mortgage. You can request one free credit report annually from each of the three credit-reporting companies by visiting AnnualCreditReport.com.

Learn about loans. Finding out as much as you can about various types of loans and assistance programs will give you the knowledge to find the right loan for you—one that you will be able to afford for the life of the loan. You can research whether you qualify for any assistance programs at TxHomePrograms.org.

Get pre-approved. You'll put yourself in a strong home buying position by getting pre-approved—not just pre-qualified—for a mortgage. Be realistic about how much you can actually afford. Take a hard look at your own finances and future plans to make sure you are living within your means.

Determine what you really want. Do you see yourself in a ranch-style home or downtown loft apartment? A neighborhood where you can walk your kids to school? Figure out what features are most important to you and decide if there are some items you desire but could look past if everything else falls into place. Once you determine the must-haves, you can quickly make decisions about which properties to view.

Make sure you have professional assistance. Buying real estate is much more involved than most other transactions, even high-dollar purchases like automobiles and stocks. It can be a tremendous help to have a professional looking out for your best interests along the way. A REALTOR ® can explain the entire process, help you negotiate, keep the transaction on track and make sure you have the information you need to make good decisions.

Understand what goes into an offer. There's much more to a good offer than deciding what price you're willing to pay. Before you start searching for homes, talk to your Realtor about earnest money, option periods and fees, inspections, contingencies, closing time frames and other factors that may make your offer more attractive to the seller while protecting your interests.

Don't let up after your offer is accepted. Not every transaction ends up with a closing. However, you give yourself the best chance of getting the keys to your new home if you and your REALTOR ® stay on top of the deadlines and tasks. Don't be afraid to ask questions during this important part of the process. It will save you time and stress later on.

Buying a home should be an exciting time in your life. If you plan well and work with people who are looking out for your best interests, you can minimize the stress and enjoy the process of purchasing a new home.

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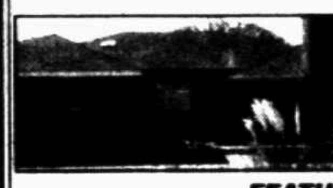

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FEATURED LISTINGS

6012 Clarewood-4/3/3 custom built homes by Joe Frazer, coming soon		TBD
6008 Clarewood-6/4.5/3 Stunning new construction by Joe Frazer. Estimated completion January 2013		$709,500
4901 Hillsboro Ct-Fabulous 4/2.5/2 Class 4 roof put on March 2012, air purification system in HVAC, new gas range. Spacious and well cared for		$275,000
1002 S. Marienfeld St.-One of the first homes in Midland. Fantastic architecture, detail throughout, on over 2 acres. Zoned C-3. All buildings included		$240,000
2600 N A St.-Beautifully remodeled home will thrill you. Completely remodeled kitchen with gorgeous granite cabinets by Rivas Cabinets. Don't wait too long!		$210,000
2304 Shandon-3/2/2 in Fannin. Nice updates, sparkling pool	U/C	$179,000
2714 Kessler-4/2.5 with 2 living areas, abundant storage, over 2,300 square feet		$139,900
4610 W. Illinois-3/2/1 with bonus room that could be a fourth bedroom. Fresh paint, recent carpet, central air 2011		$119,900
1301 E 55th Odessa- 3/2/1 with storage building, large yard, wonderful family room with free standing fireplace		$102,000
2110 Hanley-Odessa 3/2 or addition could be used as a fourth bedroom. 1 car garage		$100,000
3700 Monty-3 or 4/2/1 carport. Spacious kitchen, loads of storage, inside utility. Move in ready		$94,900
1505 S Marshall-Move in ready 3/2/1 carport, new carpet, large yard with storage shed. Only	U/C	$69,900
6506 Wewoka Pl.-3/2/2 on over 1/2 an acre. Country living close to town		$87,500

FOR LEASE

1710 Main St-3/2/1 includes stove, washer, dryer, refrigerator and dishwasher. New carpet in living area and hallway. New tile in kitchen, entry and guest bath. 1 year lease	$1700 per month/$1700 deposit
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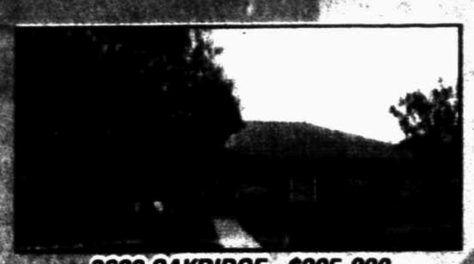

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UPDATED! 2 LIVING AREAS!

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811 LOUISIANA - $215,000
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3223 CAMARIE - $185,000
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1805 W. TENNESSEE - $175,000
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UPDATED! HARDWOOD FLOORS!

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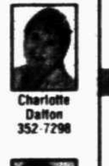
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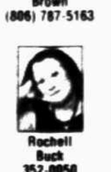
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New Listings

#17 Lafayette ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $274,900
*2256 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath attached townhome under construction in Bankhar Square

3903 Crestline ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* $239,900
*2750 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living, formal dining, split BR plan.

#18 Lafayette ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $196,000
*1601 sq ft - 2 bedroom, 2 bath low maintenance one story townhome under construction

4+ Bedrooms

6507 Los Conchos Lane ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* ..... *REDUCED!* $645,000
*3414 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 car garage

2511 Colonial Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $650,000
*4000 sq ft - 4 bed 4.5 bath 4 car garage. New Mike Jackson home under construction. Updated energy package

4624 Rosewood Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $399,500
*2963 sq ft - Loads of updating in this immaculate 4 bed/3.5 bath home!

1920 Centerview ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* ..... *REDUCED!* $385,000
*3469 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, 2 story Mark Payne resale in Grassland Estates

4704 Cherrywood Court ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* $335,000
*2849 sq ft - Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car garage Tom Woodruff re-sale in Briarwood!

2408 Humble ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* $280,000
*2796 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Georgeous kitchen + amazing backyard with putting green + gazebo!

1005 Upland St ..... *Call Rachell Buck 352-8050* $230,000
*2408 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious home w/lots of updates

2808 Haynes Dr ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $215,000
*2573 sq ft - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, recently painted and in a great location!!

3521 Seaboard Ave ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $189,900
*2278 sq ft - Great 4 bed, 2 bath home with shop!

5007 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $175,000
*1696 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home which sits on 1 acre

310 Thornridge Dr ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4074* ..... *REDUCED!* $144,900
*1809 sq ft - Cozy 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home!

210 N. Glenwood Ave ..... *Call Patti Woolard 967-1846* $119,900
*2144 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large rooms & great bonus room!

3 Bedrooms

806 Palomino Dr ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Colvin Dixon 638-4321* $449,000
*4361 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, beautiful spacious townhome in Gated Saddle Club North!

3 Bedrooms

5203 Elton Jayne Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $339,000
*2270 sq ft. New construction! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Lance Friday home!

5205 Elton Jayne Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $309,000
*2077 sq ft - New construction. Lance Friday Home! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/low maintenance yard, storage room & glass doors that open to a patio!!

5903 S. Co. Rd. 1285 ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $269,900
*1368 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great equestrian property in Midland county with 13 acres!

3221 Chelsea Place ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $259,900
*1984 sq ft - 3bed/2bath/3car garage. Mike Jackson new construction with all the upgrades and quality that you expect!

4100 N. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* $259,900
*2212 sq ft - Great country property on 4.536 acres! 3 bed/2 bath. 2 living rooms, sunroom & office!

3312 Providence Dr ..... *Call Mary Lynn Parsley 413-4248* ..... *REDUCED!* $199,000
*1840 sq ft, nicely updated 3bed/2bath/2car garage in a great location!

3529 Imperial Ave ..... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1309* $198,900
*1904 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of updating!

2923 Chisum Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $179,900
*2139 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully remodeled mid century home.

2500 Storey Ave ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* ..... *U/C* $175,000
*2143 sq ft, Great 3 bed/2 bath home with tons of recent updates!

4400-B Thomason Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $169,900
*1254 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great investment property or large enough for a family

3636 Redbud Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $79,500
*1242 sq ft, 3 bed/2 bath. Great home to redo. lots of space, convenient to school

1005 N. Lamesa Rd ..... *Call Lance Heller 349-3863* $85,000
*960 sq ft - 3 beds/1.5 baths, large backyard

3704 Gaston ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lankabaugh 553-0766* $75,000
*908 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, tile flooring throughout & huge backyard.

2 Bedrooms

3531-33 W. Wadley Ave ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0299* $275,000
Duplex! Both sides are 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and *1422 sq ft! Updated! Great investment!

Odessa & Surrounding Areas

204 E. San Antonio St. - Marfa Tx ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $449,900
*5161 sq ft - Vacation rental apartments with a free standing 2 bedroom, 1 bath house

64 Oak Canyon on Lake Allan Henry ..... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* $275,000
*1992 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 Bath. This isn't your typical lake house! Enjoy the view by the outdoor fireplace under the covered patio!

Odessa & Surrounding Areas

1600 Indian Hills in Big Spring ..... *Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298* $185,000
*2486 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a pool. This house has so many updates!

12920 W. April in Odessa ..... *Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7905* ..... *REDUCED!* $132,000
*1650 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport and workshop.

3266 County Rd 252, Colorado City Lake ..... *Call Lance Heller 349-3863* $130,000
*1144 sq ft. Updated throughout, all tile 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area open to kitchen & dining. This is a deeded lot, not leased. Approx 54ft frontage

1205 W. Conerdson, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $129,900
*1288 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Double wide mobile home with open floor plan on*5 acres

1602 N. Bridle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $115,000
*2000 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful double wide that has been added too and made a home on 2 lots.

1608 N. Bridle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $79,900
*1248 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautifully redecorated mobile home

Lease Property

3316 #113 Caldera Blvd. - RENTAL ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $3,500/Month
*1047 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautifully remodeled corporate rental. Completely furnished and all bills paid

413 Idlewilde Dr-RENTAL ..... *Call Nathan Reeves 631-9857* $2,000/month
*1700 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage

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000Hwy 173 ESM Bandera, TX ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $1,250,000
202 acres - Own a piece of the Hill Country!!! Just a few miles outside of Bandera, TX!

44 & 45 Bonita Vista Dr - Justiceburg, TX ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $950,000
6.218 acres of Lake Property. Located on Lake Alan Henry.

0 Cotton Flat ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $75,000
5 acre unrestricted

5330 Bella Place ..... *Call Lee Wood 557-1454* $69,500
Vacant lot in new Subdivision in Green Tree North!

300 S. Marienfeld ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $30,000
16 acre corner lot. may be suitable for a multi-level storage facility

County Rd. 2081, Stanton ..... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1309* $20,000
2.77 acres in Martin County. No deed restrictions

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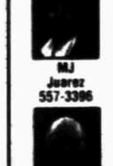
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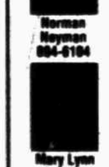
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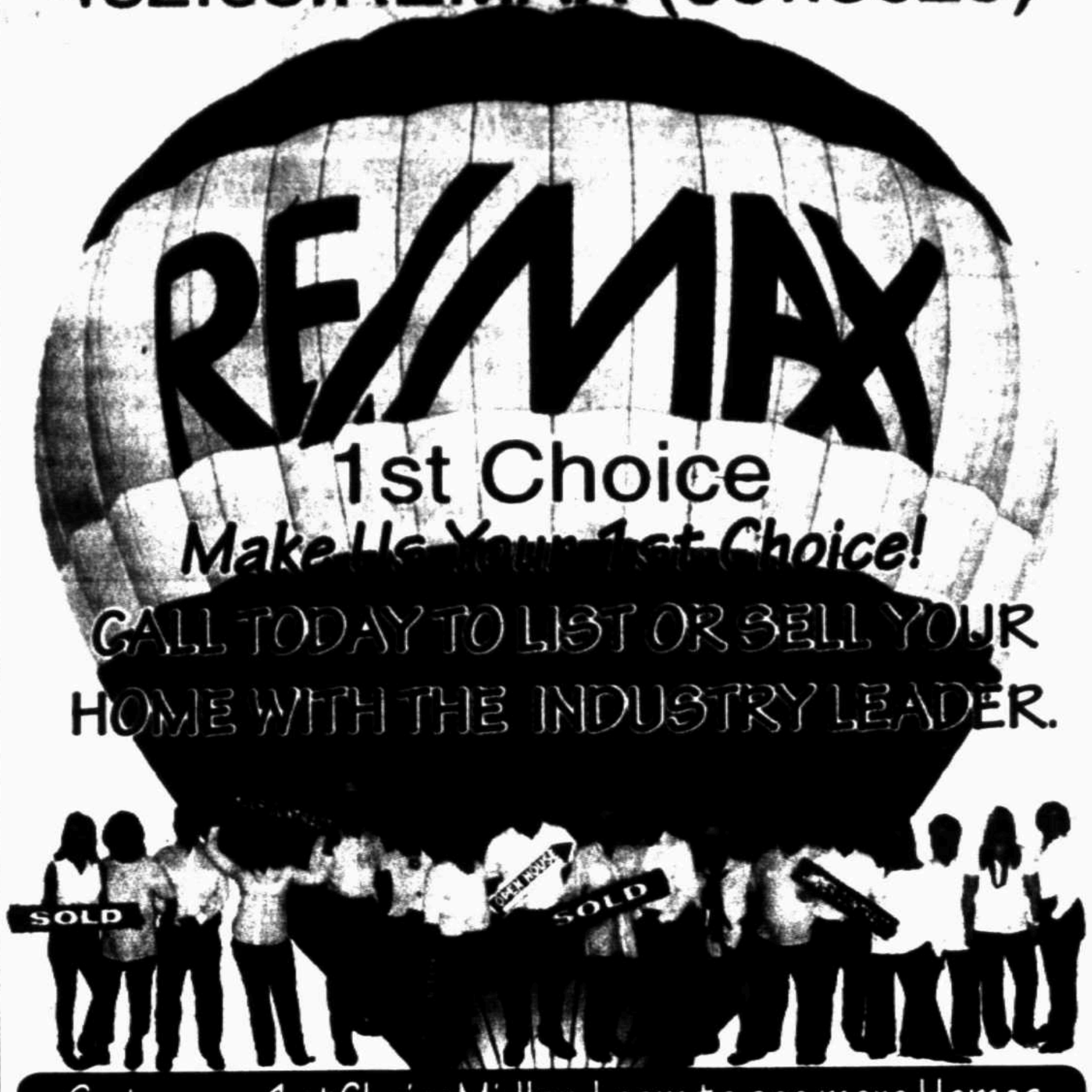

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NEW & REDUCED LISTINGS

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
2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br, 4.5 ba $614,128
4101 ECR 63-4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2.2 Acres REDUCED $589,000
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
5701 Ridgemont Pl -5br, 3.5ba, Great buy in Grassland Estates $488,400
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
2807 Ann Drive-4br, 3ba on 1 acre! $400,000
3311 Haynes-4bd, 3 1/2ba, 2 story, pool, cabana U/C $344,900
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 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 U/C $299,900
2824 Northtown Place-4br, 3 bath $295,000
5 San Miguel Square, Odessa-4br, 5 1/2ba, Great Buy! REDUCED $282,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba, 2.5 acres $269,900
3527 Boyd Ave -2 bed/2 bath townhome w/ bonus room! Gorgeous courtyards! $25_,000
4303 Crestwood-4/2/2 U/C $229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2, corner lot $225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres REDUCED $214,900
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 U/C $179,900
1509 Butternut Ln -3 potential rental - investment property 3/1 & 1/1 REDUCED $165,000
3506 Camarie-3br, 2ba $165,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 garage $165,000
3236 Elma Dr -2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage townhome $164,900
1011 Denton-3/2, clean & ready $163,500
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale REDUCED $159,900
112 E. Cottonwood-3/2, new construction $155,900
4904 & 4906 FM 307-2 houses, 3AC, shop, all for 1 low price U/C $149,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave -Gardendale, 3/2, 2.715 acres REDUCED $136,000
1114 Hickory-3/2, new construction $134,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction $105,000
1001 S. Jefferson-3/1/CP corner lot, large backyard $96,000
6600 E. CR 96-3/2 MH on 1/2 AC, Greenwood schools, Built 1994, 1568 sq ft $83,000

2 BEDROOMS

3236 Elma Dr -2 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 garage townhome w/side courtyard $164,900
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3 BEDROOMS

14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale SOLD $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
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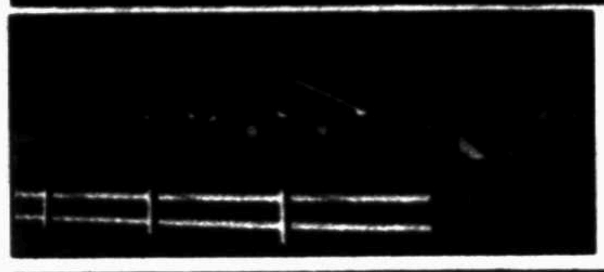

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10515 E. COUNTY RD. 109 - $475,000
IN GREENWOOD

3 bdrms, 3 1/2 bath, pool, RV parking, media room w/ equipment, tack room - so much more!

Shown by Deborah Pierce, 889-2469

3 BEDROOMS

2514 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
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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
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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 $159,900
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
11909 FM 307-New constr, Greenwood 4/3/2, 2 liv or din, granite + tile, 1.5 AC U/C $354,900
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
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 SOLD $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
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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
1144 Cynthia $89,000

COMMERCIAL

1002 I-20 Service Rd -5.71 Acres $795,000
4216 Mamies Cr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley $359,000
4301 Mamie Cr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley $340,000
4208 Mamies 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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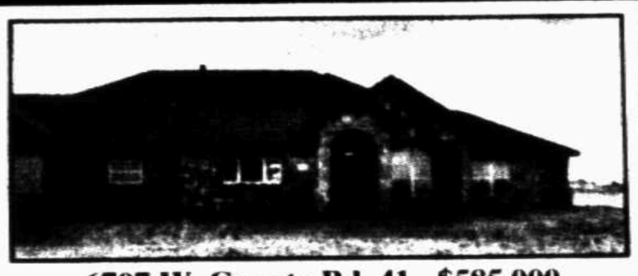
1805 Castleford Rd. - $569,000



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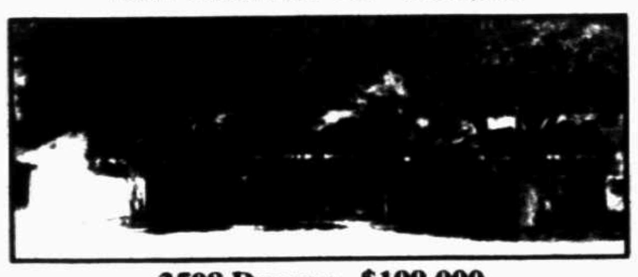

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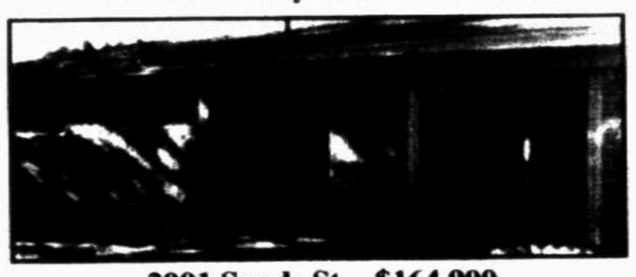

2001 Sands St. - $164,900

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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
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
7000 Chadwick Ct.-Gorgeous one-owner 4/3-1/2/2, 3 garage, updated, granite, hardwoods $385,000
2801 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 SOLD $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
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 $260,000
2600 W. Shandon Ave.-Home has been completely updated, huge bedrooms, huge closets, tons of storage U/C $225,000
3221 W. Golf Course Rd.-Super 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath patio home in central location SOLD $199,500
2006 Co. Rd. 1192-Recently built 3br/2bth brick home includes shop, corral, stalls, plus another acre without improvements All pipe fenced U/C $188,000
3403 Shell Ave.-Well maintained 3 bdrm/2 bth home with great open plan U/C $179,000
2001 Sands-Room to roam, bright & open plan with 2 car garage $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park $137,000
3300 W. Ohio-3/2/1 carport/1garage, large detached workshop! SOLD $115,900
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready $109,900
1415 Whitaker-Den w/fireplace, formal living, sunroom, shop & RV storage, buyer bonus U/C $104,000

Three Bedrooms

1106 E. Cuthbert-Fresh and clean 3BR SOLD $65,900

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. 108-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
7000 Chadwick Ct.-Gorgeous one-owner 4/3-1/2/2, 3 garage, updated, granite, hardwoods $385,000
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! U/C $349,000
2801 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area $250,000
3409 S. Co. Rd. 1066-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 $120,000
1415 Dotsy-Foreclosed 4BR/2BA SOLD $89,900

Five or More Bedrooms

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest! Sequestered master suite, library, oversized basment, 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 U/C $695,000

Town Homes and Patio Homes

3322 Haynes-Patio home with yard in back $269,500
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E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details $1,200,000
2293 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 $650,000
7707 W. Co. Rd. 52-Great space in Pecan Acres, 6.67 acres with well & workshop with kitchen & bath $260,000
#4 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 SOLD $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 Leeco Industrial Park, city utilities, caliche and perimeter fencing in place, SE corner of I-20 & Faudree Road. Call Bill Scott $890,000
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 $645,000
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 $325,000
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

2293 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
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
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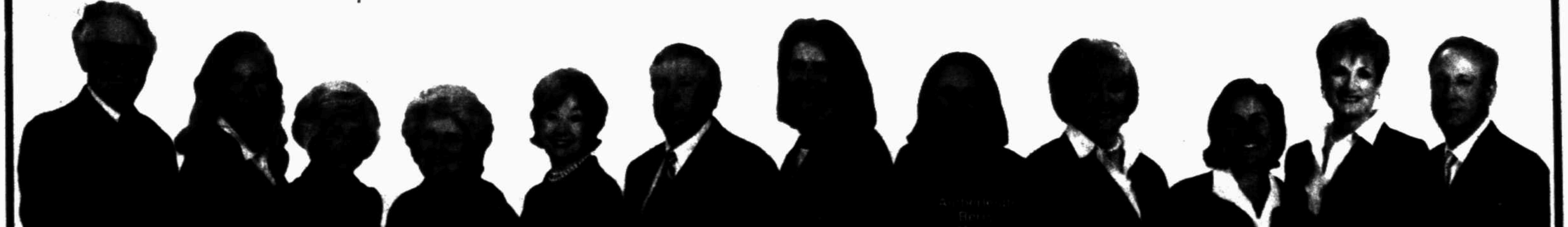

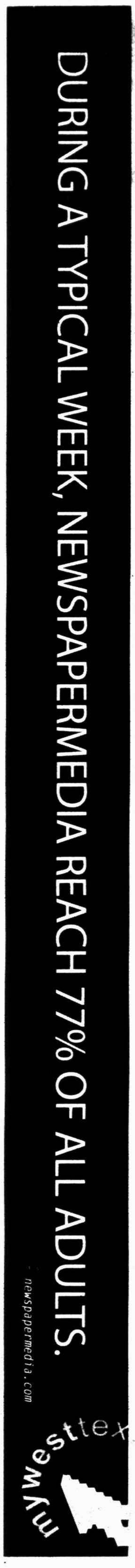

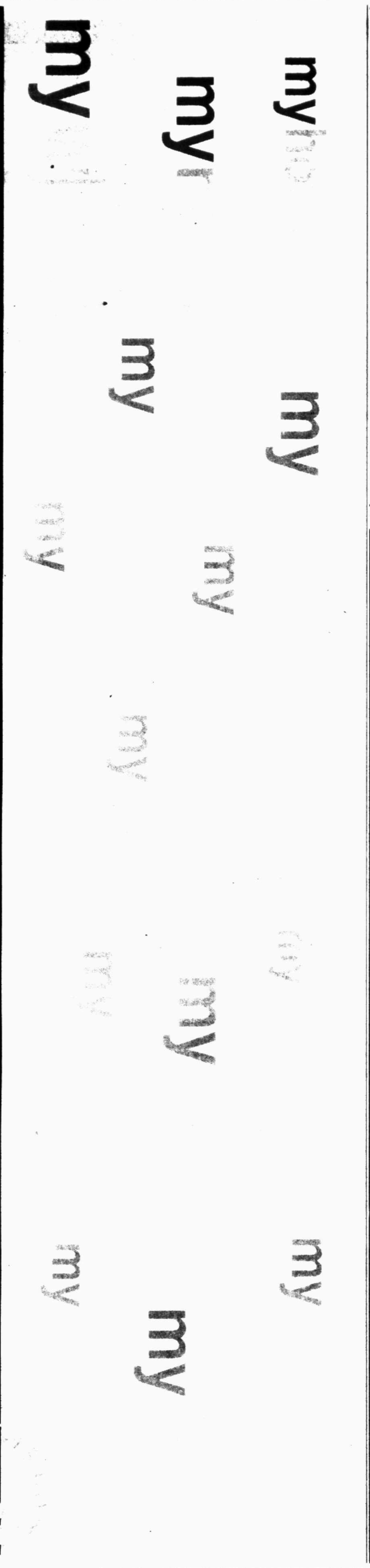

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2711 Stanley ... $850,000
4410 Bayhouse Ct ... $899,900
4601 Worcester Ct ... SOLD $469,900
5724 Ridgecrest ... SOLD $449,900
3915 W County Rd 77 ... UC $365,000
2507 Dowager ... UC $288,900

OPEN HOUSES SUNDAY

OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30 ..4501 Shady Oak Huge 3 bed 3 full bath 3 half bath home on the golf course in Green Tree! Many updates in home w great potential! Kitchen is light & 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 ... $349,900
OPEN TODAY 3:00-4:00 ..3705 Oxbridge 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/shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! ... $279,900

4+ BEDROOMS

3705 Oxbridge 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 dinning w high ceilings! The kitchen has a large island, stainless appliances and tons of cabinetry! Sequestered master bath features a tub/shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! ... $279,900
3900 Westminster Dr Great 4 bedroom 3 bath home sits on a large corner lot w/ direct access to the park and walking distance to school and park! Tons of nat. beautiful wood floors and a towering brick fireplace! ... $292,500
1210 W Tennessee Ave Charming 4 bedroom 2 bath home in Old Midland w/ walking distance to schools and close to downtown! Wireless and sound system included! Updated kitchen w/ an abundance of cabinet space! ... SOLD $169,900
4511 Aretha Darling 4 bed 2 bath home in great condition w/ tons of space! Some of its charming features include: built-ins, walls of windows w/ rich wood, updated flooring, and brick fence! This home is complete w/ a large living areas and 4 spacious bedrooms! ... $139,900
7000 SCR 1265 Spacious 3 bed 4.5 bath country estate sits on 19.6 acres between Midland & Stanton! The home features tons of storage, 4 water wells, and gated drive! The gourmet kitchen has gorgeous granite countertops, gas range, and a large buffet! Home is surrounded by mature trees and is perfect to close for 1 subdivision, and plenty of room for privacy ... $625,000
4225 Timberglen Oversized 3 bed 2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Wilcrest Estates! Home is in gorgeous condition featuring custom paint throughout, crown molding, and a large 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! ... SOLD $458,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

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4535 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 nice fireplace, dual vanities, and 2 huge closets! This home is complete w/ private patios, open kitchen design, and extended garage! ... $298,000
5909 Pedernales-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

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5608 Rio Grande-NEW! Fabulous 3 bed 2 bath home sits in a great neighborhood! Cozy kitchen opens to the den and dining area! UC in 1 Day. $215,000
2642 Boeing-Darling 3 bed 2 bath home in Fannin school district! This home features gorgeous laminate wood floors, 3 spacious bedrooms, and a heated pool/hot tub room! Large kitchen has recent appliances and opens to the cozy den featuring a fireplace! Recent HVAC, roof, recent fence and sprinkler system in the front and backyard! ... $170,000
3610 Moscow-NEW! Spectacular 3 bed 2 bath low maintenance townhome sits on a quiet tree lined street! Cute "Gate" Gate! Soaring ceilings, many French doors, and tile in wet areas! Cutesy kitchen features granite tile countertops and opens to the living room! Fabulous garage w/ shelving, a workbench(es)! ... $109,900
5102 Thomason-Spacious 3 bed, 2 bath 2 bath sits within easy access to the loop! This home features 2 living areas, one with a fireplace! 2 car garage and workshop! ... $155,000
1406 Lynn Ave.-Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath new build by Zarate! This home is light & bright w/ spectacular granite throughout! Some of its features stained concrete floors, custom high ceilings, and a large open kitchen w/ a living spring bar! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, separate shower & tub, and a huge walk-in closet! ... $164,900
421 W. Dorman-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 nat. 3 living areas, separate utility, and sequestered master suite complete this lovely home! ... $74,900

LAND AND LOTS

2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Guest in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! ... $75,000
1975 Timber Wolf Lane-Guest in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.8 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! ... $72,000
1986 Timber Wolf Lane-Guest in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 4.3 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! ... $66,000

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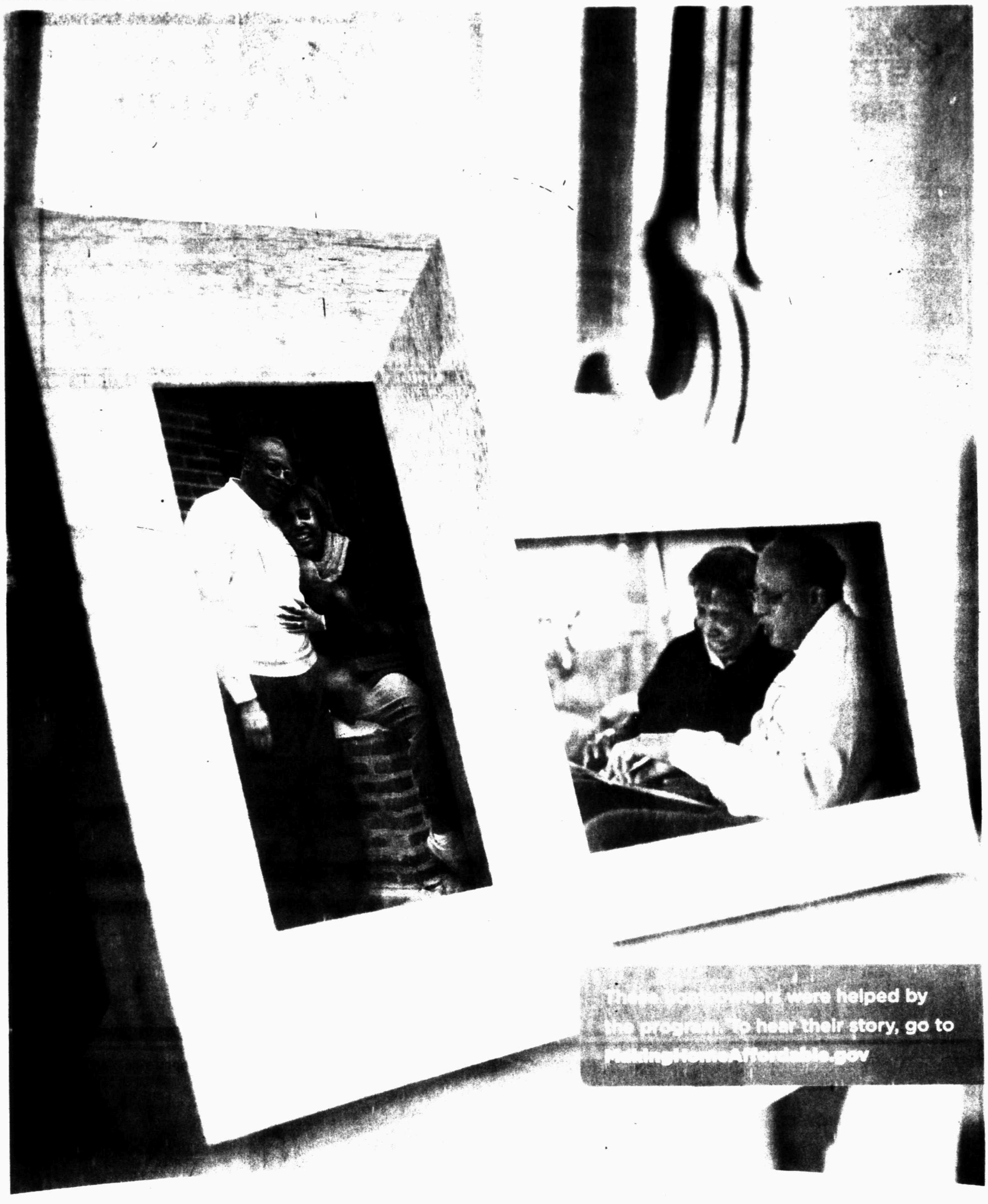

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NEW LISTING

2504 Tealand Circle - $985,000
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GRASSLAND ESTATES

5410 Grassland - $314,900
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GREENWOOD

1216 S Co Rd 1120 - $315,000
4BR, 3BA on 1.94 ACRES in Coveted Greenwood! Gigantic Country Kitchen!

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NEW LISTING

4713 Shadylane - $139,900
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Raquel Club South — Call Norma or David Pine for Private Showing!
2504 Tealand Circle — New Listing! $985,000
3410 Bluebird Ln — Sold! $960,000
2101 Ironwood — New Construction! $652,000
4900 Oakwood — Sale Pending! $479,900
6513 Mosswood — New Construction! $462,500
6517 Mosswood — OPEN TODAY! New Construction! $458,000
3913 Tumbleweed — Sale Pending! $439,900
3110 Shell — New Price! $399,900
1504 Gravestown Odessa — Sale Pending! $356,500
12716 W Co Rd 54 — New Price! $329,900
1216 S Co Rd 1120 — New Listing! $315,000
5410 Grassland Blvd — New Listing! $314,900
7601 Fannin — New Price! $298,000
3211 Tealwood Pl — Sold! $279,900
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1007 Shell — OPEN TODAY! New Price! $259,900
2824 Auburn Dr — New Price! $249,900
4608 Aspen — New Listing! $242,000
1301 E Golf Course — New Price! $139,900
117 S Glenwood — Sold! $120,900
3805 Gaston — Sale Pending! $119,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2001 E FM 1378 — New Listing! $630,000
5009 Los Alamitos — New Listing! $380,000
4900 Rio Grande — Sale Pending! $274,500
2906 Purple Sage — ★★★ Under Contract in 7 days! $265,900
2900 Wycliewood — New Price! $262,500
2901 Mark Ln — New Price! $195,000
1508 N. C Street — New Price! $174,500
800 Sinclair — New Listing! $154,900
4713 Shadylane Dr — New Price! $139,900
1506 Delmar — Sold! $135,500
2312 Storey — Sale Pending! $132,000
511 S Carrier — New Price! $65,000

FOR LEASE

7824 Auburn — For Lease! $2,400
4910 San Antonio — For Lease! $2,000

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

1901 N. Big Spring — New Price! $995,000
2801 S Co Rd 1180 — Sold! $950,000
2001 E FM 1379 — Land! $630,000
520 N CR W. Odessa — New Listing! $495,000
Billy Hext Rd. Odessa — New Listing! $300,000
2901 FM 1379 — Land! $288,189
1710 Trenton — New Lot! $109,900
Schartauer Dr — Lots! $65,000
911 S. Main — Lot! $49,000
Turtle Dove Ln. Possum Kingdom — Lot! $45,000
E CR 60 — Lots! $17,500 each

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8508 Axis — Sale Pending! $774,900
121 Serene Hollow — Sale Pending! $181,650
138 Dove Lane — New Price! $169,900
151 Stone Crest — Sale Pending! $144,900
8567 Capitol Cove — Sale Pending! $144,900
8664 Winter Haven — Sold! $108,900
9679 Victory Gallop — Sale Pending! $84,900
404 Emerald Way — New Price! $79,900

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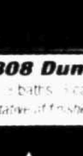
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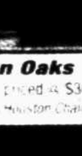
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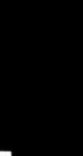
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

2102 COUNTY ROAD 1086 - $225,000
Lovely 3bdrm resale in greenwood on 4.16 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 solar board house wrap over sized garage, double return air & decked attic.

SUNDAY FEATURED HOME

6513 LOS CONCHOS LANE - $850,000
Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed 5 Bath w/ formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances, 6 burner gas cook top, grande & wine fridge, & chef's pantry. Master suite w/ fireplace, his/her baths, soaking tub, & walk-in closet. Secondary master suite w/ private bath. Game room, media room, 3 car garage & more!

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

5309 Scottsboro Lane - Fabulous 4 bedroom 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 + sit/tech/natural light! Spacious utility room w/ walk-in pantry, seq. Master suite w/ 2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet, covered patio overlooks lush landscaping. **SOLD $369,900**

GREENWOOD PROPERTIES

2102 County Road 1086-NEW - Lovely 4bdrm resale in greenwood on 4.16 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 solar board house wrap, over sized garage, double return air & decked attic. **$225,000**

4+ BEDROOMS

6513 Los Conchos Lane - Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed 5 Bath w/ formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances, 6 burner gas cook top, & wine fridge, & chef's pantry. Master suite w/ fireplace, his/her baths, soaking tub, & walk-in closet. Secondary master suite w/ private bath. Game room, media room, 3 car garage & more! **$850,000**

6113 Homestead-NEW - Adjustable 4 bed, 4 full bath, 2 half bath, 2 car, 2 car, 4 gar w/ blazing pool w/ retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/ gorgeous granite, stainless appliances, includes ice maker. Spacious master suite w/ attached Jacuzzi, around closet w/ tons of built-ins. 3 bedrooms w/ private baths. Wonderful theater room w/ 3 tiers of stadium seating! All equipment stays! Six changeover stars! Study w/ hardwood floors. **U/C $675,000**

5106 Oak Valley - Immaculate custom home w/ gorgeous features throughout. Large living w/ stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of trim & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/ large island, gas cooking, stainless appl. Stone tile kitchen & breakfast nook. Covered patio. Great backyard w/ separate kids area! Sec. Master suite w/ attached Jacuzzi, sep shower + dual heads. 2 vanities & walk-in closets. Sep bedrooms w/ walk-in closets. **SOLD $298,000**

5309 Greathouse-NEW - Immaculate 4 bedroom 3 bath home w/ gorgeous features throughout. Large living & dining & 2 car garage attached & large 14 x 17 sunroom & 2nd living area/media room! Spacious living area w/ brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to & offers granite, stainless appliances, breakfast bar, eat-in area & walk-in pantry. Sec. Master suite w/ attached Jacuzzi, sep shower & walk-in closet. **U/C $385,000**

1905 Wrobel-Amazing master 3 bed 2 bath 2 car 1 living area 2 dining areas gas log fireplace. **SOLD $270,000**

4201 Crestridge-NEW - Spacious 3 Bed/2 Bath w/ huge open living w/ fireplace & built-ins, formal dining, & private study. Open kitchen w/ stainless appliances, gas cook top, granite & tile counters, breakfast bar & pantry. Separate dining area. Master suite w/ double vanities & shower, tub. Secondary bedrooms w/ walk-in closets. Fenced backyard w/ covered patio. Refrigerated air & more! **U/C $255,000**

4408 St. Andrews-NEW - Immaculate 3 bed 2 bath home w/ formal living & dining & huge open living w/ fireplace & built-ins. Kitchen w/ granite counters, stainless appliances, breakfast bar & pantry. Separate dining area. Sequestered master suite w/ double vanities & shower, tub. Secondary bedrooms w/ walk-in closets. Fenced backyard w/ covered patio & storage. Refrigerated air & more! **U/C $185,000**

1209 Tejas-Super cute 3 bedroom 1.5 bath w/ recent carpet, paint, flooring & fixtures. Large lot - 67 Acre. **U/C $145,000**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2108 Abbey Pl. - NEW - Spacious home in the Westwood 2 blocks from the park! Bed 2 Bath 2 car garage formal dining + breakfast area. Big living area w/ brick fireplace & built-ins! Master has dual sinks, tub + separate tub, home needs some updating - has a lot of potential. Shows well in this price range. **U/C $179,900**

4700 Boulder # 106-NEW - Spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Open living area w/ fireplace & kitchen offers custom cabinets & spacious pantry. Private bedroom suite w/ double vanities & walk-in closet. Fenced in backyard w/ storage. **$55,000**

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600 N. Weatherford - Great single use location. Former Conner Tire. 12,000 Square feet under roof. 1000 square feet of additional storage. Drive-in fenced parking, heating, electrical & air compressor. 2 220V transformers also included. **$1,250,000**

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191 Tammy Dr - Prime residential lot. Water and sewer are available. 80' frontage x 100' deep. Zoned for single family residential. Ready for building. Priced at only $1 per square foot. **$300,000**

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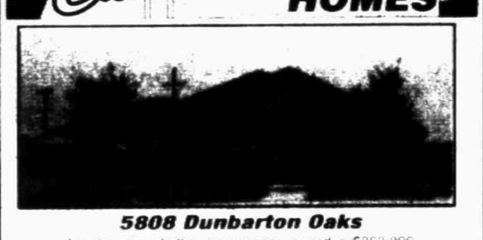
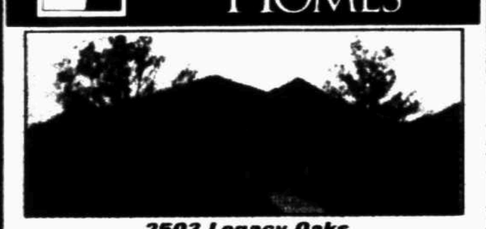


5808 Dunbarton Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $363,900

ASHINGDON HOMES



2503 Legacy Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $479,500

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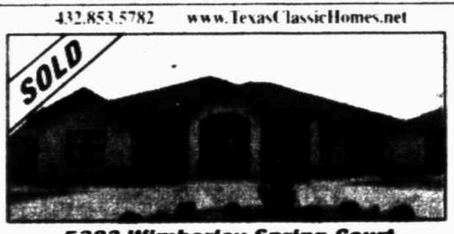

5303 Wimberley Spring Court
4 bedrooms, 3½ baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $379,900

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6501 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $457,000

6505 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $467,500

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

~ Helen Keller

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes

Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6501 Los Conches 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

1116 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
900 Goliad	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3404 Sagemont Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Indoor Pool	$250,000
6508 Waurika Pl	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4033 Angelina Dr	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
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 Dunbarton Oaks	Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$363,900
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	U/C
5811 E. Co. Rd. 57	Greenwood/5.79 Acres	$120,000
4007 E. Co. Rd. 180	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
FM 1213	Approx 30 Acres	$800,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$82,500
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

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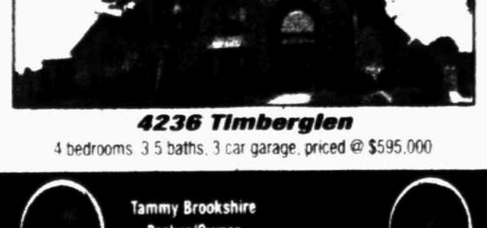
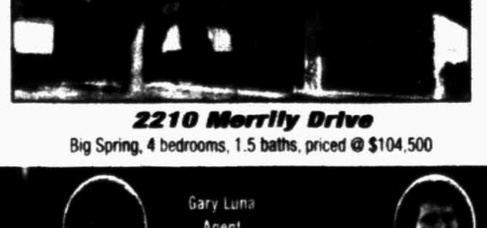
2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$825,000
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$250,000

FEATURED HOMES



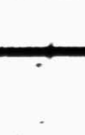
4236 Timberglen
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $595,000

3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316
Odessa 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, pool, priced @ $299,500



2210 Merrily Drive
Big Spring, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, priced @ $104,500

240 Main Street
Garden City, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, indoor pool, priced @ $250,000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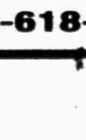
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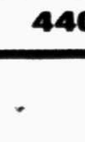
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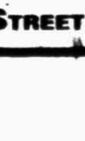
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:30

4305 MERRILL
$227,000
3/2 with seq. master, 2LA, big kitchen and great workshop, cul-de-sac.
Shown by Donna Omar

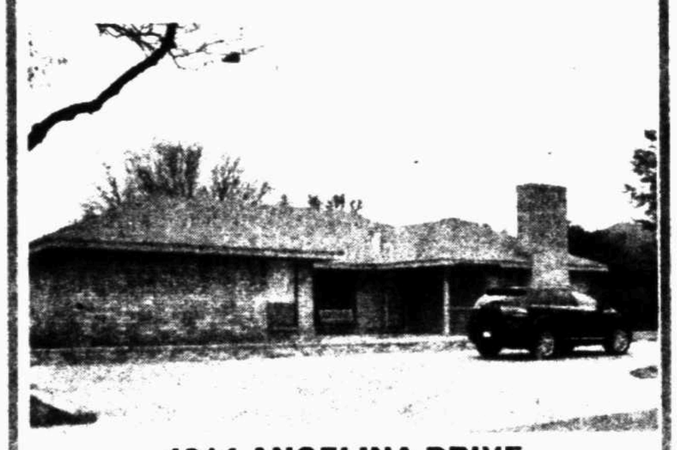
OPEN 1:30-2:30

1805 W. TENNESSEE
$175,000
Darling cottage in West End!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30

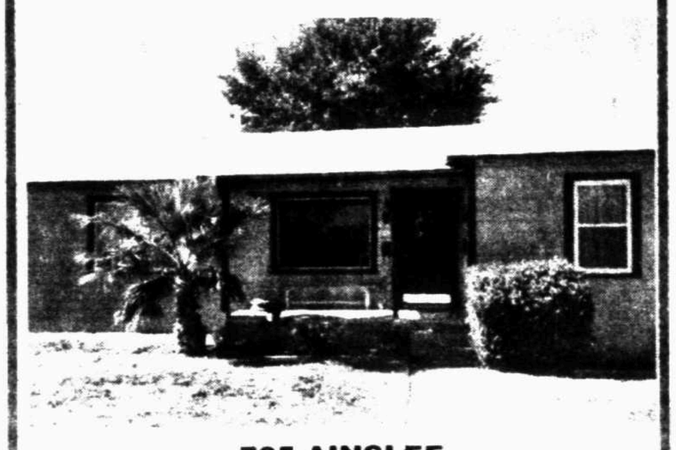
4502 MOCKINGBIRD
$279,900
3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living areas, 1 acre.
Shown by Jennifer Martin

OPEN 2:00-3:00



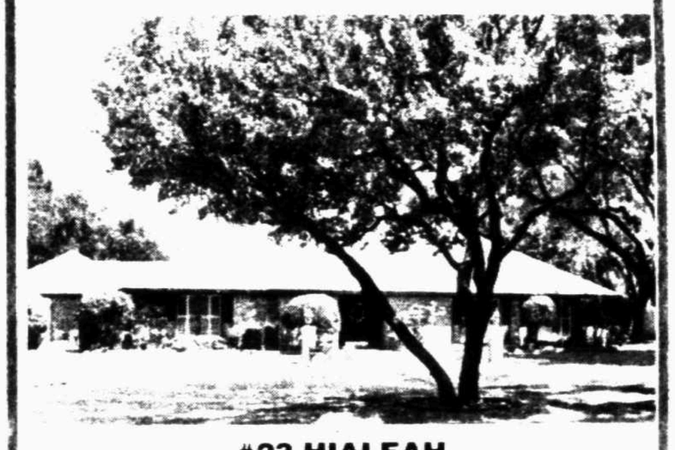
4014 ANGELINA DRIVE
$231,500
Huge master, 2 dining, 3 1/2 baths.
Shown by Ruth Young

OPEN 3:30-4:30



705 AINSLEE
$140,000
Adorable dollhouse with wood floors!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30



#23 HIALEAH
$699,900
Fantastic Location!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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5300 TEAKWOOD TRACE
$835,000
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2026 CR 2801, STANTON
$135,000
MLS #90491. Michelle Kidd 894-1253

3100 HARVARD AVE.
$164,900
MLS #92894. Ruth Young 352-0996

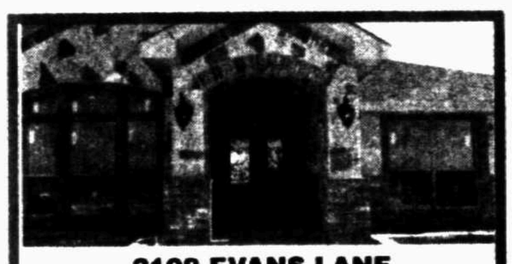
3300 TERRACE AVE.
$165,000
MLS #92882. Brooks Smith 528-2980

207 DAVIS RD., BIG SPRING
$175,500
MLS #92879. Michelle Kidd 894-1253

4905 WOODHOLLOW
$269,900
MLS #92904. Stephanie Rogers 978-9757

4203 PLEASANT DR.
$120,000
MLS #92907. Josie Rendon 889-8394

5011 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA
$159,900
MLS #87929. Angie McKay 599-0272



2108 EVANS LANE
$381,000
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502 WAVERLY AVE.
$205,000
MLS #92906. Josie Rendon 889-8394

2601 DELANO
$159,000
Angie McKay 599-0272

2406 GOLF COURSE RD.
$184,900
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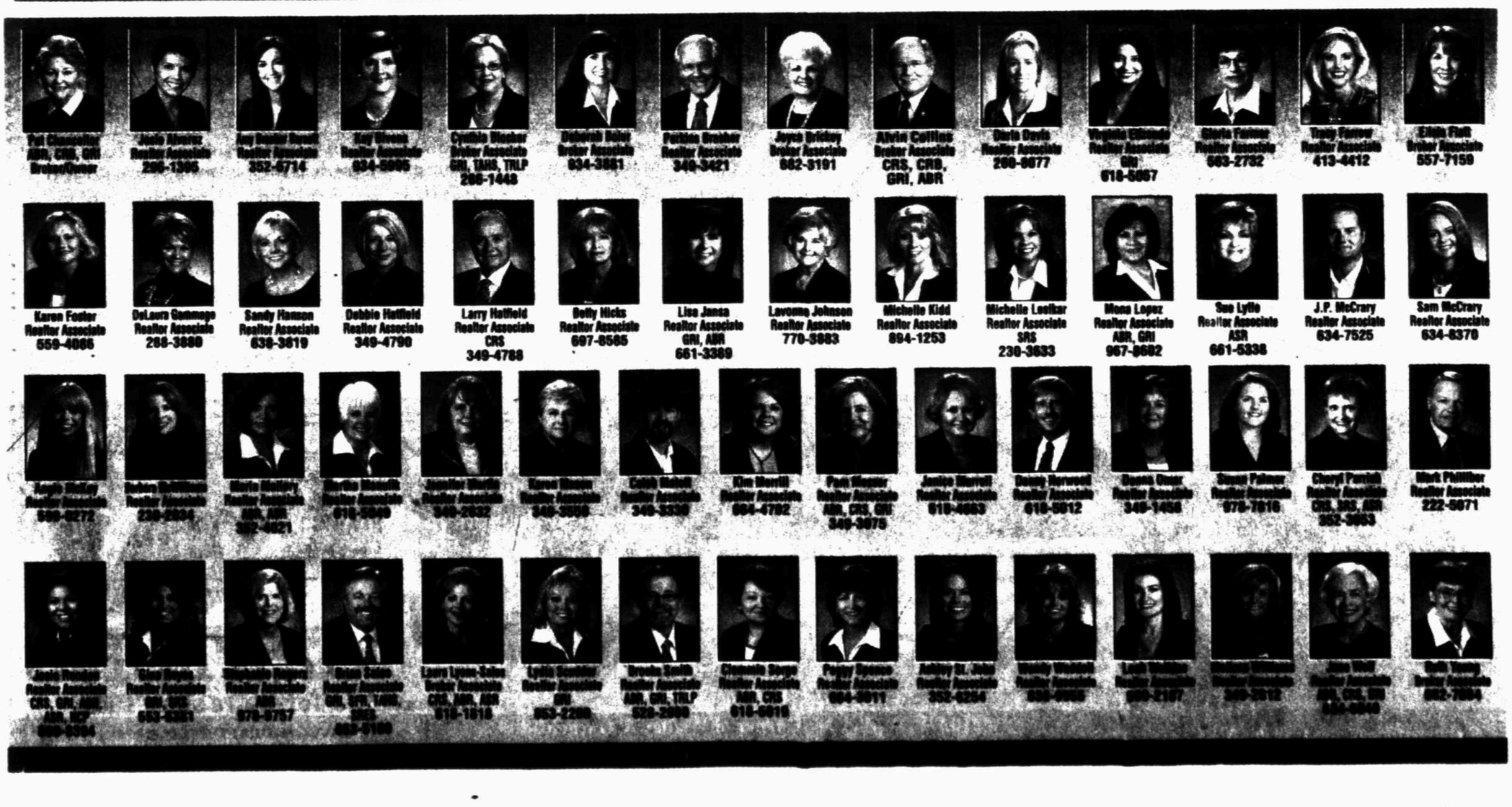

HOMESTYLE

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Percentage of homeowners who prefer to buy outdoor products from home improvement stores.

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Shine On

In neon hues or moody jewel tones, high-gloss paints on the walls can add a touch of drama

By ALICE OGLETHORPE | CTW Features

When interior designers discuss paint trends, the topic usually sticks to colors – which tones are hot, which are "so last year." Nowadays, though, the finish or gloss of paint is just as important as the specific shades.

"About three or four years ago I started noticing glossy paint on furniture as a way to give traditional styles a more contemporary feel, like a classic wooden chair painted in a high-gloss bright color," says Jackie Jordan, director of color marketing at Sherwin-Williams, a major paint company. "But then the glossy paint moved from furniture to walls and ceilings, which is what we're seeing a lot of now."

The glossy-wall look isn't stuck to one color family – it's happening in both brights and darks. "We are seeing people experimenting with bold and vibrant colors, covering a wall in lively greens and purples, for example," says Carl Minchew, director of product development at Benjamin Moore, another large paint company.

"People seem to be drawn to the novelty of it. You don't typically see walls in shiny purples or greens, so it is a little surprising and delightful, which people enjoy," Minchew adds.

In addition to bright colors, Minchew says that dark colors are popular because they really show off the gloss the most. "Think about a car lot with cars in all kinds of colors," Minchew says. "A black car often looks a lot shinier than a white one, even if they have the same finish. In your home, a darker or jewel-like color pops more because the shiny highlights have more of a contrast."

As for which rooms are going high-gloss, it tends to be ones you don't use every day. "I'm seeing high-gloss paint in special occasion rooms that have a bit of glamour, like formal dining rooms," Jordan says. "The high-gloss paint creates drama and makes the room stand out."

Benjamin Moore

Gloss and glam: Architectural details and metallic accents complete the look for rooms with high-gloss walls – just don't go overboard with too much art or accessories.

Jordan also says that if you put the high-gloss paint in a room that's often used at night, the lights and candles will make the gloss sparkle.

But before you rush out and buy glossy paint for your walls, know that there are some cons. "The downside to going with a glossy paint is that the finish highlights every single small imperfection," Minchew warns. "If you have a wall with nail heads or a surface that wasn't smooth before painting, the glossy paint will make the flaws that much more evident."

Glossy walls might also be an occasion to hire professional painters, since the paint is "not very forgiving if you have a sloppy painting technique. When people don't use the proper brushes or rollers for the paint and the surface, the end result won't look very good," Minchew says.

Once you have beautiful, high-gloss paint on your walls, decorate the room with care and restraint. "Stick to decorations that are simple and minimal," says Maria Killam, a decorator and stylist based in Canada who is also a member of the color trend organization Colour Marketing Group. "You don't want to have your art or accessories competing with the very shiny walls for attention – let the paint be the big feature in the room."

That doesn't mean the room decor should be boring, though. One way to perk up the look of a glossy wall without artwork is to add architectural details. "The high gloss accentuates any interesting features like molding and quarter-round," Minchew says. "This can help the look if you have just a plain flat wall, which may not show off the shininess of the gloss that well."

As for what style of furniture will complete the look, Jordan adds pieces that have a bit of their own shine. "Bring in mirrors, shiny metallic, and sconces that both sparkle as well as accent the reflective quality of the wall finish," she says.

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A Penny for Your Design

Everyone's least favorite coin provides inspiration for timeless interiors and accessories

By ALYSSA KARAS
CTW Features

Although it's the most maligned coin in your wallet, the penny plays a much more desirable role in design. Take a cue from the penny's shape, color and visage and bring its influences into your home.

PENNY TILE

As its name suggests, penny tile is round and penny-sized. Penny tile was most often used to evoke a retro feel, but the classic shape is getting a reboot as more tile-makers experiment with different materials in the penny shape.

"The penny round has evolved to include a much greater selection," says Eli Mechlovitz, president of New York-based Glasstilestore.com. Colors, metals, natural stone and glass are making these tiles more exciting.

Penny tile is used on floors and walls of bathrooms and laundry rooms, but consider adding it as a kitchen backsplash for an unexpected touch.

"[Tile] shapes just started going wild," Mechlovitz says. "It really expanded people's horizons on how they can design a room."

COPPER

The shine of a new penny is easily integrated into the home, whether it's a small accent in the kitchen or a big soaking tub in the bathroom. "The biggest thing with copper is that it adds such warmth to the home, and the old world charm," says Lesley Johnson, business partner at Lucido Copper, which is based in Arizona. "From its design aesthetic viewpoint, copper goes with everything. You can branch off in any direction with copper."

The key to successfully adding copper to the home is in the finish. To avoid the shiny, brassy look, opt for an oil-rubbed bronze finish, Johnson says.

LINCOLN

Throw pillows, screen prints, ceramic mugs – Lincoln's face is not just in your wallet. His likeness frequently pops up in home accessories, even before films like Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" swept the silver screen in 2012.

"At this point in history, he's sort of universally loved," says Justin Rothshank, a studio artist based in Goshen, Ind. "And his face is instantly recognizable, and he's got a good profile. He's already out there on things like the penny. His face is everywhere."

Rothshank produces a line of mugs, plates and bowls featuring all 43 presidents of the United States. Lincoln is a consistent top-seller, he says, partly because the president is both contemporary and historical.

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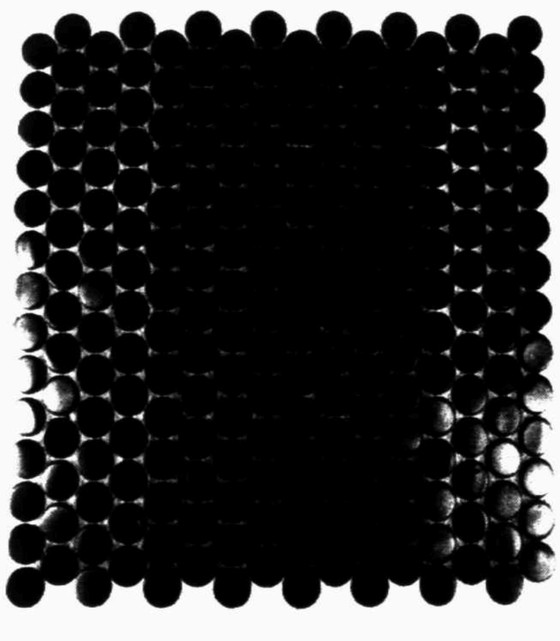

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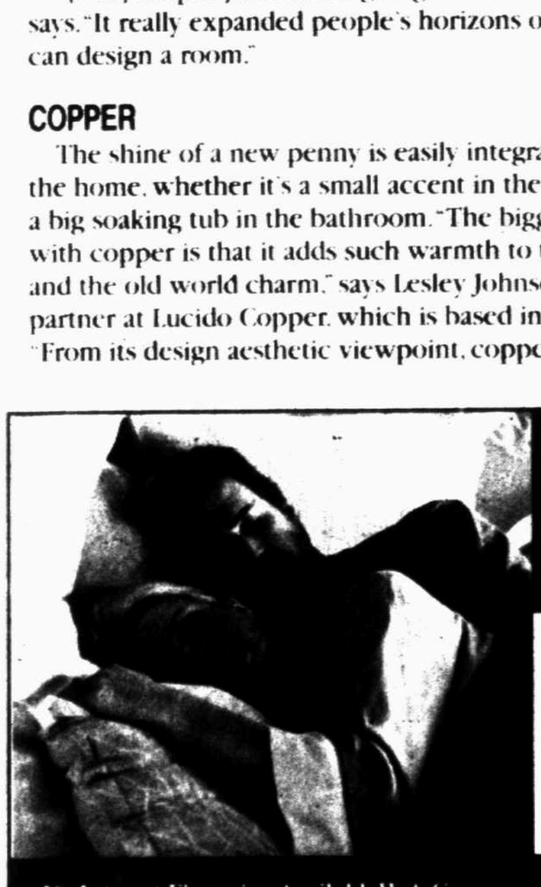

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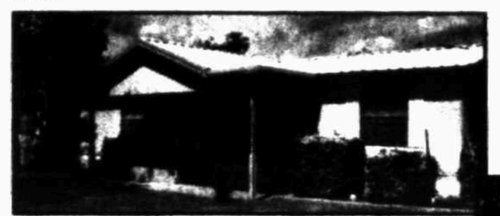

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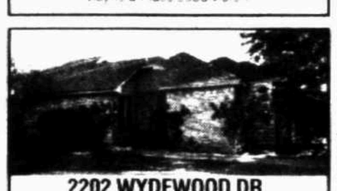

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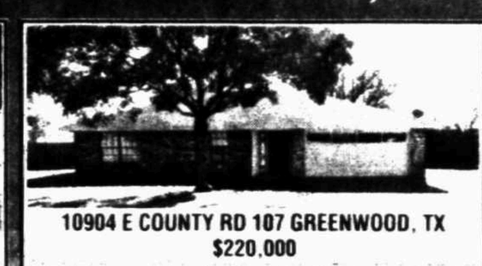

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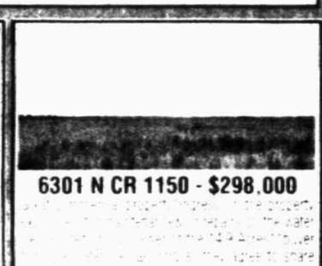

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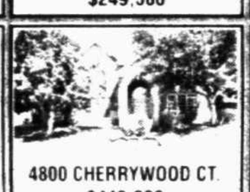

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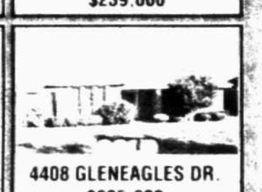

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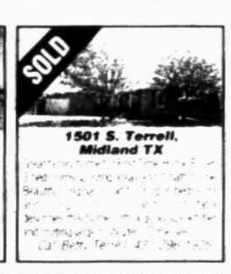

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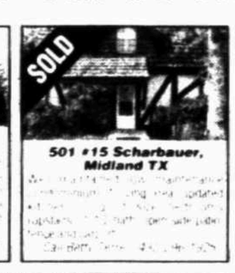

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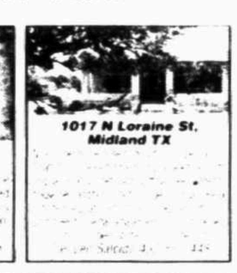

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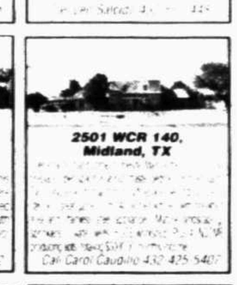

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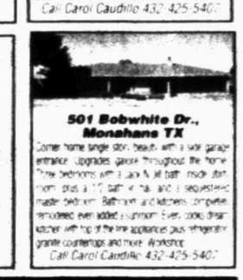

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5011 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #87929	$159,900
2601 DELANO	Angie McKay 599-0272		$159,000
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2210 BOYD AVE	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92389	SALE PENDING
3103 LOUISIANA AVE	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #91612	SOLD
3014 E. CO. RD. 143	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92435	$155,000
3610 SINCLAIR AVE	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #92748	SALE PENDING
709 BOYD	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92193	SALE PENDING
4622 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	$146,260
1910 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92740	$146,260
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
4521 BROOKDALE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92349	SALE PENDING
4904 LEISURE DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91620	SALE PENDING
1601 GARFIELD	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92764	$144,900
1201 E. COWDEN	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92011	$143,000
705 AINSLEE ST	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92870	$140,000
4528 LEDDY DR	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92500	$139,900
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
803 SPRUCE AVE	Melissa Williams 349-2612	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
2814 MARIANA	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92504	$136,000
410 N. FORT WORTH	Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #91785	$135,000
2026 CR 2801, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	$135,000
4807 SHADYLANE DR	Jane Wolf 687-6500	MLS #92694	$129,500
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	$125,000
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92823	$124,900
4729 RIC DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92596	SALE PENDING
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
4203 PLEASANT DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92907	$120,000
805 SINCLAIR AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92353	$120,000
302 THOMAS ST	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92587	SALE PENDING
5010 E. CO. RD. 58	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92790	SALE PENDING
3702 CEDAR SPRING	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92290	$104,900
4307 MONTY DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92124	$99,900
304 E. ESTES AVE	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92370	$99,900
1103 E. ESTES	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92012	$97,000
934 N. DALLAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92225	$95,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1014 LORAINE	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #92714	$89,900
4406 HUMBLE AVE	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #92858	SALE PENDING
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,700
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000

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
1103 W. MISSOURI	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91815	$170,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	$149,900
104 CLUB DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91648	SALE PENDING
717 RUBY DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92856	$79,900
600 #68 LIDDON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92560	$78,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1184	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$75,000
2107 W. KENTUCKY AVE	James McCrary 634-7525	MLS #92672	$69,500
4700 BOULDER AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92229	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92579	SOLD
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. 1128	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91342	SALE PENDING
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/$359,900
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91681	SALE PENDING
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92463	SALE PENDING
7200 FM 307	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92285	SOLD
2369 CO. RD. 2651, 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
11911 W. CO. RD. 56	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$239,000
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/$198,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	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
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
5010 E. CO. RD. 58	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92790	SALE PENDING
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. 1184	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	SOLD
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	$359,900
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92421	SALE PENDING
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
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
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$198,000
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
207 DAVIS RD, BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92879	$175,500
5011 BUFFALO AVE., ODESSA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #87929	$159,900
2102 ALLENDALE RD., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92792	$159,900
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
2026 CO. RD. 2801, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	$135,000
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	$125,000
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92823	$124,900
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
105 E. 21ST., CRANE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	$108,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$82,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,700
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates	MLS #89513	$25,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
2700 RANKIN HWY	Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
11911 CO. RD. 125	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #92547	$950,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$880,000
3105 BANKHEAD HWY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91818	$795,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	7.04 Acres/$550,000
1205 W. INDUSTRIAL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92449	$385,000
4506 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE	Deborah Boler 934-3881	MLS #91610	$375,000
412 MIDLAND DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$350,000
4610 S. HIGHWAY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92898	4.2 Acres/$300,000
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
816 MAIN ST., RANKIN	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92107	$165,000
W. HWY. 80.	Caleb Matott 349-3330		4.3 Acres/$129,000
310 ST. PETER, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89966	$110,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
301 NW AVE. B, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86457	$97,500
1901 S. LAMESA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90326	$60,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000

LANDS AND LOTS

7600 W. CO. RD. 116	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92031	16 Acres/$2,850,000
HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90125	141.466 Acres/$2,475,655
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90439	80 Acres/$1,400,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
2005 S. CO. RD. 1110	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91487	95 Acres/$902,500
CO. RD. 60	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$871,200
00 N. CO. RD. 1150	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92695	$819,000
FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90083	$801,600
2112 I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	$550,000
SINCLAIR	Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
1000 CO. RD. 1120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$365,200
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
CO. RD. 1240	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92289	SOLD
3407 S HWY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90196	$330,000
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
CO. RD. 1130	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$320,100
CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92189	10 Acres/$299,900
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
I-20	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90888	$271,750
HIGHWAY 191	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$250,000
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 Acres/$225,000
121 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87345	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 2300	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$179,550
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92776	(.75 Acres/$150,000
MOCKINGBIRD LANE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92377	2 Acres/$140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
2820 LOOP 250	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89585	2.33 Acres/$99,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$95,000
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	2 Acres/$85,000
LIME STREET, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86738	9.24 Acres/$81,000
S. FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	2 Acres/$70,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000
FREELAND ADDITION	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		1+ Acre Lots/$25,000/PER ACRE
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE, TX	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates	MLS #89513	$25,000
S. TYLER	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92810	5 Lots/$19,250

FARMS AND RANCHES

9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
S. CO. RD. 1050	Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000 PER ACRE
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
REAGAN COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		272 Acres/$258,400
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 Big Cat Ranch/Finest Ranch in Texas		10,230 Acres/$590/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		9,451 Acres/$875/Acre
HOWARD COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		960 Acres/$700 PER ACRE

If you are interested in any of the ranches, please call Caleb L. Matott (432)349-3330

FOR LEASE

INDUSTRIAL LOOP	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92516	$4,000/MONTH
3411 W. INDUSTRIAL AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92514	$3,500/MONTH
810 W. KANSAS	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92413	$2,500/MONTH
2200 NORTH ELKINS RD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92645	$2,500/MONTH
1302 MCDONALD ST	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92213	$2,000/MONTH
110 HOLLY AVE	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92420	$1,500/MONTH

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getting ready for a BABY BOOM

Nurses Courtney Elam and Barbara Aylor, in top photo, look over charts and patient information at one of the team stations in the labor and delivery unit in the new Scharbauer Patient Tower at Midland Memorial Hospital. ABOVE: The new nursery at MMH is decorated with bright colors. BELOW: The new labor and delivery unit includes three more rooms for C-section recovery and new birthing suites.

Hospital staff project 5 percent increase in births

While the birth rate may be on the decline across the country, the statistics in Midland are bucking the trend. Across the country, there have been fewer and fewer births since 2007, according to the Centers of Disease Control. For the fourth year in a row, the number of babies being born in the United States has dropped.

With 3.942 million births from June 2011 to 2012, the numbers were 1 percent lower than the previous year. A steady decline has taken place from the historic high of 4.316 million in 2007, CDC officials said.

But with a new labor and delivery unit at the Scharbauer Patient Tower, Midland Memorial Hospital staff are projecting a 5 percent increase in births this year.

For the hospital, 2012 was the biggest year to date in patient population and births, said director of women's and children's services Pamela Sampson, a registered nurse with her Masters of Science in nursing.

In January 2012, staff were averaging between 150 and 160 births each month, with some months reaching as many as 180 and 190.

A few months back, staff estimated there were 200 births during a single month. Most months averaged between 165 and 175 last year.

"Recently with the oil boom, we're having more females of child-bearing years," Sampson said. "It's a little unusual but there are more and more families coming in that are still in the process of expanding their families."

With the opening of the new patient tower last month, Sampson said the expansion in the hospital now provides extra room and care for patients coming into the labor and delivery department.

And hospital staff are anticipating those needs. Additional nurses have been hired based on the projected increase and two lactation consultants are being hired in anticipation of the growth.

While the new neonatal unit does not have a neonatal ICU, the tower boasts three additional rooms for C-section recovery and an expanded triage and antepartum area.

At the West Campus hospital there were 17 ob/gyn rooms. There are 30 at the new tower.

Last year, MMH staff rolled out two new initiatives to help ensure healthier babies during what some are calling the baby boom in Midland.

The two initiatives included a na-

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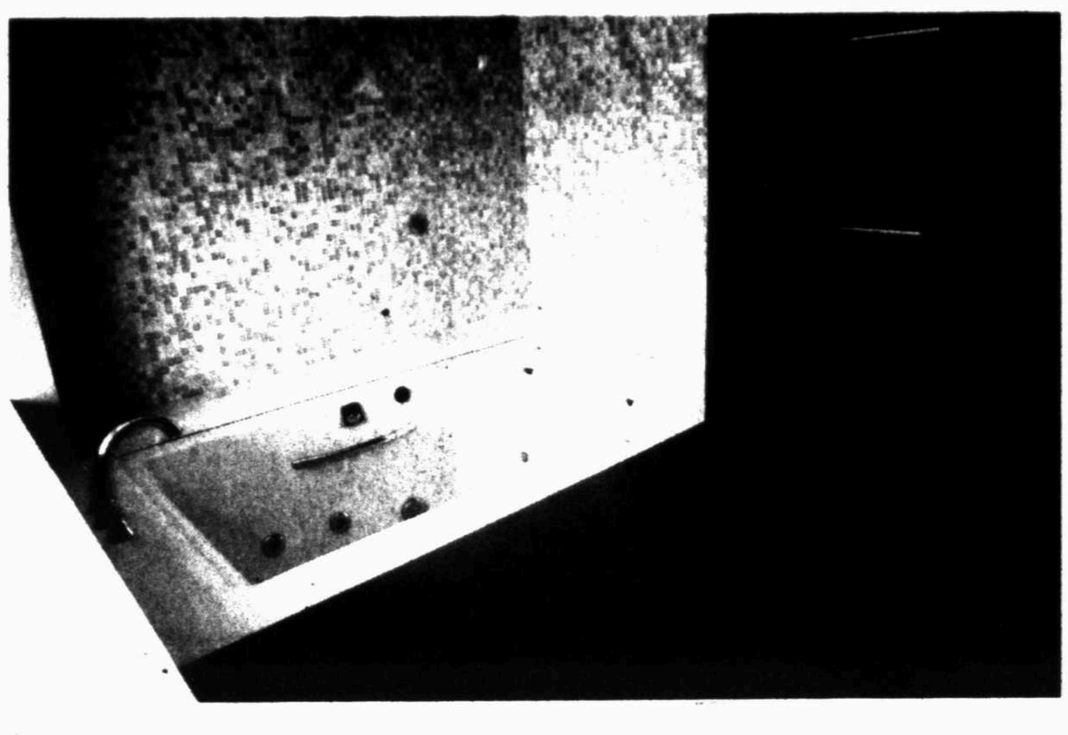

A large jacuzzi tub, far left, is seen in the new recovery spa room for new mothers at Midland Memorial Hospital. The spa room also includes a walk-in shower with multiple spray heads.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

BIRTHS

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tionwide effort to decrease the number of induced births before 39 weeks gestation and the creation of a neonatal hypoglycemic control protocol. Both were started in the new neonatal unit of MMH.

The final weeks of a baby's development are vital to the baby's organs, hospital staff said, while the neonatal hypoglycemic control protocol is an initiative for babies whose mothers are diabetic or who weigh 9 pounds or more at birth.

Because those babies are at a higher risk for problems with low blood sugar, nurses perform screenings to monitor blood sugar levels during the first 24 hours of life.

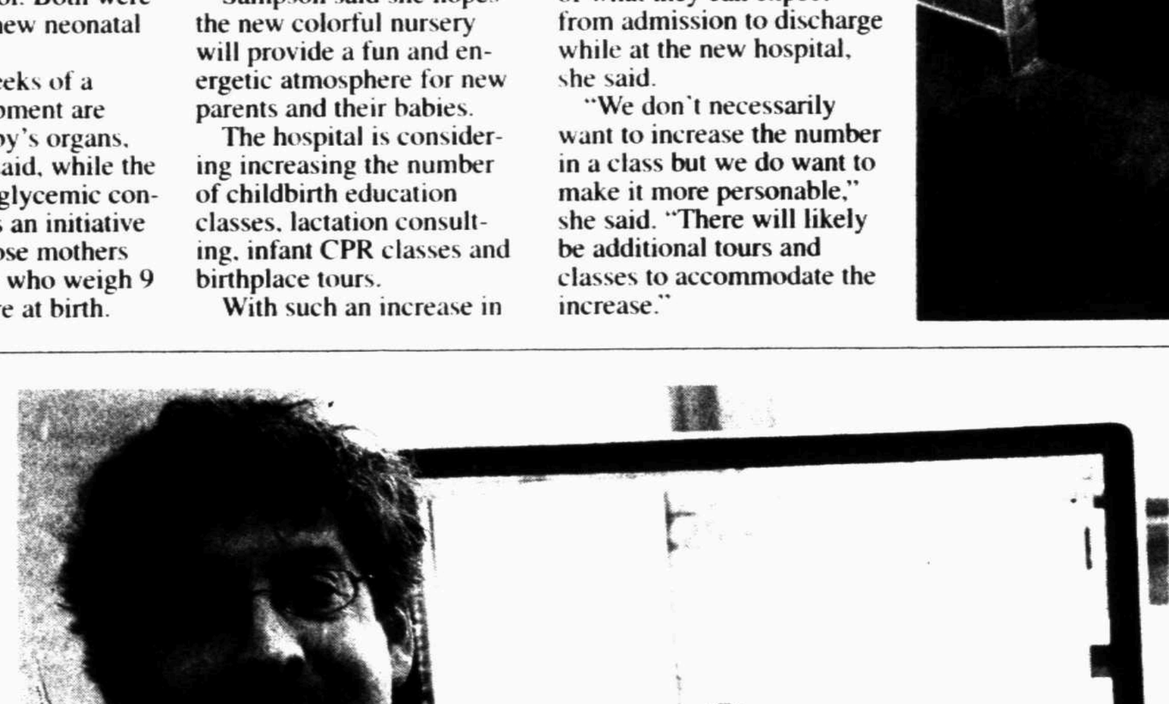
Sampson said she hopes the new colorful nursery will provide a fun and energetic atmosphere for new parents and their babies.

The hospital is considering increasing the number of childbirth education classes, lactation consulting, infant CPR classes and birthplace tours.

With such an increase in births, Sampson recognizes the need also to expand the services offered for new moms and dads.

The classes are designed to decrease patients' anxiety levels and give them an idea of what they can expect from admission to discharge while at the new hospital, she said.

"We don't necessarily want to increase the number in a class but we do want to make it more personable," she said. "There will likely be additional tours and classes to accommodate the increase."



Jeffrey Shaman poses for a portrait in his office Dec. 13, at Columbia University's Department of Environmental Health Sciences in New York. In the study of New York City flu cases published last month in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the authors said they could forecast, by up to seven weeks, the peak of flu season.

Mary Altaffer/ AP

Forecasters look at weather patterns to predict peak seasons for diseases

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

This disease-forecasting concept is not new: Scientists have been working on mathematical models to predict outbreaks for decades and have long factored in the weather. They have known, for example, that temperature and rainfall affect the breeding of mosquitoes that carry malaria, West Nile virus and other dangerous diseases.

NEW YORK — Only a 10 percent chance of showers today, but a 70 percent chance of flu next month.

That's the kind of forecasting health scientists are trying to move toward, as they increasingly include weather data in their attempts to predict disease outbreaks.

In one recent study, two scientists reported they could predict — more than seven weeks in advance — when flu season was going to peak in New York City. Theirs was just the latest in a growing wave of computer models that factor in rainfall, temperature or other weather conditions to forecast disease.

Health officials are excited by this kind of work and the idea that it could be used to fine-tune vaccination campaigns or other disease prevention efforts.

At the same time, experts note outbreaks are influenced as much, or more, by human behavior and other factors as by the weather. Some argue weather-based outbreak predictions still have a long way to go. And when government health officials warned in early December that flu season seemed to be off to an early start, they said there was no evidence it was driven by the weather.

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Recent improvements in weather-tracking have helped, including satellite technology and more sophisticated computer data processing.

As a result, "in the last five years or so, there's been quite an improvement and acceleration" in weather-focused disease modeling, said Ira Longini, a University of Florida biostatistician who's worked on outbreak prediction projects.

Some models have been labeled successes.

In the United States, researchers at Johns Hopkins University and the University of New Mexico tried to predict outbreaks of hantavirus in the late 1990s. They used rain and snow data and other information to study patterns of plant growth that attract rodents. People catch the disease from the droppings of infected rodents.

"We predicted what would happen later that year," said Gregory Glass, a Johns Hopkins researcher who worked on the project.

More recently, in east Africa, satellites have been used to predict rainfall by measuring sea-surface temperatures and cloud density. That's been used to generate "risk maps" for Rift Valley fever — a virus that spreads from animals to people and in severe cases can cause blindness or death. Researchers have said the system in some cases has given two to six weeks advance warning.

Last year, other researchers using satellite data in east Africa said they found that a small change in average temperature was a warning sign cholera cases would double within four months.

"We are getting very close to developing a viable forecasting system" against cholera that can help health officials in African countries ramp up emergency vaccinations and other efforts, said a statement by one of the authors, Rita Reyburn of the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul, South Korea.

Some diseases are hard to forecast, such as West Nile virus. Last year, the U.S. suffered one of its worst years since the virus arrived in 1999. There were more than 2,600 serious illnesses and nearly 240 deaths.

Officials said the mild winter, early spring and very hot summer helped spur mosquito breeding and the spread of the virus. But the danger wasn't spread uniformly. In Texas, the Dallas area was particularly hard-hit, while other places, including some with similar weather patterns and the same type of mosquitoes, were not as affected.

"Why Dallas, and not areas with similar ecological conditions? We don't really know," said Roger Nasci of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is chief of the CDC branch that tracks insect-borne viruses.

Some think flu lends itself to outbreak forecasting — there's already a predictability to the annual winter flu season. But that's been tricky, too.

Seasonal flu reports come from doctors' offices, but those show the disease when it's already spreading. Some researchers have studied tweets on Twitter and searches on Google, but their work has offered a jump of only a week or two on traditional methods.

In the study of New York City flu cases published last month in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the authors said they could forecast, by up to seven weeks, the peak of flu season.

They designed a model based on weather and flu data from past years, 2003-09. In part, their design was based on earlier studies that found flu virus spreads better when the air is dry and turns colder. They made calculations based on humidity readings and on Google Flu Trends, which tracks how many people are searching each day for information on flu-related topics (often because they're beginning to feel ill).

Using that model, they hope to try real-time predictions as early as next year, said Jeffrey Shaman of Columbia University, who led the work.

"It's certainly exciting," said Lyn Finelli, the CDC's flu surveillance chief. She said the CDC supports Shaman's work, but agency officials are eager to see follow-up studies showing the model can predict flu trends in places different from New York, like Miami.

Despite the optimism by some, Dr. Edward Ryan, a Harvard University professor of immunology and infectious diseases, is cautious about weather-based prediction models. "I'm not sure any of them are ready for prime time," he said.

CDC, other groups focus on overuse of anitbiotics

By Susan Salisbury
Cox Newspapers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — When we're sick we want a quick cure. So we go to the doctor and ask for an antibiotic.

Sometimes doctors give in to the pressure to prescribe an antibiotic, even though it's not going to work for every illness.

Every time a person takes antibiotics, sensitive bacteria are killed, but resistant germs may be left to grow and multiply. Repeated and improper uses of antibiotics are primary causes of the increase in drug-resistant bacteria, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says.

Americans waste money every year purchasing antibiotics to fight the common cold and other viral infections, which antibiotics cannot cure. The drugs can cure bacterial infections.

The CDC says $1.1 billion is spent annually on unnecessary adult upper respiratory infection antibiotic prescriptions. It is estimated that more than 50 percent of antibiotics are unnecessarily prescribed.

Antibiotic resistance has been called one of the world's most pressing public health problems, and the best way to combat it, the CDC says, is not to take the medications when it's not necessary.

Antibiotic resistance is leading to higher treatment costs, longer hospital stays, and unnecessary deaths. The CDC estimates nearly 100,000 people die from infections they pick up in the hospital every year. The vast majority are caused by bacteria that have developed resistance to the antibiotics used to treat them.

Overuse of antibiotics isn't only due to people overusing them.

Consumers Union, the policy and advocacy arm of Consumer Reports, is calling for a major reduction in the use of antibiotics in food animals.

"Doctors and patients need to be much more careful about how they use antibiotics if we're going to preserve their power," said Jean Halloran, director of Food Policy Initiatives for Consumers Union. "But we also need to get smart about the overuse of antibiotics in food animals. It's time to stop the daily feeding of antibiotics to healthy food animals which makes these life-saving medications less effective for people."

Some 80 percent of all antibiotics sold in the U.S. are used on food animals, mostly to make them grow faster or prevent disease in crowded and unsanitary conditions. As a result of large-scale use of antibiotics in livestock production, most of the bugs that are vulnerable to the antibiotics are eventually killed off, leaving behind superbugs that are immune to one or more of the drugs. These superbugs spread on the farm and beyond, contributing to antibiotic resistance in hospitals and communities.

Antibiotic-resistant superbugs from the farm are causing serious illness and even death. Consumer Reports found in 2010 that two-thirds of the chicken samples it tested were contaminated with salmonella or campylobacter, or both, and that more than 60 percent of those organisms were antibiotic-resistant.

In 2012, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asked drug companies and livestock growers to voluntarily eliminate growth promotion uses of antibiotics over the next three years. Consumers Union has long urged the FDA to take stronger action and has called on the agency to restrict the use of antibiotics in food animals to the treatment of veterinarian-diagnosed sick animals only.

In June, Consumers Union launched its Meat Without Drugs campaign to encourage grocery stores to move away from selling meat and poultry raised on a steady diet of antibiotics. The consumer group is initially targeting Trader Joe's, the national specialty grocer, because it already offers some antibiotic-free meat and poultry and has taken recent stands in support of other sustainable purchasing practices.

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Pocket dogs making old English sheepdogs rare

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There was a time when old English sheepdogs dominated television screens and newspaper comic strips. Now it's hard to find one beyond a dog show.

Numbers of the high-maintenance longhaired breed, which can weigh close to 100 pounds, are dropping as more owners choose pocket pets and designer puppies that are smaller, travel-ready, easy to care for and cost much less to feed.

"People have more to do and less time to do it, and they have lost interest in old English sheepdogs," said Doug Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., the president of the Old English Sheepdog Club of America.

Breeders in the United States and England are concerned about the drop in the number of purebred sheepdog puppies registered in the two countries each year. At the height of the breed's popularity in 1975, when the sheepdog was named best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, nearly 16,000 puppies were registered by the American Kennel Club, said Lisa Peterson, who went through club archives for The Associated Press.

But that number dropped within 10 years to fewer than 5,600 dogs and three years ago, the last time AKC numbers were available, there were just over 1,000, she said.

London's Kennel Club, which put the breed on the club's watch list, registered just 401 sheepdog puppies in 2011, said representative Heidi Ancell. The list is reserved for breeds that number between 300 and 450 registrations a year.

But the kennel clubs say they have never lost a breed to extinction. Johnson said it would be up to those clubs to generate interest to prevent the sheepdog from disappearing.

"There are too many of us old die-hards that will go ahead and keep this breed alive," said Johnson, who has 22 sheepdogs under the Bugaboo kennel banner.

This September 2010 photo provided by Old English Sheepdog Club of America shows English Sheepdog, Georgie Girl, in the top 20 at an Old English Sheepdog of America competition.

Old English Sheepdog Club of America, J.C. Photography/AP

Sister observes brother's abusive relationship

Family Matters

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR FAMILY: My brother's wife is constantly verbally abusing him. They were at Thanksgiving at our parents' house and it was the worst I've ever seen out of her. My 10-year-old daughter even asked me why her aunt was "being so mean" to her uncle. Unfortunately, they stayed two nights at our house and we could hear her berating and yelling at him several times. He's told our other sister that his wife slaps and hits him when she gets really mad at him. She is an attractive, well-educated woman from a seemingly good family and they have two lovely girls. I'm worried about what all of this is teaching my nieces about how women and men relate. I know we weren't raised like this so my question to you is why would an otherwise successful accountant with his own business put up with her treating him like that? If you have any suggestions on how I might help him I would appreciate that too. — WORRIED SISTERS

DEAR WORRIED: I believe it may be best to answer your question more in terms of the signs of an abusive relationship. The Safe Place offers the following list of possible behaviors that often accompany abuse:

■ Jealousy (excessively possessive, calls constantly or visits unexpectedly)

■ Controlling behavior: For example, interrogates you intensely about whom you talked to, and where you were.

■ Unrealistic expectations: Expects you to be the perfect person and to meet his/her every need.

■ Isolation: Tries to cut you off from family and friends.

■ Blames others for mistakes: It's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

■ Makes everyone else responsible for his/her feelings.

■ Hypersensitive: Is easily insulted, may rant about injustices that are just part of life.

■ Verbal abuse: Constantly criticizes you or says cruel things, degrades, curses, calls you ugly names.

■ Sudden mood swings: Switches from sweet and loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

You can see from this partial list that there may be more problems involved in their relationship than you know. Some reasons that have been identified as to why men stay in abusive relationship include:

■ Shame: What will my friends, family, colleagues and neighbors think? What will people think if they knew I let a woman abuse me? It's a private matter — it belongs in the family. If I say anything, she'll tell everyone I'm the abusive one and shame me in public.

■ Self-Worth: I probably deserved it. This is the best I deserve. With my looks, or age, or personality or income, this is as good a relationship as I'll ever be able to get.

■ Denial: It's not that bad. I can weather this one, just like I did the others.

■ Reluctance to give up the good: If people got to know her, they'd see what a creative, or loving or wonderful person she is. She's like this only some of the time. The sex is great, and I can put up with being abused sometimes.

■ Inertia: It's too hard to do anything. I'm not ready for that much change in my life.

■ Kids: Another reason for staying is to protect the kids. The research shows that people who assault their partners are likely to assault their children, too. If he leaves, who will protect them?

There are more reasons people stay in an abusive relationship, but you get the idea — it is rarely a simple one-line explanation. You might want to take a look at Patricia Evans' book, "The Verbally Abusive Relationship: How to Recognize it and How to Respond," to better educate you and your sister. I prefer to educate before taking action. After you have learned more, then you can consider your next steps. I would encourage you to encourage your brother to seek professional counseling to help him identify specific ways he can change himself and his situation.

Obesity in pets mirrors human obesity epidemic

Pet Pointers

Kristina McConaughey is a veterinarian at Greenbelt Veterinary Hospital and resort

It is the holiday season and we are all guilty of giving our pets rewards with food to show them how much we love them. So, as New Year's resolutions are being developed, we need to remember our furry family members. Over time we have changed what we view as normal weight for our pets. This has led to obesity becoming an extremely important health problem for our canine and feline family members.

More than 50 percent of dogs and cats are classified as overweight or obese. This means obesity is an epidemic for our pets as much as it is for humans. There are numerous reasons why obesity is detrimental to our pets. They are at increased risk for joint problems, respiratory problems, diabetes and, most importantly, decreased lifespan.

In my experience, the most common time for weight gain in our pets is during their transition from being kittens and puppies to adults. As your pet makes this transition, its caloric needs are cut in half. It no longer is eating for growth, but instead to maintain its weight. Most owners do not decrease food portions appropriately and others do not transition from growth diets to maintenance diets. Under your veterinarian's direction, after your pet is about 9 months old it is best to begin slowly decreasing the measured amount of food and slowly transitioning to a maintenance diet. If we can successfully make this growth transition, your pet has the best chance of maintaining an ideal weight for its lifetime. You will have already formed good eating and feeding habits as well.

Many pet owners judge their pet's hunger and satisfaction based on human estimates, which are normally very elevated. One small oatmeal cookie for a 20-pound dog is the equivalent of an entire hamburger for a person. One potato chip for a 10-pound cat is the equivalent of half of a hamburger for a person. Pet owners also tend to judge the amount their pet is overweight based on human numbers. So a Chihuahua who is 3 to 4 pounds overweight does not seem like too much, when actually the pet is 40 percent overweight. This is equivalent to a 5-foot-4 woman weighing 218 pounds or a 5-foot-9 man weighing 282 pounds. The 10-pound Chihuahua is obese and is in need of help.

There are several ways to measure your pet's body condition. The best way is to consult with your veterinarian during a visit, this will allow your veterinarian to also recommend the best diet for your pet. One way to judge this at home is to gently rub on your pet's rib area. You should be able to easily palpate your pet's ribs. If you have to push down to feel them, your pet is overweight. Another way to look at their condition is to look at your pet from above, it should have a nice waist between the chest area and hips. From the side, your pet should have a tucked up abdomen that is not level with its chest. If you suspect your pet is overweight, meet with your veterinarian to develop a weight loss plan.

A weight loss plan will include a diet formulated for weight loss and an exercise plan. There are numerous diets formulated for weight loss, the most effective diets are prescription and can be purchased from your veterinarian. A regular maintenance diet will have to be very restricted in order to achieve weight loss. With a prescription diet, the calories are not as densely packed and your pet can eat a more reasonable amount and still feel satisfied. The prescription diets also are formulated with carnitine for fat metabolism while also having top quality ingredients and less fillers that can be fattening.

Exercise is also a vital part of any weight loss plan. Your pet may only be able to go around the block initially, but will quickly progress to a longer distance with time and consistency. Walking, swimming and just playing together in the yard are all good exercises that will promote a healthy weight for your pet.

As you develop your New Year's resolutions, include your pets. Evaluate their weight and discuss your plan with your veterinarian. You may even consider taking your pet by the veterinary hospital for weight checks every month. Once you see the weight decreasing and your pet feeling better you will be encouraged to see your pet's weight loss plan through to the end. We all want our pets to have the highest quality of life for the longest period of time. Helping your pet maintain an ideal weight will promote its longevity and add years to its life.

Woman shocked when panhandlers refuse handout of groceries

Dear Abby

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I spent the afternoon running errands. As I left the shopping center, I saw a young couple with a baby and a toddler holding a sign requesting help with food, as the husband had just been laid off. I drove past, then considered the children and circled back.

I had no cash with me, so I stopped and offered them our family's dinner — a jar of premium spaghetti sauce, a pound of fresh ground beef, a box of dried spaghetti, fruit cups that my children usually take to school for treats and some canned soups I occasionally have for lunch.

Imagine my surprise when the couple declined my generosity. Instead, the man strongly suggested that I should go to a nearby ATM and withdraw cash to donate to them because they preferred to select their own groceries and pay their phone bills. What are your thoughts on this? — GENUINELY PUZZLED IN AUSTIN

DEAR PUZZLED: What happened is a shame. Some families are truly in need and should be guided to a shelter so they can receive help getting back on their feet. However, in some cities you see the same people on the same streets for long periods of time. They have staked out their turf, and because the money they are given is tax-free, some of them are doing quite well. In your case, the couple you saw holding the sign may have been professional panhandlers, and the children may have been borrowed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been separated for a year and I have filed for divorce. We have reached an agreement about everything except one thing: our tortoise. This may seem strange, but Herbert has always been our "child." I think of him as my kid, and I believe my husband when he says he loves him that much, too. We got Herbert as a baby that fit into the palm of my hand. Herbert is now 9, very large and lives in the backyard in a doghouse structure.

The problem is, my husband still wants to see Herbert. He agrees he will visit only when I am not at home. I don't distrust him or worry he will try to take Herbert, but I just don't want him here.

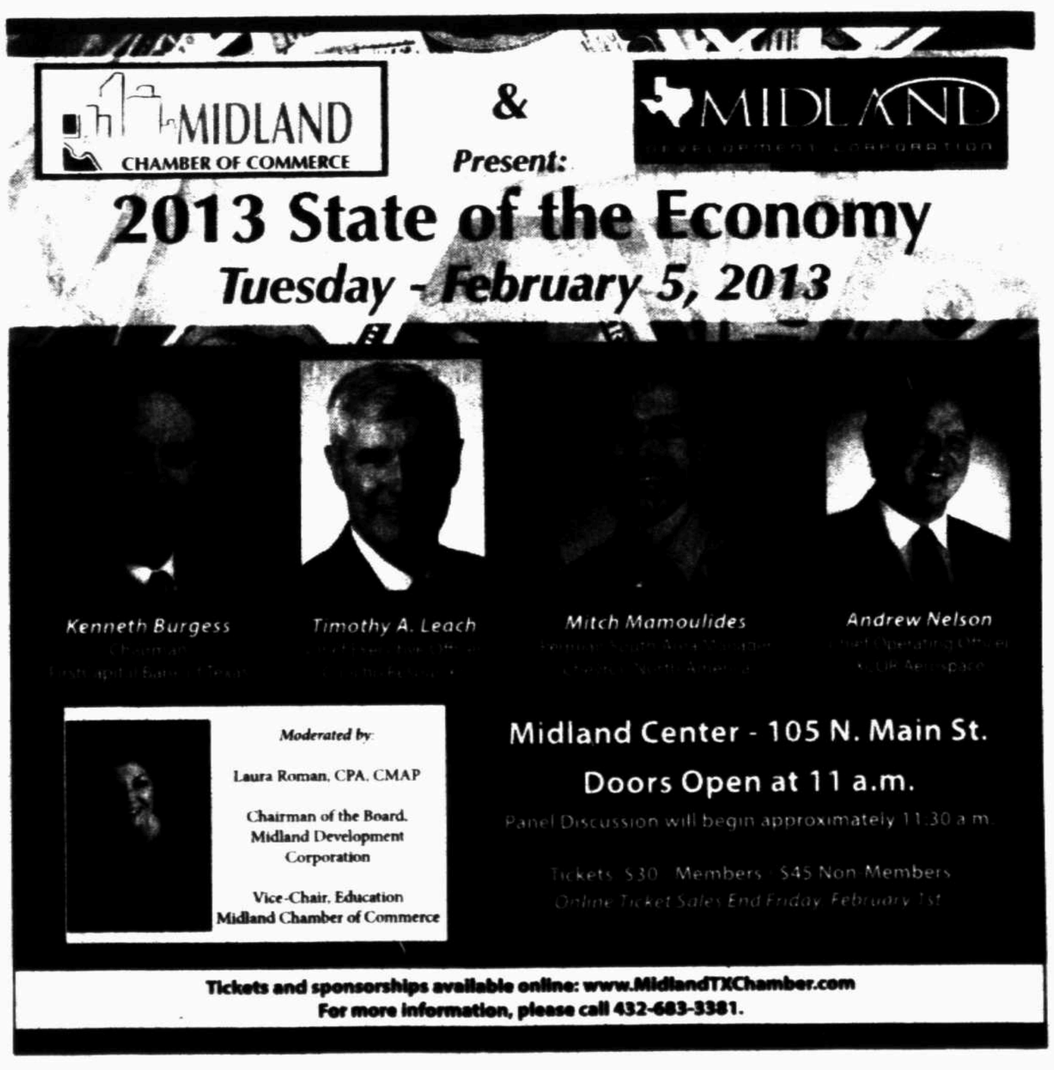
I know that if Herbert is mine legally, I won't have to let anyone see him. Once our divorce is final, I want nothing more to do with my husband and he knows that. But it's like telling someone he could never see his kid again. I'd really like to know your thoughts. — NICOLE IN SANFORD, FLA.

DEAR NICOLE: Because you can't split Herbert in half, why not consider shared custody? If your husband can provide a safe place for the tortoise to stay while he's with "Daddy," you could work out an agreement so that you could exchange your "kid" at a neutral place — such as your veterinarian's office — and you wouldn't have to see your husband and vice versa.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary next summer, and we're planning to renew our vows. I'm trying to decide if I should wear my original wedding gown. (I wore it on our 25th anniversary.)

Would it be in good taste to wear the same dress, or should I go with something else? We'll be inviting some of the same people who attended the 25th anniversary party. — MARY IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR MARY: Congratulations on your long and happy marriage. If you can still fit into your original wedding dress, by all means wear it. I consider it an accomplishment. You'll be the envy of most of the women at your celebration, and probably some of the men.



SLEEP in STYLE

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This March 2012 publicity image provied by Houseofhepworths.com shows a knock-off version of a popular but pricier PB Teen bedding ensemble using inexpensive sheet sets and iron-on ribbon created by Austin-based, Allison Hepworth. She provides a tutorial on her blog www.houseofhepworths.com.

Design your own chic, comfy bedding

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

There are stores full of exquisite bedding. But fancy sheets, duvets and mattresses can sometimes fall short of our wish lists, in style, price, comfort or all three.

What if you could make your own?

You don't need to be a professional designer, or even much of a sewer, to create one-of-a-kind bedding that looks as nice as the stuff of dreams.

First, your existing bedding can be embellished with sew-on or iron-on appliquis, available in craft and stitchery supply stores.

Writer and crafter Kim Ray offers suggestions on the website Doityourself.com. Trim the edges of sheets with flowers or butterflies for a feminine touch. Monogrammed initials give a smart, tailored and custom look. Ray also recommends edging a sheet with lace, making simple ruffles out of rayon seam binding, and embellishing coverlets with flowers made of various-size buttons.

Allison Hepworth of Austin chronicles her efforts to creatively and affordably decorate her "cookie-cutter" home on her blog, House of Hepworth. When shopping for a bedding ensemble for her daughter's room, she found what she liked at PB Teen but didn't want to spend $400. Instead, she bought a couple of basic sheet sets from Wal-Mart, cut one up to make a pretty pink band on the sheets, and used heat bonding to attach a contrasting grosgrain ribbon trim on comforter and sham. Her final cost was under $70.

"I rarely sew and couldn't make a dress if my life depended on it," Hepworth said. "I can, however, sew bedding sets and curtains, because it only involves a straight line and patience."

If you'd rather have someone else put your bedding together, check out Inmod's Design Studio, inmod.com. The online option page lets you pick a pattern from a selection of nature and graphic themes. You then move on to fabric choices — cotton, linen/cotton blend or Dupioni silk, then embroidery colors. You're given the opportunity to see your final design in a virtual room before purchasing.

Got specific colors in mind? You can customize duvets and sheet sets in any color combination at www.custom-bedding.com.

If you want to really get custom, you can make your own mattress. Former Manhattan interior designer Lynne Cimino started having back problems and found the marketplace had options, but pricey ones. Working out of her Marbletown, N.Y., home, she came up with a no-sew buckwheat mattress that's similar to a Japanese futon.

Sections of cotton canvas are filled with the hulls, then twisted and tied in sections for a custom-size finished product that looks like a big billowy cloud. Because the hulls have no nutritional value, she said, pests aren't a problem. The hulls are virtually non-flammable so no harsh retardants are needed, nor is buckwheat typically farmed with pesticides. The cotton covers are machine-washable. You buy both elements separately and do the assembling yourself. Visit www.openyoureyesbedding.com for more information.

Nest Bedding of Albany, Calif., nestbedding.com, offers a range of DIY mattress components including natural latex cores, vegan or cotton and wool covers, kapok and wool comfort layers and toppers.

Painting interior doors adds 'wow' to rooms

By Amy Lorentzen
Associated Press

If you've got your decor looking just about right but want that extra "wow" factor, consider painting interior doors.

"Address other main features in the room first, and then if something is still missing, painting the door provides that 'Aha' moment," said Natalie Myers, principal designer with Veneer Designs in Los Angeles. "It changes everything."

Painting a doorway is easy and inexpensive, depending on your preferred paint and supplies. It's a low-commitment project, since you can simply repaint if you don't like the outcome. And you can customize the color and design to any decor.

"The true trend is that homeowners are becoming much more confident in using color," said Colleen Maiura with Lowe's Home Improvement stores. "When combined with the desire to personalize the space, homeowners are experimenting with whatever color makes them happy."

What are designers seeing most on interior doors?

Interesting colors, especially teal blues and nature-inspired greens, with yellows and pastels for a more playful look in warmer climates and vacation homes. For the less adventurous who still want a bold statement, it's classic colors such as black, charcoal, chocolate and navy.

Before you coat your entire door, test a small spot to make sure you like the color. Many interior designers will do a color consultation for a small fee. Or if that's not in your budget, Myers suggests searching for inspiration at sites such as Houzz.com and DesignSponge.com, where designers feature their projects, or at Pinterest.com, where do-it-yourselfers post their own interior door transformations.

You also can find inspiration at ApartmentTherapy.com, where founder Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan and his team offer design tips.

Gillingham-Ryan recommends choosing a gloss finish, not matte, of whatever hue you choose for your interior door.

"Think classic, European, oil-based paints," he said, and urges investing in a quality paint. "Higher amounts of pigments and more body make fewer coats needed and a smoother finish. Since you don't need a large amount, the investment in quality paint is worthwhile and a reasonable splurge."

Transforming your door can increase the impact of any architectural details in the room.

It "helps to define the space visually while adding personality, color and, in the case of (a glassy) finish, texture and light reflection," said Gillingham-Ryan.

If you want the door to blend into the look of the room, choose colors that complement your wall shades, experts say. Pick an accent color or something bold if you want the door to pop out as its own statement.

Painting the trim the same color as the door or walls, or an entirely different color, can also add dimension.

"I have seen people follow the geometric trend right now and paint two shades of the same color on the diagonal on one door face. That's pretty adventurous," said Myers. "Otherwise, it's safe yet just as dramatic to paint a solid color on the door and contrasting color on the trim."

Once you've decided on your color palette and finish, it's time to get down to painting. Experts suggest setting aside at least a couple of hours; plan to apply at least two coats for rich, full coverage.

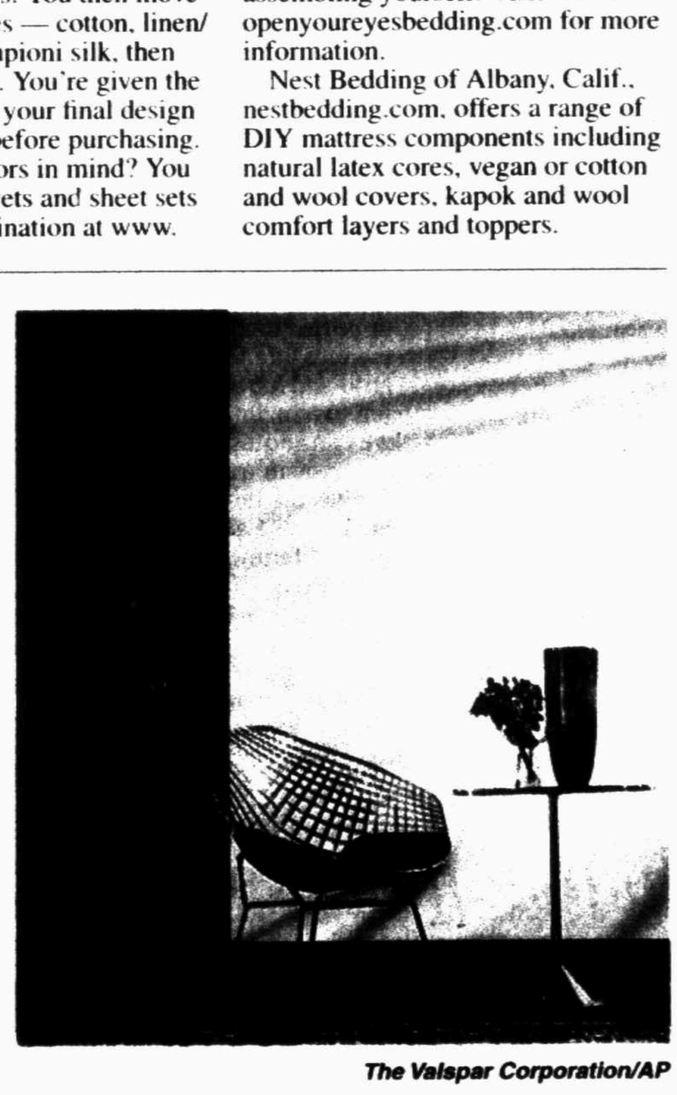
It's usually best to take the door off and remove the hinges and other hardware before painting. However, if you've got a steady hand, you can use brushes and small rollers to carefully apply paint to a hanging door.

At ValsparPaints.com, experts recommend starting with the edges. Then, for flat doors, start by rolling paint on the top half of the door and work your way down. Use light pressure strokes with the roller to smooth out the paint. Let the first application dry, then follow the same process with the second coat of color.

For paneled doors, start from the top applying paint to the panels first, then to other areas of the door. Foam brushes and small rollers can be helpful in smoothing paint in tight spots and deep panels.

In just part of an afternoon, you can change the feel of your interior space.

"I always say painting your walls is the cheapest and lowest-commitment way to transform the room," said Myers. "The door is an even quicker way to achieve a big change with color."



The Valspar Corporation/AP

In this undated publicity photo provided by The Valspar Corporation, the door and trim is painted with Valspar Signature's Celestial Blue to create contrast while adding drama and architectural detail to further personalize the space.

WEDDINGS

Shuford – Smith

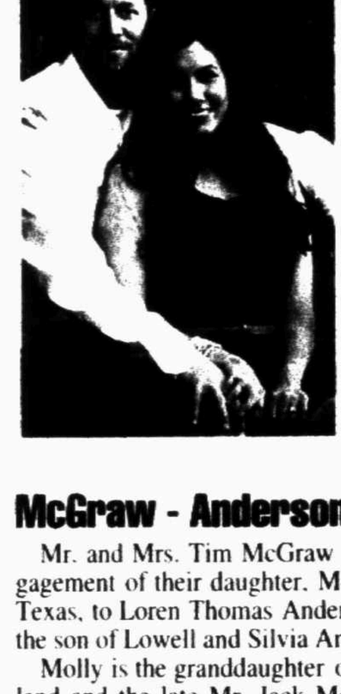
Miss Caroline Cranston Shuford and Mr. Herbert Crawford Smith were united in marriage on December 8, 2012, at half after six o'clock in the evening at Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas. The ceremony was performed by the Doctor John Toleson.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamrick Shuford of Dallas, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll Shuford, Sr. of Dallas, Texas and Ms. Martha Corwin of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Brett Smith of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Smith of Austin, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kasseroler of Austin, Texas. He is the great grandson of Ms. Joy Newton of Midland, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a gown by renowned designer, Vera Wang. The strapless ivory gown was a modified mermaid shape with fusions of shadow lace and Chantilly lace with a multi-tiered skirt and cascading bias horsehair trim that swept into a "tumbled tulle" bustled train. To enhance her look the bride added an Austrian crystal belt to her waistline, also by Vera Wang. The bride finished it all by wearing a Chantilly lace trimmed veil by designer Homa. She carried a tonally ivory mixed bouquet of garden roses, lily of the valley, hyacinth, eucharis lilies, stephanotis, white fringed tulips and other seasonal flowers bound in an ivory satin ribbon with an antique broach closure.

Following the reception, the couple left for a honeymoon in Hawaii. They will reside in Midland.

ENGAGEMENTS



Glanton-Noel

Donny Glanton and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bond are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Afton Glanton, to Jackson Noel, son of Kirk Noel and Lisa Langley.

Afton graduated from Texas A&M College of Engineering in December 2012. Jackson is the owner of Corona Stone retail rock yard in Midland, Texas.

The wedding will take place January 12, 2013 at Downtown 202 in Bryan.

McGraw - Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Tim McGraw are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Ruth McGraw, of Midland, Texas, to Loren Thomas Anderson of Waco, Texas. Thomas is the son of Lowell and Silvia Anderson of Waco, Texas.

Molly is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wanda McGraw of Midland and the late Mr. Jack McGraw, and Mr. Floyd Mills of San Angelo, Texas and the late Billie Mills. Molly is a 2009 graduate of Midland Christian School and is currently in her senior year at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas after three years at Texas A&M University.

Thomas is the grandson of Margaret Anderson of St. Paul, Minnesota and the late Harvey Anderson, Tom Veracruz of San Antonio, Texas and the late Mary Veracruz. Thomas graduated high school in 2007 from Lorena High School in Lorena, Texas. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Kinesiology in 2012 and is currently working on his Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

The couple will be married January 5, 2013 at Cathedral Oaks in Belton, Texas. Afterwards they will live in Searcy, Arkansas until Thomas' completion of his doctorate in which they plan to move back to Texas.

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Loaded baked potato has sweet and savory sides

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

Much as I love mashed white potatoes, my favorite potato is the sweet variety.

I've been cooking and eating sweet potatoes as long as I can remember. And when I found out that they were loaded with vitamins and other good-for-you stuff like fiber, I immediately thought, "Here's a great excuse to eat sweet potato pie!"

Kidding aside, sweet potatoes are just as good if not better than traditional baking potatoes in savory applications. My favorite one-bowl meal in winter is a loaded baked potato. And I often make it with sweet potatoes.

Around 5 p.m., I throw the potatoes in a 350 F oven. I find that a lower oven temperature keeps the skin from falling apart, allowing you to split the potato in half and load it up! However, it does take twice as long for the potatoes to cook.

This year, I have been topping my potato with sauteed kale, which not only looks stunning — all that orange and green — but also is a perfect complement to the sweet "meaty" potato.

But that's not all. I also roast garlic and make it into a paste to flavor the potato, folding in just a touch of butter and a pinch of sage. I scoop out half of the potato, mix it all together, add half the cheese and put it back into the shells like you would a twice-baked potato. At this point, the recipe can be made in advance and re-heated another day.

Just before serving, you sprinkle on more cheese, add a healthy spoonful of the sauteed kale and, if you like, top with toasted pumpkin seeds for a welcome crunch. If you don't like kale, you can saute spinach instead. And while I have specified fontina and Gruyere for the cheeses, Parmesan, cheddar and mozzarella are great, too.

I generally make this loaded potato a meatless meal, but you could easily add leftover or rotisserie chicken.

LOADED SWEET POTATOES WITH ROASTED GARLIC

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
Servings: 8

3 heads garlic
Olive oil
Kosher salt
4 large sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
Pinch dried sage
1 large shallot, chopped
1 bunch (about 5 ounces) baby or chopped Tuscan kale
1/2 cup grated fontina cheese
Ground black pepper, to taste
1/2 to 1 cup shredded white cheddar, Gruyere or mozzarella cheese
3 tablespoons toasted pumpkin seeds (optional)
Roasted chicken (optional)

Heat the oven to 400 F.

Remove the outer layer of papery skin from the heads of garlic. Slice off 1/4 inch from the narrow end of each. Place each head of garlic, cut side up, on a square of heavy-duty foil. Drizzle each with olive oil, then sprinkle with salt. Wrap the foil loosely up and over the garlic heads, then roast for 1 hour, or until golden-brown and soft. Remove and let cool.

Meanwhile, prick the sweet potatoes with a fork, then rub them with oil. Add them to the oven and bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until tender.

Once the garlic has cooled enough to handle, remove the cloves from their skins. The most efficient way to do this is to squeeze the whole head from the bottom. In a small food processor, combine the garlic, butter, sage and a pinch of salt, then pulse until chopped and combined. Set aside.

About 15 minutes before the potatoes have finished, in a medium saute pan over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Add the shallot and saute until soft, about 4 minutes. Add the kale, and saute for a few minutes, stirring constantly, until tender. Set aside.

When the potatoes have finished baking, remove them from the oven and let them cool until easy to touch. Leave the oven on. Cut the potatoes lengthwise down the middle and scoop out about half of the flesh from each, making sure to keep a thick layer of sweet potato within the skin so that it can stand on its own.

In a bowl, mash the sweet potato, the roasted garlic mixture and the fontina cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Divide the filling between each potato, spooning it into the shell of each. Top with your choice of shredded cheese and the hot sauteed kale.

Arrange the potatoes on a baking sheet and return to the oven until hot, about 15 minutes. They also can be microwaved for 2 minutes. Serve hot, garnished with pumpkin seeds and chicken, if desired.

Italy offers lighter take on French onion soup

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

Everybody loves French onion soup, and with good reason. Caramelized onions swimming in a rich beef broth flavored with a splash of red wine or brandy and topped with broiled Gruyere cheese? Every warm, gooey mouthful lights up your taste buds like a pinball machine. It's exactly what you want on a cold winter's night.

But it is not light. In my quest to slim down this French classic I turned to Italy. I caramelized the onions in olive oil, rather than butter, swapped out the Gruyere in favor of Parmigiano-Reggiano (less fat and bigger flavor, so you can use less of it), and moved the croutons and cheese off the top to make room for a poached egg. Finally, I added some pancetta for flavor, because we have to have at least a little fun.

I took much of my inspiration for this recipe from Cesare Casella, a brilliant Tuscan chef who used to hold court at Beppe, a wonderful restaurant within walking distance of my home in New York years ago, now long gone. I thought Casella's soup really improved the French original. I especially like the addition of the egg. The yolk makes up for at least some of the richness lost when the Gruyere goes bye-bye.

But unlike Casella, I don't have homemade beef stock just hanging around my kitchen, so I used chicken broth as the base. Once upon a time I couldn't find store-bought beef broth that made the grade. Now Rachael Ray has come out with a good one. I recommend it.

If you'd like, you even can get a jump on this recipe by poaching the eggs ahead of time. Just cool them off after you're done by transferring them with a slotted spoon to a bowl of ice water. Then store them in the refrigerator on a plate covered with plastic wrap until you're ready to reheat them. All you need to do is submerge them in a pan of barely simmering water for a minute or two.

Traditional French Onion Soup is a rich first course. This Italian-style onion soup is a full meal in a bowl.

ITALIAN-STYLE ONION SOUP TOPPED WITH A POACHED EGG

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4

2 ounces chopped pancetta
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 pounds yellow onions, thinly-sliced
1 cup red wine
5 cups low-sodium beef or chicken broth
Kosher salt
1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
4 large eggs
1 1/2 ounces Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, finely grated (about 1/2 cup)
Ground black pepper
Eight 1/2-inch-thick baguette slices, toasted

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook the pancetta until it is golden. Transfer it to a plate using a slotted spoon.

Return the saucepan to medium heat. Add the olive oil and onions, then cook, covered but stirring occasionally, until very soft, about 20 minutes. Remove the cover and cook, stirring frequently, for another 35 to 45 minutes, or until the onions are golden brown and caramelized. Add the wine and boil until it is reduced by half. Add the broth and simmer for another 20 minutes.

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a low simmer. Add the vinegar.

Crack each egg into a small glass. One at a time, gently and slowly pour each egg into the simmering water, bringing the lip of the glass right down to the water so that the egg slides in. Depending on the size of your pan, you may need to cook them in 2 batches. Cook for 4 minutes, then use a slotted spoon to lift each egg out (letting excess water drip away).

To serve, ladle the soup into 4 bowls. Top each with a poached egg, sprinkle with some of the cheese, some of the pancetta and pepper to taste. Serve each portion with 2 toasts on the side.

Turkey tenderloin: What it is, how to use it

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at FoodNetwork.com. It explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

If you think you've done nearly everything a cook can with boneless, skinless chicken breasts, it might be time to talk turkey.

Other than the big bird at Thanksgiving and ground turkey when they're craving a virtuous burger, most people overlook turkey. And fair enough. Ground turkey can be dry and tasteless. And who has time to roast a bird (or even a massive breast) most nights of the week?

But the turkey tenderloin — a thick strip of meat cut from between the bird's breasts — turns out to be a convenient, delicious and healthy alternative. Because the tenderloin doesn't get much of a workout when the bird is alive, the meat is particularly tender. And like chicken breasts, it is incredibly versatile, taking well to the grill, skillet or oven, and working well with any flavor or marinade.

The tenderloins — which average anywhere between 8 ounces and 1 pound — also are agreeable to a variety of cuts. Slice them crosswise into medallions, lengthwise into tenders for breading and baking, or into chunks for stir-fry.

Because of their size, tenderloins also take well to being stuffed. Use a paring to knife to cut a slit along one side into the meat (without going all the way through). This creates a pocket which can be filled with a blend of ricotta cheese, egg, herbs and chopped greens.

The real benefits of turkey tenderloins are the flavor and texture. Though they resemble chicken breasts, and can be used in just about any recipe that calls from them, the flavor is more robust and the texture more tender and moist.

You also save a few calories. A 4-ounce serving of turkey tenderloin has 130 calories and 0.5 grams of fat. The same serving of boneless, skinless chicken breast has 144 calories and nearly 6 grams of fat.

CHOPPED SMOKY TURKEY BURGERS WITH MANCHEGO

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon mustard powder
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
Pinch kosher salt
1 1/4 pounds turkey tenderloin, cut into large chunks
2 ounces prosciutto
4 hamburger buns
4 ounces manchego cheese

Heat a grill to medium. Oil the grates, or coat them with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, garlic powder, mustard powder, paprika, black pepper and salt. Set aside.

In a food processor, combine the turkey and prosciutto. Pulse until the meat is well chopped but still chunky, about 10 seconds total. Scrape the sides of the bowl and pulse again if any large pieces remain unchopped.

Transfer the meat to the bowl with the egg mixture, then mix well. Form the meat into 4 loose patties. They will be moist and not hold together well.

Use a spatula to carefully place the burgers on the grill and cook, covered, for 4 to 5 minutes. Flip the burgers — they should be firm enough to move easily now — and cook for another 4 to 5 minutes, or until they read 165 F at the center. Top each burger with a quarter of the cheese, then serve on a bun.

Add leftover rice, veggies to canned soup for added flavor

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I live alone and cook for myself. I often have leftover cooked rice in the freezer or refrigerator. I usually open a can of soup for lunch. Depending on the type of soup, I stir a couple of tablespoons of rice into the soup before I put it on the stove. I've also added leftover whole-kernel corn for flavor and a bit of crunch. — Perry C., Winchester, Va.

This is one of the many reasons why I love soup so much! It is a quick-and-easy meal to fix, and you can add leftovers to enhance the soup and save money, too, since you aren't throwing away spoiled food. Is your favorite condensed canned soup semisolid when you open it? Next time, shake the can first. Open one end and put a small puncture in the opposite end while holding over the pot. The soup slides right out! — Heloise

Cheese markers

Dear Readers: I have discovered that cheese markers are not just for labeling cheese (I have ceramic markers in the shape of mice with names of cheese on them). When entertaining or having a potluck dinner, I label dishes by name, and also list the ingredients for friends who are vegetarian, may be on a diet or are allergic to certain ingredients. There are cheese markers you can write on with crayon or special pen and just wash off. — Heloise

Whipping cream

Dear Heloise: When you purchase whipping cream and don't use it all, whip it like you would for whipped cream (adding sugar and vanilla). Then, drop by spoonfuls into mounds on a cookie sheet covered with wax paper and freeze. When they are frozen, transfer the mounds into a covered freezer container. Use them whenever you want a mound of whipped cream. — Joy H., via email

Baking cookies

Dear Heloise: I bake a lot of cookies. Many recipes require the dough to be rolled to a specific size, and forming it into a pinwheel, etc., I always struggled getting the dough to the correct size. A couple of years ago, I placed a strip of 1-inch painter's tape on my kitchen countertop, measured to the correct size. The green or blue tape shows through the wax paper and makes it a breeze to roll out the correct size. — Lola S. in Iowa

Hint of onion

Dear Heloise: When preparing potato cakes or potato salad, I place my chopped onion into the blender and press the "liquefy" button. Now it's easy to lose the onion through the potato mixture. You get the flavor, but never have to bite into pieces of onion. — Marie K. in Pennsylvania

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This year marks the 28th annual Texas Leadership Forum sponsored by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute. The Forum will be held in Austin, TX, January 31 – February 2, 2013. Headquarters hotel is the Omni Hotel Downtown with events being held at both the hotel and the state Capitol.

The John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute has provided Texans with an education for and about leadership, ethics and public service through its annual Texas Leadership Forums and is aimed at young professionals.

This year, the forum will begin Thursday evening at the Omni Hotel with a reception and continue Friday morning at the state capitol. The opening session in the House of Representatives will be highlighted by nationally known economist, Dr. Ray Perryman. Break-out sessions fill the remainder of the day with topics concerning issues facing Texas. The conclusion will be a behind the scenes tour of the state capitol. Saturday will conclude the Forum with a panel discussion on issues with several state senators, representatives, and state agency directors participating including Representative Tryon Lewis and Senator Kel Seliger.

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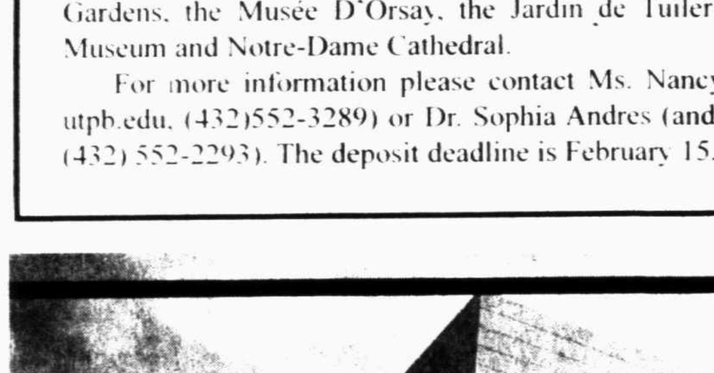

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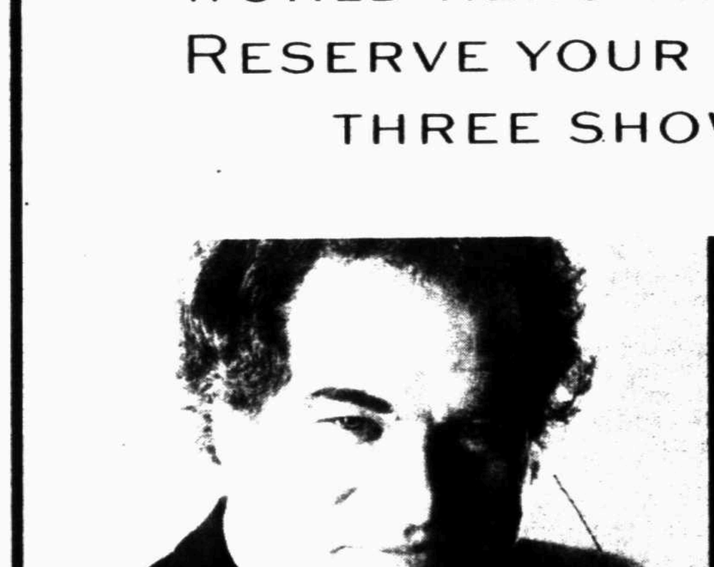

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2. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown)
3. "Threat Vector" by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
4. "The Casual Vacancy" by J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown)
5. "Merry Christmas, Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
6. "Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
7. "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
8. "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
9. "Cross Roads" by Wm. Paul Young (Faith/Words)
10. "The Last Man: A Novel" by Vince Flynn (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
11. "The Black Box" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
12. "Agenda 21" by Glenn Beck and Harriet Parke (Threshold Editions)
13. "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper)
14. "The Twelve Tribes of Hattie" by Ayana Mathis (Knopf)
15. "Winter of the World" by Ken Follett (Dutton)

Hardcover nonfiction
1. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly (Henry Holt and Co.)
2. "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meachum (Random House)
3. "Guinness World Records 2013" by Guinness World Records (Guinness World Records)
4. "Barefoot Contessa Foolproof: Recipes You Can Trust" by Ina Garten (Clarkson Potter)
5. "No Easy Day" by Mark Owen (Dutton)
6. "America Again" by Stephen Colbert (Grand Central Publishing)
7. "Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers" (Faith/Words)
8. "The Signal and the Noise" by Nate Silver (Penguin)
9. "I Declare: 31 Promises to Speak" by Joel Osteen (Faith/Words)
10. "Ripley's Believe It of Not!" by Geoff Tibballs (Ripley Publishing)
11. "The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook" by Deb Perelman (Knopf)
12. "Waging Heavy Peace" by Neil Young (Blue Rider Press)
13. "Fifty Shades of Chicken" by F.L. Fowler (Clarkson Potter)
14. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" (Daniel Falconer)
15. "Bruce" by Peter Ames Carlin (Touchstone Books)

Mass market paperbacks
1. "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central)
2. "Big Sky River" by Linda Lael Miller (Harlequin HQN)
3. "10th Anniversary" by James Patterson, Maxine Paetro (Vision)
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9. "Unnatural Acts" by Stuart Woods (Signet)
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11. "Fall of Giants" by Ken Follett (Signet)
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13. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Dell)
14. "The Sins of the Father" by Jeffrey Archer (St. Martin's)
15. "Hotel Vendome" by Danielle Steel (Dell)

Trade paperbacks
1. "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
2. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
3. "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Simon & Schuster)
4. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
5. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
6. "How to Tell if Your Cat is Plotting to Kill You" by The Oatmeal/Matthew Inman (Andrews McMeel)
7. "The Hobbit: Or There and Back Again" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Mariner Books)
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11. "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky (MTV Books)
12. "World Almanac and Book of Facks 2013" by World Almanac (World Almanac)
13. "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central)
14. "To Heaven and Back" by Mary C. Neal (WaterBrook Press)
15. "The Chew" by Peter Kaminsky (Hyperion)

Best nonfiction of 2012: Rock gods, field guides, baseball

By Vick Mickunas
Cox Newspapers

DAYTON, Ohio — Last week, I offered up my favorite fiction titles from the past year. Here's my list of nonfiction faves:

"Friendkeeping: A Field Guide to the People You Love, Hate, and Can't Live Without," by Julie Klam (Riverhead Books, 224 pages, $25.95)

Julie Klam doesn't take friends for granted. Tough times test friendships. In "Friendkeeping" Klam reflects on her enduring personal connections. These pages are strewn with nuggets of wisdom and witticism.

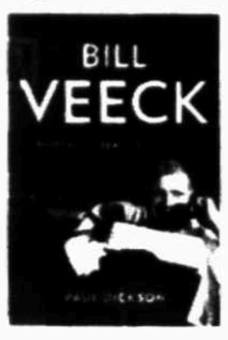
In this warmhearted book she writes: "It's important to remember that people can go off the deep end; it doesn't mean they have to stay there. And when they come back, it's nice to have a friend waiting with a warm towel."

"Who I Am," by Pete Townshend (Harper, 538 pages, $32.50)

In his memoir, The Who guitarist Pete Townshend addresses his personal demons. The rock opera "Tommy" was a fictional channel for his psychic angst. He numbed himself for years with drink, drugs, and infidelity. And he's candid about the damage he has inflicted upon himself and others.

One typical rock star recollection: He recounts how The Who's drummer, the late Keith Moon, suddenly jumped off a balcony and into the pool at a hotel. When Townshend impulsively copied Moon's move he almost missed the pool.

"Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick," by Paul Dickson (Walker, 434 pages, $28)



Bill Veeck was a visionary who changed the way that baseball is presented. In this biography, baseball scribe Paul Dickson assembles evidence of a career that was entertaining and often hilarious. Veeck owned teams in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cleveland and Chicago during the course of his long career.

He was an energetic innovator. Veeck's madcap promotions are legendary. He scrutinized the smallest details and devised amenities that attracted fans to the ballpark. He loved baseball. An enduring image: Veeck sitting up in the bleachers drinking beer with the fans and tamping out his cigarettes in the ashtray that was concealed inside his wooden leg.

"Several Short Sentences About Writing," by Verlyn Klinkenborg (Knopf, 205 pages, $22)

Verlyn Klinkenborg has been writing and thinking about writing for years. His observations are pithy and practical. Here's an example: "Practicing noticing will also help you learn about patience and the nature of your mind."

Several short sentences about writing

Verlyn Klinkenborg

Here's another: "You can start anywhere and end anywhere. There is no single necessary order." This book can liberate you if will allow yourself to be freed. First, forget every thing you have ever been taught about writing. Then read this book. You might be amazed.

"One for the Books," by Joe Queenan (Viking, 244 pages, $24.95)

Joe Queenan is a book guy. He reads constantly and has impeccable taste.

In this memoir, he recounts his long love affair with books. Queenan has a quick, punchy writing style akin to a welterweight boxer. Bing! Bap! Boom! You're down for the count, stunned, and laughing about it.

His book really spoke to this reviewer. If you love books, then you might enjoy this glimpse inside the mind of a great reader. Queenan's is a marvelous obsession.

"By the Iowa Sea," by Joe Blair (Scribner, 280 pages, $24)

Here's my sleeper: Joe Blair's debut. In this memoir, Blair describes a period in his life when he did some foolish things.

The author is a blue-collar guy, a family man. There were some issues. They have a son who is autistic. That can be difficult. Still, Blair had a wonderful life. Then he almost blew it. What an engulfing read. Remember the name: Joe Blair.

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'Pow!': A Meaty tale, carnivorous and twisted

By Dwight Garner
N.Y. Times

Mo Yan, the controversial Chinese winner of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Literature, is a demented poet of the appetites. His novels have a lurid, greasy sheen.

He's a complicated writer, but at base he's a satirist of animal urges and animal longings (lust for food, lust for sex, lust for dominion). His overstuffed books make you feel you are engaged in a competitive eating contest. It all goes down a bit roughly. You will be some time in digesting.

The narrator of "Pow!" is a young Chinese man, Luo Xiaotong, who as a boy loved meat so much that it called out to him, begging to be eaten. This novel can be skimmed for its ecstatic, well-spiced food writing. It is filled with descriptions of things like a shrimp paste "so salty it nearly made you jump in the air."

The plot of "Pow!" glides, like fat on a griddle, in two directions. We listen to the story of the boy's troubled childhood. After his father abandoned his mother for a sexy wine merchant named Wild Mule, the boy's miserly mother began withholding meat from him, nearly driving him insane with longing. At the same time the novel chronicles the corruption and greed in a town where the farmers have left the fields to raise meat animals or become butchers. Capitalism has gained a toehold. It is an era, one man declares, of "primitive accumulation."

Butchered meat is fraudulently injected with water to increase its weight; formaldehyde is applied to keep it fresh. There is an annual Carnivore Festival, and a Meat Appreciation Parade. The narrator drops out of school and is hired at the town's largest abattoir, where he develops a hideous new method for increasing the value of its offerings: He fills animals with water while they are still alive.

Like many Mo Yan novels "Pow!" is difficult to warm to.

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MC Chaps basketball team—athleticism with heart

By Forrest Allen, Athletic Director

The Midland College (MC) Chaparral basketball team enjoyed a short holiday break **but will be back in full play tomorrow night as they take on the Howard College Hawks in Big Spring**.

However, on October 2, before this year's basketball season began, the Chaps were able to show their hearts and a sense of community while working with the children from the Boys and Girls Club of Midland. The only thing that remained unclear was who got the most enjoyment out of the evening's activities—the Chaps or the children!

This project was the inspiration of Katie Singleton of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Inc. of Midland. Singleton initially contacted the Chaps with the idea of a fun afternoon for the kids who regularly attend the Boys and Girls Club at the conclusion of their school day. The final product was a combination of basketball skill instruction, exhibition of athleticism and command of the finer points of the game, as well as a healthy dose of fun.

As the team left, one unidentified camp participant could be overheard saying to the Chaps, "Thank you so much for coming to play with us!"

The Chaps' next home game will be next Monday, January 14, as they take on the Odessa College Wranglers at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center at 7:45 p.m.

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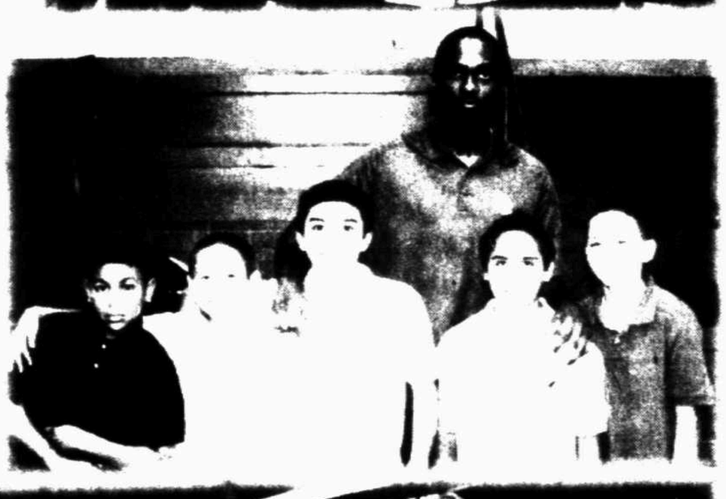

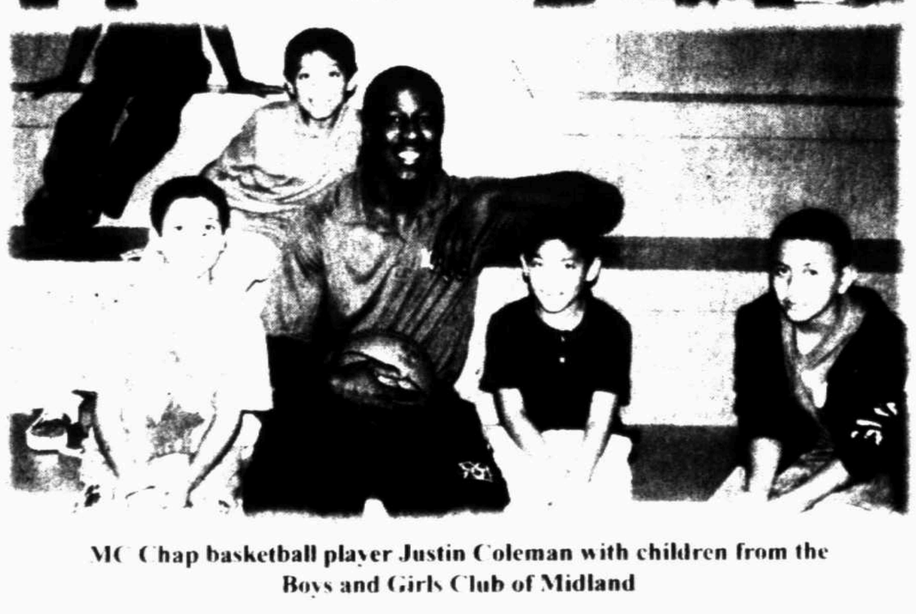

MC Chap basketball player Justin Coleman with children from the Boys and Girls Club of Midland

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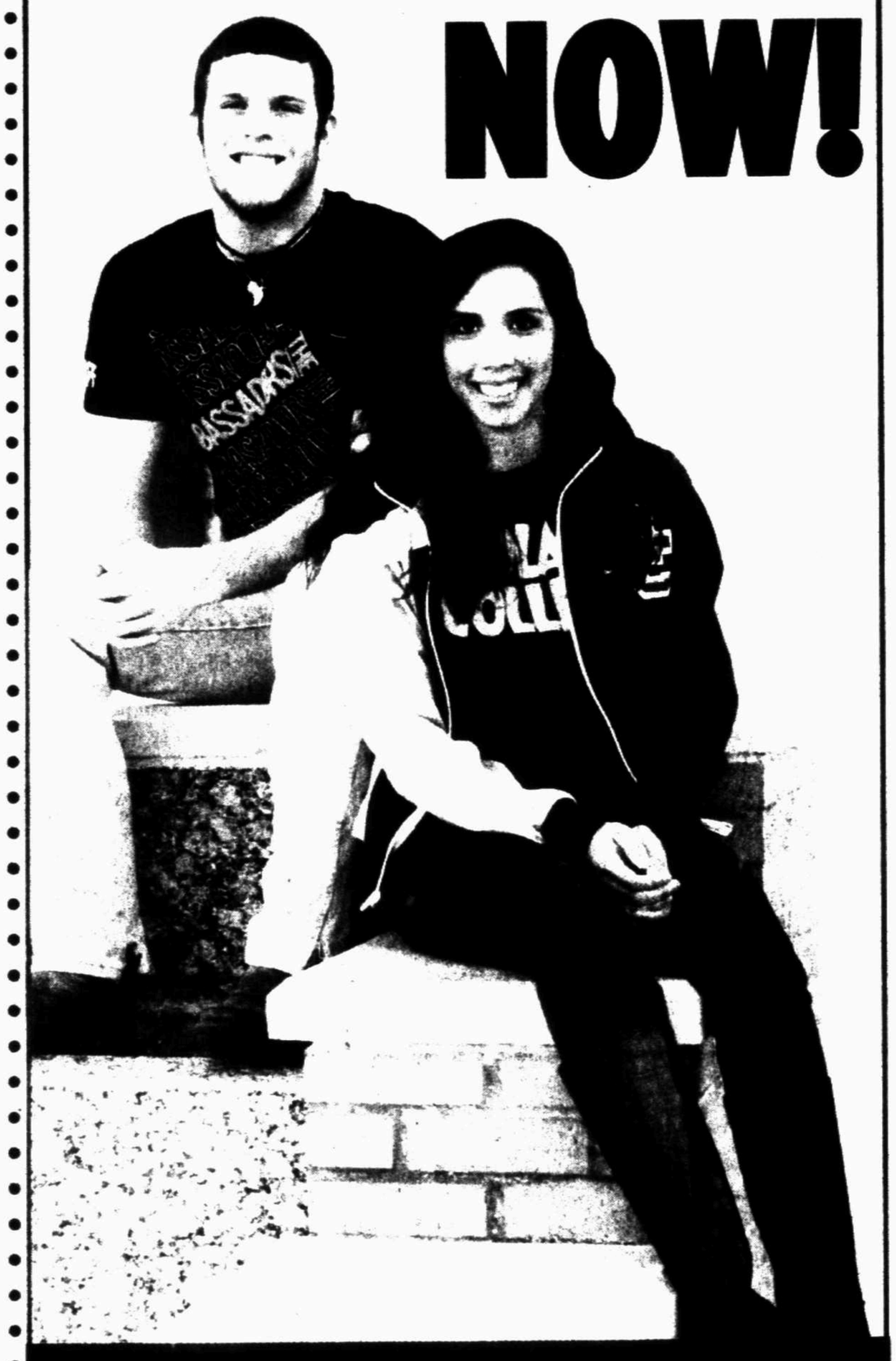

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cracking the PECAN BUSINESS

Photos by Paul Wiseman

Silviano and Felipe Garcia, of Pecan Partners, make sure the whole nuts move smoothly through the cracker. Unlike the nutcracker of Tchaikovski's ballet, this machine can bust several pecans per minute.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Atlantic Energy adds executives, increased equity capital

Atlantic Energy Holdings LLC announced that Rob Jacobs and Don Gann have joined the executive management team of Atlantic.

Together, Jacobs and Gann have a deep background developing conventional fields through vertical and horizontal drilling, which will further enhance Atlantic's capabilities in developing its large land position in the southern Delaware Basin. Prior to joining Atlantic, they founded Classic Hydrocarbons Holdings L.P. and held senior management positions at Encore Acquisition Company, both of which were investments made by Natural Gas Partners.

Atlantic also announced NGP, through its recently closed fund, NGP Natural Resources X, L.P., has increased its commitment of equity capital to Atlantic to $250 million. The increased capital commitment will be used to accelerate the development of Atlantic's southern Delaware Basin position, as well as to further grow the company's asset base through leasing and acquisitions.

Bosque Systems names Permian Basin sales manager

Bosque Systems LLC of Forth Worth has named Rick Newcomb as the new regional sales manager for the Permian Basin.

He will be responsible for supporting the company's ambitious growth strategy in the region and developing the customer base, including acutely analyzing customers' needs and providing state-of-the-art sales and technical support.

Bosque Systems is a diversified, custom provider of water management and treatment solutions to the oil and natural gas industry. Bosque handles and treats millions of barrels of water monthly for current customers with cost-effective results including environmentally friendly solutions.

Rick brings 36 years oil field experience in Midland to Bosque, including various positions in technical support and sales supervision.

Local family with roots in pecan industry opens their own business

By Paul Wiseman

Special to the Reporter-Telegram

During the first decade of this century Silviano H. Garcia, his father, Felipe, and Silviano's brother Chico spent several years working for Pecans International in Gardendale, where they helped shell and process pecans. Chico worked in the kitchen making pecan-based gourmet treats.

Pecans International closed when the property was sold, and the Garcias went on to other pursuits including construction and property management — but they dreamed of getting back into the pecan business. This was natural because they not only had years of experience, they also had their own 500-tree pecan orchard. "After the other business closed, it was hard for us to find anywhere to get our own pecans shelled," said Silviano, noting that they often had to go outside the area to do so.

About four years ago they began to dream of opening their own operation based on what they had learned from Pecans International. Through his other endeavors Silviano was also learning how to run the business side of the endeavor.

So they began to contact private investors, pitching them on the family's expertise in pecan operations and in business management. Earlier this year they purchased 15 acres at NCR 1162 and East Loop 250, with frontage on the loop. This location has a house and a barn/office building that are the perfect size for their operation. It also has more pecan trees.

The property has in past years been most recognizable by the wind turbine that is visible for quite a distance. The Garcias have added a billboard visible to traffic approaching the enterprise from both east and west. And they plan to leave the wind turbine, which is not currently working, as another landmark for the property.

After buying and installing the shelling machinery and other equipment, they opened the doors of Pecan Tree Partners on Oct. 29, 2012, at the start of the pecan harvesting season. "The season started late this year," Garcia explained, "because we really didn't have a first freeze until very late. Now the pecans are falling really well."

The drought and the newness of the operation suppressed business somewhat, but the business they did get was enough to convince the family that they had made the right decision. "We're planning on continuing and making this (business) prosper and grow," Garcia affirmed.

Current equipment will allow the family to process approximately 2,000 pounds of pecans per 8-hour shift, under the supervision of seven-10 employees. Should things get busy enough they would add a second shift, which would allow them to maintain about a two-week turnaround for most pecans.

About half the weight of a pecan is shell, so a 500 pound bag of from-the-orchard pecans turns to about 250 pounds after processing. Pecan meats are sorted by size, from wholes to halves down to small pieces, before being returned to customers.

In addition to having their pecans shelled, customers can sell them to Pecan Partners outright. Garcia noted that they use purchased pecans in making their

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McDonald's to break ground on new Rankin Highway location

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Officials will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 8 for a new McDonald's restaurant to be built at 2307 Rankin Highway. The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m.

Owned by Jesse and Anne Carrillo, Midland's newest McDonald's will feature a modern design, a family environment and the menu McDonald's is known for. It will be one of the company's largest models, seating between 94 and 101.

"It is with great pride and joy that McDonald's will build a new restaurant at this location to serve the wonderful people of Midland and surrounding areas," said Richard Rodriguez, who serves as chief executive officer and chief financial officer for the Carrillos' company, McDonald's West Texas. "The Carrillo family has proudly served the Midland-Odessa area for the past six years and they have come to know the amazing people who live here and have come to love this community. For this reason, McDonald's is growing and will continue to grow to provide more locations and the best service."

Rodriguez noted that McDonald's doesn't traditionally hold groundbreaking ceremonies, "but for the exposure, I wanted to have one. Out here right now, restaurants need exposure" especially in hiring staff.

He said the new restaurant will create 50 to 70 new jobs and all other Midland-Odessa locations are also always hiring. Anyone interested in working at McDonald's can apply at any local McDonald's.

The new restaurant is expected to open for business in late April.

Just opened in a new location is Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, which has relocated to 1202 Andrews Highway from 111 N. Midkiff Road.

Tommy Yorkman, owner of the local Jackson Hewitt franchise, said the new location is "more updated."

His, he said, is the second largest tax preparation service in Midland and has been in business more than 22 years.

Jackson Hewitt offers tax preparation, including e-filing, at competitive rates. Yorkman said all work is done by licensed tax preparers.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday during tax season.

The office, he said, will be open year-round.

More information is available by calling 683-9300.

Balance risk, return growth to keep money ahead of inflation curve

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are 70, and we have $950,000 in annuities in the market, plus $68,000 in our emergency fund. The only debt we have is our mortgage. I'm considering converting our stocks to a money market account to lower the risk. What do you think?

Howard

Dear Howard,

There are two sides to this. One is the asset allocation method, where as you grow older you move away from equities like mutual funds toward safer, more conservative investments like money markets, bonds and certificates of deposit. This is standard financial planning theory.

I disagree with that theory, and here's why. Statistics show that if you make it to 72 years of age and are in good health, you have a high probability of living into your nineties. If you're making around 1 percent on your money market and inflation is four to five percent, then your money isn't going to be worth a lot. You need to outpace inflation, at least with your investments, in order to break even.

You might move some cash over to money markets and CDs for your own peace of mind, but I'd also recommend growth and income mutual funds along with some balanced funds. You want the entire group to be hitting the 4 to 5 percent range over the next several years, so you can at least keep up with the rising costs of gas and bread.

In my mind, you're avoiding one type of risk by moving everything to money markets, but you're taking on a different kind of risk — the chance you'll get tackled from behind by inflation. My advice is to balance things out so you can sleep better at night, but at a pace where you and your money stay ahead of the curve!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife just had our first child. As a result, we now have $2,500 in medical bills not covered by insurance. We've got $7,000 in our emergency fund, and I make about $25,000 a year. Should we dip into our savings for this or set up a payment plan with the hospital?

Matthew

Dear Matthew,

Congratulations on your new baby! I know this is going to make the new year extra special for you.

If I were in your situation, I'd write a check today and knock out that hospital bill. This definitely falls under the heading of "emergency" in my mind, so pay the bill and jump back into rebuilding your emergency fund.

You've done a good job of saving on $25,000 a year, but let's look around and see what you can do about making more money, too. Additional classroom education or extra training in your field could increase your income pretty quickly. Your emergency fund probably needs to be a little bit bigger as well, and it'll be a lot easier to make this happen if you're bringing in more cash.

I'm sure you're a hard-working guy, but the truth is it's going to be pretty tough for even a small family to make it on what you're bringing home now. Life happens, and the unexpected can become a common occurrence when there's a little one loose in the house!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

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2800 Moss Avenue	Commercial-Detached	$7,000
1301 W. Louisiana Ave	Commercial Alteration	$1,000,000
4106 Crestwood Avenue	Residence-Detached	$2,200
700 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$123,360
702 Legends Boulevard	New Residence	$128,880
608 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$161,760
612 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$172,800
508 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$161,600
6101 W. Wadley Avenue	Residence-Detached	$4,000
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4201 Andrews Highway	Commercial-Detached	$25,500
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1201 Porterfield Road	New Residence	$108,480
1125 Porterfield Road	New Residence	$128,640
604 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$238,950
606 Wagner Drive	New Residence	$188,950
3201 W. Golf Course	Residential Addition	$30,000
3913 E. Golf Course	New Residence	$170,960
6000 Medina Drive	New Residence	$166,480
2004 Hughes Street	Residence-Detached	$4,100
4514 Palmer Drive	Residential Addition	$1,100
3515 E. Front Street	Commercial Alteration	$222,000
1500 W. Front Street	Commercial Alteration	$170,000
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1607 Chukar Lane	Residence-Detached	$1,500
604 Solomon Lane	Residential Addition	$200,000
4001 Springfield Court	Residence-Detached	$1,500
4211 Greenbriar Drive	Residence-Detached	$8,800
4405 Irvin Drive	Residence-Detached	$37,600

Source: City of Midland

Texas should expect moderate short-term economic growth

RAY PERRYMAN

Texas remains well-positioned to outperform the United States economy for the foreseeable future. Growth is stemming from longtime sources of business activity as well as emerging industries, and the short-term outlook for the state calls for moderate growth.

With both resurgence in established fields and discovery of new plays, the energy sector is likely to continue to be an important source of stimulus for the Texas economy. Activity has increased notably over the past several years, particularly in oil exploration. The Permian Basin rig count, for example, has been in the 400-450 range for much of this year, roughly triple the number operating just three years ago. The statewide total stands at 1,800, with 82 percent of rigs drilling for oil. Thousands of jobs have been added, pushing unemployment rates in affected areas below 4 percent and creating challenges regarding sufficient housing and adequate infrastructure.

Although the oil and gas business is always cyclical, with demand influenced by economic growth patterns and world events contributing to supply levels as well as market prices, a significant "bust" like that of the 1980s is unlikely to be repeated. During the 1980s, political events led to the major spike in oil prices which spurred high levels of drilling. This time, however, prices are driven by increasing global demand (though tensions in oil-producing regions are also working to push them up). In addition, new technologies are enhancing the economic prospects of exploration and production, even for aging fields. The likelihood of the bottom falling out for prices is very low, though they will certainly fluctuate.

Other Texas industries are also contributing to the state's relatively strong economic position. Recent job gains have been concentrated in professional and business services; trade, transportation and utilities; and construction. The Texas housing market continues to improve, with single-family sales and new construction permits trending steadily upward. Employment in the construction sector is contributing to overall growth, and, with housing inventories dropping, further gains are likely.

The Perryman Group's most recent forecast for Texas calls for growth over the 2012-2017 period at a relatively healthy pace. The level of output (real gross product) produced by the Texas economy is forecast to expand from $1.2 trillion in 2012 to more than $1.5 trillion in 2017, a 4.66 percent compound annual rate of growth. This pattern of increase is well in excess of that expected for the nation as a whole. The services and mining sectors are projected to see the largest gains, with the information and durable manufacturing industrial groups also experiencing particularly strong growth (in percentage terms).

Texas wage and salary employment is also forecast to see relatively strong gains, expanding at a 2.28 percent annual clip. The result is a gain of more than 1.35 million net new jobs between 2012 and 2017. More than half of these gains (754,570) are likely to occur in services industries, while another 212,390 are generated in the trade segment. Mining is also expected to see a strong rate of growth (in percentage terms).

Although growth is likely, Texas faces its own set of hurdles in the economic path. In addition to the national challenges, state legislators will have to deal with tight budget conditions in the upcoming legislative session. Even so, the needs of a growing population (such as education, infrastructure and water) must be adequately met to ensure future prosperity.

As we go to press, fiscal cliff negotiations are still ongoing, but it appears that at least some action will be taken to deal with the worst effects (most likely early next year with key provisions made retroactive). Based on the most likely outcomes with regard to the fiscal cliff and other problems, The Perryman Group's forecast for Texas calls for moderate growth over the next five years.

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TYLER PATTON

BBB challenges consumers to be smarter, safer in 2013

As it goes every year, when the clock strikes midnight and the new year begins, I look back on the year I had and look forward to the year to come. I make my new year's resolutions, which ultimately lead me to becoming a smarter, healthier and overall better person.

This year, Better Business Bureau is challenging consumers to be smarter, safer consumers in 2013. These 10 simple New Year's resolutions will help consumers combat scammers and protect themselves from fraud:

1. Do your research. Whether it's a business you're looking to hire or a product you're looking to buy, take the time to do your research. Check out a business at bbb.org to see its BBB Business Review. For product information, go to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

2. Keep your computer safe. Install anti-virus software on your computer and regularly check for software and operating system updates. Don't open attachments or click on links in emails unless the email came from someone you know and trust.

3. Get it in writing. Don't just take a business's word for it. Get every verbal agreement in writing to limit miscommunication and misunderstandings.

4. Never wire money to someone you don't know. Many scams require money to be wired back to the scammers. Tracking money sent via a money wiring service is almost impossible.

5. Protect your identity. Always shred paper documents that include sensitive financial data and dispose of computers, cell phones and digital data safely. Safely store all personal documents, such as your Social Security card, pull your credit report at least once a year and check your credit and debit card statements frequently.

6. Shop on trustworthy websites. Online shopping is increasingly becoming more popular, so before you provide any personal or banking information over the web make sure you're using a trusted site. Look for the "s" in https:// as opposed to http://in the address box.

7. Give wisely. Most philanthropists give year-round. To ensure your time, treasure and talent are going to the cause you're looking to support, research all charities at www.give.org to check their legitimacy and to see how their monetary donations are distributed.

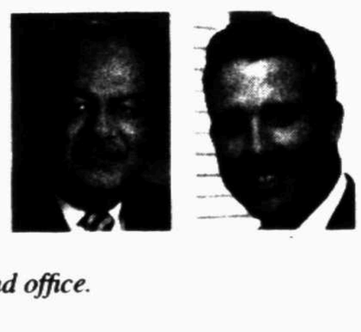
8. Don't be pressured. If a company, organization or salesperson uses overly-aggressive sales tactics to pressure you into making a purchase or on-the-spot decision, that's a red flag. Walk away.

9. Limit the amount of information shared on social media pages. Scammers use social media sites to gather information on potential victims. Avoid sharing too much personal information and check your privacy settings. Additionally, never announce through a social media site that you are going out of town, or won't be home for a specified amount of time.

10. Let your BBB help. BBB is here to promote marketplace trust. If you have an issue with a business or feel you have been scammed, file a complaint with your BBB.

MARKET WATCH

Regarding fiscal cliff, 'your guess is as good as mine'



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In the Advisory Services Group at Wells Fargo Advisors, we do not like to guess; ever. We work hard doing the fundamental research and analysis necessary to form opinions and develop investment advice that our clients can use in constructing their portfolios and planning for retirement. But sometimes we all have to do things we do not like. One of those times is now. We need to guess what will happen in the "fiscal cliff" negotiations as we move into the final days of the year.

Congress and the president plan to come back to Washington on for several days of hurried negotiations, trying to beat the Jan. 1 deadline when tax hikes and spending cuts automatically kick in. Will a deal get done? We continue to believe something will get done. But a "grand bargain"? Hardly. The most likely outcome is for tax increases on a minimum number of top wage earners and minor spending cuts for limited number of government departments, which will affect a small number of industries. In other words, most of the tough decisions get kicked down the road for another day.

But there are other possibilities. For instance, Congress and the president could delay making decisions on any of the tax increases and spending cuts by kicking the entire can down the road for a year or so. The argument in support of this scenario would be that the economy is simply too weak to be able to absorb any tax and

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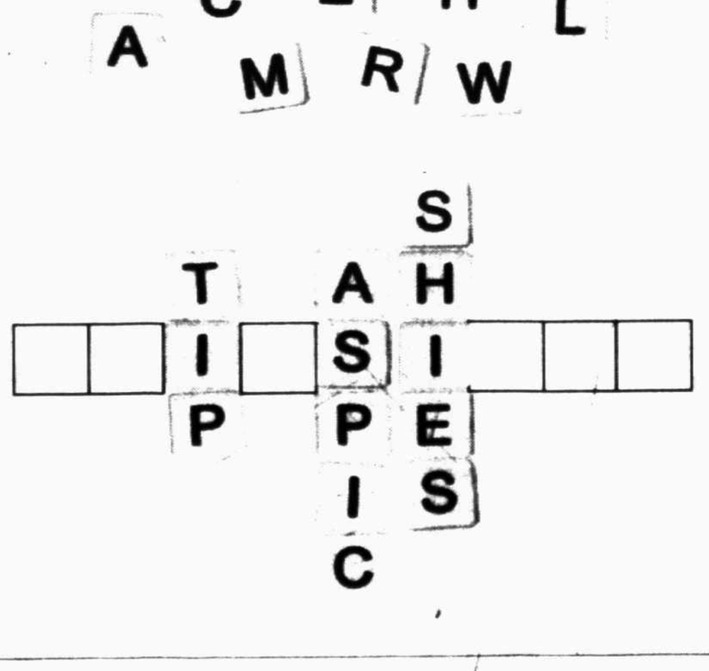

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From 2F

spending adjustments right now. Of course, this would assume the economy would be better off in a year than it is currently. We do think the economy will be slowly improving over the course of 2013 but the reality is, once again, our elected officials are squeamish over making decisions that some of their constituents might not agree with such as cuts in entitlements and increased taxes. So the weak economy excuse is largely just a way to avoid making unpopular fiscal decisions.

In fact, the pesident last week encouraged leaders of both parties to come up with some sort of interim compromise that would prevent the economy from rolling over the cliff and then come back to the table later for more substantial negotiations. This would buy some time in the near term and be the easiest way out for Congress. It would benefit both parties and have the blessing of the president.

There are at least several different credible paths that the fiscal cliff negotiations could follow. Under almost any scenario, Congress would need to come back at some point and attempt to hammer out a more meaningful agreement that would hopefully begin to address the longer term fiscal issues facing our nation. In the near term however, just about anything could happen. We think the market has been prepared for some time for the cliff negotiations to linger into the new year before a final decision is made. In the end, and despite all the time this strategist has spent trying to analyze the situation and figure out what will actually occur, your guess is as good as mine.

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gourmet items and any that are left are sold to a broker.

With the late first-frost and the subsequent cold weather, Garcia expects this year's pecan crop to be harvestable through the end of February. Moisture and heat darken the nut's meat and make it less sweet, so the earlier the pecans are harvested, the better they will taste.

While the most active time frame for pecans extends from October through February or March, there is much to do at other times, especially with the orchard, Garcia said. During the processing season the equipment must be cleaned and maintained daily to conform to health department standards, and between seasons there is time for more complete maintenance. On the trees, the offseason includes pruning, ground area cleanup and plenty of watering, especially in the drought.

And because the Garcias still do construction and property management, they expect to be busy at in those areas when not tending or processing pecans.

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5-Hour Energy's 'no crash later' claim disputed

By Barry Meier
N.Y. Times News Service

The distributor of the top-selling energy "shot," 5-Hour Energy, has long claimed on product labels, in promotions and in television advertisements that the concentrated caffeine drink produced "no crash later" — the type of letdown that consumers of energy drinks often feel when the beverages' effects wear off.

But an advertising watchdog group said Wednesday that it had told the company five years ago that the claim was unfounded and had urged it then to stop making it.

An executive of the group, the National Advertising Division, also said that 5-Hour Energy's distributor, Living Essentials, had publicly misrepresented the organization's position about the claim and that it planned to start a review that could lead to action against the company by the Federal Trade Commission.

"We recommended that the 'no crash' claim be discontinued because their own evidence showed there was a crash from the product," said Andrea C. Levine, director the National Advertising Division. The organization, which is affiliated with the Council of Better Business Bureaus, reviews ad claims for accuracy.

The emerging dispute between Living Essentials and the National Advertising Division is unusual because the $10 billion energy drink industry is rife with questionable marketing. And Living Essentials, which recently cited the advertising group's support in seeking to defend the "no crash" claim, may have opened the door to greater scrutiny.

Major producers like 5-Hour Energy, Red Bull, Monster Energy and Rockstar Energy all say their products contain proprietary blends of ingredients that provide a range of mental and physical benefits. But the companies have conducted few studies to show that the costly products provide anything more than a blast of caffeine.

The dispute over 5-Hour Energy's claim also comes as regulatory review of the high-caffeine drinks is increasing. The Food and Drug Administration recently disclosed that it had received reports over the last four years citing the possible role of 5-Hour Energy in 15 deaths. The mention of a product in an FDA report does not mean it caused a death or injury.

The issue surrounding the company's "no crash" claim dates to 2007, when National Advertising Division began reviewing all of 5-Hour Energy's marketing claims. That same year, the company conducted a clinical trial of the energy shot that compared it to Red Bull and Monster Energy.

At the time, Living Essentials was already using the "No crash later" claim. An article on Wednesday in The New York Times reported that the study had shown that 24 percent of those who used 5-Hour Energy suffered a "moderately severe" crash hours after consuming it.

When asked how those findings squared with the company's "no crash" claim, Elaine Lutz, a spokeswoman for Living Essentials, said the company had amended the claim after the 2007 review by the National Advertising Division.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday (N)		The Truth	House	Mazda	This Week		B. Church	Sports	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kingdom	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid	Paid	Animal	Stanton	Live Life	Hollywd.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	Believers	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox NFL Sunday	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Mani E	Heart of the City		Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		First Baptist Church		J.Jones	Garret
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperW!	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	Wild K.	WordGirl	Cyberch.	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Vecinos	Para volver a amar		Al punto		Fabrica de Risas		Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	1 United	Game	The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ Snow Falling on Cedars				(:10) ★★ Beyond Borders ('03, Rom) Angelina Jolie.				★ Xanadu Olivia Newton-John.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		BroadSt	★★ Black Sheep			★★★★ Happy Feet Two			(:45) Rise of the Planet of the Apes				Nim
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Real Sports		★★ Ready to Rumble			(:20) Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Dolly Parton.					Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:05) Ever After: ...		(:05) Elvis and Anabelle Max Minghella.				(:55) ★★ Unknown			(:50) J. Edgar		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★★ Mr. Popper's Penguins		(:35) ★★ Kingpin Woody Harrelson.					★★ Water for Elephants				Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:30) American ...		(:15) ★★ Mystic Pizza Julia Roberts.				★★ Never Die Alone DMX.		The X Files: Fight the Future			
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★★★ The Abyss			(:45) ★★★ Grumpy Old Men				(:35) ★★ Beverly Hills Ninja			(:05) Stagecoach	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) Spy Kids 4:...		Inside the NFL		Legendary ('10, Dra) John Cena.				United States		Shameless	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	The Tempest ('10, Com/Dra) Felicity Jones.				★★ Agent Cody Banks			(:15) Harlem Hostel			Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal "Haunted"		Criminal "Omnivore"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Barter	Barter	Barter	Barter
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		The Killing "Pilot"		★★★ Hidalgo ('04, Dra) Zuleikha Robinson, Viggo Mortensen.						★★ Training Day	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	Apollo Live		Love Overboard		
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:30) Kandi Factory		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	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	Dual Survival		Bering Sea Gold		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie	★★★ Bolt John Travolta.			(:45) Ferb
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		S.Sci.	MatchUp	ProFILE	ProFILE	OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Boy MW	Boy-World	Boy MW	★★ Where the Heart Is ('00, Com) Natalie Portman.					★★ The Time Traveler's Wife			
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	Rachael "One For All"		Giada	Southern	Pioneer	Paula	Ma/ Meal	Big Bite	Big Bite	Sandwich	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Champio. "Football"		Paid	Paid	Game	Courtside	Game365	H. Fame	Action Sports Tour	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	Smarter	★★ Vantage Point Dennis Quaid				★★★ Death Race ('08, Act) Jason Statham					Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	The Wish List ('10, Rom) Jennifer Esposito.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Renovation		Renovation		Behind the Build		Renovation		Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	The States		The States		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Hr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Christine	★★★ Seventeen and Missing			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Hunter	Outdoors	Whitetail	Wild	R.Dobbs	Hank 3-D	Hank 3-D	Alaska	Babe W	Hunter	Quests	Skies
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Power	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	Parents	Parents
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle	Tenants	Tenants	Tenants	Movie
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Children of the Corn David Anders				Wolvesbayne ('09, Fant) Jeremy London			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Wedding Band		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Susan Leno		★★ Ringside Maisie Ann Sothern				★★★★ Dark Victory Bette Davis				Boys' Night Out	
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 "Bounty"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Shrunk"		Law & Order "Blaze"		LawOrder "Identity"		LawOrder "Floater"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	★★★★ The Princess Bride ('87, Rom) Cary Elwes					Hot In	Hot In
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Over/Under				NCIS "A Weak Link"		NCIS "Driven"	
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home		Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football AFC Wild Card (L)							NCAA Basketball Temple vs. Kansas (L)				News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	★★★ The Hours ('02, Dra) Nicole Kidman					★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember				ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★ Fire on the Amazon Sandra Bullock				Consumer Corner		Pre-game	NFL Football NFC Wild Card (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	W.America	Outdoors	Paid	Paid	PGA Golf Tournament of Champions Site: Kapalua Golf Resort (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Passport	Travel Kids	Daytrip	Getaways	GED	F&Porter	Sewing	Knitting	L. Welk "New Year's"		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Atlas vs. Pumas de la UNAM (L)				Republica deportiva		El Chavo (SP)		Como dice el dicho		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		(:05) ★★ Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube				★★★ All Night Long			★★ Sleepover Alexa Vega			Happy Accidents	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:30) Project Nim		(:15) ★★★ Big Miracle Drew Barrymore				★★ The New World ('05, Dra) Colin Farrell					Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:25) ★ Glitter		(:15) ★★ Something Borrowed				(:15) ★★ Speed ('94, Act) Keanu Reeves				(:15) Trust the M...	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(10:50) J. Edgar		(:05) ★★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wiig				(:10) ★★★ Fried Green Tomatoes Kathy Bates					Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:30) Beach Kings		(:10) The Sitter Jonah Hill			★★★ Tombstone ('93, West) Kurt Russell			(:45) The Hangover Part II			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★★ The Birdcage Robin Williams				★★ Antitrust Ryan Phillippe			(:20) ★★★ 50 First Dates Adam Sandler.			
PLEX			96			Movie	(:45) ★★★ The Abyss ('89, Sci-Fi) Ed Harris					(:05) ★★ Legend Tom Cruise			(:35) ★★★ Grumpy Old Men		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:40) The Lottery		(:05) ★★★ The Italian Job				★★ Nobel Son ('08, Dra) Alan Rickman				Fright Night	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Barter	Barter	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:00) ★★ Training Day			★★ Hannibal ('01, Thril) Sir Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore						★★★ Signs Mel Gibson		
BET	58	26		40		(10:30) Love Overb		★ Not Easily Broken Morris Chestnut				★★ Beauty Shop Queen Latifah				The Last Fall	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Unmoved"		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	PropWars	PropWars	PropWars	PropWars	Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	A.N.T.	Dog Blog	Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling World Series			Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		Poker 2012 World Series				Poker 2012 World Series	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★★ A Walk to Remember				★★ The Last Song ('10, Dra) Miley Cyrus					The Notebook	
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	Rest. "The Main Dish"		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Georgia vs. Tennessee (L)				NCAA Basketball Texas A&M vs. Arkansas (L)				Mavricks	NCAA Basketball Ok. St./Bay. (L)		
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) You Don't Mess With the Zohan				★★ White Chicks ('04, Com) Shawn Wayans					Forgetting Sarah Marshall		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Class ('10, Rom) Jodi Lyn O'Keefe				Elevator Girl ('10, Fam) Lacey Chabert				★★★ The Nanny Express			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Betrayed at 17 ('11, Dra) Alexandra Paul				★★ Accused at 17 Cynthia Gibb				Fugitive at 17 ('12, Thril) Casper Van Dien			
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	Deer TV	Game	Racer TV	Racer TV	Game On!	NCAA Basketball Fla./Yale (L)		
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Winx	Barbie in a Mermaid's Tale			Marvin	Victori.	House of Anubis		Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(11:30) ★★★ Payback Mel Gibson				★★ Poseidon ('06, Dra) Kurt Russell				Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★★ An American Werewolf in London				★★ Daybreakers ('09, Act) Jay Laga'aia				Stake Land ('10, Hor) Connor Paolo			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Cougar T	Cougar T	Cougar T	Cougar T	Cougar T	Cougar T	★★ 17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron				Ghosts of Girlfr...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) Boys' Nig...		★★★ Ivanhoe ('52, Adv) Robert Taylor				★★★ The Wrong Man Henry Fonda				She Wore a Yel...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen				★★ Stuart Little 2			Confesiones novela		Op. Repo	MFL Fútbol Tol./Guad.	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Totally T-Boz		The Sisterhood		Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.	Honey B.
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★ G.I. Jane ('97, Dra) Viggo Mortensen, Demi Moore					★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.					★★ Rush Hour 3	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Divorced	Divorced	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Chimera"		NCIS "Recoil"		NCIS "About Face"		NCIS "Nine Lives"		NCIS "Murder 2.0"		NCIS	
WGN	19	18				Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, TR		Law:CI "Delicate"		Law & Order: C.I.		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	Once Upon a Time "Queen of Hearts"		Once Upon "The Cricket Game" (N)		Revenge "Power" (N)		Happy End. (N)	Apt. 23 "Paris" (N)	KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Person of Interest "Identity Crisis"		The Good Wife "Boom De Ya Da" (N)		The Mentalist "Days of Wine and Roses" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Sein. "The Wait Out"	Seinfeld	'Til Death	'Til Death	★★ Wishful Thinking ('97, Com/Dra) Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Beals, James Le Gros.			
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:30) NFL Football	NFC Post-game (L)	TheSimpsons (N)	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Update News	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)				The Biggest Loser "We're Back... and So Is Jillian" (SP) (N)				News-West 9	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "Doomsday Volcanoes"		Secrets of Highclere Castle (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey, Series III" (SP) (N)				Austin City Limits "Jack White"		Woodsongs	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		La rosa de Guadalupe				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Bandamax presentados	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Happy Acc.		★★ Always ('89, Dra) Richard Dreyfuss.				(:05) ★★ Once Around Richard Dreyfuss.				Heavenly Creat...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:25) The Three S...		★★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes				Girls	Girls	Enlight	Enlight	Big Miracle	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) Trust the M...		Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Dolly Parton.				★★ Something Borrowed				(:55) The Bone C...	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:25) Hemingway & Gellhorn				★★ Unknown ('11, Myst) Liam Neeson.				★★ The Dilemma Vince Vaughn			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	★★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban					The Sitter		(:20) Sexual Quest ('11, Adult)			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ The Brave One ('07, Cri) Jodie Foster.				★★ Never Die Alone DMX.			Lingerie	(:05) The Thing			Movie
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ Once Bitten Lauren Hutton.				★★ Beverly Hills Ninja			★★★ The Abyss ('89, Sci-Fi) Ed Harris.				Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shame. "Parenthood"		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Brokeback Mo...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Fright Night		I Don't Know How She Doe...			★★ Dummy Adrien Brody.			(:05) ★★★ The Italian Job			
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	(4:30) ★★★ Signs		★★ Bring It On ('00, Com) Kirsten Dunst.				★★ Bring It On ('00, Com) Kirsten Dunst.				Yours, Mine & ...	
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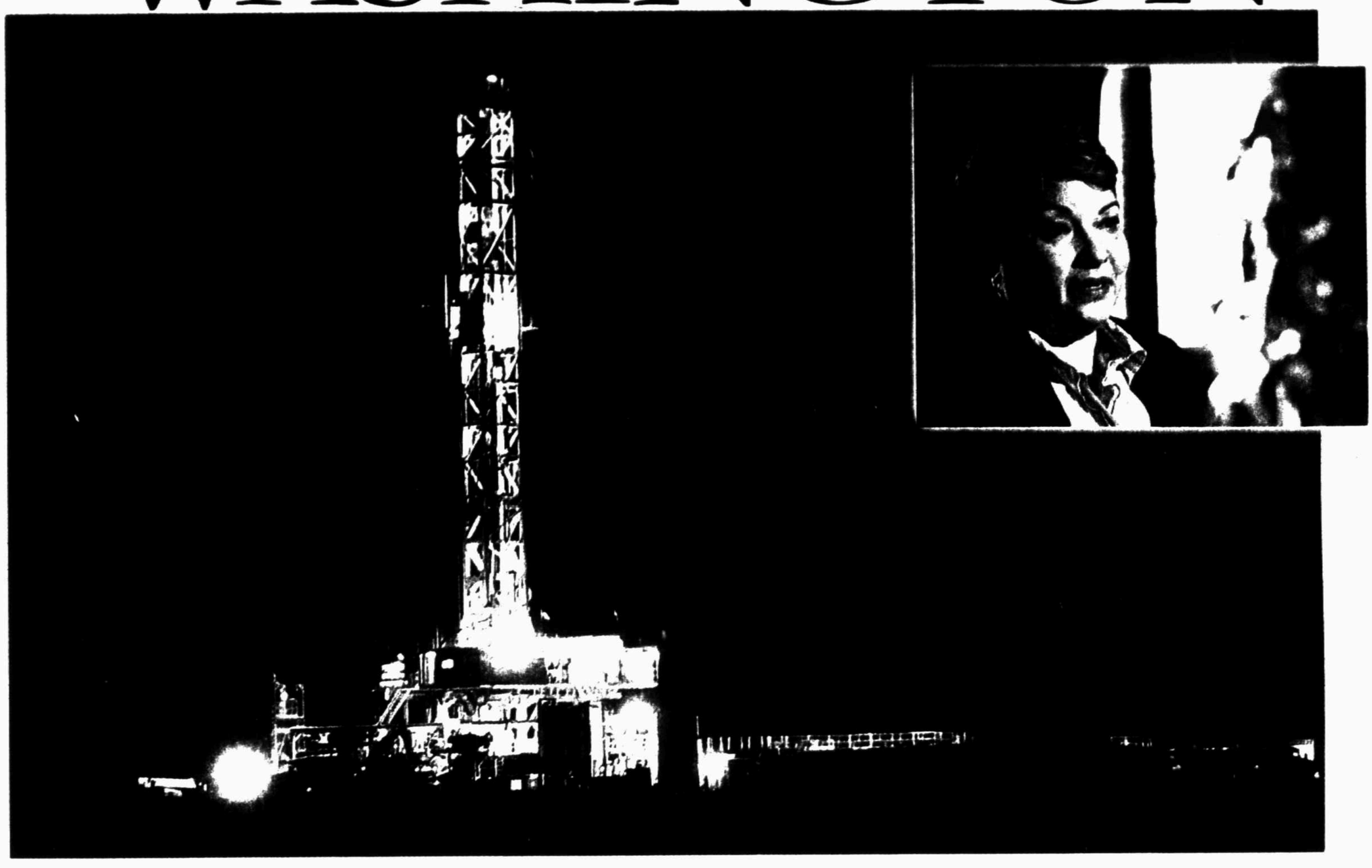

Oil and gas industry watching action on Capitol Hill

■ Environmental regulations, oversight of hydraulic fracturing expected to top industry's list of concerns.

By Mella McEwen
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With the fiscal cliff temporarily in the rearview mirror, Washington can now focus on other issues, like new cabinet members, agency directors, environmental regulations and corporate tax treatments.

Permian Basin oil and gas operators, along with other industries, will be watching action on Capitol Hill, along with who takes the helm of the Environmental Protection Agency when Lisa Jackson retires as EPA administrator.

"Administrator Jackson's tenure was difficult on the oil and gas industry," observed Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "She took a pretty aggressive stance on regulating the industry and, frankly, had a few missteps," such as blaming gas wells for water contamination when other causes were responsible.

"It will be interesting to see who the president replaces her with and what the next four years will look like," Shepperd said.

Kipp Coddington, a partner in the McClean, Va.-based law firm Mowrey Meezan Coddington Cloud LLP, said he believes there is a chance Jackson won't be replaced anytime soon. Deputy Administrator Robert Perciasepe, he said, is expected to be named acting director "and may be there for a long time."

The EPA updated its study of hydraulic fracturing in late December as requested by Congress, Coddington said. The agency said it is studying five areas for their impact on ground and surface water: Large water withdrawals, spills of hydraulic fracturing fluids, injection wells and the fracturing process, spills of flowback and produced water and inadequate treatment of wastewater. EPA also updated 18 research projects.

"They outlined various areas the agency is pursuing but they didn't tip their hat on the outcome," Coddington said, adding he doesn't expect a final report from the study until 2014.

Shepperd said the PBPA has submitted comments for the study and will remain engaged as the study proceeds.

"There is no question the battle over hydraulic fracturing will be the mother of all battles," Shepperd predicted. "Hydraulic fracturing is at the heart of wells drilled not only in the Permian Basin but everywhere. Anything that adds substantial cost or delays approvals could have a chilling effect nationwide."

Noting that no fewer than 12 federal agencies are looking at regulating hydraulic fracturing, Shepperd said he feels the technology is under attack not because of any contamination or the need for regulation but because of political concerns."

The PBPA and the industry it represents feels the Texas Railroad Commission and the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division are the best choice to regulate the process and are already doing a good job regulating hydraulic fracturing, he said.

"We don't mind being regulated, and we want to be regulated," Shepperd said. "But we want to be

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Railroad Commissioner Porter explores options for on-site power generation

■ Goal is to reduce flaring of excess natural gas.

From Staff Reports

A workshop held in mid-December focused on using excess natural gas for power on drilling leases, along with a discussion of other options for on-site power generation.

The workshop was hosted by Railroad Commissioner David Porter, whose office said the topic is of interest to Permian Basin operators.

Porter launched an initiative last May to reduce flaring of excess natural gas. At the recent workshop, he hosted a panel that included oil and gas and service companies, Commissioner Toby Baker of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Brian Lloyd, executive director of the Public Utility Commission.

"I am very encouraged to see industry and service providers working together to discuss ways to increase efficiency and productivity, while reducing air emissions and the flaring of gas," Porter said in a statement discussing the workshop.

"I believe a robust economy and environmental protections can coexist, and I commend Commissioner Porter for his efforts to encourage the use of environmentally protective flares, and to promote gas as a source of power for on-lease oil and gas operations," Commissioner Baker said. "The TCEQ and the Railroad Commission will continue to collaborate to accomplish the goal of safe, efficient energy production."

"I appreciate Commissioner Porter creating this opportunity for regulators, operators and service providers to discuss issues facing our industry," said J.D. Hall, vice president of the South Texas Asset Team for Pioneer Natural Resources and panelist at the workshop. "It's an important step in creating a win-win environment for all of those impacted by the increased level of activity in South Texas and across the state."

James Gayle, co-chairman and chief executive officer of Red River Compression Services, LLC, presented on one of the panels, saying, "The workshop was extremely informative in that it not only afforded Red River the opportunity to present its products for flare gas reduction, but it also allowed

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Globe Energy Services' acquisition of Paul Musselwhite Trucking creates a major player in the Permian Basin's energy services sector. The purchase was completed on Dec. 20 of last year.

Globe Energy acquires Paul Musselwhite Trucking

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

"There are a thousand small details that we're working through right now," said Nathan Mastin, VP of Customer Relations for Globe Energy Services, LLC, commenting on the process of integrating Globe with Paul Musselwhite Trucking.

As of Dec. 20, 2012, Snyder-based Globe completed the purchase of Musselwhite, which has been headquartered in Levelland. With the ink barely dry on the agreement, Mastin said, the two companies will continue mostly to operate as separate entities until about the middle of 2013.

Eventually everyone will operate under the Globe name, which will involve changing the logos on a large number of trucks, among other changes. Mastin noted that, while Snyder will be the company's headquarters, a significant corporate presence will remain in Levelland. Globe was founded in 2004, while Musselwhite began operations in 1937.

Often, buyouts or mergers involve job reductions, but with chronic employee shortages in the Oil Patch, that will not be the case here. "I'm glad to say that everybody will continue to have a job," Mastin noted, adding that the fact that Musselwhite has top-quality people was a key factor in Globe's decision to make the purchase.

That includes Musselwhite CEO Richard Ellis, who "will continue to have a key role in the leadership and direction of the company," Mastin affirmed, explaining that Ellis will be vice president of strategy and finance and will be on the new entity's board of directors. Ellis said, "Musselwhite is excited about combining our high-quality services and cultures to enhance each other and be a leading provider of oilfield services."

The combined company will have 1,900 employees, almost 2,500 tanks, 700-plus fluid service trucks and 28 saltwater disposal facilities. There will be approximately 40 locations throughout the Permian Basin and in east Texas. Globe Energy focuses on new well completions and the production and maintenance of existing wells

While the two companies provide many of the same procedures, Mastin said the acquisition of Musselwhite will allow Globe to add hot oiling services, workstring services and other services. The purchase will also expand Globe's operating locations, particularly in the Basin.

"We'll be the largest fluid service provider in the Permian Basin now," Mastin stated. "We're also going to be in the mid-continent area and in east Texas."

Strong oil prices and production increases in recent years helped propel Globe toward this purchase. "It's definitely our guess and our hope that the Permian Basin will continue to be a strong player — and, really, all the basins. With the new technology that's coming out, it's helping boost not only the Permian Basin but all the areas of operation," Mastin said. "It's really crazy to think about a well that was drilled in 1920 and is still producing 10-15 barrels of oil per day."

Speaking of the prospects provided by the joining of the two companies, Mastin said, "It's almost like a kid at Christmas time just taking the chance to open up his present knowing how exciting it's going to be."

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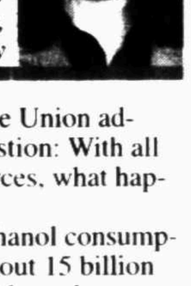
Let's decide on an energy policy now



TAMMY KLEIN
Assistant vice president, Hart Energy

Want to be prepared for the future? OK, repeat after me: "Zhe shi wode míngpiàn."

Not bad, but try again, this time with feeling. This is an important phrase because it melds two fundamental issues facing this country — jobs and foreign debt. You just said, "This is my business card" in Mandarin. Good for you.

What I'm getting at is more basic than how much publicly held U.S. debt lies within China's control — $1.2 trillion or 8 percent of the total for those keeping score — it's the direction that country is heading as opposed to the direction that ours is heading. Ours is shackled by political gridlock. Theirs is racing toward the future.

A fundamental issue exists that President Obama in his second term must address: Energy. Economies run on it and the all-out-all-of-the-above approach treated like a badminton birdie during the campaign is taken seriously in Beijing.

Here's what I mean: The growth in biofuels has reduced the level of fossil fuels consumed in the United States, and that has reduced this country's dependence on foreign sources of energy. In fact, between 2020 and 2025, North America will likely achieve oil independence — no net oil imports — due to the surge in domestic oil and gas production. In fact, the U.S. may even catch Saudi Arabia in crude production by then.

Suddenly energy independence is a near-term reality instead of lofty rhetoric glossed over in a State of the Union address. But that begs the question: With all these domestic crude resources, what happens to biofuels?

Try this: In 2025, U.S. ethanol consumption is projected to reach about 15 billion gallons, or about 13 percent by volume of all gasoline used. Nearly all will come from corn. Sounds like a lot, but the goal, spelled out in the government's Renewable Fuel Standard program, is 36 billion gallons by 2022. Three years after the deadline, this country will still be less than halfway there.

Why? There's nowhere for excess corn ethanol to be blended domestically. There are only so many cars in this country, they burn only so much gasoline and that gasoline is limited, for the most part, to an ethanol content of 10 percent by volume (commonly known as E10).

Meeting the federal mandate would require a much higher ethanol blend. The average blend would need to be E25 or E30 to satisfy federal requirements. Not likely to happen. Compounding the issue is the slow progress in commercializing advanced ethanol from non-food sources. Not that there would be any place to blend it in the gasoline pool if there were.

We need course correction, big time. We need a direction and a plan — and neither party has put together anything credible. The necessity for regulatory certainty for the industries involved and for us as consumers cannot be emphasized enough.

The presidential campaigns had a knack for reducing important issues to mindless mnemonic devices. Energy became "drill, baby, drill"; education reform, "skill, baby, skill"; opening new markets for U.S. goods, "shill, baby, shill." Those on stage at the presidential debates uttered more than 53,000 words — only three were "biofuels."

Meantime, China has been pursuing its own all-out-all-of-the-above strategy and is focused on developing new crude sources, renewable energies and advanced biofuels. Our failure to choose a direction in the next four years means surrendering to the political gridlock that binds us now. It will only lead to a collective sigh of "Wo mílù le."

That's "I'm lost" in Mandarin, by the way.

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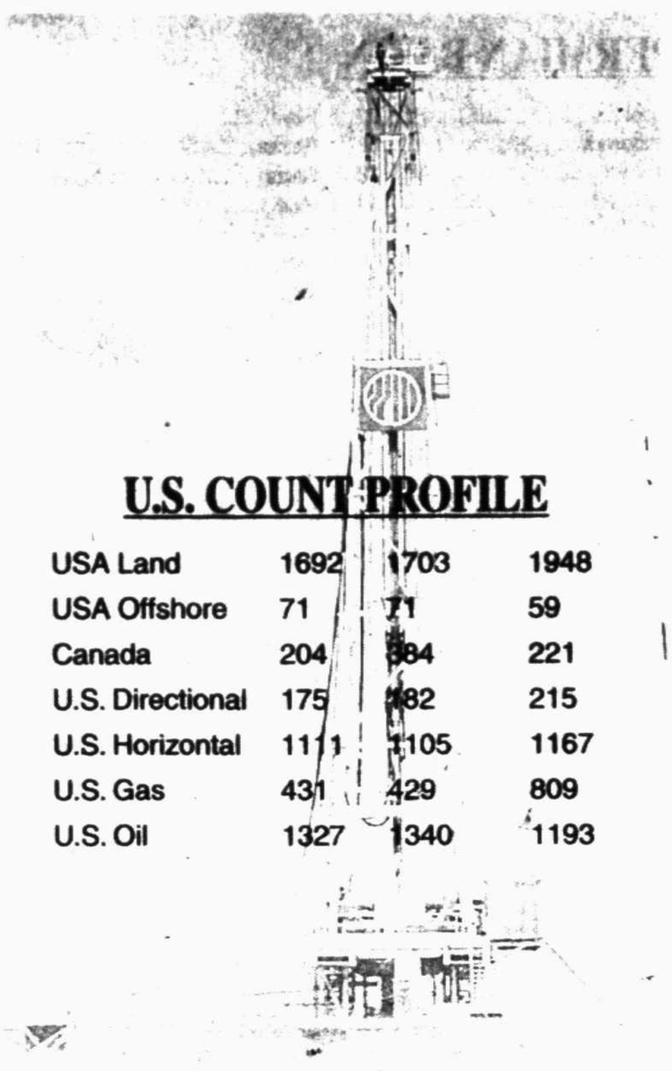

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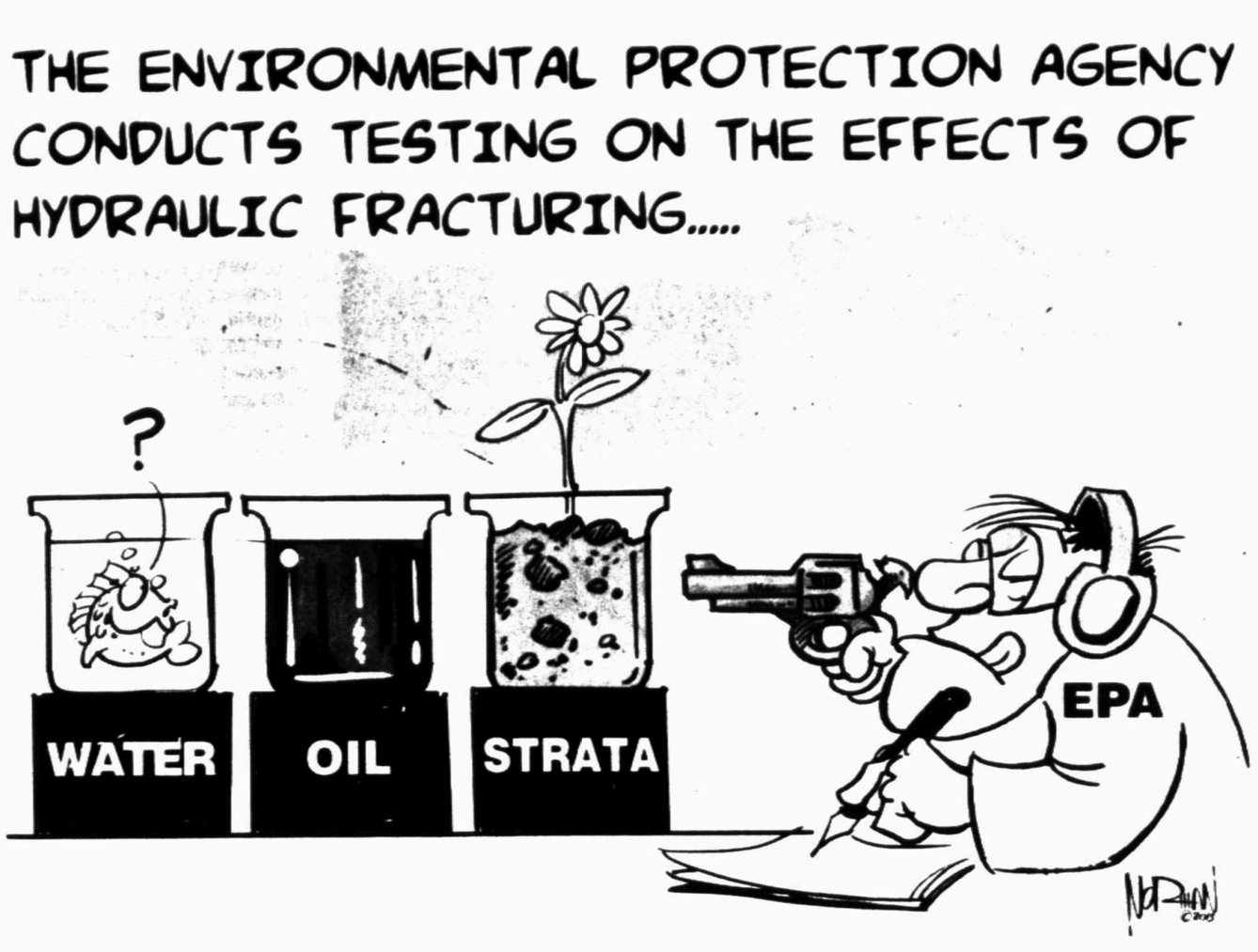

Trains carrying more oil across US amid boom

By Matthre Brown and Josh Funk
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Energy companies behind the oil boom on the Northern Plains are increasingly turning to an industrial-age workhorse — the locomotive — to move their crude to refineries across the U.S., as plans for new pipelines stall and existing lines can't keep up with demand.

Delivering oil thousands of miles by rail from the heartland to refineries on the East, West and Gulf coasts costs more, but it can mean increased profits — up to $10 or more a barrel — because of higher oil prices on the coasts. That works out to roughly $700,000 per train.

The parade of mile-long trains carrying hazardous material out of North Dakota and Montana and across the country has experts and federal regulators concerned. Rail transport is less safe than pipelines, they say, and the proliferation of oil trains raises the risk of a major derailment and spill.

Since 2009, the number of train cars carrying crude hauled by major railroads has jumped from about 10,000 a year to a projected 200,000 in 2012. Much of that has been in the Northern Plains' Bakken crude patch, but companies say oil trains are rolling or will be soon from Texas, Colorado and western Canada.

"This is all occurring very rapidly, and history teaches that when those things happen, unfortunately, the next thing that is going to occur would be some sort of disaster," said Jim Hall, a transportation consultant and former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Rail companies said the industry places a priority on safety and has invested heavily in track upgrades, provided emergency training and taken other measures to guard against accidents. There have been no major oil train derailments from the Bakken, according to federal regulators.

Union Pacific Railroad CEO Jack Koraleski said hauling oil out of places like North Dakota will be a long-term business for railroads because trains are faster than pipelines, reliable and offer a variety of destinations.

"The railroads are looking at this as a unique opportunity, a game-changing opportunity for their business," said Jeffery Elliot, a rail expert with the New York-based consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

BNSF Railway Co., the prime player in the Bakken, has bolstered its oil train capacity to a million barrels a day and expects that figure to increase further. To accommodate the growth, in part, the railroad is sinking $197 million into track upgrades and other improvements in Montana and North Dakota.

BNSF is also increasing train sizes, from 100 oil cars per train to as many as 118.

Larger trains are harder to control, and that increases the chances of something going wrong, safety experts said. State and local emergency officials worry about a derailment in a population center or an environmentally sensitive area such as a river crossing.

Rail accidents occur 34 times more frequently than pipeline ones for every ton of crude or other hazardous material shipped comparable distances, according to a recent study by the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank. The Association of American Railroads contends the study was flawed but acknowledges the likelihood of a rail accident is double or triple the chance of a pipeline problem.

The environmental fears carry an ironic twist: Oil trains are gaining popularity in part because of a shortage of pipeline capacity — a problem that has been worsened by environmental opposition to such projects as TransCanada's stalled Keystone XL pipeline. That project would carry Bakken and Canadian crude to the Gulf of Mexico.

Wayde Schafer, a North Dakota spokesman for the Sierra Club, described rail as "the greater of two evils" because trains pass through cities, over waterways and through wetlands that pipelines can be built to avoid.

"It's an accident waiting to happen. It's going to be a mess and we don't know where that mess is going to be," Schafer said.

For oil companies, the embrace of rail is a matter of expediency. Oil-loading rail terminals can be built in a matter of months, versus three to five years for pipelines to clear regulatory hurdles and be put into service, said Justin Kringstad of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. Although more pipelines are in the works, he said moving oil by rail will continue.

The surge comes at the right time for railroads: Coal shipments — a mainstay of the rail industry — have suffered because of competition from cheap natural gas.

In the eastern U.S., CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads haven't seen as much growth because oil from the Marcellus Shale area of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York is close enough to refineries that trucks haul the crude.

Yet BNSF is beginning to haul Bakken crude east to Chicago, where it hands off the tank cars to CSX or Norfolk Southern for delivery to Eastern refineries. It has also sent oil to the West Coast, a trend that could increase if Alaska crude production falters, as some industry observers are predicting.

The growth will require significant upgrades to already congested rail lines, industry analysts said.

Overall, crude oil shipments still represent less than 1 percent of all carloads. And there are far more dangerous materials aboard the nation's trains, including explosives, poisonous gases and other industrial chemicals.

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regulated by strong state regulators who are on the ground with those doing the work, and not federal regulations that are broad and poorly-based."

Having won last year's battle to prevent the dunes sagebrush lizard from being listed as endangered, the association is now working to prevent the lesser prairie chicken's listing, Shepperd said, submitting comments and analyzing the research submitted to support a listing. The experience gained from the lizard has helped, he said. "We do not believe a listing is warranted and we will do all we can to prove it's not warranted, and we're hopeful the Fish and Wildlife Service will issue a no-listing decision.

"We would like to see reform of the Endangered Species Act, a well-intentioned law abused by environmental groups seeking to curtail all types of activity and doesn't necessarily benefit the species," he continued.

In Midland last month to address the annual CO_2 Conference, Coddington said he expects carbon capture and storage will remain a top issue and he expects the EPA to issue three major climate control rules in 2013. One will implement new greenhouse gas emissions standards for new power plants, new standards for existing power plants and the third will implement new source performance standards on refineries.

Coddington said while he doesn't see a change in leadership at EPA bringing about many changes, "EPA action is more likely to be influenced by budgetary pressures."

The agency, like all others, he pointed out, will be under scrutiny as Congress and the Obama Administration look to cut federal spending and reduce government debt. There is, he added, some evidence the agency is moving with greater deliberation, which may be due to budget concerns, but he stressed that proposed regulations "are still in the pipeline."

The oil and gas industry should be more concerned, Coddington said, with the fact Sen. John Kerry has been nominated to become the next secretary of state.

The State Department, he explained, has final approval over the proposed Keystone XL pipeline and Kerry, "if he's not on the record opposing the pipeline, he's certainly a critic of it. As secretary of state, he may cause more problems than a new EPA administrator."

What Shepperd sees for the next four years, he said, is "more regulations, more scrutiny, more agencies looking to regulate us. Things are good economically, but regulatory, everyone's nervous. People like certainty."

Operators will continue watching proposals to eliminate tax provisions, including intangible drilling costs and depletion allowance. "Typical business deductions every business enjoys that, if done away with will have a dramatic effect on the industry. We hope in Washington's panic to address the debt, they won't kill the goose that laid the golden egg," Shepperd said.

Natural gas faces long road to overtake diesel

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

All the talk of natural gas as a cheap alternative fuel has some who make or use diesel products rolling their eyes.

Not so fast, say backers of diesel, the fuel of choice for the largest, most powerful and thirstiest engines on the planet. They say talk of natural gas replacing diesel is nonsense being propagated by those trying to sell the now-cheap resource.

"It's hysteria," said Allen Schaeffer, executive director of the Diesel Technology Forum, a nonprofit advocacy group backed by BP and several engine manufacturers and automakers, including General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Mazda, Volvo and Volkswagen.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to be using more natural gas and I think that's a good thing for national energy policy," Schaeffer said. "I don't think that means, by any stretch of the imagination, that diesel is on its way out."

The way some executives have talked lately, however, that's exactly what it might sound like.

"Large engines are going gas," Joel Feucht, general manager for gas engines at Cater-pillar, said in September at the High Horsepower Summit in Houston.

Feucht said in a recent interview that Caterpillar, also a member of the Diesel Technology Forum, believes many of the world's largest engines will continue running on diesel. But the price advantage and comparable capabilities of natural gas-powered engines will offer an undeniable economic benefit for heavy fuel users, he said.

Customers already are looking for large engines that run on natural gas, which has prompted Caterpillar to develop natural gas-powered products, from mining trucks to locomotive engines.

Caterpillar is still heavily invested in diesel engines and expects that market to grow. But the strong interest in engines that run on cheaper fuel was inspiration enough to begin offering such products, Feucht said.

"We don't do things on a whim around here," Feucht said of Caterpillar's bet on natural gas — though he wouldn't disclose the size of the company's investment in developing the products.

"We've studied this and we've come to the conclusion that we are all in," he said. "And we are all in because we think that is going to happen."

Upbeat about growth

But diesel makers say they're confident about betting on their fuel.

"Refiners like Valero are investing in expansions that will increase the amount of diesel that we're making because demand for diesel is growing at a faster rate around the world than demand for gasoline," said Bill Day, a spokesman for Valero, the world's largest independent refiner.

The growth prospects for diesel also look strong because of challenges in producing and distributing natural gas in the liquid form necessary for use in vehicle tanks. Diesel, by contrast, has an existing delivery infrastructure and fuels a type of engine that — after decades in which it often was associated with smoky exhaust — has improved dramatically in efficiency and cleanliness.

"There's a reason we've used diesel fuel for the last century," Day said. "It's been what has worked."

Schaeffer pointed out that the cost advantage for natural gas — now about 30 percent to 40 percent less for the energy equivalent of a diesel gallon — also may be more temporary than natural gas supporters believe.

Declines in natural gas availability could change the economics, he said — if the lower prices lead to reduced production, for example, or new regulations on hydraulic fracturing make drilling more expensive.

"Anyone who thinks there is not going to be substantial state and federal regulation on hydraulic fracturing is maybe not in touch with reality," Schaeffer said.

But with widespread projections of strong U.S. natural gas production for decades to come, many believe a substantial price spread will remain between diesel and natural gas fuels.

Payback period

The difference already has created savings for some companies, including natural gas producer Encana Corp., which powers about 40 percent of its drilling rigs with the very product it's seeking, said David Hill, the company's vice president of natural gas economy operations.

Encana saved $11 million in 2011 by running rigs on natural gas instead of diesel, Hill said.

The cost of converting a rig engine to run on natural gas ranges from $300,000 to $900,000, he said.

Although there are up-front costs in a switch to natural gas, fuel price savings can result in a payback period of two to three years, Hill said.

In addition, despite improvements that have made diesel engines' emissions of particulate matter almost negligible, natural gas still burns with about 30 percent less greenhouse gas emissions, Hill said.

While up-front costs and infrastructure remain a challenge in supplying customers with natural gas for large engines, the cost and emissions advantage have the potential to make it an attractive option, Hill said. But he conceded that natural gas isn't likely to completely replace diesel, long a fixture on construction sites and railroads.

"I think just the bottom line is there's room and enough space for alternative fuels in the market," he said. "And what we're happy with is now the fleets actually have a choice."

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our folks an opportunity to hear first-hand about the other companies' approach to solutions, actual circumstances facing operators and clarification of regulations impacting operators and solution providers."

Due to the rapid increase of production activities across the state, there is a demand for power that cannot be filled under current conditions. There is also a lack of pipeline infrastructure needed to carry all the natural gas being produced from the wellhead to market, creating an excess that traditionally would be vented or flared. Commissioner Porter is encouraging operators to look into ways to use excess gas produced at the wellhead as a source of power, instead of traditional electricity, in order to reduce the waste of natural gas and limit the environmental impact from air emissions.

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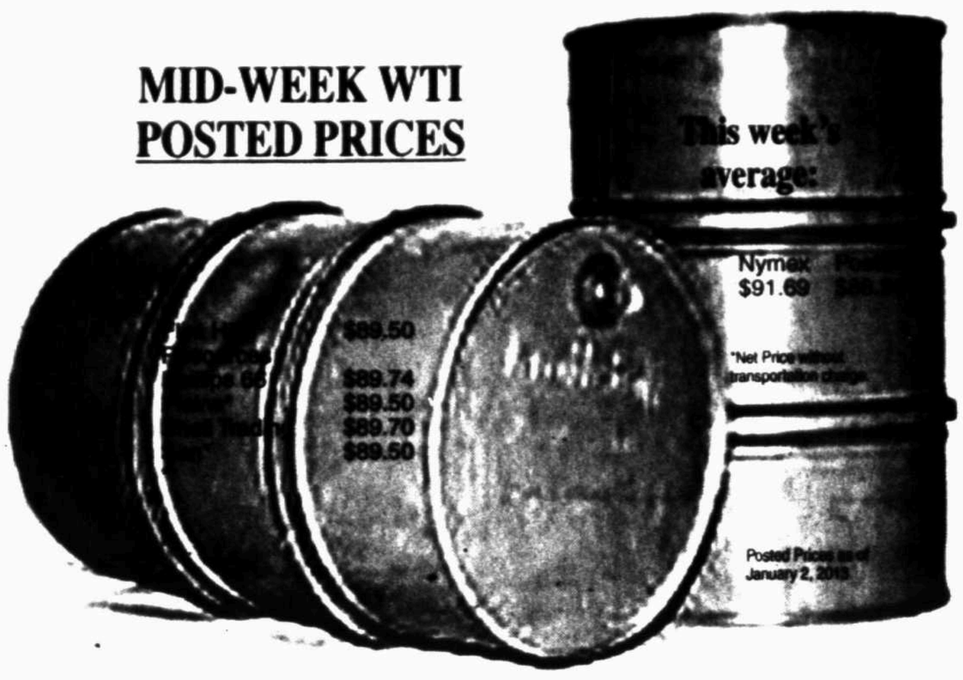

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Menard	0
Reagan	20
Runnels	1
Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	26

DIST. #8

Andrews	23
Brewster	0
Crane	8
Culberson	5
Ector	22
Glasscock	33
Howard	22
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	15
Martin	44
Midland	24
Mitchell	0
Pecos	6
Presidio	0
Reeves	32
Sterling	3
Ward	23
Winkler	3

DIST. #8A

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Borden	4
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	7
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	6
Garza	1
Hale	1
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	6
Terry	1
Yoakum	4

TEXAS TOTAL 367

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	0
Eddy	41
Lea	31
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	72

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices Price per MMBtu	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 1/2/13	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$3.696	$3.233	$3.114
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.610	$3.375	$2.840
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.553	$3.415	$2.859
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.570	$3.375	$2.845
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.560	$3.390	$2.855
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.573	$3.373	$2.854
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$3.654	$3.344	$2.927

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Chevron USA Inc.
Porter Brown #1
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Roosevelt County

WESPAC Energy LLC
Beretta #1
Wildcat; Sec 11 T4S R32E; 330/S & 514/E; 6 mi NE Elida; Rot 8500 Fusselman; API #30-041-20953

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Long Tall Sally #1
Wildcat; Sec 19 T5S R34E; 915/N & 2115/E; 6 mi SW Dora; Rot 8300 Fusselman; API #30-041-20954

MEETINGS

PBGS hosts Schlumberger geophysicist

The Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Mark Egan, worldwide Chief Area Geophysicist in the GeoSolutions product line that spans across the WesternGeco and PetroTechnical Services segments in Schlumberger, will present "Exploration and Production of Shale Plays: What is Needed From Seismic Data and What Are We Doing About It?"

Egan is also a part of the GeoSolutions' Unconventionals Seismic Solutions team.

Cost is $15. Reservations should be made by Monday, Jan. 7 and can be made by email at pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com.

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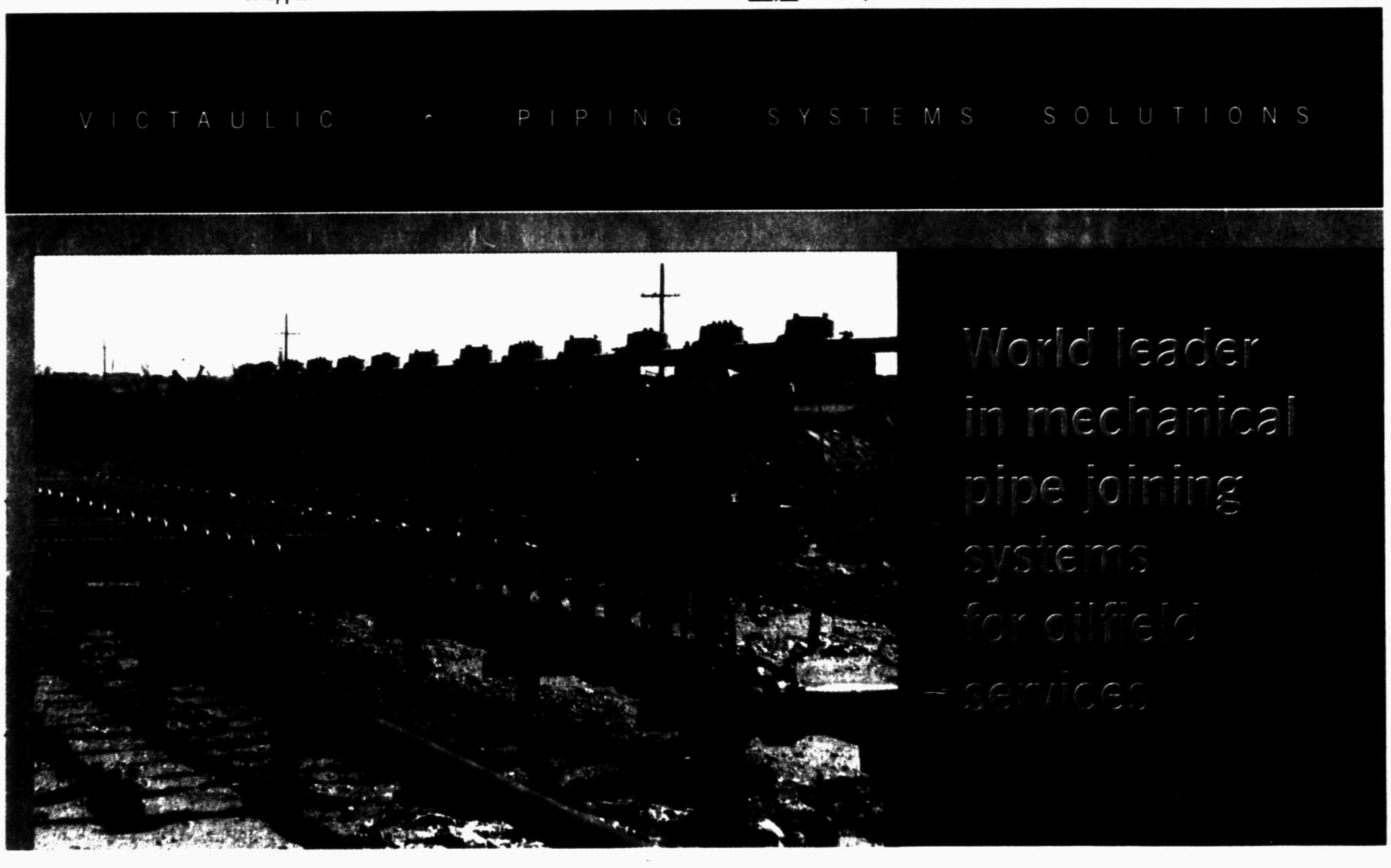

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PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2204H UNIVERSITY 46, 2190 FNL 2310 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 46, UL SUR. 9750', 16 SW BARNHART

Irion County

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 AA SUGG 1894, 467 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 1894, E HEINRICH SUR., A-162 6600', 28 S STERLING CITY

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 6 AA SUGG 1895, 1700 FNL 2000 FWL, SEC 1895, EW WEYGAND SUR., A-654 6616', 10 NW MERTZON

EOG RESOURCES, INC. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 703H NOELKE A, 250 FSL 1270 FWL, SEC 7, WC SUR., A-667 6300', 7 NE BARNHART

TXP, INC. S ARDEN (CNYN SD LO) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 FIELD, 1159 FSL 2751 FEL, SEC 1804, SC BENNETT SUR., A-13 7000', 18 NE MERTZON

Reagan County

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 806H UNIVERSITY 09, 2316 FWL 1891 FNEL, SEC 8 BLK 9, UL SUR. 8601', 10 NW BIG LAKE

EOG RESOURCES, INC. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2809H UNIVERSITY 9, 2650 FNL 1960 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 9, UNIV LAND SUR. 7800', 5 W TEXON

EOG RESOURCES, INC. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2810H UNIVERSITY 9, 2650 FNL 610 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 9, UNIV LAND SUR. 8250', 5 W TEXON

HENDERSON & ERICKSON, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 RADIO TOWER RD SWD, 700 FNL 700 FEL, SEC 99 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-622 5500', 21 NE STILES

Sutton County

MEXTEX OPERATING COMPANY FT TTERRETT RNCH(CNYN) (O)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 21H FT TERRETT RANCH/CANYON LM/U., 657 FNL 1687 FWL, SEC 81 BLK A, GWT&P SUR., A-260 3999', 30 SE SONORA

MEXTEX OPERATING COMPANY FT TERRETT RNCH(CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 231 FT TERRETT RANCH/CANYON LM/U., 1590 FSL 1826 FEL, SEC 58 BLK A, GWT&P/ F SCHWIENING JR SUR., A-1214 3999', 30 SE SONORA

Upton County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. N KING MTN (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3313U FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-512 11200', 16 SE ODESSA

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4514 SUTHERLAND, 1724 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 45 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-33 12000', 12 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 13 TXL-27, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 40 T5S, T&P SUR., A-465 11400', 24 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 TXL 43, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-507 12000', 23 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 DAWN, 467 FWL 2373 FSL, SEC 69 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-45 12000', 14 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3903 FLORENCE, 1980 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 39 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-30 12000', 11 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4116 SLOAN, 820 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 41 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-31 12000', 13 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3816 MORGAN, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 38 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/ SR PRESTON/B WALTER SUR., A-1490 12000', 11 NW RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC BLOCK 4 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 4-12, 1078 FSL 2599 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U48 13000', 5 SE RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC BLOCK 4 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 FURMINT, 2170 FEL 1065 FNL, SEC 29, C&M SUR., A-4 13000', 4 NE RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 4-11, 467 FWL 1249 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U47 13000', 5 SE RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC BLOCK 4 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 4-24, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U60 13000', 6 SE RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 JRS FARMS 24A, 467 FWL 2310 FSL, SEC 24 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/ JG HALL SUR., A-1415 13000', 26 N RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC DAVIS (PENN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 JRS FARMS 30A, 467 FNL 2173 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 38 T5S, T&P/ JG HALL SUR., A-1411 13000', 26 N RANKIN

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2115 ESTELLE, 990 FWL 1115 FSL, SEC 121 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-71 11200', 17 NW RANKIN

WICHITA WATER LLC BENEDUM (SPRABERRY) (REENTER)(INJ) Well# 2 CIRCLE C SWD, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 7 BLK Y, TC SUR., A-365 6000', 12 NE RANKIN

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 109H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 900 FNL 2200 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 11, UL SUR. 7400', 20 NE ANDREWS

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 UNIVERSITY LANDS 47, 467 FNL 1088 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 6, UL SUR., A-U185 12100', 20 NE ANDREWS

BULLDOG OPER. CO. BLOCK 12 DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 QUANTUM SWD, 1667 FSL 2173 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 12, UNIV LAND SUR. 10000', 19 W ANDREWS

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 UL 3, 2017 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 2, UL SUR., A-U41 12000', 10 SE ANDREWS

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 UL 3, 2027 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 2, UL SUR., A-U41 12000', 10 SE ANDREWS

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BERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 4321WD MABEE 139, 614 FSL 2652 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 40 T1N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-78 15000', 14 NW MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 UNIVERSITY 6-49, 602 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 49 BLK 6, UL SUR., A-U187 11900', 18 NE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 13-33, 330 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 330 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

THE EASTLAND OIL CO. FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 LUCKY, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 3 BLK A43, PSL SUR., A-2300 5000', 4 W ANDREWS

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 UNIVERSITY 6-26, 1950 FWL 2150 FNL, SEC 26 BLK 6, UL SUR. 12000', 22 NE ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H KING 9, 350 FSL 350 FEL, SEC 9 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-18 3500', 2 NW CRANE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 13 EMMA, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-661 10250', 16 S ODESSA

PPC OPER. CO. LLC ROEPKE (U DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1D COWDEN 60, 676 FEL 601 FSL, SEC 60 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG/ JD MCGEE SUR., A-603 7500', 7 W CRANE

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 300 CLYDE COWDEN, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7500', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 255 CLYDE COWDEN, 335 FNL 2515 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JA SELLERS SUR., A-791 7300', 14 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 263 CLYDE COWDEN, 1805 FSL 1880 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7500', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 259 CLYDE COWDEN, 2540 FNL 2640 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JA SELLERS SUR., A-791 7300', 14 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 274 CLYDE COWDEN, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JW BUCHANAN SUR., A-697 7500', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 264 CLYDE COWDEN, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7500', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 223 CLYDE COWDEN, 710 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JW BUCHANAN SUR., A-697 7500', 13 NW ODESSA

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 205 CLYDE COWDEN, 1980 FSL 1800 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 6600', 13 NW ODESSA

LEGADO PERMIAN, LLC GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 201R GOLDSMITH-LANDRETH/SAN ANDRES/ UT, 1013 FNL 304 FEL, SEC 32 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ GS WIGHT SUR., A-829 4550', 2 W GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MACK 8, 1615 FNL 1590 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/ JG CARTER SUR., A-705 10600', 8 NW GARDEN CITY

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 ED BOOKS 13, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-271 10000', 10 S GARDEN CITY

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 32 BA OVERTON, 2290 FSL 1985 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 32 T2S, T&P/ JJ PHILLIPS SUR., A-1257 3400', 12 SE BIG SPRING

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 MOLLIE, 2297 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 9631', 15 S GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 10 GUADALUPE 48, 1890 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ TJ SEABOLT SUR., A-1116 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

MAVERICK DISPOSAL, LLC W DEADWOOD (STRWN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 ROGERS SWD, 400 FNL 830 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 33 T2S, T&P SUR., A-120 5300', 10 W GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 195W HOWARD GLASSCOCK (G-S) UNIT, 230 FSL 2085 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/ H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 11 S BIG SPRING

Howard County

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 LONG 32, 1088 FNL 1500 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 32 T1N, T&P/ JC SMITH SUR., A-992 9800', 2 N BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 MCCRARY 18, 467 FNL 2330 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 33 T1N, T&P, JW KING SUR., A-1496 10000', 5 N BIG SPRING

MIDLAND OIL & GAS, INC. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 GUITAR 22, 467 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 22 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-571 10500', 7 NW BIG SPRING

MIDLAND OIL & GAS, INC. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 GUITAR 19, 467 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 19 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-568 10500', 7 NW BIG SPRING

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3723 DONELSON B, 1950 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T1S, T&P SUR., A-542 10900', 10 W ELBOW

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3944 MCKENZIE, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-337 10800', 6 SE KNOTT

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC MOORE (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1532 ROBB, 1980 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 15 BLK 33 T1S, T&P SUR., A-365 10800', 2 N ELBOW

Loving County

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. TWO GRGS(BONE SPRNG) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 BRUNSON B, 1324 FWL 1601 FSL, SEC 4 BLK C26, PSL/ GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1009 16800', 15 NE MENTONE

RKI E&P, LLC RED BLUFF (WOLFCAMP) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 2D RED BLUFF 8, 1320 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 56 T1, T&P/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1127 10000', 10 SW ORLA

Martin County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 DAVIS LYNX 46, 830 FSL 2173 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ PE FORESTER SUR., A-1164 12000', 4 NW KNOTT

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 ORPHAN 36, 467 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/HM DAVIS SUR., A-718 12000', 10 NE STANTON

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 MABEE J, 1775 FWL 930 FSL, SEC 2 BLK HA, HA MOORE SUR., A-917 14000', 21 E ANDREWS

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 JC EPLEY, 667 FEL 2200 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/ WT EPLEY SUR., A-881 12000', 14 NW STANTON

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 39P THUNDERBOLT, 617 FSL 570 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-170 12000', 12 NW STANTON

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC BIG WHEEL (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 DONNELL 264, 467 FWL 990 FSL, KENT CSL/ LEAGUE 264/LABOR 10 SUR., A-613 13000', 8 W PATRICIA

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 COOK 21, 1990 FSL 2038 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-94 11800', 24 N STANTON

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 SALE 26, 660 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-650 13000', 7 NW STANTON

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1032 BROWN, 2020 FWL 1960 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ NL WRIGHT SUR., A-862 11500', 3/4 W ACKERLY

Midland County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HORSELOT (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 5 KOONCE A, 774 FWL 701 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/WD WATTS SUR., A-730 12000', 5 W GREENWOOD

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2D JACKSON D, 660 FEL 1982 FSL, SEC 30 BLK 37 T1S, T&P/ MRS R ARTHUR SUR., A-676 11403', 4 NW GREENWOOD

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HORSELOT (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 KOONCE A, 2434 FEL 2052 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ WD WATTS SUR., A-730 12000', 5 W GREENWOOD

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP DORA ROBERTS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 18 JUNE T SANDERS, 867 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 41 T3S, T&P/N LONG SUR., A-1351 10600', 20 SW MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 153 DONALD L HUTT FEE, 1980 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T3S, T&P SUR., A-94 11300', 14 SE MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 144 DONALD L HUTT FEE, 635 FNL 1938 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T3S, T&P/ EC GOOD SUR., A-912 11500', 15 SE MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 158 DONALD L HUTT FEE, 990 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T3S, T&P/ EC GOOD SUR., A-912 11700', 15 SE MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 160 DONALD L HUTT FEE, 1980 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T3S, T&P/ EC GOOD SUR., A-912 11490', 15 SE MIDLAND

Pecos County

CUERVO, INC. LEON VALLEY (OBRIEN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 ALAMO, 293 FEL 1000 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 117, GC&SF SUR., A-2981 2750', 3 SW FORT STOCKTON

Reeves County

ARABELLA PETRO. CO., LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H GRAHAM, 1984 FEL 330 FNL, SEC 140 BLK 13, H&GN/ GW GATHINGS JR SUR., A-2139 13500', 17 S PECOS

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 3H CWEI-CHK 199-13, 660 FWL 475 FSL, SEC 199 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-54 13200', 9 SW PECOS

COMSTOCK OIL & GAS, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H SADDLEBACK STATE A 42, 500 FEL 500 FSL, SEC 42 BLK 6, H&GN/WH GEMMER SUR., A-3936 13000', 7 S PECOS

EXL PETROLEUM, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 302 CAROLE, 990 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/ A MCKINNEY SUR., A-2718 13500', 27 S PECOS

EXL PETROLEUM, LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BAILEY, 277 FNL 277 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 50 T8S, T&P/ A MCKINNEY SUR., A-2720 13500', 26 S PECOS

GP II ENERGY, INC. BRSHY DRW(CHRY CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 MONTCLAIR, 1800 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 57 T1, T&P SUR., A-1021 6000', 13 N ORLA

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 FALCON STATE 20, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 20 BLK C7, PSL/ BF DESMOND SUR., A-4532 13500', 6 SE PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 LYDA 9, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 51 T7S, T&P SUR., A-735 13500', 11 S PECOS

J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 CHEVRON MINERALS 5, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 51 T7S; T&P SUR., A-733 13500', 10 S PECOS

RANGER 40 PETROLEUM, LLC GERALDINE (FORD) (O/G) DRILL Well# 28 GE RAMSEY JR 8, 2350 FSL 1849 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 57 T1, T&P/TA EZELL SUR., A-3722 3000', 12 NW ORLA

RED WILLOW PROD., LLC. HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HOEFS RANCH STATE 1-64, 50 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 64 BLK 1, H&TC/JM MOORE/ JW IVEY SUR., A-4807 10066', 30 N PECOS

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY W WAHA (CONS DEL) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 JD BODKINS, 1088 FSL 3019 FEL, SEC 2 BLK C4, PSL/ IN WINFREE SUR., A-1295 6600', 23 SE PECOS

Sterling County

BURLESON PETRO., INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O) (FDTFR) Well# 1 BH BARBEE JR 52, 1581 FSL 2438 FEL, SEC 52 BLK 2, T&P/TS BARTON SUR., A-1174 9800', 23 SW STERLING CITY

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H ELLWOOD M, 1209 FNL 578 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-98 7750', 15 NE STERLING

Ward County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WIGGO 34-177, 310 FSWL 1980 FSEL, SEC 177 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-267 16000', 12 NE PECOS

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H BYRD 34-170 UNIT, 310 FSWL 2230 FSEL, SEC 170 BLK 34, H&TC/ EJ HAYES SUR., A-1310 16000', 10 NE PECOS

Winkler County

HENRY RESOURCES LLC MASH (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4109 LUCY, 467 FEL 660 FNL, SEC 41 BLK 46 T1N, T&P SUR., A-154 12500', 18 NE KERMIT

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC ARENOSO (STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL (DETRITUS) Well# 1903 VEST RANCH, 660 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 19 BLK B9, PSL/EP COWDEN SUR., A-1404 9000', 15 SE KERMIT

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Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3508 CLARK WOOD A, 172 FNL 331 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 5000', 10 NE SLATON

Dawson County

BASIC ENERGY SERVICES, LP HARRINGTON (WLFCMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 LAMESA SWD, 454 FSL 600 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 35 T5N, T&P SUR., A-123 6200', 4 SE LAMESA

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP J.L.M. (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 DARLA 39, 660 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 39 BLK 35 T4N, T&P SUR., A-108 12000', 8 E KLONDIKE

PPC OPER. CO. LLC GIN (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 2012 GIN UNIT, 1442 FWL 1411 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T5N, T&P/ MRS MJ MOSELEY SUR., A-455 8300', 6 SW LAMESA

RAW O&G, INC. ADCOCK (SILURO-DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BROWN, 1094 FSL 68 FEL, SEC 106 BLK 34, D&SE/AM BEST/ AM BEST SUR., A-887 12000', 4 SE O'DONNELL

Dickens County

HALLIBURTON OPER. CO. TRIFECTA (CROTON LM) (O) DRILL Well# 2 KATHI, 1227 FNL 511 FWL, SEC 275 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-144 8000', 5 E SPUR

Garza County

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP. SWENSON-GARZA(ELLEN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 101 BIG RED ONE, 1368 FNL 2591 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 2, H&GN/DW STILES SUR., A-1085 9000', 24 NE POST

Lubbock County

ENDURO OPER. II LLC CYJACK (LWCC) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 PRESTON UNIT, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 16 BLK D6, AB&M/C LAME SUR., A-814 11000', 12 W LUBBOCK

Lynn County

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP. W WILSON (ELLENBURGER) (O) (REC)(DIR) (ST) Well# 1ST HERZOG, 2550 FNL 2300 FEL, SEC 3, WILSON CSL SUR., A-112 9950', 2 NW WILSON

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 18-4A SACROC UNIT, 540 FSL 1608 FWL, SEC 440 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1532 7250', 9 NW SNYDER

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 18-6A SACROC UNIT, 977 FSL 2207 FEL, SEC 440 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1532 7250', 9 NW SNYDER

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 18-2A SACROC UNIT, 1996 FSL 581 FWL, SEC 440 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1532 7250', 9 NW SNYDER

Yoakum County

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 4234R ROBERTS UNIT, 1013 FNL 1170 FEL, SEC 836 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ EP STANFORD SUR., A-1611 5700', 8 NW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G)DRILL (DIREC) Well# 2257 DENVER UNIT, 198 FNL 892 FEL, SEC 861 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-57 5600', 4 NW DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Junior AWW State Com #1
Crow Flats; Sec 17 T16S R28E; 1980/S & 1980/W; 12 1/2 mi NE Artesia; Rot 9600 Morrow; API #30-015-40773

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Matthews 25 Fed #1
NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 2130/N & 330/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5514 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40804

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan 35 M Federal #16
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 990/S & 370/W; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5200 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40806

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan B35N Federal #18
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 330/S & 2310/W; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5200 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40807

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan 35P Federal #19
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 970/S & 990/E; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5350 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40808

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Logan 2C State #4
NE Red Lake; Sec 2 T18S R27E; 990/N & 1500/W; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4770 Glo/Yeso ; API #30-015-40783

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 35 E Federal #20
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 2310/N & 960/W; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5150 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40809

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 35A Federal #21
NE Red Lake; Sec 35 T17S R27E; 455/N & 990E; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5150 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40810

Oxy USA WTP LP
Chris Robin 20 Fed #7
Artesia; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 1650/N & 1980/E; 11 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40794

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Pere Marquette 18 Federal #13
Empire; Sec 18 T17S R29E; 1199/N & 1412/W; 8 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 5320 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40785

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #647
Dodd; Sec 22 T17S R29E; 2490/N & 1650/E; 5 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40787

COG Operating LLC
Jo Federal #2
Loco Hills ; Sec 21 T17S R30E; 990/S & 1765/E; 1 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 5150 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40788

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Stirling 7C #7
Red Lake; Sec 7 T18S R27E; 990/N & 2130/W; 6 mi SW Artesia; Rot 5112 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40795

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Vandergriff 8D Fed #4
Red Lake; Sec 8 T18S R27E; 330/N & 990/W; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40805

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Hawk 17C Federal #8
Red Lake; Sec 17 T18S R27E; 10/N & 2050/W; 8 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5277 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-40803

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Kaiser 18A #15
Red Lake; Sec 18 T18S R27E; 330/N & 800/E; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4421 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40796

COG Operating LLC
Chicken Dinner 36 State Com #1
Lusk; Sec 36 T18S R31E; 660/N & 180/E; 11 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14888 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40790

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #1
Turkey Track ; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 2260/S & 1345/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 15157 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40782

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #2
Turkey Track ; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 2260/S & 1520/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 15112 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40777

Devon Enregy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #3
Turkey Track ; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 1475/N & 1245/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 16721 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40778

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #5
Turkey Track; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 2085/S & 1295/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 14021 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40779

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #6
Turkey Track; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 2085/S & 1470/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13986 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40780

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Peridot 13 State #7
Turkey Track; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 1650/N & 1195/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 15626 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40781

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Crescent Hale 10 Fed #3
NW Hackberry; Sec 11 T19S R30E; 2250/S & 2025/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 15293 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40784

COG Operating LLC
Buena Vista 2 State #1
Gatuna Canyon; Sec 2 T20S R30E; 1130/S & 330/E; 12 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13519 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40789

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Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw "A" #157I
Spraberry (Trend Area); 663 fnl, 646 fel, Sec 157, Blk 1, Abst. 543, T&P RR, 10 ne Big Lake; TD 9200; Comp 12/11/2012; producing from 5271-8790, fracture stimulated; pump 25 BO,141 MCF, 55 BW, 36.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37736

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw "A" #157C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 598 fnl, 574 fel, Sec 157, Blk 1, Abst. 543, T&P RR, 10 ne Big Lake; TD 9206; Comp 12/11/2012; producing from 5292-8823, fracture stimulated; pump 33 BO, 368 MCF, 163 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37773

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Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2240
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 18563 fsl, 605 fel, Sec 27, Blk. 44, T-1-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 4.5 s Goldsmith; TD 6800; Comp 12/3/2012; producing from 5591-6526, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 195 BO, 166 MCF, 1570 BW, 38.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41981

BC Operating Inc.
Tripp #5
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1565 fsl, 686 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 43, T-1-N, Abst. 655, T&P RR, 2.7 ne Goldsmith; TD 7175; Comp 12/5/2012; producing from 6086-7021, fracture stimulated; pump 79 BO, 380 MCF, 282 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41663

BC Operating Inc.
Jocelyn #1
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 344 fnl, 1142 fel, Sec 25, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 264, T&P RR, 2.4 ne Goldsmith; TD 7173; Comp 12/16/2012; producing from 6044-7024, fracture stimulated; pump 33 BO, 147 MCF, 128 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41781

Loving County

Shell Western Exploration & Production
Lindley 54-2-30 #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 1980 fel, Sec 30, Blk 54, T-2, Abst. 971, T&P RR, 9 nw Mentone; TD 11183 TVD, 15274 MD; Comp 12/10/2012; producing from 8375-8523; flow 53 BO, 665 MCF, 153 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 140 psi, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-31570

Shell Western Exploration & Production
Bridwell 54-1-40 LOV #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 40; Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 1272, T&P RR, 13.8 n Mentone; TD 8720 TVD, 13238 MD; Comp 12/4/2012; producing from 8960-13103; flow 463 BO, 2164 MCF, 958 BW on 31/64 inch choke, FTP 812 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-31819

Ward County

Shell Western Exploration & Production
University "19-25" #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 285 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 19, ULS, 13.5 e Mentone; TD 11307 TVD, 15970 MD; Comp 12/4/2012; producing from 11527-15970; flow 626 BO, 620 MCF, 2475 BW on 21/64 inch choke, FTP 1662 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-35995

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
G.W. O'Brien et al #1932
Ward-Estes North; 15510 fsl, 4155 fel, Sec 18, Blk F, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 7 w Monahans; TD 3071; Comp 12/12/2012; producing from 2626-2745, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36219

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Gaines County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Fee #21
Robertson North (San Andres); 330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-24, Abst. 656, PSL, 8.7 sw Seminole; TD 4930; Comp 12/6/2012; producing from 4580-4660, fracture stimulated; pump 67 BO, 10 MCF, 342 BW, 35.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37646

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Shell Fee #18
Robertson North (San Andres); 1040 fsl, 2063 fwl, Sec 10, Blk A-24, Abst. 655, PSL, 10 sw Seminole; TD 4916; Comp 12/12/2012; producing from 4561-4700, fracture stimulated; pump 8 BO, 5 MCF, 296 BW, 30.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37640

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Shell Fee #16
Robertson North (San Andres); 455 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 10, Blk A-24, Abst. 655, PSL, 10 sw Seminole; TD 4905; Comp 12/7/2012; producing from 4584-4664, fracture stimulated; pump 23 BO, 10 MCF, 283 BW, 30.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37645

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Exxon Shell Fee #17
Robertson North (San Andres); 920 fsl, 1040 fwl, Sec 10, Blk A-24, Abst. 655, PSL, 10 sw Seminole; TD 4910; Comp 12/12/2012; producing from 4580-4661, fracture stimulated; pump 9 BO, 15 MCF, 365 BW, 30.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37639

New Mexico

Chaves County

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
WASP 2 State #3
Wildcat; Sec 2 T15S R31E; 1980/N & 375/W, BHL: 1949/N & 4895/W; EL 4403 GL, TD 13041 MD, 8841 TVD, PBTD 13041 MD, 8841 TVD; Spud 3-19-11, Comp 5-27-11; production is through treated perfs: 8348-13256. Treat: 1,725,684 gals 17# XL Borate & 1,257,723# 20/40 white sd. IP: 6-17-11 Pump 24 hrs 206 BO, 160 BW, 142 MCF, GOR 689, Gty 39.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 373 w/470 sx, 7 @ 8426 w/2200 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8341-12850, 2 7/8 @ 8274; API #30-005-29043

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Grande Mike AZK State #3
County Line Tank; Sec 2 T16S R29E; 3050/N & 200/W, BHL: 3545/N & 368/E; EL 3749 GL, TD 11,740, PBTD 11740; Spud 6-20-12, Comp 9-11-12; production is through treated perfs: 7416-11649. Treat: Acdz w/130,000 gals 20% HCL, Frac w/49,882# 20# Borate xlinked & 2,037,699# 20/40 Jordan-Unimin sd. IP: 9-13-12 Pump 24 hrs 355 BO, 1547 BW, 458 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 419 w/440 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2604 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11697 w/985 sx; API #30-015-38550

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Maracas 22 State #12
Empire; Sec 22 T17S R28E; 330/N & 485/E; EL 3721 GL, TD 4950, PBTD 4876; Spud 2-12-12, Comp 3-8-12; production is through treated perfs: 3635-4758. Treat: Frac w/895259# sd & 2227115 gals total fluid. IP: 3-31-12 Pump 24 hrs 6 BO, 1056 BW, 18 MCF, GOR 3000, Gty 39.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 408 w/640 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4936 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3619; API #30-015-38331

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #33
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 1650/W; EL 3667 GL, TD 5000, PBTD 4954; Spud 2-24-12, Comp 4-10-12; production is through treated perfs: 3437-3935, 4750-4898. Treat: 249,696 gals 20#, 321,384# sd, 9383 gals acid, 3780 gals gel. IP: 7-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 38 BO, 191 BW, 46 MCF, GOR 121, Gty 36.4. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 506 w/440 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5000 w/820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4930; API #30-015-39883

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #576
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 990/S & 2370/E; EL 3589 GL, TD 4545, PBTD 4485; Spud 12-30-11, Comp 2-2-12; production is through treated perfs: 4040-4290. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/115,513 gals gel, 113,540# 16/30 brown sd, 18,426# 16/30 CRC. IP: 2-19-12 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 92 BW, 39 MCF, GOR 886, Gty 41. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 334 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 926 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4536 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4426; API #30-015-39337

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #989
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1980/N & 330/E; EL 3636 GL, TD 4640, PBTD 4585; Spud 2-20-12, Comp 3-19-12; production is through treated perfs: 4200-4450. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/109,536 gals gel, 114,967# 16/30 brown sd, 14,566# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 3-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 278 BW, 107 MCF, GOR 783, Gty 38.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 373 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1032 w/550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4631 w/1000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4056; API #30-015-36180

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #536
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1309/S & 2056/W; EL 3621 GL, TD 4667, PBTD 4600; Spud 2-24-12, Comp 3-22-12; production is through perfs: 4170-4478. IP: 3-27-12 Pump 24 hrs 111 BO, 402 BW, 169 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 330 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1027 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4667 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4544; API #30-015-39520

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #76
Loco Hills; Sec 8 T17S R30E; 2260/N & 330/E; EL 3678 GL, TD 5860, PBTD 5790; Spud 5-19-12, Comp 7-16-12; production is through treated perfs: 5124-5519. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% NEFE & 90 BS, Frac w/1,124,886 gals slickwater, 201,600 gals PW, 923,286 gals FW, 30,593# 100 Mesh, 332,996# 40/70 sd. IP: 7-3012 Pump 24 hrs 93 BO, 1085 BW, 88 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 429 w/650 sx, 7 @ 5860 w/2350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5139; API #30-015-40252

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #643
Burch Keely; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 2120/N & 2310/W; EL 3626 GL, TD 4660, PBTD 4504; Spud 4-30-12, Comp 6-7-12; production is through treated perfs: 4230-4480. Treat: Acdz w/2029 gals 15% acid, Frac w/107,793 gals gel, 107,698# 16/30 brown sd, 13,585# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 6-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 59 BO, 179 BW, 188 MCF, GOR 3186, Gty 37.9 Csg: 13 3/8 @ 321 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1220 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4660 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4467; API #30-015-39670

COG Operating LLC
Willow State #10
Fren; Sec 16 T17S R31E; 2310/S & 1055/E; EL 3850 GL, TD 6703, PBTD 6656; Spud 3-18-11, Comp 4-19-11; production is through treated perfs: 5030-5180, 5430-5830, 5900-6100, 6170-6370. Treat: Acdz w/13,000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/478,337 gals gel, 546,100# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 99,733# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 4-19-11 Pump 24 hrs 155 BO, 217 BW, 62 MCF, GOR 400, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 480 w/500 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1866 w/550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6703 w/1050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6247; API #30-015-37622

COG Operating LLC
Yucca State #13
Fren; Sec 16 T17S R31E; 1650/N & 990/W; EL 3775 GL, TD 6734, PBTD 6669; Spud 3-9-11, Comp 4-14-11; production is through treated perfs: 4910-5110, 5440-5640, 5710-5910, 5980-6180. Treat: Acdz w/13,679 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/436,585 gals gel, 533,892# 16/30 white sd, 123,137# 16/30 CRC. IP: 4-19-11 Pump 24 hrs 155 BO, 217 BW, 62 MCF, GOR 400, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 452 w/500 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1800 w/550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6726 w/1450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6059; API #30-015-37630

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #42
Mar Loco; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 425/S & 2185/E; EL 3677 GL, TD 6428, PBTD 6381; Spud 8-6-11, Comp 9-27-11; production is through treated perfs: 4594-5006, 5173-5610, 5727-6096. Treat: Acdz w/10516 gals 15% HCL w/152 BS, Frac w/517,933 20# w/603000# 16/30 white sd. IP: 10-3-11 Pump 24 hrs 108 BO, 426 BW, 175 MCF, Gty 39.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 377 w/450 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1490 w/481 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6428 w/1160 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6236; API #30-015-39223

Oxy USA Inc.
Rogers #6
Atoka; Sec 23 T18S R26E; 2310/S & 2310/E; EL 3311 Gl, TD 3706, PBTD 3660; Spud 6-15-12, Comp 7-13-12; production is through treated perfs: 2894-3573. Treat: 238708 gals cross linked gel, 13,253 gals linear gel, 3,515 gals 15% HCL, 302,958# 16/30 resin coated sd. IP: 7-31-12 Pump 24 hrs 115 BO, 1070 BW, 115 MCF, GOR 1000, Gty 39. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 918 w/1290 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3706 w/640 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2851; API #30-015-39850

Stephens & Johnson Operating Co.
East Millman Unit #244
East Millman; Sec 14 T19S R28E; 1990/N & 2069/W; EL 3434 Gl, TD 2750, PBTD 2721; Spud 7-20-12, Comp 9-1-12; productin is through treated perfs: 2107-2660. Treat: 2500 gals 15% NEFE, 118,000 gals 10# brine, 100# 20/40 sd, 11,410# Liteprop 14/30, 3990# 125C LiteProp. IP: 9-11-12 Pump 24 hrs 39 BO, 200 BW, 40 MCF, GOR 1026, Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 300 w/200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 2636 w/500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2665; API #30-015-40405

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Macho Grande State #1
Cedar Canyon; Sec 32 T23S R29E; 330/N & 330/E; EL 3022 GL, TD 12,350, PBTD 12,267; Spud 10-27-11, Comp 8-13-11; production is through perfs: 8412-12,210. IP: 9-10-12 Flow 24 hrs 1430 BO, 432 BW, 1514 MCF, 25/64" Ch, TP 1050, CP 1850. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 404 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2818 w/1300 sx, 7 @ 7995 w/900 sx, 4 1/2 @ 12,350; API #30-015-39345

COG Operating LLC
Bullseye 22 State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 22 T24S R27E; 330/N & 990/W, BHL: 329/S & 400/W; EL 3236 GL, TD 12,056, PBTD 12054; Spud 7-16-12, Comp 9-14-12; production is through treated perfs: 7722-12014. Treat: Acdz w/31455 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3302300# sd & 3079197 gals fluid. IP: 9-21-12 Flow 24 hrs 574 BO, 2031 BW, 642 MCF, TP 165. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 300 w/320 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2292 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12056 w/2210 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6982; API #30-015-40162

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #135
Paduca; Sec 2 T25S R31E; 200/S & 1600/W, BHL: 2626/S & 1001/W; EL 3420 GL, TD 16,536 MD, 8744 TVD, PBTD 16,471 MD; Spud 4-2-11, Comp 4-7-12; production is through treated perfs: 9146-16,456. Treat: 1,893,200 2040 white sd, 217,900 30/50 white sd, 80,000 10 mesh white sd & 60k gals 7.5% HCL. IP: 4-7-12 Pump 24 hrs 579 BO, 928 BW, 2824 MCF, GOR 4532. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 707 w/670 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4284 w/1210 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16,519; API #30-015-38533

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Snapping 2 State #3
West Jennings; Sec 2 T26S R31E; 330/S & 630/W, BHL: 355/N & 390/W; EL 3244 GL, TD 13,136 MD, PBTD 13,089 MD; Spud 8-4-11, Comp 11-27-11; production is through treated perfs: 8938-13,125. Treat: 14 stages frac: 4,289,436# 30/50 WS, 56,000 gals 7.5% HCL, 45,528 gals FW. IP: 11-24-11 Pump 24 hrs 571 BO, 1097 BW, 1419 MD. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 938 w/960 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4168 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13,136 w/2285 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7912; API #30-015-39036

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Ohio State #5
Vacuum; Sec 7 T18S R35E; 1920/S & 2130/W; EL 3969 GL, TD 9235, PBTD 9189; Spud 6-20-12, Comp 9-6-12; production is through treated perfs: 8540-8909.5. Treat: Acdz w/63,000 gals 20% HCL, 108,600 gals 20# gel, 17400# rock salt. IP: 8-4-12 Pump 24 hrs 4 BO, 50 BW, 4 MCF, GOR 1000, Gty 37.8. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1567 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9235 w/1860 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8539; API #30-025-40197

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Coogan Federal #2
Coogan; Sec 1 T21S R37E; 2630/S & 990/W; El 3516 Gl, TD 7890. PBTD 7828; Spud 7-31-12, Comp 10-1-12; production is through perfs: 7568-7668. IP: 10-1-12 Flow 24 hrs 13 BO, 13 BW, 7 MCF, 16/64" Ch, TP 210, CP 30. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1598 w/780 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7890 w/1550 sx; API #30-025-40362

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Elliott Federal #4
Wantz; Sec 9 T21S R38E; 1285/S & 580/E; EL 3565 GL, TD 8073, PBTD 7982; Spud 7-8-12, Comp 10-1-12; production is through perfs: 7340-7522. IP: 10-1-12 Flow 24 hrs 53 BO, 107 BW, 65 MCF, 20/64" Ch, Top 210, CP 50. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1640 w/850 sx, 5 ? @ 8073 w/1400 sx; API #30-025-40487

VPR Operating LLC
Redtail State Com #1
Red Tank; Sec 2 T23S R32E; 330/N & 660/E, BHL: 5229/N & 327/E; EL 3755GL, TD 14600, PBTD 14600; Spud 11-15-11, Comp 4-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 10490-14560. Treat: 10,000 gals acid, 12,000 gals 25# linear, 590,000 gals 25# XL gel, 680,000 gals 20# XL gel, 168,500 gals 20# linear gel, 1,060,000# 20/40 white sd, 240,000# 20/40 Super LC. IP: 4-15-12 flow 24 hrs 150 BO, 1694 BW, 1028 MCF, 42/64" Ch, TP 100, CP 60, Gty 44.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1188 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4966 w/1400 sx, 7 @ 10520 w/975 sx, 4 1/2 @ 9089-14600 w/500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8991; API #30-025-40181

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From 6G

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Lava Tube 27 St #1
Lost Tank; Sec 34 T21S R31E; 1015/N & 1655/E; 8 mi SW Halfway; Rot 17981 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40786

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 4 Federal #22
Lost Tank; Sec 4 T22S R31E; 1774/N & 1480/E; 9 mi SW Halfway; Rot 12826 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40774

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 4 Federal #23
Lost Tank; Sec 4 T22S R31E; 1378/N & 1764/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13454 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40775

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 4 Federal #24
Lost Tank; Sec 4 T24S R31E; 1428/N & 1764/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 13012 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40776

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 3 Federal Deep #26
Lost Tank; Sec 3 T22S R31E; 845/N & 887/W; 9 mi SW Halfway; Rot 13685 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40769

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 3 Federal Deep #27
Lost Tank; Sec 3 T22S R31E; 845/N & 837/W; 9 mi SW Halfway; Rot 13303 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40770

Oxy USA Inc.
Cyprese 33 Federal Com #5
Cedar Canyon; Sec 33 T23S R29E; 453/N & 803/E; 5 mi NE Malaga; Rot 12946 Bone Spring; API #30-015-49768

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Black Jack 1 Fed #6
S Sand Dunes; Sec 1 T24S R30E; 116/S & 1780/E; 14 mi NE Malaga; Rot 12552 Delaware; API #30-015-40782

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #322
Nash Draw; Sec 5 T24S R30E; 1130/S & 280/E; 9 1/2 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16600 Delaware; API #30-015-40791

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #362
Nash Draw; Sec 28 T24S R30E; 550/S & 1100/E; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13002 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40799

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #364
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 33 T24S R30E; 2550/N & 1600/E; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12495 Delaware; API #30-015-40800

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #367
Nash Draw; Sec 34 T24S R30E; 620/N & 2000/W; 12 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12899 Delaware; API #30-015-40772

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #369
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 33 T24S R30E; 1805/N & 1945/E; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13594 Delaware; API #30-015-40801

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #400
S Poker Lake; Sec 22 T24S R31E; 310/S & 1340/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13848 Delaware; API #30-015-40802

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #321
SW Poker Lake; Sec 4 T24S R30E; 1870/S & 540/W; 11 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16116 Delaware; API #30-015-40771

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Ogden State #8
S Black River; Sec 2 T25S R26E; 1175/N & 350/E; 3 mi SW Black River; Rot 2060 Delaware; API #30-015-40793

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Ogden State #10
S Black River; Sec 2 T25S R26E; 1175/N & 2290/E; 3 mi SW Black River; Rot 2080 Delaware; API #30-015-40798

COG Operating LLC
Blackbart 15 Fed #2
SE Willow Lake; Sec 15 T25S R29E; 190/S & 1800/E; 8 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12327 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40797

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Ross Ranch 28 25 30 USA #1
S Corral Canyon; Sec 28 T25S R30E; 150/S & 660/W; 13 1/2 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13494 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40765

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Ross Ranch 33 25 30 #1
Corral Draw; Sec 33 T25S R30E; 150/N & 660/W; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13508 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40762

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Hickory 14 State #1
NE Vacuum; Sec 14 T17S R35E; 990/N & 990/E; 5 mi NE Buckeye; Rot 8600 Blinebry; API #30-025-40821

Nadel & Gussman HEYCO
Young Deep Unit #40
N Young; Sec 9 T18S R32E; 510/S & 330/E; 6 mi S Maljamar; Rot 13850 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40820

Occidental Ltd.
N Hobbs GB/SA Unit #831
Hobbs; Sec 13 T18S R37E; 1835/S & 1435/W; 2 1/2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4500 GB/SA; API #30-025-40816

Occidental Ltd.
N Hobbs GB/SA Unit #832
Hobbs; Sec 13 T18S R37E; 2109/S & 398/E; 2 1/2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4500 GB/SA; API #30-025-40822

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Baetz 23 Fed #2
Salt Lake; Sec 23 T20S R32E; 1980/S & 1830/W; 1/2 mi N Halfway; Rot 16532 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40815

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Lynch 35 #1
N Berry; Sec 35 T20S R34E; 2290/N & 800/E; 12 mi SW Halfway; Rot 15705 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40825

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #267
N Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 2890/S & 920/W; 4 mi NE Eunice; Rot 7300 Bl/Tu/Dr; API #30-025-40824

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Tres Equis 5 State #2Y
W Triple X; Sec 5 T24S 33E; 330/N & 2130/W; 9 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15535 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40818

EOG Resources Inc.
Vanguard 30 St Com #1
Red Hills; Sec 30 T24S R34E; 220/S & 835/W; 3 1/2 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15314 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40817

Mesquite SWD Inc.
Paduca Fed SWD #2
SWD; Sec 22 T25S R32E; 500/S & 2000/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 7300 Bell Canyon/Cherry Canyon; API #30-025-40813

BOPCO LP
Pterodactyl 21 Federal #1
S Lea; Sec 21 T20S R34E; 190/N & 145/E; 10 1/2 mi NE Halfway; Rot 10986 Bone

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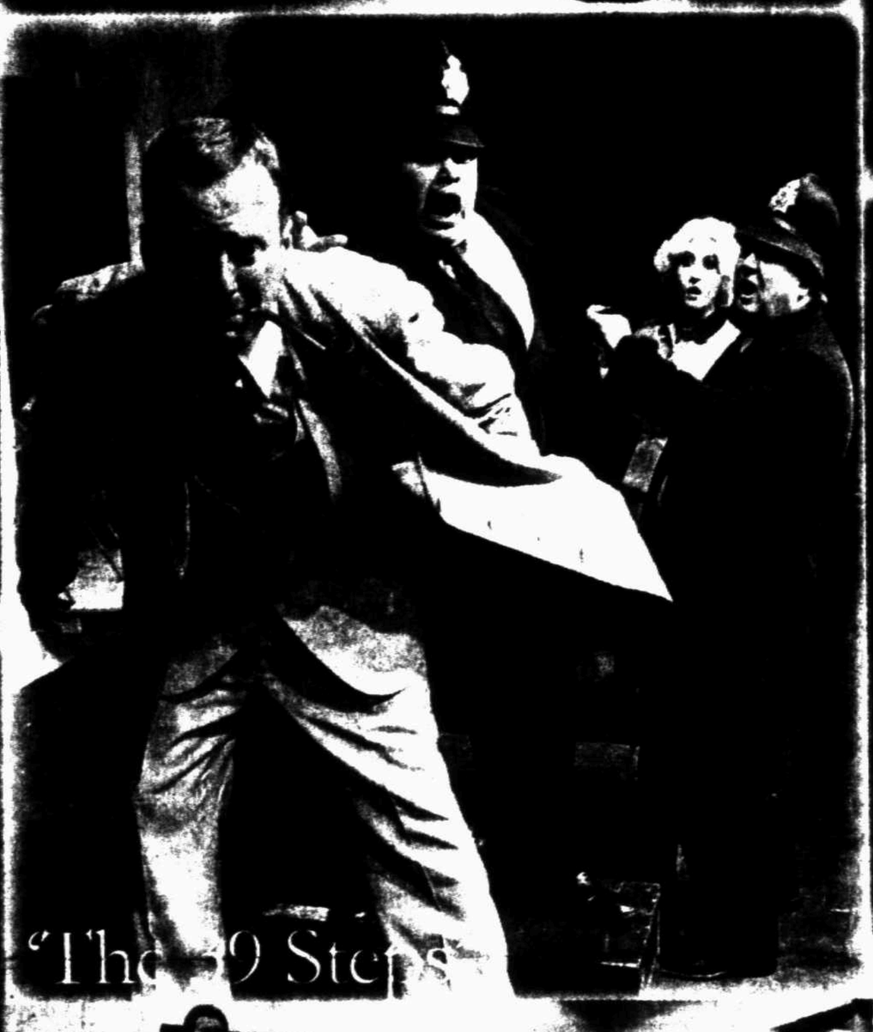
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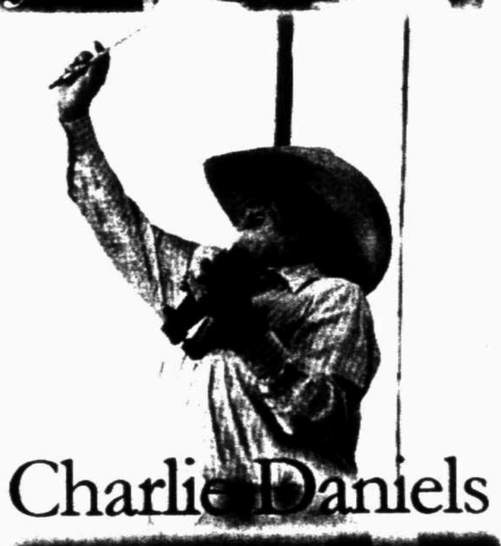
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'The 39 Steps,' 'Fiddler on the Roof' and 'Godspell' most memorable plays of year

By Graham Dixon

The 18 plays reviewed in 2012 varied from those that I did not want to end to others that I was frankly a little grateful to be leaving. Most lay somewhere between the two. Good, bad or mediocre, all these productions proved the vitality of the local theatrical scene once again.

The year started with a Maverick's production of "Steel Magnolias." The Maverick Players are tenaciously hanging on to their identity despite their homeless state since they lost their Mall space. This well-known play was rather a departure from the normal slapstick Maverick fare, but the company mostly succeeded with sizable, occasionally complex roles. Near the end of the year their all-female version of "The Odd Couple" worked less well, hampered by the artificiality of transferring a very male play to a female world.

Midland Community Theatre opened the year with a mostly excellent production of "Guys and Dolls," dominated by newcomer Mark Kaufman as Sky Masterson. Brian Gravelle was also memorable as Nicely Nice.

The MCT season continued with "Red, White and Tuna" — a return to the bizarre, small-town characters that we loved so much in previous years. While David Odom and Mike Harrell performed with great energy and virtuosity, this production showed that the playwrights had clearly come to a natural end with this play. They have nothing new to say.

In April MCT presented "Tommy" at the Yucca Theatre. Severe technical problems involving a now-departed stage designer weakened this show, but the actors did as well as they could. Standouts were Brian Gravelle as the creepy Cousin Kevin, the Dameron brothers as the young child Tommy and Cody Tumlin was simply brilliant as the pedophile Uncle Eddy.

McClaren Comedy competition winners are somewhat mixed in quality, but this year's offering, "Larry's Best Friend," was one of the best I have seen. Caitlin Walker succeeded in portraying a golden retriever who has been transformed into a human being with panache. A similar ability to inhabit a role that might seem unreachable occurred with Patrice Compton as Patsy Cline in September. Justin Tate produced a typically expert performance as Cline's DJ foil, Little Big Man.

The best MCT production of 2012 was "The 39 Steps." From casting to blocking and on to lovely comedic performances aided by fluid scene changes, this was near professional standard. Zach Gleason played Hannay, the hapless hero, with stylized insouciance. Bailey Beard's numerous female characters reminded me of Mick Fleetwood's line, "she is like a cat

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Graham Dixon gives a year-end review of classical music and one-night stands in the Basin.

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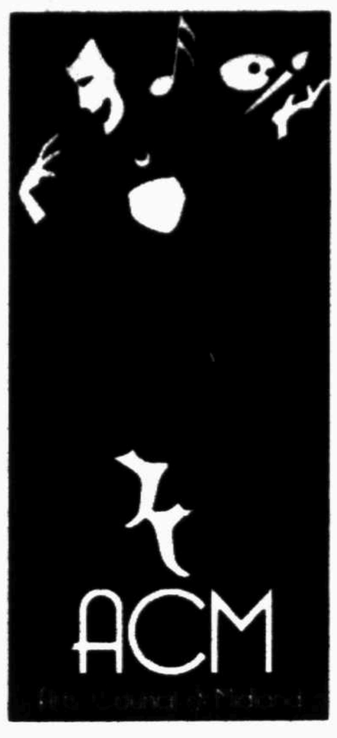

SUNDAY

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 Web site: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the Museum at 550-9696. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

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 West 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.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." And closing today: "Eat Well, Play Well" from The Oregon Museum of Science. Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Arts Association: Features Merle Taylor Cills at the Community National Bank through January. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas Ave.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park with 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882 Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB: EXHIBIT: Freshman and Sophomore Student Exhibition through Jan. 13. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 552-3286.

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.

MONDAY

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 West Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free.

Midland Arts Association: Features Merle Taylor at the Community National Bank through the month of January. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas Ave. For more information, call 683-2882.

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 432-260-7136.

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 West Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

The Palette Club: Artwork of Diane Browne on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri Ave., through January. Call Susan May to exhibit your work, 634-1795.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: 1307 East 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.

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

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 West Missouri Ave.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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.

THURSDAY

Museum of the Southwest: "Volunteer Rendezvous" Come learn how to lend a helping hand at the Museum while mingling with staff and other volunteers over a beverage of choice. Every second Thursday of the month, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. For more information call Chelsea Dey at 683-2882, ext. 304.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email info@acmidland.org.

WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Jan. 6-12

TODAY

On stage

Stephen Schwarz and John Michael Tebelak's musical, "Godspell," is being produced at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., through Saturday. The production is a reprise of the show performed in August at First Presbyterian Church.

The musical will be on stage at 2 p.m. today and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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 "Note"ables Stationery, 2101 West Wadley Ave.

Recital

First Presbyterian Church is hosting 20-year-old Katelyn Emerson in a recital at 4 p.m. today. She will be playing the Fredda Turner Durham Memorial Pipe Organ in the Sanctuary.

The concert is sponsored by the West Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Emerson performs throughout the United States, showcasing repertoire spanning from the 14th through the 20th centuries. Winner of the 2011 Region V American Guild of Organists AGO/ Quimby Regional Competition for Young Organists in Lexington Ky., Emerson performed as a "Rising Star" at the AGO National Competition in Nashville, Tenn., during the summer of 2012. She also won first place in the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Competition for High School Organists in 2010.

She is currently a junior at Oberlin College and Conservatory in Ohio, where she studies with James David Christie and pursues a bachelor's degrees in organ performance and French with minors in music history and historical performance (fortepiano).

Emerson is music director of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Amherst, Ohio, where she provides ministry leading services with the piano and organ and directing the adult choir and the hand-bell choir. She was previously assistant organist and pianist of First Baptist Church in Hampton Falls, N.H.

UPCOMING

Album release

Ryan Elder of Elder Entertainment is releasing a CD, "Recession Proof," on iTunes on Jan. 15.

The CD features local musicians Rawsome Russ and N.W.I.

Also featured on the CD are, among others, Lil Wayne, Rick Ross, Ludacris, Pimp C, Scarface, Bun B, E-40, Z-Ro, Slim Thug, Big Mike, David Banner, Raheem DeVaughn, Lil Keke. Young Bleed, Young Noble, Edi A Mean, Hussein Fatal, Richie Rich, Big Syke, MC Breed, Spice 1, Domino, Fiend, Bambu, Big K.R.I.T., Big Gemini, Snype, C.P. Freddy Gibbs and Sinsation.

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 3-D. 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.

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"SCUSE ME" By JULIAN LIM

ACROSS
1 Fight reminder
5 Joined
8 Kuwait, e.g.
15 Cut (back)
19 Benedict XVI, e.g.
20 Rather than
22 "I'll pay"
23 Red sky, to some
24 Unoiled robot's problem?
26 The "O" of OWN
28 Sign about a space shortage, briefly
29 Feel a strong need (for)
30 Sinusitis-treating MD
31 Relevant element
33 18-Down's rank: Abbr.
36 Use an entrance
37 __ es Salaam
38 Embarrassed parrot's cry?
42 Deli selection
43 Peruvian songstress Sumac
44 Palme __ Cannes prize
45 Rattan alternative
47 "Half-calf" was added to it in 2012
48 "Modern Family" role
52 Lottery winner's reaction, perhaps?
59 Et __
60 Dickens's "__ Mutual Friend"
61 Religious title starter
62 Decked out at the Forum
65 Troy story?
69 Raves about
73 Sudden storm in Hunan?
77 __ Lake, town near Lake Placid
78 App for long-distance partners
79 Israeli tender
80 Hot again
82 Prefix with caching
84 True-to-life
85 Shout when zucchini falls off the boat?
92 Soft vocal signals
93 Distillery container
94 Hokkaido port city
95 Here, to Henri
97 Embarrassed
98 Capital gain?
101 Escort at the farmyard ball?
108 Like Beethoven's Sonata Op. 109
109 Oman tender
111 __-Pei
112 "Mansfield Park" novelist
113 M + IV
114 Vegging out
117 Xhosa and Zulu are among its official langs.
119 Do a legislature's job
120 Any Mr. Magoo story?
125 Pre-'80s orchard spray
126 30 Seconds to Mars frontman Jared
127 Latin Mass prayer
128 Foul
129 Belgian river
130 Three-ball family project, typically
131 Zero has one
132 Ivy growing for 300+ years

DOWN
1 Send-ups
2 2002 HP acquisition
3 Overview
4 Opera director Scotto
5 "I __ had!"
6 Titles in court, for short
7 Brad of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
8 Mental health org.
9 Seoul protector
10 Craigslist caveat
11 Proclivity
12 Place for a pet name
13 Thumping
14 "I will fear __": Psalm 23
15 Get into
16 "Don't leave me"
17 Cry from the flock
18 Scotland Yard inspector in Sherlock Holmes stories
21 Menial laborers
25 Ohio's __ State
27 "Hey, Tex"
32 "Top Hat" studio
34 It's about a foot
35 "Qué __?"
39 -ish
40 "Cool" sum
41 Anti-discrimination initials
46 Mail svc. that may cover a general store
48 Quarterback Ryan et al.
49 Island greeting
50 Landlocked African land
51 Falls for two lovers?
53 Stop
54 Bookmarked addresses, briefly
55 Gambling game
56 Five Norwegian royals
57 Dressing with wings
58 Some church supporters
63 Seaside soarers
64 Donne's "__ Be Not Proud"
66 95% of them are between 70 and 130
67 Seaside diver
68 Time to seize?
70 "Oliver Twist" antagonist
71 "That's __ trick!"
72 Some latte sizes
74 Phobia beginning
75 Natalie Gulbis's org.
76 Sinister stare
81 Ab __ anew
83 Anthony Hopkins's "Thor" role
85 To the letter
86 Stakes
87 Stet
88 "You know the rest," for short
89 "We're winning!"
90 Jewish ritual
91 "That smarts!"
92 Feeling felt in fits
96 Lee's letters
98 Big oil exporter
99 Fitness test components
100 Maid of fiction
102 Zippy racers
103 Faux
104 "Anchors Aweigh" org.
105 1990 World Cup host, locally
106 Manufacturer's nightmare
107 Menu listing
110 Allegro's opposite
115 Stressful thing to get into
116 Four years, perhaps
118 Away from most of the blowing
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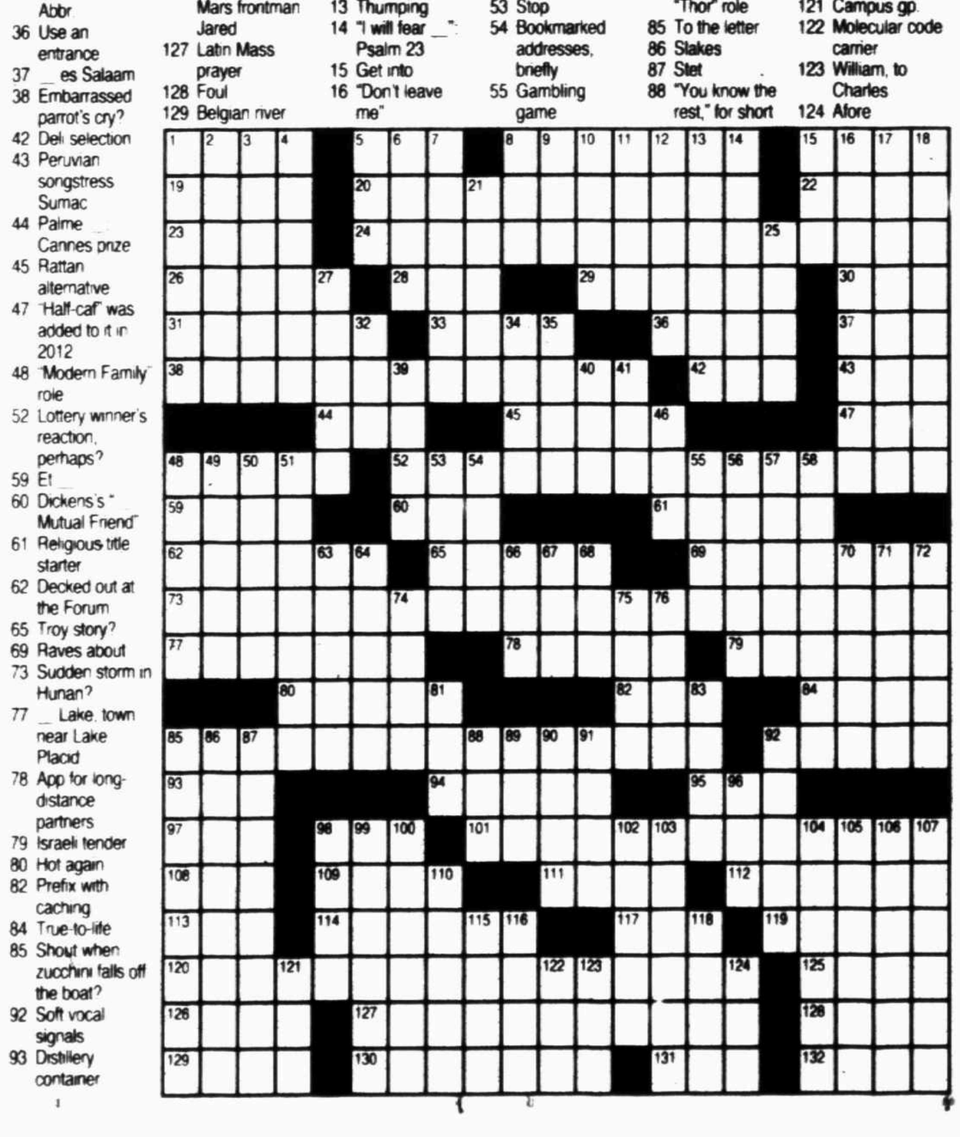

BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Who's for third-best?

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 8
♡ A K Q J 6 5 2
♢ K J
♣ 6

WEST
♠ Q 6 3
♡ 7 4
♢ 10 9 2
♣ Q 9 7 5 3

EAST
♠ J 7 4
♡ 10 9 8 3
♢ A Q 8 6 5
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 5 2
♡ Void
♢ 7 4 3
♣ A K J 10 8 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♣

Opening leads can cause major swings. This deal is from the Australian team selection matches, and caused a great deal of levity — although we are not sure that either East or West found it funny!

North's four-club opening bid showed a powerful four-heart hand, four no-trump was Blackwood and five spades showed two of the "five" aces, and the queen of trumps. So South became declarer of the slam despite being void in the suit.

West had an unenviable choice of opening leads. Obviously, a diamond lead would have defeated the slam at the opening gun. A spade lead would have taken a bit longer, but since there is no way for declarer to get to dummy to draw trumps, sooner or later the contract would have bitten the dust. However, West elected to lead his fifth-best club — fourth-best would have led to the same debacle.

It's not that the opening lead gave away a cheap trick. But dummy's singleton six won the trick! Declarer had an entry to draw trumps in four rounds, cross to the king of spades, cash the ace and king of clubs for two diamond discards and, since East had shown out on the second round of clubs, take the marked ruffing finesse for the queen of clubs to set up the 10 to take care of the remaining spade loser, with the ace of spades serving as the entry. Making seven!

In the end, justice was done. The West player's team won the event! But what a different result this deal would have been had West led the seven of clubs instead of the five or the three!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013:
This year you become a little more hot-tempered than in the past. If you don't achieve your goals, you could become cold or distant. The odds are you will greet success with your endurance. SCORPIO also can be feisty!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Make the most of the moment, and know that you don't always get special time like this. Tonight: A favorite dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Wherever you go, others seek you out. Whether it is at church, at a favorite spot for brunch or even at home makes no difference. Tonight: You pick where and what.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Be more forthright and direct in your dealings. You might opt to get a head start on a project or toss yourself into a winter pastime. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be asking for more than you can handle. This fact becomes obvious in an argument that starts up out of the blue. Tonight: Spice up the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Take charge, and make the best of a situation. You could feel very uncomfortable with a family member's or roommate's demands. Tonight: Happily nested in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Understand what is happening with a close relative. Just when you think there is a great deal of trust, this person tightens up like a corkscrew. Tonight: Catch up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You could see a situation going on that causes concern, especially as to how it will impact your finances. Tonight: Treat the family to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might feel as if no one can stop you. Don't count on being an unimaginable force, as someone might trip you up. Tonight: As you like it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Note a tendency to want to be alone, only to become bored and lonely later. If you find that you get testy with others, go off to the movies. Tonight: An early bedtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might not be comfortable with an associate's manner. You can't change this person's behavior. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might want to take a stand or let others know how you feel. The problem might be someone's reception. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Take off for a drive with the intention of meeting a friend. Finally you'll be able to eliminate the distance between you. Tonight: Follow the music.

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BORN TODAY
Sportscaster Lou Holtz (1937), actress Loretta Young (1913), volleyball player Gabrielle Reece (1970)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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CLASSICAL MUSIC IN 2012

Permian Basin classical music in 2012 started with a magnificent presentation from Kyle Orth, the winner of the previous year's young musician competition presented by the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Orth looked almost fragile as he approached the piano and settled down to explore destruction and death through Liszt's great "Totentanz." The opening chords were hammered in a frightening, towering manner, as if Death was bashing down the door of the Wagner Noel and striding into the world of the living.

A superb performance from a pianist who will surely attain world stature.

Not one, but five grand pianos graced the stage at Midland College in March, when the Five Browns — all siblings — presented a remarkable concert as part of the Cowan Performing Arts series. It was edifying to see five young musicians whose aim is to bring classical music to as wide an audience as possible not presenting a sanitized version of the art form, but rather exploring the wide emotional range that it can engender.

Desirae and Deronda Brown presented Liszt's Mephisto Waltz with gusto, while Ravel's "Sad Birds" was soulfully expressive.

The heavenly strains of Mozart returned to the Wagner Noel with the Texas Tech production of "Cosi Fan Tutte" in April. Among the four leading characters, Kaitlin Hatchett as Doarabella and John Doughtery as Guglielmo were most impressive. They acted believably and sang superbly. The lighting was one of the most impressive aspects of this show as it captured the intense, almost surreal illumination of Southern Italy.

In the same month, the MOSC's final Masterwork's concert featured a call for a standing ovation for the orchestra before the members had played a note. The audience dutifully rose to its feet, and we were left wondering how such gestures can be diluted by planning or a lack of spontaneity. But Mozart's Prague Symphony soon restored order, and the pristine acoustics of our remarkable performing arts center distinguished individual instruments from the whole, while conjuring lush vistas of sound in the more expansive sections.

Like children, teens and young college students, classical music takes a long summer recess, and so our review picks up again in September.

The opera singer Susan Graham is used to gracing some of the most famous stages in the world, but she still remembers her local roots, and so returned for a concert in the early fall, brought by Midland Opera Theater. Trinity Presbyterian church echoed with her spellbinding voice as she took us on a musical journey from Mozart to Gershwin and Sondheim. Between songs she was also an easy, unforced raconteur with the audience.

The opening MOSC concert of the 2012-13 season covered several centuries of classical music. It ranged from antiphonal court music to embryonic concerto form and on to the genius of Mahler's First Symphony. Gary Lewis showed his great skill as an ambassador for classical music by placing the brass instruments on opposite sides of the auditorium for the opening piece. The MOSC almost always offers something new and imaginative under his baton, and the brand-new acoustics of the Wagner Noel auditorium were briefly transfigured into Chartres, Notre Dame or Saint Marks.

The Mahler was revelatory, showing that Lewis is bringing the symphony to new heights of artistic expression. The First Symphony's juxtaposition of serious and jocular plays into a very familiar paradigm for a 21st century steeped in irony. Bill DeLevan's double bass, striking up with the simple melody of the French folk song "Frere Jacques" encapsulated how Mahler plays sly little jokes on his audience.

Contrary to the modern tradition of classical music, the audience applauded between movements at this first Masterworks concert. It seemed so much more natural than the enforced silence that often greets even the most momentous and dramatic finales of movements that just happen not to be the last one in a piece. Opportunities for spontaneous, loving congratulation are rare in life, and the audience was inspired in grabbing this opportunity when it arose.

The MOSC season continued with the Chorale concert in October. Chorale concerts are never as well attended as those of the full symphony, which is unfortunate as they are nearly always very enjoyable. Gregory Pysh conducted the chorale in Vivaldi, Haydn and Brahms, before moving to a contemporary celebration of faith with Abraham Kaplan's "Hallelujah." The selections from "Kismet" that ended the show were hampered by a soloist singing so quietly that she was completely inaudible to me sitting on the first mezzanine.

In November, Masterworks II presented the paradoxes inherent within the relationship between music and other arts in a concert focused on visuals. It started with "Three Botticelli Pictures," with an exploration of the timeless message of pastoral rebirth. I wondered whether the flowing violins represented Venus's flowing swathes of hair, while perhaps the softer wind instruments echoed falling flower petals. We then moved onto "Prairie Light" and contemporary Texas composer Dan Wheeler's reaction to Georgia O'Keefe's far more abstract visual art. The concert ended, as perhaps it had to, with the most famous musical rendition of art — Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition."

Also in November, the Allegro Chorale presented a typically concise and yet evocative concert in which there were no verbal introductions to pieces, musicians, sponsors, the weather or well-known audience-members. They simply let the music speak for itself. While "The Road Not Taken" pointedly showed how setting famous poems to music can be decidedly risky because they are perfect as is — reducing the final, ambiguous two lines of Frost's original to a concrete, almost banal meaning, other sections were wonderful — especially David Morrow's splendid tenor in "Ain't Got Time to Die."

The year ended with "Sounds of the Season," a concert that utilized the space offered by the Wagner Noel auditorium to good effect - about 200 musicians and singers were on stage at one point.

The 2013 classical music season starts with an inspirational work. In January the MOSC presents Beethoven's Ninth Symphony — one of the pinnacles of human creativity. Lewis, the symphony and the chorale have shown that they are well able to tackle such a monumental piece.

ONE-NIGHT STANDS IN 2012

From dusty Christian rock festivals to US Army Jazz Ambassadors, from legendary country singers in the twilight of their careers to eclectic musicians who fall into no particular category other than brilliant — Permian Basin one-night stands were as varied as ever in 2012. The sheer number of concerts would make any comprehensive review a list — so instead here are the highlights, those that will remain with me.

Every year the award for most unique offering must go to Dances from the Islands, simply because it is the only show that brings Polynesian culture to our area. In 2012 the Dances were the customary mixture of sensual movement, interesting story-telling snippets, bizarre prod ction malfunctions and a general riot of color and music. MC Kelii Choy provided his normal professional but intriguing demeanor, with a fine tenor voice and nifty skills on the ukulele. Nikki Doria was the star of the evening, moving with a languid but sensuous grace.

In early March the Jazz Ambassadors came to town. Jazz is correctly seen as an improvisational art with few rules and a decidedly non-hierarchical structure, so it might seem a strange choice to embody the virtues of the U.S. Army. But that is precisely what the Ambassadors achieve. The titular conductor is CWO William S. McCullough, but he stood to the side during the actual playing and ended pieces with a casual swipe of this hand. It became obvious that the most disciplined of human organizations — the armed forces — produces musicians who can play the most complex pieces led by a shared, invisible muse rather than a person.

The 2012 MARC benefit featured Clint Black. He entertained the well-heeled audience for exactly 90 minutes, mixing easy going country music with homespun banter and some occasional irony aimed at those watching. Black smiled a lot, and it was not the smile of simple happiness — though obviously he is content with his lot — but rather one that suggested he was privy to some secret that escaped the rest of us. That secret perhaps revealed itself in "Something That We Do" — a heartfelt, genuine song dedicated to his wife, that had none of the cloying self-congratulation that stars often exhibit. Black smiled broadly at the end — he is paid handsomely for what he loves doing, and has managed to remain modest with his extraordinary talent.

His "something" referred to a successful marriage in a business in which one is as rare as snow in the Permian Basin in June.

One moment stuck in the memory. Halfway through the show, Clint Black raised his hat and revealed the follicular realities of late middle-age, only for the hat to assume its former position within seconds, and for the gentle myth of the eternally youthful cowboy to return.

The last Live on Stage concert featured Jim Curry, who is apparently the only Las Vegas performer offering a full length tribute to music great, John Denver. The aridity of our West Texas desert left Curry's voice scratchy, to the point that halfway through the opening song, "Rocky Mountain High," I wondered whether the show should have been canceled. Yet strangely Curry's tortured, weakened voice captured the contradictions of John Denver that the sanitized biography presented in the concert did not. The audience might leave Curry's show with the idea that John Denver enjoyed an idyllic marriage with his wife, immortalized in "Annie's Song." But the same man who could write that ode to love also admitted to nearly strangling Annie in a fight and then destroying their furniture with a chain saw.

It would have been better to hear Jim Curry with voice fully intact, but his struggles reflected the complex contradictions of the man he was paying homage to.

One low point in 2012 came with Beatlemania Live! — a tribute band brought in for a benefit concert. These four pleasant, but hopelessly out-of-their-depth musicians showed that it is not enough to simply adopt a Beatle mop-top, stage mannerisms, some well-known banter and a few simpler chords in order to successfully pay homage to a band that changed music forever. Unfortunately, one moment will always be lurking in my memory - John Perry's version of "Yesterday." Maybe there are worse destructions of this song among the 2,200-plus covers of it - if so, I am blessed not to have heard them. Perry's voice was off-key, his electric guitar — rather than acoustic — inexplicable, and the unnecessary dirge of synthesizers at the end merely a congealed cherry on top of this cake of bad choices.

Moving thankfully on, in July MCT presented Charlie Daniels. He gave us a skillful, often viscerally exciting 90 minutes of great fiddling, gravelly singing and surprisingly intricate guitar work. Much of his set had a jam-like feel to it, and he ended with the always spine-tingling "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." Daniels put his head down, and all we could see was his cowboy hat and his fiddle, hands flying as if he really was competing with the devil for his soul.

And unlike many artists, Daniels obviously still loves playing his signature piece. Inspired musical possession. An unforgettable experience.

The second Tall City Blues Fest improved on some missteps from last year, and when I attended on the Saturday night, offered two first-rate acts — Tommy Castro and JT Coldfire. The VIP tent was not located backstage this year, the segues between acts were quick and not weighed down by endless charity appeals, while even the weather provided just a pleasant rather than an overwhelming heat.

And Heineken was served along with domestic beers.

Tommy Castro is a great guitarist, a charismatic performer and an artist who is aware of the audience while also becoming lost in the music. Particularly good in numbers that expressed personal meaning to him — "Going to San Francisco" because he is from the Bay Area, "You Can't Take the Road off of Me" because he, like so many musicians, spends long miles and months traveling between cities. Castro smiles a lot more than most Blues artists, but underneath the Californian cheeriness lies a melancholy that cries out from his guitar.

The evening ended with the zany but electrifying JT Coldfire. Resembling a cross between Brutus from Popeye, a roadie gone to seed and a long-distance truck driver, Coldfire presents a resolutely non-flashy persona to the audience. His jeans look like they might fall down any moment, and a white towel hangs loosely from his belt to wipe away the sweat. But his guitar work is fantastic, possessed by some blues demon as he plays with everything from his pick to his teeth.

From close-up, JT Coldfire has a surprisingly sensitive, artistic face as he becomes lost in guitar solos. His voice has an artful range that he uses to good effect, such as in the soulfully sad "For the Last Time." Here was blues narrative at its best as he expressed — with words and guitar - the gut-wrenching sadness of a person who has been left.

Rock the Desert scorched its way into the consciousness with customary energy. Matt Thiessen, the frontman of Relient K, looked like the Reverend Jim from "Taxi" as he headlined Saturday night. His hair stood on end as if he had just been struck by lightning, but instead of succumbing to the primal force, Thiessen took almost unlimited energy from it. Earlier in the evening the more overtly religious Chris Tomlin produced a show-stopping moment when he asked all the women in the audience to sing the second verse of "Amazing Grace." Their voices rose, delicate and yet strong, and for a moment even the swirling desert dust seemed to pause its ceaseless movement.

My favorite one-night stand was Lyle Lovett and his Large Band. In fact, it is a Very Large Band that stretches from one side of the stage to the other in splendid fashion. Brought in to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Midland College, as part of the Cowan Performing Arts Series, Lovett showed that he is modest, unassuming and yet so very brilliant. Just as Lovett's face is a Cubist mixture of features that must be seen to be believed, so his music is a tapestry of variety and nuance - ranging from soft ballads to uproarious celebrations of hedonism and on to quirkily comic songs.

Finally, two men who by all normal standards should be retired - Willie Nelson (79) and Bucky Pizzarelli (86) — showing how music can almost be a fountain of youth.

Speaking of octogenarians, 2013 starts in fine fashion when BB King (87) comes to town in January. . .

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PLAYS

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in the dark, then she is the darkness." Micheal Waid's costumes were wonderful, including such magical touches as stiffened scarfs portraying the high-speed chase on top of a train.

The traditional horror-informed Halloween show was "Frankenstein." This production was not too successful — the actor playing Dr. Frankenstein was overwhelmed while the famous coming-to-life scene was hampered by a set that featured Christmas lights. Imagine Christmas tree lights being turned on, met with an enthusiastic "It's alive!" Not a good fit.

Midland Community Theatre's season ended with "A Christmas Carol." Carl Moore was superb.

Meanwhile, throughout the year the Pickwicks continued to offer some of the most compelling theater to be found in this area. They shined in "Little Women" in the spring, then director Bill Williams showed that he can inject something new into the most familiar stories in "Ann of Green Gables" in November. Hattie Miller was particularly impressive in the title role.

One-off production included Trinity School's "Once Upon a Mattress," a satirical take on a famous fairy tale that was as hilarious as it was delightful.

"Godspell" appeared at the First Presbyterian Church in two benefit performances in August. A brilliant show directed by Carl Moore, the evening was funny and then touching, sad and then philosophical, full of manic, joyful movement and then wistfully still, almost like a painting. Mark Kaufman succeeded in creating a Jesus who was both approachable and yet obviously divine.

"Godspell" is having a deserved rerun at the Yucca Theatre in January.

Odessa Theatre was a mixed bag in 2012. The Permian Playhouse presented "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." It was a svelte 100 minutes long, with a neat beginning, middle and end and a fine performance from Caleb Williams as the insufferably conceited Gaston. Later in the year the same theater gave us "Fiddler on the Roof" with a skillful presentation from Carl Moore, who covered the whole range of Tevye's character from hilarious monologues with God to tragic personification of Jewish misfortune.

Like the Permian Playhouse, the Globe Theater does not appear to have suffered much from the lack of a permanent artistic director. Indeed, with shows such as "The Woman in Black," presented in the black box space, the Globe has increased its range with some edgy interpretations that would have been very unlikely in the past. "Whenever It Rains," presented earlier in the year, was somewhat uncertain, and "Home for Christmas" was marred by a disturbance in the audience not handled quickly by the staff — but the Globe still enjoys a period of relative fluidity in which risks can be taken and new horizons explored.

The most memorable plays of 2012 were "The 39 Steps," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Godspell." If forced to choose among these, honors for best production would go to the latter. "Godspell" was moving, funny, very entertaining and yet also profound. I am looking forward to seeing it again this month.

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

FREEWAY
"Diamond in the Ruff"

Different generations of Philly's old-school rap scene made a handsome showing in 2012. In a year that saw Beanie Sigel releasing a minor hit before heading back to prison and Schoolly D touring with Public Enemy, having Freeway back in action is a bonus. Like his pal Beans, Freeway was a member of Jay-Z's Roc-a-Fella family in the early 2000s and stayed hard throughout the decade and its four solo releases.

"Diamond in the Ruff" proves that highly volatile Freeway is still the stoic iceman when it comes to rapping and rhyming. With steel, busy beats behind him, "No Doubt" is nail hard and just a little Lil Wayne-y. "Ghetto Street" is good and ghostly, but a bit of a gangster retread. Three stars out of four.

— A.D. Amarosi
Philadelphia Inquirer

DAUGHN GIBSON
"All Hell"

Josh Martin spent more than a decade drumming in punk and hard rock bands in central Pa., including in Allentown's Pearls and Brass, but you wouldn't know it from "All Hell," his debut under the pseudonym Daughn Gibson. The album is a unique blend of deep country melodies and sample-based instrumentation.

Gibson, now based out of Carlisle, fell in love with country music when he worked as a long-haul truck driver, and his writing adapts the genre's classic strain of character-driven hard-luck narratives, with empathetic songs about being an old man in a young girl's world, about writing a song about rain on the highway, about bad guys who grow up to be "totally worthless." His resonant, dramatic baritone calls to mind Waylon Jennings, Lee Hazlewood and Scott Walker.

Steve Klinge
Philadelphia Inquirer

STEPHEN KALINICH AND JON TIVEN
"Yo Ma Ma: Symptomology; Shortcuts to Infinity"

This two-disc set proves to be an inspired pairing of two veteran artists. Stephen Kalinich is a lyricist and longtime Beach Boys collaborator. Brian Wilson called him "a poetic genius." Jon Tiven is a producer, multi-instrumentalist, and songwriter with an affinity for R&B; he has helmed terrific comeback albums by Wilson Pickett and Philadelphia's Garnet Mimms, among others.

"Symptomology" is credited to Yo Ma Ma, an alter ego that allows the duo to play younger than they are. It's full of dirty, horn-accented rock 'n' roll delivered with snarl and swagger.

Shortcuts to Infinity is similar musically while bringing out more rootsy touches, and it can hit just as hard.

Nick Christiano
Philadelphia Inquirer

Frontman for Black Veil Brides proud of new album

By Alan Sculley

Andy Biersack, vocalist and songwriter for Black Veil Brides, has never lacked for ambition or self-belief. But even he has to admit the band's new CD, "Wretched And Divine: The Story Of The Wild Ones," he's enjoying a unique feeling about this album.

"This is the first time in my life that I've ever been so pleased with an album that I'm not sitting around thinking, oh, what's the next move?" he said in a mid-December phone interview. "I just want to bring this record on tour, bring it around the world and let people hear it."

But then, anything less than that sort of enthusiasm would have been a severe setback to Biersack.

Although this was only the third CD for the band from Los Angeles, Biersack was determined that this would not be just the next Black Veil Brides album.

He felt that strongly enough that several weeks into the project, as a string of concerts at summer festivals in Europe was looming, that he pulled the plug on an initial recording session and bagged the songs he and his bandmates — bassist Ashley Purdy, guitarists Jinxx and Jake Pitts and drummer Christian Coma — had been working on for the third album.

"There were probably about six songs in total, none of which were completed, just a piece here and there," Biersack said. "Some of them have vocals. Some have drums. Some have guitars.

"I didn't feel it was exciting enough. The direction that we were going with it wasn't important enough," he said. "So we wound up kind of changing gears."

So it was back to the drawing board. To the vocalist, much of the band's fan base had discovered the group through its second album, 2011's "Set the World on Fire" — not the group's first album, "We Stitch These Wounds."

In a sense, that made him view what became "Wretched And Divine" essentially as the group's second album. Not only was Biersack determined to avoid the dreaded sophomore slump with the new record, he wanted to make a statement and show that not only could the band live up to the standard set by "Set the World on Fire," it could surpass that record (and for that matter, "We Stitch These Wounds") with an album that was more ambitious, and in his words, more "big and grand" than anything Black Veil Brides had done to this point.

On the flight to Europe for the festival shows, Biersack began to conceptualize an album that would take the music of Black Veil Brides to a whole new level.

He started to sketch out a story that would describe a disturbing future in which a unified church government was using drugs to turn the youth into drones — making them refugees that Biersack named "The Wild Ones" — in an attempt to remove science, creativity and any independent thought among its young citizens. "The Wild Ones" rebel, and the story follows their efforts to defeat the government's plans — and in the process, their own fears.

Turning the idea of making a concept album into reality wasn't easy for the band, which worked closely with its producer, John Feldmann (frontman of the band Goldfinger) in writing and recording "Wretched And Divine."

"I think the whole process was definitely trial and error, figuring out what worked for the story and how can we make the album big, have this grand feeling and be like the soundtrack to a film that's our own movie," Biersack said. "It was also about breaking down the way we wrote songs."

Writing music and lyrics that formed an overall story and had the kind of flow that a concept album requires was a whole new challenge for the band, according to the vocalist. And the band struggled for a time to figure out how to approach the songwriting, eventually deciding to change the process the musicians had used to write the first two albums.

"In the past, we always focused on the shredding or the leads and the guitar work," Biersack said. "It was more difficult in the past to write my vocal melodies and lyrics over the top of these things. So the idea was let's write a song that can be played on piano and sounds like a great song first or could be played on acoustic guitar and sound like a great song and then come in after the fact and make sure the guitar work and the musicianship and everything is there. It was difficult at first to do it that way because I think you wind up getting into a rhythm and you get used to how you write together. It definitely proved to be a challenge for everybody, and not without its arguments, too, without its battles about what we were doing and the direction of the record and everything else. But it turned out to be the best thing we could do.

"It taught us all that we have the ability to do things outside of our comfort zone," he said. "In the end we made something that we're all incredibly proud of and happy with."

In fact, not only did Black Veil Brides complete the "Wretched And Divine" album, which is set for release Tuesday, the band made a full-length movie to accompany the CD. Called "Legion of the Black," the film will get theater screenings early in the year, and most likely will be released on DVD at a later date.

"It's not as if we made some crazy, high-minded movie. We made a movie that is very representative of the record," Biersack said. "We were able to make something that looks like a million dollars. It looks incredible and feels incredible and really is an experience for our audience."

As for the music on "Wretched And Divine," Biersack said the new album is a progression, but it doesn't abandon themelodic metal sound of the first two CDs.

"I think this is an album that feels really natural to us, the greatest thing we could do and the best possible move we could make, in terms of as songwriters or as musicians," he said. "I've always felt like the evolution on our albums is natural. I don't feel we've done things that have been out of turn or weird. And so I think this again was another step in the right direction for us."

Black Veil Brides is wasting no time getting out on tour behind "Wretched and Divine," beginning a tour Jan. 4 that will run through Jan. 30 — including a stop Wednesday at Dos Amigos — before the band heads to Europe for a two-week run. Then it's back to the states for another three weeks of shows beginning in mid-February.

The band wants to showcase the new material, but because "Wretched And Divine" will be brand new, it won't weight its show too heavily toward the new album.

"We want to try to get as many of the new songs in there as possible," Biersack said. "We'll probably wind up doing five or six new songs on this tour just because I think the new record is much more indicative of how we feel musically than anything else. We're also going to try to dip into our back catalog and do some stuff from the first record that we haven't done in a long time."

Coming Tuesday

Black Veil Brides 'Wretched & Divine: The Story of the Wild Ones'

Chris Tomlin 'Burning Lights'

Dropkick Murphys 'Signed and Sealed in Blood'

Twenty One Pilots 'Vessel'

Hollywood Undead 'Notes From the Underground Underhigh'

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JANUARY

7 **The Sheds, Placeholder, Truth & its Burden, Moving Forward, Calloused, Vice Versa, Wildfires** @ 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
10 **No Justice** @ Rockin Rodeo
11 **Tejas Brothers** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Austin English and the Resurrection** @ Redneck's
11-12 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
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 **The Remains** @ Redneck's
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 **Bobby Champion Band** @ Your Place
18 **Willie Stradlin** @ Redneck's
18-19 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Escape Lounge
18-19 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
19 **Chrome Molly** @ Your Place
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 Performning 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 **Broadway Calls, Silver Snakes** @ Pine Box
24 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Rockin Rodeo
25 **Texas Renegade** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Thom Shepherd** @ Redneck's
25-26 **Winnslow** @ Your Place
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
1-2 **Tiffany & The Lump** @ Your Place
1-2 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
2 **The Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
2 **Chad Johnson Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4 **Stone Sour, Papa Roach, Otherwise** @ The Horseshoe
6 **Strikes at One** @ Blue Max
8 **Filthy Still, Mobile Deathcamp, Happy Good Times, Steel Bearing Hand** @ Blue Max
8 **Leland Williams** @ Lone Star Bar
8-9 **Road Kings** @ Your Place
8-9 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
9 **Decimus** @ Pine Box
9 **Zack Walther Band** @ Lone Star Bar
9 **Brenda Kay** @ Redneck's
9 **Masters of Motown** @ Wagner Noel
11 **The Zydeco Dots** @ The Bar
11 **Gideon** @ Pine Box
13 **Tommy Dorsey Orchestra** @ Ector Theatre
15 **Dustin Lynch** @ Graham's
15 **Chad Sullins and the Last Call Coalition** @ Lone Star Bar
15-16 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
16 **Nick Verosa and the Noble Union** @ Lone Star Bar
16 **Manzy Lowry Band** @ Redneck's
21 **REO Speedwagon** @ Wagner Noel Performing

LUBBOCK

JANUARY

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

JANUARY

12 **Gretchen Wilson** @ Billy Bob's
15 **Lucinda Williams** @ Kessler Theater
18 **BulletBoys** @ Boiler Room
18 **Keene, Youngblood Hawks** @ House of Blues
19 **Eddie Money** @ Casa Manana Theatre
19 **The English Beat** @ Granada Theater