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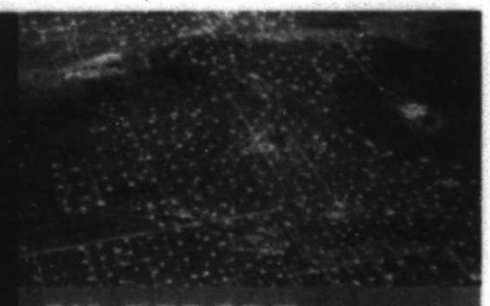

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# MIT study: US overstates oil output forecasts

## *Researchers find fault with premise better technology has been behind output gains*

**By Jim Polson and Tim Loh**
*Bloomberg*

Turns out, America's decade-long shale boom might just end up being a little too good to be true.

There's no denying that fracturing has turned the U.S. into a force in the global oil and gas markets, which has more than a few people abuzz about the prospect of energy independence.

But now, researchers at MIT have uncovered one potentially game-changing detail: a flaw in the Energy Department's official forecast, which may vastly overstate oil and gas production in the years to come.

The culprit, they say, lies in the Energy Information Administration's premise that better technology has been behind nearly all the recent output gains, and will

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Zaelynn Figeroa sits with Santa and Mrs. Claus who made an appearance Saturday at Susie's South Forty, taking pictures with children and listening to their Christmas wish list. View more holiday photos on **Page 4A.**
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# McConnell: Tax bill won't add to nation's debt woes

**By Bruce Schreiner**
*Associated Press*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Fresh off his biggest legislative victory of the Trump era, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Saturday disputed projections that the Senate's tax bill would add to the nation's debt woes.

Back home in Kentucky just hours after the Senate narrowly pushed through the nearly $1.5 trillion tax bill, McConnell predicted that the boldest rewrite of the nation's tax system in decades would generate more than enough economic growth to prevent the burgeoning deficits being forecast.

"I not only don't think it will increase the deficit, I think it will be beyond revenue neutral," he told reporters. "In other words, I think it will produce more than enough to fill that gap."

Over the next decade, Republicans' tax plan is projected to add at least $1 trillion to the national debt. That would be on top of an additional $10 trillion in deficits over the same period already being forecast by the Congressional Budget Office.

"I'm not one of the total supplier siders who just believes that if you cut taxes, no matter what amount, you turn out ahead," McConnell said. "I still believe in revenue neutrality for tax reform, and I believe this is a revenue neutral tax reform bill."

McConnell's hometown congressman, Democrat John Yarmuth, said Senate Republicans had "abdicated any claim they had to being the party of fiscal responsibility."

"There is nothing remotely responsible about forcing through a ... hastily conceived bill to give tax cuts to the already wealthy and multi-national corporations," Yarmuth said in a statement.

McConnell predicted that the GOP-led House and Senate can resolve differences

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# MFD chief candidates go through second interview

*From staff reports*

The three finalists for the position of fire chief at the Midland Fire Department participated last week in an additional round of interviews.

Blumenauer

The city previously reported that it started with a list of 20 applicants. After a review of their qualifications, four candidates were selected for first-round interviews.

Those candidates brought back last week were MFD Assistant Chief of Operations Charles Blumenauer, Marion Blackwell of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and James Maxon of Sandoval County, New Mexico.

Blackwell

Blumenauer began his career with the Midland Fire Department in 1998 and has served in all ranks, including captain and administrative battalion chief, according to the city's website.

Blackwell is the fire chief of the Spartanburg department, which is responsible for protecting Spartanburg's 37,000 residents as well as its business owners and employees, according to the city of Spartanburg's website.

Maxon

Maxon is listed as the fire chief for Sandoval County. The department covers 3,700 square miles through eight

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**Ken Herman**

***Technology could solve drunken driving problem.***

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**The big number**

**20** thousand megawatts is the state's wind power capacity. Page 2A

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Wind turbines in action Oct. 27, 2015, north of Stanton. The state's wind power capacity is more than 20,000 megawatts, surpassing 19,800 megawatts of capacity from coal-fired power plants, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

# Wind power blows past coal in Texas

■ Capacity count is another milestone in state's increasing reliance on renewable energy

**By Ryan Maye Handy**
*Houston Chronicle*

Wind power, by one important measure, recently surpassed coal to become the second-largest electricity source in Texas, yet another milestone in the state's march toward greater reliance on renewable energy.

When a 155-megawatt wind farm in West Texas began commercial operation last month, it pushed the state's wind power capacity to more than 20,000 megawatts, surpassing 19,800 megawatts of capacity from coal-fired power plants, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which oversees 90 percent of the state's grid. One megawatt is enough to power 200 homes on a hot Texas day.

While ERCOT still gets most of its power from natural gas and coal, wind power generation now accounts for 15 percent of the power mix — up from just 2 percent a decade ago.

The imminent shutdown of three coal-fired power plants owned by Dallas-based Vistra Energy and the loss of their 4,000 megawatts of capacity will further tip the scales in

**Guest view.**

Oil can learn lessons from coal

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wind's favor, said Joshua Rhodes, a research fellow at the University of Texas' Energy Institute in Austin. In October, Vistra announced the pending shutdowns of its Monticello, Big Brown and Sandow coal plants, triggering the loss of more than 800 jobs and the closure of two coal mines. The shutdown of the Vistra plants are the first retirements of coal-fired power plants since Texas deregulated power markets in 2002.

"We are used to seeing wind numbers add, add, add," Rhodes said. "We are not used to seeing coal plants' numbers decreasing."

Rhodes is already watching for the next milestone — when Texas' wind farms will generate more power than its coal plants. Based on models of ERCOT, Rhodes expects that switch to happen in 2019. ERCOT, meanwhile, is looking to transform the way it predicts surges in wind — a mercurial power source in West Texas, where winds blow strongest at night when power demand is lowest, sometimes producing so much electricity that they drive wholesale prices to zero.

Earlier this year, ERCOT senior meteorologist Chris Coleman began looking for correlations between West Texas summer temperatures and wind events. He studied historical wind data and found that hotter weather can lead to more wind in West Texas, a finding that contradicts conventional wisdom. Coleman spent the summer gathering more data, which he hopes to turn into a forecast the agency can use by June to predict wind surges more than a week out.

Better forecasting would allow ERCOT to bring more of wind energy into the power mix, particularly when the grid needs it most during hot summer months.

As wind power claims a greater share in Texas' electricity mix, the state's merchant power operators are struggling to adapt to a power market that has been already upset by low natural gas prices and the high cost of operating coal and nuclear power plants. In May, Houston-based NRG Energy and Calpine asked the Public Utility Commission to consider changes to ERCOT's market structure, which the companies claimed was not designed to handle a grid with expanding renewable energy.

NRG and Calpine are among several major merchant power companies trying to transform themselves through mergers, sales and spinoffs in a drive to stay profitable

## Output

From 1A

continue to boost production for the foreseeable future.

That's not quite right. Instead, the research suggests increases have been largely due to something more mundane: low energy prices, which led drillers to focus on sweet spots where oil and gas are easiest to extract.

"The EIA is assuming that productivity of individual wells will continue to rise as a result of improvements in technology," said Justin B. Montgomery, a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the study's authors. "This compounds year after year, like interest, so the further out in the future the wells are drilled, the more that they are being overestimated."

Extrapolating from field studies Montgomery and his colleague Francis O'Sullivan conducted in North Dakota's Bakken shale deposit, the research suggests that total U.S. oil and natural-gas production from new wells could undershoot the EIA estimate by more than 10 percent in 2020. Things would get progressively worse each year after that as wells in various sweet spots are exhausted and technology fails to close the gap.

"The same forecasting methods are used in other plays in the U.S., and the same dynamic is likely to be present," Montgomery said.

Margaret Coleman, the EIA's leader of oil, gas and biofuels exploration and production analysis, said in an email "the study raises valid points" and the administration is looking at ways to give its estimates a tighter focus. She added that many shale fields lack the detailed well data that informed the MIT study, which means EIA forecasters have to use known geologic information and assumptions about prices and technology to come up with estimates.

There's little doubt the technologies used to extract oil and natural gas trapped within rock formations thousands of feet below the Earth's surface — like drill heads, mapping software, fracking techniques and so on — have gotten better. And intuitively, it makes a lot of sense that better methods have boosted U.S. shale output and helped lead to new finds.

"It's really hard to bet against the ability of the industry to improve and get more out of the rock," said Manuj Nikhanj, co-chief executive officer of RS Energy Group.

Just last month, International Energy Agency Executive Director Fatih Birol said shale production will make the U.S. the "undisputed leader of global oil and gas markets for decades to come."

But if the MIT researchers are ultimately right, the implications could be significant. In the past three years, oil prices have been stuck around $50 a barrel on the back of rising shale output in the U.S., while natural gas has been selling for an average of less than $3 per million British thermal units. (As recently as 2014, prices for both were twice as high.)

Not only could a slowdown in production mean higher energy prices, but it also might just mark the end of the U.S. shale industry's role as the one swing producer able to counter OPEC's might. The shale boom has repeatedly frustrated the Saudi-led cartel's attempts to control oil prices.

As recently as 2015, OPEC tried to pump its U.S. rivals out of business, only to blink after shale drillers adapted by reducing costs. On Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies agreed to maintain oil-output cuts through 2018, extending a campaign to wrest back the global market from America's shale industry.

President Donald Trump himself has talked up "energy dominance" as a key policy, with U.S. oil and gas helping supply the world's power needs.

Of course, the MIT researchers aren't the first to question the projected growth of U.S. shale. Analysts have long debated varying methods used to predict output. And unsurprisingly, the Saudis have cast doubt on how long the shale boom can last. Even billionaire oilman Harold Hamm recently slammed what he considered EIA's "exaggerated" forecasts, saying they're depressing U.S. oil prices. (After all, higher prices are better for the bottom line.)

Yet, MIT's findings stand out by providing some evidence that backs those assertions. The problem with the EIA's numbers, the researchers say, is that they give drillers too much credit for coming up with ways to improve fracturing.

While the EIA's model assumes that technical advances — such as well length and the amounts of water and sand used in fracturing — increase output at new wells by roughly 10 percent each year, MIT findings from the Bakken region suggest it's closer to 6.5 percent, according to Montgomery.

Increasing productivity of each new well matters because it's the only way to boost output. Typically, production drops precipitously soon after a well is tapped. The EIA recently estimated about half of U.S. oil output came from wells two or fewer years old.

So even though output in the Bakken more than tripled from 2012 to mid-2015 on a per-well basis, MIT's research suggests the main reason is that shale companies abandoned iffier fields to drill in the best acreage following the slump in energy prices.

"There certainly could be some validity to getting a rosier forecast because right now, the industry is working sweet spots," said Dave Yoxtheimer, a hydrogeologist at Penn State University's Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research. "When that's all played out, they're going to have to go to the tier-two acreage, which isn't going to be as productive."

Indeed, some signs of a slowdown have started to emerge. Gas output in the Marcellus basin has fallen 10 percent on a per-rig basis since reaching a high in September 2016. In the Permian, per-rig oil production has decreased almost 20 percent over a similar span.

Richard Bereschik knows firsthand that shale isn't a sure thing.

The bearded, burly superintendent of schools in Wellsville, Ohio — a small, Rust Belt community located along the western bank of the Ohio River — recalls the rush he and other townsfolk experienced when Chesapeake Energy Corp. came through some six years ago, leasing out huge tracts of property for development.

Wellsville sits atop the Marcellus and Utica shale formations and is only 20 miles from a concentration of sweet spots, but Bereschik says Chesapeake stopped renewing leases after the bottom fell out in prices.

"Everyone thought we'd found a goose that laid the golden egg," Bereschik said. But ultimately, "it's not the boom we all expected."

# Town has key role in space race planning

**By Andrea Rumbaugh**
*Houston Chronicle*

McGREGOR — As SpaceX, the brainchild of boundary-pushing Elon Musk, has become one of the biggest players working on the next generation of space travel, its test site in this Central Texas town has been quietly fulfilling an essential role in its quest.

McGregor, less than 20 miles southwest of Waco, has grown to become SpaceX's second-largest location, in terms of employees. With the commercial space industry assuming a larger role in the evolving national space race, the Hawthorne, California-based company has been steadily increasing the size and workload at its McGregor test site, where it brings every one of its engines for testing.

"It is an optimistic time to be in the space industry," said Bill Ostrove, space market analyst for Forecast International, which provides consulting for aerospace and other industries. "There is a lot of capital and talent flowing into the industry right now. We're definitely seeing a lot of advances that haven't been made in a long time."

The space industry received more than $2 billion in equity investment through the first nine months of this year, according to a report from Space Angels, a network of angel investors focused on early-stage commercial space investments. That includes personal investments from individuals in the business such as Musk, Jeff Bezos of Amazon.com fame, Robert Bigelow and Richard Branson.

Bezos' Blue Origin, another of the bigger players working on powerful rockets, also has a base in Texas.

SpaceX has successfully launched 45 missions since 2008, when it made history by getting the first privately developed liquid-fuel rocket into orbit.

The rockets carry cargo into space for NASA, place satellites into orbit for commercial customers and complete national security missions for the U.S. government. First-stage boosters have successfully landed on drone ships or solid ground 19 times — another history-making feat for SpaceX — and three missions have reused one of the previously flown boosters.

"What more compelling mission is there than to make humanity an interplanetary species, right?" asked Zachary Ledford, a former Army field artillery officer who now works with SpaceX's human resources data and automation team. "There's nothing else going on in the world right now that's more exciting and more compelling."

At McGregor, technicians and engineers build and maintain 14 test stands that secure rocket engines for testing, diverting the flames into a concrete trench. They work with their counterparts in Hawthorne to turn big-picture ideas into feats of modern science.

Testing all those engines in preparation for their less-than-three-minute journey into orbit keeps employees at attention, and SpaceX is finding that military veterans play an integral part in its workforce. At the SpaceX test facility in McGregor, a third of the 550-plus full-timers have military backgrounds. Employees say they are used to mission-driven tasks.

"We're where the action is at," said Michael Adams, a Navy Reserve officer and a SpaceX build-reliability engineer. "There's a lot of test ops out here. We're firing off engines. We're firing off stages. There's a lot to be done out here."

Co-worker Joel Fecke likens the work to his critical up-tempo job in the Army overseeing maintenance of vehicles, weapons and equipment for a cavalry scout squadron.

"The way we work together as a team, it's really what speaks to the veterans," said Adams, who served aboard a nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine.

Steve Fuchs, director of fabrication and support in McGregor, started working for SpaceX in 2005. He was living on Kwajalein atoll, in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and Australia, when the young company arrived with plans to launch rockets. Fuchs, who used reverse-osmosis equipment to create clean drinking water for troops, was working as a civilian contractor for the island's Army base, but he was immediately intrigued by SpaceX.

He soon got a job preparing the launch pad and helping integrate the rocket. But "everyone did everything" in those days, so Fuchs also captained a 40-foot catamaran that ferried employees to and from a smaller island where launches would occur.

"We had a phrase in the Marine Corps that we used to use called Semper Gumby, which means 'always flexible,' " Fuchs said. "That's very much the same here at SpaceX. ... You may come to work thinking you're going to do a certain job, and that may change three times by the end of the day."

He witnessed two liftoffs — neither completely successful — before moving to Texas in 2007. In the early days, most of McGregor's SpaceX employees worked out of an underground bunker, a vestige of the site's extensive history developing explosives and missiles.

The bunker had one restroom, a kitchen and offices. Fuchs recalled technicians working from two shipping containers pushed together. It was common for vehicles to get stuck in the mud and for the power to go out.

Much has changed. The original test stand, left behind by Beal Aerospace, has been augmented with one more closely resembling a launch pad. Multiple buildings, spread across more than 4,000 acres, contain desks, work areas for technicians and rocket stages awaiting testing. That underground bunker is now a test control center.

Adams can watch second-stage tests from the window near his desk.

"I do take about 15 seconds," he said. "I lean back and I look at it. And I'm like, 'Yeah, that's cool. We do this for a living.' "

Adams was transitioning to the Navy Reserve and working on his master's degree in aerospace engineering when he stumbled across SpaceX. He had been interviewing with the more established space organizations and planned to be a company man.

"That's what space was. Space was the pencil ties and the pocket protectors," he said.

But as government funding dried up, the established aerospace players weren't able to pay for his level of experience. Adams came across a SpaceX booth at a career fair. His quality assurance experience with high-risk submarine systems has fit nicely with his current role of minimizing and eliminating risk while testing second-stage rocket boosters.

SpaceX recruits employees with the skills and drive for making humans a multiplanetary species, said Brian Bjelde, vice president of human resources. In a statement, he described veterans as "smart, passionate and driven individuals who are committed to achieving that mission, and they bring a wide array of skills that can be deployed in so many of our roles."

Ledford, the former artillery officer, was recruited via LinkedIn while earning his Master of Business Administration at Baylor University. His grandfather worked at Vandenberg AFB, where SpaceX launches some of its rockets. As a kid, Ledford read books on solar systems and built rockets out of Legos.

"I really couldn't believe it," he recalled of the cold call from SpaceX. "I was trying to hold back excitement." Fuchs said he can find himself talking about his job for hours with friends and family.

"I didn't join the company knowing we're going to get this far," he said. "So to be part of that journey, to see what we've done so far and then to know the potential of what we have to do, is just incredibly exciting."

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**Cervine**
[sur-vahyn, -vin]
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1. resembling or characteristic of deer; deerlike.
2. of a deep tawny color.

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## Things to do

■ Gnome Painting, 4-7 p.m., Sunday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $20 per gnome. midlandbeergarden.com.

■ Caring Santa are private photo sessions exclusively for families of children with special needs. 9-11 a.m., Sunday at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com/caringsanta.

■ Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham Christmas concert, 7 p.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191. $20 door. Midcities.org.

■ Very Merry Midland: Reindeer Games. The second annual event downtown will feature Santa's Workshop, ice skating, giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit. 1-5 p.m. at 303 W. Wall St. Free admission but $6 for skating and snow globe photos. doyourcity.us.

■ West Texas North Pole Village will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, Rudolph's Candy Store and more. Noon at Rolling 7's Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 with unwrapped gift.

■ Santa, Milk and Cookies, 2-5 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway.

■ Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Noon to 6 p.m., 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

■ Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective" on display through today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

■ Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m. at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Family Nite roller skating 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. Kcsnuttyroller.com.

■ Yogalates, 4 p.m. at Project 30 Pilates and Fitness Studio, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Facebook: @project30pilates.

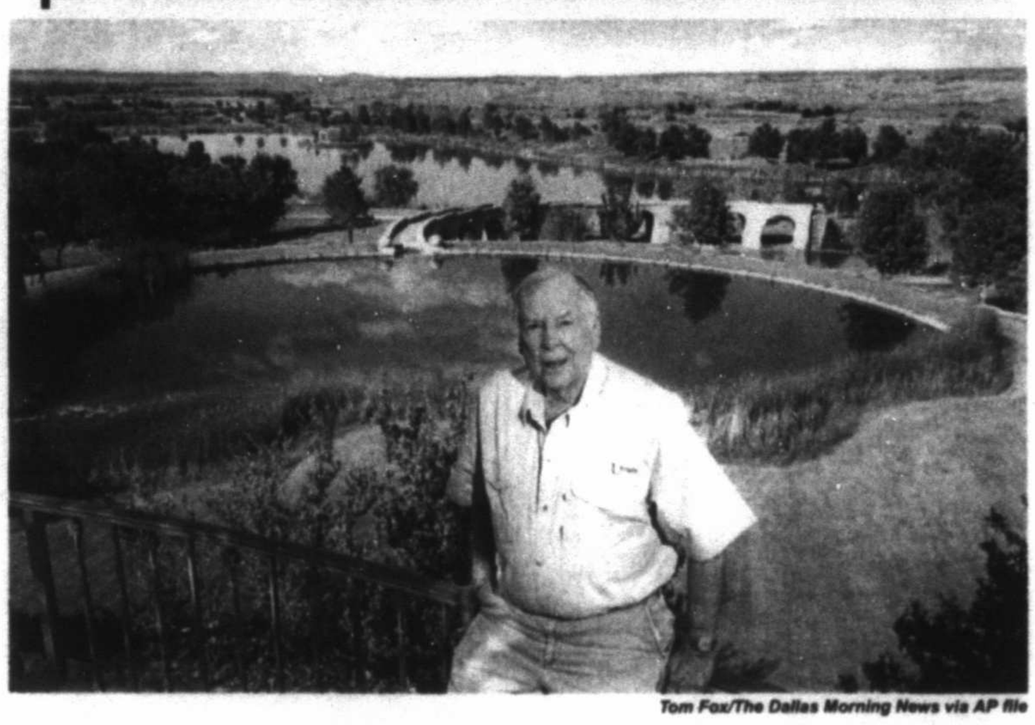
■ Jay Owenhouse, The Authentic Illusionist, 4 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$69.50. Wagnernoel.com.

■ #HangoverSundays, 7 p.m. at the Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. at the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

■ Karaoke, 9 p.m. at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

# $250M ranch on the market



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Oilman T. Boone Pickens, 89, stands before a series of man-made lakes leading from The Lake House to The Lodge on his Mesa Vista Ranch in the Panhandle, about 90 miles northeast Amarillo. Pickens — seen in a May 30 photo — wants to sell the ranch, which covers more than 100 square miles, for $250 million. His Dallas mansion is on the market for $5.9 million. For more photos of the ranch, go to mrt.com.

**Meetings this week**

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City Council Chambers, City Hall
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**Midland City Council**
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300 N. Loraine Ave.

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| Normal low | 33 |

**Dec. 2's records**
**Record high:** 83 set in 2005
**Record low:** 17 set in 1985

**Precipitation**

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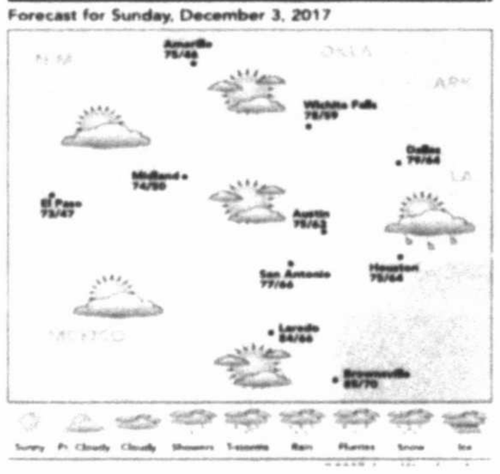
| Month total | 0.00 in. |
| Year total | 17.34 in. |
| Normal total (year to date) | 14.04 in. |

**Winds**
**Wind speed:** 8 mph
**Gust speed:** 10 mph

**Today's forecast**
**High:** 74
**Low:** 54

Forecast for Sunday, December 3, 2017




**Conditions:** Sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
**Winds:** South 5-10 mph today/south 10-15 mph tonight
**Chance of rain:** None
**Sunrise** 7:33 a.m.
**Sunset** 5:44 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

# JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

*The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult*

***Note:** Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.*

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017:**

This year you have a stronger sense of self than you have had in years. You will be more confident, which will delight many people around you. If you are single, you could have issues deciding how close you want to get to someone. As a result, you could go through several relationships until you meet someone with whom you feel totally comfortable. If you are attached, the two of you have an intense bond. You share many ideas together, yet both of you need space at times; learn to honor that need. GEMINI can challenge you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Your strong communication skills emerge. It seems as if everyone you know has a story they want to share with you. Your instincts tell you how to handle key people in your life. For just one day, try following your intuition to see what happens. **Tonight:** Visit with a neighbor. **This Week:** You could feel as if you need to cater to someone else.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★ You are a sign that can become quite possessive. Ask yourself how you would feel if someone were to try to control you. Would you feel cared for, or would you feel suffocated? In any case, you will have the opportunity to choose what you want to do. **Tonight:** Out late. **This Week:** Don't feel as if you must restrain yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ The world is your oyster. Others seem only too happy to be around you — in fact, they will want to share more of their lives with you. Your feedback carries a lot of weight. An older friend or relative gives you a spiritual lecture. **Tonight:** So what if it is Monday tomorrow? **This Week:** Curb wild spending, if possible.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ Your emotions always soar when there is a Full Moon. Sometime you get down on yourself, other times, your spirit mounts. This particular Full Moon will emphasize secrets and matters you keep under wraps. Know that this, too, shall pass. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R. **This Week:** Be aware of a tendency to surprise others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ A friend plays a big role in your plans. A loved one might become jealous if you don't give him or her enough attention. Listen to what this person has to say about an important financial matter. You will gain understanding as a result. **Tonight:** You are the life of the party! **This Week:** You might not feel up to snuff until Wednesday.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★★ Defer to someone who seems more actively involved in a matter that is affecting others. The issue might be deciding who wants to take the lead with a social issue. You are likely to enjoy taking some time off from being of service to others. **Tonight:** A must appearance. **This Week:** Use Monday and Tuesday to the max.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ Keep reaching out to a loved one at a distance. Consider making calls to this person more of a habit. The Full Moon adds unusual pressure to be available to others, even if they are not in the same city as you. **Tonight:** Sort through all the gossip and news you have heard lately. **This Week:** The spotlight is on you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ You might feel pushed financially or a partner could make demands of your time. Consider what you need to do, and figure out how to proceed accordingly. Your sixth sense comes through for you. Note an aura of confusion around you. **Tonight:** Listen to a loved one. **This Week:** Step back and detach.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Today's Full Moon points to relationships and boundaries that you need to establish. You have a strong need for space, whereas someone close to you might exhibit the need to have you closer. Working on this issue will be important in the long run. **Tonight:** Go with a suggestion. **This Week:** Let someone else run with the ball.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ If you can lie low right now, do. You might be exhausted by what is happening around you. Someone close to you makes a strong demand. Listen to your inner voice before responding. You alone know how much more flexibility you have. **Tonight:** Get a head start on tomorrow. **This Week:** Curb a tendency to be hard on others.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ You have a playfulness about you that attracts others, especially if they are in touch with their inner child. You have the ability to let go and not worry about judgments. Use caution with your funds. Count your change carefully. **Tonight:** Be the livewire we all know you can be. **This Week:** Plunge into work Monday and Tuesday.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ Your sixth sense helps you glide right through the day. Pressure might be coming from a family member. You also could be concerned about a work-related matter. Share your concerns more openly, and you'll get strong feedback. **Tonight:** If you can, opt for an early bedtime. **This Week:** Do not allow anyone to question your creativity.

**BORN TODAY**
Figure skater Katarina Witt (1965), writer Joseph Conrad (1857), activist, actress Daryl Hannah (1960)

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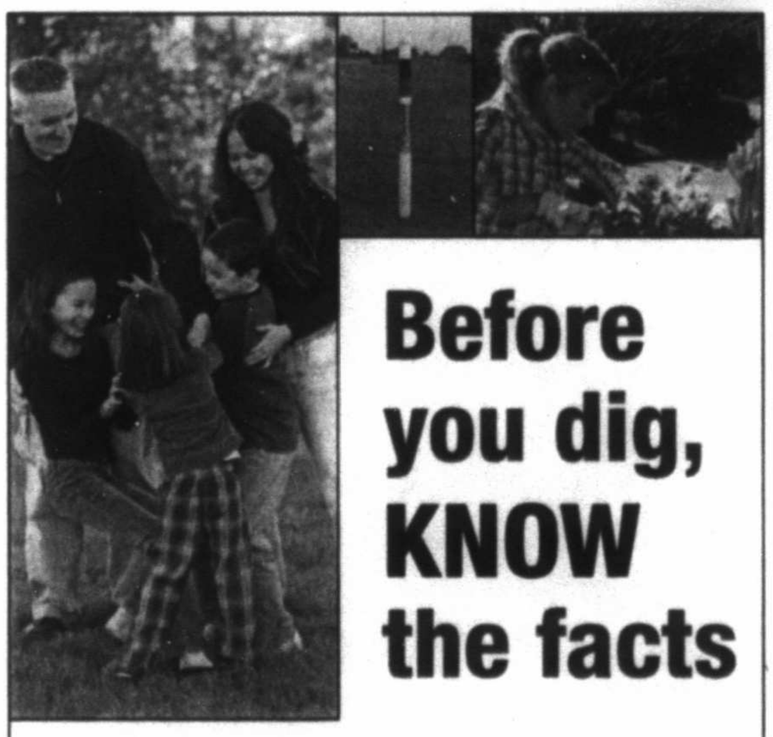
Crowds gather Saturday at Wadley Barron Park for the annual City of Midland Christmas Tree Lighting. The city's Christmas parade is Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. The route will follow A Street from Ventura Avenue (near Windlands Park) to near Midland High School.

Members of Midland High Legend Caruers sing Christmas hymns



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## BILL

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over the tax legislation and get it to President Donald Trump before Christmas. McConnell said he doesn't foresee any compromises that would threaten the Senate Republican coalition supporting the bill.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., was the only lawmaker to cross party lines, voting in opposition along with Democrats.

McConnell also disputed claims by the bill's critics that it focuses its tax reductions on businesses and higher-earning individuals, while giving more modest breaks to others.

"I haven't run into anybody during this whole tax discussion who's very successful who thinks they're benefiting from it," the Senate leader said.

The bill would award about $2,200 a year in tax relief to the average family of four, McConnell said. "And that's pretty darn important to them," he said.

Voters ultimately can look to the nation's economic performance to determine whether Republicans or Democrats were right in the bitter tax debate.

"Look, a year or two from now, you guys can make an assessment which one of us was right," he said to reporters. "The proof will be in whether or not the economy picks up and things get better."

McConnell, the state's longest-serving senator, also indicated during his appearance in Louisville that he plans to run for another Senate term in 2020.

Asked whether he's bracing for a potential challenge from within his own party, McConnell said as a party leader he gets "a lot of slings and arrows."

"I think the best way to judge a campaign is how did it end, not how did it begin," he said, pointing out that he overwhelmingly carried the state in 2014 in the primary and general elections.

# *Lack of DACA solution puts millions of jobs at risk*

**RAY PERRYMAN**
*The Perryman Group*

The clock is ticking on a two-million-job issue: finding a permanent solution to replace Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The DACA program allows individuals who entered the United States as children to remain here for school or work. Nearly 800,000 persons across the country are enrolled in the program, and approximately 124,300 of these individuals (often called "Dreamers") live in Texas.

DACA was never intended to be a permanent solution, and it is time for Congress to step up and deal with the situation in a sustainable manner. The Trump Administration's decision to end the current version of DACA allowed six months for Congressional action to provide a replacement. If no action is taken, the Dreamers will be subject to deportation when work visas in place on March 5, 2018 expire. The problem is that DACA is the result of a 2012 Presidential memorandum, was never intended to be a long-term solution, and was facing significant challenges on legal and other fronts. The economy needs the Dreamers, who are either already working or preparing to do so by attending school.

Given underlying changes in the US workforce, immigrants, both documented and undocumented, will become a more crucial source of labor over time. Even if all currently unemployed persons in Texas filled jobs now held by undocumented workers (which is impossible for myriad reasons), the state would be left with a glaring gap of hundreds of thousands of workers if the undocumented workforce were no longer available. Certain industries are particularly in need of workers and rely on undocumented individuals, and events such as Hurricane Harvey exacerbate the shortage. As fears of deportation rise, it becomes increasingly difficult to access this critical resource.

Apart from the obvious social and human issues associated with removing the DACA recipients, there are very real economic losses that would occur if DACA is allowed to expire. I recently looked at the numbers, quantifying the direct economic benefits of the Dreamers. I also used our impact assessment system to estimate the total gains in business activity they generate including multiplier effects.

For the United States, direct benefits of Dreamers each year include an estimated $84.3 billion in output (gross product), $52.8 billion in personal income and almost 685,200 jobs. When multiplier effects are considered, the total benefits rise to $188.6 billion in output and $117.3 billion in income per year as well as nearly 2.1 million jobs.

For Texas, the direct gains in business activity associated with the Dreamers include an estimated $11.5 billion in output (gross product) and $7.2 billion in income each year in addition to more than 108,100 jobs. When multiplier effects are included, the total rises to $25.8 billion in annual output, $16.0 billion in income per year, and 324,000 jobs.

The economic consequences go beyond these numbers. Uncertainty related to DACA causes notable other problems, both for the individuals involved and for those interacting with them (such as potential employers). Furthermore, there are also people who are undocumented entirely, with even more challenges such as being unable to start a business, buy an airplane ticket, or obtain a checking account. Although the issues related to immigration are complex, economic benefits of this magnitude should not be ignored in the conversation regarding immigration reform.

Recently, some members of Congress have announced that they are tying their votes on the appropriations bill needed to fund the federal government past December 31 to the inclusion of a DACA fix. While a solution is imperative, so too is avoiding a government shutdown. The deadline for DACA is in March, and this may not be the time to play politics on passing the appropriations bill. No good can come out of a failure to act to fund the government (but that's a topic for another day).

Rational immigration reform is clearly needed, and solving the problem facing Dreamers can be an important first step. The immigrant workforce is critical to long-term prosperity in the United States and in Texas, particularly given the aging of the population and slowing of workforce growth. In addition, immigrants (including undocumented immigrants) generate substantial business activity through consumer spending and other activity. Millions of jobs are at stake, and Congress needs to work together to replace DACA with a permanent solution.

# Sweeping aside Russia probe, Trump says 'we're unbeatable'

**By Ken Thomas**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Brushing aside an ongoing Russia probe, President Donald Trump reveled Saturday in the Senate's passage of a sweeping tax bill, predicting with swagger that he and his fellow Republicans were "unbeatable."

Trump swept into his hometown on a $6 million fundraising blitz, a day after former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and promised cooperation with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

The president told reporters there was "no collusion" between his campaign and the Russians, then tweeted, "nothing to hide!" He said he "had to fire General Flynn because he lied to the Vice President and the FBI" and defended Flynn's actions during the presidential transition as lawful.

*Susan Walsh/Associated Press*

President Donald Trump walks up the steps of Air Force One on Saturday at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Trump is heading to New York to attend Republican fundraisers.

The tax legislation now goes to a House-Senate committee, which will try to reconcile the versions passed by each chamber. "Something beautiful is going to come out of that mixer," Trump said. "People are going to be very, very happy." After landing in New York City, Trump's motorcade drove near several hundred protesters decrying the tax bill and his administration's entanglement in the Russia probe. But inside a large event space in Cipriani, where a large Christmas tree stood nearby, the president turned nostalgic about the 2016 election and recalled that few people expected him to notch the required 270 electoral votes to claim the White House.

Looking ahead, the president boasted that Democrats' prospects in 2020 looked bleak.

"Right now unless they have somebody that we don't know about, right now we're unbeatable. We're unbeatable," Trump said. "And one of the reasons is what's happening with the markets, what's happening with business, what's happening with jobs."

The president noted that the Senate's nearly $1.5 trillion tax overhaul passed with only Republican votes and predicted that Democrats would regret their opposition.





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# Odessa man gets life sentence for shooting 2 OPD officers

*Associated Press*

ODESSA — An Odessa man has been sentenced to life in prison after an Ector County jury convicted him of attempted capital murder in the 2015 shooting of two police officers at an apartment complex.

Jurors found Roy Daniel Garza guilty Friday of two counts of attempted capital murder, and he was sentenced shortly afterward.

An Odessa Police Department sergeant was shot in the arm and another officer suffered wounds to the chest and leg during a nine-hour standoff. Both men were hospitalized in fair condition.

Garza shot at a group of law enforcement personnel as he was being served a warrant from Williamson County for aggravated robbery.

He eventually surrendered after gas canisters were fired into his apartment and an armored police vehicle was used to break a wall.

## Crime Stoppers fugitive

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## Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help in identifying two suspects involved in credit card abuse.

Two men went on a shopping spree between Oct. 13 and Oct. 18 using a stolen credit card.

The first suspect is a black male with a shaved head, in his 30s, approximately 6 feet tall and 200 pounds. The surveillance photos show him wearing a black Levi's T-shirt and a black and white Adidas T-shirt.

The second suspect is a black male with black hair, also in his 30s, 6 feet tall and 200 pounds. He was seen wearing a blue shirt with black long-sleeve underneath.

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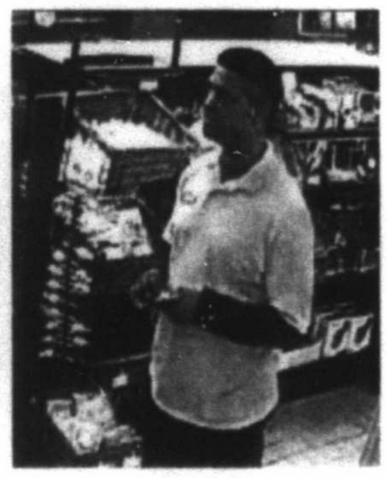

# MFD

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fire districts and 20 fire stations.

Sandoval County is located north of Albuquerque. Its county seat is Bernalillo.

The following is from a Reporter-Telegram question-and-answer session with the three candidates.

### Charles Blumenauer

**MRT:** What have you done professionally to prepare yourself for this position?

**Blumenauer:** Professionally, I have worked for the Midland Fire Department right at 20 years (next April will be 20th year). I have been promoted through all the ranks that we have. I have been an engineer with the department, a captain in 2009, promoted to the new position of admin battalion chief in 2013 (first one to hold that position) — which opened me up to the administrative side. I was able to learn more there. In that position, I attended the Texas Fire Chiefs Academy — the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, it's their certification course — a two-year course to be certified in Texas as a fire chief. After that, I kept working hard. I got my bachelor's degree in 2011 from Midland College. I am currently enrolled at Sul Ross taking my master's, promoted to assistant chief this January and then preparing myself, making sure I know the department the best I can to prepare myself for this day.

**MRT:** Have you had to work with limited resources in the past and how do you deal with it?

**Blumenauer:** There is a lot of time in the fire service that we deal with limited resources. I was discussing the gasoline pipeline event (a couple years ago), a really large event. We didn't have enough resources for an event like that. Really counted on working with volunteers. Odessa came over and worked with us, as well. During big events like that, the main thing is to make sure you have outreach agencies that you can have mutual aid with and make sure you have good relationships with.

If you have a big event in town, you still have the rest of the town to cover. We make sure our response is correct here. We have a good system to call guys back into work. Plus, we have a good relationship with Odessa. ... We have a program where we send crews back and forth. We send a crew for the day, and they send us a crew, so we have that working relationship together. It is important to have that because when a big events happens, they can come over here or we can help them out.

**MRT:** Midland Fire Department has a lot of projects going. How do you go into a new situation and determine priority?

**Blumenauer:** Being the guy who has the blood, sweat and tears in the department, I have seen a lot of things. One of the two things we do right now — things we need to keep evaluating and growing — is the squad program. I was a captain in 2009 when the battalion chief started the program so I worked at the ground floor of the project. It has grown. As we start looking at the run volume, we have to look to determine if those squads are in the right locations to take pressure off the fire engines. We also have to see if there is another station that could use one as well.

The community health project for paramedics, that project is huge because we are actually helping Mr. and Ms. Smith at their house. They are not having to call 911; they are not having to go to the hospital. We are meeting some of their needs on site, so that is an important project. As far as bringing in new projects, I don't think I would bring new ones. I would just try to work on the two we have and make sure we keep tweaking them so we can make them better.

**MRT:** What else should our readers know about you?

**Blumenauer:** I'm a West Texas guy. I moved to Big Spring when I was 6 months old. I graduated from Coahoma. I started with the Big Spring Fire Department, and I moved to Midland. Midland is my home now. I have had one son graduate from Lee. I have another son who is 8. It is home to me. It is important to me, what happens in this community. It is important to me that we provide the best care and coverage, whether it is holding a hand or putting out a structure fire. We want to be the best at it every day.

### Marion Blackwell

**MRT:** What have you done professionally to prepare yourself for this position?

**Blackwell:** I have experience as a volunteer fire chief, as chief of a combination department, chief of a career department, and even as assistant chief of an industrial fire department in Amarillo working for Pantex. Educationally, I have an associate's degree in criminal justice, a bachelor's of science in fire administration and fire prevention, a master's of science in executive fire leadership, and a PhD in fire and energy management administration. The PhD is a capstone in an educational career, because not many chiefs have a doctorate. This particular program — although I understand y'all are hook'em Horns — is at Oklahoma State University. It is the only program for emergency management and fire service students to get their doctorate and currently there are only 11 graduates of that program.

**MRT:** Have you had to work with limited resources in the past and how do you deal with it?

**Blackwell:** Every fire department in the nation went through limited resources especially around 2007 when the housing bubble burst. Most departments worked with a flat budget or worked with a rescinding budget. So during those times, you have to look at those programs and determine: "What is the most important program you need to deliver to your citizens and fund those programs?" You may have to cut back on a few of the extra programs you are doing until your resources are approved. Again, it is about evaluating your programs and understanding what your community needs and what your department needs.

**MRT:** Midland Fire Department has a lot of programs it created recently. How do you figure out which ones are your priorities?

**Blackwell:** Coming in from the outside, you want to come in, take your time, look at the culture of the fire department, look at the culture of the community. You want to get stakeholder input from the community and the fire department and then evaluate your programs. You need to look at each program and determine: What is that program trying to accomplish? And then look and see if this is making that accomplishment. If it is not, what do we to do to make it accomplish that objective? ... What are the resources required to do that? And then we have to look at the amount of resources we are expending on that. Is there an adequate return on investment? A lot of those things are policy decisions that would be made in conjunction with input from stakeholders from the community, from the firefighters and from city management.

**MRT:** Are there programs you have started elsewhere that you would be bringing into Midland?

**Blackwell:** We do a few things at other departments I have been at. One is called "fire in the streets." That is when the clock changes in the spring time. Every Tuesday, each station picked out a neighborhood. And we would knock on the doors, provide fire prevention literature to the families, ask to check their smoke detector and make sure their smoke detector was working properly. And we would also check to see if they needed a CO (carbon monoxide) detector. ... We had CO calls that were becoming significant. If you had a fuel-fired appliance in your home and did not have a CO detector, we made sure you had one before we left. ... We also did that same type of canvass after a structure fire in the neighborhood that the structure fire occurred. 'Cause after your neighbor's home burned, that is when we have your attention. We get back into the neighborhood within 72 hours with the same information, we are asking the same questions: Can we check your smoke detector, do you have a CO detector, here are preventive tips to keep that from happening here.

**MRT:** What else should our readers know about you?

**Blackwell:** I do have a connection with West Texas. My wife and I were not able to have our own children, so we adopted. Two of the children we adopted, we adopted when we were in Amarillo through Child Protective Services. They are a sibling group, and because we kept that sibling group together they get certain benefits from the state — one being college tuition. When these kids get old enough to go to college, they will be coming to Texas, and I know mama isn't going to want to be far away from her babies. That is one of the reasons we are looking back into Texas. When you come into a community, it is not only the professional part of the career that nails you down in a community, it is also the personal side and family side.

### James Maxon

**MRT:** What have you done professionally to prepare yourself for this position?

**Maxon:** I have been in the fire service for 25 years in a variety of settings. I have worked for a county fire department where I started as a volunteer, then I was a firefighter in the United States Air Force (assigned to Kirkland Air Force base), and I worked the state fire Marshal's Office doing fire investigations, fire inspections, teaching at the state fire academy for numerous years. Then I came to Sandoval County, where I am now, as a deputy chief. I was deputy chief for six years. I have been fire chief for 5 1/2 years. And throughout my career, I have worn every hat there is in the fire and EMS business, so I have a really diverse background and understanding of the fire business.

**MRT:** Have you had to work with limited resources in the past and how do you deal with it?

**Maxon:** In my environment now, we have very limited resources. We never have enough people, so what we have to do is — No. 1 we have to be safe — but we have to be innovative with how we use our people. If we need more help from another department, need more people on the scene, need backflow from another station, that is not bad to do. We want to make sure we get plenty of resources there to handle the emergency. Here in Midland, it is utilizing resources the best you can.

**MRT:** Midland Fire Department has a lot of projects going. How do you go into a new situation and determine priorities?

**Maxon:** I came into the department that I'm chief of now from the outside. I spent a considerable amount of time learning the organization, learning the environment, understanding all the projects, understanding everything about the department because there is a reason for just about everything. You have to understand the reasons behind everything. Once you learn the system and understand the reasons then you can put prioritization on things.

**MRT:** What else should our readers know about you?

**Maxon:** I have set myself up to be a fire chief in the sense that I have a master's degree in public administration, and I'm a graduate from the fire office program from the National Fire Academy. I have spent a considerable amount of time doing professional development. It was my goal to be a fire chief since I was 18 years old, and I achieved that when I was 36 years old, and it has been wonderful.

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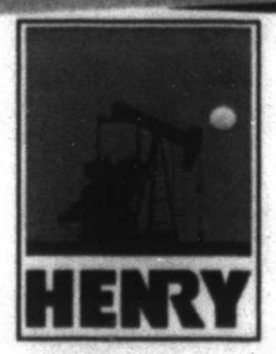


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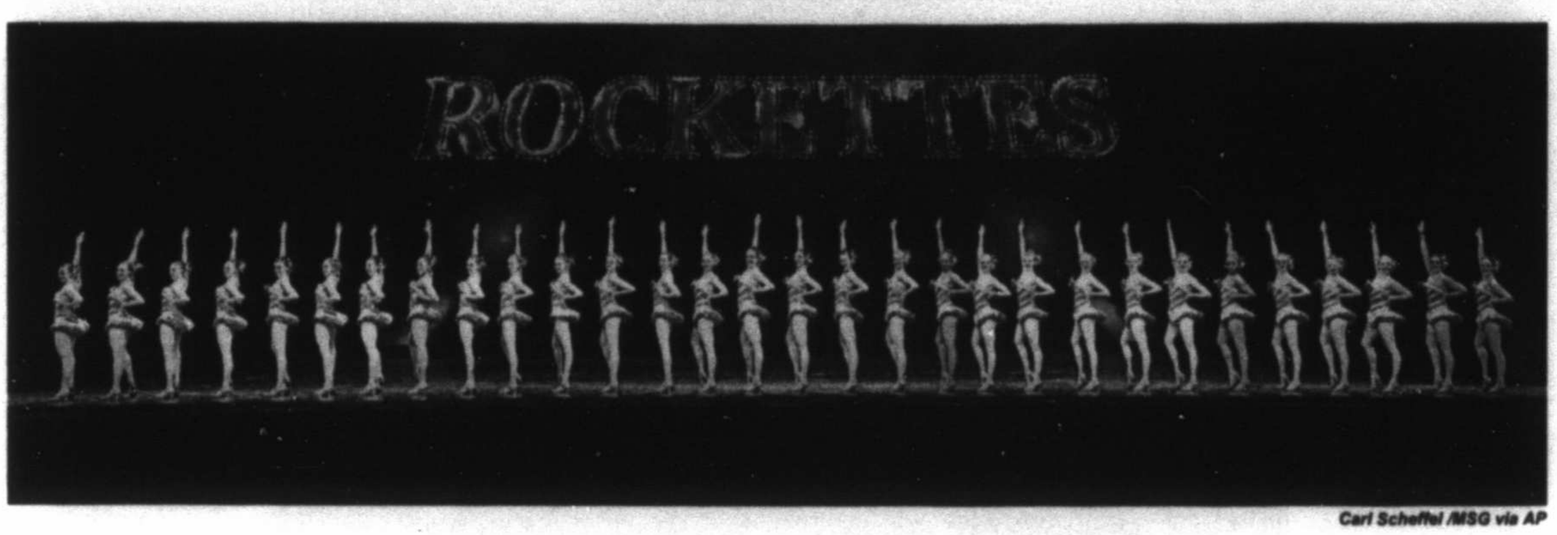



Carl Scheffel /MSG via AP

Rockettes strike a pose at dress rehearsal Nov. 7 for the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" currently performing at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

# Ice baths and M&Ms: Secrets of the Rockettes revealed

**By Mark Kennedy**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — One of the biggest draws in New York this time of year is the "Christmas Spectacular" featuring the iconic Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. Everyone knows about their high kicks, but do you know how many calories each burns? What do they snack on? What's the best place to be in their famous kick line? Two veterans — Bailey Callahan of Melbourne, Florida, and Alissa LaVergne of Houston — reveal all the backstage secrets.

### By the numbers

There are 80 Rockettes, split into two teams of 36 dancers and four standbys. The 36 women can fit shoulder-to-shoulder along the 66-foot stage.

They perform eight dance numbers per show, up to four shows daily, 200 shows a season. The show produces 350 laundry loads weekly.

### Height and calories

Rockettes must stand between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-10 1/2 and be proficient at tap, jazz and ballet. Candidates must be ready to do 300 eye-high kicks a show.

One Rockette used a fitness tracker and discovered that she burned 1,000 calories every show. "When we do four shows a day, that's a lot of pizza that we get to eat," says Callahan.

### Where are they from?

Rockettes this year come from 27 states, plus Canada and Australia. New Jersey sent the most dancers, 12. Ohio is next with six. Pennsylvania, Florida and California each have five; Michigan, New York and Arizona, four each; Maryland, three; Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, Connecticut, Texas, Nebraska and Virginia, two each. Louisiana, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Washington, Kansas, Wisconsin, Alabama, Illinois, Utah, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, one each. Two come from Australia, five from Canada.

### How do they look the same height if they're not?

Heels? Optical illusion? "The way we line up is we put the taller girls in the center and gradually go down to the shorter girls on the end," says LaVergne. "There's a bit of an illusion but it's actually really simple." The costumes are made proportionately, helping the illusion.

### During high kicks, how tightly do they hold each other?

Prepare to be astonished: "We actually don't touch each other," says LaVergne. The dancers just lightly brush the women beside them with outstretched arms. They call it "feeling the fabric." That ensures they're in line without pushing or leaning. "It just looks like you're actually holding onto your neighbor but we don't," says LaVergne.

### Best place to be on the line?

Doesn't matter. "Whether you're on the end or the center, you're still kicking on your own," says LaVergne. Each dancer relies on back muscles, core strength and hamstring and quad power, not pushing off another dancer. "Whether you're standing on zero or 36, you're going through the exact same experience," says Callahan.

### Quickest costume change?

Between the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "New York at Christmas," the Rockettes have just 78 seconds to change outfits.

That means taking off socks, shoes, pants, jackets, gloves, cheeks and hats, and then putting on dresses, shoes, jackets, earrings, gloves and new hats. Wait, what's that about "cheeks"? The Rockettes wear red cloth cheeks for "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Rag Dolls" for rosy complexions.

### What do Rockettes eat?

Everything. Catered foods include proteins, veggies, salads, carbs, desserts. Bottles of sports drink Powerade are everywhere.

In her dressing room, LaVergne has chips, popcorn, yogurt and apples. Callahan's go-to snack is a peanut butter and banana sandwich. She also has a stash of M&Ms.

### Before the curtain rises...

They're onstage in reindeer costumes, the overture is playing, and they're hidden by a curtain. Some stretch, some pray, some test their antler lights. Others do a clap routine, high fives or dance with a friend. Callahan does three splits, every time.

"Because it's so perfect and precise onstage once the curtain opens," says LaVergne, "to see everyone doing something different is hysterical."

### Staying healthy

Vitamins, water, rest, good nutrition, CleanWell hand sanitizer. LaVergne likes Emergen-C packets. Callahan is partial to electrolyte tablets. Yearround, Callahan likes yoga, Pilates and barre classes. LaVergne leans toward boot camp, boxing and interval training.

### Cool down like a Rockette

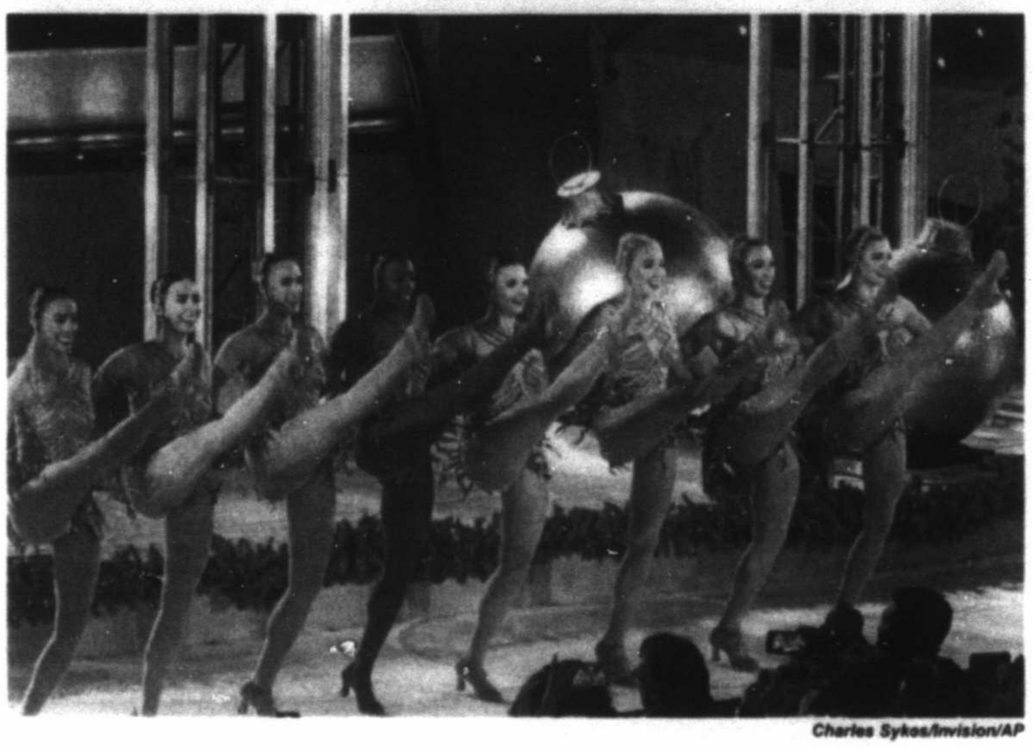
Many dancers take an ice bath before heading home. Callahan sits in a tub in 45-degree F water to reduce inflammation.

### Is that tapping real or recorded?

Oh, it's real. For the tap-dancing numbers "Rag Dolls" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," wireless microphones are hidden in their tap shoes' arches.

### Most embarrasing moment

For Callahan, it was a 2013 fall onstage, opening night in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" tap number: "It felt like an eternity on the floor but was probably two seconds. You had to keep smiling, keep going, pretend like nothing ever happened." LaVergne recalled the time a fellow Rockette's shoe came off during a high kick and went sailing — luckily, away from the audience. She kept going. Santa picked up the shoe like nothing happened.



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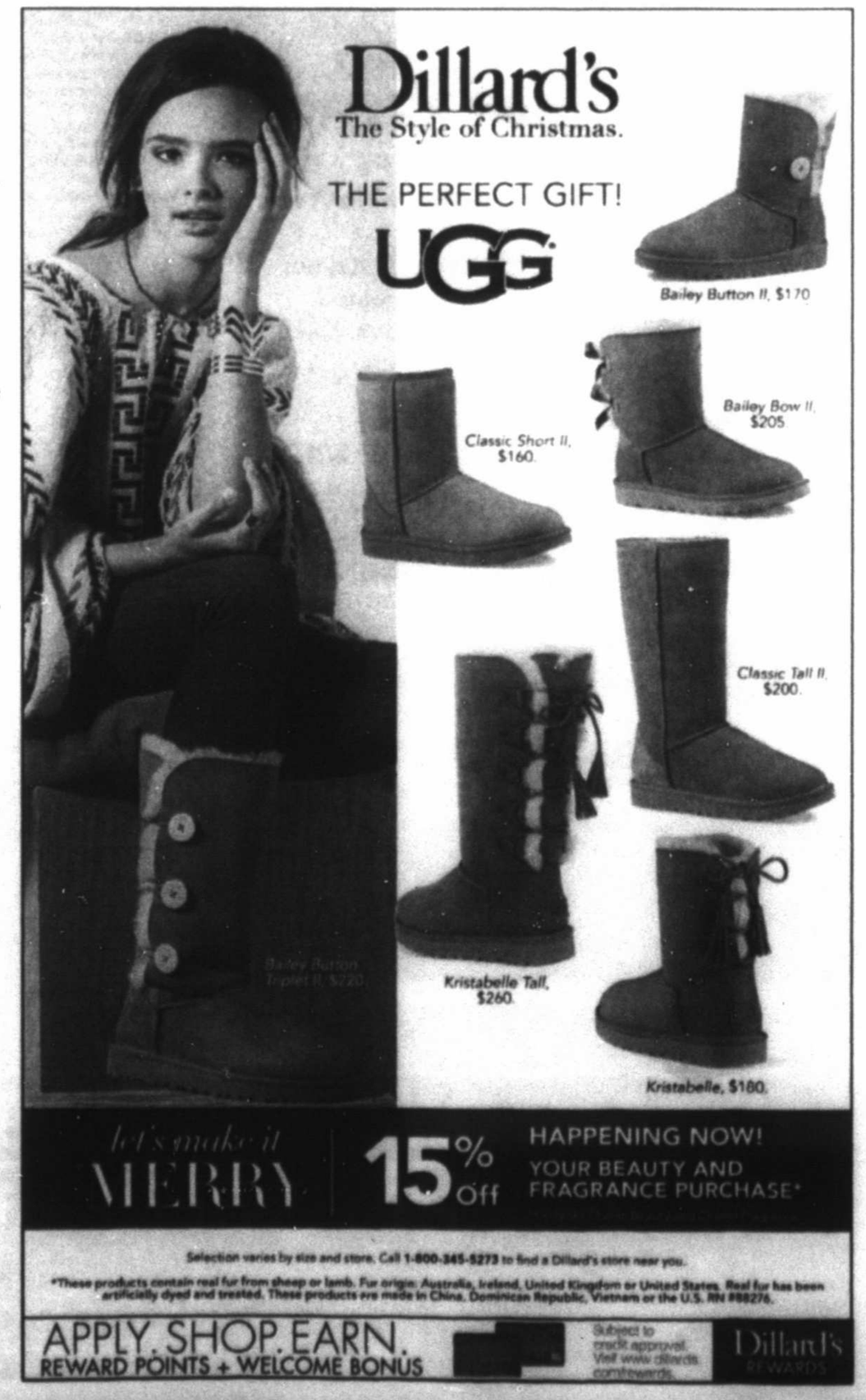
The Rockettes perform during the 85th annual Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday in New York.

### Is there any hazing for newcomers?

Are you crazy? This show demands absolute precision and teamwork. There's no room for veterans to make freshmen feel lousy.

They might offer advice, but no bullying.

"We're all in it together," says LaVergne. "If you don't have that camaraderie and we don't have that bond, it will show onstage."



# 'Celebrating Merry Christmas again': Trump opens new front in culture wars

**By David Nakamura**
*Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — In a St. Louis suburb this week to sell the Republican tax bill, President Donald Trump appeared on stage with twin symbols of his vision of the country's heritage — a pair of American flags and a row of Christmas trees, adorned with red, white and blue ornaments.

"I told you that we would be saying 'Merry Christmas' again," Trump said, eliciting roars of approval from hundreds of supporters at the St. Charles Convention Center.

The theme had little to do with the president's push on taxes, aside from a reference early in his 46-minute speech that tax cuts would serve as a "big, beautiful Christmas present" to the economy. But the backdrop made clear that a president who has repeatedly used the flag to win leverage in a debate over the meaning of NFL players' protests during the national anthem was prepared to weaponize the trees in another front in the culture wars.

Trump was signaling to his base that he was following through on a campaign promise to shelve what he and his supporters view as political correctness aimed at marginalizing the nation's Christian majority in the name of diversity.

"Remember, I was the one when I was here the last time, I said, 'We're going to have Christmas again,'" Trump said. "I was the one that said, you go to the department stores and you see 'Happy New Year' and you see red and you see snow and you see all these things. You don't see 'Merry Christmas' anymore. With Trump as your president, we are going to be celebrating 'Merry Christmas' again."

More than a year before he was elected, Trump had begun working into his stump speech references to the proverbial "war on Christmas," a familiar refrain among some on the religious right and on Fox News during former president Barack Obama's eight years in office. Trump even held a Christmas rally in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Dec. 2015, with giant wreaths and the words "Merry Christmas" written in script on campaign posters.

Katherine Frey/Washington Post

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump kick off the 95th annual National Christmas Tree Lighting Thursday night with Dean Cain, left, and Kathie Lee Gifford on the Ellipse in Washington.

Trump's embrace of that rhetorical flourish helped a New York business mogul, who has not been a regular churchgoer, win crucial evangelical support during the Republican primary campaign and the general election. Now, entering his first December in office, Trump is embracing a similar tactic to help shore up his base supporters amid record-low approval ratings.

Cal Thomas, a syndicated, conservative columnist, said the notion of a "war on Christmas" is nonsense. But he acknowledged Trump tapped into the anger among some on the religious right that their values have been disregarded in a nation that has grown increasingly diverse.

"It's pushback," Thomas said. "There are a lot of churchgoing, flag-waving, tax-playing, committed-in-marriage individuals who see all their values and faith and what they believe in trashed regularly. They are told to take a back seat to everything they regard as unholy and unwise, and they are tired of it."

Trump has made other rhetorical and symbolic changes. The White House's traditional holiday party for the media, which will be held Friday, has been rebranded under Trump as a Christmas party — prompting Politico to send a survey to reporters asking if they objected to the change.

Inside the White House's living quarters, first lady Melania Trump, who oversaw this year's seasonal decor, chose to feature a red, green and gold color scheme. The Trumps' Christmas cards read "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," replacing the more generalized "Season's Greetings" favored by the Obamas.

But critics, including some Christian scholars, said Trump's approach is antithetical in a nation founded on the principle that the government should tolerate diversity of religious faiths and refrain from playing favorites.

"It was bad in the campaign, but worse in government," said Brian Kaylor, a Baptist minister and author of "Presidential Campaign Rhetoric in an Age of Confessional Politics."

"As president of the United States, Trump is president of all the people, not just those who celebrate Christmas," Kaylor said. "That suggests that some are not full citizens if they don't practice a particular religious tradition. And it's not just non-Christians. There are some Christian groups that don't celebrate Christmas."

Kaylor noted that the nation's earliest presidents spoke carefully about religion, employing terms such as "providence" and "divinity" but refraining from more specific references to Christian holy days.

"If Thomas Jefferson were here today talking the same way," Kaylor said, "there would be a large swath of conservative Christians who denounce him in even stronger terms than they did Obama."

Former Obama aides bristle at the suggestion that the 44th president did not speak openly about Christianity and his own faith. Despite having attended church services more regularly than Trump before taking office, Obama faced constant criticism from the religious right that he had neglected to defend Christians in a rush to embrace tolerance of Muslims and those of other religious views.

In late 2011, then Gov. Rick Perry, a candidate for the GOP's 2012 presidential nomination, released a video asserting that "there's something wrong in this country when gays can serve openly in the military but our kids can't openly celebrate Christmas or pray in schools."

"As president, I'll end Obama's war on religion," Perry said.

Trump, too, got into the act, tweeting in December 2011 that Obama "issued a statement for Kwanza (sic) but failed to issue one for Christmas." Trump included a link to a story on the issue from the conservative Gateway Pundit blog.

Such attacks were wildly off base. Obama mentioned Christmas, along with other religious holidays, in videos and social media, and he was the first president to host an annual Easter prayer breakfast in the White House, said Joshua Dubois, head of the White House's Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in Obama's first term.

Trump's critics said his personal conduct has betrayed his attempts to claim ownership of the Christmas spirit. On the same day he spoke near St. Louis, for example, Trump retweeted to his 44 million followers anti-Muslim videos posted by Jayda Fransen, of Britain First, a far-right, ultranationalist group. The president's endorsement of that material prompted a rebuke from British Prime Minister Theresa May.

"The irony here is that when you compare Obama and Trump, Obama in all aspects of traditional Christian character is clearly much more devout, he lives a lifestyle much closer to traditional Christian teaching," Kaylor said.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# Can the average Midlander afford a median-priced home?

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The Permian Basin Board of Realtors recently released its updated housing data. Among the data is the year-to-date average median price for a home: $254,300.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 2016 wage data, its most recent, Midlanders have an annual mean wage of $53,190. Is that enough money to qualify for a mortgage at the median home price?

The Reporter-Telegram reached out to online lending exchange LendingTree, which since 1996 has connected borrowers with mortgage lenders, to evaluate the scenario.

Chief Economist Tendayi Kapfidze assumed the following for a typical Midland resident seeking a standard conforming mortgage:

- A $254,300 home price.
- A 20 percent down payment, or $50,860.
- $800 per month in other debt obligations, including a $400 average auto loan payment, $200 credit card payment and $200 student loan payment.
- A credit score above 680.
- Mortgage payments — including taxes, insurance, association fees and private mortgage insurance — no greater than 28 percent of monthly gross income.
- Mortgage payments and other debt obligations combined not exceeding monthly gross income.

"Throw all of that into the soup, and you come around to an income of between $55,000 and $65,000. Let's call it above $60,000 to be on the safe side," Kapfidze said. "That's what a standardized loan would like look in the marketplace."

Based on the BLS data, then, the typical Midlander doesn't earn enough money to qualify for a conforming mortgage.

However, there are other options.

Standard conforming loans, which go through Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, have the best interest rates for high-quality borrowers and require a 20 percent down payment, Kapfidze said, adding that meeting the down payment is often the greatest obstacle for borrowers.

For borrowers who want to use "an accessible product" such as through the Federal Housing Administration, a 3 percent down payment is required, which My Community Federal Credit Union offered the Reporter-Telegram as a scenario.

For MCFCU, a borrower without debt and a good credit score would have to earn $50,000 minimum in order to qualify for a loan with a 3 percent down payment, or $7,629.

Kapfidze said that FHA loans have a large government guarantee behind them. "They'll get a loan backed by the FHA, which goes through a different government agency called Ginnie Mae. If you go through Ginnie Mae, you have much lower down payment requirements."

Other aspects of an FHA mortgage are paying a mortgage insurance premium up front for many years, possibly for the entire length of the mortgage, according to a LendingTree explainer. The premium supports the mortgage insurance program that makes FHA loans possible. Also, FHA mortgages require the homebuyer or co-buyer to occupy the property.

Bottom line: For the average Midlander who wants to buy a median-priced home, a standard conforming mortgage might be more difficult to obtain because of income, higher down payment requirements and other factors; however, an FHA loan is more feasible to qualify for because of the lower down payment, but these loans come with their own requirements such as paying insurance premiums up front.

## Economist:H ome buyers should shop around for mortgage

*From staff reports*

LendingTree Chief Economist Tendayi Kapfidze shared the following tips for those seeking a mortgage.

### Shop around

"From our perspective as LendingTree, we wish people would shop more for mortgages. Most people go to their local bank or are referred to their local broker, and they take the first mortgage that they're offered. People don't do that with anything else. People shop around for TVs, shoes — almost anything else.

"What's amazing is the biggest financial decision most people will make is a mortgage and they don't shop around.

"The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has done some studies. Fifty percent of people only look at one lender. If they looked at two or three lenders, they would get a lower interest rate. They've found that because consumers aren't shopping around for mortgages, they combined pay an extra $13 billion in extra costs."

### Boost your credit score

"Try and improve your credit score as much as possible. It really makes a big difference. A difference of 40 points could be the difference of $10,000 to $12,000 in interest over the life of your loan.

"Once you're above 700, you're in really good territory. You get incremental benefits the higher you go."

### Consider your down payment

"When people are thinking about their long-term obligation, they're definitely concerned about their monthly payment.

"The other number on the consumer side is the down payment. Several studies about the housing market show the biggest obstacle to homeownership is the down payment. There are many people who could afford a monthly payment because the payment on a home mortgage isn't going to be too different from a reasonable monthly rent payment. People can typically manage the burden of a mortgage payment over a rent payment."

### Consider lifetime cost

"Think about the lifetime cost of the mortgage. A $20, $30 variation on a monthly payment over 30 years could be about $20,000."

## Housing data

From staff reports

**October: $249,500**
**Year average: $254,300**

### Previous months

Here are the median home prices in Midland for 2017 through October, according to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors

- January: $226,500
- February: $235,000
- March: $245,000
- April: $255,000
- May: $250,000
- June: $267,500
- July: $277,000
- August: $259,000
- September: $289,000

Here are the total homes on the market, total sold and days on market (DOM) in Midland for 2017 through October, according to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors:

| | Total | Sold | DOM |
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| January | 432 | 169 | 60 |
| February | 348 | 159 | 75 |
| March | 318 | 231 | 66 |
| April | 364 | 202 | 51 |
| May | 398 | 229 | 37 |
| June | 459 | 245 | 39 |
| July | 454 | 212 | 36 |
| August | 419 | 220 | 37 |
| September | 375 | 193 | 39 |
| October | 345 | 228 | 37 |

**Year average for homes on the market: 391**
**Total sold: 2,088**
**Average DOM: 48**

## Odessa named best small city for new grads

*Odessa American*

OnlineDegrees.com has picked Odessa as the best small city for new college graduates.

With almost 1 in 4 residents in the 20-24 age bracket, Odessa offers opportunities for new graduates to connect with others who are at a similar point in life. Those who live in this West Texas city can be part of a healthy state economy — one that may make building a post-college life relatively easy, especially when combined with Odessa's No. 2 ranking for median earnings, a news release said.

The release said Odessa has a great nightlife and the second-highest number of restaurants in OnlineDegrees top 15 cities. Residents can also view plays at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, a full schedule of festivals, University of Texas of the Permian Basin football games and other sporting and cultural experiences, the release said.

Out of 413 cities in the study, here are the top 15 small cities for new grads 2018:

- Odessa
- Grand Forks, N.D.
- San Angelo
- Minot, N.D.
- Edwards, Colo.
- Bismark, N.D.
- La Crosse, Wis.
- Cortland, N.Y.
- Kearney, Neb.
- Stephenville (Tie).
- Williston (Tie), N.D.
- Elmira, N.Y.
- Victoria
- Great Falls, Mont.
- Mankato, Minn.

To be considered a small city, OnlineDegrees looked at those with a population of less than 150,000. Each city was ranked on a variety of factors including: Median monthly rents, percentage of housing units occupied by renters, percentage of population between 20 and 34, median earnings of bachelor's degree holders, concentration of arts and entertainment establishments, state job growth projections, employment status, and cost of living, the release said.

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| 2005 Gulf Ave. | Residential Addition |
| 1605 E. Scharbauer Drive | Residence-Detached |
| 2409 Idlewilde Drive Suite 103 | New Residence |
| 4512 Spanos Drive | Residence-Detached |
| 3211 W. Wadley Ave. | Sign |
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# Post-Weinstein, Lauer: A reckoning for fans of fallen heroes

**By Leanne Italie**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — When it comes to fandom, it's reckoning time for Matt Lauer, Garrison Keillor and scores of other men accused of sexual wrongdoing.

Hero celebrities have fallen before — Bill Cosby's career ended after assault allegations in 2014 — but never in the rapid succession that has rocked so many worlds since revelations about Harvey Weinstein exploded in October. Accusers of politicians, actors, comedians, singers, producers, directors, other media powerhouses and assorted business moguls have taken the power and fans of the disgraced have largely stood with the wronged.

But for some, giving up heroes isn't easy.

Savannah Guthrie, in breaking the news Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show about Lauer's firing over "inappropriate sexual behavior" with a colleague, appeared to be on the verge of tears.

"How do you reconcile your love for someone with the revelation that they have behaved badly, and I don't know the answer to that," she said. "But I do know that this reckoning that so many organizations have been going through is important, it's long overdue and it must result in workplaces where all women — all people — feel safe and respected."

Paul Booth, an associate professor of media and cinema studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University in Chicago, said some fans derive a piece of their identity from those they admire.

*Zach Pagano/Associated Press*

This Nov. 16 photo released by NBC shows Matt Lauer during a broadcast of the "Today," show in New York. NBC News fired the longtime host for "inappropriate sexual behavior." Lauer's co-host Savannah Guthrie made the announcement at the top of Wednesday's "Today" show.

"Certainly to a lot of fans, fandom feels like something that you almost don't have control over, that what you're a fan of is part of who you are as a person," he said.

On social media and around the dinner table, many fans are in mourning. But in the Arizona border town of Douglas, 37-year-old Nubia Romo isn't ready to dump Lauer.

"Oh my goodness, I've woken up to the 'Today' show for years. It's so, so, so sad. My mother is really sad, too, but we don't have his side of the story," said Romo, who is studying to become a real estate agent.

Booth's academic focus includes fan mentality, along with the social media hive mind. While Romo said she was shocked that Lauer would be accused, hardcore fans, including those of Lauer but also of Louis C.K. and Kevin Spacey, may have had an inkling of rumored transgressions beforehand, choosing in the past to let the negative slide until allegations were pushed into full view, he said.

"For many fans, these are not necessarily new stories," Booth said. "One of the things about being a fan is that you learn the minutiae of a star. Although some of these stories are just coming out in the mainstream media, they have been circulating in fan circles for a while. Rumors about Kevin Spacey have been out and about in fan conversations for many years. Certainly Louis C.K.'s misconduct and harassment has been jokingly referred to by a lot of fans."

Letting go of longtime heroes can be a process, said Booth, other pop culture experts and women's rights activists.

"I think all of us are going to struggle with people who we looked up to and have done really good things," said Linda Sarsour, co-chair of this year's Women's March in Washington. "I can think of people like Al Franken and John Conyers and I'm so hurt and disappointed, but we're going to have to reckon with the issue and how it's impacted the victims and not our personal heroes."

The range of emotions among fans of Louis C.K. and the more recently accused — Lauer, Charlie Rose and Keillor — among so many others, continued to flow Wednesday.

Susan Scharf, a 69-year-old retired teacher in suburban New York, said she's a longtime Lauer fan and was "very, very shocked and disappointed," echoing what others also have pondered: "I thought he was a nice guy. As a woman, I can't support him now."

In Royal Oak, Michigan, Lauer fan Amy Hurley, a 45-year-old administrative assistant for General Motors, put it more succinctly: "Is every man a hypocrite?"

Outrage, sadness, frustration, shock and the craving to gather and share are common denominators among fans.

On Twitter, one angsty Louis C.K. die-hard in Egypt, using the handle @MilanistaFito, relied on the fictional Showtime series "The Affair" and the character Dr. Vic Ullah to help him articulate:

"I remember that scene from The Affair where a character says, 'If you think, on balance, that the good I do outweighs the bad, I'm a good person. If you think the bad outweighs the good, the opposite is true.' And I believe that the good C.K. does outweighs the bad."

Thousands of miles away, continents collided in the brain of comedian Sarah Silverman, Louise C.K.'s friend of 25 years, when she broke her silence in an emotional monologue before an episode of her Hulu talk show, "I Love You, America."

"Some of our heroes will be taken down, and we will discover bad things about people we like, or in some cases, people we love," she said.

While thousands stand with accusers and wish Lauer and others who have toppled a bitter farewell, Hilari Vires, of Scottsburg, Indiana, feels as Romo does about one of the big faces of "Today."

"I honestly think that people should not judge or hate on him until there is proof regarding the accusations," she said. "Even if he did the things he's accused of, I don't think he's a bad or evil person."

Bridget Barisonek, 42, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a huge Keillor fan. She has listened to his former radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion," for 20 years and has seen the show live several times.

"I want to trust public figures. I want to trust somebody who leads what is essentially wholesome family entertainment," she said. "Tremendous disappointment. And like almost a sense of loss. "

The process for some looking in from the outside as non-fans is void of heartbreak.

"Sorry to straight people who keep finding out their heroes suck but you should've listened to gays and worshipped 52-year-old actresses who specialize in monologues about their crumbling marriage," tweeted comedy writer, entertainment journalist and the sometimes pop culture podcaster Louis Virtel.

In a recent interview, Virtel said fall they must.

"There's always this ongoing conversation on separating the art from the artist," he said. "As somebody whose heroes have never turned into sexual predators I find it a pretty mundane conversation. It's a conversation usually started by men who think the only form of universal genius out there is stuff given to us by men."

# Quick firing not an option in political sex-misconduct cases

**By David McCrary**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — When sexual misconduct allegations surface in the private sector, a boss can say, "You're fired" — as Matt Lauer, Charlie Rose and others can attest. In the political world, it's never that simple.

Rep. John Conyers has refused to step down even after House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi urged the veteran Democrat from Detroit to do so. Democratic Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota faces a Senate ethics investigation but plans to stay on. And Republican Roy Moore is pressing ahead with his Senate candidacy in Alabama despite allegations he sexually assaulted two teenage girls decades ago.

In the recent cases where the alleged harasser worked for a major media organization, the firings have been depicted as necessary to uphold the company's reputation.

But elected officials "are their own brands," said Gayle Goldin, a Democratic state senator from Rhode Island. "It's up to them to decide how they're going to respond to pressure on them to step down."

Members of Congress can, as a matter of fact, be expelled by their colleagues. But lawmakers historically have been loath to do that. Since the Civil War, only two have been expelled; they were ousted in 1980 and 2002, both of them for corruption.

Politicians often try to hang on by retaining the support of their base, and cling to the notion that in a democracy, the voters are the ultimate bosses.

In Moore's case, elements of the national Republican Party have repudiated the fiery religious conservative, but the Alabama GOP — and many voters — remain supportive as he faces Democrat Doug Jones in a Dec. 12 special election.

Debra Katz, an attorney in Washington who specializes in sexual harassment cases, noted that Moore doesn't need nationwide good will to the extent that TV personalities like Rose and Lauer do.

"With politicians, there's a spin machine that immediately goes into place — and

**ABOVE:** Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., arrives at a Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing on Capitol Hill on Wednesday in Washington. An Army veteran has accused Franken of inappropriately touching her more than a decade ago while she was on a military deployment to Kuwait. ***Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press;*** **BELOW:** Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., attends a news conference on Capitol Hill on Feb. 14 in Washington. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the top Democrat in the House, said on Thursday that Conyers should resign, saying the accusations are "very credible." ***J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press***

a different constituency they are playing to," Katz said. "They're assuming their political base will allow them to continue in their roles, and they can continue to slap at the press and brand any continued reporting as fake news."

The Rev. Robert Franklin, professor of moral leadership at Emory University's school of theology in Atlanta, said an accusation against a politician can play out differently than one against someone in the private sector.

In the political arena, "an alleged transgression often triggers protection, loyalty and 'circling the wagons,' rather than abandonment," Franklin said by email. "In Roy Moore's case, the transgression plays into a narrative of persecution of the courageous, righteous leader, even when he has obvious flaws."

Conyers similarly has a loyal base of supporters in the Detroit area who have been electing him to Congress since 1964. Conyers' lawyer, Arnold Reed, said Friday that the congressman has done nothing wrong and will "defend himself until the cows come home."

However, Reed noted that Conyers, 88, was recently hospitalized with health problems and said he will decide in the coming days whether to resign or stay in office.

"John Conyers will be the one to decide," Reed said. "It's not going to be Washington."

One of the factors complicating sexual misconduct cases in politics is the power of partisanship. Attorney Emily Martin, vice president for workplace justice at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, said some voters would rather retain a flawed politician from their own party than run the risk of yielding a seat to someone from the other side.

"If you're a consumer-facing industry, you don't want to alienate any segment of your audience," Martin said. "A lot of politicians don't care if they alienate a big section of the public as long as they keep

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# Failing to address harassment allegations can cost employers

**By Andrew Welsh-Huggins**
*Associated Press*

COLUMBUS, Ohio — When it comes to sexual harassment allegations, no employer wants to find itself in the position an Indiana university was in during the 1990s, when a woman complained to a senior administrator that the school's chancellor had groped her.

"Oh, no, not again," said the administrator at Indiana University's South Bend campus.

A jury awarded the woman $800,000.

Although a judge later slashed that to $50,000, the message was clear: Failing to address allegations of sexual misconduct in the workplace can have expensive legal consequences for employers.

"You don't have to fire people necessarily, but doing nothing is usually not helpful," said Camille Hebert, an employment discrimination professor at the Ohio State law school.

Earlier this year, a former University of California, Santa Cruz student who alleges she was raped by a professor settled her claim against the university system for $1.15 million over what she says was its failure to address previous allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence by the faculty member.

It is with that reality in mind that companies are swiftly firing powerful men accused of misbehavior and taking a zero-tolerance attitude toward such wrongdoing. But whether a no-mercy approach is a good idea is a matter of debate.

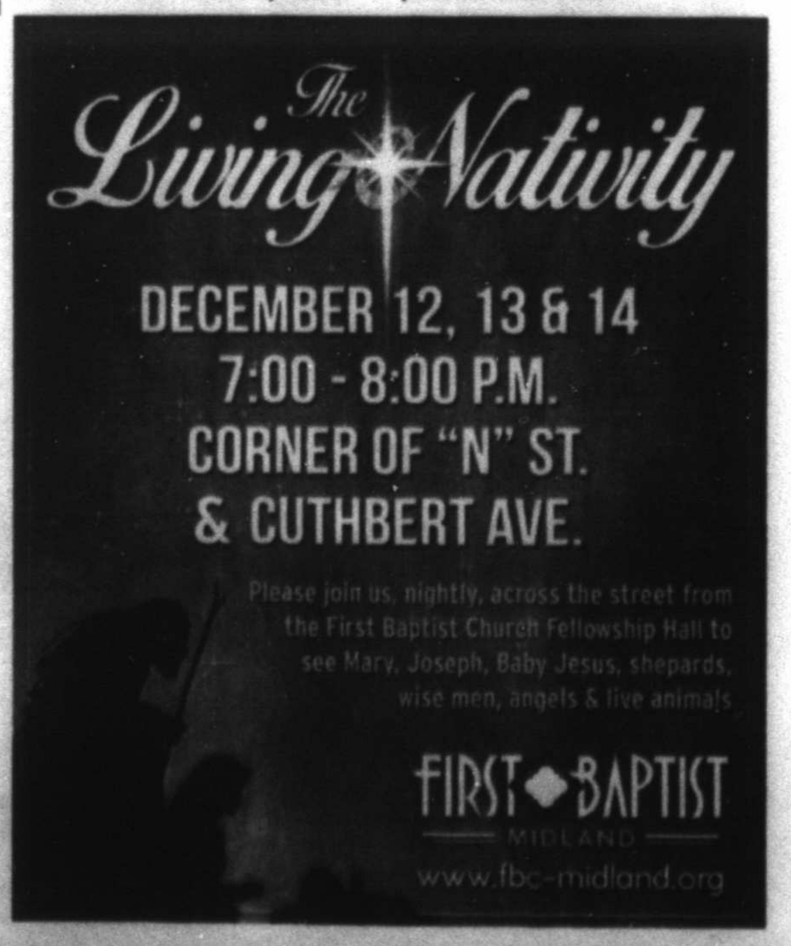
While businesses are usually within their rights to swiftly fire employees accused of misconduct, as was done this week with former "Today" show host Matt Lauer and former "Prairie Home Companion" personality Garrison Keillor, such actions can also backfire, legal experts say. For example, they say, women who just want the harassment to stop and don't want to see anyone get fired might hesitate to come forward.

Philadelphia-based employment attorney Jon Segal said zero tolerance for harassment is important, but the consequences should be commensurate with the offense and should include steps short of firing, such as mandatory training, suspension or demotion.

"You don't want to send the message to people that if there is an allegation and it's found to be true, it's automatic termination," Segal said.

For employees who choose to sue, the timeframe can be short for raising the allegation: 300 days if employees want to sue in federal court. States often have more generous deadlines — six years in Ohio, for example — and fewer caps on financial damages.

Time limits don't mean lawsuits can't be brought over older complaints of harassment. For example, employees can argue that a recent incident within the 300-day limit allows them to revisit an older complaint outside that window.



# Controversial pastor to write about the sin of white supremacy

■ Fourth great-nephew of Gen. Robert E. Lee has deal for a book about his journey from Confederate-flag flying teenager to racism-renouncing celebrity preacher

**By Martha Quillin**
*The News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)*

Controversial preacher Rev. Rob Lee IV has a deal to publish a book about his journey from Confederate-flag flying teenager — and distant Robert E. Lee relative — to racism-renouncing celebrity pastor.

Lee IV

"A memoir with a mission is what we're calling it," Lee said in a phone interview recently. The working title is "A Sin By Any Other Name: On Race, My Love Letter to the South."

Lee said the book will talk about what he sees as America's original sin — white supremacy — as it has been institutionalized in society, including in the church. He'll examine low points where, he says, people continue to segregate themselves and concentrate on ways in which they are different. He'll also write about high points, in which people have difficult but frank conversations about their prejudices and try to learn more generous ways of thinking.

It's been a whirlwind year for Lee, 25, who is the fourth great-nephew of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Lee and his wife were living in Boone, where he is an adjunct instructor at Appalachian State University and also a pastor at a church in Winston-Salem, when violence broke out in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August. White supremacists had called for a rally to protest the city's plan to move a statue of Robert E. Lee out of a public park, and they clashed with counter-protesters.

A self-described neo-Nazi drove his car into a group of the counter-protesters, killing Heather Heyer of Charlottesville.

Rob Lee used the moment — and his family lineage — to denounce white supremacy and what he saw as a sort of idol-worshiping of Confederate monuments. After speaking to state and national news outlets and using Twitter and Facebook to spread the message, he was invited to go on MTV's Video Music Awards to introduce Heyer's mother on the show.

Afterward, he said, some of the members of the church where he worked in Winston-Salem disagreed with his views, and he resigned his post. Church officials have said they supported him.

**Want to know more?**

The Rev. Rob Lee IV is to appear on the interfaith special, "Faith on the Frontlines," airing on KOSA-TV at 6:30 a.m. today.

Later, Lee appeared on ABC's "The View," where he said white Christians need to find a "different way of doing church" that is more aligned with the teachings of Jesus.

Since then, Lee has spent many weekends on the road, guest-preaching at churches all over the nation. He said he has been invited by roughly equal numbers of predominantly black and predominantly white congregations, which he finds encouraging.

He announced on Facebook that he will be on CBS's interfaith special, "Faith on the Frontlines," premiering today.

Lee said he and his wife will be moving back to Statesville, where he was raised, and he will concentrate on finishing the book. He has five chapters written so far, he said, and he hopes it will be comparable in some ways to Tim Tyson's "Blood Done Sign My Name," about a racially motivated murder in Oxford, North Carolina, in 1970, and "Hillbilly Elegy," J.D. Vance's book about the cultural and economic struggles of Appalachia.

Lee said he will continue to teach at Appalachia State this academic year.

Lee is a graduate of Duke University's Divinity School. While a student there, he was a pastoral intern at Raleigh's Edenton Street United Methodist Church.

He said he has had several job offers since he started telling the story of how he was influenced by strong black women — a babysitter and his confirmation mentor at church — leading him to question his proud display of a Confederate flag on his bedroom wall.

Soon, he said, he expects to finalize details of a new job with a church that will allow him to continue living and working in the South, where he said he feels called to be.

"I've been offered jobs elsewhere, but my wife and I have decided it's better to stay here," he said. "If all the progressive people leave, then there will be no one left to call out all the phobias. There is a progressive vein of Christianity in the South that needs to be uplifted."

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# Report: Officer safety put ahead of public safety at rally

**By Sarah Rankin**
*Associated Press*

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Law enforcement failed to adequately plan for or respond to a violent white nationalist rally this summer in Virginia, leading to "deep distrust of government" in the Charlottesville community, an independent review released Friday found.

Former U.S. Attorney Tim Heaphy's monthslong investigation found a lack of coordination between state and city police and a passive response by officials to the chaos. The report also found that police removed an officer from an area where a car plowed into counterprotesters and killed a woman and injured 19 others, leaving only a small sawhorse in place at the time.

"Supervisors devised a poorly conceived plan that under-equipped and misaligned hundreds of officers. Execution of that plan elevated officer safety over public safety," the report found.

The City of Charlottesville also did not protect free expression on Aug. 12, the report said.

"This represents a failure of one of government's core functions — the protection of fundamental rights," it said. "Law enforcement also failed to maintain order and protect citizens from harm, injury, and death. Charlottesville preserved neither of those principles on Aug. 12, which has led to deep distrust of government within this community."

White nationalists descended on Charlottesville in part to protest plans to remove a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. They began fighting in the streets with counter-demonstrators before the event even officially began and the brawling went on for nearly an hour in front of officers until the event eventually disbanded. Later, as counterdemonstrators were peacefully marching through a downtown street, a car drove into the crowd, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring many more.

Public works officials had suggested using large barriers that can be filled with water to block vehicular traffic but Heaphy said "it just didn't happen."

The report was put together based on about 150 interviews, and the review of photos, video and over half a million documents.

Officers were dressed in everyday uniforms, not riot gear, at the start of the event. Instead of having helmets and shields next to the officers, the equipment was staged behind barricades. Officers had to leave the conflict areas to go get it, Heaphy said at a news conference.

"Because of their misalignment and lack of accessible protective gear, officers failed to intervene in physical altercations that took place in areas adjacent to Emancipation Park," where the Lee statue stands, the report said.

State police directed their officers "to remain behind barricades rather than risk injury responding to conflicts between protesters and counter-protesters," the report said. And Charlottesville commanders "similarly instructed their officers not to intervene in all but the most serious physical confrontations."

A handful of community members attended the press conference Friday, peppering Heaphy with questions and expressing distrust of both his review and the police department.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Police Chief Al Thomas and other top officials have previously defended the law enforcement response, saying police had to show restraint because some people in the crowd were heavily armed.

On Friday, City Manager Maurice Jones said in a statement that the city does not "agree with every aspect of the report's findings" but that "we, and our law enforcement partner in the Virginia State Police, undoubtedly fell short of expectations, and for that we are profoundly sorry."

He said the city is developing an action plan that will be unveiled during a council meeting next week.

State police did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kevin Martingayle, an attorney representing the police chief, said Thomas disputes allegations in the report that he deleted text messages that were relevant to the review.

Thomas gave a brief statement before leaving the room, saying: "We are a community divided. We are still a community in crisis."

He said he was committed to implementing the recommendations in Heaphy's report.

The report suggested that the General Assembly empower cities to enact "reasonable restrictions" on the right to carry guns at large protests.

Heaphy served as the U.S. attorney in Virginia from 2009-2015, after being appointed by President Barack Obama. He currently heads the white-collar defense and investigations practice of the law firm Hunton & Williams.

# Transit plan: End overnight subways to speed up repairs

**By David Porter**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Shut down the subway overnight in the city that never sleeps?

That was among the recommendations made Thursday by an influential think tank, which proposed ending New York City's vaunted 24-hour subway service as a way to help save a public transit system groaning with age and in dire need of costly upgrades more easily performed on silent tracks in the dead of night.

"The era of 24-hour subway service has come to an end," said Tom Wright, president of the Regional Plan Association, which included the recommendation in a broader set of proposals to shore up outdated infrastructure in and around the nation's biggest city.

The initial reaction of many New Yorkers? Fuhgeddaboudit.

"Stand clear of the awful idea!" said the Daily News, in a nod to the ubiquitous conductor announcements advising passengers to stand clear of closing train doors. It said the plan would "snuff the pride of New York," which has long looked down at cities — especially Boston — that halt trains and buses late at night.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority Chairman Joseph Lhota called the proposal "a bit draconian" and said a full weeknight shutdown would be "inappropriate."

He added the MTA already occasionally halts service on some lines on nights and weekends for repairs.

Dedicating overnight hours entirely to repairs would help shorten the time frame for repair and replacement work, Wright said this week.

Subway delays have soared in recent years, partly because upgrading decades-old equipment is difficult on tracks that always are humming with activity.

The Regional Plan Association said a combination of expanded bus service and ride-hailing companies, such as Uber and Lyft, could make up the difference for the estimated 1.5 percent of riders who use the system during overnight hours.

The Regional Plan Association released its master plan Thursday. Other recommendations contained in the 382-page document include restructuring New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and creating a national park in New

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their core group."

Some politicians have been toppled by sexual misconduct allegations. A state representative in California and two lawmakers in Minnesota recently announced their resignations.

And Kentucky Rep. Jeff Hoover stepped down as state House speaker, though he remains in the Legislature.

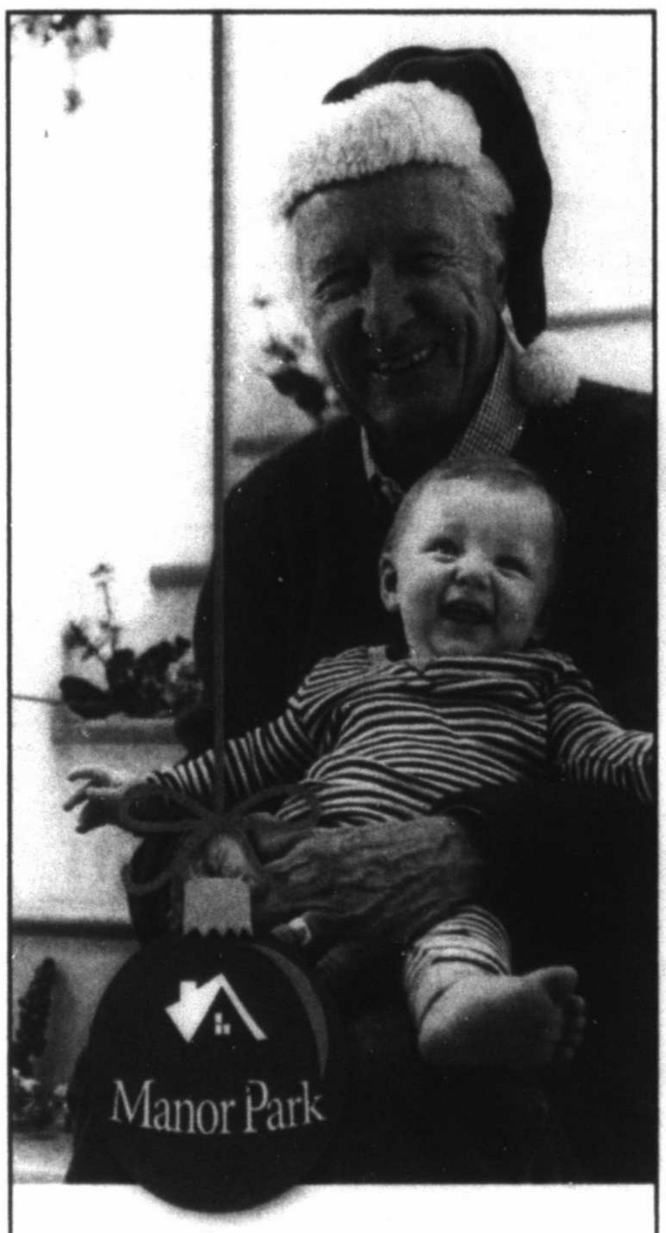
In Congress, even when members initiate action against one of their own, ethics investigations can drag on and on. After 19 women accused Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., of sexual harassment, it took three years for the Senate Ethics Committee to complete its investigation. He resigned in 1995, a day after the panel recommended expulsion.

To some members, the traditional approach by Congress is no longer acceptable.

Rep. Kathleen Rice, D-N.Y., cited the recent firings of media figures and told reporters, "We don't do the same, and I think it's a disgrace."

Goldin, the Rhode Island legislator, shares some of those frustrations, saying she and other female lawmakers have to contend with "a toxic mix of power and sexism in a heavily male-dominated field."

"I can't fire people," she said. "I can't change who is in the room, beyond encouraging other women to run for office."

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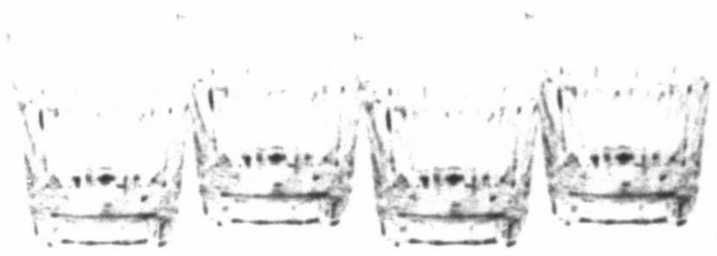

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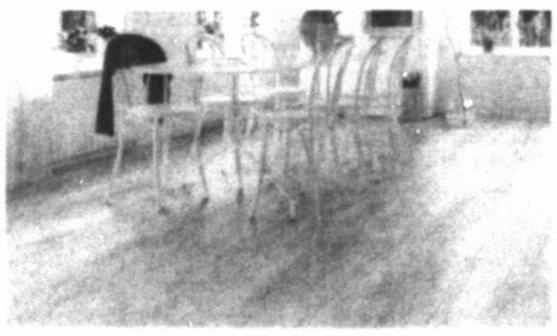

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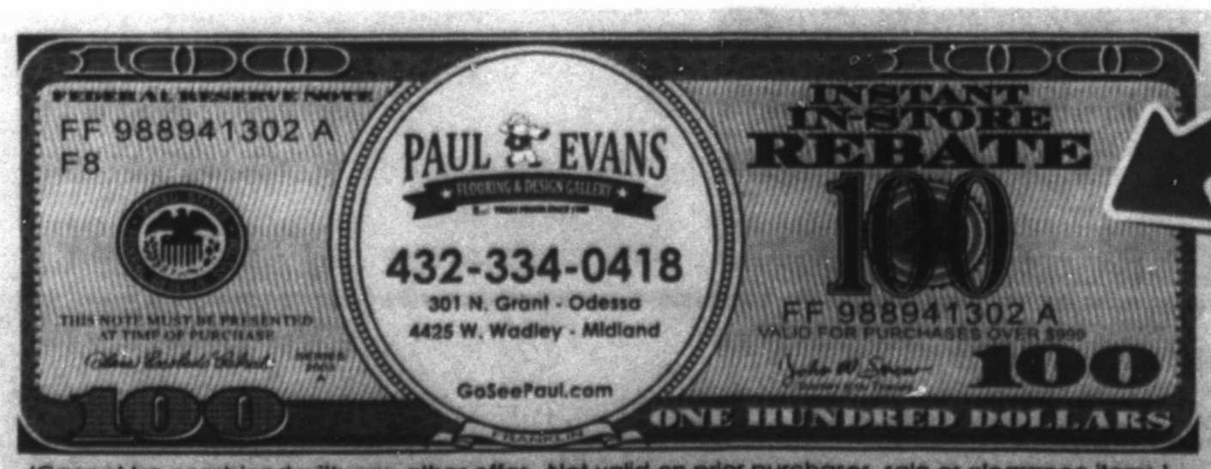


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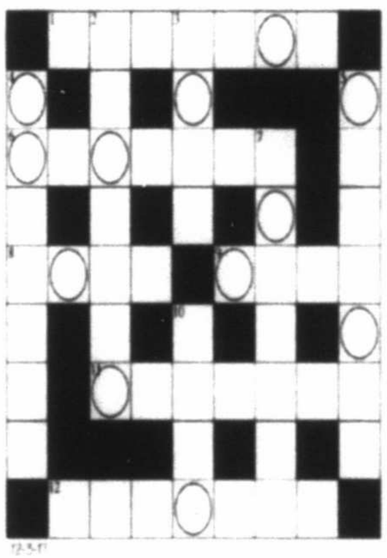

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| 8 Work hard | IOTL |
| 9 Small rodents | MEIC |
| 11 Shatter, burst | PXEEDOL |
| 12 Bell ___ | PACINAT |

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| CLUE | ANSWER |
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| 2 Encourage | PSNIRIE |
| 3 ___ pump | AEHT |
| 4 Cut short, abridge | RUILTCA |
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| 7 Libyan seaport | PIRTOIL |
| 10 Mark, stain | STPO |

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6 Graceful bird
10 Manhattan sch.
14 Baggage check requirement
19 Primer sequence
20 Trillionth: Pref.
21 Surprised greeting
22 Actress Thomas
23 Screwballs in the hayloft?
25 Where crooks learn their trade?
27 Enjoying a wilderness vacation, maybe
28 Two-mile-high city
30 Caged, with "up"
31 Very long tooth
32 Pouch occupants
33 Fronded tree
34 Picasso, for one
37 Med. prefix
38 Income statement write-off's
42 Live-income filer
43 Cookie cooks?
46 Cosmonaut Gagarin
47 Film-rating org.
48 Misc. instrument
49 "Later"
50 "The Simpsons" character Sideshow ___
51 Faller of 2001
52 "Hmm ... don't think so"
53 Northumbrian monk, briefly
55 __ lacto
56 Slowish movement
58 Leafstalks
60 Interfere (with)
61 Mickey and Jerry
62 Strict diet restriction
63 Blacken
65 "... dark, ... the blaze of noon": Milton
67 Prizes in a case
69 Feline named for an island
72 Sensible
73 Tardy with
74 Team across the state from the Marlins
75 Artist Yoko
76 Deckec
77 Zany Martha
78 They're heavier than foils
80 Villain named Julius
81 Russian city
83 Dealt with unproductive mollusks?
85 Easy putt
86 Faithfulness
88 Showing skill
89 Order givers
90 Ending with ortho-
91 Bar, at the bar
93 Algebra, e.g.
94 Rabbitlike rodent
97 Arctic temperature word
98 Inherited
102 Restaurant reservation for fish?
104 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John's?
106 Link with
107 Banned for a rules infraction, informally
108 Marginally
109 Katie's sitcom pal
110 Above it all
111 Old pol. divisions
112 Toon explorer
113 Window insert

**DOWN**

1 Mexican resort, familiarly
2 Not fatty
3 Above-it-all attitude
4 Clement composition
5 Fill, as with light
6 Lively quality
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8 Top performer
9 Pretty darn good
10 Patient share
11 Game with capturing
12 Draggers' org.
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14 "Ber"
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18 Top prize
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35 Remove, as a brooch
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39 Group of body shop specialists?
40 Long lock
41 Storage cylinders
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44 Wear
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52 The Tar Heels of the NCAA
53 Spray 'n Wash target
54 Much of Larro's legacy
55 High-resolution film format
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66 Like about 15% of New Zealanders
68 It's unlikely
69 Fannie __ securities
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71 58-Down et al.
74 __ Martin Cognac
78 Skateboarder's protection
79 Crab's sensor
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83 Handy "Mr."
84 Roman statesman
85 Reward for a donation, maybe
87 Beaucoup
89 Perennial NCAA football powerhouse
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92 Snow-covered hill sights
93 "Zoom-Zoom" sloganeer
94 Official records
95 Windy-sounding woman's name
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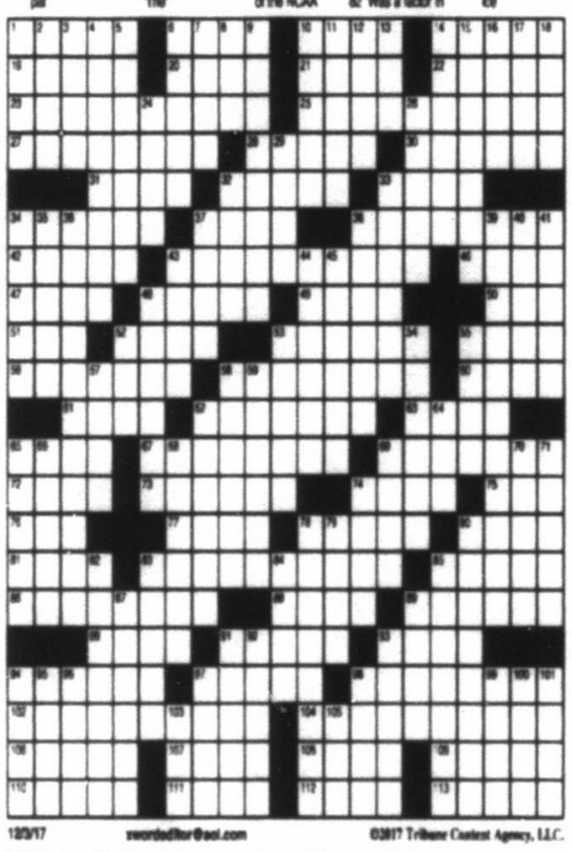

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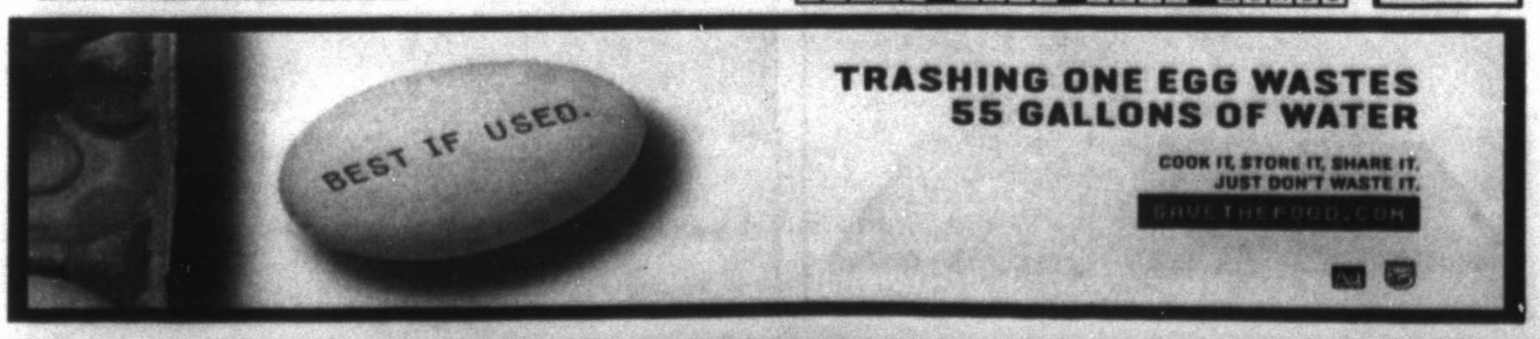

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School students stand on a truck as their transport to go to school with the Mount Agung volcano spews smoke and ash Tuesday in Karangasem, Bali, Indonesia. Indonesia authorities raised the alert for the rumbling volcano to highest level on Monday and closed the international airport on the tourist island of Bali stranding some thousands of travellers.

# Thousands flee Bali volcano but some stay put or run to it

**By Stephen Wright**
*Associated Press*

KARANGASEM, Indonesia — When an enormous volcano belches ash and the people who live around it flee, you get out too, right? Probably. But apparently not always.

The compelling impulse to see an aggressive and majestic show of nature, and to record an uncontrollable force, is motivating some visitors to the tropical island of Bali to stick around for a while rather than just head for the nearest airport.

Take Mark Levitin. He's not going anywhere. The activity inside Mount Agung is the 12th volcanic eruption he's witnessed up close.

"It's just beautiful. I like the power of them," said the lanky 39-year-old, who grew up in Russia and Israel.

"We're living on what is essentially a huge bowl of magma with a very thin crust," Levitin said. "Even the place we call home is mostly hot enough to vaporize us in an instant."

Many foreigners are making haste to leave the idyllic Indonesian island after its airport, shut for 2 ½ days due to drifting ash, reopened on Wednesday afternoon, providing what could prove to be a brief window to depart by air for tens of thousands who were stranded.

Some airlines are advising people who'd already booked travel to Bali that they can cancel, defer or change their destination because the airport could easily be forced to close again by a bigger eruption or by the billowing columns of ash moving back in its direction.

Its last major eruptions, in 1963, killed about 1,100 people and the volcano didn't quiet down for a year.

But leaving is not the agenda for Mariano Gonzales, a polyglot travel guide from the Canary Islands, who to his surprise was turned away from an ash-covered hotel he arrived at three days into his two-week Bali vacation.

"I was a little bit shocked because everybody was a little bit stressy because they saw me arriving with my bags and I didn't know anything about this volcano," said Gonzales, who is now staying in Amed, a picturesque fishing village with a spectacular view of the smoking volcano about 9 miles away.

He said he tried to get closer to the mountain but was turned back at a checkpoint.

"We feel comfortable. We're enjoying our beer and this beautiful view," said Gonzales, sitting cliff side at the Sunset Point bar that has a panorama of the cone-shaped mountain, the Bali sea and rows of brightly painted fishing boats below.

"We are not scared about it. It's a nature thing. If it has to happen it will happen so nobody will stop it," he said.

Indonesian disaster officials ordered 100,000 people to leave the exclusion zone that in places extends 10 kilometers from the crater after the mountain began violently erupting on Saturday.

Since then it has gushed ash almost continuously, hurling the gray-back columns of dust, steam and smoke 13,200 feet high and glowing a menacing red at night as lava wells up inside. Lahars of muddy volcanic debris have flowed down its sides through some villages.

Though many Balinese did heed the officials and leave the immediate danger zone, some feel they have no choice but to keep farming their lands in the volcano's shadow.

Katut Wiri and her family were planting crops Thursday in an area that authorities warn would be in the path of hot ash clouds and mudflows during a major eruption.

"If I'm not planting these fields, somebody might come and claim it and start farming on it. So I won't have any land to farm," said the mother of three. "So that's why I came and started planting."

Two light brown Bali cows dragged a rustic plough that turned over the dark soil made fertile by other eruptions decades and centuries ago. Wiri and her mother-in-law poked the tilled dirt with sticks and expertly aimed seeds at the small holes while smoothing the earth over the incipient crop with their feet.

"Yes I'm afraid. I feel really nervous. My heart pounds. Seeing the condition of the volcano frightened me," said Wiri.

Levitin, who said volcanos are a sideline to his main interest of photographing shamanic rituals, believes the Amed area, though close to the volcano, is protected by its geographic features such as ridges.

"My first volcano was almost 20 years ago in Costa Rica. Almost killed me," he said. "I had no experience and didn't know how to do it and I almost walked right into a bombardment of volcanic rocks."

But, he adds, in the unlikely event an eruption is huge beyond any expectations, nowhere on Bali would be safe.

"If you see a hot cloud coming toward you the best thing you can do is start praying because it's basically too late to do anything else."

# Scientists use Google Street View to figure out neighborhood demographics

**By Christopher Ingraham**
*Washington Post*

A team of computer scientists has derived accurate, neighborhood-level estimates of the racial, economic and political characteristics of 200 U.S. cities using an unlikely data source — Google Street View images of people's cars.

Published (last) week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the report details how the scientists extracted 50 million photographs of street scenes captured by Google's Street View cars in 2013 and 2014. They then trained a computer algorithm to identify the make, model and year of 22 million automobiles appearing in neighborhoods in those images, parked outside homes or driving down the street.

The vehicles seen in Street View images are often small or blurry, making precise identification a challenge. So the researchers had human experts identify a small subsample of the vehicles and compare those to the results churned out by their algorithm. They that the algorithm correctly identified whether a vehicle was U.S.- or foreign-made roughly 88 percent of the time, got the manufacturer right 66 percent of the time and nailed the exact model 52 percent of the time.

While far from perfect, the sheer size of the vehicle database means those numbers are still useful for real-world statistical applications, like drawing connections between vehicle preferences and demographic data. The 22 million vehicles in the database comprise roughly 8 percent of all vehicles in the United States. By comparison, the U.S. Census Bureau's massive American Community Survey reaches only about 1.6 percent of American households each year, while the typical 1,000-person opinion poll includes just 0.0004 of American adults.

To test what this data set could be capable of, the researchers first paired the Zip code-level vehicle data with numbers on race, income and education from the American Community Survey. They did this for a random 15 percent of the Zip codes in their data set to create a "training set." They then created another algorithm to go through the training set to see how vehicle characteristics correlated with neighborhood characteristics: What kinds of vehicles are disproportionately likely to appear in white neighborhoods, or black ones? Low-income vs. high-income? Highly-educated areas vs. less-educated ones?

That yielded a number of reliable correlations. The five vehicle types most closely associated with white neighborhoods, for instance, were SUVs, cars made by Jeep and Subaru, expensive cars, and cars classified as "wagons." In black neighborhoods, on the other hand, Cadillacs, Buicks, Mercurys, Chryslers and sedan-type vehicles were more prevalent.

You can do similar exercises for other demographic characteristics, like educational attainment. People with graduate degrees were more likely to drive Audi hatchbacks with high city MPG. Those with less than a high school education, on the other hand, were more likely to drive cars made by U.S. manufacturers in the 1990s.

One important thing to note is that these are just correlations. Saying that white people are more likely to drive Subaru wagons isn't the same as saying all white people drive Subaru wagons, or that all Subaru wagons are driven by white people. But the data set showed that white people were more likely than black or Asian people to drive those cars.

Armed with all these correlations, it was time to put the algorithm to its true test: Could it accurately infer the demographics of the remaining 85 percent of Zip codes, given only the car data?

Short answer: yep. "We found a strong correlation between our results and ACS [American Community Survey] values for every demographic statistic we examined," the researchers wrote. They plotted the algorithm's demographic estimates against the actual numbers from the ACS and measured their correlation coefficient: a number from zero (no correlation) to 1 (perfect correlation) that measures how accurately one set of numbers can predict the variation in a separate set of numbers.

At the city level, the algorithm did a particularly good job of predicting the percent of Asians (correlation coefficient of 0.87), blacks (0.82) and whites (0.77). It also predicted median household income (0.82) quite well. On measures of educational attainment, the correlation coefficients ran from about 0.54 to 0.70 — again, not perfect, but fairly impressive accuracy considering the predictions derived solely from auto information and nothing else.

"Taken together, these results show our ability to estimate demographic parameters, as assessed by the ACS, using the automated identification of vehicles in Google Street View data," the researchers wrote. They pointed out that if they broadened the scope of their inquiry — extracting not just cars, for instance, but also features of homes, landscaping, or sidewalks and roads — they would probably be able to achieve even greater accuracy.

It's a little unsettling that a computer can figure out so much about us simply by noting what types of vehicles we drive, and indeed the authors note that the research raises "important ethical concerns" related to expectations of privacy and fairness.

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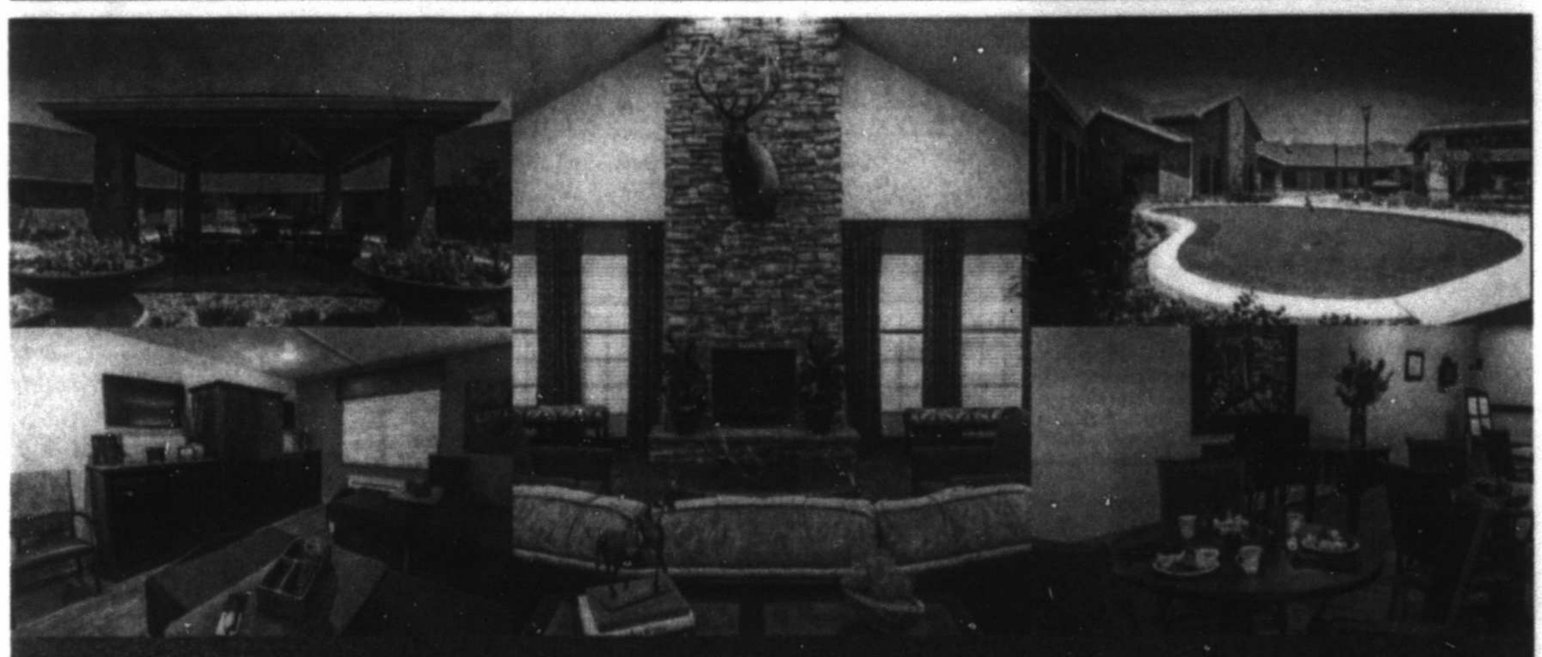

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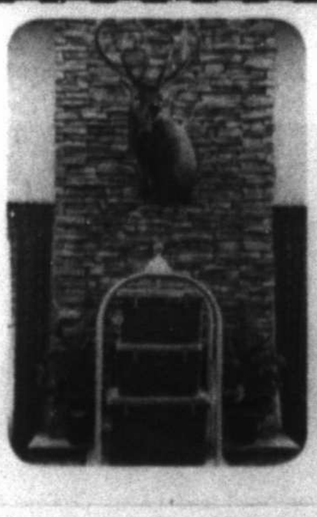

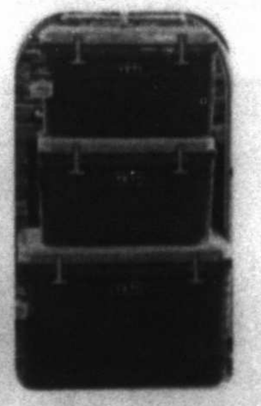

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# VIEWPOINTS



## *Changes will be bad for rural health care*

■ Drug companies lead effort to reform 340B program

**TERESA BURNETT**
*Monahans Chamber of Commerce*

Rural communities represent a lot of Texas values. Whether we are working the land or serving the community in other ways, our neighbors in other parts of the state always look to us for the compass when it comes to what makes Texas great.

However, the challenges for more than 3 million rural Texans, and for rural America for that matter, are daunting. We have to confront many ills that are present in our communities, from a lack of convenient, affordable health care access to addressing addiction afflicting so many of our neighbors. We can't possibly take this on all by ourselves, and that's why we need to embrace government programs that work to bridge our community to services and platforms that relate access and appropriate care for our neighbors.

One example of a crucial program you have probably heard little about is the 340B program. The 340B program is a critical lifeline for rural health care providers, such as community clinics and rural hospitals like Ward Memorial Hospital and the 400-plus other rural hospitals of which 82 hospitals are identified as Critical Access Hospitals in Texas.

This innovative program invites prescription drug makers to participate by discounting significantly the prices of drugs to purchasers like hospitals. This cost savings affords our local medical centers the ability to stay in business serve the large numbers of Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured individuals as well. In return, the drug companies gain access to millions of these beneficiaries that otherwise wouldn't have access to life-saving medicines.

In many ways, this program is a key factor for our communities, delivering reliable access to drugs we need. But, now there's an effort in Congress to reform this program,

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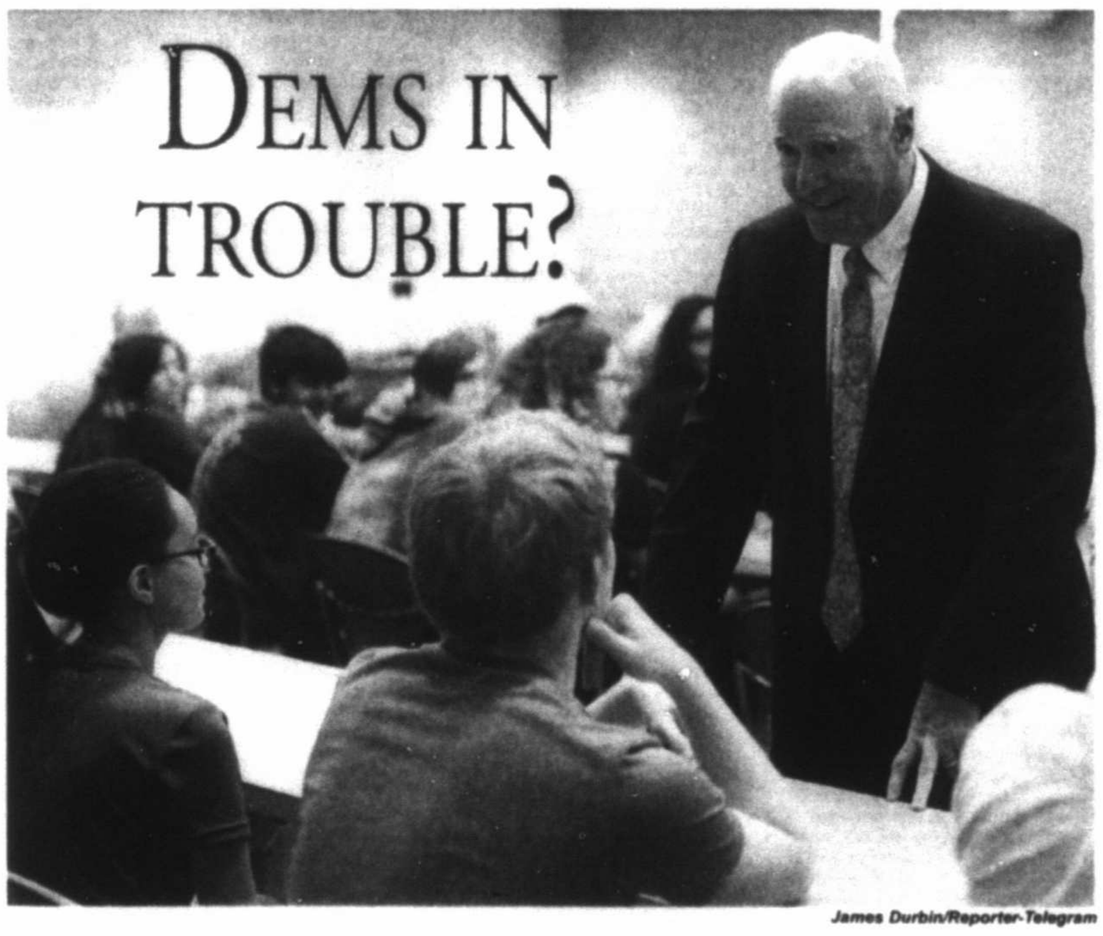


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State Sen. Kel Seliger, who represents District 31, met with Midlanders during a town hall meeting Oct. 25 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. He is up for re-election in 2018.

## *In 2018, watch the political undercard*

■ Texas Democrats don't have a full slate of statewide candidates — and certainly nobody famous — at the top of their 2018 ballots.

**By Ross Ramsey**
*Texas Tribune*

■ ANALYSIS

Texas Democrats don't have a statewide slate.

This is the place where a columnist has to add the word "*yet*," since there are less than two weeks for candidates to file for office.

Texas Democrats don't have a statewide slate *yet*.

And this isn't the standard-issue election opener about how Texas Democrats are cooked and there's no need to check their pulse; this is about voter turnout and how to win down-ballot elections without big-time candidates making news and advertising and stirring things up.

Mike Collier, a Democrat running for lieutenant governor, has a theory about this — that it's the down-ballot races that drive people to the polls. He has to say that. He's a down-ballot candidate. But he's also a numbers guy — an accountant by profession — and contends that the door-to-door campaigning of House and Senate candidates does at least as much to drive voters to the polls as a noisy top-of ballot affair between well-financed political stars.

More people turn out to vote in presidential election years than in the midterms where Texans elect most of their statewide officials. That's the biggest bit of evidence that titans drive turnout.

And Collier's point might seem strange, coming from someone running near the top of the ballot. But scores of candidates from all parties have learned that not-quite-top-of-the-ballot candidates do not really control their own fates. With some exceptions, they're subject to what's going on above them on the ballot or to outside influences.

It's hard to win a race when your party's top candidate is only getting 38.9 percent of the vote (Wendy Davis in 2014) or 42.3 percent (Bill White in 2010). But there is also a chance that the political atmosphere is good for your party — a hope every minority party carries into every presidential midterm election — and that the political winds will favor the challengers.

That's how many Texas Democrats are looking at 2018 — that Donald Trump, like many other presidents, will have a hard ride in his midterm elections and that it will be better to be a Democrat in a close race next year than to be a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke of El Paso will be at the top of the Democratic ticket, waging a long-shot campaign against U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who took office after his own long-shot campaign in 2012. Several Democrats have been mentioned or are talking about running for governor, a list that includes Houston City Councilman Dwight Boykins, Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, Andrew White (son of the late Gov. Mark White) and Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College in Dallas.

Candidate filing will be open until Dec. 11, and these or other candidates still have time to get on the ticket. Maybe some superstar will show.

Voters can decide then, when the lists of candidates are complete, what to do in the March primaries. To a large extent, the eyes of Texas will be on the Republicans, with the combined spectacle of open seats and a GOP split in any number of ways — between conservatives and moderates, populists and the establishment, and conservatives focused on business and those focused on social issues.

The state's congressional delegation has six open seats, with the decisions by two Democrats and four Republicans (so far) not to seek reelection. All six of those districts were drawn to favor the parties of the people now in office; without something extraordinary happening, party changes in those spots are unlikely.

The same is true in three state Senate districts where incumbents — Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, Bob Hall, R-Edgewood, and Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo — will be challenged in the primaries. The elections are more likely to change the occupants of those offices than the party that holds them.

The Texas House always has a dozen or so seats that could, if circumstances and the candidates are just right, move from one party to the other. But the real contests are in the primaries, and in particular, in the Republican primaries.

Texas is an open-primary state, where voters can decide from year to year whether they'd rather help decide the Republican or the Democratic nominees (or hold out and go to third-party conventions). If the action is on the GOP side, or if that's where the most important local elections will really get settled, some Democrats might be attracted to those contests.

Maybe Collier's right. Maybe 2018's politics will be local.

**KEN HERMAN**
*Austin American-Statesman*

## *Technology could solve drunken driving problem*

Senseless deaths. Again. Innocent victims. Again. Survivors' lives forever changed. Again.

News coverage and tears, thoughts and prayers, head scratching and soul searching. Again. And then we move on without doing anything by way of prevention, though there are potential solutions worth serious consideration. Again.

Again. Again. Again. Again. Again. In this context, such a sad word.

The problem is easy to delineate. The annual deaths — thousands and thousands and thousands — result from irresponsible use of a legal, though potentially lethal, product that, in overwhelming proportions, is safely used and enjoyed.

On a recent autumn weekend day in Texas, we saw the devastation when the product is misused.

You're thinking Sutherland Springs and shootings and deaths.

Me too. But I'm also thinking Austin and drinking and driving and deaths.

Firearms cause about 33,000 deaths a year in the U.S. About two-thirds are suicides. Alcohol is involved in about 88,000 deaths a year. In 2016, there were 10,497 deaths resulting from alcohol-impaired drivers, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Gun-related deaths and alcohol-related traffic fatalities are consistent sources of horribly bad news. But today, I bring good news. Stick with me for a minute and I'll tell you how we can just about eliminate drunken driving.

On Nov. 11, six days after the Sutherland Springs church shootings, there was a mid-afternoon wreck on Research Boulevard. Police say driver Guy Brasted, 41, was drunk and caused it.

Nancy Latulippe, 38, and her 14-year-old son Jackson were killed. Scott Latulippe, 41 (Nancy's husband and Jackson's dad) died six days later. Daughter Keira, 10, also in the car, is left without a dad and a mom and a brother.

The southern California family, visiting friends here, was headed to the airport, bound for head home, according to Jim Enos, Nancy Latulippe's dad.

The warrants for Brasted's arrest for intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter say Brasted's Jeep "was northbound on Research Blvd., lost control, leaving the roadway, crossing the cable barrier and the grassy median." The Jeep hit the Latulippes' vehicle head on, and the warrant said Basted's blood-alcohol concentration was 0.203, way above the legal limit of 0.08.

"I believe Guy Brasted violated Texas Penal Code 49.08, Intoxication Manslaughter, by operating a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated, caused a crash, and causing death ... by reason of that

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# Obituaries

## Earthly Marie Hutchinson

Earthly Marie Hutchinson, 70, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017.

Marie was born July 20, 1947 in Marlin, Texas to Lucky, Sr. and Earthly O. White. She attended and graduated from Carver Junior-Senior High school.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lucky White, Sr. and Earthly O. White, and her granddaughter, Lucwolyn "Lucky" Hutchinson.

Marie is survived by her brother, Lucky White, Jr., of San Angelo, Texas; her children, Kenneth (Renee) White of Waldorf, Maryland, Ratarsha Hutchinson of Midland, Texas, Kash'unta "Shunte" (Kirk) Thurman, of Odessa, Texas, Raymente' Hutchinson of Midland, Kianti Jackson of Midland, Raytodric Hutchinson of Midland, and her adopted daughters that she raised: her niece, LaDawnia Moore of Midland and Alexis Hutson of Midland.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kenisha, Marcus, Jasmine, Zarria, Zantya, Odessa, Dajah, Nicalus, Aubrei, Tyler, Khrisztian, Shamenise, Zyonne, Raymente', Jr., Kimora, Raylon, Ky'Aelah, and Kaiden, and by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

At the request of the family, there will be no formal viewing.

The memorial celebration will be Monday, December 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S. Tyler. There will be no interment services to follow.

Arrangements are under the direction of Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

## Louise Wiles

Louise Wiles, 81, of Midland, passed away joining her Heavenly Father Thursday, November 30, 2017. Rosary will be held Monday, December 4, 2017 at 10:30 am followed by the Mass, 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland.

Louise was born in Karnes County, Texas to Louie and Theresa Bujnoch on September 3, 1936. She spent her early years in Deweesville later moving to Karnes City where her parents owned and operated Louie's Cafe. Louise and her siblings joined their parents in helping make Louie's a well known establishment. It was in the cafe that Louise met her future husband, Leo Wiles. They were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas on November 16, 1954. They worked throughout Texas before settling in Midland. This loving and devoted couple was married 54 years having 3 children, Terry, Phyllis, and Bruce.

Louise was a devoted Catholic, who loved to share her faith with everyone she met. She was involved in Saturday Rosary, St. Vincent DePaul, Marriage Encounter, and St. Ann's Family Fair. When St. Stephen's was established, she and her family became active members. She was one of the founders of Helping Hands of Midland which started with a small group operating out of a home, to the facility it is today. She was involved in the ProLife group and spent most Fridays praying at the abortion clinic in Midland which saved the lives of many unborn children. After many years working at Bujnoch's Cafe with her brothers, she retired and returned to her passion of volunteering.

She became a part of the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, where she volunteered for many years working in the gift shop, front desk, or wherever she was needed. She was elected to the board where she held many offices, including President this past year. She accumulated 5500 hours of service in the 10 years she had been a member.

One of her favorite things to do was to deliver flowers and mail to patients. In her own words, "It is so nice to see people get flowers and mail, as it makes their day better. I do this because I like to stay busy and I just love to help people. In the hospital it is so very important to quickly take people to their correct destination, the first time. You never know their situation, but helping them is a big part of the journey in health care. I just love it," she said. "You know the auxiliary is the first impression guests get of our hospital. I want it to be the best."

Daily mass, her family and the hospital were her life. She will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know her.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo Wiles; son, Bruce Wiles, brother, Louis Bujnoch, Jr.; sister, Helen Fluitt and sister-in-law Sammie Bujnoch. Survivors include: son, Terry Wiles; daughter, Phyllis (Steven) Cooper; brothers, Bill (Melinda) Bujnoch; Freddie Bujnoch, all of Midland Texas, and a sister, Dorothy (Reagan) Rogers of Choate, Texas; grandchildren include: Brenda(Devin)Gilbert, Rachael Nichols, Danial Wiles; great-grandchildren are: Dakota(Sloan) Gilbert, Hailey Gilbert, Kaci Nichols, Kaitlin Gilbert, Kade Nicols, Gunner Johnson, all of Midland; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

MMH Auxiliary 4400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy, Midland, Texas 79701; Senior Link Midland, 3301 Sinclair Avenue Midland, Texas 79707.; Choose Life Midland 2500 W Ohio Ave, Midland, Texas 79701, or your favorite charity.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

## Nancy B. Burton

Nancy B. Burton, 89, of Midland passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017. There are no services scheduled at this time. Nancy was born February 8, 1928 to Nancy and Richard Bell in Clarendon, TX. She attended school in Clarendon, and graduated from Dalhart High School in 1946. She attended Texas Women's University in Denton, TX. Nancy married George E. Burton, Jr. in 1950 in Amarillo, TX. They lived in San Antonio when Major Burton was recalled for the Korean Conflict. They then moved to Tyler, where George was District Geologist for Sun Oil Company, relocating to Midland in 1968.

She is survived by her son, Robert Burton, step-brother Crews Bell, step-sister Virginia Ann Long, and cousins, Jacque Spenser and Barbara Bell Cox and niece Sally Hale.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George E. Burton, Jr., sons Richard E. Burton and William G. Burton, parents Richard E. Bell and Nancy Cole Bell Perrine, step parents Annie Ruth Crews Bell and Gen. Nat S. Perrine, uncles Ernest Kent, Houston "Bus" Bell, Walter Bell, Charley Bell, and aunts Katherine Kent, Irene Bell Gentry and Latrice Kent.

The family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Hospice of Midland, especially Paula and Peaches, for their support and help with both Nancy and William.

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## Stanley Theodore Weiner

Stanley Theodore Weiner died on November 26, 2017 in Costa Rica living life to the fullest and doing what he loves the most, fishing in the Pacific Ocean. He had an incredible capacity to adapt to life's vicissitudes with fierce passion and grace. He taught by example that the greatest secret to life was found within relationships with others.

Stan was born in Midland, Texas on September 28, 1953 to Stanley Weiner and Mary Don Mask Weiner. He was one of the many neighborhood children and the third of five children, Suzanne Weiner Armistead (David Armistead), Diane Weiner Dillard (Robert W. Dillard), Samuel Frederick Weiner, and Patricia Ann Weiner. The house he grew up in on the corner of Broadway and Storey in Midland, Texas was a loving home. This house evolved into a place where the family's friends and loved ones routinely gathered to have parties and spend time together - they created an energy that made people want to be there. The neighborhood where this house is located was situated amongst a network of family and friends where people left their doors unlocked, the kids went to the soda shop after school, and neighbors raised their children together.

He lived life to the fullest and enjoyed the fun things in life. This manifested in his love for meeting new friends, eating different foods, enjoying good drinks, making adventures, traveling to new places, and fishing in the Gulf of Mexico all the way to the Pacific Ocean. His mischievous, intelligent, opinionated, and humorous nature made every person he met a friend and he was said to have never met a stranger. He was not bogged down by convention and he rose above social expectation as an example to all about what freedom means and how freedom looks. Even though he suffered enormous losses throughout his life with the death of both his brother and his father at a young age, he approached life and others with enthusiasm and joy. His resilience and ability to handle equanimity with love and vitality eluded many.

He dedicated his life to his children and his world revolved around his love for them. His passion in being a father transcended categorical boundaries into friendship, mentorship, and leadership of adventure, freedom and enjoyment of life's best. He also dedicated himself to humor and the art of deals. He had an enigmatic energy that he put in to all endeavors and a propensity toward the positive, which attracted people to him. His gregarious and charismatic presence put others at ease. His friendly and expressive eyes made it easy to connect. Failure did not prevent him from putting his all in to creating - his failures were fodder for inspiration and growth.

Everyone was his family and because of that it will be difficult to name those who survive him: his children (Stanley Weiner, and Samantha Weiner and Zubair Khan); his grandchild (Elam Stanley Khan); his siblings (Suzanne Weiner Armistead and David Armistead, Diane Weiner Dillard and Robert W. Dillard, and Patricia Ann Weiner); his nieces and nephews (Robert W. Dillard III and Krista Dabney Dillard, James and Suzanne Dillard Winfield, Samuel and Lindsay Dillard, Donald and Meagan Dillard); and lastly, multitudes of extremely close friends whom he made into his family. Stan is joining his loved ones who died before him: his father (Stanley Weiner), his brother (Samuel Frederick Weiner), his nephew (Justin Davis Armistead), and his mother (Mary Don Mask Weiner.)

He died surrounded by beauty and full excitement. That's because there was light and love in the places he was. That was the way he saw the world and that was the world he created. At times, he exploded with passion, sometimes with humor, sometimes with anger, and sometimes with love. His mercurial nature made your time with him interesting and insightful. He had a profound connection to the things that make us human and helped others by showing that humanity. For him, it was OK to be human and to not comport oneself to the detriment of losing one's self.

A memorial service to honor Stan's life will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at The First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas at 1:00 p.m. A reception will follow at the Midland Country Club at 2:30 p.m. The church's address is 800 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

## Wanda Slocum Watson

Wanda Slocum Watson died peacefully Monday, October 23, 2017 in Fort Worth, Texas. A memorial service was held at the Fort Worth nursing home where she lived happily for the last three years.

Wanda was born on May 31, 1928 in Weatherford, Texas to Ferd and Loma Slocum and was the oldest of three children. Wanda grew up on the Slocum Brothers Ranch near Cresson, Texas, which was featured in the movie "Pure Country." She attended grade school in Cresson in a one-room schoolhouse, and Weatherford High School. Later she attended Baylor University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in music and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Wanda moved to Midland in 1949, where she became a second grade teacher at Sam Houston Elementary School. Wanda was always proud to have had President George W. Bush and Florida Governor Jeb Bush as her students.

Wanda met Jim Watson in Midland and they were married in Cresson on August 22, 1953. Wanda and Jim lived, worked, and raised their two sons, Mark and Rob, in Midland for over 30 years. During their time in Midland, Wanda worked in the oil industry as a receptionist for the Western Company and Enron Corporation. She played piano and sang in the choir at First Baptist Church for many years, attended symphonies and musicals, and participated in the Midland Community Theater.

In the mid-1980s, Wanda and Jim moved to Fort Worth to be near family. Wanda and Jim were married for 55 years, until Jim's death in 2009.

Wanda loved people, watching her sons and grandchildren play sports, the Dallas Cowboys, cooking for the holidays, music, art, travel, and animals, as evidenced by her adoption of an abandoned kitten and dedication to feeding it every two hours for weeks. Wanda was most proud of and deeply loved her two grandchildren, Tori and Brock. Many long-time friends continue to thank Wanda for introducing them to their future spouses. She shared deep faith, love, joy, and compassion with friends and family for 89 years.

Wanda is survived by her sister, Linda Tucker of Mullen, Nebraska; eldest son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Deanna Watson of Cochiti Lake, New Mexico; youngest son and wife Rob and Donna Watson, and granddaughter and grandson, Tori Layne and Brock Taylor Watson, all of Fort Worth, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ferd and Loma Slocum; brother, Ferd Taylor Slocum; and husband, Jim Watson.

The family wishes to provide deep thanks to the nurses and aides of Carlylse at Stonebridge Nursing Home in Southlake, Texas, and a special thanks to hospice nurse Flomina, who provided compassionate crisis care for Wanda at the end of her life.

# Death Notices

## Ella Denice Scurlark

Ella Denice Scurlark, 60, of Midland passed away December 1, 2017.

A public viewing will be held on Friday December 8, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2017 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Midland. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

## John Earl Williams

John Earl Williams, 65 of Midland, passed away on November 30, 2017.

He is survived by his daughters, Tonya Young, Tara Young-Foster and Jakaya Williams.

Memorial service is set for December 9, 2017 at 11:00am at Greater Ideal Baptist Church.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

## Rick T. Van Every

Rick T. Van Every, 56, of Midland passed away December 2, 2017.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday December 5, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. Rosary will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Funeral Service will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

# Architecture historian Vincent Scully dead at 97

**By Hillel Italie**
*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Yale University scholar Vincent Scully, a revered architecture historian and professor who inspired generations of students ranging from David McCullough to Maya Lin, has died at age 97.

Scully died Nov. 30 at his home in Lynchburg, Virginia, the school announced. He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease.

A native of New Haven, Connecticut, the home of Yale, Scully was a Yale undergraduate who joined the faculty in 1947 and remained for more than 60 years. He was known for his innovative ideas and compelling style as a lecturer, attracting standroom-only audiences and often receiving ovations when he finished.

"Because of Vince, architects, urban planners, historic preservationists and landscape architects have gone about their work with a sharper eye and keener understanding," Yale President Peter Salovey said in a statement.

Attuned to architecture's place in the larger culture, Scully was a critic of urban renewal in the 1960s and '70s and became a leading advocate of historical preservation.

He also reversed his early support for the Modernist style, telling the Yale Bulletin & Calendar in 2004 that Modernism "was a simplistic view of architecture. It was predicated on an arbitrary aesthetic. It was totalitarian in its mode of thinking. Everybody had to do things one way."

Harry Naltchayan/Washington Post

Architect Philip Johnson called him "the most influential architecture teacher ever." McCullough, who attended Yale in the 1950s, would credit Scully with inspiring his prize-winning book on the Brooklyn Bridge, "The Great Bridge."

"He gave a lecture one day on the Brooklyn Bridge and said, 'It's a brilliant, triumphant expression of the theme of the open road, which is all through American art, American music, American culture,'" McCullough told The Associated Press in 2012. "'The open road.' And I thought, 'Isn't that exciting!'"

Lin was studying at Yale in the early 1980s when she designed the stark, granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial that was dedicated in Washington in 1982. She was inspired in part by Scully's lecture on a World War I memorial by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

"Professor Scully described one's experience of that piece as a passage or journey through a yawning archway," she wrote in an essay that appeared in The New York Review of Books in 2000. "As he described it, it resembled a gaping scream; after you passed through, you were left looking out on a simple graveyard with the crosses and tombstones of the French and the English. It was a journey to an awareness of immeasurable loss, with the names of the missing carved on every surface of this immense archway."

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# Churches should have tax breaks with strings attached

MEGAN MCARDLE
*Bloomberg View*

When evangelicals turned out en masse to vote for Donald Trump, seculars gaped. The serially divorced self-proclaimed groper who talked glibly of "Two Corinthians" hardly seemed like the sort of fellow to attract the admiration of every-Sunday churchgoers.

But evangelicals had a blunt response: Trump might be less than ideal, but he was also the lesser of two evils. Trump might not be a role model for them, but he would at least not pursue the sort of policies that had convinced Christians they were under an existential threat from the Democratic Party, like forcing Christian businesses to bake cakes for gay weddings. He would not use the power of the office to advance the continuing sexual liberalization of the culture. And of course, they expected that Trump would appoint judges who would help chip away at Roe v. Wade, if not overturn it entirely.

And so far, Trump has delivered. He appointed the impeccably conservative Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. He announced he would reverse the military's decision to allow transgender soldiers. And now Republicans have shoehorned one of his campaign promises into the tax bill: overturning the Johnson Amendment, which requires that churches abstain from political activity if they want to maintain their tax status.

This has long been on the wish list of conservative churches. The theological wisdom of this is debatable. Christ's injunction to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" is usually taken as a warning not to get the church too entangled in worldly politics. Many conservative Christians worry that a politicized church would be a church that had less focus on its core mission of saving souls, one sinner at a time. But regardless of whether churches should dive more deeply into political campaigning, many clearly want to, and the Trump administration may help them realize that dream.

Which means the rest of the country, the ones with no pulpit from which to preach the gospel of their party, needs to decide whether this is a good idea. And to decide that, we should first think about why churches are forbidden from campaigning in the first place.

I don't mean the actual reasoning behind the Johnson Amendment, which appears to have been motivated not by deep concern over the purity of the tax code, but by Lyndon Baines Johnson's desire to hamstring opponents who might otherwise have succeeded in forcing him out of office. "Get Lyndon Baines Johnson elected" was never much good, as principles go, and at any rate, it is now well past its sell-by date.

Nonetheless, over the years, people who think about tax law have articulated a reasonably consistent set of principles for restraining churches from campaigning from the pulpit. These have nothing to do with the reasons you will normally hear bandied about, like separation of church and state. Rather, they involve the basic principles of good taxation, which start with the idea that in most cases, income should be taxed once, and only once. Let's consider what this principle means in practice.

Say you want to put up some flyers around your neighborhood to support Jill Stein for president. You're doing some of the things that businesses do — you know, buying paper and staplers and printing services. Should you be taxed like a business? Of course not, say tax experts, because you've already paid taxes on the income that you're using to print the flyers. It's your money now.

Now let's say you have a rich friend who loves your flyers, and wants to help you print more of them. You guys set up a joint bank account so that your friend can deposit money whenever funds are running low. Now you look more like a business, so should you be taxed? Nope, for the same reason. Both of you have already paid taxes on that income (and Kinkos will pay taxes again, when they declare the profit from your business). The fact that there are two of you instead of one doesn't alter the fact that fundamentally, this is a private consumption activity, and none of the government's business.

Now add more rich friends ... dozens, hundreds, thousands. At what point should this become a taxable activity? As long as you are still doing basically the same thing — pooling private funds to pursue joint personal goals — the answer is arguably "never."

Now at this point someone will notice that, in a lot of ways, a church resembles that large group of friends, hanging out, doing some worship, having bake sales to support missionary work. Why, then, should they not be able to add "political campaigning" to the list of stuff they do together?

Because churches are not just exempt from taxation themselves; donations to churches count as a charitable deduction, which means that any amount you donate to your church reduces your taxable income by that amount. That money has not been taxed at all, which means that donations are no longer simply an instance of private consumption. They are being subsidized by the government — and the government has the right to decide what sort of activity it wants to subsidize.

Is political activity by churches something that the government should be subsidizing? I'd argue "probably not." If we want to subsidize political activism, we should subsidize all of it, not just the activity that happens to be performed by charitable institutions. We should offer individuals a deduction for any campaign flyers they print on their own dime. Allowing only some groups to enjoy tax subsidies for campaigning, while others have to pay for it out of taxable income, is more likely to distort the political process than to improve it.

Charitable groups, after all, are often the beneficiaries of government money aimed at various public ends, like providing lunches to school children and helping care for the needy (and potentially school vouchers, which could finance church-run schools). Allowing those groups to simultaneously enjoy a large tax subsidy, while campaigning for politicians, would encourage the growth of a sort of perpetual-motion money machine, in which tax-exempt donations are funneled into lobbying the government for more tax money.

Alternatively, we could just strip away the charitable deduction and let churches and other groups do whatever they like with their donations. This would get the government out of the business of deciding what counts as a "real" religion, and what sorts of sermons count as "political activity." It would be scrupulously fair. And it would not be very popular with churches.

But in fact, the best arrangement is probably the status quo, in which we forbid churches from politicking, and then don't enforce it too tightly. Churches are, like the rest of us, quite free to do "issue advocacy," which is why the Catholic Church can remain a tax exempt charity while having very strong opinions about the death penalty and abortion law. They are not free to campaign for candidates, though the IRS probably isn't going to come knocking if the pastor mentions that George Smith sure has a swell record on the issues that the denomination cares about. But the legal restrictions keep them from going hog-wild and abandoning their religious mission to become an official arm of some political party. And those who don't attend a church, mosque, synagogue or temple, have to pay for their flyers with no help from the government — but also get to sleep in on the Sabbath.

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# Congress' spending shouldn't stop tax reform

**By Adam N. Michel**
*The Heritage Foundation*

One of the most persistent arguments against the tax-reform proposals making their way through Congress is that they will increase the national debt. But it's a misdirected one.

Deficit hawks are right to be concerned about the seemingly never-ending additions to the debt. But Congress hasn't accumulated $20 trillion of debt because people aren't taxed enough. We're in debt because Congress has a spending addiction.

Revenue is certainly not the problem. Even under the current tax-reform proposals, the size of the proposed cuts are miniscule compared to the coming spending increases.

The approaching end-of-the-year spending deal could raise the debt by hundreds of billions between this year and next. Deficit hawks should focus on spending reforms. After all, it is spending that drives the need for taxes.

When scoring the tax-reform proposals, Congress rightly allowed them to decrease revenues over 10 years by $1.5 trillion about 3.5 percent of projected revenue. But such "static" budget scores provide zero useful information about how the reform will actually affect the deficit.

Properly designed tax reform will lead to a larger economy and higher wages. Each of these economic benefits can result in more tax revenue.

A recent Heritage Foundation analysis shows that the Senate tax reform bill could boost the size of the U.S. economy by 2.8 percent over the long run.

Other estimates are even more optimistic. Nine leading economists recently described how the economy could see a boost of up to 4 percent due to tax reform. The President's Council of Economic advisors believe the economy could grow between 3 and 5 percent, a range that was independently verified by three economists from Boston University.

So how much revenue will result from economic growth?

Tax reform could result in more than $130 billion of new revenue in every year outside the current budget window. And that's using the most conservative of the estimates above. More optimistic estimates would bring in well north of $200 billion.

Economic growth will not materialize overnight, but even within the first 10 years, independent analysis from the Tax Foundation shows that tax reform would make back about $1 trillion of supposedly lost $1.5 trillion of static revenue.

Thus, the government reported 10-year static revenue reduction will actually be closer to 1 percent, not the 3.5 percent projected on a static basis.

Even more importantly, once the economy reaches its new larger potential, most – if not all – of the tax cuts will be covered by increased revenue from a larger economy.

Holding pro-growth tax reform hostage over the near-term deficit impact unwittingly makes the necessary spending reforms harder in the future.

Some have suggested that tax reform should include automatic tax increases that would be triggered by larger deficits or slow economic growth.

But the deficit cannot be eliminated with tax increases. Believing we can denies the fundamental problem: The deficit is driven by uncontrolled spending.

Tax reform that grows the economy can also ease the burden of paying down the debt. Robust economic growth is a necessary component of managing our deficit. Pro-growth tax reform that allows for a larger and more robust economy means our debt relative to our output shrinks and makes the necessary spending reforms easier.

Following tax reform, Congress has an important opportunity to properly address the deficit and ongoing overspending. The fiscal year 2018 funding deadline is the appropriate place to right-size federal spending.

Investment and economic growth are not instantaneous phenomenon. But over time, properly designed tax reform can provide additional jobs and higher wages for working Americans while setting the stage for the necessary spending reforms in the months to come.

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# HERMAN

From 1B

intoxication," Austin police detective Renee Fox wrote.

So sad. So unnecessary.

So preventable.

The solution is mentioned on the "order of commitment" filed in the case which notes Brasted will have to install a vehicle ignition interlock if released on bond and will be barred from driving any motor vehicle without the device that prevents a vehicle from starting unless the driver passes a breath analysis test. Perfect? No. Tamper proof? Probably not. Pretty darned effective? Yes.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving reported this year that, for the previous 10 years, ignition interlocks ordered for drivers with previous DWIs stopped 2.3 million drunken driving attempts. In Texas, the number for the 10-year period was 244,991.

What if Brasted's Jeep had such a device?

As with gun users, a tiny fraction of those who imbibe alcoholic beverages cause any problems. Most owners of guns are responsible. Ditto for alcoholic beverage consumers. But there are horrific exceptions, again and again at a cost of thousands of lives, sometimes the drunken drivers, sometimes others who cross their paths.

There are laws we should pass that could help curtail mass shootings. There's one law we should pass that could make drunken driving not only illegal, but nigh unto impossible.

Let's make ignition interlocks mandatory in all motor vehicles.

As a non-consumer of alcoholic beverages, this is easy for me to propose. Others will see it as an intrusive, overkill solution. Those others might include social drinkers who periodically socially drink too much but who've always managed to drive home without killing themselves or anybody else.

Maybe Brasted was in that category until the day his path crossed with that of a family headed home.

On Nov. 16, five days after the tragedy, Peggy Brasted of Eunice, New Mexico, posted this on Facebook:

"Our son just called. Here's what he said. He was not drinking, he had been downtown Austin to visit the Capitol, saw a parade, stop at the VFW and visited with the older vets. He stopped at Hooters and had 1 beer and was on his way home. He turned the wrong way and made a u-turn and that's the last thing he remembers."

Brasted is a former Marine.

On Nov. 19, Peggy Brasted wrote on Facebook: "Going to put this out there. Guy was not drinking the day of his wreck. He had been celebrating his Marine Corps birthday the night before, so it was still in his blood. No excuse, just explanation."

I reached out and respectfully requested to speak with her. Within an hour, she posted this: "I have had to set my page to private because reporters in Austin are checking my post and want to interview me. What gall."

Perhaps, but I took her very public Facebook posts as from somebody who wanted the world to hear her side of this sad story. My apologies to her if I was wrong.

I'm sure there are cost considerations and other reasons that might argue against mandatory ignition interlocks on all vehicles. Ditto for proposals that could curtail mass shootings. And there are political realities that factor into the equation with both products.

But be it guns or alcohol, thousands and thousands of deaths a year argue for change, perhaps the kind of radical change that seems to defy thoughtful discussion.

And as with so much these days, the answer might be in technology. Frank Harris, director of state government affairs for MADD, told me about the Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety Program, an effort involving automakers and NHTSA. The program is working toward a passive system that would use either a touch of ambient air system that would prevent a vehicle from starting if the driver is above the legal blood-alcohol limit.

Harris said the device, still several years from being ready, would start out as a vehicle option but could eventually become standard equipment, kind of like how anti-lock brakes evolved.

The ultimate solution, he said, will be fully self-driving vehicles.

"We can eliminate the crime of drunk driving," Harris said.

Yes, it's pretty certain we'll eliminate driving before we eliminate drinking. Too bad the decoupling of that dangerous combination is several years and thousands and thousands of deaths down the road.

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# BURNETT

From 1B

and it is being led by the very same drug companies.

Despite the 340B program accounting for less than 1 percent of total U.S. drug spending in this country, the drug makers think they are getting a raw deal. Not content to play a constructive role in assisting rural communities with access while still making millions through this program, they are pointing fingers at our local hospitals and care clinics, resulting in a continued game of musical chairs to purposely muddy the waters on the confusing and complicated topic of high drug prices.

Here's what I know – the 340B program results in significant savings here in Texas. Those savings enable our already few rural providers to stay in business and remain in our communities, affording access that we cannot possibly live without right now as we confront multiple healthcare challenges amongst our vulnerable, uninsured, and veterans populations. And again, the drug companies still make money selling drugs to these providers, even at the discounted rates.

My message to the drug companies? Stick with us, please. Now is not the time to gut punch rural America. It's time to roll up our sleeves and work together to broadly expand programs like 340B that put critical access to life-saving medical care within reach, not out of reach.

I urge our members of Congress such as Rep. Will Hurd and Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, as well as the Trump administration, to defend and support the 340B program, and hold the drug makers accountable on this program so rural citizens can continue to rely on government programs that have been proven to work and help our neighbors remain healthy.

*Teresa Burnett is president of Monahans Chamber of Commerce*


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| Transportation | 2 families | $ 5,190.70 |
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A letter received a while back:

Dear Helping Hands,

I need help for my grandbaby for Christmas. He's only 6 years old and his momma got throwed in jail. He cries for her all the time and I just feel so helpless. I am 63 years old and am just poor. I got 2 little heaters to heat my house and it gets so cold. My check is only $520 a month and I got to pay my bills. Please help me if you can. If you don't then he won't have no Christmas at all. It's not his fault. He didn't do nothing to deserve this. Please, please help us.

The woman's letter touched us deeply, and we assured her that her grandson would be well provided for with clothing and toys this Christmas. We will also give them a gift certificate to Super Mercado where they can get the fixings for a Christmas meal. We will also work with the grandmother to see what can be done about the heat in the house. Our Lord reminds us that whatever we do for the least among us we are actually doing for Him. Certainly this little six-year-old boy is among the least in our midst. May the Christ child who resides in him bless you abundantly with much joy and peace throughout this holiday season!

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**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES/DIVISIONS**
1.Old Pueblo Park: 27 Single family homes
a. City Donated land 12 lots
b. MCDC acquired lots 13
c. Local Foundation funding, TX Dept. HCA DPA (down payment assistance)
d. Downtown Midland Inc.- Development design

2. South Pueblo Park 30 Single family homes
a. CN Bank 25th Anniversary; 12 lots donated by CNB
b. City of Midland & MCDC acquired 18 lots
c. Local Foundation Funding, TX Dept. HCA DPA

3. Pueblo San Juan: 20 Single family homes
a. City of Midland; Street Donation
b. San Juan Catholic Church Land donation
c. Local Foundation Funding, TX Dept. HCA

4. Jax Street Development 24 Single family homes
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# *New York Times does a super PAC imitation*

■ No one could remember another time when a major news outlet chose to nakedly politick in a way typical of MoveOn.org or the NRA

JONAH GOLDBERG
*Tribune News Service*

It was a crazy week, so you might have missed the news that The New York Times decided to operate like a super PAC.

Here's what happened. The Times' editorial board changed the bio on the opinion section's Twitter account to inform the public that it was "temporarily taking over" the feed to lobby against the Senate GOP tax bill. The board then proceeded to tweet out the phone numbers of various Republican senators and implored the public to deluge their offices with phone calls, "to urge the Senate to reject a tax bill that hurts the middle class & the nation's fiscal health."

There was a lot of dudgeon and consternation about this among the ever-shrinking group of Americans who care about subtle distinctions in journalism. No one could remember another time when a major news outlet, particularly one as self-regarding as The New York Times, chose to nakedly politick in a way typical of MoveOn.org or the NRA.

Just to be clear: I think the Times stunt was foolhardy. But I don't think it was immoral, illegal, unconstitutional or even unethical. Lots of things can be dumb without violating anything other than good judgment. It's no secret that the Times' editorial board is liberal. The text of its editorials and endorsements makes that plain pretty much every day.

What bothers me is that the Times' editorial board is among the most vocal opponents of the Citizens United v. FEC decision.

In 2010, the Supreme Court struck down an election law that barred corporate and union "electioneering communications" within 30 days of a primary election and 60 days of a general election if those communications advocated for a specific candidate. The court held that "political speech does not lose First Amendment protection 'simply because its source is a corporation.'"

"When Government seeks to use its full power," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the 5-4 decision, "including the criminal law, to command where a person may get his or her information or what distrusted source he or she may not hear, it uses censorship to control thought."

When the Obama administration was arguing the case, some of the justices asked the deputy solicitor general, Malcolm Stewart, if there would be any constitutional reason why books couldn't be included in the ban. Stewart said sure, "if the book contained the functional equivalent of express advocacy" for a candidate and was supported, even slightly, with corporate money. Such advocacy, Stewart conceded, could amount to negatively mentioning a politician just once in a 500-page book put out by a mainstream publisher.

While both the Times and the Obama administration believed in sweeping government censorship during elections — or at least when most voters pay attention (i.e., right before Election Day) — they thought one group should be exempt from these prohibitions: newspapers and other media outlets. Never mind that pretty much every significant newspaper, television network and magazine, including the Times itself, is owned by a corporation. They simply wanted other corporations to be forced to shut up.

A super PAC that wants to put out a pamphlet or video or even a paid ad in the Times should be barred from doing so if it might influence voters. But The New York Times Co. can write whatever it damn well pleases.

This always struck me as a back door to the licensing of journalists. After all, when you think about how this barmy notion would be enforced, bureaucrats at the Federal Election Commission would have to determine that a newsletter put out by, say, Planned Parenthood or the NRA wasn't journalism, but an editorial by The New York Times was. The host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central — owned by Viacom — could mock a politician, but the owner of the Acme Nail Co. would have to shut up.

The problems with this are too lengthy to list in full. But two are worth mentioning. First, leaving it up to the FEC to decide what counts as journalism and what doesn't is an insane amount of power to give political appointees during the run-up to an election.

Second, everyone has the same First Amendment rights. The Constitution holds that a free press is vital, but it doesn't define the press as some kind of incumbent guild.

By acting like a run-of-the-mill super PAC, the Times is highlighting how capricious and dangerous such line-drawing really is. The Times had every right to do what it did — but so does everyone else, whether The Times likes it or not.

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## GUEST VIEW

Houston Chronicle

# *Oil, gas can learn lessons from coal*

You don't need a meteorologist to know which way the wind blows. You just need to drive across Texas to see that turbines are going up, and coal plants are coming down. The energy industry is changing. For the first time ever, wind-power capacity has surpassed that of coal in Texas. A new wind farm sent the state's total capacity to more than 20,000 megawatts, in contrast to 19,800 megawatts of capacity from coal-fired power plants, Houston Chronicle reporter Ryan Maye Handy wrote last week.

The whole state, public and private sector alike, must prepare for these changing dynamics or else risk finding ourselves in a future in which today's booming oil field becomes the next failing coal country.

Don't blame regulations or out-of-control environmentalists for the success of renewable energy. Sheer economics accounts for the rise of wind and the fall of coal. Building a new turbine costs less than the expense of running an old coal plant, according to a recent report by the Lazard financial firm.

The economics of pollution and global warming also come into play.

Nations around the globe are increasingly taking into account the costs of greenhouse gas emissions, and the private sector is finding that green energy has become a wiser investment.

If natural gas is going to be part of the future energy mix, the industry and regulators must work to emphasize its green characteristics.

The United States has already demonstrated that replacing coal with natural gas can be an effective and inexpensive way to lower carbon emissions. The domestic energy sector had a 12 percent decline in carbon dioxide emissions between 2005 and 2015, largely due to a phenomena of natural gas replacing coal.

Yet the rest of the world, and plenty of environmental groups, remain wary about treating natural gas as part of the solution. If Texas wants the world to buy our LNG exports, a sign of environmental good faith would go a long way.

In an October interview, Al Gore told the Houston Chronicle editorial board that he used to view natural gas as a "bridge to a renewable future." However, concerns about methane leaks and fracturing-related pollution changed his mind.

"The leakage during compression, the leakage during transportation, is now at or above the fraction that outweighs the $CO_2$ advantage," he said.

The major oil players know this problem. Earlier this year, ExxonMobil announced a plan to track and reduce methane emissions in its infrastructure.

The real challenge, as oil majors and Gore can both agree, is with smaller wildcatters who don't hold themselves to as high a standard. That's where the government needs to come in and prevent bad actors in the hydraulic fracturing fields.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration is moving in the exact opposite direction. The Bureau of Land Management is trying to roll back Obama-era rules about preventing methane waste, and the Environmental Protection Agency is changing how it measures the cost of methane leaks to downplay its actual effect on global warming.

While the oil and gas industry is on board with reasonable regulations on greenhouse gas emissions, the Trump administration clings to the past. If regulators don't catch up with reality, don't be surprised when oil and gas get left behind.

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# *Trump presidency better than his tweets*

■ What the president writes on Twitter is not the sum total of his administration

RICH LOWRY
*King Features Syndicate*

The president of the United States wakes up some mornings seemingly determined to convince as many people as possible that he's unsuited to high office.

Fortunately for him, he has a Twitter account allowing him to act on this impulse immediately and without any filter.

On Wednesday, Trump retweeted three videos from an apparatchik of an extremist party in Britain purporting to show acts of violence by Muslims. One of them is reportedly a fake.

He followed up with a tweet calling for the firing of "Morning Joe" host Joe Scarborough on the basis of a noxious conspiracy theory. (A woman with a heart condition died in Scarborough's district office when he was a congressman. Ever since, a kooky fringe has accused him of murder.)

It's difficult to exaggerate how mind-blowing these tweets are.

If a friend on Facebook shared the fake Muslim video, you'd hesitate to credit any of his opinions going forward, let alone bestow on him the biggest megaphone on planet Earth.

If a candidate for town council called for an investigation of Scarborough for allegedly murdering one of his interns, you'd doubt his fitness to decide whether to approve a zoning permit for an Applebee's, let alone to wield the world's most fearsome nuclear arsenal.

Yet Trump's presidency operates on a largely separate track than his Twitter feed and his other off-script interjections and pronouncements. His domestic policy is so conventional that it could have been cooked up by Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell — and, in fact, it was. He's pursued a largely status quo foreign policy, except more cautious than Barack Obama's and, especially, George W. Bush's.

Amid the miasma of manufactured controversies, Trump's presidency is, as Mark Twain is supposed to have said of Wagner's music, "better than it sounds."

A common criticism of Trump is that, via his attacks on offending journalistic outlets and jurists, he's endangering the Constitution. He's certainly violating norms of how a president should conduct himself and speak. But if you got news only of Trump's official acts and knew nothing of his ongoing commentary, you'd think a rigorously rules-bound president occupied the White House.

The defining feature of Trump's judicial nominees is a firm commitment to interpreting the Constitution and the laws as written. Trump has rolled back Obama administrative actions on immigration, the environment and health care that at best pushed the envelope of executive authority and at worst were frankly unconstitutional.

On the legislative front, Trump is getting closer to his first major victory, in pursuit of the stereotypical Republican policy goal of deficit-financed tax cuts.

In the real world, the economy is growing at a nice clip, and the stock market is humming along, showing no signs that it believes that the republic is about to be destroyed by a "Mad King."

None of this is to suggest that Trump's governing and his tweets are entirely distinguishable. Some of the tweets have had consequences, and, if nothing else, they are a dismaying window into his state of mind.

The firing of James Comey was a product of the kind of grievance Trump displays on Twitter, and he's going to pay a price for it for a long time. Trump's missives obsessively attacking CNN have created a pall over the Department of Justice's suit to block the AT&T-Time Warner merger. The specter of the confrontation with North Korea playing out in insults over Twitter is unsettling, to say the least.

But the tweets don't constitute the sum total of the administration. It's possible that Trump sees Twitter — and his other provocations — as a way to stir the pot, entertain himself, stoke his base, flog his enemies and vent his frustrations separate and distinct from decisions of government, undertaken under the influence of, by and large, impressive, well-meaning advisers.

Trump's presidency is much better than his Twitter feed. Although he stands ready and willing to convince you otherwise, 280 characters at a time.

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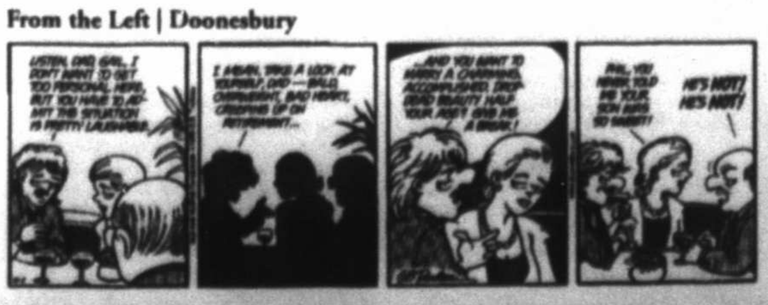


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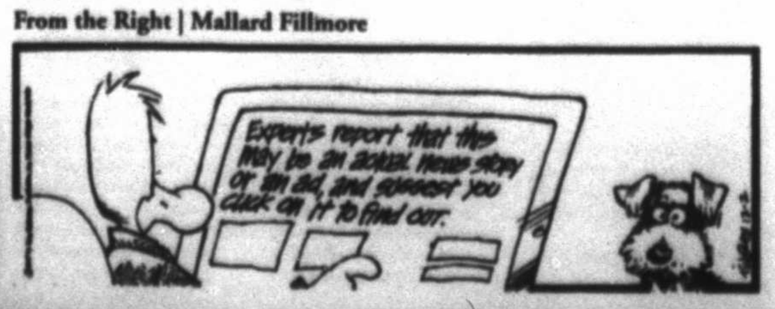

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Recognition of '52 Faces' is appreciated

As a longtime reader of the Midland Reporter Telegram, I wanted to thank you for being a newspaper that recognizes the city with the Faith & Philanthropy section every week.

Also, when you started 52 Faces, I was so proud of the awareness and selflessness the MRT has shown in adding a full page of the wonderful chosen ones. Keep up the great efforts to recognize these folks, and most of all, remember that their energy and dedication is backed up with truly one of the most generous communities I have ever seen.

**Scott Williams**

## Mercedes driver is thoughtless, impatient

I recently visited a friend who is currently receiving treatment at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Midland. As I parked, I noticed a Mercedes SUV parked in a red-marked fire zone. I did think that that was a pretty foolish thing to do as, potentially, it could obstruct a fire truck attending a fire in the hospital. I went ahead and visited with my friend for about 45 minutes or so but, when I returned, the Mercedes was still there.

I was angered by the thoughtlessness of the car's owner. If it was a visitor to the hospital, then it showed a disregard and contempt for safety issues and crass insensitivity. If it was a staff member at HealthSouth, then it was all of the foregoing, plus a lack of professionalism that is nothing short of disgraceful.

I went back to my car and headed for the exit, which leads out to a very busy street; there was a car in front of me waiting for a gap in the traffic. After a moment or two, I noticed that the Mercedes was now waiting behind both of us. After just 30 seconds or so, the driver began sounding the horn of the vehicle, in long blasts — clearly impatient at having to wait.

Not only does this individual clearly believe that parking regulations do not apply to him or her — they also clearly feel that other drivers should take road safety risks to avoid holding them up.

What a despicable individual!

**Nancy Dunkley**

## Kindness is not the norm anymore

I'd like to comment on Stewart Doreen's article titled, "Restaurant employees deserve compassion" in the Nov. 26 MRT. I read the title and grumbled, "Fat chance."

His experience at a local restaurant was so disheartening — not because of the restaurant's struggles that night, but because of the customers. I am one of three owners of a local restaurant. I know his experience wasn't at our restaurant because we weren't open on Thanksgiving.

But those unforgiving, judgmental mean customers have been to our place, too. God bless the employees he spoke of. Whether a good employee or a subpar one, why don't people put themselves in others' shoes? Why have we forgotten how to be kind to one another? Kindness is not the norm anymore. Mr. Doreen made mention of social media. I know social media can do a great deal of good in some situations. But it also does a lot of damage and is just plain hurtful. My goodness, we are brave when we're anonymously typing. That restaurant employee or sales clerk or delivery person is someone's mother, daughter or brother. Please warm up your heart and show a little compassion, empathy and kindness to those who serve you.

**Julie Edwards**
*Basin Burger House co-owner*

## EMTs, MMH staff care about patients

Last weekend my husband, Ron, was in need of emergency care, and after calling 911 we were blessed with the most caring and comforting EMTs, Jeremy and Aaron.

Ron was experiencing loss of strength in his right hand and arm. After taking his vitals, they explained they felt he had experienced a TIA or mini stroke. We deferred to go to the hospital as symptoms had subsided.

Early Saturday morning we called 911 again, and who should appear, but the very same paramedics. This time, they loaded us both in the ambulance and drove to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Again, we were blessed by excellent emergency care. Everyone offered assistance to the patient and our entire family whether it be medical or comfort in a good old hug. Our hospital *cares*.

From there we were moved to the eighth floor, and our nurse, Bryson, took an extra amount of time with my husband who had never been in the hospital himself.

Have you heard people say "If you need hospital care, get out of Midland"? Don't believe a word.

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**Carolyn Stroman**

# *True fiscal conservatives in Congress would downsize military spending*

**By Michael Taylor**
*San Antonio Express-News*

When it comes to politics, I'm a fiscal conservative.

Who else is with me?

By fiscal conservative, I mean I don't like throwing money away — take the war in Afghanistan, which I wrote about last week, for example. And I don't like running up federal debt.

So, sometimes that means cutting spending, sometimes that means raising taxes.

If you call yourself a fiscal conservative in Congress and you vote this month to increase the federal debt by "only" $1.5 trillion over the next 10 years through tax cuts targeted to business owners, and increase the deficit without even considering cuts to our massive defense spending, then I'm sorry, you're not a fiscal conservative.

The problem is, there are few actual fiscal conservatives in Washington any more — Democrat or Republican.

Where is the anti defense-spending wing of Congress? Does it even exist? Ever since 9/11, Democrats and Republicans have fallen all over themselves to shovel money at our military.

Here are some facts that matter for a discussion on federal fiscal responsibility.

Net federal debt stands at about $14.8 trillion.

Only three big areas really count when it comes to controlling federal spending. One is "discretionary," and two are "non-discretionary," otherwise known as "entitlements."

These two latter categories are made up largely of Social Security and welfare and Medicare and other health care costs.

The U.S. spends roughly $600 billion per year directly on our Department of Defense, more than the next eight countries combined: China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UK, India, France, Japan and Germany.

The Department of Defense budget makes up 54 percent of "discretionary" spending in the federal budget, meaning Congress has a choice of what to spend each year. If fiscal conservatives aren't talking about this spending, they're not addressing the single biggest use of resources over which Congress has control.

Some of you paying very close attention now want to talk to me about entitlements spending. Fine. Just gimme a second to finish some thoughts on defense spending and I'll get back to entitlements in a moment. I promise.

Leaders in our discussion about upcoming tax breaks like to talk about the theoretical average savings for a middle class family after tax cuts. We hear a number like $1,182 (from House Speaker Paul Ryan). While overly simple, perhaps we should understand our wars since 2001 in basic household terms as well.

There's both the narrow view and there's the more complete view of what these wars cost each household.

The DoD takes a narrow view of accounting for the cost of spending on Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Pakistan — what are called Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The cost totals $1.75 trillion between 2001 and 2018, according to the DoD. The DoD then breaks down that $1.75 trillion into "cost per taxpayer," at $7,740.

We don't normally think of reducing military expenses as the way to make every taxpayer $7,740 richer, but it's a legitimate a way to think of it, in my view.

Probably, however, the DoD's estimates of war-cost-per-taxpayer come in way too low, according to Boston University professor Neta Crawford, author of the recently updated article "The Costs of War."

Taking into fuller consideration the increased State, Homeland Security, and Veteran Administration's costs, plus the increase in a baseline budget for the DoD on a war footing, Crawford estimates the Global War on Terror since 2001 has cost the country approximately $5 trillion.

As Crawford argues, this $5 trillion price tag actually skews conservative, as it does not include huge categories of costs such as state and local expenditures, many non-federal forms of veteran's care, and costs externalized to families. Crawford's conservative estimate means the wars since 9/11 have cost $23,386 per taxpayer. Personally, I'd like to be $23,386 richer.

I'm not mentioning the even more important human costs of war like death and injury and misery, since this is a financial column, but yes, those are even more important than the dollars and cents. I'm also not saying, obviously, that we need to eliminate the military. I'm saying that if you're a real fiscal conservative, you have to be talking about winding down the wars and cutting military spending to a more sustainable level.

Now you want to talk about entitlements spending on Social Security, welfare, Medicare. OK, fine, let's do that.

"Entitlements" is an apparently confusing word that sounds either moralistic, or somehow immoral, depending on if you like entitlements-spending or not. But that's missing what the technical term means.

Entitlements are more specifically defined as payments the federal government is obligated to make, regardless of budgetary decision-making by Congress. It means we essentially don't budget for entitlements.

The payments get made according to pre-set criteria and we deal with the financial consequences once payments are made.

And sure, we shouldn't forget about entitlements spending either.

But these issues are already part of active political debate daily: ACA repeal, Medicaid cuts, Social Security reform. As a fiscal conservative, I am quite confident that a significant group of powerful people is working to limit two of the three big expenses of government: health care and Social Security.

Entitlements spending isn't likely to get out of control with such hawk-eyed defenders of our financial situation. But I keep looking and I can't find a group of fiscal conservatives fighting to limit the one thing Congress can control each year — our war spending.

Can we end these wars and balance our budget? I don't need my tax break as badly as I want my peace dividend.

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# *Survivors are never to blame for rape*

■ Angela Lansbury says women have role in their harassment

**By Jeneé Osterheldt**
*The Kansas City Star*

*Dennis Van Tine/Abaca Press/TNS*

Angela Lansbury, 92, faces backlash in response to her comments about sexual abuse.

Angela Lansbury is 92 years old, beloved for her groundbreaking role as the feminist Jessica Fletcher on "Murder, She Wrote." But don't let the dame fool you: She's a victim blamer.

Don't give her a pass for her age or seven decades of fame. Let's stop playing the generation gap as an excuse.

Lansbury told Britain's Radio Times this week that though there's no excuse for the Harvey Weinsteins of the world, women play a part in their own harassment, too.

"There are two sides to this coin," she said. "We have to own up to the fact that women, since time immemorial, have gone out of their way to make themselves attractive. And, unfortunately, it has backfired on us and this is where we are today.

"We must sometimes take blame, women. I really do think that. Although it's awful to say, we can't make ourselves look as attractive as possible without being knocked down and raped."

This coming from a woman who played a hot dancehall girl working in a saloon in 1946's "The Harvey Girls." She was pinup girl perfection. And if her character were raped, she wouldn't have been to blame any more than the prim and proper waitress played by Judy Garland would have.

It shouldn't matter if you're a former-stripper turned business-savvy reality TV star like Cardi B. or if you're a poised, brilliant powerhouse first lady like Michelle Obama. No one should ever take that blame. That is rape culture.

Despite the much deserved backlash against Lansbury, let's get it right. Our Mrs. Potts from "Beauty and the Beast" didn't brew this tea. She didn't author that culture. It's a beast that transcends the generations.

This is no two-sided coin. It's one where the head is so far up the tail that we've subscribed to the age-old "boys will be boys" tradition of teaching women to shoulder the responsibility for their safety. It starts when you are a little girl and forced to sit with your legs shut as not to invite anyone in. Then come the forced hugs, where you're taught your body isn't yours and that anyone is entitled to your affection. And by the time you're a grown-up, it seems your full-time job is to be devalued and shamed for every injustice against you so the patriarchy can patriarchy.

We do it all just to see only 6 out of 1,000 rapists ever go to prison and watch a predator serve as president.

So, no, Lansbury's brutal philosophy isn't because she's almost 100 years old. It's because she's been brainwashed. This is the system we live in. "Big Bang Theory" star Mayim Bialik, 42, learned to adhere to the handbook of acceptable behaviors when she was just a little girl on "Blossom." In her misguided New York Times essay last month, she said her mama wouldn't let her get manicures or wear make-up. She credited her lack of traditional beauty for keeping her safe. Stop this foolery. Rape isn't about sexual attraction or beauty. It's about power.

The kind of power that allowed former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar to assault over 125 women and girls and led Olympian Aly Raisman to share her story of survival and take a stand against victim blamers. "Just because a woman does a sexy photo shoot or wears a sexy outfit does not give a man the right to shame her or not believe her when she comes forward with sexual abuse," she tweeted earlier this month. "AND when a women dresses sexy it does not give a man the right to sexually abuse her EVER."

Her teammate, 21-year-old Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas, responded, "However it is our responsibility as women to dress modestly and be classy. Dressing in a provocative/sexual way entices the wrong crowd."

Amidst backlash, Douglas backpedaled and disclosed she is also one of Nassar's victims. This is how deep the rape culture rabbit hole goes. Victims shame and blame themselves and others, too.

Lansbury, like Bialik, like Douglas, like society as a whole, has been taught to believe the lie that we must bear the burden of sexism and brutality. We have been taught there is only one way to be a lady, and any other way makes you responsible for your brutalization. It's exhausting. It's tiring constantly canceling the careers of every celebrity who is complicit in rape culture when we need to cancel rape culture, period.

Women and girls should not be forced into the laborious task of living their lives according to the temptations of men and boys who have yet to understand the concept of consent.

"Sometimes I feel like they are all threatened by my sexuality and I'm sick of feeling like I have to make decisions based on the male gaze," Nola Darling says in Spike Lee's new Netflix series, a modern version of "She's Gotta Have It." Episode 3, "#LBD (Little Black Dress)," finds Nola (played by DeWanda Wise) trying to cope with sexual assault and harassment. She tells her therapist she feels she needs to cover up and hide.

Her therapist tells her the truth we all need to hear: It's not her fault. She could have been dressed in a burqa and still been harassed.

"When you have been through some sort of trauma it's easy to feel like you're losing control in your life. But talking about it is one way we start to take back that power. The solution isn't covering up. It's finding a way to assert your power and to move through the world with confidence."

It's taken me three hours to write this column. According to RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), that means about 110 people have been sexually assaulted. Think about it: 1 out of every 6 women and 1 in 33 men have been assaulted. Rape culture crosses all genders, cultures, generations, orientations. It lives in families, in the military, the workplace, on college campuses and the White House.

So what's it going to be? Will we change the narrative and quit believing the lie, or are we going to keeping rape culture alive as the tale as old as time?

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# *Solutions, not vengeance, are the way forward in 'year of the groper'*

*The Dallas Morning News*

The speed of the cultural revolution sweeping through high-profile workplaces is breathtaking: Not only are women's accounts of being harassed, groped or sexually assaulted on the job being taken seriously, consequences are ensuing.

Let's not squander this moment. We must not respond with shrill vengeance but with constructive ideas that ensure the noxious behavior stops once and for all.

Rather than be satisfied to dance around the hot garbage of men toppled from prestigious jobs after sexual misconduct investigations, what actions can each of us take to make sure this movement sticks?

Those are the conversations with the potential to put the #MeToo campaign into the history books.

National columnist Kathleen Parker has ruefully labeled 2017 "the year of the groper," as we've watch an almost daily unfolding of pathetic and revolting behavior as the firewalls of power and money crumble.

Just last week, NBC fired longtime Today host Matt Lauer for inappropriate sexual behavior on the job. Public radio star Garrison Keillor was canned the same day because of improper conduct while he was responsible for the production of 'A Prairie Home Companion.'

In Congress, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., faces a growing number of allegations of sexual harassment while Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., was popped Thursday with yet another groping accusation.

Who knows what new names may emerge between now and the time you read this editorial?

Was the catalyst for the "no more silence" culture shift the election of President Donald Trump a month after his crass 2005 brag about grabbing women "by the p****" went public? Or the recent fall of Harvey Weinstein, one of the entertainment industry's mightiest executives?

Whatever the reason, let's not lose sight of what's important here: Making workplaces safe for all employees, women and men.

While neon-light names have captured the nation's attention, don't forget about the mundane workplaces where similar bad behavior festers: The women waiting tables late into the evening, those up before dawn to begin changing hotel sheets, the ones standing in factory assembly lines.

Everyone at every job site needs to do better. We can all practice "see something, say something."

For those of us who came of age when rules about acceptable behavior were still overtly tilted toward the men, outing old perpetrators likely is of little value. A far more effective strategy is to vow to be a strong mentor on this issue to younger female colleagues.

The many good men who make up our workplaces can do more as well, starting with taking a firm stand against demeaning talk about female co-workers.

Likewise, we can all be mindful of shades of gray. While some cases of inappropriate behavior are clear-cut, many others are complicated and even contradictory.

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# PRO / CON

Should bakers be forced to create same-sex wedding cakes if it violates their religious beliefs?

## It's not about baking a cake, it's about serving the public

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*Tribune News Service*

SANTA CLARA, Calif. —

"It's not just about the cake." If there is one point on which the parties in the Masterpiece Bakeshop appeal can agree, it is that baker Jack C. Phillips' refusal to take a wedding cake order from Charlie Craig and David Mullins engendered concerns far beyond the culinary.

The baker made clear his religious objection to same-sex unions; in fact, he had once declined to sell cupcakes to a lesbian couple for a commitment ceremony.

Craig and Mullins filed a complaint with the state civil rights commission under its public accommodations law, the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act.

The act prohibits businesses such as the Masterpiece Bakeshop from discriminating against their customers on the basis of multiple categories: "disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin or ancestry."

The act aims to protect "the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodation."

The Colorado Civil Rights Commission ruled that Phillips's denial of the couple's request was discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Phillips and the Masterpiece Bakeshop appealed unsuccessfully to the Colorado Supreme Court, arguing that his rights to freedom of speech and religion should require an exemption from the act's reach.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in this high-profile case. The court should rule against Phillips and the Masterpiece Bakeshop. Here are a few thoughts about why the free speech and religion claims fail to persuade based on these facts.

First, it is helpful to take a close look at the language above from the Colorado law, for it is structured in a way quite similar to public accommodations laws on both the federal and state levels.

The concept of public accommodations laws emerged over a half-century ago to address pervasive and degrading exclusion on the basis of race and ethnicity; their purpose is to require fair treatment by entities that hold themselves out to the public for business.

These laws are not identical in their protections; for example, many states omit disability, age and sexual orientation from specific coverage.

However, when a state law such as Colorado's specifies that businesses may not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, that law is underscoring the compelling nature of the government's interest in forbidding biased conduct.

The Colorado commission and state Supreme Court held that refusing to provide a wedding cake to a couple based on their same-sex marital choice is indeed biased conduct prohibited by state law.

Second, while it is true that Phillips is as entitled to freedom of speech and religion as any of us, he fails to explain why this conduct-based civil rights law should allow individuals to create an exception for themselves in providing "goods, services, facilities..." on an equal basis to their customers.

Phillips is still free to speak his mind and exercise his religious beliefs; the state is not coercing him to change his beliefs or his expression.

Moreover, this is not a case in which Phillips was compelled or even asked to provide a message or endorsement of same-sex marriage. Commercially sold wedding cakes, however artistically designed or expressively baked, are not generally assumed to convey religious or other approval of a couple. If that were the case, the wedding cake industry might drop precipitously.

Phillips contends that his position is not discriminatory because he is willing to provide other goods to his LGBT customers, just not their wedding cakes. But civil rights history and Supreme Court precedent have emphasized that selective and discretionary enforcement of civil rights laws is basically nonenforcement.

Finally, to those who are wondering, "It's just a cake. Why would you want someone who is against same-sex marriage to make an LGBT couple's wedding cake?" — I reiterate the point on which both sides agree: "It's not just about the cake."

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## LGBT advocates seek to scuttle a vital Constitutional right

TRAVIS WEBER
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WASHINGTON —

As Tuesday's oral argument for his case grows near, the drumbeat proclaiming Jack Phillips must be forced to create a same-sex wedding cake against his conscience grows louder.

The most important consideration in Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, we are told, is eliminating discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Finally, the state and its defenders claim, the emotional harm felt by prospective customers upon hearing someone disagrees with their actions for religious reasons cannot be tolerated either.

Yet, none of what we are being told here is true. First, no "discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation" has occurred in this case at all.

Jack, who owns and operates Masterpiece, is not opposed to serving people who identify as homosexual; he simply objects to the celebration for which he is asked to create a cake — the same-sex wedding.

This becomes even clearer when we understand that Jack will not create a wedding cake for two men even if they claim a heterosexual orientation, but will create a cake for a wedding between a man and a woman despite them identifying as homosexual.

Thus, Jack is not acting based on the sexual orientation of his prospective customers; he's only opposed to what they are celebrating, and asking to not be forced to be a part of it.

This is a reasonable stance, and indeed, most people agree with Jack Phillips: 68 percent of Americans recently surveyed said a baker should not be required to create a custom wedding cake for a same-sex ceremony.

The reason for this is simple: The cost of protecting this freedom is minimal, only entailing some offense on the part of the prospective customers, who will now have to go elsewhere to find a cake — most couples inquire with multiple shops anyway — for their wedding ceremony.

The two men who initiated the legal case against Jack could have visited any one of 67 other bakeries in the Denver area willing to create their cake, including one only a tenth of a mile from Masterpiece.

Instead, they filed complaints against Jack with the state, which followed up by suing him. But in light of all these providers happy to create the cake, is it really necessary to force Jack Phillips to be the one to do so?

The would-be customers, after getting over their offense at Jack's beliefs, could have traveled 500 feet down the street to obtain their cake from someone happy to provide it.

Instead, they want to force Jack Phillips to create it — meanwhile, they had already obtained one free of charge from another bakery by the time they filed charges against Jack.

Unfortunately, this coercion comes with the heavy price of forcing Jack to violate his conscience or shutting down wedding cake operations and possibly going out of business.

At a recent practice oral argument, the American Civil Liberties Union claimed that this case is about "full and equal participation in civic life," and if Jack wants to say "God blesses this union" for any wedding, he must be forced to say it for all weddings.

Yet if those who want the government to punish Masterpiece get their way, Jack and many like him around the country will themselves be excluded from full and equal participation in civic life.

Allowing religious business owners to continue to operate their businesses according to their deeply held religious beliefs will not push those identifying as homosexual out of society. However, forcing business owners to violate their beliefs could force many religious individuals out of the marketplace.

The Supreme Court should keep this in mind as it decides this case in the upcoming months.

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## Does cake artistry deserve First Amendment protection?

■ There should be limits to expressive activities covered by the amendment

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WASHINGTON

The conversation about a cake lasted less than a minute but will long reverberate in constitutional law. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear 60 minutes of speech about when, if at all, making a cake counts as constitutionally protected speech and, if so, what the implications are for the Colorado Civil Rights Commission's contention that Jack Phillips violated the state's law against sexual-orientation discrimination.

Phillips, 61, is a devout Christian and proprietor of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado, where he works as — his description — a cake artist. Charlie Craig and David Mullins entered his shop to order a cake to celebrate their wedding. Phillips said that although he would gladly make cakes for gay people for birthdays or other celebrations, he disapproves of same-sex marriage on religious grounds, and so does not make cakes for such celebrations. (He also refuses, for religious reasons, to make Halloween cakes.) To be compelled to do so would, he says, violate his constitutional right to speak freely. This, he says, includes the right not to be compelled to contribute his expressive cake artistry to a ceremony or occasion celebrating ideas or practices he does not condone. Well.

The First Amendment speaks of speech; its presence in a political document establishes its core purpose as the protection of speech intended for public persuasion. The amendment has, however, been rightly construed broadly to protect many expressive *activities*. Many, but there must be limits.

Phillips was neither asked nor required to attend, let alone participate in, the wedding. Same-sex marriage was not yet legal in Colorado, so Craig and Mullins were to be married in Massachusetts. The cake was for a subsequent reception in Denver. But, even if the cake were to have been consumed at a wedding, Phillips' creation of the cake before the ceremony would not have constituted participation in any meaningful sense.

Six decades ago, the civil rights movement gained momentum through heroic acts of civil disobedience by African-Americans whose sit-ins at lunch counters, and other challenges to segregation in commerce, produced the "public accommodations" section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. It established the principle that those who open their doors for business must serve all who enter. That principle would become quite porous were it suspended whenever someone claimed his or her conduct was speech expressing an idea, and therefore created a constitutional exemption from a valid and neutral law of general applicability.

Photography is inherently a creative, expressive art, so photographers have a strong case against compulsory documentation of ceremonies at which they must be present. Less clearly but plausibly, florists can claim aesthetic expression in floral arrangements, but their work is done before wedding ceremonies occur. Chauffeurs facilitate ceremonies, but First Amendment jurisprudence would become incoherent if it protected unwilling chauffeurs from their supposedly expressive participation in ceremonies to which they deliver actual participants.

It is difficult to formulate a limiting principle that draws a bright line distinguishing essentially expressive conduct from conduct with incidental or negligible expressive possibilities. Nevertheless, it can be easy to identify *some* things that clearly are on one side of the line or the other. So, regarding Phillips' creations:

A cake can be a medium for creativity; hence, in some not-too-expansive sense, it can be food for thought. However, it certainly, and primarily, is food. And the creator's involvement with it ends when he sends it away to those who consume it. Phillips ought to lose this case. But Craig and Mullins, who sought his punishment, have behaved abominably.

To make his vocation compatible with his convictions and Colorado law, Phillips has stopped making wedding cakes, which was his principal pleasure and 40 percent of his business. He now has only four employees, down from 10. Craig and Mullins, who have caused him serious financial loss and emotional distress, might be feeling virtuous for having done so. But siccing the government on him was nasty.

Denver has many bakers who, not having Phillips' scruples, would have unhesitatingly supplied the cake they desired. So, it was not necessary for Craig's and Mullins' satisfaction as consumers to submit Phillips to government coercion. Evidently, however, it was necessary for their satisfaction as asserters of their rights as a same-sex couple.

Phillips' obedience to his religious convictions neither expressed animus toward them nor injured them nor seriously inconvenienced them. Their side's sweeping victory in the struggle over gay rights has been decisive, and now less bullying and more magnanimity from the victors would be seemly.

# No. 2 Oklahoma defeats No. 10 TCU 41-17

**By Stephen Hawkins**
*Associated Press*

ARLINGTON — Baker Mayfield and No. 2 Oklahoma were happy to have another game, even with the potential consequences. The Sooners definitely left no question about whether they will be in the playoff.

Heisman Trophy front-runner Mayfield threw four touchdowns and the Sooners staked their playoff spot with a 41-17 win over No. 10 TCU in the return of the Big 12 championship game Saturday.

"The reason I came back was to play for a national title," Mayfield said. "The most exciting thing about today is we control our destiny. ... That's all out in front of us."

With their record 11th Big 12 title, the Sooners (12-1, No. 3 CFP) are a lock to be in the College Football Playoff for the second time in three seasons. They are the only Big 12 team to make the four-team playoff format that started in 2014.

The Sooners probably would have made the playoffs even if the Big 12 hadn't played its first championship game since 2010. But a loss would have likely knocked the Sooners out of contention.

"I'm really proud of our group for not listening to all the noise on the outside and we've played pretty good ball here at the end," Sooners coach Lincoln Riley said. "We knew there was going to be a championship game and that was just going to be part of our journey if we wanted to get to this place."

Oklahoma jumped out to a quick 17-0 lead, including Caleb Kelly's 18-yard fumble return for a touchdown after running back Kyle Hicks' turnover on the first offensive play by TCU (10-3, No. 11).

Kenny Hill threw two TD passes to get the Horned Frogs within 24-17 at halftime, but Oklahoma scored twice on its first three offensive plays after the break.

"Big plays, we gave up a couple. ... Two plays basically in the second half," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "The worst thing that could happen in the third quarter happened."

A week before the Heisman Trophy winner will be named, Mayfield finished 15-of-23 passing for 243 yards and take game MVP honors. The first two touchdowns were to tight end

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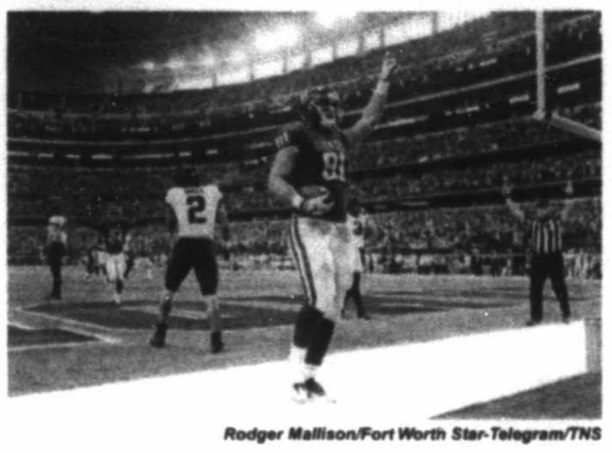
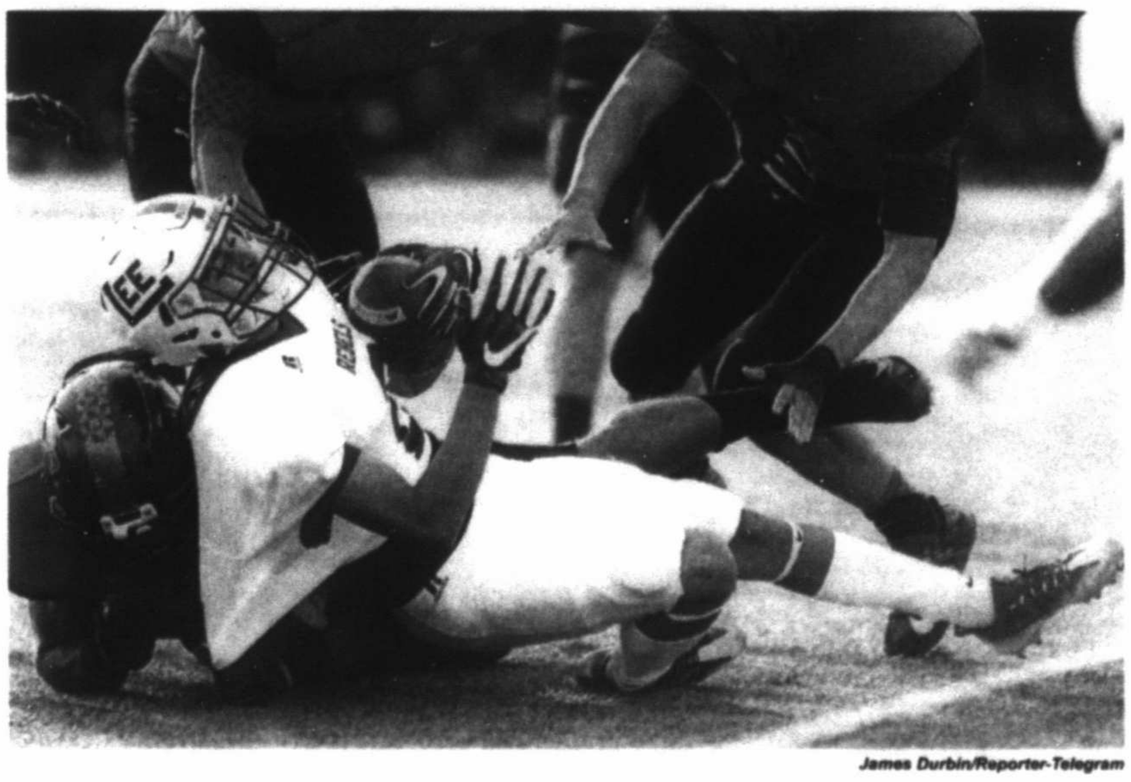


*Rodger Mallison/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS*

Oklahoma Sooners tight end Mark Andrews (81) celebrates a touchdown in the first quarter as Texas Christian University plays the University of Oklahoma in the Big 12 Conference Championship game at AT&T Stadium on Saturday in Arlington. Oklahoma beat TCU 41-17.

# End of a run



*James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

Lee's John Henry Garcia (2) is brought down by Euless Trinity in the 6A Division I regional playoff game Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

# Euless Trinity comes back to beat Lee in hard-fought game

**By Will Korn**
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ABILENE — There wasn't an ounce of fear or hesitation in Team 57 when it took the field at Shotwell Stadium.

Picked in the preseason to finish sixth in District 2-6A by Dave Campbell's Texas Football, Lee found itself in the middle of a back-and-forth war with Euless Trinity, one of state's blue-chip programs with a long and illustrious tradition.

The Rebels rode a scrappy offense, a ferocious defense and the right leg of junior kicker John Thompson to a 17-13 halftime lead over the Trojans.

But behind 285 yards and two touchdowns by senior running back Courage Keihn, Trinity battled back with a 14-point third quarter and prevailed in a gritty 34-23 victory over Lee, Saturday in the Class 6A Division I regional round.

The defeat halted the Rebels' season at 10-3 and marked the end of the program's deepest playoff run since 2001. Trinity (11-2), winners of 10 straight games, advanced to the state quarterfinal round and will face Associated Press No. 1-ranked Allen next week.

In his final game for Lee, senior quarterback Colby Standard rushed 22 times for 135 yards and a touchdown. He added 179 passing yards to six different receivers, led by senior Grant Brown's six catches for 59 yards.

Senior running back Avery Akbar piled up 107 yards and a score on 15 yards, while also catching four passes for 34 yards. For the game, the Rebels outgained the Trojans, 458-441, held a 26-15 edge in first downs and converted 12 of their 20 third- or fourth-down situations on the night.

Lee head coach Clint Hartman fell to tears when addressing his players in what was an emotional scene after the loss. He said Team 57 put the Rebels back on the map.

"We've closed the gap," Hartman said. "We're closer to where we want to be, but we're not where we want to be just yet. But I'm going to tell you something – I've got nothing negative to say about (my players), not one. I'd go to war with them tomorrow. I'd line up (with them) and play anybody tomorrow. We love them and we trust them. Every year you make bonds with them and they made

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# FAU tops North Texas for C-USA title, 41-17

**By Tim Reynolds**
*Associated Press*

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Lane Kiffin has won much bigger games. He's got national championships, Southeastern Conference titles, victories before more than 100,000 fans and with millions more watching on television.

This one wasn't like those.

It still mattered plenty.

Kiffin is a league champion yet again, and Florida Atlantic is one for the first time. Kiffin's first season at FAU delivered a Conference USA title, as the Owls defeated North Texas 41-17 for the league crown on Saturday. And Kiffin found himself savoring the moment more than many of the big wins he's been part of in the past.

"It's a cool story," Kiffin said. "The Christmas present that you give to the kid that has nothing, they'll appreciate it compared to the kid that gets them all the time. And so that locker room in there, it's pretty neat."

Devin Singletary had 26 carries for 164 yards and three touchdowns for the Owls, who extended their unbeaten streak to nine games and finished undefeated against C-USA opponents this season. Jason Driskel completed 15 of 27 passes for 269 yards and a touchdown for FAU, and Kalib Woods had a school-record 208 receiving yards.

"Words can't explain it," Singletary said. "It's one of the best feelings ever."

FAU (10-3) had 633 yards of offense, and Kiffin's last play call of the day was one where he ordered his brother — defensive coordinator Chris Kiffin — to get a water bucket dumped on him. FAU's players then got the head coach with one, and the celebration was underway.

"It's really special," FAU linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair said. "I haven't been around somebody like that in my time as a player."

The Owls, who beat North Texas 69-31 in the regular season, took a 34-0 lead in the first 33 minutes on Saturday. FAU had gains of 47, 49, 22, 44, 21 and 34 yards in the first quarter alone, and the lead was never really threatened.

But make no mistake, FAU's biggest star doesn't wear a helmet — he wears a visor.

"Got to give credit to Lane Kiffin as well," North Texas linebacker E.J. Ejiya said. "He did his thing today."

Mason Fine completed 28 of 44

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*Jim Rassol/South Florida Sun-Sentinel*

Florida Atlantic wide receiver John Franklin III (12) celebrates a touchdown in the first quarter of the Conference USA championship game against North Texas, on Saturday in Boca Raton, Fla.

# No. 8 Wichita State tops No. 16 Baylor 69-62 with big finish

*Associated Press*

WACO — Conner Frankamp scored 17 points and No. 8 Wichita State closed the game on a 7-0 run to beat No. 16 Baylor 69-62 on Saturday, ending the Bears' 46-game nonconference home winning streak.

The Shockers (6-1) shot 63 percent (10-for-16) from 3-point range, with Frankamp's 5-for-8 from beyond the arc leading the way. It was the senior's 3-pointer from the right corner with 2:50 remaining that began Wichita State's decisive run, and the Shockers were 4-for-5 from the free throw line in the final 1:38.

Shaquille Morris added 15 points for Wichita State, which also received 11 apiece from Landry Shamet and Darral Willis Jr. Shamet also controlled the flow of the offense with seven assists and one turnover.

Manu Lecomte scored 12 of his 15 points in the first half for Baylor (5-2), and Jo Lual-Acuil Jr. overcame a scoreless first half to finish with 13 points before fouling out in the final 30 seconds. King

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*Rod Aydelotte/Associated Press*

Wichita State center Shaquille Morris, right, attempts a shot over Baylor forward Jo Lual-Acuil Jr., left, in the first half on Saturday in Waco.

# DAILY RUNDOWN

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## ON THE AIR

**Alpine Skiing**
World Cup: Birds of Prey, Giant Slalom, 4 p.m., NBC
**Golf**
PGA: Hero World Challenge, Final Round, 10 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Hero World Challenge, Final Round, Noon, NBC
**Men's College Basketball**
Tulane at North Carolina, 1 p.m., ESPN2
UCF at Alabama, 1 p.m., ESPNU
Mississippi Valley State at Oklahoma State, 2 p.m., FSSW, FCSP
Seton Hall at Louisville, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Northwestern at Purdue, 3 p.m., BTN
Nebraska at Michigan State, 3:30 p.m., FS1
Tennessee at Georgia Tech, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Rutgers at Minnesota, 5 p.m., BTN
Coppin State at Georgetown, 5:30 p.m., FS1
Maryland at Illinois, 7 p.m., BTN
Dayton at Mississippi State, 7 p.m.,
**SEC Men's Soccer**
PL: Bournemouth vs. Southampton, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN
Bundesliga: Hertha BSC Berlin vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 8:30 a.m., FS1, UDN
PL: Manchester City vs. West Ham United, 10 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 11 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
**National Basketball Association**
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m., FSSW+
Houston at LA Lakers, 8:30 p.m., NBAtv
**National Football League**
Minnesota at Atlanta, Noon, FOX
Houston at Tennessee, Noon, CBS
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Philadelphia at Seattle, 7:30 p.m., NBC
**National Hockey League**
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6 p.m., NHL
Dallas at Colorado, 7 p.m., FSSW
**Women's College Basketball**
Duke at South Carolina, 11 a.m., SEC
Stanford at Baylor, 1 p.m., FS1
Oklahoma State at Mississippi State, 1 p.m., SEC
Notre Dame at UConn, 3 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Georgia, 3 p.m., SEC
West Virginia at Texas A&M, 7 p.m., ESPNU
**Women's Hockey**
Canada at USA, 3 p.m., NBCSN
**Women's Soccer**
College Cup Championship, 11 a.m., ESPNU
**RADIO**
**National Basketball Association**
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1490 AM (Big Spring)
**National Football League**
Houston at Tennessee, Noon, KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASKETBALL**
**National Basketball Association**
NBA — Fined Los Angeles Clippers G Austin Rivers $25,000 for directing inappropriate comments toward a ref during a Nov. 30 game against Utah.
ATLANTA HAWKS — Recalled G Tyler Dorsey from Erie (NBAGL).
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Assigned C Ivica Zubac to South Bay (NBAGL).
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Recalled F Ivan Rabb from Memphis (NBAGL).
**FOOTBALL**
**National Football League**
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Activated K Travis Coons. Placed K Nick Novak on injured reserve. Signed TE Braedon Bowman to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Geneo Grissom and WR Bernard Reedy from the practice squad. Released DL Rivelyn Francois and DL Jason King. Signed DL Marcus Hardison to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed TE Coby Fleener on injured reserve. Waived DB DeVonte Holmes. Signed CB Arthur Maulet and TE Garrett Griffin from the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed WR Alshon Jeffery to a four-year contract extension through 2021.
**HOCKEY**
**National Hockey League**
DALLAS STARS — Recalled LW Curtis McKenzie from Texas (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled D Jamie McBain from Syracuse (AHL).
**ECHL**
READING ROYALS — Signed D Brad Campagna. Loaned D Adam Comrie and Nick Laviolo to Lehigh Valley (AHL).
**COLLEGE**
NEBRASKA — Named Scott Frost football coach.
NEW MEXICO — Announced offensive coordinator Bob DeBesse and cornerbacks coach A. Symmons will not be retained.

## JACKS BRIEF

**JACKS LOSE IN OT**

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS – Ture Linden scored in overtime to lift the Lone Star Brahmas to a 4-3 victory over the Odessa Jackalopes on Saturday at NYTEX Sports Center.

The Jackalopes (12-10-2-1, 27 points) overcame a 3-0 deficit in the first period by scoring three unanswered goals to send the contest into overtime.

Peyton Frantti put Odessa on the scoreboard with his eighth goal of the season in the second period, while Petr Miko and Blake Bride each scored in the third.

Matt Brown had two assists for the Jackalopes.

Drew Lennon, True Linden and Kimball Johnson had first period goals for Lone Star.

Odessa returns to the ice when it visits the Topeka RoadRunners at 7:05 p.m. Friday.

## NBA GLANCE

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 20 | 4 | .833 | – |
| Toronto | 14 | 7 | .667 | 4½ |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 9 | .591 | 6 |
| New York | 11 | 10 | .524 | 7½ |
| Brooklyn | 8 | 14 | .364 | 11 |

**Southeast Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 12 | 10 | .545 | – |
| Miami | 11 | 11 | .500 | 1 |
| Orlando | 9 | 14 | .391 | 3½ |
| Charlotte | 8 | 13 | .381 | 3½ |
| Atlanta | 5 | 17 | .227 | 7 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 16 | 7 | .696 | – |
| Detroit | 14 | 8 | .636 | 1½ |
| Milwaukee | 12 | 9 | .571 | 3 |
| Indiana | 12 | 11 | .522 | 4 |
| Chicago | 3 | 18 | .143 | 12 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 17 | 4 | .810 | – |
| San Antonio | 15 | 7 | .682 | 2½ |
| New Orleans | 11 | 11 | .500 | 6½ |
| Memphis | 7 | 15 | .318 | 10½ |
| Dallas | 6 | 17 | .261 | 12 |

**Northwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 13 | 9 | .591 | – |
| Denver | 13 | 9 | .591 | – |
| Minnesota | 13 | 10 | .565 | ½ |
| Utah | 12 | 11 | .522 | 1½ |
| Oklahoma City | 9 | 12 | .429 | 3½ |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden State | 17 | 6 | .739 | – |
| L.A. Clippers | 8 | 13 | .381 | 8 |
| L.A. Lakers | 8 | 14 | .364 | 8½ |
| Phoenix | 8 | 16 | .333 | 9½ |
| Sacramento | 7 | 14 | .304 | 10 |

**Saturday's Scores**
Boston 116, Phoenix 111
Dallas 108, L.A. Clippers 82
Atlanta 114, Brooklyn 102
Cleveland 116, Memphis 111
Philadelphia 108, Detroit 103
Milwaukee 109, Sacramento 104
Denver 115, L.A. Lakers 100
New Orleans at Portland, late
**Today's Games**
Orlando at New York, 2:30 p.m.
Golden State at Miami, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

## NHL GLANCE

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tampa Bay | 26 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 38 | 95 | 67 |
| Toronto | 28 | 17 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 99 | 84 |
| Montreal | 28 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 29 | 78 | 86 |
| Boston | 24 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 28 | 66 | 59 |
| Detroit | 27 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 25 | 74 | 90 |
| Ottawa | 24 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 24 | 74 | 81 |
| Florida | 26 | 10 | 13 | 3 | 23 | 75 | 88 |
| Buffalo | 27 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 16 | 56 | 94 |

**Metropolitan Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Columbus | 27 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 35 | 79 | 66 |
| New Jersey | 26 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 34 | 60 | 50 |
| Pittsburgh | 28 | 15 | 10 | 3 | 33 | 83 | 91 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 25 | 15 | 8 | 2 | 32 | 94 | 82 |
| Washington | 27 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 31 | 80 | 83 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 26 | 14 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 87 | 78 |
| Carolina | 25 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 27 | 72 | 77 |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 23 | 70 | 81 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Winnipeg | 26 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 36 | 89 | 71 |
| St. Louis | 27 | 17 | 8 | 2 | 36 | 88 | 72 |
| Nashville | 26 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 35 | 82 | 75 |
| Dallas | 25 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 29 | 74 | 72 |
| Minnesota | 26 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 29 | 78 | 77 |
| Chicago | 25 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 28 | 79 | 67 |
| Colorado | 24 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 26 | 77 | 75 |

**Pacific Division**

| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 27 | 16 | 8 | 3 | 35 | 82 | 66 |
| Vegas | 25 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 31 | 87 | 80 |
| San Jose | 25 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 30 | 65 | 57 |
| Vancouver | 27 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 30 | 75 | 77 |
| Calgary | 25 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 29 | 73 | 76 |
| Anaheim | 27 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 27 | 72 | 82 |
| Edmonton | 26 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 22 | 71 | 87 |
| Arizona | 29 | 7 | 18 | 4 | 18 | 71 | |

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Saturday's Scores**
Boston 3, Philadelphia 0
Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 1
Montreal 10, Detroit 1
Washington 4, Columbus 3
Vancouver 2, Toronto 1
Tampa Bay 5, San Jose 2
Carolina 3, Florida 2, OT
Nashville 5, Anaheim 2, SO
Arizona 5, New Jersey 0
Chicago at Dallas, late
Edmonton at Calgary, late
**Today's Games**
Los Angeles at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 7 p.m.

## FIGHT SCHEDULE

**Dec. 8**
At Hialeah Park Racing & Casino, Hialeah, Fla. (FS1), Jean Pascal vs. Ahmed Elbiali, 10, light heavyweights; Chad Dawson vs. Edwin Rodriguez, 10, light heavyweights.

**Dec. 9**
At The Theater at Madison Square Garden, New York (ESPN), Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO World super featherweight title; Christopher Diaz vs. Casey Ramos, 10, junior lightweights.
At Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (HBO), Orlando Salido vs. Miguel Roman, 10, junior lightweights; Kevin Fernier vs. Kenichy Ogawa, 12, for vacant IBF junior lightweight title; Francisco Vargas vs. Stephen Smith, 10, junior lightweights; Jaime Munguia vs. Steven Martinez, 10, junior middleweights.

**Dec. 13**
At Brisbane, Australia (ESPN), Jeff Horn vs. Gary Corcoran, 12, for Horn's WBO welterweight title.

**Dec. 16**
At Place Bell, Laval, Quebec (HBO), Billy Joe Saunders vs. David Lemieux, 12, for Saunders' WBO middleweight title; Antoine Douglas vs. Gary O'Sullivan, 10, for the WBO Intercontinental middleweight title.
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**Jan. 13**
At TBA, United States (SHO), Errol Spence Jr. vs. Lamont Peterson, 12, for Spence's IBF World welterweight title.

**Jan. 19**
At Macao, China, Donnie Nietes vs. Juan Carlos Reveco, 12, for Nietes' IBF World flyweight title.

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# *Lee, Garden City made admirable playoff runs*

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It had to come to an end sometime.

Lee and Garden City, the last two teams remaining in the Reporter-Telegram core coverage area, completed their seasons after they both lost their respective playoff games this weekend.

You have to give it up to the Rebels, who went farther than any other District 2-6A team in the playoffs and hung tough with perennial state power Euless Trinity on Saturday before falling 34-23. The year was a good bounce back for the Rebels in Clint Hartman's second year, who will only be hungrier and more eager to build off this season.

Good job to the Bearkats this season for making to the Class 1A Division I state quarterfinals for the second year. They just went up against a powerhouse in Borden County, which showed its muscle in the second half of a 74-24 victory Friday night in Forsan.

Regardless of the loss, the Bearkats pushed the Coyotes for the first time this season and showed why they are one of the most consistent and successful programs in our area.

Like Hartman, head coach Jeff Jones will also feed off this loss to rebuild for next season. Just because these teams are out of the playoffs that doesn't mean that West Texas is done. Unlike one parent's belief that thought Lee was the only West Texas team in the playoffs (West Texas is a big area in case you haven't heard), there are still a few teams representing this part of the state. Along with a few schools in the Panhandle, there are also six-man powerhouses Borden County and Balmorhea still very much competing in their respective divisions, so good luck to those schools. We'll be rooting for you guys.

■ This year for the first time, the MRT will be putting together a postseason high school football team together.

Varsity football coaches who would want to nominate players, please email them to me or to sports@mrt.com within the next week so we can put together our team to run around Christmas time.

■ I hope Jimbo Fisher is worth it for Texas A&M. I just don't get the fascination with him.

It seems like the Aggies brass did everything it could to land the former Florida State coach or least Fisher had 75 million reasons to leave. At the rate the football program has been going, Fisher will look to get almost $1 million per win next season. That's a good job if you can get it and I knew I got into the wrong profession.

Kevin Sumlin won most of the games he was supposed to but that wasn't good enough for the Aggie faithful. They wanted big SEC wins and to compete for a national championship. But then again, so does every other program in the conference.

They're gambling the bank on Fisher, who basically was getting on Florida State administration's nerves and was looking for a way out.

Look, he's a good coach but he inherited a good situation at Florida State, played in the ACC with Clemson as its biggest nemesis and all he had to do was not screw it up.

Fisher could be worth the gamble and the Aggie brass sure hopes so. If not, the university could be in for another costly buyout in a few years.

■ I just don't see Mike Leach landing with a big-name program anytime soon.

The Washington State head coach looked like he was close to getting the job at Tennessee before the UT brass basically said, "Hell no!" and then got rid of its athletic director.

Leach is a very good coach and I loved him while he was at Texas Tech. But he's not a good fit at a major program, especially one in the SEC. He's way too quirky and is not the politician that is required to be a successful coach and have a good relationship with the big money boosters. Plus, there are not too many board of regents who will be willing to hire a coach who's suing his former university when they have fired coaches who have won seven or eight games in a season.

Leach is not going to change anytime soon and his stubbornness is part of the reason he's no longer at Texas Tech.

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## HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

**BOYS**
**CRANE 69**
**GREENWOOD 49**

DENVER CITY – Carlos Montes scored a game-high 22 points to propel Crane to a 20-point victory over Greenwood during Saturday's Denver City Tournament.

Logan Jarvis led the Rangers with 13 points, followed by 10 points from Max Montes.

**CRANE 69, GREENWOOD 49**

Greenwood – Max Montes 10, Brenner Griffin 4, Ryan Snodgrass 8, Seth Weatherbie 3, Omarri Jamieson 7, Logan Jarvis 13, Beam Mathes 1, Brodee Lundgren 3

Crane (5-2) – Brandon Cerros 6, Tee Heard 5, Joshan Velasco 2, Kolter Sena 1, Ivan Esparza 18, Ryan Hartman 9, Carlos Montes 22, Kobe Henderson 4, Jonathan Estquivel 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greenwood | 5 | 16 | 15 | 13—49 |
| Crane | 21 | 22 | 13 | 13—69 |

Free throws – Greenwood 5-15, Crane 7-22. 3-point goals – Greenwood 4 (Montes 2, Weatherbie, Jarvis), Crane 4 (Cerros 2, Montes 2). Total fouls – Greenwood 18, Crane 14. Fouled out – Jake Somers (Greenwood).

Next: Greenwood at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**MCS 39**
**CLYDE 29**

BROCK – Mitch McCann scored 12 points to lead Midland Christian to a win over Clyde in Saturday's final day of the Brock Tournament.

The Mustangs (9-6) were in control from the onset, leading 11-2 through one quarter.

**MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 39, CLYDE 29**

Clyde – Mitchum Burleson 3, Peyton Burton 10, Zar Coffey 10, Caden Cannon 2, Coen Schreiber 4

Midland Christian (9-6) – Coy Stewart 1, Mitch McCann 12, Jacob Thomas 6, Gunner Griffin 5, Joseph Verquint 4, Tommy Beebe 3, Porter Gotwald 5

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| Clyde | 2 | 6 | 9 | 12—29 |
| MCS | 11 | 10 | 11 | 7—39 |

Free throws – Clyde 9-12, Midland Christian 9-13. 3-point goals – Clyde 1 (Burleson), Midland Christian 4 (McCann 2, Beebe, Gotwald). Total fouls – Clyde 16, Midland Christian 16. Fouled out – Coffey.

Next: Midland Christian at Monahans, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**TRINITY 44**
**REAGAN COUNTY 39**

RANKIN – Tournament MVP Ciro Baeza had 11 points to lead Trinity to a win over Reagan County in Saturday's Rankin Tournament championship game.

The Chargers (6-2) landed Daniel Webb (11 points) and Evan Witt (4 points) on the all-tournament team.

**TRINITY 44, REAGAN COUNTY 39**

Trinity (6-2) – Daniel Webb 11, Garrett Roemer 11, Ciro Baeza 11, Greg Shipley 7, Evan Witt 4

Reagan County – A. Chavez 6, J. Chavez 4, Hernandez 6, Morris 21, C. Diaz 2

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trinity | 11 | 16 | 9 | 8—44 |
| Reagan Co. | 9 | 8 | 7 | 15—39 |

Free throws – Trinity 6-8, Reagan County 6-15. 3-point goals – Trinity 10 (Webb 3, Roemer 5, Baeza 3, Shipley), Reagan County 5 (A. Chavez, Hernandez 2, Morris 3). Total fouls – Trinity 14, Reagan County 15. Fouled out – J. Chavez.

Next: Trinity at Grandfalls-Royalty, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**O.W. FOLLIS TOURNAMENT, LAMESA**
**ANDREWS 69, BIG SPRING 60**

Big Spring – Dimas Garcia 6, Javonte Ford 2, Elijah Munoz 12, Logan Edwards 2, Jaiden Ludington 10, Mikul Banks 7, John Ibanez 6, Jeremiah Conley 15, Deryk Ramirez 2, Abel Clark 0

Andrews – Markease Lawrence 7, Peyton Lopez 23, Justin Jannarone 8, Basil Leach 19, Matthew O'Connor 15, Noah Lujan 3, Robbie Velasquez 3, Giovanni Smith 2, Jake Slaughter 7

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| Big Spring | 19 | 19 | 17 | 29—60 |
| Andrews | 22 | 25 | 24 | 19—69 |

Free throws – Big Spring 9-19, Andrews 28-41. 3-point goals – Big Spring 2 (Ludington 2, Ibanez), Andrews 3 (Lopez 2, Slaughter). Total fouls – Big Spring 30, Andrews 16. Fouled out – Clark, Zephaniah Nelson (Big Spring). Technical fouls – Cooley 2, Clark 2, Nelson 2, Ludington 2.

**AMARILLO CAPROCK 68, ANDREWS 29**

Andrews – Markease Lawrence 2, Peyton Lopez 5, Justin Jannarone 4, Matthew O'Connor 6, Noah Lujan 2, Robbie Velasquez 4, Giovanni Smith 2, Jake Slaughter 2, Julio Melendez 2

Caprock – N. Fierro 6, J. Washington 11, G. Mayrk 7, C. Wilson 22, T. Gallak 4, D. Daniel 8, J. Gaines 8, A. Villarreal 2

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| Andrews | 5 | 11 | 5 | 8—29 |
| Caprock | 16 | 18 | 23 | 11—68 |

Free throws – Andrews 5-10, Caprock 5-7. 3-point goals – Andrews 2 (O'Connor 2), Caprock 3 (Wilson 2, Washington). Total fouls – Andrews 12, Caprock 15. Fouled out –None.

Next: Andrews at Shallowater, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 83, BIG SPRING 43**

All Saints – L. Stuart 25, A. Burnstead 2, C. Cannon 2, C. Beasley 4, M. Tydon 8, J. Jones 6, A. Hickie 10, J. Baysuth 4, C. Small 2

Big Spring – Dimas Garcia 11, Zephaniah Nelson 9, Logan Edwards 1, Jaiden Ludington 6, John Ibanez 5, Jeremiah Cooley 10, Deryk Ramirez 2, Abel Clark 4, Nathaniel Letty 1

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| All Saints | 25 | 17 | 24 | 17—83 |
| Big Spring | 21 | 0 | 6 | 16—43 |

Free throws – All Saints 19-28, Big Spring 8-17. 3-point goals – All Saints 4 (Stuart 3, Hickie), Big Spring 5 (Garcia 2, Ibanez). Total fouls – All Saints 15, Big Spring 25. Fouled out – None.

Next: Levelland at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

**Other O.W. Follis scores**

Lubbock All Saints 62, New Deal 47
Leading scorers – All Saints: A. Hickie 28; New Deal: D.K. Blaylock 20

Wall 69, Fort Stockton 31
Leading scorers – Wall: Z. Dusek 18; Fort Stockton: L. Guerro 8, C. Daggett 8

Lubbock High 68, Fort Stockton 25
Leading scorers – Lubbock High: I. Thomas 7, J. Johnson 7, J. Hogan 7, O. Lovato 7, I. Jimenez 7; Fort Stockton: J. Wilder 8

New Deal 55, Sweetwater 42
Leading scorers – New Deal: DK Blaylock 16; Sweetwater: JL Solis 19

**GIRLS**
**TRINITY 34**
**REAGAN COUNTY 11**

RANKIN – Rebecca Young scored 12 points and Reagan Long provided 11 to help Trinity roll over Reagan County in Saturday's third-place game at the Rankin Tournament.

The Lady Chargers (5-4) went 4-1 at the tournament. Young was named to the all-tournament team.

**TRINITY 34, REAGAN COUNTY 11**

Reagan County – Sosa 2, Lyntone 4, Canseliez 1, L. Hernandez 4

Trinity (5-4) – Briscoe Widner 4, Reagan Long 11, Rebecca Young 12, Lillian Agar 4, Megan Spotts 1

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| Reagan Co. | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3—11 |
| Trinity | 8 | 8 | 10 | 8—34 |

Free throws – Reagan County 1-6, Trinity 3-5. 3-point goals – Trinity 3 (Long, Young 2). Total fouls – Reagan County 14, Trinity 15. Fouled out – Goodlow (Reagan County).

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

**GARDEN CITY 57**
**RANKIN 27**

RANKIN – Tournament MVP Madison Hastings scored 26 points to lead No. 3-ranked Garden City past Rankin in the Rankin Tournament championship game Saturday.

Payton Hastings (12 points) and Lyndee Walker (7 points) also represented the Lady Kats (11-1) on the all-tournament team.

**GARDEN CITY 57, RANKIN 27**

Garden City (11-1) – Jordan Driver 2, Payton Hastings 12, Madison Hastings 26, Ally Barnett 2, Allison Hollmann 6, Lyndee Walker 7, Isabel Salais 2

Rankin – JaciJon 3, Wyatt 15, Watson 7, Guerra 1, Stanbest 1

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| Garden City | 9 | 19 | 16 | 13—57 |
| Rankin | 14 | 5 | 5 | 3—27 |

Free throws – Garden City 7-19, Rankin 7-15. 3-point goals – Garden City 8 (M. Hastings 5, Hollmann 2, Walker), Rankin 3 (Jackson, Wyatt, Watson). Total fouls – Garden City 18, Rankin 14. Fouled out – None.

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

**FRIDAY'S LATE BOX**
**BOYS**
**BROCK TOURNAMENT**
**BROCK 69, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 39**

Midland Christian (8-8) — Coy Stewart 1, Mitch McCann 7, Jacob Thomas 1, Gunner Griffin 4, Joseph Verquint 14, Chase Norris 2, Tommy Beebe 5

Brock – Treston Hughes 10, Garrett Leek 11, Amery Hughes 9, Wyatt Moore 14, Scott Thomas 10, Cooper Allen 2, Jacob Rousse 8

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| MCS | 7 | 10 | 11 | 10—38 |
| Brock | 14 | 13 | 21 | 12—60 |

Free throws — Midland Christian 7-13, Brock 5-8. 3-point goals — Midland Christian 3 (McCann 2, Beebe), Brock 2 (Leek 2). Total fouls — Midland Christian 13, Brock 12. Fouled out — None.

## MC BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

**LADY CHAPS**
**WIN AT CLARENDON**

CLARENDON – The No. 21-ranked Midland College women's basketball team came back from a halftime deficit to defeat Clarendon College, 92-77, in Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Lady Chaparrals (7-5, 2-0) trailed 45-39 at the half before they made defensive adjustments and held the Lady Bulldogs (11-1, 3-1) to 32 percent shooting after they shot 50 percent in the first half.

Clarendon was also 15 of 36 from 3-point range.

The Lady Chaps also capitalized on their overall size advantage for a 41-20 advantage on the boards.

**NO. 21 MIDLAND COLLEGE 92, CLARENDON COLLEGE 77**

Midland College (7-5, 2-0) – Betrany Theodore 6-9 2-2 16, Alexandrea Washington 7-17 1-1 17, Paige Robinson 4-6 1-1 9, Matangina Fiavel 2-9 0-0 5, Lowendra Laporal 0-3 0-0 0, Ella Talsano 7-10 3-7 17, Bianca Thacker 7-11 2-2 18, Abbi Hatton 1-3 0-0 2, Ogechi Nwodo 3-4 0-0 6, Alyssa Hayes 0-0 0-0 0, Webbie Schwartau 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-72 9-13 92

Clarendon College (11-1, 0-1) – Ja'Vonda Daniels 5-14 0-0 23, Mia Castaneda 4-15 0-0 11, Bailey Shaler 8-9 1-2 24, Lupe Sosa 3-5 5-7 12, Chauntel Acosta 1-2 0-0 3, Daijah Henry 0-2 1-2 1, Aleiyah Brantley 1-2 0-0 2, Kaleigh Stotz 0-3 1-2 1, Kaushna Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-53 18-32 77

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| Midland College | 15 | 24 | 25 | 29—92 |
| Clarendon College | 24 | 21 | 15 | 17—77 |

3-point goals – MC 9-28 (Theodore 4-5, Washington 2-10, Thacker 2-5, Fiavel 1-6, Laporal 0-1, Hatton 0-1), CC 15-36 (Shaler 7-8, Daniels 4-11, Castaneda 3-11, Acosta 1-2, Sosa 0-1, Brantley 0-1, Stotz 0-2). Total fouls – MC 19, CC 21. Fouled out – Castaneda. Rebounds – MC 41 (Tobacinno 6), CC 29 (Sosa 5). Assists – MC 27 (Theodore 8), CC 20 (Castaneda 7). Turnovers – MC 11, CC 11.

Next: Midland College at Weatherford College, 5 p.m. Wednesday.

**2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings**

| | Conference W | Conference L | Overall W | Overall L |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Phillips | 2 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| **Midland College** | **2** | **0** | **7** | **5** |
| New Mexico JC | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Western Texas | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 |
| Clarendon College | 0 | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Odessa College | 0 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| South Plains | 0 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| Howard College | 0 | 2 | 7 | 6 |

**Saturday's Scores**
Midland College 92, Clarendon College 77.
Western Texas College 82, Howard College 51.
Frank Phillips College 88, South Plains College 58.
Odessa College at University of the Southwest JV (non-conference), late.
New Mexico JC was open.

**MC MEN FALL**
**AT CLARENDON**

CLARENDON – The Midland College men's basketball team let another first half lead slip away as Clarendon College came back for a 70-67 win on Saturday afternoon at Bulldog Gym.

Midland College (3-8, 0-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) led 34-29 at the half before the Bulldogs (10-4, 2-0) roared back.

MC had 18 turnovers, which were converted into 14 points in the game for the Bulldogs.

The Chaparrals also only had three points off their bench as all their starters played at least 21 minutes.

**CLARENDON COLLEGE 70, MIDLAND COLLEGE 67**

Midland College (3-8, 0-2) – Marquell Fraser 7-11 2-2 16, Amari Hale 5-11 2-3 9, Kevin Kangu 7-17 5-8 24, Eriam Kira 3-7 3-4 10, Kayn Gonzales 2-5 0-0 5, Ivan Palacio 1-3 0-0 3, Michael Hildebrand 0-1 0-0 0, Justin Van der Korput 0-0 0-0 0. Total 23-55 12-15 67

Clarendon College (10-4, 2-0) – David Carter 4-8 2-2 10, Reece Brooks 4-12 1-2 12, Xavier Trent 1-6 1-2 4, Shaviono Murray 1-5 2-2 4, Elis Jefferson 4-10 0-0 11, Edwin Brady 2-6 0-0 11, Jequan Horne 4-9 0-0 8, Josh Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Dadrio Tisone 2-2 0-0 4, Paul Cretton 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas Clement 2-2 0-0 6, Tyreek Price 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-61 13-14 70

Halftime – MC 34, CC 29. 3-point goals – MC 9-22 (Kangu 5-11, Hale 1-6, Kira 1-1, Gonzalves 1-2, Palacio 1-2), CC 10-26 (Brooks 3-6, Jefferson 3-5, Clement 2-2, Trent 1-3, Brady 1-5, Murray 0-3, Horne 0-1, Price 0-1). Total fouls – MC 16, CC 14. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – MC 34 (Kira 12), CC 22 (Horne 10). Assists – MC 15 (Fraser 6), CC 19 (Brooks 12). Turnovers – MC 18, CC 13.

Next: Midland College at Weatherford College, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings**

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

**Saturday's Games**
Clarendon College 70, Midland College 67.
Western Texas College 90, Howard College 81.
South Plains College 93, Frank Phillips College 59.
New Mexico Junior College 101, New Mexico Military Institute 90.
Odessa College 95, Wayland Baptist 51 (non-conference).

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TCU guard Shawn Olden (2) works around Yale guard Alex Copeland (03) in the second half on Saturday in Fort Worth.

# TCU beats Yale 92-66 for nation-leading 13th straight win

**By Schuyler Dixon**
*Associated Press*

FORT WORTH — TCU coach Jamie Dixon still wants to figure out ways to get Desmond Bane more shots.

It's easy to see why since the sophomore guard is making nearly 75 percent of them for the season.

Bane scored 18 points, Jaylen Fisher had 17 points and seven assists and No. 23 TCU won its nation-leading 13th straight game, beating Yale 92-66 on Saturday night.

A former Indiana high school standout, Bane actually saw his shooting percentage drop to 70 percent after going 5 of 9 overall. But he was right on his 3-point number — 62.5 percent (5 of 8).

"We ran more plays for him, I think," Dixon said. "I'm trying to understand why we're not getting more shots for him out of our motion and our transition. We do have a balance, but his numbers seem to stand out so you've got to get him a few more looks."

Alex Robinson had 13 points, all before leaving the game briefly with an injury in the second half, as the Horned Frogs won consecutive games as a ranked team for the first time since January 1999. They were last in the Top 25 for one week almost three years ago.

Kenrich Williams had his fourth straight double-double and fifth of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds to help TCU start 8-0 for the second straight season. Williams had double-doubles in all five NIT games when the Frogs won that title last season.

Miye Oni led Yale (5-5) with 18 points, Alex Copeland scored 16 points and Paul Atkinson had 15 points and nine rebounds in the first meeting between the schools.

Yale's Blake Reynolds, coming in on a season high-tying 18 points on 4-of-5 shooting from 3, went scoreless while missing all eight from long range. The junior forward was 0 of 10 from the field with just one rebound.

"If he's 5 for 10 and 4 for 8, we've got a different ballgame," Yale coach James Jones said. "Those eight 3s he took, seven of them had to be wide open. You make shots, it's a different story."

The Horned Frogs had six players in double figures. Ahmed Hamby, an Egypt native and graduate transfer from VCU who played at a Texas junior college, had a season-high 12 points. JD Miller added 11.

Bane had two of his 3s two during a 13-3 run to finish the first half, helping the Frogs to a 45-31 lead. Fisher was 8 of 10 from the field as the Frogs shot 59 percent, their third straight game at better than 50 percent.

Robinson had five assists and Williams added four as the Horned Frogs finished with 22, two more than their fifth-best average in the nation coming into the game.

### Efficient guards

Fisher and Robinson had just one turnover with 12 assists combined as TCU had a season low for the second straight game, finishing with nine turnovers. "I thought it would be better if I got with those two guys and tried to get with them and see what we really needed out of them," Dixon said. "More penetration, passing. They both scored and I felt like they both did a better job of getting our guys shots."

### Big guy's night off

TCU pushed its lead to 20 early in the second half and cruised despite a season-low five points from leading scorer Vladimir Brodziansky. The 6-foot-11 post player from Slovakia matched his season low with four shots.

### The takeaway

**Yale:** The Bulldogs had won four of five coming in but haven't been able to stay close to teams with NCAA Tournament expectations. They have an average margin of defeat of 23 points in losses to Creighton, Wisconsin and TCU — all on the road.

**TCU:** The Frogs have struggled to put away overmatched teams several times this season. No such trouble against the Bulldogs, and now TCU could be closing in on its first top 20 ranking since March 1998.

### Up next

**Yale:** The second of four straight on the road at Lehigh on Wednesday.

**TCU:** Home against Dallas-Fort Worth rival SMU on Tuesday. The Mustangs have won five straight in the series.

## NBA ROUNDUP

**MAVERICKS 108, CLIPPERS 82**

DALLAS — J.J. Barea had 21 points and 10 assists, and Dallas beat Los Angeles for coach Rick Carlisle's 700th career victory.

Dallas made 16 of 35 3-point attempts and had five players score in double figures. Dirk Nowitzki went 5 for 5 from the long range on his way to 16 points, and reserve Devin Harris finished with 15 points.

Carlisle became the 18th coach in NBA history with at least 700 wins.

DeAndre Jordan had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Clippers (8-13), who have dropped two in a row after winning three straight. Lou Williams scored 18 points.

**CAVALIERS 116, GRIZZLIES 111**

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 34 points, including seven in the final 1:22, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Memphis Grizzlies 116-111 on Saturday night for their 11th straight victory.

Memphis has lost 11 in a row, including three since David Fizdale was fired Monday and replaced by interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff.

James, the reigning NBA Player of the Month, also had 12 assists. Kevin Love added 20 points and 11 rebounds for Cleveland.

The Grizzlies trailed 91-72 late in the third quarter, but rallied all the way to a tie at 109 on Dillon Brooks' 3-pointer with 2:10 remaining. James' basket in the lane gave Cleveland the lead.

After Tyreke Evans missed a 3-pointer, James drove the lane, scored and converted the three-point play after being fouled by Brooks with 34 seconds left.

Brooks made two free throws, but James dribbled for several seconds on Cleveland's next possession and hit a jumper from the top of the key for a five-point lead with 5 seconds to go.

Evans had 31 points and 12 assists for Memphis. Marc Gasol scored 27 and passed 10,000 career points.

**CELTICS 116, SUNS 111**

BOSTON — Kyrie Irving had a key 3-pointer and a driving basket in the closing two minutes, helping Boston beat Phoenix.

Irving finished with 19 points, leading a balanced attack for Boston. Jaylen Brown and Marcus Morris each scored 17 points, Jayson Tatum had 15 and Al Horford added 14 points and 11 assists.

Devin Booker scored a season-high 38 points for Phoenix in his first game at TD Garden since he put up 70 against the Celtics on March 24. T.J. Warren had 19 points, and Tyson Chandler added 14 points and 18 rebounds.

Phoenix cut a 17-point deficit to 105-103 on Chandler's dunk late in the game. But Irving responded with a 3 from the right wing on the next possession, and his spinning shot off the backboard made it 112-106 with 29 seconds left.

**76ERS 108, PISTONS 103**

PHILADELPHIA — Joel Embiid had 25 points and 10 rebounds and got the better of Andre Drummond down the stretch in a matchup of trash-talking big men to help Philadelphia beat Detroit.

Embiid drew the fifth and sixth fouls on Drummond and drew cheers as he waved goodbye to his fouled-out rival in between hitting four free throws to put Philadelphia ahead 100-95 with 2:35 left.

Robert Covington added 25 points, and Dario Saric had 17 points and hit a 3-pointer with 1:40 left to put the Sixers ahead 103-95.

Drummond had 14 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and five steals. Tobias Harris scored 27 points, and Reggie Jackson had 25 points for the Pistons. They trailed by 18 points early in the third quarter.

**HAWKS 114, NETS 102**

NEW YORK — Dennis Schroder scored 24 points and reserve Luke Babbitt had 20, leading short-handed Atlanta past Brooklyn.

Atlanta had five players score in double figures in its third road win of the season.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

### Men

**SOUTHWEST**
Abilene Christian 71, Schreiner 43
Houston 91, Arkansas 65
Houston Baptist 71, Texas State 52
Oral Roberts 74, UALR 68, 2OT
Rio Grande 69, Rice 67
Stephen F. Austin 68, Louisiana-Monroe 65
TCU 92, Yale 66
Texas-Arlington 65, North Texas 60
Wichita St. 69, Baylor 62

**SOUTH**
Appalachian St. 84, South Florida 61
Austin Peay 67, Alabama A&M 47
Belmont 86, Green Bay 75
Bowling Green 92, Norfolk St. 77
Chattanooga 86, UT Martin 63
Duke 96, South Dakota 80
E. Kentucky 70, Jacksonville 65, OT
East Carolina 63, Delaware St. 57
Elon 71, St. Peter's 65, 2OT
FAU 93, Bethune-Cookman 75
FIU 87, South Alabama 58
Furman 64, Tennessee Tech 50
Gardner-Webb 87, SC-Upstate 66
Georgia Southern 97, Tennessee Wesleyan 61
James Madison 87, Charlotte 82
Kentucky 79, Harvard 76
Lamar 69, Coastal Carolina 67, OT
Lipscomb 95, Tennessee St. 86, OT
Longwood 61, Fayetteville State 52
Louisiana Tech 106, Miles 55
Marshall 86, Akron 64
Memphis 83, Mercer 81, 2OT
Miami 80, Princeton 52
Middle Tennessee 81, Florida Gulf Coast 76
Murray St. 80, Florida A&M 59
N. Kentucky 96, Morehead St. 49
NC State 103, SC State 71
New Orleans 87, Williams Baptist 70
North Florida 85, Trinity Baptist 58
Presbyterian 73, NC A&T 70
Radford 63, VMI 50
SE Missouri 86, NC Central 77
South Carolina 76, UMass 70
UMBC 98, The Citadel 72
UNC-Greensboro 76, Liberty 75, 3OT
VCU 82, Old Dominion 75
Virginia 75, Lehigh 54
Virginia Tech 83, Mississippi 80, OT
W. Kentucky 78, Wright St. 60
Wake Forest 82, Richmond 53
William & Mary 108, Savannah St. 85
Winthrop 107, Reinhardt 76

**MIDWEST**
Ball St. 83, IUPUI 64
Butler 75, Saint Louis 45
DePaul 89, Youngstown St. 73
Evansville 98, Oakland City 56
Georgia 73, Marquette 66
Illinois St. 65, Tulsa 58
Kansas 76, Syracuse 60
Kent St. 72, Cleveland St. 62
Loyola of Chicago 85, Ill.-Chicago 61
Miami (Ohio) 76, W. Illinois 73, 2OT
Michigan 69, Indiana 55
Missouri St. 73, S. Dakota St. 53
Montana St. 68, Milwaukee 64
N. Illinois 95, Chicago St. 77
Oakland 78, W. Michigan 73
Ohio St. 83, Wisconsin 58
Penn St. 77, Iowa 73
S. Illinois 76, San Jose St. 58
Toledo 71, Texas Southern 69
Xavier 69, Cincinnati 76

**EAST**
Albany (NY) 86, Columbia 82
Army 83, Marist 75
Binghamton 76, Colgate 65
Boston College 73, Hartford 61
Bucknell 81, Vermont 77
CCSU 68, Brown 62
Canisius 73, Dartmouth 60
Drexel 89, Rider 77
Fordham 87, Maine 86, OT
Iona 82, Fairleigh Dickinson 75
La Salle 58, Holy Cross 54
Lafayette 79, Quinnipiac 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 74, American U. 70
Mount St. Mary's 80, Loyola (Md.) 75, OT
New Hampshire 75, Bryant 59
Northeastern 84, Cornell 66
Rhode Island 75, Providence 68
Siena 76, Robert Morris 74
St. Bonaventure 73, Buffalo 62
St. John's 90, Sacred Heart 55
Stony Brook 85, St. Francis (Pa.) 83
Towson 58, Manhattan 55
UConn 84, Monmouth (NJ) 81, OT
Villanova 94, Saint Joseph's 53

**FAR WEST**
Air Force 61, Denver 59
Cal St.-Fullerton 86, Cal Lutheran 58
Colorado St. 72, Colorado 63
Fresno St. 106, Long Beach St. 70
Oregon St. 78, Loyola Marymount 74
Portland St. 125, Portland Bible College 50
S. Utah 87, San Diego Christian 68
UC Davis 81, Washington St. 67
Utah 80, Hawaii 60
Wyoming 96, Drake 89, 2OT

**Top 25 fared**

1. Duke (10-0) beat South Dakota 96-80. Next: vs. Saint Francis (Pa.), Tuesday.
2. Kansas (7-0) beat Syracuse 76-60. Next: vs. Washington, Wednesday.
3. Michigan State (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Sunday.
4. Villanova (8-0) beat Saint Joseph's 94-53. Next: vs. No. 19 Gonzaga, Tuesday.
5. Notre Dame (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. Francis (N.Y.), Sunday.
6. Florida (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Monday.
7. Kentucky (7-1) beat Harvard 79-70. Next: vs. Monmouth (N.J.), Saturday.
8. Wichita State (6-1) beat No. 16 Baylor 69-62. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Tuesday.
9. Texas A&M (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Tuesday.
10. Miami (7-0) beat Princeton 80-52. Next: vs. Boston University, Tuesday.
11. Cincinnati (7-1) lost to No. 21 Xavier 89-76. Next: vs. No. 6 Florida, Saturday.
12. Minnesota (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
13. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Sunday.
14. Southern Cal (4-1) at SMU. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Friday.
15. Gonzaga (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Villanova, Tuesday.
16. Baylor (5-2) lost to No. 8 Wichita State 69-62. Next: vs. Sam Houston State, Monday.
17. Louisville (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Sunday.
18. Virginia (8-0) beat Lehigh 75-54. Next: at No. 19 West Virginia, Tuesday.
19. West Virginia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Virginia, Tuesday.
20. Arizona State (7-0) beat San Francisco 75-55. Next: vs. St. John's, Friday.
21. Xavier (7-1) beat No. 11 Cincinnati 89-76. Next: vs. Kent State, Wednesday.
22. Texas Tech (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Nevada, Tuesday.
23. TCU (8-0) beat Yale 92-66. Next: vs. SMU, Tuesday.
24. Alabama (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Sunday.
25. Creighton (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Tuesday.

### Women

**SOUTHWEST**
North Texas 66, Tulsa 43
Sam Houston St. 68, St. Thomas (TX) 66
Stephen F. Austin 77, South Dakota 55
Texas State 84, Prairie View 57
UTEP 69, Houston Baptist 62

**SOUTH**
Austin Peay 82, Evansville 73
Chattanooga 87, UT Martin 82
Clemson 88, Charleston Southern 30
East Carolina 51, Norfolk St. 46
Florida A&M 80, W. Carolina 63
Howard 69, FIU 62
Kennesaw St. 81, Middle Georgia 65
Liberty 61, Valparaiso 40
Mississippi 74, Arkansas St. 48
Morehead St. 75, Lipscomb 55
Morgan St. 55, NJIT 43
Nicholls 90, Jackson St. 64
S. Illinois 64, Marshall 59
UMass 85, MVSU 46
Vanderbilt 77, Iowa St. 74
Virginia 68, UNC-Greensboro 50
Wake Forest 53, Elon 51

**MIDWEST**
Bradley 58, Ill.-Chicago 48
Green Bay 63, Marquette 55
IUPUI 76, Ohio 52
Maryland 75, Akron 54
Missouri 81, New Orleans 45
Nebraska 73, Ark.-Pine Bluff 52
North Dakota 80, N. Iowa 72
Rio Grande 70, UTSA 58
UMKC 98, Lincoln 41
Wisconsin 71, La Salle 60

**EAST**
American U. 78, Youngstown St. 72
Brown 64, Providence 59
Bryant 58, Rhode Island 52
Colgate 84, Mass.-Lowell 64
Dartmouth 80, Marist 51
Duquesne 83, CCSU 58
Michigan 85, LIU Brooklyn 49
Mount St. Mary's 71, Loyola (Md.) 63
Princeton 78, Delaware 60
Rutgers 59, Siena 47
Seton Hall 84, St. Francis Brooklyn 50
South Florida 83, George Washington 78
Temple 86, Harvard 64
William & Mary 92, St. Francis (Pa.) 86
Yale 73, Binghamton 69

**FAR WEST**
Arizona St. 76, Buffalo 57
Army 65, Air Force 59
CS Northridge 85, Fresno St. 72
California 79, Santa Clara 41
Colorado St. 58, BYU 54
Gonzaga 91, Portland St. 52
Montana 67, Long Beach St. 60
New Mexico 101, New Mexico St. 93
Oral Roberts 80, Cal St.-Fullerton 50
Oregon 114, Weber St. 87
Oregon St. 89, Nevada 49
Pepperdine 71, Utah Valley 44
Seattle 80, San Diego 73
UC Riverside 95, UNLV 88
Utah 74, Saint Mary's (Cal) 63

**Top 25 fared**

1. UConn (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Notre Dame, Sunday.
2. Texas (6-0) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Sunday.
3. Notre Dame (7-0) did not play. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Sunday.
4. Louisville (7-0) did not play. Next: at South Dakota State, Sunday.
5. South Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Duke, Sunday.
6. Mississippi State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Sunday.
7. UCLA (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Sunday.
8. Ohio State (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Maine, Sunday.
9. Baylor (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Stanford, Sunday.
10. Oregon (7-1) beat Weber State 114-86. Next: vs. Southern Utah, Saturday.
11. West Virginia (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Texas A&M, Sunday.
12. Tennessee (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State, Sunday.
13. Florida State (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Sunday.
14. Duke (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 South Carolina, Sunday.
15. Maryland (7-2) beat Akron 75-54. Next: vs. Mount St. Mary's, Wednesday.
16. Stanford (5-3) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Baylor, Sunday.
17. South Florida (7-1) beat George Washington 83-78. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
18. Texas A&M (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 West Virginia, Sunday.
19. Missouri (7-1) beat New Orleans 81-45. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Friday.
20. Kentucky (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee Tech, Sunday.
21. Oregon State (4-2) vs. Utah State. Next: vs. San Jose State, Sunday, Dec. 10.
22. Michigan (5-2) beat LIU Brooklyn 86-49. Next: at Detroit, Monday.
23. Marquette (5-3) lost to Green Bay 63-55. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Monday.
24. California (5-2) beat Santa Clara 79-41. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
25. Villanova (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Sunday.

## BAYLOR

From 1C

McClure scored 12.

Neither team led by more than seven, but the Shockers never trailed after a pair of Shamet 3-pointers put them up 33-29 at halftime. Baylor got within two three times before tying the score with 3:10 to go on a three-point play by Jake Lindsey.

Baylor started the week undefeated, but lost twice to Top 25 teams. The Bears were down to seven scholarship players after their top reserve, senior forward Terry Maston, broke his shooting hand in their 76-63 loss at No. 21 Xavier on Tuesday night.

### Big picture

**Wichita State:** The Shockers are the best team in the country on the road with a 42-6 mark over the past five seasons, and they showed that poise every time Baylor made a run. The Shockers only tried five 3-pointers in the second half, but Baylor had to respect that ability. That opened up holes in the Bears' zone and allowed the Shockers to play inside-out.

**Baylor:** The Bears managed to stay in the game despite shots not falling much of the time. They shot 37 percent from the floor and 5-for-21 (24 percent) from 3-point range. Baylor held a 34-28 lead in points in the paint, 10-5 off turnovers and 12-8 on second chances, but Mark Vital's eight points were the only real contribution the Bears had off the bench, other than Lindsey's late three-point play.

### Up next

Wichita State will return home to meet South Dakota State on Tuesday.

Baylor closes its two-game homestand against Sam Houston State on Monday night.

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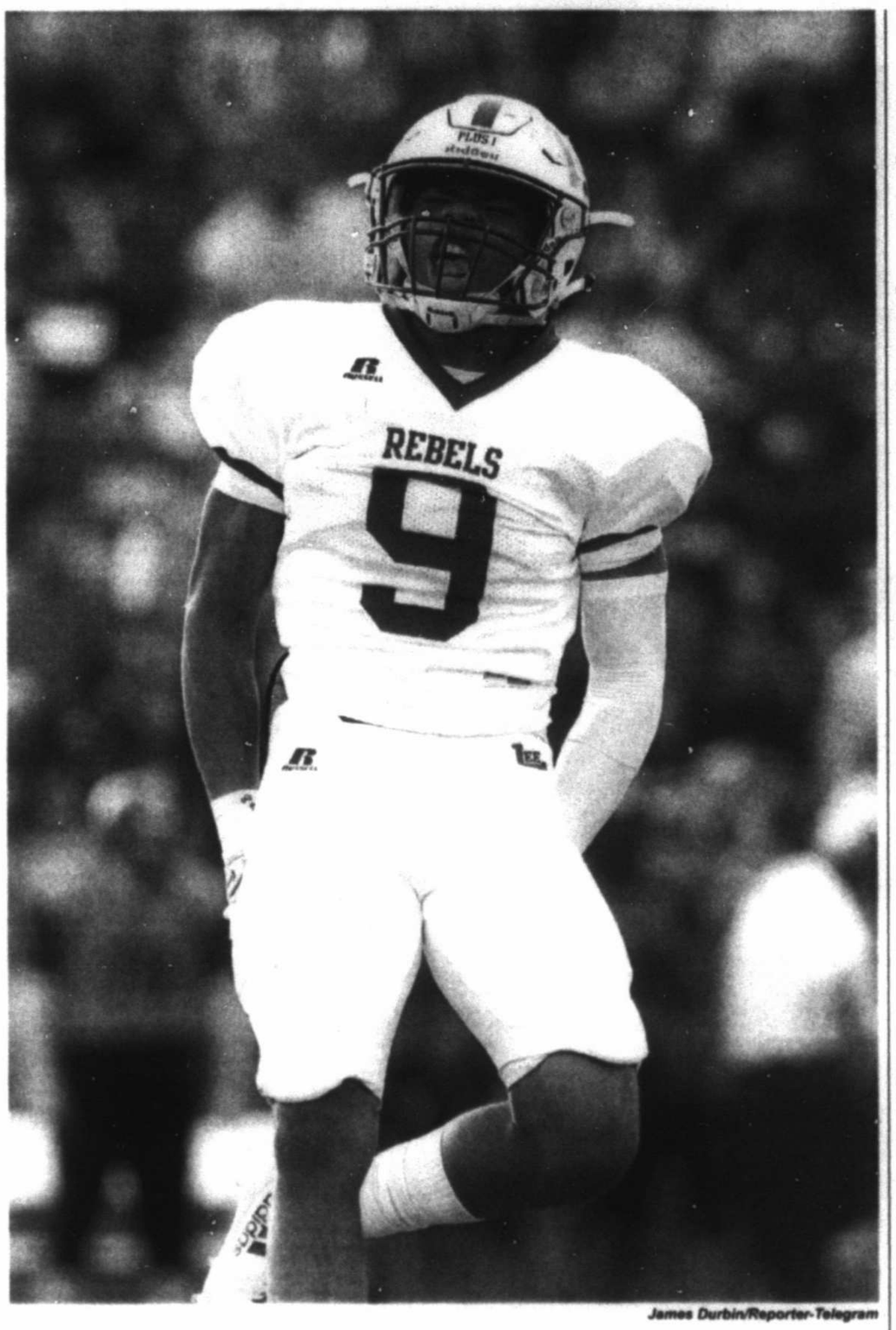

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Lee's Isaiah Harvey (9) celebrates a sack against Euless Trinity in the Class 6A Division I regional playoff game Saturday, at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

# LEE

From 1C

our side of town and Lee football proud."

The Lee defense, which recorded four sacks in the game, made a statement right away by forcing a turnover on downs on Trinity's first drive of the night. On Lee's ensuing possession, the Rebels marched 68 yards downfield to the Trinity 9 before Standard lobbed a pass into the end zone that was intercepted by the Trojans.

Trinity scored three plays later for a 7-0 lead.

Early in the second, Akbar capped off an eight-play, 59-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run to tie the game. Six minutes later, Thompson nailed a 32-yard field goal – his first attempt of the season – to hand Lee a 10-7 lead with 4:37 to play in the half.\ Standard tacked on an 11-yard TD run late in the second.

Keihn, who ripped off a 51-yard run on Trinity's final drive of the half, was impressed with Lee's defensive effort. The Rebels sacked quarterback Laki Ellis twice to limit the Trojans to a field goal at the break.

"They did a great job," said Keihn, who had 161 yards at halftime. "Their linebackers are good tacklers, their defensive line, they just did well."

Trinity grabbed a 20-17 lead on a 46-yard strike from Ellis to Toby Harrah just 1:11 into the second half. Nearly five minutes later, Thompson tied the game with a 27-yard field goal that split the uprights.

But the Trojans' running game continued to lean on the explosive play. Keihn broke free for a 20-yard TD for a 27-20 Trinity lead late in the third and then added 55-yard bolt to eventually stretch the lead to 34-23.

With 4:45 to play, the Rebels' offense faced a fourth-and-goal on Trinity's 2-yard-line but gained only a yard. After a Lee timeout, there was some controversy as to whether the play should have been third and goal.

Ellis completed 7 of his 9 passes for 156 yards and a touchdown for Trinity.

Said Akbar of his team's admirable showing: "This performance – this is the best game that I've played in and everybody else played in. This is a brotherhood – we've been playing since we were kids. We've got each other's backs. That's it. And that's how we play."

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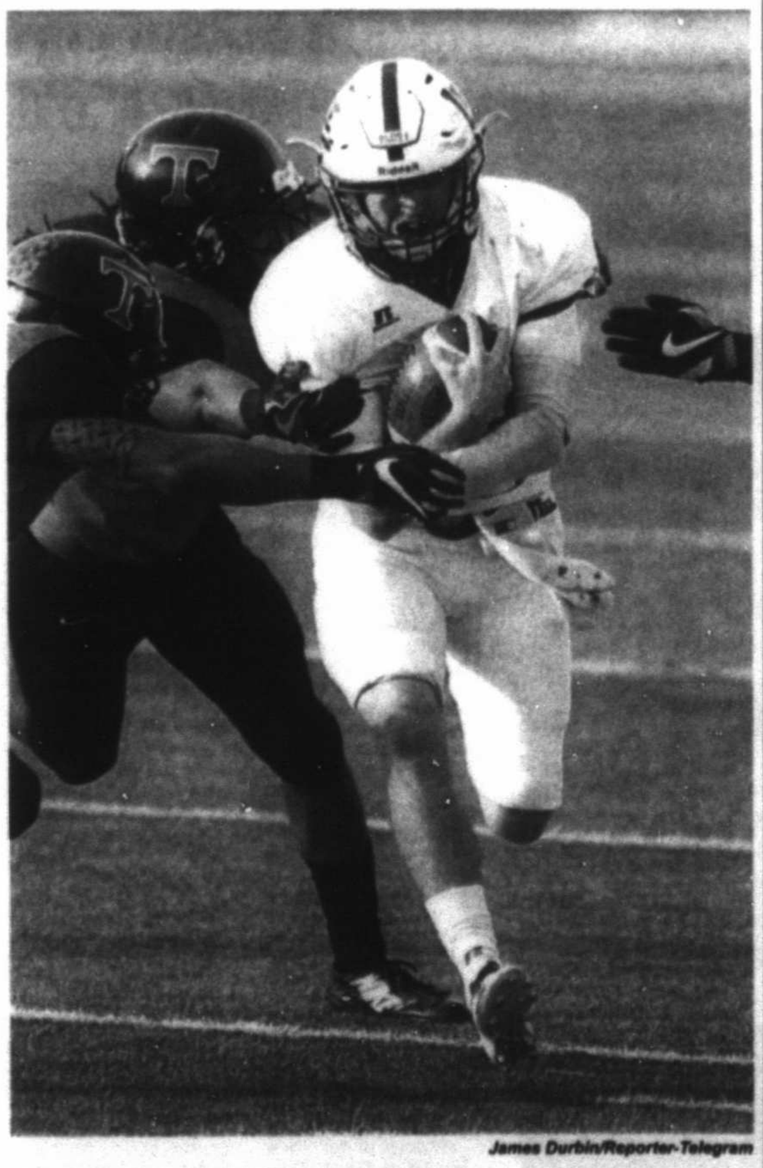

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Lee's Colby Standard (10) tries to get through the Euless Trinity defense in the Class 6A Division I regional playoff game Saturday, at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

EULESS TRINITY 34, LEE 23

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lee | 0 | 17 | 3 | 3 | –23 |
| Trinity | 7 | 6 | 14 | 7 | –34 |

First quarter

Trinity – Laki Ellis 1 run (Brice Honaker kick), 1:57

Second quarter

Lee – Avery Akbar 5 run (John Thompson kick), 10:37

Lee – FG Thompson 32, 4:37

Trinity – FG Honaker 42, 2:56

Lee – Standard 11 run (Thompson kick), 1:01

Trinity – FG Honaker 45, 0:00

Third quarter

Trinity – Toby Harrah 46 pass from Ellis (Honaker kick), 10:49

Lee – FG Thompson 27, 5:08

Trinity – Courage Kehn 20 run (Honaker kick), 2:52

Fourth quarter

Lee – FG Thompson 31, 0:24

Trinity – Kehn 55 run (Honaker kick), 6:15

| | Lee | Trinity |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 20 | 15 |
| Rushes-yards | 51-279 | 36-282 |
| Passing yards | 179 | 159 |
| Comp.-Att.-Int. | 16-25-1 | 7-9-0 |
| Punts-Avg. | 1-15.0 | 1-35.0 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-yards | 1-5 | 1-5 |

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Lee, Colby Standard 22-135, Avery Akbar 15-107, Josh Taylor 13-37, Trinity, Courage Kehn 23-205, Simeon Ellsworth 4-22, Toby Harrah 1-5, Laki Ellis 9-(-30).

PASSING – Lee, Standard 16-25-1—179; Trinity, Ellis 7-9-0—159.

RECEIVING – Lee, Grant Brown 6-59, Levi Fourny 3-40, Akbar 4-54, John Henry Garza 1-31, Taylor 1-10, Tyler Madrid 1-4; Trinity, Kaorra Hill 3-66, Harrah 2-66, Colby Parton 1-8, Joe Henderson 1-9.

# TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFF SCORES

**Class 6A Division I**
**Region I Regional**
Euless Trinity 34, Lee 23
**Class 6A Division I**
**Region II Regional**
Pflugerville Hendrickson 42, Garland Sachse 30
**Class 6A Division I**
**Region IV Regional**
Lake Travis 42, Los Fresnos 7
**Class 6A Division II**
**Region II Regional**
Longview 30, Klein Collins 24
Lufkin 14, Spring Westfield 11
**Class 6A Division II**
**Region III Regional**
Houston Langham Creek 51, Humble Kingwood 16
**Class 5A Division I**
**Region I Regional**
Denton Ryan 49, Lubbock Monterey 28
Lubbock Coronado 80, Colleyville Heritage 62
**Class 5A Division I**
**Region IV Regional**
Richmond Foster 42, Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial High 14
**Class 5A Division II**
**Region I Regional**
N. Richland Hills 55, EP Parkland 21
**Class 5A Division II**
**Region II Regional**
Frisco Lone Star 35, Waxahachie 0
Mansfield Legacy 45, North Forney 35
**Class 5A Division II**
**Region III Regional**
College Station 66, Port Neches-Groves 40
**Class 5A Division II**
**Region IV Regional**
Austin McCallum 33, Alice 0
CC Calallen 31, Kerrville Tivy 24
**Class 3A Division I**
**Region IV Regional**
Yoakum 43, Van Vleck 19
**Class 2A Division I**
**Region I Regional**
Panhandle 63, Stamford 29
**Class 2A Division I**
**Region III Regional**
San Augustine 58, Price Carlisle 27
**Class 1A Six-Man Division I**
**State Quarterfinals**
Happy 66, McLean 40
**TAIAO Division I**
**Championship**
Stephenville Home School 64, Lubbock Home School Titans 18
**TAPPS 6 Man D1**
**Semifinal**
Austin Veritas 60, Katy Faith West 14
Dallas Lutheran 110, Amarillo San Jacinto 65
**TAPPS D1**
**Semifinal**
Houston St. Pius X 34, Dallas Bishop Lynch 15
**TAPPS D2**
**Semifinals**
Cedar Hill Trinity 27, Dallas Christian 0
Austin Regents 30, Austin Hyde Park 8
**TAPPS D4**
**Semifinal**
Colleyville Covenant 42, Dallas First Baptist 0
Magnolia Legacy 21, Bryan Brazos Christian 13

# FAU

From 1C

passes for 367 yards for the Mean Green (9-4), whose five-game winning streak was snapped. Turner Smiley had a touchdown catch and Evan Johnson ran one in for North Texas, which will be bowl-bound for the second straight year.

The 10-win season matches Kiffin's best as a head coach. He went 10-2 at USC in 2011.

"You have to give credit to Coach Kiffin and FAU," North Texas coach Seth Littrell said. "They're unbelievable."

It took Kiffin less than a full year to turn FAU's fortunes around. He inherited a program that was coming off three consecutive 3-9 seasons, and took over after three years as Nick Saban's offensive coordinator at Alabama.

FAU never looked at the Kiffin hire as a risk. Even if the Owls did, it has officially paid off now.

"He's been taught by the best," FAU athletic director Pat Chun said. "He's had great successes. I think things get lost. He had a winning record as a head coach and he's learned from his failures. So you put all those together ... you thought this could be a place where he achieved a level of success that he had not achieved before."

### The takeaway

**North Texas:** The Mean Green were outclassed twice by FAU this season, but UNT only needs to win its bowl game to get the program's first 10-win season since going 10-1 in 1977 under coach Hayden Fry.

**Florida Atlantic:** This is the eighth time in Kiffin's last 14 collegiate seasons that he's been part of a conference championship, including Southeastern Conference crowns each of the previous three years at Alabama. To put what he's done at FAU in even more perspective, the Owls have 10 wins in their last 11 games — after winning 10 times in the 39 previous games.

### Motoring

Singletary — whose nickname is "Motor" — has 29 rushing touchdowns on the season, 27 of them coming in the Owls' last 10 games. The 29 scores is tops among all FBS players this year, and it makes him the sixth player in the 2000s to have that many in a season. The FBS record is 37, set by Barry Sanders for Oklahoma State in 1988.

### He's No. 2

Kiffin has 10 wins now at Florida Atlantic — and as strange as this may sound, he's already No. 2 on the Owls' career victory list. Howard Schnellenberger won 58 games with the Owls, Kiffin has 10, Charlie Partridge won nine, Carl Pelini won five and Brian Wright had four victories as an interim coach when Pelini got fired during the 2013 season.

### Up next

Both teams will learn their bowl destinations on today.

# SOONERS

From 1C

Mark Andrews .

Hill opened the second half with three consecutive incompletions. On the first play after the punt, Mayfield hit Mykel Jones for a 55-yard catch-and-run score.

On fourth-and-1 from the Oklahoma 41 on the next drive, Hill bootlegged to the right side. Big defensive end Ogbonnia Okoronkwo chased him toward the sideline before Parnell Motley delivered the crushing blow that kept TCU's quarterback from getting a first down.

Two plays later, Marquise Brown made an impressive over-the-shoulder grab for a 52-yard TD and a 38-17 lead.

Hill finished 27-of-37 for 234 yards passing, and led TCU with 51 yards rushing.

### The takeaway

**TCU:** The Horned Frogs had allowed only six points (two field goals) combined after halftime in their last seven games. Even Oklahoma was scoreless in the second half of its 38-20 home win over TCU three weeks ago. The 41 points are the most TCU has allowed this season.

**Oklahoma:** The Sooners clinched their third straight Big 12 title, all since former Texas Tech transfer Mayfield took over as the starting quarterback. Their 11th Big 12 title overall was the first without Bob Stoops, the coach for their last national title in 2000 who resigned unexpectedly last summer. Riley, at 34 the youngest FBS head coach, is only the fifth coach in FBS history with no previous head coaching experience at a four-year college to win at least 12 games in his debut season.

### Title games

Oklahoma is 8-1 in Big 12 championship games, winning seven of them between 2000 and 2010, when the Sooners beat Nebraska in the league's last championship game until Saturday. ... TCU has previously won or shared conference titles in the old Southwest Conference, Conference USA, the WAC, the Mountain West and Big 12. But this was the Frogs' first conference title game.

### Up next

**TCU:** The Horned Frogs could still possibly make it into one of the New Year's Six bowl games, and if not likely will be the Big 12 representative in the Alamo Bowl.

**Oklahoma:** The Sooners wait to find out who they will play and in which national semifinal game, the Rose Bowl or Sugar Bowl.

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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ROUNDUP

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Ohio State safety Damon Webb celebrates during the second half of the Big Ten championship NCAA college football game, Saturday against Wisconsin, Saturday, in Indianapolis. Ohio State won 27-21

**BIG 10 CHAMPIONSHIP**
**NO.8 OHIO ST. 27**
**NO. 4 WISCONSIN 21**

INDIANAPOLIS — J.T. Barrett looked just fine Saturday. Now it's up to college football's selection committee to decide whether No. 8 Ohio State has done enough to earn a playoff bid.

Six days after having surgery on his right knee, Barrett threw two touchdown passes, ran for another and had a crucial fourth-down conversion late in the game to give the Buckeyes a 27-21 victory over previously unbeaten No. 3 Wisconsin in Saturday's Big Ten championship game.

Ohio State (11-2) claimed its first conference crown since its 2014 national championship season. The loss ended the nation's longest active winning streak at 13 and probably doomed the playoff hopes of the Badgers (12-1).

The reason: Barrett's incredibly speedy recovery.

While most athletes need at least two or three weeks to recover from minor knee surgery, Barrett told doctors and coaches he would be OK. And after watching Barrett in pregame warmups with a protective brace around the injured knee, Barrett got the starting nod and played like the three-time conference quarterback of the year.

**ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE**
**NO. 1 CLEMSON 38,**
**NO. 7 MIAMI 3**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — No. 1 Clemson emphatically claimed its spot in the College Football Playoff with the victory over Miami in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

The Tigers (12-1) came in ranked atop the CFP and should remain that way following Sunday's final poll after their decisive show left little doubt the defending national champs are looking to go back-to-back.

Miami (10-2, No. 7 CFP) has lost two straight after rising to No. 2 in the CFP two weeks ago.

Kelly Bryant set a championship game record — and surpassed his friend and former teammate Deshaun Watson's mark of 13 — by completing his first 15 passes and finished with 252 yards passing and a 27-yard TD pass to Deon Cain on the way to Clemson's third straight ACC crown.

Bryant had one of Clemson's four rushing touchdowns and the Tigers defense made it stand up against a Hurricanes team that has been spurred on to its turnaround season by their glitzy, bling-covered "Turnover Chain" — jewelry worn by any Miami player with a pick or a fumble.

Instead, it was the Tigers who won the turnover battle (3 to 1) and held Miami to its fewest points and yards of the season to spoil the Hurricanes' first appearance in the contest since the one-time powerhouse joined the league in 2004.

**AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**
**NO. 12 UCF 62,**
**NO. 16 MEMPHIS 55, 2 OT**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Otis Anderson scored on a 1-yard run on the first possession of the second overtime and Central Florida — in what turned out to be its last game under coach Scott Frost — beat Memphis for its third AAC crown in five years.

Frost, the second-year coach and former Nebraska quarterback, took the Cornhuskers' job after the game.

Memphis (10-2, CFP No. 20) got as far as the UCF 9 in the second OT, but Riley Ferguson's pass on second-and-goal was intercepted by Tre Neal, giving the Knights (12-0, CFP No. 15) a likely spot in a New Year's Six bowl.

The top two scoring teams in the country combined for 117 points and 1,479 yards. It was tied at 48 at the end of regulation.

The Knights led 48-34 early in the fourth quarter but the Tigers rallied to tie with 4:13 remaining on Ferguson's 10-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Miller. Memphis had a chance to win it in regulation but Riley Patterson's 51-yard field-goal attempt with 28 seconds remaining was wide left.

UCF's McKenzie Milton was 28 of 40 for 494 yards and five touchdowns. He was selected the game's most outstanding player.

**MOUNTAIN WEST**
**BOISE STATE 17,**
**NO. 25 FRESNO STATE 14**

BOISE, Idaho — Brett Rypien threw for 246 yards and led a fourth-quarter comeback to help Boise State beat Fresno State in the Mountain West championship game.

Boise State (10-3), which lost 28-17 to the Bulldogs a week ago in Fresno in the regular-season finale, won its second conference title in four years.

Fresno State (9-4), which hasn't won in Boise since 1984, still completed one of the best turnarounds in college history under first-year coach Jeff Tedford after going 1-11 a year ago.

Boise State had only mustered 103 yards of offense on its first four possessions of the second half until the Broncos broke out. Rypien hit Cedrick Wilson on a 59-yard pass play to the Fresno State 36.

After a pass interference call in the end zone put the ball at the 2, Ryan Wolpin, filling in for injured starting running back Alexander Mattison, powered his way into the end zone.

Fresno State had two more possessions, but failed to get a first down. Marcus McMaryion's final pass was intercepted by Leighton Vander Esch.

**MID-AMERICAN**

**TOLEDO 45, AKRON 28**

DETROIT — Logan Woodside threw four touchdown passes, Terry Swanson ran for 180 yards and two scores and Toledo beat Akron in the Mid-American Conference championship game at Ford Field.

Receivers Diontae Johnson (118 yards) and Jon'Vea Johnson (103) combined for 221 yards and three touchdowns for Toledo (11-2). The Rockets won their third conference title game and first since 2004.

Akron (7-6) forced five turnovers but couldn't overcome a lopsided first half in it second loss to Toledo (11-2) this season. Woodside threw three touchdown passes in the first half, two to Diontae Johnson, as help the Rockets take a 28-0 lead.

# No. 6 Georgia makes playoff bid, routs No. 4 Auburn 28-7

**By Paul Newberry**
*Associated Press*

ATLANTA — Shaking off a blowout loss to Auburn just three weeks ago, Jake Fromm threw two touchdown passes and No. 6 Georgia made its bid for a spot in the College Football Playoff with a 28-7 victory over the No. 4 Tigers in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

Auburn (10-3) was the hottest team in the country, rolling into Atlanta after wins over Georgia and then-No. 1 Alabama in its last three games. But the Tigers were stymied by two crucial turnovers, a blocked field goal and a Georgia team eager to make up for its embarrassing 40-17 defeat on the Plains .

Nick Chubb, Sony Michel and freshman D'Andre Swift provided a much more effective running game for Georgia than the first meeting, which opened up things for the freshman quarterback. Fromm completed 16 of 22 passes for 183 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown to Isaac Nauta in the second quarter and a 6-yarder to Terry Godwin with just over 13 minutes remaining that essentially sealed Georgia's victory.

The Bulldogs claimed their first SEC title since 2005 and capped an impressive rise in Kirby Smart's second season as coach. Georgia went 8-5 a year ago, but Nick Saban's former defensive coordinator insisted he was establishing a culture that would return the team to national prominence.

It happened in Year 2.

Georgia (12-1), which was No. 6 in the latest CFP standings, will surely move into the top four after its dominating performance against the Tigers. Auburn was ranked second in the CFP poll but managed only 259 yards after piling up 488 in the Nov. 11 rout.

Swift, another impressive Georgia freshman, finished off the Georgia's rout by breaking loose for a 64-yard touchdown run with 10:34 remaining . The Georgia line opened up a huge hole through the left side, receiver Javon Wims made a key block on the perimeter and Swift dashed to the end zone without being touched, sending the Georgia fans into a raucous celebration that figured to go on well into the night.

Swift rushed for 88 yards, Chubb had 77 and Michel added 45. In the first game, Chubb was held to 27 and Michel 21 — the lowest outputs of the season.

Auburn started out the game like it was headed for another big win.

The Tigers moved 75 yards in 10 plays, capped by Jarrett Stidham's 6-yard scoring pass to Nate Craig-Myers. Early in the second quarter, Auburn pushed into position to extend its lead, facing second-and-6 at the Georgia 14.

That's when the game suddenly turned.

Stidham dropped back to throw, couldn't find anyone open and didn't sense Davin Bellamy coming up behind him. The Georgia linebacker stripped the ball away and Roquan Smith fell on it for the Bulldogs at the 16.

Georgia drove the other way for the tying score and tacked on the first of two field goals by Rodrigo Blankenship for a 10-7 lead at the half.

Auburn wasted another scoring opportunity in the third quarter when Daniel Carlson's 31-yard field-goal attempt was blocked by DaQuan Hawkins-Muckle . Then, trailing 13-7, another turnover on the first play of the fourth quarter finished off the Tigers.

Kerryon Johnson, who played despite an ailing shoulder, was stripped of the ball and Smith scooped it up again at the Auburn 39 , retaining the spiked, Road Warrior-style vest that Georgia awards to players who take the ball away from the other team, the Dawgs' version of the turnover chain.

Fromm quickly guided Georgia to another TD, and the celebration was on for the red and black.

**Georgia:** The Bulldogs were clearly motivated by that loss at Auburn, turning in a much more physical performance after getting totally dominated in the first meeting. Smart did a masterful job of using that game to fire up his players.

**Auburn:** The Tigers bounced back from an excruciating defeat at LSU, where they blew a 20-point lead, with an impressive five-game winning streak. But a third straight victory over a Top 10 opponent was too much to ask, and now everyone will turn their attention to coach Gus Malzahn's future. He's been mentioned as a possible candidate for Arkansas' vacancy.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

**SOUTHWEST**
Grambling St. 46, Alcorn St. 32
New Hampshire 21, Cent. Arkansas 15
Sam Houston St. 54, South Dakota 42
Troy 52, Arkansas St. 25

**SOUTH**
Appalachian St. 63, Louisiana-Lafayette 14
Clemson 38, Miami 3
Coastal Carolina 28, Georgia Southern 17
FAU 41, North Texas 17
FIU 63, UMass 45
Florida St. 42, Louisiana-Monroe 10
Georgia 28, Auburn 7
Idaho 24, Georgia St. 10
James Madison 26, Stony Brook 7
Kennesaw St. 17, Jacksonville St. 7
Oklahoma 41, TCU 17
UCF 62, Memphis 55, 2OT
Holland 28, Furman 10

**MIDWEST**
N. Dakota St. 38, San Diego 3
Ohio St. 27, Wisconsin 21
S. Dakota St. 57, N. Iowa 22
Toledo 45, Akron 28

**FAR WEST**
Boise St. 17, Fresno St. 14

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# Looking for the best NFL matchups this week? Look South

**By Barry Wilner**
*Associated Press*

The place to focus on this week is Down South, as in NFC South.

All three contenders in the NFL's best division have difficult matchups Sunday, two of them facing off when top dogs Carolina and New Orleans go at it in the Big Easy. Atlanta, meanwhile, hosts NFC North leader Minnesota.

The Panthers and Saints are 8-3, and New Orleans has a win in Charlotte. So a season's sweep by Drew Brees & Co. would make for a tidy tiebreaker.

"The fact is we play in a really tough division and there are a lot tough teams sitting at the top fighting for that spot, and we are all within a game of each other," Brees says. "This is a tough stretch, the toughest stretch as we could possibly have, but it is good for us. We need this. Hopefully it brings out our best football."

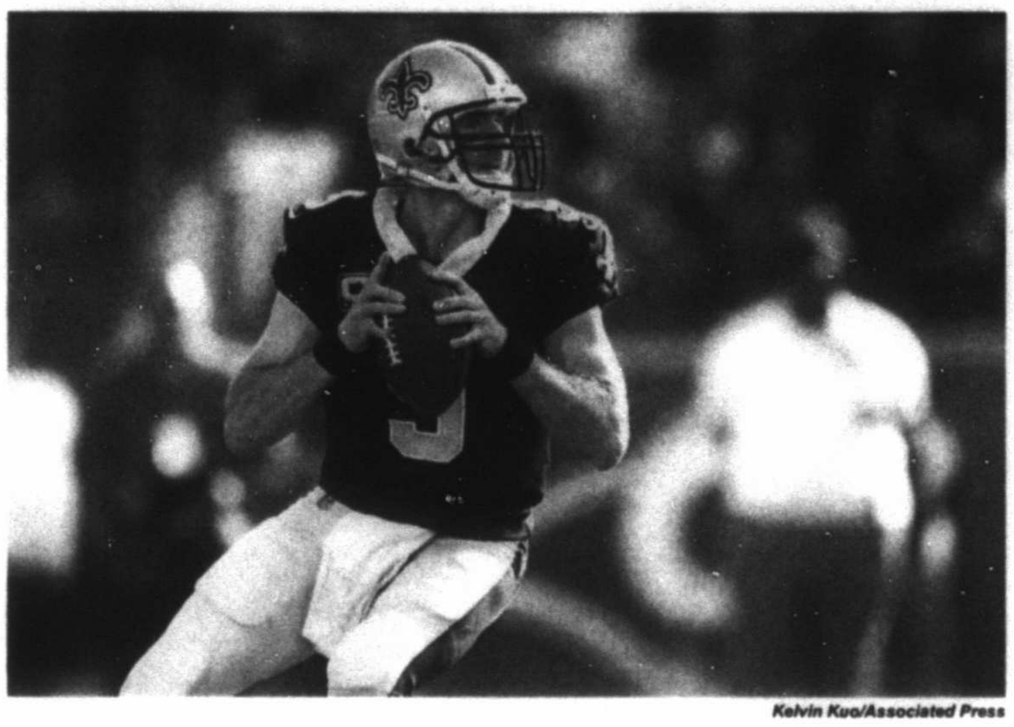
Maybe a comforting thought for the three teams involved is they all could be playing in January.

"It's really crazy. You look at the NFC South, and there's a chance that three teams actually make the playoffs, which is absolutely crazy to me," Panthers veteran linebacker Thomas Davis says. "I think it's just the NFC South and the way we've been playing this year."

At 7-4, the Falcons trail by a game in the NFL's toughest division. They go outside of it Sunday, but hardly get a relief: Minnesota (9-2) can beat you every which way and has won seven in a row.

The matchup of the Vikings' powerful defense and the Falcons' revitalized offense is a spicy one. Nowhere is that more true than Atlanta's brilliant receiver Julio Jones against Minnesota's shutdown cornerback Xavier Rhodes.

"Don't believe in the hype, don't be afraid of the name, just believe in the game," Rhodes says. "I know he's one of the best receivers in the league, and I've just got to go out and play with the mindset of having confidence going against him."



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New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees in action during the first half against the Los Angeles Rams Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.

The week's action began Thursday night with Dallas' 38-14 home victory over Washington.

Dak Prescott threw two touchdown passes, including a franchise record-breaker to Dez Bryant, and Dallas (6-6) finally won without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Prescott shook off a hand injury and found Bryant on a 13-yard leaping grab in the end zone for the 2014 All-Pro's first score in six games and 72nd of his career, one more than Hall of Famer Bob Hayes. Washington dropped to 5-7.

### Philadelphia (10-1) at Seattle (7-4)

With the Eagles soaring toward the postseason behind the sensational work of second-year quarterback Carson Wentz and a dynamic defense that no one can run on, much attention will be centered on the hosts.

The Seahawks uncharacteristically need to win with offense as the Legion of Boom has been ravaged by injuries and penalties keep mounting.

Yet they can win that way thanks to Russell Wilson, who deserves consideration in the MVP race, and re-emerging tight end Jimmy Graham.

"I have to find ways to get him the football. It's not just him, it's everybody, but I think that he really stands out. He can do some special things," Wilson says.

Philly has won nine in a row, four straight by at least 20 points. Only the 1999 St. Louis Rams did it five times. They won the Super Bowl.

### Los Angeles Rams (8-3) at Arizona (5-6)

A nice bounce back by the Rams with a 26-20 win over New Orleans that followed a loss at Minnesota. This one can be tricky — witness what the undermanned Cardinals did to Jacksonville last Sunday.

These teams went at it in London in October, a 33-0 Rams win that was Arizona's worst performance and cost it QB Carson Palmer (broken left arm). Los Angeles has displayed balance on both sides of the ball and was especially hard on Adrian Peterson, who rushed for 21 yards on 11 carries in London.

An LA win would even the series, which now is 38-37-2 for the Cardinals.

### Pittsburgh (9-2) at Cincinnati (8-6), Monday night

The Bengals haven't been bungling much lately, but this isn't a matchup in their favor. Pittsburgh's all-time edge in this series is 61-35, including two playoff wins at Paul Brown Stadium. The Steelers have won five straight and eight of nine in the rivalry. They also are 6-3 on Monday night vs. Cincinnati and have won 10 straight prime-time games. Pittsburgh is 11-2 on Monday nights under Mike Tomlin, including 6-2 on the road.

The Bengals are 11-23 on Monday nights, dropping its past three. During their loss in Pittsburgh on Oct. 22, the Bengals managed only one first down and 19 total yards in the second half.

### New England (9-2) at Buffalo (6-5)

Shield your eyes, Bills fans, as we convey the numbers in this lopsided series. Under Bill Belichick:

- The Patriots are 29-5 overall vs. Buffalo;
- New England is 17-2 in games played after Halloween against the Bills;
- Tom Brady is 26-2 vs. Buffalo in games he plays more than one half;
- With a 15-2 record at Buffalo since 2000, Belichick has more wins at Orchard Park, New York, than any Bills coach since Wade Phillips went 17-7 from 1998-2000.

And, Brady's 26 wins against Buffalo are tied with Brett Favre for most by a quarterback against one opponent in NFL history. Favre had 26 wins against Detroit.

OK, Bills fans, you can look now.

### Detroit (6-5) at Baltimore (6-5)

A pair of wild-card chasers looking up at strong division leaders.

Detroit blew its chance to really tighten the NFC North by losing at home on Thanksgiving Day to Minnesota. Now, the Lions must concentrate on getting a wild-card invitation.

Lions WR Marvin Jones Jr. has eight TD catches, tied for second in the NFL, and if Matthew Stafford can go despite a bothersome ankle, they would be testing the No. 2 pass defense.

Baltimore had an NFL-high 18 interceptions and 26 takeaways for a turnover differential of plus-11. Terrell Suggs is the acknowledged leader of the unit that is reminding some of the glory days.

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 325 | 220 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 224 | 260 |
| N.Y. Jets | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 228 | 257 |
| Miami | 3 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 174 | 289 |

**South**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tennessee | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 242 | 269 |
| Jacksonville | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 269 | 168 |
| Houston | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 283 | 285 |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 185 | 300 |

**North**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 258 | 193 |
| Baltimore | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 236 | 187 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 199 | 215 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 11 | 0 | .000 | 166 | 289 |

**West**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 272 | 236 |
| L.A. Chargers | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 249 | 202 |
| Oakland | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 225 | 261 |
| Denver | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 197 | 280 |

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 10 | 1 | 0 | .909 | 351 | 191 |
| Dallas | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 286 | 284 |
| Washington | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 272 | 314 |
| N.Y. Giants | 2 | 9 | 0 | .182 | 172 | 267 |

**South**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 322 | 222 |
| Carolina | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 248 | 207 |
| Atlanta | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 265 | 230 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 7 | 0 | .364 | 223 | 262 |

**North**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 9 | 2 | 0 | .818 | 271 | 195 |
| Detroit | 6 | 5 | 0 | .545 | 294 | 264 |
| Green Bay | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 232 | 261 |
| Chicago | 3 | 8 | 0 | .273 | 177 | 252 |

**West**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Rams | 8 | 3 | 0 | .727 | 329 | 206 |
| Seattle | 7 | 4 | 0 | .636 | 286 | 212 |
| Arizona | 5 | 6 | 0 | .455 | 203 | 278 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 10 | 0 | .091 | 187 | 284 |

**Thursday's Score**

Dallas 38, Washington 14

**Today's Games**

Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon
Minnesota at Atlanta, noon
San Francisco at Chicago, noon
Detroit at Baltimore, noon
Denver at Miami, noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Cleveland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday's Game**

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

# Danica Patrick heads into a new phase of life after racing

**By Jenna Fryer**
*Associated Press*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Danica Patrick blazed her way through motorsports like no woman ever had.

She was fearless in an Indy car at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a white-knuckle track that has shaken the nerves of many a driver. With marketing savvy and strong sponsorship support, she built a platform that made her one of the most recognizable athletes in the world — not just among female athletes, either. Patrick leads all celebrities with a record 14 appearances in Super Bowl commercials.

Patrick spoke her mind, verbally sparred with rivals, didn't back down from anything.

All of which made it so startling two weeks ago when Patrick, steely and stoic in public for so many years, wept as she announced she will drive just two more races : next year's Daytona 500 in February and then the Indianapolis 500 three months later in a "Danica Double" that will close out her career at the track that played a huge part in her fame.

She knew for several months that her days as a full-time race car driver were dwindling, but making it official brought out a wave of emotion few had ever seen from Patrick.

"It's hard to say things out loud," she later explained.

Patrick sat down with The Associated Press for nearly an hour prior to announcing her retirement plan. She was ecstatic about what is ahead. There was no sadness, just acceptance that for the first time in more than a decade she had sponsorship problems and had to find something else to do with her life.

By the end of the NASCAR season, after just one top-10 finish and tying her career low of 28th in the Cup standings, she said: "I couldn't have been more miserable. It's been such a grind and I always said, if I don't think I can run better than where I am, then it's not fun and I don't want to do it."

Wilfredo Lee/AP File Photo

Danica Patrick greets fans during driver introductions before the start of the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race in 2016 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Patrick is aware of her legacy in racing. She is the only woman to lead laps in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500. She finished fourth as a rookie at Indy, where she led 19 laps and "Danica Mania" was born. Four years later, she was a career-best third at "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

A star was born and sponsor GoDaddy wanted to move to NASCAR, where the visibility was higher. But like most every open-wheel driver before her, Patrick struggled in the transition to stock cars.

At five full seasons at NASCAR's highest level, she lasted longer than peers Dario Franchitti and Sam Hornish Jr., both IndyCar champions and Indy 500 winners. Still, Patrick had just seven top-10 finishes in 190 races, one pole — her rookie year at the Daytona 500 — and never finished higher than 24th in the standings. Critics bring all that up whenever Patrick's legacy is mentioned.

"I feel like it takes away from everything else I've accomplished," Patrick said. "I don't want to be remembered for the things that didn't go as well. I want to be remembered for the things that did go well."

And so begins the second act for a 35-year-old who left her Illinois home nearly two decades ago to travel alone as a teenager to Europe and pursue a career in open-wheel racing.

Her plate most certainly is full.

Patrick has an athletic clothing line sold through HSN and a fitness book coming out in a matter of weeks. She thinks she will have more free time to be hands-on with the clothing design in New York, and that her debut book, "Pretty Intense," a 90-day mind, body and food plan, can lead to a series of fitness opportunities or a series of books.

She has a winery in Northern California and thinks she now will have time to attend festivals, dinner auctions and promote her wine, Somnium. She also would like to pursue a potential cooking show.

There is also longtime boyfriend Ricky Stenhouse Jr., a rising star in NASCAR who made the playoffs this season for the first time. She is previously divorced, he is five years her junior, but she's ready for the next chapter with Stenhouse and interested in starting a family. "These have always been things I've done on the side," she said. "I'm involved, but now I'm going to have the time to be really involved." After so many years as a fierce competitor, Patrick is not sure what will fill that void. She remembers a conversation she had on a bus in Japan with former CART champion Jimmy Vasser after he retired.

"He talked about how when he quit racing, he missed the highs and lows, he missed the peaks and valleys, and it just wasn't exciting enough," Patrick said. "I've always thought about that — once you've experienced what it's like to go through those humongous transitions. Will you miss it? Will you not? Will it be a relief?

# Titans eye staying atop AFC South, not payback vs. Texans

**By Teresa M. Walker**
*Associated Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Staying atop the AFC South and chasing the franchise's first playoff berth since 2008, The Tennessee Titans insist that's their only focus when they host the Houston Texans on Sunday, needing a win against the two-time division champ to stay exactly where they want to be.

Payback? Revenge for the 57-14 thumping the Texans handed Tennessee back on Oct. 1 ?

A mere memory.

"Nope, don't feel like we owe them one," Titans tight end Delanie Walker said. "They got us. They whupped our butt. That happened. But in the back of our minds, I know everybody knows that. At the end of the day, we got to go out there, we can't play frustrated. We can't play angry. We got to play smart football, and that's the only way we're going to be able to win."

The Titans do hope they learned a painful lesson. They went to Houston winners of two straight and left embarrassed as Houston scored the most points in franchise history, with Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota missing the second half with an injured left hamstring.

Now the Titans (7-4) have won five of six and are coming off their first win at Lucas Oil Stadium after beating the Colts 20-16 last week . That victory moved Tennessee back ahead of Jacksonville atop the division, and Titans defensive lineman Jurrell Casey says that simply makes Houston (4-7) next up.

"Another opponent in the way to our final goal that's trying to get to the playoffs and try to make it to the Super Bowl," Casey said.

The Texans are in the midst of consecutive road trips that included a 23-16 loss Monday night in Baltimore . The injuries keep coming, with two more players joining Deshaun Watson, J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus on injured reserve this week. Coach Bill O'Brien, who is 6-1 against the Titans, said he isn't taking much from their earlier win in this series.

"They're different," O'Brien said. "We're different obviously. I can tell you that it will be a much tougher football game, no doubt about it."

Here are some things to know as the Titans try for their first sweep of Houston since 2007:

**MARIOTA'S INTERCEPTIONS:** The Titans quarterback has been intercepted six times over the past two games and now has a career-worst 12 picks in his third season. Mariota has been dissecting film to see what he can do better, but it's not an experience the quarterback likes. Mariota says that ticks him off.

"I think it hurts our team, it puts our team in bad situations, and I never want to be that guy," Mariota said. "I just want to continue to make plays, give guys around me the opportunity to make plays. I've just got to get better and not allow those types of things to hurt our team."

**LEFT TACKLE TURNSTILE:** The Texans will be starting a different left tackle with Chris Clark now on IR. The Texans have started four left tackles this season, including Duane Brown getting one start before being traded to Seattle.

# Hoffman builds 5-shot lead as Woods fades in Bahamas

**By Doug Ferguson**
*Associated Press*

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods fell behind early and never recovered. Charley Hoffman pulled away late and made himself hard to beat.

Hoffman handled the blustery conditions Saturday in the Hero World Challenge for a 2-under 70, one of only five rounds under par, and built a five-shot lead going into the final round at Albany Golf Club.

Woods went 11 consecutive holes without hitting a green in regulation. He went 14 holes until making his first birdie. He had to settle for a 75, leaving him 10 shots out of the lead and finding consolation in the way he feels and the way he fought to keep it from getting worse.

"It's nice to be part of the fight again," Woods said. "Fighting against the golf course, fighting against the guys, that's fun. I just haven't done it a whole lot in the last few years."

The strong wind took the air out of any hopes that Woods, playing for the first time in 10 months following a fourth back surgery, might even get into contention in his celebrated return. He opened with rounds of 69-68. Those two rounds were enough for his odds of winning the Masters to plunge to 15-1, the same as Rickie Fowler and Jon Rahm. And then a warm afternoon brought a cold dash of reality.

Woods opened with four bogeys in seven holes. He played four par 5s without having a birdie putt on any of them. And when he finally made a birdie, Woods removed his cap to acknowledge the crowd and held up a finger to indicate his first birdie.

*Dante Carrer/Associated Press*

Tiger Woods watches his ball fly after driving from hole 17 during the Hero World Challenge golf tournament at Albany Golf Club in Nassau, Bahamas on Thursday.

"It's ridiculous it took me 14 holes to make a birdie," Woods said. "At that time, I'd already played four par 5s and nothing happened. Just one of those days. Anything I did right ended up in a bad spot, and then everything I did wrong, it was really bad."

It was tough on everyone.

No one in the 18-man field broke 70.

Hoffman had a few nervous moments but paid for it only once. He send his tee shot far right into the bushes on a sand dune right of the 10th fairway. He took a penalty drop onto a sandy path and wound up with a double bogey that brought a half-dozen players back into the mix.

But not for long.

Hoffman closed with three birdies over his last five holes, including the 18th hole for the second straight day. That put him at 14-under 202.

Justin Rose, an Albany resident, had a 71 and joined British Open champion Jordan Spieth (72) at 9-under 207.

"I got lucky on some tee balls that didn't find the bushes and stayed in the sandy areas and I was able to sort of scrap it around," Hoffman said. "I'm going to have to handle my nerves a little better than I did today."

Woods was under pressure early. In his previous two rounds, he was under par early in the round. This one started with a tee shot into the waste area, an approach the wind knocked down short of the green and a chip that was too strong, running 10 feet by and leading to a bogey.

Even his good shots didn't work out for him. Woods blistered a 3-wood from 278 yards into the wind and saw it run through the green into a tough lie. His chip didn't reach the green. His next chip ran 6 feet by the hole and he missed the par putt.

He bogeyed the next par 5 when he didn't play for a flyer out of the rough, went well long and was left in such a tough spot that he played away from the flag and his pitch went through the green to the fringe.

He already was 5 over for his round through 10 holes, and he did well not to drop any more shots until he made a pair of birdies late.

Woods began his round by giving a hug to his 10-year-old daughter and 8-year-old son, who flew over from Florida. Even after a 75, he still managed to look at the big picture. He was hitting the ball well, his back felt strong and he at least feels as though he can contend.

"I think overall, I'm very happy with what's going on this week," Woods said. "There were a lot of questions that I had — I'm sure you guys have had — and I feel like I've come out on a good side."

But he made it clear he had fewer questions about his performance than the public.

"I knew how I was playing at home," he said. "I knew how I was hitting shots. I knew what was going on. Obviously, the very intelligent people out there didn't know."

This is the second straight year the 54-hole leader has built a cushion. Hideki Matsuyama led by seven shots last year and held on to beat Henrik Stenson.

It would be a great way for Hoffman to cap off a peculiar year. He hasn't won a tournament since the Texas Open in May 2016, but he was in the mix at the Masters and the U.S. Open and played on his first Presidents Cup team.

"To have a chance to win this great tournament, hopefully I can knock it off," Hoffman said.

## GOLF SCORES

**Hero World Challenge Scores**
**Saturday**
**At Albany Golf Club**
**Nassau, Bahamas**
**Purse: $3.5 million**
**Yardage: 7,209; Par: 72**
**Third Round**

| | |
|---|---|
| Charley Hoffman | 69-63-70—202 |
| Justin Rose | 68-68-71—207 |
| Jordan Spieth | 68-67-72—207 |
| Francesco Molinari | 69-68-71—208 |
| Rickie Fowler | 67-70-72—209 |
| Patrick Reed | 72-66-71—209 |
| Matt Kuchar | 67-70-72—209 |
| Hideki Matsuyama | 71-66-72—209 |
| Tommy Fleetwood | 66-69-74—209 |
| Kevin Chappell | 68-70-74—212 |
| Tiger Woods | 69-68-75—212 |
| Justin Thomas | 69-70-74—213 |
| Alex Noren | 73-69-74—216 |
| Dustin Johnson | 68-72-76—216 |
| Kevin Kisner | 70-72-75—217 |
| Daniel Berger | 75-73-70—218 |
| Henrik Stenson | 70-71-77—218 |
| Brooks Koepka | 71-78-72—221 |

**Australian PGA Scores**
**Saturday**
**At RACV Royal Pines Resort**
**Gold Coast, Australia**
**Purse: $1.14 million**
**Yardage: 7,384; Par: 72**
**Third Round**

| | |
|---|---|
| Jordan Zunic, Australia | 66-69-64—199 |
| Cameron Smith, Australia | 68-67-67—202 |
| Adam Bland, Australia | 66-68-71—203 |
| David Brandstin, Australia | 69-71-66—206 |
| Marc Leishman, Australia | 67-65-74—206 |
| Greg Chalmers, Australia | 68-66-73—207 |
| Sergio Garcia, Spain | 67-71-70—208 |
| Jack Wilson, Australia | 71-70-68—209 |
| Lucas Herbert, Australia | 68-73-68—209 |
| Jake McLeod, Australia | 72-71-67—210 |
| Rod Pampling, Australia | 70-72-68—210 |
| Marcus Armitage, England | 74-68-68—210 |
| Sean Crocker, United States | 69-71-70—210 |
| Richard Green, Australia | 72-67-71—210 |
| Curtis Luck, Australia | 73-68-71—210 |
| Wade Ormsby, Australia | 71-67-72—210 |
| Joachim B. Hansen, Denmark | 68-69-73—210 |
| Harold Varner III, United States | 71-66-73—210 |
| Oliver Farr, Wales | 71-70-70—211 |
| Andrew Dodt, Australia | 71-70-70—211 |
| Hugo Leon, Chile | 72-71-69—212 |
| Jack Munro, Australia | 75-67-70—212 |
| Thomas Detry, Belgium | 71-68-73—212 |
| Daniel Nisbet, Australia | 67-72-73—212 |
| Peter Senior, Australia | 67-71-74—212 |
| Brett Rankin, Australia | 68-69-75—212 |
| Rhein Gibson, Australia | 68-67-77—212 |
| Ryan Haller, Australia | 70-72-71—213 |
| Travis Smyth, Australia | 69-73-71—213 |
| Mike Weir, Canada | 73-69-71—213 |
| Jason Scrivener, Australia | 72-70-71—213 |
| Ryan Fox, New Zealand | 75-67-71—213 |
| Adri Arnaus, Spain | 71-70-72—213 |
| Nathan Kimsey, England | 73-67-73—213 |
| Kramer Hickok, United States | 70-69-74—213 |
| Mark Brown, New Zealand | 69-73-72—214 |
| Nathan Holman, Australia | 72-67-75—214 |
| James Nitties, Australia | 68-69-77—214 |
| Taylor Macdonald, Australia | 71-72-72—215 |
| Jamie Arnold, Australia | 72-71-72—215 |
| Stephen Dartnall, Australia | 68-74-73—215 |
| Samuel Brazel, Australia | 72-70-73—215 |
| Junseok Lee, Australia | 72-70-73—215 |
| Michael Hendry, New Zealand | 70-72-73—215 |
| Rory Bourke, Australia | 69-72-74—215 |
| Matt Jones, Australia | 71-69-75—215 |
| Alexander Knappe, Germany | 72-71-73—216 |
| Jarryd Felton, Australia | 74-69-73—216 |
| Stuart Manley, Wales | 71-72-73—216 |
| Chase Koepka, United States | 73-69-74—216 |
| Josh Younger, Australia | 69-72-75—216 |
| Ryan Evans, England | 70-71-75—216 |
| Jack Singh Brar, England | 74-69-74—217 |
| Chris Hanson, England | 71-71-75—217 |
| Adrian Meronk, Poland | 70-71-76—217 |
| Jason Norris, Australia | 70-71-76—217 |
| Josh Geary, New Zealand | 69-71-77—217 |
| Dale Brandt-Richards, Australia | 69-74-75—218 |
| Damien Jordan, Australia | 73-70-75—218 |
| James Mackessack, Australia | 72-71-75—218 |
| Christopher Wood, Australia | 70-73-75—218 |
| Andrew Martin, Australia | 69-73-76—218 |
| Kim Koivu, Finland | 70-72-76—218 |
| Daniel Im, United States | 71-71-76—218 |
| Ben Eccles, Australia | 71-71-76—218 |
| Luo Xuewen, China | 71-69-78—218 |
| Birgir Hafthorsson, Iceland | 74-69-76—219 |
| Michael Long, New Zealand | 70-73-76—219 |
| Michael Wright, Australia | 67-76-76—219 |
| Daniel Fox, Australia | 76-67-76—219 |
| Lincoln Tighe, Australia | 72-70-77—219 |
| Matthew Millar, Australia | 73-68-79—220 |
| Michael Sim, Australia | 76-73-78—221 |
| Johan Edfors, Sweden | 74-69-78—221 |
| Samuel Eaves, Australia | 73-71-80—224 |

**Afrikaia Bank Mauritius Open Leading Scores**
**Saturday**
**At Heritage Golf Club**
**Bel Ombre, Mauritius**
**Purse: $1.10 million**
**Yardage: 6,987; Par: 71**
**Third Round**

| | |
|---|---|
| Arjun Atwal, India | 62-70-68—200 |
| Louis de Jager, South Africa | 66-67-67—200 |
| Dylan Frittelli, South Africa | 67-66-68—201 |
| Miguel Tabuena, Philippines | 66-68-67—201 |
| Jose-Filipe Lima, Portugal | 68-66-69—203 |
| Romain Langasque, France | 67-69-67—203 |
| Justin Walters, South Africa | 68-68-69—205 |
| Ricardo Gouveia, Portugal | 68-68-68—204 |
| Laurie Canter, England | 67-66-72—205 |
| Oliver Bekker, South Africa | 67-67-71—205 |
| Joel Stalter, France | 67-68-70—205 |
| Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa | 67-68-71—206 |
| Mark Williams, Zimbabwe | 69-66-71—206 |
| Darren Fichardt, South Africa | 70-66-70—206 |
| Matthieu Pavon, France | 69-68-69—206 |
| George Coetzee, South Africa | 67-71-68—206 |
| Shiv Kapur, India | 69-69-68—206 |
| Haydn Porteous, South Africa | 69-71-66—206 |
| Odine Strydom, South Africa | 71-69-66—206 |
| Doug McGuigan, South Africa | 69-71-66—206 |
| **Also** | |
| Casey O'Toole, United States | 68-72-68—208 |
| Paul Peterson, United States | 70-69-70—209 |
| Jason Knutzon, United States | 67-73-72—212 |
| Jann Todd, United States | 68-69-76—213 |
| Johannes Veerman, United States | 69-72-75—216 |

# Zunic has 8-under 64, takes 3rd-round lead at Australian PGA

*Associated Press*

GOLD COAST, Australia — Former New Zealand Open winner Jordan Zunic shot a course record-tying 8-under 64 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead after three rounds of the Australian PGA Championship.

Zunic needed birdies on his final two holes for a 59, but bogeyed the 17th and double-bogeyed the 18th. The course record was first set at Royal Pines by Australian Rhein Gibson in 2015.

"What two holes? I just think of 16 good holes, that's all I see in my mind," Zunic said when asked about his 3-over finish. "If you had told me that I was going to have 64 at the start of today, I would have taken it, that's for sure."

Zunic, who played the European Challenge Tour this year, twice found bunkers on the 17th, then three-putt the 18th.

"It was a shame what happened on the last two holes, but to be honest, I didn't even do much wrong," he said.

In 2013, while playing as an amateur in the United States, the Sydney-based Zunic suffered severe head injuries and blood loss as a passenger in a car crash. He won the New Zealand Open in 2015.

The 25-year-old Zunic, who was at 17-under 199, started the day three strokes behind co-leaders Marc Leishman and Adam Bland, but had seven front-nine birdies to move well into the lead. He had four birdies in a row before his bogey on 17.

Cameron Smith was in second place after a 67 with Bland a further stroke behind after a 71.

Leishman shot 74 and was tied for fourth, seven strokes behind. Masters champion Sergio Garcia, who was six strokes behind at the start of the day, drifted to nine out of the lead after a 70.

Garcia said he's tired after a year in which he won his first major at the Masters, was married and will become a father early next year.

"I am proud of myself because I feel like I'm going on fumes," Garcia said. "My head is not as sharp as it should be and I'm making stupid mistakes here and there. But other than that, I feel like I fought hard again today."

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What: Fall/winter league registration is currently ongoing.
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Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
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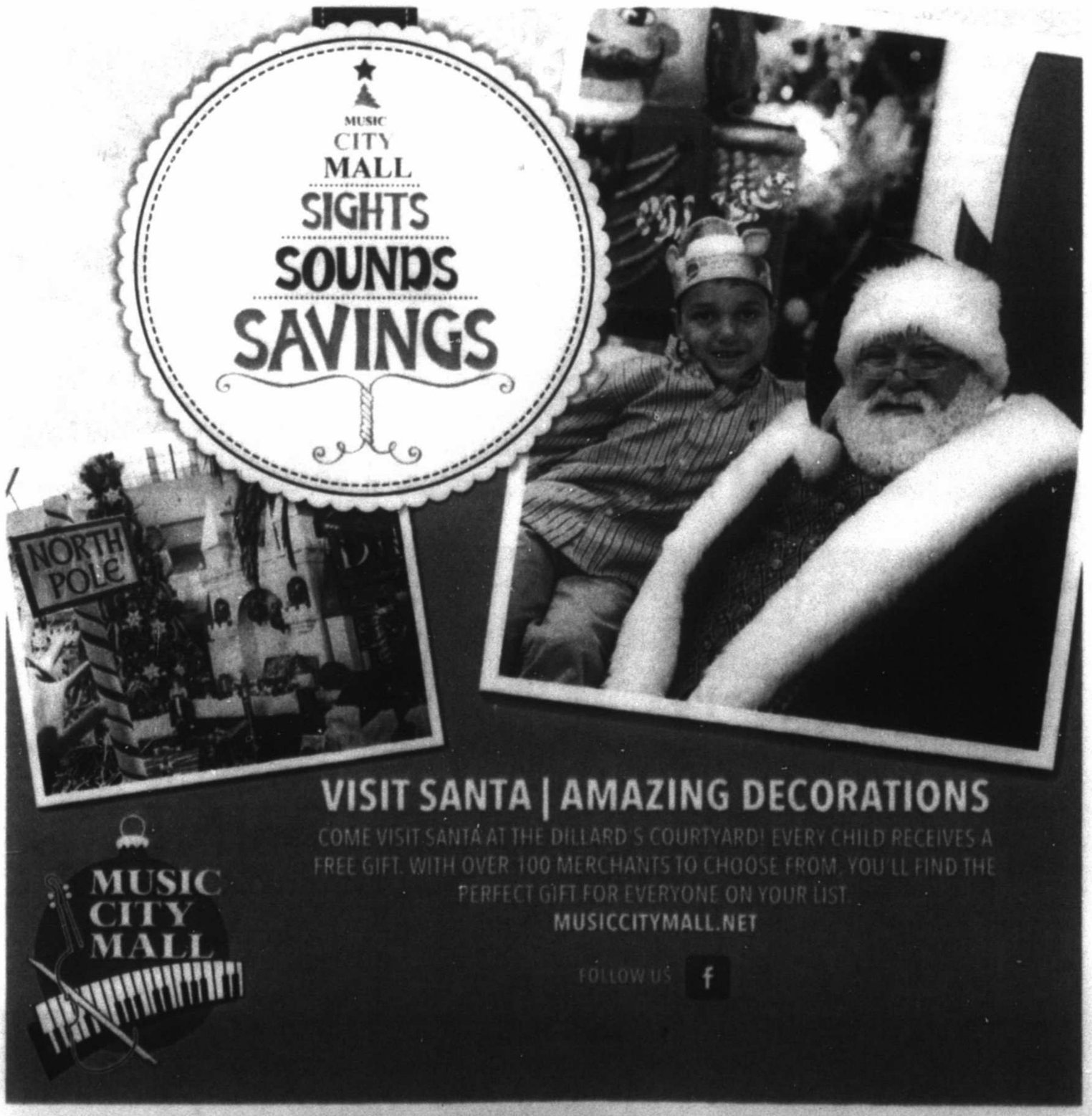

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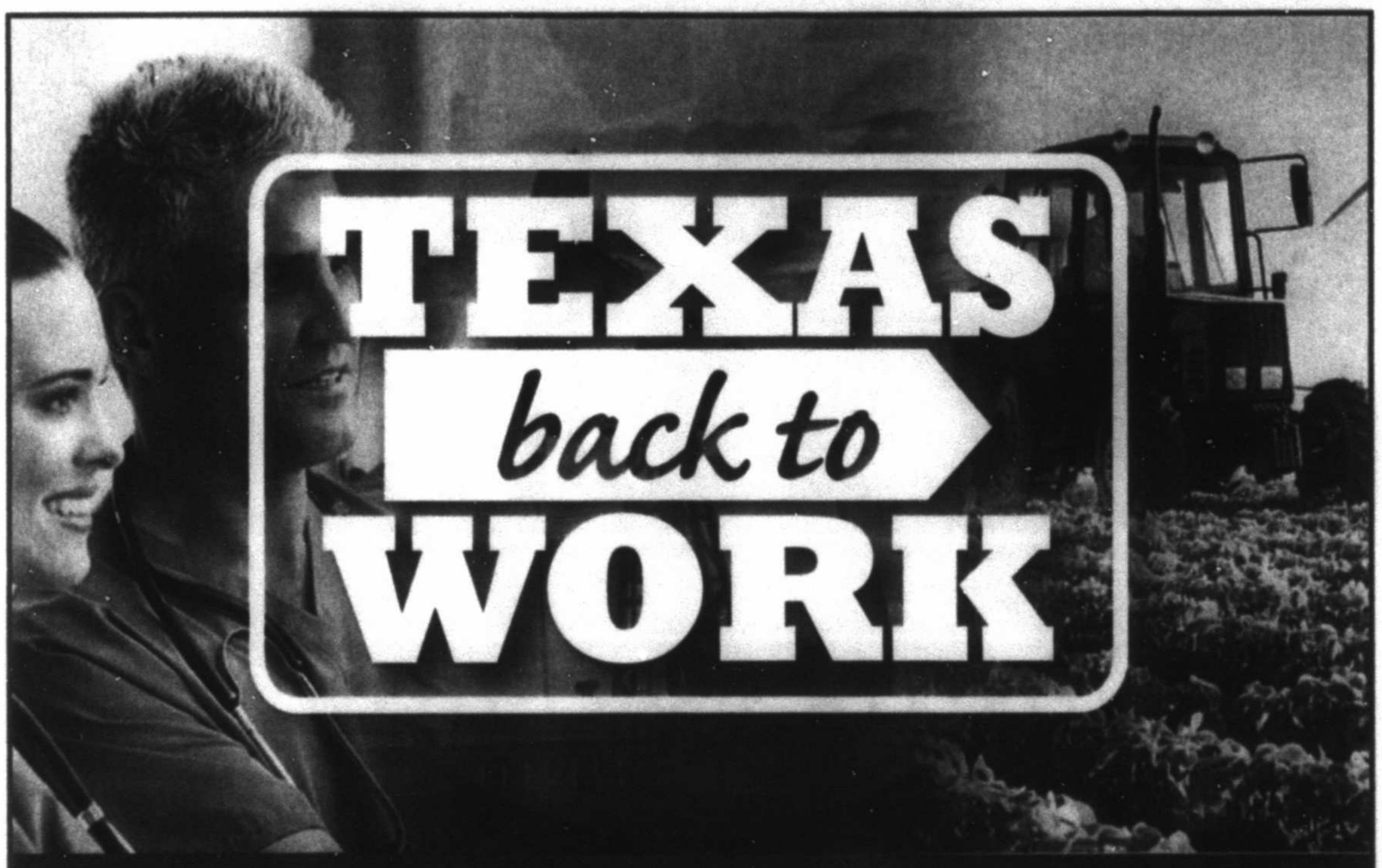


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You might be a seasoned, effective team leader who meets and exceeds goals and is detail-oriented. But it might not be such a good idea to describe yourself with those overused words on a resume.

Resume writing has a tendency to follow a set pattern of narrow, trendy vocabulary, but if you're not careful, your resume can end up using a lot of big words that don't really say anything about you.

To help your message cut through the clutter, here are some tips for avoiding resume writing jargon.

**Use natural language**

The business world has a habit of overusing some words to the point that they become meaningless.

Instead of filling your résumé with popular buzzwords — "actionable," "outside the box," "synergy" and the like — set yourself apart by writing in a clear, concise, easily understandable tone.

You want to tout your specific accomplishments that will make you stand out from other job applicants. Use exact numbers and figures where possible, and use your resume as a chance to tell brief but engaging stories about what skills you can bring to the organization.

Instead of simply calling yourself "detail-oriented," give a specific example that proves it.

**Focus on action**

Unless you're applying to be an English professor, your employer probably doesn't care about your vocabulary. Your résumé and job interview should put the spotlight on what you have accomplished, not the big, flowery words you may have learned along the way.

Think about the things you've done in previous jobs. What are you most proud of? Use your resume to tell about things you've actually accomplished, which means going beyond merely describing yourself as the ideal job candidate.

**Read it out loud**

If you're not sure about the wording on your résumé, try reading it out loud.

If it doesn't sound natural when spoken, it's probably not going to leave a good impression with your future boss.

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**11525 W Hwy 158, Gaines City**-20 acres of Ranch/Pasture land w/a 2,200 sq. ft. home- 4 bed, 3 bath, whole house generator.....$400,000
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***Angelica Tillman 432-853-1963***

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Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 #217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to Statewide Rule (SWR) 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from the following oil and gas leases: Gridiron S001MS, S001WA, S001WB, S002LS, S002MS, S002WA, S003LS, S017LS, S018WB, S017WB, S017WA and S018MS (RRC Identifier #45236), Line Drive A 1LS (RRC Identifier #46870) and Gridiron JV S000WA (RRC Identifier #826322). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for common storage, common separation and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to the P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

## Legal and Public Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., December 13, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 18000640

For: Phase I of the Dennis the Menace Park Renovation Project.

To receive a copy of the request for bids, please contact Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc. 1700 W. Wall, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 at 432-697-1447.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

## Legal and Public Notices

**Notice**

The City of Midland has prepared the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 program year. The CAPER describes the progress towards addressing needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing funds.

The CAPER may be examined at the following locations:

City Secretary's Office -- Room 330, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine
Casa de Amigos -- 1101 E. Garden Lane
City Housing Authority -- 700 W. Scharbauer Drive
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center -- 2300 Buttermut
Midland County Branch Library -- 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
Midland County Housing Authority -- 1710 Edwards
Midland County Public Library -- 301 W. Missouri
Midland Senior Center -- 3303 W. Illinois Space #18
SE Community Senior Center -- 1803 E. Indiana

A summary of the CAPER may be viewed at www.midlandtexas.gov. Please direct any written comments to Community Development Office, PO Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, by December 11, 2016. The final report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by December 30, 2017 and will be available at the City Secretary's Office.

FAIR HOUSING is the Law. To report housing discrimination, call 1-800-669-9777 or visit the web at www.hud.gov.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Pursuant to the Decree and Order for Partition by Public Sale entered in Cause No. 7 I 04 in the I I 8 t h District Court in Martin County, Texas, the following property will be sold by public auction:

THE SURFACE ONLY OF SECTION 43, BLOCK 37, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 233, MARTIN COUNTY, TEXAS, CONTAINING 640.81 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Such sale will be for cash, which may also be in the form of certified funds. The public auction will take place in front of the northeast corner of the Martin County Courthouse on the 2nd day of January, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and I0:30 a.m.

For information about the property, please contact Brent Preston at (806) 470-0464.

## General Announcement

Thank You! Jesus! Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

## Autos For Sale-Lease

## Passenger Cars

2001 TOYOTA Avalon, White. Has engine replacement, new tune up, new car stereo, new tires and rims. Must see! $4,500. 432-349-0041.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

## Passenger Cars

2009 HONDA Accord EXL- gray / leather / brand new tires / great condition. 108K miles, runs great. $7,950.00 Call (432) 689-2255

LINCOLN 2009 Towncar. Signature Limited LTD. 74K miles, excellent condition. See at 4304 Lanhan Street. Call 575-937-4242

## Antique and Vintage

1965 SHELBY Cobra Replica. 1500 miles, custom built small block 427, 528 HP, 5 speed Tremec transmission. $45,000.00 (432) 661-0233.

## Pickup Trucks

FORD 2006 F250, 5.4 Triton Crewcab, 8' bed, new Michelins, 2 work boxes. $8,750. Call Between 7am-3pm Mon.-Fri. 432-230-1859

GMC 1999 Sierra 1500, 4wd, extended cab. 154k miles, black exterior, beige camo interior, grill guard, off road tires, toolbox. $4,500. 432-697-3767 or 432-853-9562

## 4WD and SUV

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND 5.7 HEMI V8 4WD. LOADED. 30,000 miles. $24,300. 575-365-4600

Classified CAN 682-8222

## 4WD and SUV

2015 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT S 4X4, mint condition, clean carfax, white w/ black appearance group by Mopar w/ black 3 piece hard top. 41,000 mi., $29,900. 432-889-8337.

JEEP 2001 Grand Cherokee, white, engine replaced, must see. AC & heater works. Asking $5,000. 432-349-0041

ORIGINAL PRICE $69,900, now priced $8,995! 1999 Lexus LX470 SUV, black, garage kept, regularly serviced. Call after 5pm 432-682-6139

## Specialty Vehicles

74 VOLTSWAGON timegreen with engine that vehicle came out of. Runs good. 30 gallon beer keg gas tank. 432-816-7256.

## Watercraft

2008 SUN Tracker Bass Buggy 18 with 50 HP motor for sale. Includes boat cover and trolling motor. We are asking $11,500. Call or text to 432-934-1109.

## Recreation Vehicles

2007 SILVERBACK BY CEDARCREEK 32 FT SLIDEOUT ,FIBERGLASS SELF CONTAINED FIBERGLASS, LOADED MUST SELL $10,500 432-413-0394

2015 WINDJAMMER travel trailer by Forest River, 3025W, loaded, 2 AC's, diamond package, all fiberglass. 432-878-8085

## Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

## Yard - Garage Sales

79701

1210 W. GOLF COURSE RD. Huge indoor moving sale! Saturday & Sunday 12/2 & 12/3 8-6. Bear & toy collectibles, teacher resources, Marcrest stoneware, anchor hawking, green bubblefoot glassware, Sango Arcadia pink roses china, royal memory lane dishes, some furniture, king size bed, waterbed frame, computer desk, riding lawnmower & much more!

## Misc Sales

Very negotiable whole house of furniture. Must sell! 432-563-5888

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## Appliances

WHIRLPOOL DISHWASHER $150, Whirlpool over the stove microwave $125. Whirlpool electric stove $200, GE side by side refrigerator $450 and Hoover steam cleaner $50. Call 432-413-2751

OAK, PECAN, hickory, mesquite, pinon. 432-209-0416 or 325-762-4262

## Pets-Animals

## Dogs

Male rotweiler mix w/long tail. Found in Emerson/Goddard area 11/21. 432-697-1183

Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

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## Legal and Public Notices

**MIDLAND SELF STORAGE**

Sale is December 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. at 3600 N. Big Spring. Goods will be sold as a live bid for cash. Property includes contents of spaces for the following tenants:

Kim Yancy- Miscellaneous Furniture, house hold items.
Mae Brackens- Lamps, Miscellaneous house hold items.
Manuel Ortega- couch, mini bike, miscellaneous house hold items.
Rene Garcia- Carpet/rugs, dishwasher, miscellaneous house hold items, mini trampoline.
Forest Randall- Crib, Miscellaneous baby items, miscellaneous furniture.
Chanita Macklin- Miscellaneous house hold items, miscellaneous furniture.
Beatrice Sanchez- Lawn chairs, clothes, miscellaneous items.
Roger Primera- Jackets, Miscellaneous items.
Karen Pagan- Miscellaneous house hold items.
Larry Givens- Miscellaneous Lawn equipment and tools

## Auctions

**SHORT NOTICE COMPLETE LIQUIDATION RETIREMENT AUCTION**

~Tractor Ranch, Inc.~

Late Model Cat, John Deere, Case, Kubota Construction & Utility Equipment, Complete Shop Tools & Real Estate

MON., DEC. 11TH @ 9:00 AM SHARP
CANTON (Wills Point), TX

**22489 I-20, Wills Point, TX 75169 (50 miles from Dallas)**

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: 21-Crawler Tractors:** JD 850C, (2)JD 750J, 2007-(2)2006 JD 700JLGP, 2008 JD 650JLGP, 2007-2006-2005 JD 650JXLT, 2010 Cat D5KLGP, Cat D5NLGP; **17-Excavators:** Cat 330DL, Cat 320CL, 2010-2008 JD 120D, 2010 Bobcat 324, **7-Loaders:** Case 821E, Case 821C, 2012 JD 544K, **8-Motor Graders:** Cat 140G, Cat 120G, JD 770BH, **6-Crawler Loaders:** (2)Cat 963C, **43-Backhoes:** 2012-2011-2010 Case 580N, (3)2010 JD 310J, (2)2005 JD 310G, (3)Cat 420D, **5-Vibratory Rollers, 19-Rubber Tracked Skid Steers, 11-Skid Steers, 7-Trenchers, 6-Telescopic Forklifts, 2-Boom Lifts, 2-Air Compressors, 4-Commercial Mowers, 2-Loader Landscape Tractors, 7-Tractor Loaders, 7-Utility Tractors:** JD 5325, **Wood Chipper, Sweeper, 3-Dump Trucks:** (3)2013 Mack GU813, **63-Attachments:** (47)Skid Steer, **Large Shop Of Everything You Can Imagine.**

**20 ACRES OF PRIME REAL ESTATE:** Located on I-20 between Dallas and Tyler in Canton, Texas. All pipe fence, and over 18,000 square feet under roof of offices, shops, awnings, etc. • 60x80 Office and Shop Bldg. • 100x85 Shop Warehouse • 30x30 Bldg. • 1,750 Square Foot Office and Storage Bldg. • 3,500 Square Foot Rock Office Bldg. • 25x65 Covered Parking.

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Frank Roberts - Rollins Realty Lic: 0636424

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## Auctions

**VERY LATE MODEL RENTAL EQUIPMENT AUCTION**

~UNITED RENTALS~

John Deere(Up to 2016), Cat(Up to 2015), Komatsu(Up to 2014), Earthmoving Equipment, Forklifts, Skid Steers, Aerials, Truck Tractors

TUES., DEC. 12TH @ 11:00 AM
DALLAS (FT. WORTH), TX

**10280 Hicks Field Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76179**

**HILITES INCLUDE: 5-Motor Graders:** 2012-(2)2011-2010 JD 772(6x6), **10-Crawler Tractors:** 2012 Cat D6NLGP, 2014-2012 JD 850KWT, 2016-2014 JD 700KLGP, (2)2014 Komatsu D61PX, **11-Loaders:** 2016-(2)2015-2013 JD 624K, 2016-(3)2015 JD 544K, **10-Excavators:** 2015 Cat 320RR, (2)2014 Cat 320ELRR, 2014 Cat 320EL, 2014 Cat 312EL, **Backhoes:** JD 310J(4x4), **Soil Stabilizer:** Cat RM250C, **10-Skid Steers:** 2015-2014 JD 323E, (2)2012 Bobcat S175 **Trencher, 2-Telescopics:** JLG G12-55A, **5-Boom Lifts, 7-Air Compressors:** (4) Atlas Copco XAS375JD6, **8-Welders, 5-Light Plants, Forestry Equipment, 2-Truck Tractors, 2-Dump Trucks, Tagalongs, Party Rental Supplies, 29-Attachments:** (23) Skid Steer, **67-Row Support.**

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## Miscellaneous For Sale

**FREON 12 WANTED**
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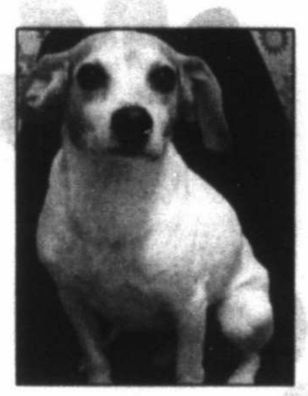
# ADOPTION SPECIAL

**Must be 21 to adopt.**



Abram
M - Beagle Mix - 7y2m

Art
M - Shepherd Mix - 3y

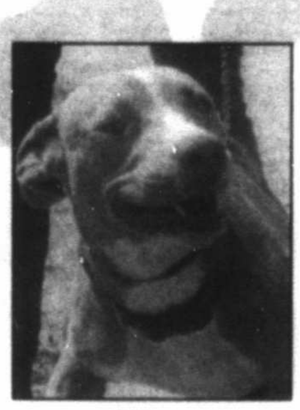
Batgirl
F - Pitty Mix - 7y1m

Branson
M - Shepherd Mix - 17w
(must live in Midland)

Brooksy
F - Lab Mix - 10m

Cici
F - Chihuahua Mix
6y3m

Dawna
F - Chihuahua Mix
1y1m



Diana
F - Pitty Mix - 1y2m

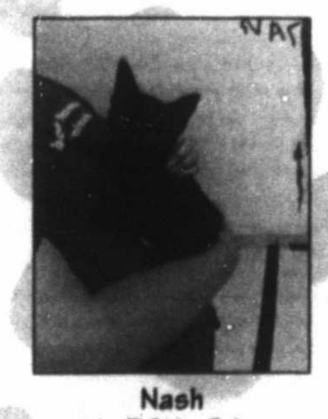
Kay
F - Rat Terrier Mix
11y8m

Leo
M - Yorkie Mix - 7y8m

Licorice
F - Lab Mix - 5y7m

Margarette
F - Lab Mix - 4y10m

Milo
M - Chihuahua Mix
2y5m



Nash
M - DSH - 21w
(Must live in Midland)

Noel
F - Australian Shepherd Mix
2y2m

Shin
M - Chihuahua Mix
5y3m

*Photography by Nina Noel

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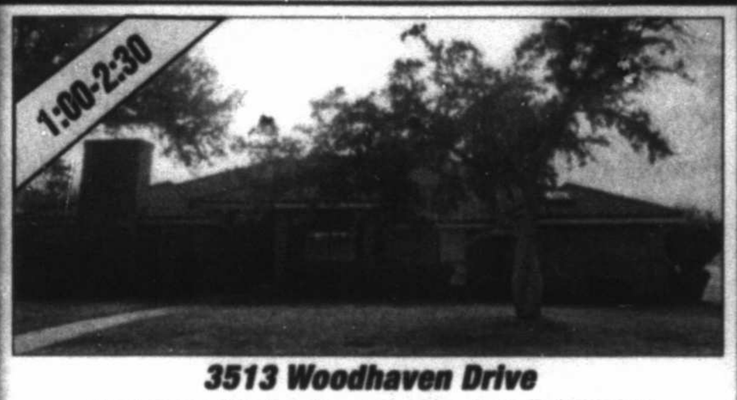
## OPEN HOUSE TODAY




**3513 Woodhaven Drive**
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $589,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

## Carrasco Homes

**5309 Balfour Court**
3 bedrooms, 3 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $435,000

## Ashington Homes

**5309 Dunraven Court**
4 bedrooms, 3 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $609,900

*"The holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."*
*~ Terri Marshall*

## RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4607 Rio Dr. | 3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/1 Car Garage | D/C |
| 1411 Custer Ave. | Odessa/3 Bdrm/? Ba | D/C |
| 3214 Sinclair Ave. | 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage | $224,900 |
| 1500 Navajo Drive | 4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 5516 Rio Grande Ave. | 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | $384,000 |
| 5907 Sabine Dr. | 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage | $388,000 |
| 2501 Princeton Ave. | 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 4500 Stonehigh Dr. | 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 5019 Wagner | 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 3513 Woodhaven Dr. | 4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage | $589,000 |
| 6100 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd. | 4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage | $969,000 |

NEW CONSTRUCTION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5305 Torrey Vista | Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 1302 Comsat Court | Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 5618 Casa Grande Trail | Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 4302 Saddle Ct. | Sanchez Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/1 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 5017 Cambo Road | Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 4301 San Pedro Ct. | Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 5309 Balfour Ct. | Carrasco Homes/5 Bdrm/5 Ba/3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 1309 Desert Rose | Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage | D/C |
| 5400 Stonebridge Dr. | Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 5302 Dunraven Ct. | Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | $499,900 |
| 7500 E. Co. Rd. 113 | Michael Davis Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | $543,210 |
| 5311 Balfour Ct. | Diamond Homes, 4 Bdrm/2 Ba, 3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 5309 Dunraven Ct. | Ashington Homes, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | D/C |
| 7209 E. Co. Rd. 114 | Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage | $549,500 |
| 7213 E. Co. Rd. 113 | Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage | $699,500 |

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

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|---|---|---|
| 2372 Co. Rd. 2031 | Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home | $136,500 |
| 2363 Co. Rd. 2031 | Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage | $149,000 |
| 6000 FM 307 | Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 12200 W. Co. Rd. 58 | 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2.5 Acres | $335,000 |
| 3708 E. Co. Rd. 1184 | 3 Bdrm/2 Full Ba/1 Half Ba/1 Carport | $379,000 |
| 13215 E. Co. Rd. 101 | Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage | SOLD |
| 13944 E. Goldenrod Drive | Gardendale/20.04 Acres | $419,000 |

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Co. Rd. 130 | 10,000 acres | $200,000 |
| 43 East Industrial Loop | 4900 Sq. Ft./1.75 Acres | $525,000 |
| 302 S. Marienfeld | 11,000 Sq. Ft. | $750,000 |

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SE Co. Rd. 3091 | Andrews/10 acres | $80,000 |
| 1000 E. Co. Rd. B 3001 | Stanton/10 Acres | $136,000 |
| 1401 HWY 176 | Big Spring/20 Acres | $195,000 |
| W. Co. Rd. 2300 | Stanton/10 acres | $300,000 |
| E. Co. Rd. 2300 | Stanton/11.04 acres | $220,000 |
| 0 E. Co. Rd. B 3001 | Stanton/61.70 Acres | $211,300 |
| 136 Archer Dr. | Alto, 4BR/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/2 Car Garage | $480,000 |

## FEATURED PROPERTIES

**3214 Sinclair Avenue**
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $224,900

**12200 W. Co. Rd. 58**
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2.5 acres, priced @ $335,000

**5907 Sabine Drive**
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $388,000

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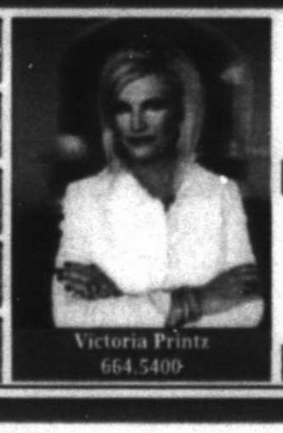

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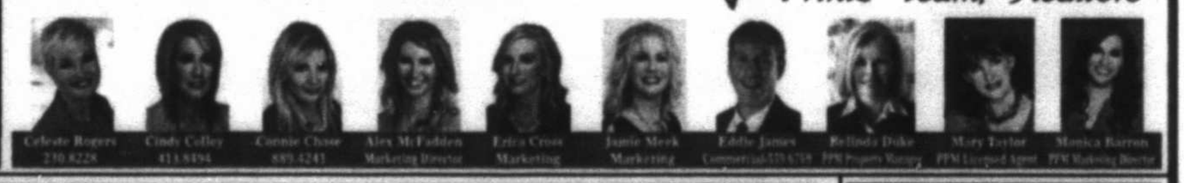

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## OPEN HOUSE

5812 Oak Creek Drive ..... OPEN TODAY 1:30-2:30

## 4+ BEDROOMS

6312 Edinburgh Drive-Magnificent mansion on 2.5 acres(7400 sqft)- Totally updated! 4 bed/4 full bath-3 half bath/6 living/5 fireplaces & dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & bar on lushly landscaped grounds! No detail left undone! Hardwoods, soaring ceilings & winding staircase! ..... $995,000

2513 Homeland Dr.-Stunning home completed in 2017 w/dazzling pool on landscaped corner! 5 bed/3.5 bath/4 living (great room, formal, media, study)+ 2 study areas w/ built-in desks! Oversized 4 car gar w/living space! Patio w/fireplace! ..... $910,000

13201 ECR 116-Stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 living (great, game, study, upstairs loft)/5 gar home w/workshop on 1.8 acres in gated community! Irrigated, fenced, grounds w/enormous patio w/living area & fireplace! Triple side-entry garage! ..... $845,000

6810 Inland Cir.-Fabulous location on the lake in Green Tree North (.625 acre lot)! 2-story home w/ 5 bedrooms/4.5 bath/4 living (formal, great room, study, game room)/2 dining/5 car garage! 2 fireplaces! Lg. back patio & pergola! ..... $825,000

4310 Coyote Trail-Absolutely fabulous home on 3.33 Acres---country living with convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 bath/3 dining/4 living (great room, media room, formal living, study)/3 car gar-&-a-half+ing in workshop (1225 sqft) w/1 gar door & rv parking! Fantastic swim spa recently added! ..... $700,000

800 Crested Butte Ct.-Spectacular custom 4 bed/4.5 bath/3 living (media, great, formal) or 5 bed (media has closet)/4 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/huge island, stainless appli, gas cooktop, ice maker & granite thru-out! Lovely landscaped! ..... $749,000

7004 Calico Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/5 living (great room, formal, game/media room, study, sunroom)/2 dining/4 car garage home w/ dazzling pool & high brick privacy fence! 2 fireplaces, built-ins, gourmet kitchen w/ granite! ..... $639,900

10210 SCR 1210-Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hanger, office & living accommodations! 50x70 hanger w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/6 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop! ..... $569,500

2501 NCR 1270-Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 bath/2 living/2 dining home w/1 gar & RV hookup on 1.24 acres in lovely Estrada Estates! Granite thru-out, gourmet kitchen w/ top stainless appl! Private backyard that extends beyond fencing! ..... $489,900

5812 Oak Creek Dr-Stunning 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 living (game & great room) w/totally updated (2017) gourmet kitchen w/granite, tile garnished cabinets, island & stainless appl! Lovely landscaped grounds (low maint front)-great backyard! ..... $415,900

4004 Crestwood Ave.-Spectacular find! Huge 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 dining area, 2 living area (din, game) home w/dazzling pool! Very spacious bed, closets & lg. living areas! Super low maint. backyard & lovely landscaped front yard! ..... $379,000

2500 N Garfield St.-Executive style townhouse w/ 3 bed (downstairs master w/ 2 baths)/4.5 baths/2 living areas (great room/upstairs study)/2 dining/wet bar/2 fireplaces & 3 car gar! Low maint front courtyard & pool/hot tub & cabana area in back! ..... $375,000

1804 N Main St.-Beautiful custom built home! 5 bed/3 bath/2 living (formal, great room) w/ 6 car parking pad! Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings & recessed lighting! Guest quarters w/full kitchen & bath! Lg. backyard w/ covered patio! ..... $360,000

## 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

6311 Wimberley Spring Court-Beautiful 3 bed/2.5 bath plus office/study w/ oversized 2 car gar in Greenhouse! Spacious open concept w/tile flooring & granite thru-out! Covered porch, storage shed & rv pad in backyard! ..... $410,000

2302 Haynes Dr.-Incredible find- fantastic price! Superbly updated 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 living/2 car gar low maint townhouse w/lovely (small) landscaped backyard! Master suite is huge- 2 full baths & 2 walk-in closets! ..... $275,000

2302 Shandon Avenue - Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 full baths/2 living areas/2 dining & 2 car garage home! Spacious open floor plan w/windows & plantation shutters! Beautiful back yard with enclosed a/c & heated patio! A 224 sq.foot a/c workshop & storage! ..... $257,000

1309 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! ..... $230,000

1315 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! ..... $219,900

1312 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! ..... $219,900

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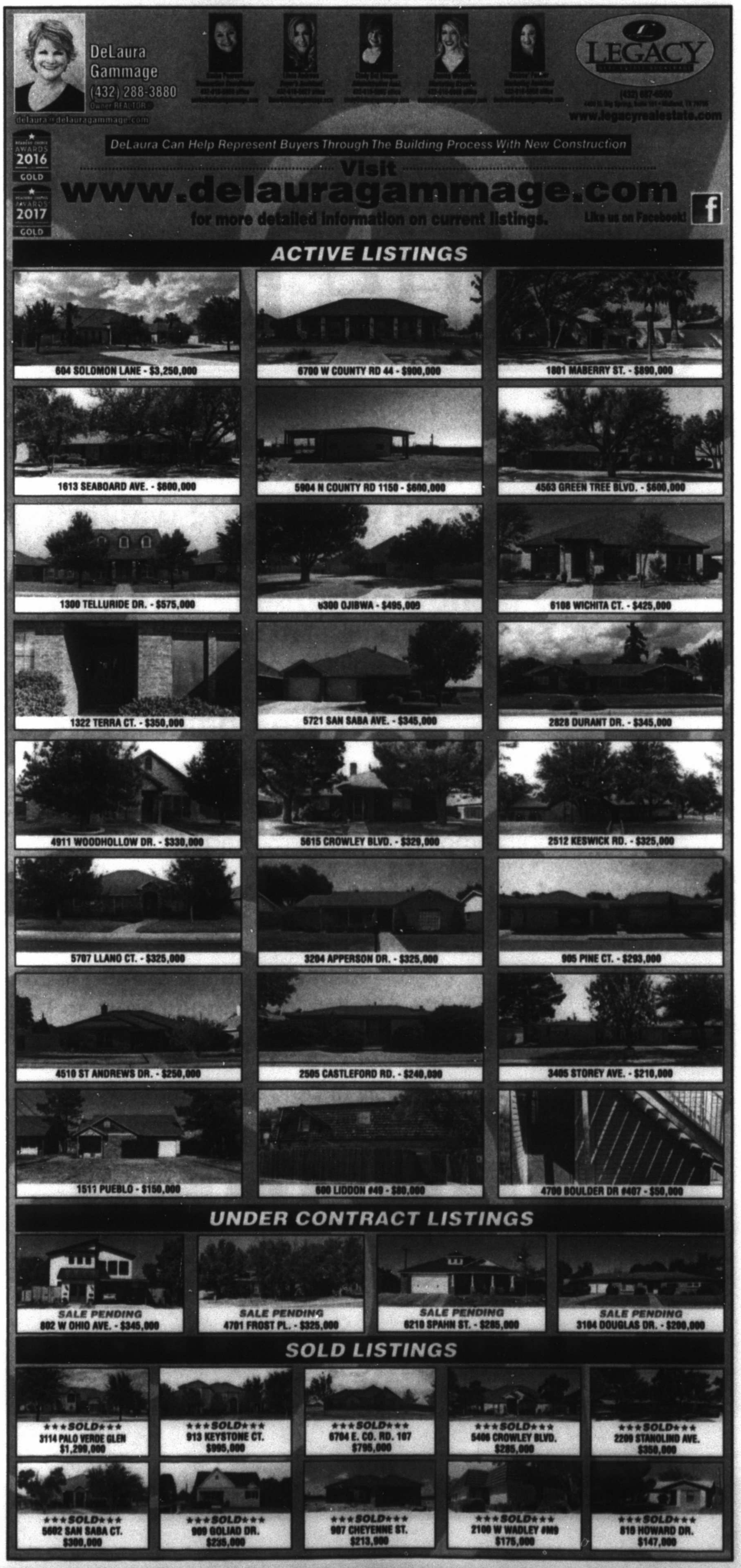
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## Using Home Equity

Many Americans have significant equity in their homes, especially if they purchased many years ago and have not previously taken cash out via a refinance. In previous years, many Americans have fallen behind on their financial plans and the slow recovery has put many of us in catch up mode. The good news is that this equity can help you with the recovery process. Keep in mind that all numbers presented in this article are examples only and are not intended to represent your financial situation.

Let's say that you have purchased your home for $200,000 and procured a mortgage for $170,000. Ten years later the home is worth $300,000 and your mortgage is now $130,000. You now have $170,000 in equity, up from $30,000. What should you do with this money? Here are a few options:

***Consolidate other debts.*** While your house was rising in value, chances are your other living expenses were probably rising as well. Let us say that your house payment is $2,000 per month including taxes and insurance. You have another $1,500 per month in bills on a total of $40,000 of revolving debt. If you either refinanced into a new mortgage or applied for a second mortgage, your payments could be reduced from $1,500 to approximately $300. In other words, your total monthly obligations would be reduced from $3,500 to $2,300 or 30.0%! This analysis does not include the potential tax deductibility of the new payment.

One caution regarding this financial strategy. In this fictitious example, you are likely spreading your debt over 30 years instead of from four to seven years. In other words, there is short-term gain but also a long-term cost. This cost can be offset by reducing the savings somewhat and moving to a 20-year mortgage. In essence what you would be doing is taking some of the savings and putting it back into the pre-payment. Moving into a 15-year mortgage would have even more long-term benefit.

***Re-investment of the equity.*** You could use the equity for investment. Right now, all the equity is invested in one place. What are other possibilities?

***Start or fully fund a retirement plan.*** Many Americans have a lot of equity in their home but do not have the money to fund their retirement plan. There is only one tax break in the IRS code which rivals owning a home and that is contributions to a retirement plan. You should work with a financial planner to look at this possible solution and your loan officer might be able to recommend someone if you don't already have one.

***Re-leverage the equity.*** You could purchase another investment such as stocks, a business or even another home. We call this re-leveraging and this puts more of your money to use. For example, if you removed $50,000 in equity and purchased a $200,000 investment property, you would now have the same amount of equity, but would own $500,000 in real estate instead of $300,000. Any cash-flow loss on the property may be tax deductible depending upon your income level and we recommend talking to your accountant about this.

If your $500,000 in real estate appreciated 5.0% each year, in ten years your gain would be almost $350,000, instead of just under $200,000 when you owned only your primary residence. We are not trying to predict the future. Many have speculated in real estate in the past few years, essentially flipping property. Our focus is long-term use of your money.

Is there another alternative? Yes, keep paying off your mortgage and building-up equity. If you have enough money to pay your debts off and fund other investments, the home continues to be a forced savings plan. Don't let anyone tell you that having money is a bad thing; however, it never hurts to explore the possibilities of doing even better things with your money.

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## What Are Lenders Looking For?

Before you begin your home search, it's important to begin your home loan search. Unless you're able to buy outright, how you finance your home will be just as important – if not more important—than finding the home itself. But what are lenders looking for when considering you as a loan candidate? Below is a breakdown.

Steady Employment

A solid, dependable income is No. 1 on the list for most lenders. When you apply for a loan, long, steady employment is always seen as a plus.

Sizable Down Payment

In addition to steady income, having enough savings for a nice down payment is always helpful. Also important is a history of regular savings; the lender wants to make sure you're smart with your assets.

Credit, Credit, Credit

Speaking of being smart with your assets, consider the importance of a solid credit stance. A good credit rating is vital for a good home loan.

Consider, too, that credit you have qualified for—say, credit cards—can work against you, even if never used. This is because those credit cards are looked upon as being open credit lines—and while they have not been used, they could be used, and potentially used up to the maximum dollar amount allowed by the credit card companies. As a result, their perceived risk lowers your credit, or FICO, score.

Now that we know what lenders like to see, what will ultimately give them cold feet? Not so good in the lender's mind: frequent job changes without salary increases, self-employment in a new venture, bad debt history, no previous borrowing record, and dilapidated property.

If you have less-than-stellar credit or a weak down payment, do not be discouraged. These are standard lender pre-dispositions when evaluating your application, but when it comes to making a loan decision, most lenders will tell you nothing is completely carved in stone.

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1291 S. CO. RD. 1151...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #50010162 ... SALE PENDING
200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON...Michelle Leskar 230-3633 ... MLS #50007763 ... $385,000
1013 MCCALL, ODESSA...Ashley St. John ... MLS #50010065 ... $299,900
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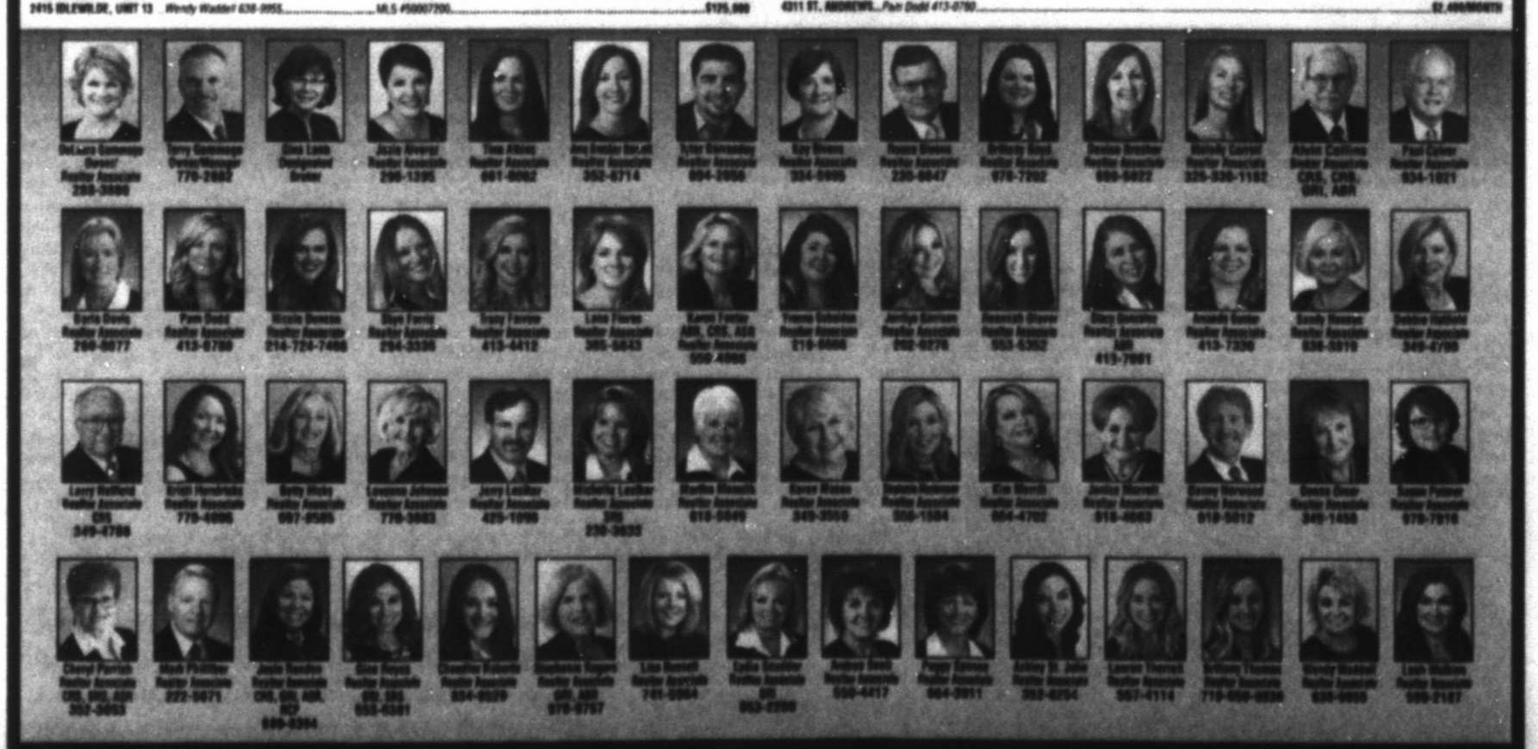

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# Balloon rides, natural wonders, Georgia O'Keeffe

Courtesy photo

Albuquerque's historic Old Town is a shopping and cultural destination with more than 100 shops, galleries and restaurants as well as five museums.

**By Amir Bibawy**
*Associated Press*

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — Away from bustling Santa Fe and quirky Albuquerque, New Mexico offers stunning natural wonders, wide expanses of desert and mountains, and clear skies that guarantee endless days of sightseeing and outdoor fun.

On a recent trip, I got to experience all that, plus delicious food, a rodeo and a hot-air balloon ride.

## Tamaya

I based myself at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa, which is part of the Santa Ana Pueblo, a tribal settlement about a half-hour drive north of Albuquerque and an hour from Santa Fe. It's a luxury resort with all the amenities, plus regional cuisine and adobe-style architecture.

Tamaya is a convenient base for day trips. But you can also find a lot to do right there. The nearby Stables at Tamaya rescues and rehabilitates horses and other animals, even pigs and chickens, and also offers horseback riding excursions several times a day. A weekly rodeo show includes barrel racing and steer tying. For little kids, there's a hobby horse race that elicits shrieks of encouragement from the adults.

Carnivores will appreciate the delicate taste of New Mexico's grass-fed beef. I went back three times to Tamaya's Corn Maiden restaurant because of its rib-eye steak.

## Volcanic landscapes

Millions of years ago, volcanic eruptions left a landscape of cone-shaped white rocks that look like something out of a sci-fi epic. This is Tent Rocks National Monument. You can hike one of two trails here. The more difficult trail takes you along a canyon, then climbs steeply to a mesa with views of the surrounding valleys and mountains. (Mesa is the Spanish word for table, used to describe a hill with a flat top.) The hike takes 90 minutes to two hours up and back to the park entrance.

Thirty miles away, another volcanic eruption created a 13-mile-wide circular depression known as the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Its forests, grassland valleys and mountain meadows offer a stark contrast to the surrounding desert. The park's 11,000-foot elevation means lower temperatures than elsewhere in the region. Whether you hike or drive in the park, look for wildlife, including elk, coyotes, golden eagles and the odd black bear.

Take double (if not triple) the amount of water you think you'll need for a hike, and dress appropriately. Fall elk hunting season runs through Dec. 6 in certain parts of the park; visitors are advised to wear bright colors outside the no-hunting zones.

## Cities

I preferred New Mexico's serene desert and natural wonders to its cities, but visitors will find a lot to do in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Albuquerque's historic Old Town is lined with souvenir shops and adobe architecture. Its centerpiece is the 18th century San Felipe de Neri Church.

Across from the University of New Mexico campus is Albuquerque's most famous eatery, the Frontier. The cafeteria-style menu offers diner basics — eggs, burgers and sandwiches — plus Mexican and New Mexican classics, from burritos to green chile stew. But go for the eclectic ambience — locals, students, tourists, Western and Native decor — more than for the food.

Don't miss the ride up the Sandia Peak Tramway at dusk. The 2.7-mile trip will take you more than 10,000 feet above the Rio Grande Valley. The colors of the valley turn from shades of yellow and orange to spectacular red and violet before darkness settles and the whole valley dissolves in the evening lights.

Hot-air ballooning is the thing to do in New Mexico but it isn't for the faint of heart. You'll have to wake up at an ungodly hour for the year-round sunrise rides, though winter sunset trips are also available. My Rainbow Ryders balloon voyage lasted more than an hour and flew up to 1,000 feet. Landing in a cul-de-sac where the residents came out to applaud us was an added bonus. The rides are thrilling but expensive, with two companies pricing them at $159 a person in November.

Santa Fe can seem like a tourist theme park sprung from the surrounding desert. It bustles with action till late hours of the night and can be a bit overwhelming after experiencing New Mexico's natural tranquility elsewhere. Kids will enjoy the interactive and immersive art experience at Meow Wolf. The building's warehouse-like appearance betrays nothing of the near-psychedelic haunted house atmosphere inside. It's guaranteed to fascinate.

Just outside Santa Fe, you can tour the ancient Taos Pueblo with its famous adobe dwellings framed by a blue sky.

Santa Fe's Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is small enough to tour in an hour yet comprehensive enough that you'll walk out feeling like you didn't know much about the artist before you went in. You can run back to nature by driving to Ghost Ranch, a unique retreat and education center where O'Keeffe lived. The ranch offers basic food and lodging along with a variety of tours that show the landscapes that inspired O'Keeffe's work.

# San Antonio is on magazine's must-see list

■ Alamo City is 1 of 21 destinations recommended by National Geographic Traveler

**By David Hendricks**
*San Antonio Express-News*

National Geographic Traveler magazine has given San Antonio an early gift for its tricentennial celebration next year.

The magazine named the Alamo City as one of the world's 21 must-see destinations for 2018 — along with the world-renowned locales of Madagascar, Dublin, Ireland, and Oaxaca, Mexico.

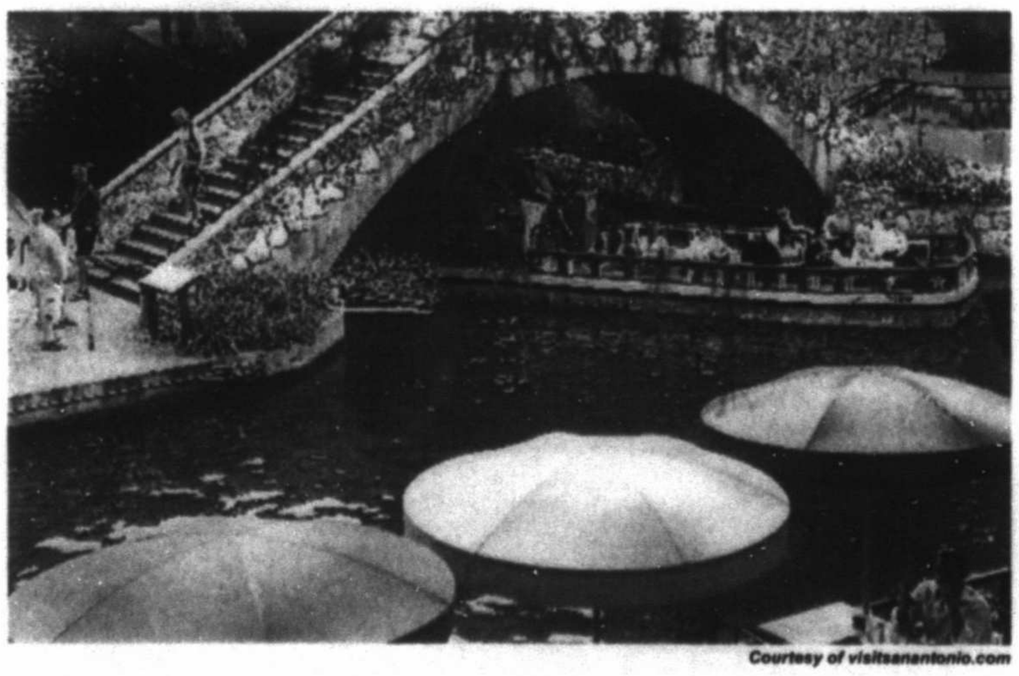
The list is published in the magazine that went on newsstands Tuesday and can be viewed online at: NatGeo Travel.com/Best-Trips2018.

"Party like it's 1718," the magazine declares, explaining that the five San Antonio Spanish missions are Texas' only World Heritage site, as designated by UNESCO.

"Three centuries of history inspired San Antonio to throw a big-as-Texas Tricentennial Celebration. Join the year-long party at the kickoff New Year's Eve concert and fireworks extravaganza or at any of more than 550 scheduled arts and cultural events," the article states.

Only two other U.S. cities are included on the list, Cleveland, Ohio, and the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

"Our mission is to inspire curiosity and encourage our readers to explore the world with passion and purpose," George Stone, editor-in-chief of National Geographic Traveler, said in a statement. "The 21 places that we profile make for a year of exhilarating discoveries and a dream itinerary for intrepid travelers. Our list is fun, vivid, surprising and rewarding."



Courtesy of visitsanantonio.com

The River Walk is among the sights in San Antonio.

More than 34 million visitors come to San Antonio every year, Visit San Antonio said Tuesday.

The magazine's 9.6 million readers "have the highest passport ownership, most international and domestic trips and most outdoor recreation spending of any other travel title," Visit San Antonio said in a news release.

"That's a huge recognition. The worldwide distribution of the magazine is impressive. The magazine is all over the world. It's in over 180 countries," said Marco Barros, CEO and president of the San Antonio Area Tourism Council.

Condé Nast Traveler, Fodor's and Frommer's also have listed San Antonio as a must-see travel destination. Travel + Leisure magazine, in October, named San Antonio one of the friendliest cities in the nation.

Visit San Antonio CEO and President Casandra Matej, said the National Geographic Traveler listing shines a spotlight on the city.

"As San Antonio prepares to celebrate its tricentennial in 2018, this incredible honor arrives at a special place in our timeline as one of the most authentic, culturally celebrated destinations in the world," Matej said.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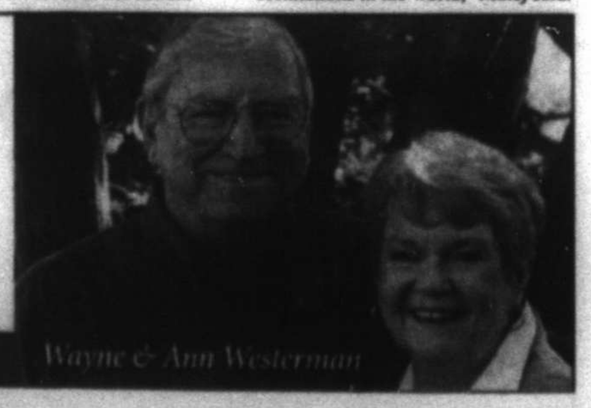


## OUT&ABOUT

by Julie Donnelly

**CLASS OF 1977**

Israel Johnson, back row from left, Sharon Green, Bobby Alexander, Wanda Coleman Morris, Roy Smith and Carla Mitchell Smith; and Marie Dixon Sanders, front row from left, Agnes Polk Bowers, Barbara Polk Brunson and Tammy Washington

**CLASS OF 1997**

Garrett Donnelly, from left, Marci Holland Corry, Rachel Powers Headrick and Michael Ratanasavetavadhana

**CLASS OF 1967**

Bonnie Brown McKeller, left, and B'Ann Peak

### MHS AND LHS CLASSES HOLD REUNIONS

Midland High and Lee High alumni recently gathered for class reunions.

■ Midland High and Lee High joined together Oct. 13-14 to celebrate the Class of 1967.

Those who arrived in town a day early gathered at Michael's Charcoal Grill before the Friday night Midland High vs. Odessa Permian football game.

The next day, the former students toured their respective high schools. Later that evening, the official celebration was held at Green Tree Country Club for a barbecue buffet featuring chicken and beef and a variety of vegetables and desserts.

■ The Class of 1977 from both Midland and Lee teamed up for a '70s bash at Midland Country Club.

For the sit-down dinner, each table was adorned with silver disco balls, ornaments and candles to match the theme of the night.

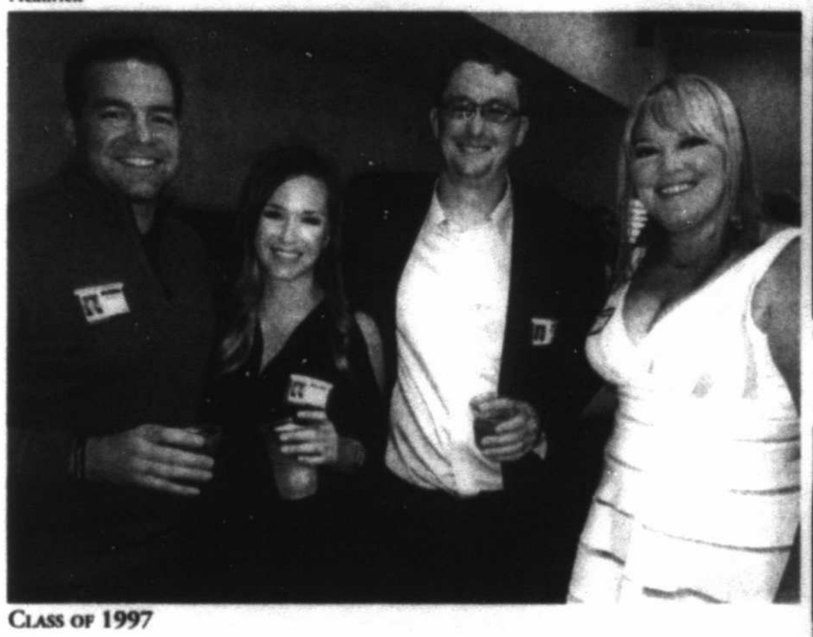
Party-goers dined on salad, prime rib, flank steak, mashed potatoes, a steamed vegetable medley, rolls and an array of desserts, including cake pops, chocolate cake and Oreo pie.

■ Midland High School Class of 1997 held its 20th reunion at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Attendees enjoyed Mexican-themed hors d'oeuvres that included taquitos, quesadillas, chips, salsa, queso and a variety of desserts.

The walls of the room were decorated with pictures of teachers who taught the alumni. The Dallas band Vegas Stars played '90s music for dancing.

CLASS OF 1997

Cathleen Wright Griffith, from left, Cristian Hinojosa, Rachel Powers Headrick and Mike Headrick



CLASS OF 1997

Russell Dunlavy, from left, Kelley Dunlavy, Ross McClure and Rebekah McClure

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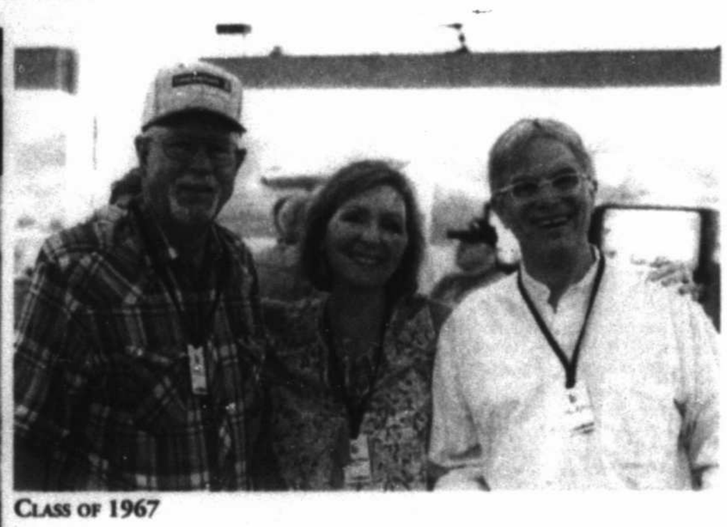

CLASS OF 1967

Mike Prince, from left, Rene Price Abraham and Stan Peyton

CLASS OF 1967

Rusty Freeman, from left, Lynn Kemp Lynch, Jan Tankersley Boeckel and Scott Skidmore

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Doug Heck, from left, Claire Heck, Chris Renaud and Courtney Renaud


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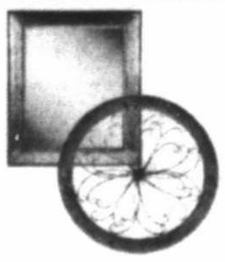

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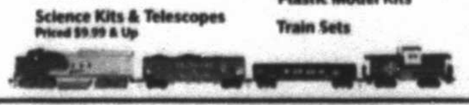

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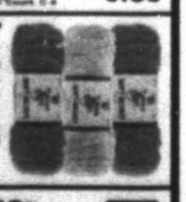

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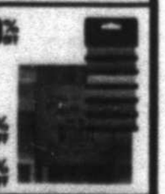

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## Davis - Viehman

Miss Mills Margaret Davis and Mr. Russell Andrew Viehman were united in marriage on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at four o'clock in the afternoon at the St. Regis Deer Valley in Park City, Utah. The marriage ceremony was officiated by Reverend Steven Schorr. Following the ceremony, the bride's family hosted a reception at the St. Regis Deer Valley where guests danced to the Party Crashers band. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's family hosted a rehearsal dinner at Riverhorse on Main.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dolman Davis, Junior of Midland, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy Way of Midland, the late Mrs. Barbara Black Way of Midland, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dolman Davis of Harlingen.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Karl Viehman of Dallas, the grandson of Mrs. Joanne Granzow of Dayton, the late Mr. Paul Granzow of Dayton, the late Mrs. Jamie Viehman of Belleville, and the late Mr. Russell Viehman of Belleville.

Presented in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of soft white Mikado silk and lace bodice designed by Anne Barge with delicate scallops accenting the vee neckline. Serving as matron of honor was sister of the bride, Mrs. Taylor Davis King of Midland. Serving as bridesmaids were Miss Lesley Christine Arbuckle of Houston, Miss Ellen Elizabeth Bergman of Midland, Miss Griffin Elizabeth Coody of Odessa, Mrs. Ashley Minnis Dale of Dallas, Mrs. Sara Alvarado Davis of Midland, Miss Sarah Elisabeth Geibel of San Antonio, Mrs. Kristin Culp Groner of Midland, Miss Rachel Mairi Holden of Houston, Mrs. Hillary Eads Hubbard of Midland, Miss Jacqueline Arden Meacham of Dallas, Miss Melanie Booth Milhorn of Dallas, Mrs. Annie McLaughlin Rubalcava of Midland, Miss Caroline Lange Schuler of San Antonio, Miss Alexis Michelle Snowden of St. Louis, Miss Amanda Jane Viehman of Dallas, and Miss Haley Elisabeth Vondemkamp of Kansas City. Serving as the house party were Miss Ashley Elizabeth Callender of Houston, Miss Carter Marjorie Crews of Dallas, Miss Allison Clare Ellis of Midland, Mrs. Claire Quisenberry Hawley of Austin, Mrs. Megan Adams Hulings of Houston, Miss Mary Frances McCabe of Midland, and Miss Laura Elisabeth Renaud of Midland.

Serving as the best man was the brother of the groom, Mr. James William Viehman of Dallas. Groomsmen were Mr. Ross Sterling Bolin of Dallas; Mr. Edward Brown Dale of Dallas, Mr. Jordan Way Davis of Midland, Mr. Nicholas James Flabiano of Dallas; Mr. Christopher Williams Hoover of Dallas, Mr. Walker Reed Lafitte of Dallas, Mr. Thomas Drought King of Midland, Mr. Matthew Lee Looney of New York, and Mr. William Mason Woodley of Dallas. Starring as the flower girl was niece of the bride, Hazel Elizabeth Davis of Midland. Serving as ring bearer was Jake Russell Hubbard of Midland, cousin of the bride.

Mills is a 2009 graduate of Midland High School in Midland. She received a Bachelor of Communications degree and minor in Business from Texas Christian University where she was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She currently works for an oil and gas company in Dallas.

Andy is a 2007 graduate of Highland Park High School in Dallas. He went on to study Economics at Texas Christian University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He now works for a precious metal company in Dallas.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.

## Robinson - Magnino

May 27, 2017. Grapevine, Texas.

It was hot.

It was humid.

It was so much fun as family and friends gathered for the wedding of Kaitlin Audriane Robinson and Ryan David Magnino.

Kaitlin is the daughter of David and Susan Robinson of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Sloan and the late Kent (Papa Coach) Sloan and Joyce Smith and the late Ray (Papa Ray) Smith, all of Midland. Kaitlin is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of North Texas with a degree in Entrepreneurship. She is an Assistant Vice President with NationStar Mortgage in Lewisville, Texas.

Ryan is the son of David and Lynette Magnino of Elk Grove, California and Beth Magnino of San Diego, California. He is the grandson of Robert and Joy Magnino of Elk Grove, and Thomas Fitzmaurice and the late Patricia Fitzmaurice of San Diego. Ryan is a 2003 graduate of Laguna Creek High School in Elk Grove. He is a 2007 graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Psychology. Upon graduation, Ryan enlisted in the Army and spent seven years serving in multiple locations across the United States and abroad. While serving in the military, he obtained his Master's degree in Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 2013. He will graduate in December 2017 from Texas Tech University with his Master's in Business Administration. Ryan is an Anti-Money Laundering/Know Your Customer Change Management Vice President with J.P. Morgan Chase in Dallas, TX.

A kick start to the festivities began on the eve of their wedding with Jim and Crecia Reynolds hosting a pool party at their home in Bedford, Texas. On Saturday, guests gathered at the home of Colby and Danielle Reynolds for the short, sweet, let's party ceremony chosen by Kaitlin and Ryan. Long time friend, Patrick Truitt of Midland officiated the nuptials with musical accompaniment provided by Colby.

Attendants to the couple were their siblings, Danielle Reynolds of Grapevine and Brendan Magnino of San Diego.

Following their honeymoon of a tour of Texas beer, wine, and musical festivals, Kaitlin and Ryan reside in Grapevine.

## GOREN BRIDGE

### With Bob Jones

### Keep trying

The four-diamond bid was a natural slam try for this North-South pair. North had a point-count minimum, but great potential for slam. The four heart cue bid led to a Blackwood inquiry, and South jumped to the grand slam when North showed all four aces. This contract would have been cold had the East-West hearts split 4-3.

South won the opening club lead with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts, and ruffed a heart with the king of diamonds. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and led another low heart. East's club discard was a disappointment, but South ruffed and cashed three rounds of trumps, leaving this:

NORTH
♠ A 9 6
♡ K 8
◇ Void
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q 3 2
♡ Q 10
◇ Void
♣ Void

EAST
♠ J 7 5 4
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8
♡ Void
◇ 7
♣ 8

Everyone discarded a spade on the last trump, and dummy was entered with the ace of spades. The king of hearts finished East, who had to part with another spade to keep the king of clubs. South then discarded the seven of clubs and took the last two tricks with the king and 10 of spades. Well played!

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 6
♡ A K 8 7 2
◇ A 8 3
♣ A 6

WEST
♠ Q 3 2
♡ Q 10 6 4 3
◇ 10 5
♣ Q J 9

EAST
♠ J 7 5 4
♡ 9 5
◇ 7
♣ K 10 5 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 8
♡ J
◇ K Q J 9 6 4 2
♣ 8 7

| The bidding | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| 2NT | Pass | 4♢ | Pass |
| 4♡ | Pass | 4NT | Pass |
| 5♣ | Pass | 7♢ | All pass |

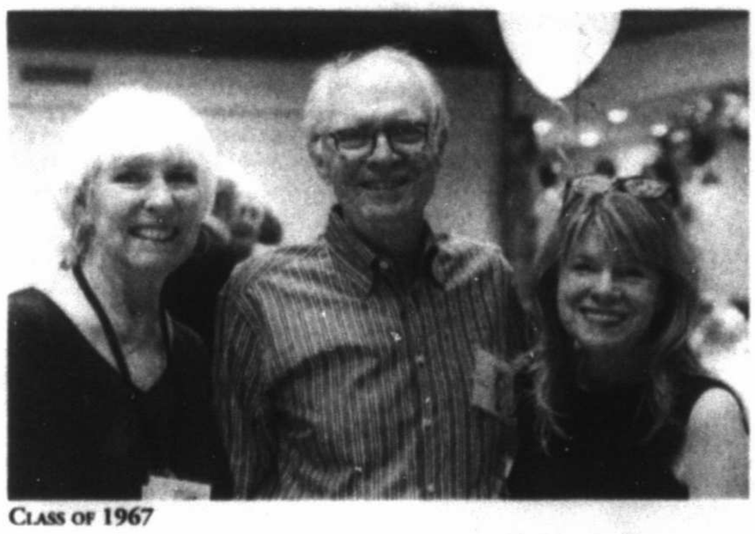
Opening lead: Queen of ♣

**CLASS OF 1977**

Gina and Tom Frenzel

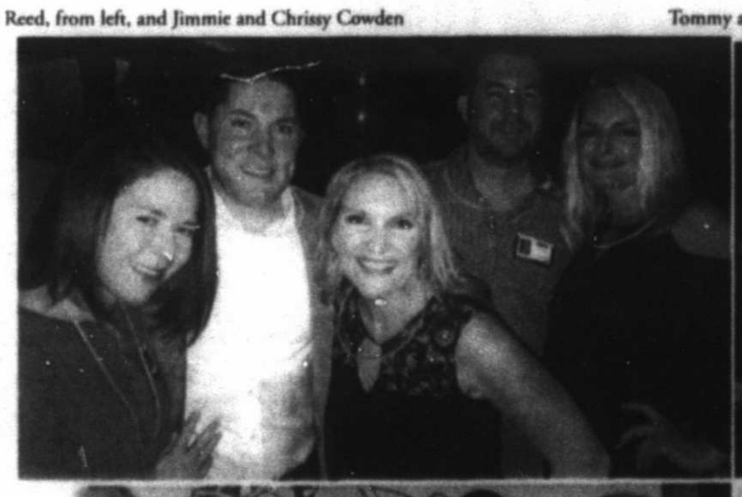
**CLASS OF 1967**

Tommy and Bay Ortloff, from left, Barbra Blankenship Grafa and Trey Grafa



**CLASS OF 1967**

Ann Hardie Reed, from left, and Jimmie and Chrissy Cowden



**CLASS OF 1997**

Natalie and Cody Brown, Jeni Neatherlin, Scott Kami and Melissa Kamis

**CLASS OF 1997**

Casey Webb Rowe, from left, Jessica Pike, Christy Doss Chappell and Natalie Hall Perez

**CLASS OF 1977**

Chris Gaddy, from left, Angela Terry, Cindy Michael Midkiff, Greg Midkiff and Billy Hickey

**CLASS OF 1967**

Ron Hunt, from left, Bill Stallings and Carol Skaggs Cox

# MISS CAYCE'S GIVES BACK

Courtesy photo

Miss Cayce's Christmas Store has donated more than $4,000 to Midland Fair Havens. The funds were raised from the sale of the Christopher Radko Sweet Sensations gingerbread house ornament. At the recent event were Di Ann Koehl, Fair Havens executive director, from left; Bridget McAninch, Fair Havens program director; Becky McCraney, co-owner of Miss Cayce's; Mario M. Tare, senior designer for Christopher Radko; Kathy Harrison, co-owner of Miss Cayce's; Lynn Brammer, district sales manager for Christopher Radko; and Barbara Watson, Miss Cayce's Christopher Radko expert.

# AN EVENING OF MUSIC

Courtesy photo

A concert of holiday songs by composer Randol Bass, second from left, was performed Nov. 19 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Attending the concert were Carol Hall, from left, a retired Midland music teacher, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Susan Graham and Edward Pleasant, New York City Opera baritone. Bass, Graham and Pleasant are former Midlanders.

# *Freezer burn is caused by loss of moisture*

**Dear Heloise:** Does "freezer burn" on food indicate that the food is no longer fit for human consumption? Is it actually bad for you where it could kill you if you eat it, or does it just lose some of its flavor? — Joe G. in Florida

Joe, freezer burn is a matter of quality, not safety. Freezer burn is moisture loss, which can produce white spots or dark discoloration. In all likelihood, it won't make you sick, but it's not going to taste very good. You also might notice a different texture to the food if you eat it. — Heloise

### STIR-FRY TRICK

**Dear Heloise:** I needed only half of a small zucchini for a stir-fry, so I started by cutting off the stem end, then I cut the zucchini lengthwise until I had four spears. I laid the spears side by side and sliced across the spears until I had the zucchini cut into quarter-size pieces. It was quick and easy. This also works well for large carrots and cucumbers. — Rusti S. in Houston

### WHO KNEW?

**Dear Heloise:** I read in your column about someone who wrote about heating pizza in a frying pan. Wow! I would never have thought of that idea. I take it out a half-hour before cooking and heat it on low for about 10 minutes, and it's always nice and crispy. There's no other way to warm pizza. — Cheryl D., via email

### KEEPING IT FRESH

**Dear Heloise:** The best way to preserve fresh marshmallows is to put them into freezer bags and then into the freezer. They do not stick together, and they will be fresh and soft. — Darlene M., New Braunfels

## HINTS FROM HELOISE

*King Features Syndicate*

### NEW IDEA ON AN OLD FAVORITE

**Dear Heloise:** Want a simple dessert with a new flavor? Try coffee ice cream with raspberry topping, then top that with a cloud of whipped cream and maybe a few chocolate sprinkles. My guests love it, and my husband, who is an ice-cream fiend, could eat it six nights a week! — Marcee M., Tega Cay, S.C.

### BASKET CASE

**Dear Heloise:** I have a drip coffee maker, and recently, I found an easy way to clean the part that holds the coffee basket. I used a spray bottle, set to stream, and hit the nooks and ridges with streams of water. The grime and coffee residue flowed down the center hole, where I had placed a tall glass to catch the drips. It takes only a minute to clean this part of the coffee maker. — Yvonne in Falls Church, Va.

### GET A GRIP

**Dear Heloise:** My rubber lid-gripper finally wore out. I looked in several stores, but couldn't find what I wanted. I had some leftover, rubber, waffle shelf-liner that I cut into small to medium-size squares and used them to open those hard-to-open jar lids. Love your column! — Laura L., San Clemente, Calif.

# *Prostheses program receives huge response*

## DEAR ABBY

*Universal Press Syndicate*

**DEAR READERS:** I am often asked, "Do you ever hear back from the people who wrote to you?" The answer is yes, I do.

A year ago, "Claire G. in California" wrote to bring awareness to a program called Knitted Knockers. Its members knit or crochet soft, lightweight prostheses for breast cancer survivors, and provide them at no cost to women who need them. A few weeks ago, I received this follow-up:

**DEAR ABBY:** Our whole world changed when you printed our letter last December. We now support more than 450 medical clinics nationwide. We are in 16 countries and give away 1,000 knockers a month free to women, provided by literally thousands of volunteer knitters and crocheters! The testimonies we receive from women who have received them, as well as those making them, are touching. Many tell us their lives have been changed.

Much of this occurred because of the huge response generated by the letter Dear Abby published on Dec. 6, 2016. Ten thousand knockers were given out as a result of that letter, and hundreds of knitters and crocheters signed up to help their own communities. It took us three months to "dig out" from that huge response, but we did it.

Thank you, Abby, for making a difference in this challenging world we live in. — BARBARA D. IN WASHINGTON

**DEAR BARBARA:** You're welcome, and thank *you* for the update. Readers who are interested can go to knittedknockers.org and learn more about this worthwhile program, or volunteer to be a creator of these wonderful gifts of comfort and dignity.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been hosting my in-laws for the holidays and really do enjoy it. However, one of them has picked up a respiratory virus. It wouldn't be a big deal, except no matter how often I talk about how important it is to cough into sleeves (rather than hands), they don't do it. They walk into the kitchen coughing and covering their mouths with their hands, then touch the food, the dishes, the cabinet doors and my infant's hands, face and food.

I mentioned it to my husband because I think it's his place to say something, since my "kind reminders" and hints didn't work. How can I handle this tactfully and without offending? — COLD AND FLU SEASON

**DEAR COLD AND FLU SEASON:** It is a big deal. You didn't mention whether your baby has picked up any viruses from his/her grandparents, but if it hasn't happened, you are lucky. Tell them that if either one of them is exhibiting cold symptoms to please not come over until they are well again.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was divorced more than 10 years ago. When I'm filling out forms, do I still have to check the box for divorced? I feel I am more happily single than unhappily divorced. — HAPPILY SINGLE

**DEAR HAPPILY:** Your current state of mind has no bearing on this. If the forms are legal or medical in nature, it would be wrong to lie about your status, so tell the truth.

# *Welcome the new year with a sparkling cocktail*

*By The Culinary Institute of America*

Everyone knows the lyrics to "Auld Lang Syne." At least, everyone knows the last three words to "Auld Lang Syne," or at least the general sound they should make coming out of your mouth.

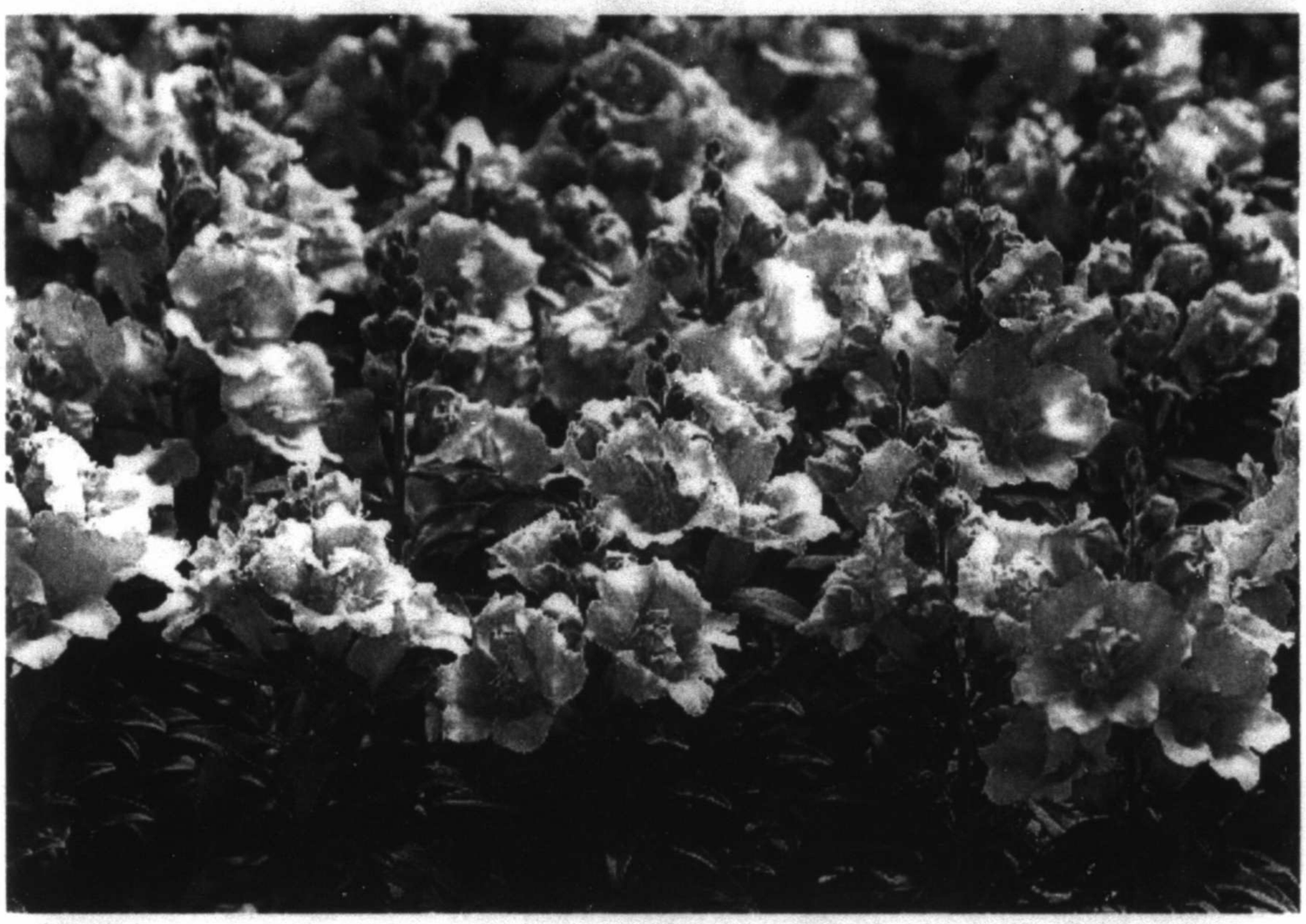
If you're like some of us, you may be a little fuzzy on the exact sentiment of this iconic New Year's anthem. And while humming along has gotten you this far, this year it might be worth giving those lyrics a quick Google.

"Auld Lang Syne," which roughly translates to "times long past" or "days gone by," is a poem by the Scottish poet Robert Burns. Set to that familiar folk song melody, the version we know (sort of) has been translated to modern English, and encourages us to think about the people with whom we've shared our lives. After all, what better moment for solemn reflection than while wearing a paper tiara and swinging a champagne flute?

So now that you know a little bit about what you've been hearing all these years, we're going to give you a cheat sheet for the most important part of the song. During the chorus, revelers in-the-know sing, "and we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne." A cup of kindness is a special sentiment, and here at The Culinary Institute of America, we love kindness. But we also feel like raising a cup of kindness is sort of a missed opportunity.

Lucky for us, Rory Brown, Culinary Institute of America instructor, has created a special cocktail that we can use to fill our cups and raise to the New Year. This recipe for the Kindness sparkling wine

Please see RECIPE/6E



# Winter is a great time for gardening

LINDA ABBOTT CRANFILL
*Permian Basin Master Gardeners*

Fall and winter are the best times of the year for many projects. The weather is cooler, the nighttime temperatures are lower and bugs are flying south or going into dormancy. Perhaps best of all are the bargains to be had at nurseries and garden centers when they mark down plants to lower winter inventory.

Here are a few suggestions to keep in mind for the season:

■ Shrubs and roses are best planted at this time because the roots have time to develop a good system without the stress of high temperatures. Plants need less water because of the lower temperatures.

■ It is a good time to re-evaluate the home landscape and take out plants that have grown too large or are unwanted.

■ Plant a few perennials such as pansies, snapdragon and ornamental kale that thrive in lower temperatures. They also look great in containers.

■ It's time to apply 3 to 4 inches of mulch, which protects plants during the winter, keeps water from evaporating, lowers soil temperatures and protects the base of plants during freezing temperatures.

■ Amend your soil with organic materials such as leaves, pine needles, any composted materials, vegetable scraps (no meat) or coffee grounds. It is not necessary to turn this over because it will work its way into the soil over the winter.

■ Spread any wildflower seeds, including bluebonnet, because they need that time in the soil to germinate in the spring.

■ Plant vegetables in flower beds for food as well as decoration. Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, kale and any greens including spinach and lettuce will thrive in the cooler days and nights.

■ Plant a tree as long as it is in a container. Wait to move any tree, shrub or rose until January when they are dormant. Be sure you dig a hole of sufficient size to take it out and twice as big to put it back in.

■ Kill a patch of weeds, grasses or anything you don't want by sterilizing the soil. Plot the area, put down clear plastic and hold it down with rocks, 2-by-4 boards, or anything that will keep the plastic from moving in the wind. The sun will shine through, heat the soil underneath and basically cook everything in the soil. Do this now, and next spring you will have a great new bed for gardening.

■ Take cuttings of roses, succulents, geraniums or purple Jew to root over the winter and to plant next spring. You can find information on taking cuttings by visiting agrilifeextension.tamu.edu.

# Chinese pistache is superb for color, longevity

Norman Winter/TNS

The Chinese pistache tree is drought-tolerant and yields sturdy wood able to withstand storms.

NORMAN WINTER
*Tribune Content Agency*

The flaming, fall foliage of the Chinese pistache trees in Savannah, Georgia, are a visual testament that they are indeed champions of color. The fiery oranges, reds and yellows scream as if to say, "Look at me." Believe me, you will, and if you are packing a camera, you will take a photo. They are not to be ignored.

Here at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens, we have several. It is almost reminiscent of a family in that we have the young, the adult aged group, both male and female and the grandparent, the Georgia State Champion.

The Georgia State Champion Tree stands as one of the true testaments to one of our country's great plant exploration acquisitions, the Chinese pistache. This was discovered by plant explorer and horticultural hero, if you will, Frank Meyer. I am surprised I walk by this tree every day and just now noticed the old USDA tag hanging down that says it was planted in 1938. We are approaching its 80th birthday.

The Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens got its start as a USDA Plant Introduction Station, and today, many of those early obtainments are monolithic in size but growing confirmation of plant durability and performance. Few of us ever think about a Chinese pistache getting large enough for a tree house, and, in the case of this one, perhaps the whole house.

If you are not familiar with the Chinese pistache, botanically speaking it is known as *Pistachia Chinensis*. I first became acquainted with the Chinese pistache when it was selected as a Texas Super Star Winner. Texas fall color was hard to come by, but this tree was rock solid and reliable. In California, it has been used as a rootstock for the delicious pistachio nut trees though other species have now been chosen.

The Chinese pistache is also drought-tolerant. It is recommended in places like New Mexico and Arizona and is native to western China. When selecting your location, keep in mind that it does not like wet winter feet, so choose a site that drains well. It is cold-hardy from zones 6 through 9, meaning from St. Louis to Orlando, Florida, gardeners can relish the dark green leaves that become a blaze of fall color.

The Chinese pistache is like a holly in that it is *dioecious*, meaning there are both male and female trees. The female will produce fruit that is a small, red drupe turning blue when ripe, which is attractive in all stages. If you are considering planting one close to a sidewalk, porch or driveway, you may want a male. But out in the landscape, you may find the fruit attractive. Although they are not edible, the birds certainly will have a feast.

Gardeners are always wanting fast-growing trees. Although speed is not always good for selecting trees, the Chinese pistache certainly holds its own. It is not uncommon to see 2 to 3 feet of growth a year. Fall is a terrific time to plant. To grow yours, choose a site in full sun. Set out nursery-grown plants, into well-drained, moist, fertile soil. Dig the hole 3 to 5 times as wide as the root ball but no deeper. The top of the rootball should be even with the soil surface. This will give you the best root expansion in your landscape.

The Chinese pistache can look a little leggy or lanky in its early years but turns from the ugly duckling into the beautiful swan with a nice oval shape. In the second year, prune lanky-looking branches to encourage branch development. Feed in late winter with an application of an 8-8-8 fertilizer at 1 pound per 100 square feet of planted area. This is the area from the trunk to just outside the canopy.

The Chinese pistache is being widely used for city beautification, from city and college landscapes to public gardens like the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah. I assure you they will do the same for your landscape, too.

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## KINDNESS WITH HONEY SIMPLE SYRUP

**Servings:** 1
**Start to finish:** 5 minutes

■ 3/4 ounce (1 1/2 tablespoon) Drambuie
■ 1/2 ounce (1 tablespoon) gin
■ 1/2 ounce (1 tablespoon) lemon juice
■ 1/4 ounce (1 1/2 teaspoon) Honey Simple Syrup (recipe below)
■ 4 ounce (1/2 cup) sparkling wine

In a mixing glass filled with ice, combine the Drambuie, gin, lemon juice, and simple syrup, and stir to combine. Strain into a wine glass and top with sparkling wine just before serving.

**Honey Simple Syrup**
Makes about 3/4 cups (enough for 24 cocktails)

■ 1/2 cup honey
■ 1/2 cup water

Combine the honey and water in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring constantly until the honey dissolves. Cool completely before use.

*Nutrition information per serving: 200 calories; 0 calories from fat; 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 0 mg sodium; 10 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 0 g protein.*

## RECIPE

From 5E

cocktail mixes botanical gin, lightly spiced Drambuie (in honor of the Scotsman himself, Mr. Burns), and the complex sweetness of honey, all topped off with the requisite New Year's Eve bubbles.

If you're hosting a party, you can make the cocktail in a pitcher ahead of time — just leave out the sparkling wine. Guests can add that to their glass at 11:55. We like this cocktail served in a wine glass instead of the traditional champagne flute. Not only does it limit the opportunity for spills for an enthusiastic partygoer, but it also helps to distribute the aromatics of the cocktail.

Honey Simple Syrup is an easy make-ahead recipe that you'll enjoy for more than this cocktail. Use it to lightly sweeten lemonade for young guests (add a splash of sparkling water for bubbles) or as a sweetener for mulled apple cider. Choose your favorite honey, but keep in mind that some varieties, like orange blossom, are more flavorful than others.

When he created this cocktail, Brown said, "In an ode to the New Year, we have combined the sparkling wine you expect with the history you might have forgotten. Burns reminds us to take a minute to recognize the moments of the past year, for there is but one until we must begin again." We'll raise a cup of Kindness to that.

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## SUNDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 3, 2017

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| KMID ABC | In Touch Ministries | | GMA/Sunday | | The Truth | House | Mother | This Week | | Church | J.Jones | Paid |
| KOSA CBS | Homeo. | Carrasco | First Baptist Church | | CBS Sunday Morning (N) | | Face the Nation | | Mission | | The NFL Today (L) | |
| KWWT CW | Hunters | Hunters | Beakman | Beakman | Bill Nye | Bill Nye | SoveBell | SoveBell | SoveBell | SoveBell | Brady8. | Brady8. |
| KPEJ FOX | Extra | W.Minist | Insight | FaithAve | Fox News Sunday | | Odessa | Garret | NFL Kickoff (L) | | Fox NFL Sunday (L) | |
| KMLM IND | Light of Southwest | | Essentials | Mission | In Touch Ministries | | On Wings | Messiah | Shepherd's Heart | | Nueva Vida | |
| KWES NBC | Minute | Secrets | In Search | B&N Min. | Sunday Today (N) | | Meet the Press (N) | | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid |
| KPBT PBS | Sesame | Cat/ Hat | Speaks | Splash8. | Sid | Cat | Jet Go! | Wild K. | O. Squad | Arthur | Cyberch. | Essentrics |
| KUPB UNI | Pegado | Pegado | Programa pagado | | Notas divinas | | Al punto | | Aquí y ahora | | Fútbol Central | |
| KOSA MNT | LatiNet. | Latino | Spaces | Homeo. | Green | Hazelton | PosPaulo | Garden | First Baptist Church | | The NFL Today | |
| FLIX | (:08) Reeler Med. | | (:15) Babe: Pig in the City | | Inside Man Denzel Washington. | | | | | | (:15) House of D | |
| HBO | Movie | | (:50) Suicide Squad ('16, Act) Will Smith. | | Boxing HBO After Dark | | | | | | Making | Movie |
| HBO2 | Movie | | (:20) Real Sports | | Hacksaw Ridge ('16, Bio) Andrew Garfield. | | | | | | The Day the Earth Stood Still | |
| HBO5 | Stuck on You | | The Royal Tenenbeums | | The Conjuring Patrick Wilson. | | | | | | Adoptation | |
| MAX | Movie | | Kicks ('16, Adv) Jahking Guillory. | | Practical Magic | | | | | | Taxi | |
| MAX2 | A Low Do. | | CHIPS Dax Shepard | | Any Given Sunday ('99, Spt) Jamie Foxx, Al Pacino. | | | | | | Movie | |
| PLEX | Johnson Co. | | Johnson County War | | The Hound of the Baskervil. | | | | | | Movie | |
| SHOW | The Rundown | | Inside the NFL | | The Nanny Diaries | | | | | | Movie | |
| TMC | Movie | | United 93 Christian Clemenson. | | Ray ('04, Bio) Jamie Foxx. | | | | | | Jaws | |
| AAE | S. Wars | Storage W. | S. Wars | S. Wars | American Pickers | | American Pickers | | American Pickers | | Ozzyand Jack | |
| AMC | (:10) MASH | (:40) MASH | (:10) MASH | (:40) MASH | The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio. | | | | | | The Karate | |
| BET | D. Grier | Walk Word | Fellow. | Abundant | Payne | (:20) Payne | (:10) Payne | (:40) Payne | (:20) House of Payne | | Big Momma | |
| BRAVO | WivesNJ | Housewives NJ | S. Charm | Vanderli | Real Housewives | | Real Housewives | | WAGS LA "Wag War" | | Xscape | |
| CNBC | (5:30) Paid Program | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CNN | New Day Sunday | | Inside Politics | | State of the Union | | Fareed Zakaria GPS | | Reliable Sources | | State of the Union | |
| DISC | Escobar's 'The Jungle' | | Escobar's Millions | | Moonshiners | | Mnshiner "Last Call" | | Moonshiners | | Moonshiners | |
| DISNEY | Puppy | Mickey | Puppy | Vamp | Elena | Tangled | Tranzyl | Andi M. | Good Luck Charlie, It's Ch. | | Andi M. | |
| ESPN | SportsCenter (N) | | SportsCenter (N) | | Sunday NFL Countdown (L) | | | | | | Football Playoff | |
| ESPN2 | College Football Final | E:60 (N) | | | SportsCenter (N) | | Fantasy Football Now (L) | | | | | |
| FNC | (6:00) FOX & Friends Sunday | | | | | | Morning Futures | | MediaBuzz | | America's News HQ | |
| FOOD | Christmas At Bobby's | Rules | Heart | | The Kitchen | | The Kitchen | | Holiday | Bob./Do. | Guy's E. | Cooking |
| FREEFORM | Mickey | Mickey's Once Upon a Chris. | | | A Dennis the Menace Christmas | | | | Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups | | | |
| FSSW | Diaries | Thunder | Cowboys | Golf Life | Paid | Paid | Fantasy Hour | | 4Points | Texans | Focused | Xterra (N) |
| FX | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Mike&M. | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | | Mr. Peabody & Sherman | |
| HALLMARK | Christmas | | A Dream of Christmas ('10) Deloach. | | | | Ice Sculpture Christmas Tonya Allen. | | | | Christmas Cook | |
| HGTV | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | |
| HISTORY | Top Gear | | Top Gear | | Counting Cars: Drive "Deep Trouble" (N) | | | | | | Counting | Counting |
| LIFETIME | In Touch Ministries | | Amazing | David Jer. | J.Osteen | Paid | Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever | | | | Twelve Wishes | |
| MSNBC | PoliticsNation (N) | Business | MSNBC Live (N) | | MSNBC Live (N) | | AM Joy (N) | | | | MSNBC Live (N) | |
| NBCSN | MatchDay | Lounge Live (L) | (:25) EPL Soccer SOUTBou. (L) | | | | | Live | (:55) EPL Soccer West Ham vs Man. City (L) | | | |
| NICK | ALVINNN | ALVINNN | Ranger | Mysticon | Sponge | Sponge | Sponge | Sponge | Sponge | Sponge | Loud H. | Loud H. |
| SPIKE | Paid Program | | Paid Program | | Off-Road | E. Power | Truck T. | D.Muscle | The Longest Yard Adam Sandler. | | | |
| SYFY | Paid Program | | Twilight | Judge Dredd Sylvester Stallone. | | | | | Blade ('98, Act) Stephen Dorff, Wesley Snipes. | | | |
| TBS | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Vacation ('15, Com) Ed Helms. | | | | The Hunger Games | | | |
| TCM | The Life of ... | | The Shopgosm Angel | | | | Pushover ('54, Myst) Fred MacMurray | | | | The Shop Aroun. | |
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| TLC | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | Yes Dress |
| TNT | Law & Order | | Law&Order "Phobia" | | Law & Order | | Law & Order | | Law & Order | | The Social Net. | |
| TVLAND | Chris | G. Girls | The Golden Girls | G. Girls | G.Girls | G.Girls | G.Girls | G.Girls | The Golden Girls | | G. Girls | G. Girls |
| USA | Paid | T.Point | In Touch | J.Osteen | Damnation | | SVU "Nocturne" | | Law&O: SVU "Pistis" | | SVU "Scrupio" | |
| WGN | Lord | Credo | World | Paid | In Heat of Night | | In Heat of Night | | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops |

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 3, 2017

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| KMID ABC | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | The Chew | 30 for 30 "The Price of Gold" | | | American Ninja War. | | News (N) | Paid |
| KOSA CBS | NFL Football Houston Texans at Tennessee Titans Site: Nissan Stadium -- Nashville, Tenn. (L) | | | | | | | | Man | Moms Ev. | RawTrav. | News (N) |
| KWWT CW | Brady8. | Brady8. | Leverne | Brady8. | A Very Brady Christmas | | | | The Love Boat | | The Love Boat | |
| KPEJ FOX | NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Green Bay Packers (L) | | | | | | | | NFL Football New York Giants at Oakland Raiders (L) | | | |
| KMLM IND | Shelor | Mavi Erfen | Aleph | Creation | Light of Southwest | | Light of Southwest | | HeYosed | Hebrew | Jerusalem | Housecall |
| KWES NBC | PGA Golf Hero World Challenge Site: Albany Golf Club (L) | | | | | | Golf | | FIS Alpine Skiing | | Inside Ed. | News (N) |
| KPBT PBS | W.I.Yoga | Wildtour | Martha | Martha | Chef's | Chef | Anne of Green Gables: The Good Stars | | | | News. (N) | Weddings |
| KUPB UNI | MFL Fútbol (L) | | | | Republica deportiva | | Cosme dice el dicho | | Al punto | | Nacional | Noticiero |
| KOSA MNT | Wondrum. | Bucket List | Green | Homes | Cars TV | A.Athlete | Entertainers | | Missing | Carrasco | Outdoor | Outdoor |
| FLIX | (11:15) House of D | | (:55) Out of Sight George Clooney. | | | | Hardball ('01, Dra) Keanu Reeves. | | | | The Other Boley | |
| HBO | (11:20) Gone in 60 Seconds | | Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy. | | | | Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks. | | | | Wanted | |
| HBO2 | Fifty Shades Darker Dakota Johnson. | | Curb | Curb | (:45) Curb | (:15) Curb | (:45) Curb | (:20) Curb | (:55) Curb Your Enth. | | Curb | |
| HBO5 | Adaptation | | (:55) Curb | (:40) Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice | | | | | (:15) Max Payne Mark Wahlberg. | | | |
| MAX | Movie | | Ride Along 2 Ice Cube. | | | | Strange Days ('95, SciFi) Ralph Fiennes. | | | | Midnight S. | |
| MAX2 | The Postman Always | | (:45) The Cider House Rules | | | | Indignation Logan Lerman. | | | | Movie | |
| PLEX | Traitor | | (:45) For Man and Little Boy Paul Newman. | | | | | | Johnson County War | | Movie | |
| SHOW | The Pianist Adrien Brody. | | (:05) Call John Cusack. | | | | Office Christmas Party | | | | | |
| TMC | Jaws | | Splash ('84, Fant) Tom Hanks. | | | | The Family That Preys | | | | Thelma and Louise | |
| A&E | Ozzyand Jack's Detour | Ozzyand Jack | | S. Wars | S. Wars | S. Wars | S. Wars | S. Wars | S. Wars | S. Wars | Walking Tall | |
| AMC | The Karate Kid Part II | | (:40) Dead "Mercy" | | (:40) Walking Dead | | (:40) Dead "Monsters" | | (:40) Walking Dead | | (:40) Dead | |
| BET | Big Momma's House 2 | | A Madea Christmas ('13, Com) Chad Michael Murray. | | | | | | Madea's Witness Protection Tyler Perry. | | | |
| BRAVO | Xscape | Married to Medicine | Married to Medicine | Married to Medicine | Tardy... | | Housewives Atlanta | | Housewives Atlanta | | | |
| CNBC | (5:30) Paid Program | | | | | | | | | | Shark Tank | |
| CNN | Forced Zakaria GPS | | CNN Newsroom | | CNN Newsroom | | CNN Newsroom | | CNN Newsroom | | CNN Newsroom | |
| DISC | Moonshiners | | Alaska/Frontier | | Alaska/Frontier | | Alaska/Frontier | | Alaska/Frontier | | Alaska/Frontier | |
| DISNEY | Andi M. | Blizard. | Underc. | Underc. | Raven's. | StuckMid. | Blizard. | Bunk'd | Raven's. | StuckMid. | Blizard. | Bunk'd |
| ESPN | (11:00a) College Football Playoff "Selection Show" (L) | | | | | | NCAA Basketb. Jimmy V Classic N.C./Con. (L) | | | | SportsCenter (N) | |
| ESPN2 | E:60 | | NCAA Basketball Tulane at North Carolina (L) | | | | NCAA Basketball Seton Hall at Louisville (L) | | | | Champ.Drive (L) | |
| FNC | America's News HQ | | Fox News Sunday | | Journal Editorial R. | | America's News HQ | | Greg Gutfeld Show | | America's News HQ | |
| FOOD | The Kitchen | | CajunAce | CajunAce | Kids Sweets Show | | Cookie Challenge | | Iron Chef: Behind | | Iron Chef Showdown | |
| FREEFORM | Santa Claus | | The Nightmare Before Christmas | | | | The Polar Express Tom Hanks. | | | | How the Gr. | |
| FSSW | Champions Tennis Champions Showdown | | | | NCAA Basketball MVSU@UK St. (L) | | | | UFC 18 | | NHL Hockey Chicago vs Dallas | |
| FX | Movie | | The Vow ('12, Dra) Rachel McAdams. | | The Best Man Holiday Monica Calhoun. | | | | Christmas With the Kranks | | | |
| HALLMARK | Christmas | | Christmas in Evergreen Ashley Williams. | | | | The Mistletoe Inn Lacey Chabert. | | | | With Love, Chr | |
| HGTV | Property Brothers | | Property Brothers | | Flip/ATL | Flip/ATL | Flip/ATL | Flip/ATL | Fixer Upper | | Fixer Upper | |
| HISTORY | Counting | CounCors | Forged in Fire | | Forged in Fire | | Forged in Fire | | Forged in Fire | | Forged "Job Bites" | |
| LIFETIME | Twelve Wi. | | Finding Mrs. Claus ('12, Dra) Mira Sorvino. | | | | The Christmas Hope Madeleine Stowe. | | | | Wrapped Up in | |
| MSNBC | MSNBC Live (N) | | MSNBC Live (N) | | MSNBC Live (N) | | MSNBC Live (N) | | MSNBC Live (N) | | Meet the Press | |
| NBCSN | League Goal Zone (L) | | RFU Rugby English Premiership Sar.Mar. | | | | IIHF Hockey Olympic Trials United States vs. Canada (L) | | | | A.Skiing | |
| NICK | Loud H. | Loud H. | H.Danger | H.Danger | Thunder | Thunder | Henry Danger Danger Games" | | Tiny Christmas Lizzy Greene. | | | |
| SPIKE | The Longest | | Jack and Jill Adam Sandler. | | | | Rush Hour ('98, Act) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan. | | | | Movie | |
| SYFY | Paul ('11, Com) Simon Pegg, Nick Frost. | | | | Faster ('10, Act) Dwayne Johnson. | | | | Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg. | | | |
| TBS | Movie | | The Hunger Games: Catching Fire | | | | The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 | | | | | |
| TCM | The Shop. | | In the Good Old Summertime | | | | The Vanting Gregory Peck. | | | | The Mark of. | |
| TELE | La Liga Premier (N) | | Enfoque | Conducta | Misión Imposible: | | Protocolo fantasma ('11, Act) Tom Cruise | | | | Decision | Noticias |
| TLC | Yes Dress | Yes Dress | 90 Day Fiancé "Crossing the Line" | | 90 Day Fiancé | | To Be Announced | | 90 Day Fiancé (N) | | | |
| TNT | The Social Network | | Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley. | | | | | | Insurgent Shailene Woodley. | | | |
| TVLAND | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba |
| USA | SVU "Redemption" | | SVU "Pandora" | | Law&O: SVU "Cage" | | SVU "Dependent" | | SVU "Blinded" | | SVU "Confession" | |
| WGN | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Cops | Ocean's Eleven | |

## SUNDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 3, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

| | 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 | America's Funniest Home Videos | | America's Funniest Home Videos (N) | | Shark Tank (N) | | Shark Tank The ultimate survival kits. | | Local 2 News (N) | | (:35) Blue Bloods | (:05) Extra Weekend |
| KOSA CBS | 60 Minutes | | Carol Burnett 50th Carol Burnett reminisces about her favorite sketches. (N) | | | | NCIS: Los Angeles "Queen Pin" | | CBS 7 News (N) | | (:35) CBS 7 Wire | (:05) Falcon (:35) Castle |
| KWWT CW | Touched by An Angel "Dear God" | | Columbo "Columbo Goes to the Guillotine" An egocentric psychic murders his old mentor. | | | | Touched by An Angel "Dear God" | | Honey-mooners | | The Odd Couple | Cheers (:35) How-ard |
| KPEJ FOX | The OT | | The Simpsons (N) | Ghosted (N) | Family Guy (N) | Last Man (N) | Big Bang Theory | Mom | 2 Broke Girls | | Inside the Game | Robert Jeffress Texans 360 |
| KMLM IND | Mission: M25 | Shepherd's Heart | | The Essentials | Light of the Southwest | | Light of the Southwest | | Update News | | Behind the Veil | Wings of Truth Our Messiah |
| KWES NBC | Football Night in America (L) | | (:20) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Seattle Seahawks Site: CenturyLink Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L) | | | | | | News-We-at 9 at 10 | | County Reporter | Film Flickers |
| KPBT PBS | (5:30) Weddings of Downton Abbey | | The Crimson Field | | The Crimson Field | | The Crimson Field | | Finding Your Roots "The Stories We Tell" | | SpeakEasy | |
| KUPB UNI | Aquí y ahora | | El Chapo Minitado | | El Chapo | | | | Mario de Todos | Noticiero Univision | Republica deportiva | |
| KOSA MNT | Bones | | Ncsoll & Isles | | CSI "Broken Home" | | MikeM. | MikeM. | Anger M. | Anger M. | Scandal | |
| FLIX | (5:00) The Other B... | | To Be Announced | | | | (:10) Out of Sight George Clooney. | | | | (:10) Focus | |
| HBO | (5:15) Warrior | | (:20) Deepwater Horizon Mark Wahlberg. | | | | Curb (N) | | (:35) Michaels Wolf | | (:05) Curb | (:35) Movie |
| HBO2 | (:20) Curb | (:50) Curb Enthusiasm | Last Min | | A Man for Cali | | | | (:10) A United Kingdom David Oyelowo. | | | Movie |
| HBO5 | The Witches of Eastwick | | | | The Conjuring Patrick Wilson. | | | | Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice | | | |
| MAX | (5:00) Midnight S... | | Good Will Hunting Matt Damon. | | | | (:10) Mike & Dave Need W... | | (:10) The Big Lebowski | | | |
| MAX2 | (5:40) A Perfect World Kevin Costner. | | Magic in the Story John Cusack. | | | | | | (:05) Whiteout | | | Movie |
| PLEX | (5:30) Johnson Co... | | | | | | (:05) Trainer ('08, Dra) Don Cheadle. | | (:45) Fat Man and Little Boy | | | |
| SHOW | Shameless | White | SMILF | Shameless (N) | | | SMILF (N) | White (N) | Shameless | | White | SMILF |
| TMC | (5:30) Thelma & ... | | The Legend of Bagger Vance | | | | (:10) Cinderella Man ('05, Bio) Russell Crowe. | | | | | Movie |
| A&E | Walking Tall | | (:05) 300 ('06, Epic) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler. | | | | Live PD | | (:00) Live PD | | (:00) | (:35) 300 |
| AMC | (5:00) Walking Dead | | (:10) Walking Dead | Walking Dead (N) | | | (:10) Talking Dead (N) | | (:10) Walking Dead | | Comics | (:10) Dead Showdown of Fate |
| BET | (5:30) Madea's Wi... | | Good Deeds (12, Com/Dra) Wanda Newton, Tyler Perry. | | | | | | Rainbows Face | | | |
| BRAVO | Atlanta Social (N) | | Housewives Atl. (N) | | Married to Medicine | | Atlanta "Party Party" | | Watch (N) | Atlanta "Party Party" | R.Wives | |
| CNBC | Shark Tank | | Shark Tank | | Jay Leno's Garage | | Jay Leno's Garage | | Jay Leno's Garage | | Jay Leno's Garage | |
| CNN | CNN Newsroom | | CNN Newsroom | | Anthony Bourdain | | A. Bourdain "Peru" | | Anthony "Marseille" | | Anthony Bourdain | |
| DISC | Alaska/Frontier | | Alaska: Expanded (N) | | Alaska/Frontier (N) | | Alaska/Frontier (N) | | Alaska/Frontier | | (:05) Alaska/Frontier | |
| DISNEY | Wreck-It Ralph | | Mickey | (:20) Tracey! | (:20) Andi Mack | | Andi M. | | Underc. | Underc. | Stuck Mid. | Bunk'd |
| ESPN | SportsCenter (N) | | Championship Drive "Who's In?" (L) | | | | | | SportsCenter (N) | | SportsCenter (N) | |
| ESPN2 | (5:00) Championship Drive (L) | | Cornhusk Southern College Championship | | | | Chris Berman | | ESPN | | ESPN FC (N) | |
| FNC | FOX Report Sunday | OBJECTIVE | The Next Revolution | | Fox News Sunday | | | | OBJECTIVE | | The Next Revolution | |
| FOOD | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Game (N) | | Guy's Big Project (N) | | | Holiday Baking | | Cookie Challenge | | Guy Pro "The Sizzle" | |
| FREEFORM | How the Grinch Stole | | (:40) The Santa Clause Tim Allen. | | | | | | The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause | | | |
| FSSW | Hockey Pre-game | | NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche (L) | | | | Postgame Stars | | School (N) | | WPT Poker | |
| FX | Christmas... | | The Santa Clause 2 Tim Allen. | | | | The Santa Clause 2 Tim Allen. | | | | Christmas With ... | |
| HALLMARK | With Love,... | | Christmas at Holly Lodge (N) | | | | The Christmas Train Donnie Mcclurkin. | | | | Sleigh Bells Ring | |
| HGTV | Fixer Upper | | Home Town | | Home Town | | Home Town | | Life | | Home | |
| HISTORY | Forged in Fire "Weapons of China" (N) | | | | Mansion Spooky "Part 1" (N) | | | | (:05) Zodiac Killer | | (:05) Forged in Fire | |
| LIFETIME | Wrapped U... | | My Christmas Prince (2017) Alexis Knapp. | | | | Deck Mas (5:15) Dear Santa | | Ugly Cities | | My Christmas ... | |
| MSNBC | Live (N) | | | Ames, Primetime | | | Palmetto "The Mole" | | Lockup | | Lockup | |
| NBCSN | A.Skiing | Mecum Auto Auctions: Muscle Cars & More "Kansas City, MO" (N) | | | | | | | Sport | Sport | Match of the Day (N) | |
| NICK | Up Next | School (N) | Homes | Homes | Fresh P. | Fresh P. | Homes | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| SPIKE | (5:00) The Longest Yard Adam Sandler. | | | | | | Rush Hour ('98, Act) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan. | | | | Jack and Jill | |
| SYFY | Shooter | | Mad Max: Fury Road ('15, Act) Tom Hardy. | | | | | | The Book of Eli ('09, Act) Denzel Washington, | | | |
| TBS | Fighting | Fighting | Fighting | Fighting | Fighting | Fighting | Search | Search | Search | Search | Get Him to the | |
| TCM | The Mask of... | | The Lovers of Carmen Lolita Zoffer. | | | | Carmen Jones Harry Belafonte. | | | | Fess Madison Pa... | |
| TELE | Women of the Bible | | Jan-Mar 17 cont'd Dec 10 | | | | San Francisco (N) | | Thalaves | Destinos | El último desafío | |
| TLC | Love Bday Fiancé (N) | | 90 Day Fiancé (N) | | To Be Announced | | (:05) Unexpected (N) | | (:10) 90 Day Fiancé | | (:10) Tiki | |
| TNT | Movie | | The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Sandra Bullock. | | | | Good Behavior | | Good Behavior | | Reef Break | |
| TVLAND | Reba | Reba | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens |
| USA | Law&O: SVU "Cruel" | | SVU "Locum" | | Law&O: SVU "Cage" | | Law&O: SVU "Lazy" | | Modern | Modern | Modern | Modern |
| WGN | Ocean's Eleven | | Ocean's Eleven ('01, Cri) George Clooney. | | | | | | Bones | | | |

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# ON DISPLAY

**CLOSING: "Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective"** closes today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

**NEW: Midland Arts Association: Jean Hoelscher.** Works will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout December at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

**"William Cordova: Ankaylli: Spatial and Ideological Terrain"** on display through Dec. 22. Marfa Contemporary, 100 E. San Antonio St., Marfa. Marfacontemporary.org.

**"What If," University of Texas of the Permian Basin Senior Art Exhibition** by Iamhilex Fernandez on display through Jan. 5 at the Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

**Ballroom Marfa,** 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

**Blakemore Planetarium** at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

**George Bush Childhood Home.** Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 685-1112.

**Midland Army Airfield Museum.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

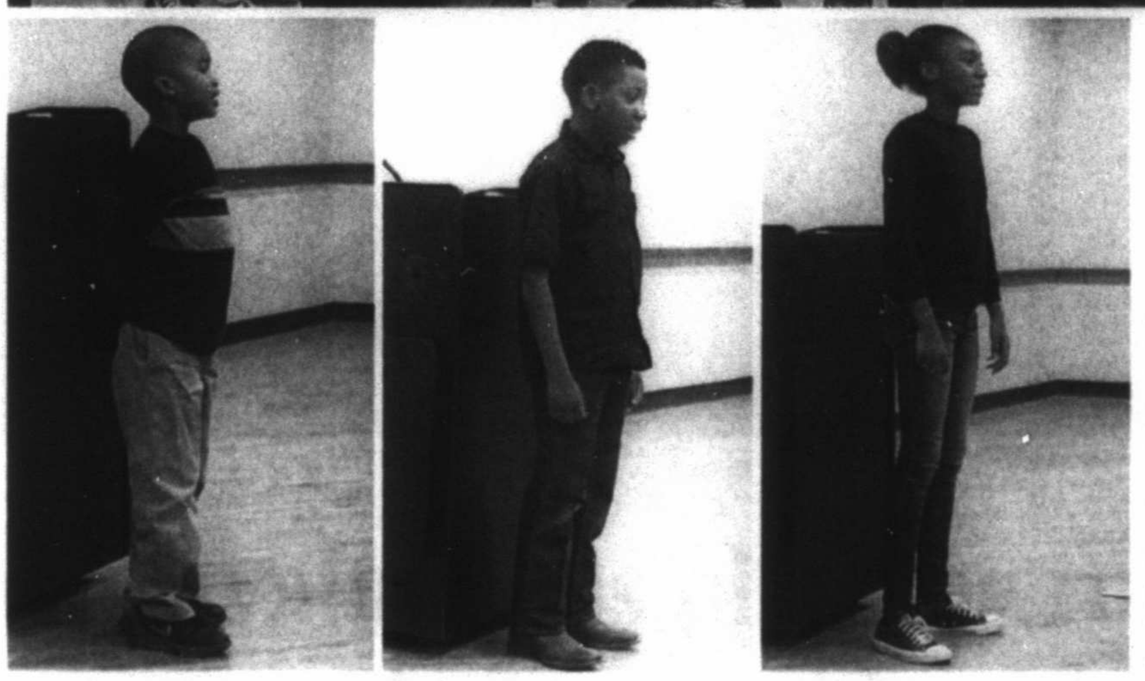
**Midland County Historical Museum,** 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 688-8947.

**Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home,** oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 682-5447.

**Options Gallery, Odessa College,** 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

**Permian Basin Petroleum Museum,** 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 683-4403. pbpetro.org.

**Scarborough-Linebery House,** 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.



This year's Youth Storytelling Contest winners are Jeremiah "JJ" Parker, 6, Cadence Ware, 10, and Charisma Waters, 13, who also came in first last year. The students will share their winning stories at the two-day Midland Storytelling Festival 7 p.m. Friday, which is at First Presbyterian Church. *Courtesy photo*

# CALENDAR

Dec. 3-9

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland. acmidland.org

## TODAY

**Very Merry Midland: Reindeer Games.** The second annual event downtown will feature Santa's Workshop, ice skating, giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit. Events run 1-5 p.m., Sundays and 5-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Saturdays through Dec. 23 at 303 W. Wall St. Free admission but $6 for skating and snow globe photos. doyourcity.us.

**West Texas North Pole Village** will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, Rudolph's Candy Store and more. Noon at Rolling 7's Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 with unwrapped gift.

**Santa, Milk and Cookies,** 2-5 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway.

**Jay Owenhouse: The Authentic Illusionist,** 4 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$69.50. wagnernoel.com.

**Gnome Painting,** 4-7 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $20 per gnome. midlandbeergarden.com.

**Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham Christmas concert,** 7 p.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191. $15 advance, $20 door. midcities.org.

## MONDAY

**SciGirls STEM Camp** for ages 8-12. 5 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

**Open Shop Nights** are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

**Bridge game play,** 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

**Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal** at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

## TUESDAY

**"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio.** 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

**Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher.** The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

**Downtown Family Game Night** with a variety of board games. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

**"Oh,What Fun!" Betenbough Homes' annual Christmas event** includes photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, gingerbread cookie decorating and limo rides around Lone Star Trails. 6-8 p.m. at 6728 N. State Highway 349. betenbough.com.

**Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An Illustrated Christmas Reinbeer VII.** 7-10 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $50. museumsw.org.

**Jazz Band and Choir Christmas Concert,** 7:30 p.m. in the Globe Theatre at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd., Odessa. Free.

**Permian Basin Dance Club** with live country music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 638-3707 or 250-8215.

**Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing** weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

## WEDNESDAY

**Story Time,** 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

**Slugs and Bugs Live! Family Christmas Concert.** This multimedia performance mixes catchy Christmas songs, Bible memorization and performers. 6:15 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. $5. slugsandbugs.com.

**Mannheim Steamroller Christmas,** 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $56-117. Wagnernoel.com.

**"Dust 2 Glory,"** 7:30 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

## THURSDAY

**Yappy Hour,** a mixer for pet owners, is hosted by the Midland Humane Coalition. Microchip clinic offered for $20. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden.

**"George Takei's Allegiance on Broadway 2017,"** 7:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $19.45. Fathomevents.com.

**West Texas Dance Club** with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

**Clint Black's Holiday and Hits.** Hudson Moore opens the show. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$75. wagnernoel.com.

## FRIDAY

**Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An Illustrated Christmas Holiday Tea Party.** 3:45-4:45 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required by calling 683-2882. museumsw.org.

**Allegro Chorale Concert,** 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $12. wagnernoel.com.

**Yuletide at the Yucca** featuring performances by Absolute Dance, Aloha O'Hawaii, Ballet Folklorico and more. 7 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. mctmidland.org.

**"Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical"** runs through Dec. 16 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

**"A Place Called Christmas" and "Twelve Daze of Christmas"** run through Dec. 17. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

**Midland Storytelling Festival 2017,** Dec. 8 and 9 at First Presbyterian Church.

**Torino's seventh annual Toy Drive.** The event features live music by J.R. McNutt, Jeremy Calley, Tommy Pool and DJ Daylen Keys, a silent auction and refreshments. The toy drive benefits High Sky Children's Ranch, CASA of West Texas and 311 Ministries. Bring a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation to Torino's for entry. 8 p.m. at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

## SATURDAY

**Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

**Breakfast with Santa Cow,** 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A, 3805 E. 42nd St., Odessa.

**Nature Club: Christmas Bird Count.** Nature Club is a drop-off program for children grades K-3, 10-11:30 a.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $5 members, $8 nonmembers. sibleynaturecenter.org.

**Midland Community Band Christmas Concert,** 7 p.m. at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

**"The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet,** 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $18-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

**Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An Illustrated Christmas** open house. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

**Christmas at the Mansion 2017: Fifth Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run.** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $35 members, $40 nonmembers and $40 members, $45 nonmembers day of event. museumsw.org.

**Santa, Milk and Cookies,** 1-5 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway.

**Midland Community Band Christmas Concert,** 7 p.m., Dec. 9 at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

**Saturday Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas,"** 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

**Saturday Movie: "Rise of the Guardians,"** 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

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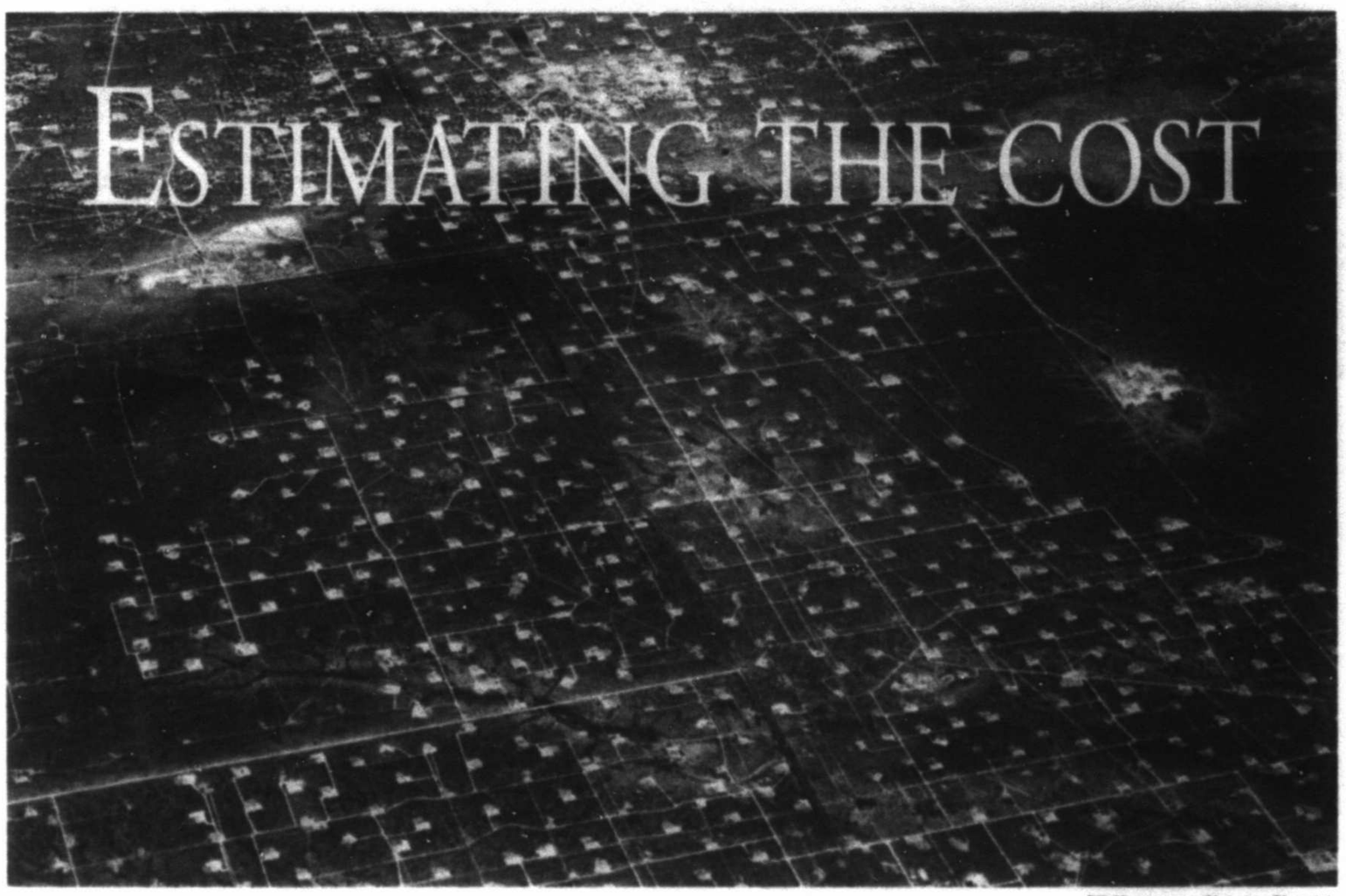


Bill Montgomery/Houston Chronicle

West Texas' Permian Basin has an abundance of wells.

# Oil patch valuations play key role in company's financial health

■ Latest trends challenge valuation companies to keep updated

**By Mella McEwen**
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From mineral rights and royalty interest owners, to oil and gas producers and their shareholders, to local, state and federal governments, the valuation of oil and natural gas wells, leases, mineral rights and royalties are a vital part of the economic engine.

Companies offering such valuations stay busy keeping up with the changes in the nation's oil and gas industry — changes that are coming at an increasingly rapid pace. Representatives frequently meet with clients and attend various conferences to keep abreast of developments.

Alan Harp, managing director in the Houston office of Stout Advisory, recently attended the Executive Oil Conference, presented by Hart Energy, so he could keep up to date on the latest trends and valuation multiples in the Permian. He also took time to answer questions via email on the subject of oil and gas valuations.

**MRT:** These valuations are vital to a company's financial health, used to report their finances to both the government and investors. What processes are there to ensure these valuations are as accurate as possible?

**Alan Harp:** There are no industry-accepted processes or standards to ensure accurate oil and gas valuation. Each valuation provider develops their own methodologies and procedures. Ultimately, accuracy is evaluated by a financial auditor, a court, the Internal Revenue Service, or other institution depending on the purpose of the valuation.

In my opinion, one of the best processes for ensuring accuracy is to perform both an Income and Market Approach to valuation where possible. An Income Approach (the Discounted Cash Flow Method) is the approach most people think of when valuing an oil and gas property. A petroleum engineer projects future production, commodity prices, drilling and operating costs in a reserve report. Risk-adjusted discount rates or factors are then applied to generate a valuation.

The Market Approach calculates value based on pricing multiples derived from the sale of similar properties such as price per daily flowing barrel equivalent or price per acre.

When both an Income and Market Approach are used and they point to similar valuation conclusions, some degree of accuracy is inferred. When only one of the approaches is used, there is a greater probability for error. Using both approaches is particularly useful when valuing non-producing or undeveloped properties.

In an early 2017 mineral and royalty valuation, a petroleum engineer's report inferred a valuation of less than $2,000 per net mineral acre in northeastern Reeves County. We were aware of non-producing minerals transacting in the area at the time in excess of $7,500 per net royalty acre (the $7,500 per net acre assumes a 12.5 percent average royalty rate which is equivalent to $15,000 per net mineral acre assuming a 25 percent average royalty or $60,000 per net mineral acre assuming a 100 percent royalty interest). In this case, we concluded that the engineer's assumptions and conclusions were overly conservative and could not be relied upon for our valuation. When our engineer developed more reasonable assumptions as to the number of probable and possible locations, the Income Approach fell in line with the Market Approach.

Another form of the Market Approach involves the consideration of previous transactions for the subject property. Earlier this year, the Securities and Exchange Commission took action against a firm that valued a large acreage position in Alaska at over $450 million and failed to consider that the property had transacted within months of the valuation date at less than $5 million. The price at which a willing buyer and willing seller would transact for a particular property is the heart of fair market value.

Here's one other example of valuing minimally developed acreage. In late 2016, we valued over 30,000 acres in the Delaware Basin using the best information available to us regarding expected well results, wells per section, expected commodity prices, and drilling and operating costs. We recently reran the same engineering analysis by updating longer-term pricing assumptions — near term prices had not changed materially — condemning certain acreage based on recent well results that we initially thought was economic, and reflecting higher than expected drilling and operating cost inflation and found that the results of the Income Approach declined over 40 percent in less than 12 months. The point I want to

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## Preferred Sands prepares Monahans mine for January opening

**By Mella McEwen**
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January will not only bring a new year but new frac sand mining operations in West Texas.

Preferred Sands will be opening its Monahans facility in January. About 130 jobs will be created at the plant.

"We're well into hiring," said T.J. Doyle, the company's president and chief operating officer, in a phone interview from his office in Radnor, Pennsylvania.

He said the core management team is in place, and now the company is filling positions that include heavy equipment operators, loaders, utility hands, plant operators, electricians, maintenance technicians and loadout operators.

Doyle said it wasn't just a question of building the core team "and then building from there, but also timing. We want to train them properly and ensure they're ready when the plant opens."

Its location at 7909 E. Interstate 20 is about equidistant between the Midland and Delaware basins, Doyle said.

Photo courtesy Preferred Sands

Preferred Sands is near completion of its 3.3 million finished ton-per-year frac sand mine at Monahans. When the facility opens in January, it will create 130 new jobs.

Officials with the Texas Comptroller's Office have estimated at least 11 sand mining firms are planning to open plants in West Texas as the demand for in-basin and regional sands grows. That has raised concerns in the office, which oversees the Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard. Most, if not all, of the mining plants planned for the Permian Basin would be built in the lizard's habitat.

Doyle said his company was first among the mining companies to plan a Permian Basin facility.

"We were the first to pull an air permit (and) we were the first to study the landscape and see what area had the best access, the best sand mix and the best reserves,"

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## Earthstone Energy deepens focus on Midland Basin

■ Sale of Bakken assets nets $27 million that will be spent in Midland Basin

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Earthstone Energy is becoming Texas-centric.

Based in The Woodlands, Earthstone is selling its assets in the Bakken situated in North Dakota and Wyoming, which are non-operated, for approximately $27 million in cash. That cash is expected to be poured into its Midland Basin assets.

"We will use that cash to focus our human and capital resources on our highly economic assets in the Midland Basin," Robert J. Anderson, executive vice president, corporate development and engineering, said in a phone interview.

Earthstone now holds approximately 27,000 acres in the Midland Basin that produce 7,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Much of that acreage came when Earthstone combined with Midland's Bold Energy III LLC — which took effect in May — and brought with it 20,900 net acres. Earthstone now has acreage in Reagan, Upton and Midland counties and non-operated ventures "with some household names, well-known right in your own backyard" in Glasscock, Howard and Martin counties, he said.

The company also took over Bold's offices on the 10th floor of the Paragon Building at 600 N. Marienfeld St., staffed by 10 who came from Bold, along with some new hires. Hopes are to do additional hiring next year, he said.

Anderson said the company intends to grow both through the drill bit and through acquisition of acreage, trades and swaps.

"We will look at larger producing packages," with the amount Earthstone is willing to spend dependent on the opportunity, he said.

Anderson said the company intends to increase its production to between 10,000 and 11,000 barrels per day by the end of the year, with about 80 percent coming from its Midland Basin assets and the remainder from its Eagle Ford holdings.

Earthstone is currently operating one rig and plans to add a second rig in the later part of next year. Having drilled 10 or 11 wells since late April, the company is currently drilling a well in Midland County and fracturing a well in Reagan County.

While Anderson wouldn't rule out spreading into the Delaware Basin in the future, he said the Midland Basin offers good economics and infrastructure. Beyond that, he said, "it's easier to drill and complete wells in the Midland Basin."

"Both offer very attractive economics," he said. "We stumbled into these opportunities in the Midland Basin and that's where we planted our flag."

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make with this example is that the Income Approach is not perfect and fairly minimal changes in the assumptions led to dramatic changes in valuation. The Market Approach is not perfect either, but I do believe that using more than just one valuation method leads to more accurate results.

**MRT:** How has the process of valuations changed in recent years? Has technology helped? Has the huge jump in domestic production had an impact?

**Harp:** Property valuation, particularly mineral and royalty valuation, has become more sophisticated in the past five years and more data has become available. Previously, there was more use of cash flow multiples and rules of thumb. Today, sophisticated buyers and valuation people may use an engineering or drill out approach to "stick up" a property for a discounted cash flow analysis; that is, horizontal well locations are drawn across the entire property base and judgments are made as to likely drilling pace. Cash flow multiples paid for legacy vertical production often have no bearing on the true value of a property set if it is prospective for aggressive horizontal development. Said another way, the multiple of cash flow associated with the property is meaningless in certain cases because the true value of the property lies in potentially vast future production, not minor existing legacy production.

**MRT.** How did the "land grab" in the Permian, specifically the Southern Delaware, impact efforts to value leases?

**Harp:** The public land grab occurred mostly during the second half of 2016 and early 2017 in the Texas portion of the Delaware Basin (primarily Reeves, Loving, Ward, and Pecos counties) when over $15 billion was spent on leasehold acquisition. Since there was little production associated with these acquisitions, most of this amount was paid simply for the "right" to develop the properties, not for capital expenditures. That is, tens of billions more would be required to drill up and develop this acreage.

During this time, valuations in the Southern Delaware were rapidly evolving, with certain transactions reflecting step changes in the understanding of the property values. First, the price per net acre was rising dramatically as the industry saw success in the Wolfcamp with longer laterals and more intense completions. Second, as is always the case, the land rush was occurring before many understood what geographic areas had the best economics. The price per acre metrics were being applied generally across the basin and resulted in overvaluation of areas that later proved to be less attractive/fringe areas.

**MRT:** I assume you're closely watching the ongoing tax reform efforts in Washington. How could that affect your work, specifically in well and lease valuations and even mineral and royalty valuations?

**Harp:** As long as the intangible drilling cost (IDC) deduction and percentage depletion remain available (and, as of today, the House tax reform bill keeps these in place), we don't think tax reform will have a significant impact on property valuation. We're actually working on an article now that addresses our perspectives on the impact of income taxes on oil and gas property valuation and we hope to have it ready in early 2018.

**MRT:** Which is now more in demand: valuations for wells and acreage or for minerals and royalties? Or are they fairly equal?

**Harp:** The vast majority of oil and gas valuation matters focus on leasehold/working interest valuation because this is the upstream industry's principal asset base. However, interest in mineral and royalty property valuation, while a much smaller part of the overall market, is growing rapidly because more investors recognize the benefits of this sub class. Black Stone Minerals announced (recently) a $340 million mineral and royalty acquisition that includes Permian interests. We note that the metrics associated with mineral and royalty properties are different than those applied to leasehold/working interests because of different revenue and cost economics per acre, differing control over the property, and the lower risk profile of minerals and royalties compared to working interests.

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he said.

As Preferred Sands was surveying the West Texas, officials were aware of the issue and disqualified several potential sites because they were in the lizard's habitat, he said.

Where the Monahans plant is under construction is not part of the lizard's habitat and includes a 200-meter buffer zone, he said.

"That's a significant portion of our property that we're forfeiting," he said.

The company has also signed onto the conservation plan and recently received its certificate of inclusion.

The Permian Basin has been a significant source of Preferred Sand's business since it opened its doors, according to Doyle.

"We've been in the frac sand business for a decade, and we've been selling to the Permian Basin since we opened our doors," he said. "Of overall demand, the Permian Basin is about 40 percent, the largest by a significant margin. As a percentage of overall market share, the Permian Basin will remain in the 40 to 45 percent range even as the overall market grows."

Opening mines in the heart of the industry's largest market stems from the push to contain costs as much as possible, Doyle said.

With sand mines originally scattered across the Midwest, "how do you optimize moving sand 1,400 miles from, say, Wisconsin, to the Permian Basin? And the answer is logistics," he said.

He termed it CLAW: cost landing at the well.

He broke down the logistics using a mine in Wisconsin as an example. First, moving sand by rail would cost between $4 and $5 per ton. The freight rate would be between $35 and $45 per ton, depending on where the sand originated. Then, once the sand lands in the Permian Basin, the cost to unload the sand from rail car to truck would be $4 to $10 a ton. Doyle estimated that, eliminating the transportation from Wisconsin to the Permian Basin would save about $50 per ton of sand.

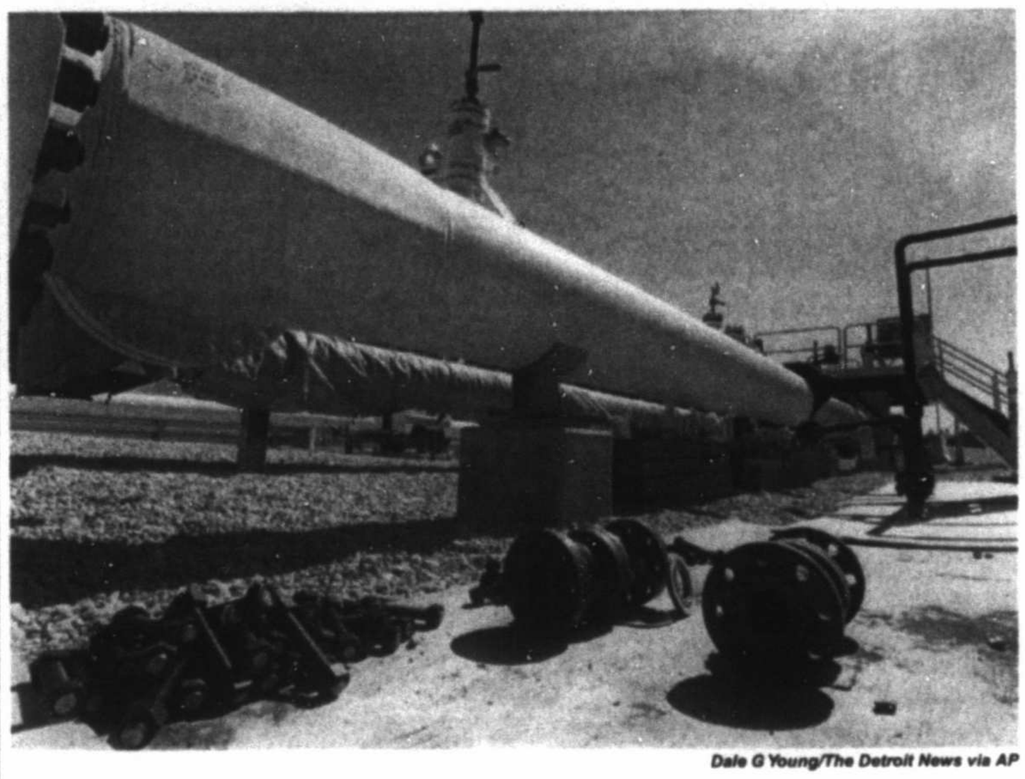
The Monahans site offers 400 million tons of reserves, including both 40/70 grade sand, which Doyle said is the preferred grade, and 100 mesh sand. Coarse grades can also be shipped in from its Arizona mine. Output from Monahans is expected to be 3.3 million tons per year. It will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Preferred Sands also has a permit for a second location nearby with similar reserves that Doyle said would operate as a twin plant.

"We'll let customers drive the decision on when to open that plant, but the possibility of that happening is only increasing," he said.

"We're excited to be in the Permian, we're excited to be a major employer in the Midland-Odessa area," Doyle said.

Noting that the company is also building a mine in Atascosa and Bexar counties to serve the Eagle Ford, he said, "We plan to be in Texas a long time."



*Dale G Young/The Detroit News via AP*

Fresh nuts, bolts and fittings are ready to be added to the east leg of the pipeline June 8 near St. Ignace, Mich., as Canadian oil transport company Enbridge prepares to test the east and west sides of the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Enbridge Inc. have reached an agreement they say will boost the safety of twin pipelines beneath the waterway where Lakes Huron and Michigan converge. The deal announced Monday includes a requirement that Line 5 be shut down temporarily during storms that cause high waves in the straights for an hour or longer.

# Michigan, Enbridge reach deal to boost safety of pipelines

*Associated Press*

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Canadian oil transport company Enbridge Inc. announced a timeline for determining the future of twin pipelines beneath the channel where Lakes Huron and Michigan converge.

Options include shutting down the lines or routing them through a tunnel beneath the lakebed where they now rest.

The plan calls for reaching a final agreement by Aug. 15, 2018, on the pipes beneath the Straits of Mackinac, a 5-mile-long scenic waterway with high value to the tourist industry and Great Lakes environment. They are part of Enbridge's Line 5, which carries nearly 23 million gallons of oil and liquid natural gas daily across northern Wisconsin and Michigan to refineries in Sarnia, Ontario.

The company has repeatedly insisted the underwater segment installed in 1953 is in good condition and has never leaked. However, state officials and environmental groups have expressed alarm over recent disclosures of gaps in its exterior layer of protective enamel coating and unsupported spaces beneath the pipes.

"Business as usual by Enbridge is not acceptable and we are going to ensure the highest level of environmental safety standards are implemented to protect one of Michigan's most valuable natural resources," Snyder said.

The Republican governor's administration has resisted critics' demands to order the lines decommissioned, but that option "is still on the table," said Valerie Brader, executive director of the Michigan Agency for Energy.

"Today's agreement does not represent a final decision by the state regarding Line 5, but instead provides a clear schedule on which a decision will either be reached cooperatively with Enbridge or the state will take another path," Brader said.

Although the federal government regulates oil pipelines, Michigan owns the lake bottom and granted an easement to the company allowing the pipeline to go there.

Enbridge officials acknowledged an erosion of public confidence in the safety of Line 5 and apologized for what they described as poor communication with the public about their inspections and studies.

"Trust is earned, and while we have a long way to go, we remain committed to doing what it takes to rebuild trust and uphold our pledge to protect the environment while safely meeting Michigan's energy needs," said Guy Jarvis, executive vice president and president for liquids pipelines.

While not ruling out a permanent shutdown, the agreement includes a series of steps intended to boost the underwater pipes' safety.

Among them is a procedure for temporarily halting the flow of oil during storms that produce sustained waves at least 8 feet high for longer than an hour, the level at which Brader said recovery of spilled oil becomes "extraordinarily hard."

Enbridge also agreed to evaluate three options by June 2018 for routing the underwater segment through a tunnel or trench, on or beneath the lakebed — either using the existing pipes or building a new one.

The company promised steps to prevent the lines from being damaged by a ship anchor, expedite monitoring of the pipelines with cameras or other devices, and speed up methods for detecting potential ruptures and responding to spills.

Additionally, Enbridge said it would replace another section of Line 5 beneath the St. Clair River where it crosses the U.S.-Canadian border with a new pipe inside a tunnel after receiving federal and state permits.

The agreement comes as Michigan agencies are taking public comments on a consultant's report they commissioned that lists six long-term possibilities for the Straits of Mackinac segment, including the tunnel alternative, which it estimated would cost about $150 million. While not endorsing an option, the report described a tunnel as more feasible than others, such as moving Line 5's oil through other existing pipeline networks.

Environmental groups said the deal appears to tip the scales in favor of a tunnel instead of halting all movement of oil through the straits, which they argued is the only foolproof way to safeguard the lakes. Other measures in the plan will do little good, they said.

"Instead of shutting down this dangerous pipeline, our state leaders continue to place an enormous amount of trust in Enbridge to operate it responsibly — even while the company continues to repeatedly break that trust," said Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

State Attorney General Bill Schuette, who has called for eventually shutting down Line 5, said the agreement was "a good step forward."

# Icahn threatens proxy fight at SandRidge after poison pill

**By Scott Deveau and Alex Nussbaum**
*Bloomberg*

Carl Icahn said he may wage a proxy fight for board seats at SandRidge Energy Inc. after the company adopted a poison pill in response to the billionaire investor's opposition to it buying Bonanza Creek Energy Inc.

SandRidge adopted a short-term holder rights plan on Nov. 27 set to trigger only if a person or group exceeds 10 percent of stock ownership. Icahn and his associates disclosed a 13.5 percent stake in SandRidge last week, and said they opposed the decision to buy Bonanza Creek, currently valued at about $736 million.

Icahn said he was considering options including calling a special meeting for shareholders to vote on the transaction or remove board members. He also threatened legal action if SandRidge endorses the poison pill or tries to keep him from communicating with other investors.

"In direct response to this strong shareholder opposition to the proposed acquisition, you adopted a poison pill that is a complete travesty and represents a new low in corporate governance," Icahn said in a letter to SandRidge's board.

Messages seeking a response from SandRidge weren't immediately returned on Thursday.

In the letter, Icahn targeted SandRidge's Chief Executive Officer James Bennett for "massive value destruction," citing his acquisitions, a bankruptcy filing, a $90 million payout to the former CEO, and for taking over $50 million in compensation himself.

"First you promised shareholders that they would have the right to vote on whether they wanted to be diluted by the insane Bonanza acquisition," Icahn wrote. "Now you have decided in your infinite wisdom that only you should be allowed to communicate with shareholders regarding the transaction."

## Petroleum Professional Development Center

All classes will be held at the Midland College PPDC building, 221 N. Main St

To register, go to the Midland College PPDC's Website: www.midland.edu/ppdc

**Hydraulic Fracturing in Horizontal Wells**
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: December 6-7, 2017 – Wednesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $800; Out of State $825

**The Art of Technical Sales**
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: December 8, 2017 - Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

**Log Analysis of Shaly Sandstones**
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 11, 2017 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425, Out of State $450

**New Course: An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing**
Instructor: W. Aaron Burton
Start Date: December 12, 2017 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

**Quick Guide to Carbonate Well Log Analysis**
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 12, 2017 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425, Out of State $450

**Log Analysis of Hydrocarbon Bearing Shales**
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 13, 2017 – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475, Out of State $500

**On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations**
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: Jan 4- January 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

**On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Law and Its Impact on Land Practices**
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: Jan 4 – Jan 30, 2018 Registration Deadline Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

**Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists**
Instructor: Paul Pause
Start Date: January 16-19, 2018 – Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1835, Out of State $1860

**Energy Land Management Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald**
Start Date: January 17 -18, 2017 – Wednesday – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675, Out of State $700

**Critical Title Issues Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald**
Start Date: January 19, 2017 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

**Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method**
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: January 22 -23, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State $425

**4 Day ROZ and CO2 School – Includes Field Visit**
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 23 – 26, 2018 – Tuesday – Friday – see website for times: www.midland.edu/ppdc
Cost: $2000; Out of State $2025

**ROZ and CO2 School – Day 1 of 4 Only**
**Day 1: Residual Oil Zones and Commercial Exploitation**
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 23, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

**ROZ and CO2 School – Day 2 of 4 Only**
**Day 2: Horizontal Well Reservoir Depressuring of the ROZ**
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 24, 2018 – Wednesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

**ROZ and CO2 School – Day 3 of 4 Only (Field Visit Included)**
**Day 3: Field Visit plus CO2 Recycle Processing for CO2 Flooding**
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 25, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

**ROZ and CO2 School – Day 4 of 4 Only**
**Day 4: CO2 EOR Fundamentals**
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 26, 2018 – Friday – 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

**Petra Fundamentals**
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: January 23-24, 2018 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

**Valuation of Upstream Oil & Gas Properties**
Instructors: Edwin C. Moritz & Dr. Mark Cronshaw
Start Date: January 24-25, 2018 – Wednesday – Thursday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1250; Out of State $1275

**Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)**
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: January 29 – February 2, 2018 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

**Right of Way Acquisition Training**
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: February 1, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

**Advanced Right of Way Acquisition Training**
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: February 2, 2018 – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

**On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law**
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 – February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

**On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Title: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts**
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 – February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

**SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database**
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: February 6, 2018 - Tuesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State $400

**Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models**
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Start Date: February 12, 2018 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

**Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality**
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: February 12 – 14, 2018 – Monday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1095; Out of State $1020

**PHDWin**
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: February 13 – 14, 2018 – Tuesday – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State: $650

**Introduction to Well Completion**
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
Start Date: February 15-16, 2018 – Thursday - Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $720; Out of State: $745

**Professional Technical Sales**
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: February 16, 2018 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State: $275

**New Course: Gas Lift Design and Operation**
Instructor: Mike Johnson
Start Date: February 19 - 22 – Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1800, Out of State $1825

**New Course: An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing**
Instructor: W. Aaron Burton
Start Date: February 20, 2018 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

**Intermediate GIS Concepts for Petroleum**
Instructor: Jennifer Harrison
Start Date: February 28 – March 2, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1440; Out of State - $1465

## MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

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| Posted | $54.55 | Shell Trading | $53.90 |
| Energy Transfer Partners* | $54.00 | Nymex futures | $58.07* |
| Flint Hills Resources* | $53.75 | *Net price without transportation charge | |
| Phillips 66 | $53.92 | | |
| Plains* | $53.75 | Note: Posted prices as of Nov. 29 | |

## ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### Weatherford and Schlumberger JV wins approval

The planned fracturing joint venture between oilfield services giants Schlumberger and Weatherford International could soon come to fruition.

The U.S. Justice Department approved the North American JV, paving the way for the deal to close by the end of the year, Weatherford said.

The OneStim joint venture is expected to help Schlumberger compete with U.S. hydraulic fracturing leader Halliburton, while helping to relieve the debt burden of financially struggling Weatherford.

OneStim will specialize in providing technologies and services, such as hydraulic fracturing.

They plan is to combine Schlumberger's large hydraulic fracturing fleet of high-horsepower pumps and Weatherford's technologies used to stimulate multiple separate horizontal zones within shale wells. Schlumberger would own 70 percent of the joint venture, with the rest owned by Weatherford.

### Noble Energy sells I and holdings in $340 million deal

Noble Energy will collect $340 million in a deal to sell millions of acres of mineral rights and royalty interests in oil-rich land across Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota and other states to energy company Black Stone Minerals.

The Houston oil producer plans to sell a combined 140,000 net acres of mineral rights that will increase Black Stone's footprint in the prolific Permian Basin and North Dakota's Bakken Shale, the firm said.

Those assets produce some $34 million a year. Black Stone expects the deal to close on Tuesday.

The private equity firm said it will have some 8,300 net royalty acres in the Midland Basin and 7,200 in the Delaware Basin, both part of the Permian. In the Bakken, it will gain 10,000 net royalty acres.

### Premier Directional Drilling told to pay OT to workers it misclassified

Houston-based Premier Directional Drilling was ordered to pay five workers a total of $363,422 in back wages and damages.

Senior U.S. District Judge David Alan Ezra in San Antonio determined last week that the workers were employees and not independent contractors as the company claimed. Ezra ruled the workers were owed $181,711 in unpaid overtime and an equal amount in damages, according to the court order.

Premier was sued last year in San Antonio by the drillers — called consultants by the company — who claimed they were misclassified as independent contractors. The drillers work at least 84 hours a week and are paid a day rate. They do not receive overtime, according to court documents. The case has been closely watched by the energy industry, which relies upon armies of independent contractors for drilling, production, security and other functions.

A representative of Premier said he was not aware of a decision in the case. A lawyer representing the company did not return a call for comment.

### Shell Midstream buying pipelines, terminals for $825M

Houston's Shell Midstream Partners is going on a buying spree, acquiring $825 million worth of pipelines and terminals from its Royal Dutch Shell parent.

The deals designed to beef up the three-year-old Shell Midstream business give the Houston pipelines firm more ownership in Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico pipelines, as well as a slew of terminals from the Houston area to Washington state.

The drop-down acquisitions from the parent Shell and other Shell subsidiaries give Shell Midstream majority ownership of the Mars and Odyssey oil pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico. Shell Midstream already owned 49 percent stakes in the pipelines; the deal ups those stakes to at least 71 percent.

The acquisition also includes a Houston-area terminal in Pasadena, as well as terminals in Portland, Seattle, Anacortes, Washington; and Des Plaines, Illinois.

Lastly, the deal provides a 10 percent stake in the massive Explorer pipeline that runs from Houston to Midwestern refineries, as well as a 41.48 percent stake in the much smaller LOCAP pipeline in southern Louisiana. The Explorer system also is owned by Phillips 66, Marathon Petroleum and Energy Transfer Partners subsidiaries.

Shell started the midstream business in 2014, in part to attract new investors and boost the value of its U.S. pipeline assets. Shell Midstream is a publicly traded master-limited partnership, a corporate structure that requires the companies to distribute most of their income to investors in payments similar to stock dividends.

# San Antonio's Andeavor dealt blow in quest for Washington oil terminal

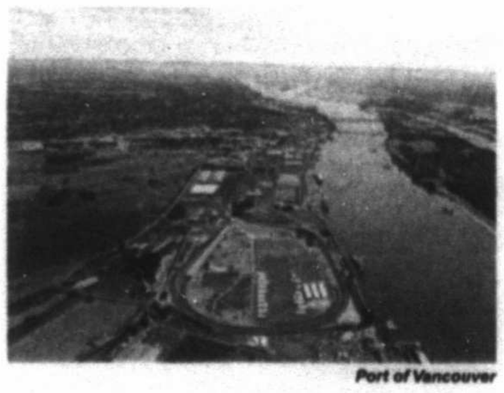
**By Rye Druzin**
*San Antonio Express-News*

San Antonio-based refiner Andeavor was dealt another blow in its quest to build a large crude oil-by-rail facility in Washington when a state regulator recommended denying the project's application.

The unanimous vote by the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, or EFSEC, capped a four-year review of the $210 million crude oil terminal project called Vancouver Energy, a joint venture between Andeavor and Utah-based partner Savage Cos. They formed Vancouver Energy to build the terminal, which could receive up to 360,000 barrels of oil a day from North Dakota and other Midwestern states.

The recommendation will now be sent to Washington Governor Jay Inslee, who will make the final decision to approve or deny the project.

"The governor appreciates the hard work done by EFSEC, and he takes this important decision very seriously," Inslee's spokeswoman Tara Lee said in an email. "Once he receives the recommendation he has 60 days to make a decision."



*Port of Vancouver*

The locations marked in blue are the proposed Vancouver Energy crude oil terminal that Andeavor and Savage Companies want to build at the Port of Vancouver in Washington.

Lee expects the recommendation to be sent to the governor in late-December.

"We are extremely disappointed, especially after a review of more than four years in a process that state law says should take one year," Vancouver Energy said in a press release.

"EFSEC has set an impossible standard for new energy facilities based on the risk of incidents that the Final Environmental Impact Statement characterizes as extremely unlikely," the company said. "The FEIS confirmed that construction and normal operation of the facility would have no significant unavoidable impacts that cannot be mitigated. This decision sends a clear anti-development message that will have a chilling effect on business in the state of Washington."

The Final Environmental Impact Study released Nov. 21 noted that risks associated with the proposed oil terminal include the potential impacts of earthquakes, increased wait times for emergency responders at railroad crossings, and a potential increase in the number of crude oil spills.

Roselyn Marcus, EFSEC's chair, said the council had received than 250,000 comments related to the project and said the four-year review is "probably the longest process in the council's history with issues of great significance that have never been faced by this council before."

The EFSEC decision comes just weeks after a candidate backed by Andeavor, Savage and Vancouver Energy failed to win a commissioners race at the Port of Vancouver, the location of the proposed project. The companies pumped $370,000 into the campaign of Kris Greene, who on Nov. 7 lost by nearly 30 points to his opponent, Don Orange.

In the run up to his election, Orange said he opposed the Vancouver Energy terminal and that he would vote against a land lease the Port of Vancouver maintains with Andeavor and Savage Cos. for the area the terminal would be built.

# DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

## Texas RRCD 7C

### Irion County

Foreland Operating LLC
Lorie 26 #22HC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1020 fwl, 900 fsl, Sec 27, Abst. 677, WC RR, 3.75 ne Barnhart; TD 9000; API #42-235-36228 Permit issued 11/20

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### Andrews County

Elevation Resources
UL G 9-41 Unit #2H
Emma (Mississippian)-Horizontal; 1216 fel, 317 fnl, Sec 41, Blk 9, Abst. 277U, ULS, 13 sw Andrews; TD 15000; API #42-003-47676 Permit issued 11/20

Ring Energy Inc.
Calypso #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 2172 fwl, Sec 23, Blk A-22, Abst. 2276, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100, API #42-003-47655 Permit issued 11/21

Ring Energy Inc.
Pallas #1H
Block A-34 (San Andres)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 465 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-34, Abst. 1231, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-003-47674 Permit issued 11/21

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7036
Fullerton-Directional; 9746 fel, 12337 fsl, Sec 18, Blk A-32, Abst. 614, PSL, 15.7 nw Andrews; TD 7600; API #42-003-47672 Permit issued 11/20

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #2415
Fullerton-Directional; 9510 fwl, 27803 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 13, Abst. 399U, ULS, 17.1 nw Andrews; TD 7545, API #42-003-47675 Permit issued 11/20

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #7914
Fullerton-Directional; 10280 fwl, 22675 fsl, Sec 8, Blk A-48, Abst. 838, PSL, 16.5 nw Andrews; TD 7525, API #42-003-47677 Permit issued 11/21

### Crane County

BAM Permian Operating LLC
Edwards Estate State #4
Edwards -04- (Wolfcamp), 605 fwl, 585 fsl, Sec 20, Blk 43, T-4-S, Abst. 852, T&P RR, 15.4 nw Crane; TD 11000; API #42-103-36590 Permit issued 11/20

### Culberson County

BHP Billiton Pet (TXLA OP) Co.
HSS State 113-23X14 #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 547 fsl, 1610 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 113, Abst. 6462, PSL, 15.47 sw Orla; TD 14000; API #42-109-33240 Permit issued 11/21

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Aria 03/46 #0034WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 310 fsl, 1361 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 2661, T&P RR, 9.31 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33238 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Hay Aria 03/46 #0031WA
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 310 fsl, 1286 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 2661, T&P RR, 9.31 nw Orla; TD 12000; API #42-109-33235 Permit issued 11/20

ConocoPhillips Company
Twister State #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 348 fnl, 597 fel, Sec 23, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2650, T&P RR, 11.5 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33231 Permit issued 11/20

ConocoPhillips Company
Twister State #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 348 fnl, 630 fel, Sec 23, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2650, T&P RR, 11.5 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33232 Permit issued 11/20

ConocoPhillips Company
Twister State #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 348 fnl, 663 fel, Sec 23, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2650, T&P RR, 11.5 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33233 Permit issued 11/21

ConocoPhillips Company
Twister State #4H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 348 fnl, 696 fel, Sec 23, Blk 58, T-1, Abst. 2650, T&P RR, 11.5 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33234 Permit issued 11/21

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Mountain Dew Unit #707H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2040 fsl, 1010 fel, Sec 18, Blk 53, Abst. 1275, PSL, 37 nw Pecos; TD 10400; API #42-109-33229 Permit issued 11/20

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Orange Crush Unit #902H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 990 fwl, 2040 fsl, Sec 16, Blk 53, Abst. 1311, PSL, 33.2 nw Pecos; TD 10480; API #42-109-33230 Permit issued 11/21

### Glasscock County

Hunt Oil Company Calverley B-Reed 20 #202HL Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1020 fwl, 515 fnl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-4-S, Abst. 431, T&P RR, 15.1 sw Garden City; TD 8100; API #42-173-37769 Permit issued 11/21

### Howard County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Miscanthus C 1612 #3HA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1523 fwl, 475 fnl, Sec 21, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 391, T&P RR, 8.6 nw Big Spring; TD 9800; API #42-227-39331 Permit issued 11/20

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Quirk 41 #5
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 487 fwl, 1539 fnl, Sec 41, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 172, T&P RR, 4.3 se Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-227-38667 Permit issued 11/20

Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Modern Flanagan 13-24 Unit #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2000 fnl, 2314 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 158, T&P RR, 5.77 se Big Spring; TD 8900; API #42-227-39374 Permit issued 11/20

Surge Operating LLC
Hots Unit 34 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 319 fsl, 1078 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1235, T&P RR, 6 nw Luther; TD 10000; API #42-227-39375 Permit issued 11/20

Surge Operating LLC
Gardner Unit 15-10 #1SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2263 fsl, 1927 fel, Sec 15, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 325, T&P RR, 3.7 ne Pecos; TD 10000; API #42-227-39376 Permit issued 11/21

### Loving County

Headington Energy Partners LLC
State-Judge 48-3 WS IV #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2473 fwl, 267 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33747 Permit issued 11/21

Headington Energy Partners LLC
State-Judge 48-3 WS V #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2498 fwl, 266 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33748 Permit issued 11/21

Mewbourne Oil Company
Zuma 3 #W202CN
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 185 fnl, 2260 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 165, T&P RR, 12 n Orla; TD 11250; API #42-301-33746 Permit issued 11/21

RSP Permian LLC
Pistol C-25 9-10E #101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 100 fnl, 700 fel, Sec 9, Blk C-25, Abst. 1191, PSL, 21 ne Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33707 Permit issued 11/21

Shell Western E&P
Bing 54-2-36 LOV W Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 567 fwl, 740 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 54, T-2, Abst. 1096, T&P RR, 6.4 nw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33750 Permit issued 11/21

### Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Wheeler 44 #2
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 553 fwl, 950 fsl, Sec 44, Blk 36, T-2-N, Abst. 678, T&P RR, 11.65 sw Stanton; TD 12000; API #42-317-41042 Permit issued 11/20

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Nimitz 3 #101WB
Spraberry (Trend Area); 326 fnl, 1014 fel, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-3-N, Abst. 181, T&P RR, 23.23 nw Stanton; TD 9600; API #42-317-41056 Permit issued 11/21

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Nimitz 4 #102WA
Spraberry (Trend Area); 356 fnl, 1013 fel, Sec 13, Blk 36, T-3-N, Abst. 181, T&P RR, 23.23 nw Stanton; TD 9600; API #42-317-41057 Permit issued 11/21

QEP Energy Company
Kingsfield D #08SA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 329 fsl, 641 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 237, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 8962; API #42-317-41140 Permit issued 11/21

QEP Energy Company
Kingsfield D #08WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 304 fsl, 642 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 237, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9541; API #42-317-41141 Permit issued 11/21

QEP Energy Company
Kingsfield D #09BL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 254 fsl, 642 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 237, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9866; API #42-317-41142 Permit issued 11/21

QEP Energy Company
Kingsfield C #07BU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 279 fsl, 642 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 237, T&P RR, 4.3 ne Tarzan; TD 9714; API #42-317-41139 Permit issued 11/21

### Midland County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Casselman40 #14H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 497 fsl, 309 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 1139, T&P RR, 10.32 nw Midland; TD 10000; API #42-329-42094 Permit issued 11/20

COG Operating LLC
Windham TXL C8 #5206LH
Pegasus (Consolodated)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 1511 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 303, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42088 Permit issued 11/20

Diamondback E&P LLC
Line Drive B #1WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2432 fel, 1871 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 830, T&P RR, 4.75 sw Midland; TD 10835; API #42-329-42083 Permit issued 11/21

Diamondback E&P LLC
Line Drive C #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2492 fel, 1871 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 830, T&P RR, 4.75 sw Midland; TD 10565; API #42-329-42092 Permit issued 11/21

Diamondback E&P LLC
Line Drive E #2WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2522 fel, 1871 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 830, T&P RR, 4.75 sw Midland; TD 10575; API #42-329-42099 Permit issued 11/21

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Rio Lavaca 17-48 Unit 1 #241
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 475 fnl, 2824 fel, Sec 28, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 970, T&P RR, 13.4 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42079 Permit issued 11/20

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CK" #6H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 556 fnl, 709 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland townsite; TD 9500; API #42-329-42095 Permit issued 11/21

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
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RSP Permian LLC
MCC HZ Unit #1110H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 285 fnl, 2258 fel, Sec 11, BLk X, Abst. 642, H.P Hilliard, 5.2 n Midland; TD 12000; API #42-329-42082 Permit issued 11/20

RSP Permian LLC
MCC HZ Unit #1111H
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RSP Permian LLC
MCC HZ Unit #1112H
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XTO Energy Inc.
Midkiff-Halfmann 39-46 4600 #4650R
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal, 252 fel, 1405 fsl, Sec 34, Blk 38,T-4-S, Abst. 870, T&P RR, 23.5 se Midland; TD 10450; API #42-329-42093 Permit issued 11/21

### Pecos County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Redbud State Unit #4315XH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 225 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 27, Blk 8, Abst. 207, H&GN RR, 6 ne Coyanosa; TD 10850; API #42-371-39640 Permit issued 11/20

### Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Birch Unit #102AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 1300 fsl, 1905 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 71, Abst. 5708, PSL, 3.8 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36554 Permit issued 11/20

Apache Corporation
Birch Unit #103BH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 1300 fsl, 1241 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 71, Abst. 5708, PSL, 3.8 sw Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36555 Permit issued 11/20

Apache Corporation
Kickapoo #101AH
Alpine High (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 250 fel, Sec 26, Blk 56, T-7-S, Abst. 5533, T&P RR, 8.9 s Toyah; TD 16000; API #42-389-36556 Permit issued 11/20

BHP Billiton Pet (TXLA OP) Co.
State Perryman 56-T3-34 #W108H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 331 fnl, 1142 fel, Sec 34, Blk 56, T-3, Abst. 5138, T&P RR, 11.07 e Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36547 Permit issued 11/20

Carrizo (Permian) LLC
State CVX Unit B1314 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fswl, 345 fnwl, Abst. 1573, R.N. Couch, 8.7 nw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36541 Permit issued 11/21

Centennial Resource Production LLC Iron Eagle Unit A #U 49H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 1300 fwl, Sec 12, Blk C-9, Abst. 4875, PSL, 9.7 sw Pecos; TD 10000; API #42-389-36549 Permit issued 11/21

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1295 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36559 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1320 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36561 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1345 fwl, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36562 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1245 fel, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36563 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1220 fel, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36564 Permit issued 11/20

Chevron USA Inc.
Reeves TXL Fee T7-50-29 #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 454 fnl, 1195 fel, Sec 29, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 15 se Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36565 Permit issued 11/20

Cimarex Energy Co.
Appleton West Unit C20-9 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fnl, 1995 fel, Sec 9, Blk C-20, Abst. 4162, PSL, 10.6 w Mentone; TD 15500; API #42-389-36519 Permit issued 11/20

COG Operating LLC
Screaming Eagle Unit #3802H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 275 fsl, 1699 fnwl, Sec 38, Blk 51, T-8-S, Abst. 5683, T&P RR, 15.8 ne Saragosa; TD 10600; API #42-389-36517 Permit issued 11/20

COG Operating LLC
White Crow Unit #3202H
Hoefs T-K (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 255 fsl, 917 fel, Sec 149, Blk 1, Abst. 1327, H&TC RR, 11.11 ne Saragosa; TD 10500; API #42-389-36539 Permit issued 11/20

COG Operating LLC
Schmitt State #628H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 409 fnl, 831 fwl, Sec

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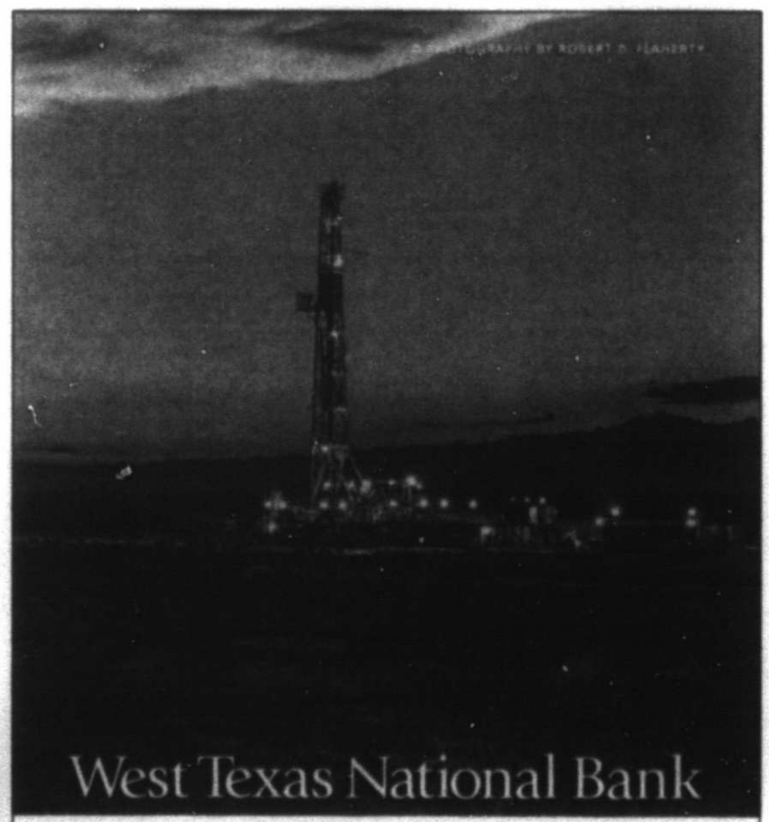

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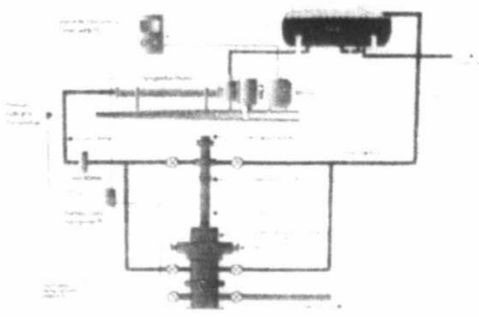

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**Production Lift Companies is offering FREE scheduled classes on "Jet Pump Operations".**

**A gassy, low-pressure reservoir** is as common in West Texas as the beam pumping systems used to produce them. However, there are many problem wells that are not cost effective with a beam pump due to frequent failures from severe dog legs, deviation, sand or gas. In these cases a jet pump might be the best choice.

"Everyone needs a jet pump in their production tool box for these cases," says Jesse Hernandez. Hernandez has teamed-up with Production Lift Companies, bringing his decades of experience in jet pumps and artificial lift. He wants to help producers qualify wells properly and save them money on lifting costs in a still-borderline oil price environment.

The jet pump offers solutions to several types of problem wells in two main ways: First, it has no moving parts. Second, the method of transferring energy from the surface involves pumping high pressure fluids that can be transmitted around deviated or horizontal geometries while offering high tolerance to solids and gas. This lack of moving parts makes jet pumps impervious to damage from frac sand or gas, which are common in new unconventional reservoirs.

There is a wide assortment of jet pump models in the market today. Many of the well completion solutions and new technological advancements available today were not accessible when the jet pump was originally implemented. Much advancement has been made with surface process systems and surface power pumps, which make the system more reliable.

Lift capability depends on the casing diameter because the casing determines the maximum fluid volumes that can circulate in the well. "Meeting expectations is a matter of specifics," says Hernandez, who has worked with jet pumps and all forms of artificial lift in South America, East Europe, Russia, Southeast Asia, Middle East, Africa, and the Permian Basin. Jet pumps are used because they can be retrieved without a pulling unit, rig or slickline unit. In many of these remote places workover rigs must be transported by helicopter to well locations.

With any lift system, "First, the reservoir, production history, fluid and well bore must be understood. It is also good to consider future reservoir maintenance plans," Hernandez explains.

"Second, it's important to understand that the jet pump doesn't operate alone—ancillary well completion equipment and surface process systems must be engineered for specific characteristics. Low reservoirs pressures, gas (slugging) and sand are the most challenging parameters. Knowing what technology is available and how to apply it requires a comprehensive approach to design and engineering. Simplicity continues to be a major design objective, but not with compromises in remedial options especially when dealing with todays complicated well geometries.

"Third, we live in the digital and information age. Vehicles are much smaller investments, yet they have abundant sensors to warn of operating abnormalities. They include artificial intelligence to improve driver safety. Even the youngest children are connected to vast amounts of information.

"So it's amazing that much larger investments like oil wells rarely include a temperature and pressure instrument to tell the operator how the return on investment is affecting the total return.

"For example: In the doctor's office, first activity is the measurement of temperature and pressure; this should be the same for oil wells. We spend thousands of dollars fracking, stimulating and pumping wells—shouldn't we spend a little more to improve the return on investment?

"The oil industry is failing to keep up with the information age when every well does not include a pressure sensor to monitor our return on investment' says Hernandez. "Information leads to the proper optimization of the life cycle of the well and its cost," claims Hernandez.

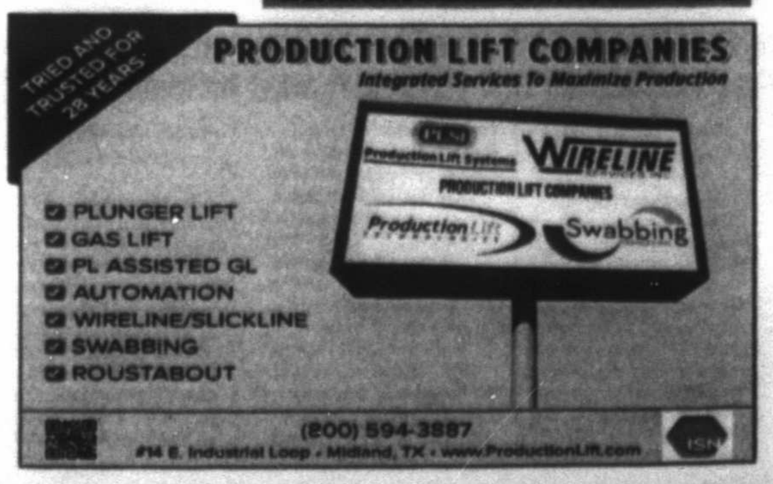
For Production Lift clients, this holistic approach to artificial lift design and application comes with the package. Production Lift offers a turnkey engineered product that include downhole monitors with all lift methods. Equipped with pertinent well data from the producer, Jesse and a team of experts evaluates what is needed and makes recommendations aimed at giving clients the best and most cost-effective production method from the formation.

For Hernandez, the benefit of the Production Lift Companies is the range of lift systems offered and the ability to recommend the best lift system for the wells needs.

Hernandez will honestly say that a jet pump is not the best lift system for every well. However, there are a lot of wells that can benefit from the jet pump that are not being considered today for lack of knowledge.

Today, cost is the major factor in many production decisions, and producers must be able to trust their service companies to offer solutions that keep costs low. "We are here to form and maintain long-term relationships—we get there by being up front and trustworthy in everything we do, says" Hernandez.

*To make sure your well is a candidate for a jet pump, call Production Lift Companies at 432-699-1200.*





## DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

From 4F

6, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 2105, T&P RR, 13.3 nw Orla; TD 10900; API #42-389-36558 Permit issued 11/20

Colgate Operating LLC
Quantum 67 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 120 fswl, 330 fnwl, Sec 67, Blk 4, Abst. 414, H&GN RR, 1.85 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36296 Permit issued 11/20

Colgate Operating LLC
King David MIPA Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1563 fsl, 2570 fel, Sec 6, Blk 5, Abst. 60, H&GN RR, 0.07 e Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36331 Permit issued 11/21

Colgate Operating LLC
Goliath MIPA Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 330 fel, 3227 fnwl, Sec 6, Blk 5, Abst. 60, H&GN RR, 0.07 ne Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36324 Permit issued 11/20

Colgate Operating LLC
Xerxes 8 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 335 fnwl, 2490 fel, Sec 8, Blk 5, Abst. 926, H&GN RR, within Pecos townsite; TD 11000; API #42-389-36328 Permit issued 11/20

Colgate Operating LLC
Fiery Furnace 68 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 120 fswl, 990 fsel, Sec 68, Blk r, Abst. 3260, H&GN RR, 0.18 n Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36330 Permit issued 11/20

EOG Resources
State Jobe 40-6 Unit #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 347 fsl, 1041 fel, Sec 39, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 812, T&P RR, 19.7 nw Pecos, TD 14000; API #42-389-36543 Permit issued 11/21

EOG Resources
State Jobe 40-6 Unit #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 347 fsl, 1008 fel, Sec 39, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 812, T&P RR, 19.7 nw Pecos, TD 14000; API #42-389-36544 Permit issued 11/21

EOG Resources
State Jobe 40-6 Unit #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 347 fsl, 975 fel, Sec 39, Blk 55, T-4-S, Abst. 812, T&P RR, 19.7 nw Pecos, TD 14000, API #42-389-36546 Permit issued 11/21

EOG Resources
State Apache 57 #1604H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 632 fsl, 2971 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 57, Abst. 2049, PSL, 16.8 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36552 Permit issued 11/20

EOG Resources
State Apache 57 #1605H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 656 fsl, 2994 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 57, Abst. 2049, PSL, 16.8 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36550 Permit issued 11/20

EOG Resources
State Apache 57 #1606H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 215 fnl, 705 fel, Sec 9, Blk 57, Abst. 2241, PSL, 15.1 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36551 Permit issued 11/20

EOG Resources
State Apache 57 #1607H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 215 fnl, 672 fel, Sec 9, Blk 57, Abst. 2241, PSL, 15.1 se Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36553 Permit issued 11/20

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State T-Rex 2610A-7 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 988 fnl, 1325 fel, Sec 26, Blk C-3, Abst. 1686, PSL, 7.3 n Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-389-36445 Permit issued 11/20

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Eiland 1305A-33 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7945 fsl, 1026 fel, Sec 12, Blk 7, Abst. 5293, H&GN RR, 8.25 n Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-389-36557 Permit issued 11/21

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
State Eiland 1305B-33 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7931 fsl, 910 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 7, Abst. 5293, H&GN RR, 8.22 n Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-389-36566 Permit issued 11/21

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
East Capote #C101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 8 fwl, Sec 8, Blk C-20, Abst. 2559, PSL, 11.68 se Orla; TD 11900; API #42-389-36545 Permit issued 11/21

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
West Capote #C107H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 22 fel, Sec 8, Blk C-20, Abst. 2559, PSL, 11.7 se Orla; TD 11900; API #42-389-36548 Permit issued 11/21

Upcurve Energy LLC
Sunshine State 44 #1H
Phanmtom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 191 fsl, 655 fel, Sec 44, Blk 72, Abst. 2819, PSL, 4.9 se Toyah; TD 11300; API #42-389-36538 Permit issued 11/20

### Winkler County

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #100
Keystone (Consolidated)-Directional; 364 fnl, 2160 fel, Sec 22, Blk B-3, Abst. 1358, PSL, 2.962 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33979 Permit issued 11/20

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #0701NE
Kermit; 4325 fsl, 667 fel, Sec 1, Blk 26, Abst. 1839, PSL, 5.1 nw Kermit; TD 3700; API #42-495-33995 Permit issued 11/21

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
Vallecito 3736-28 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 480 fwl, Sec 37, Blk 28, Abst. 1063, J.H. Hudson, 8.76 nw Wink; TD 14000; API #42-495-33989 Permit issued 11/21

Impetro Operating LLC Camel #1H Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal, 250 fnl, 990 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 74, Abst. 714, PSL, 12.4 nw Kermit; TD 12500; API #42-495-33992 Permit issued 11/21

Mewbourne Oil Company
University B21 5 #W101PA
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 180 fsl, 1500 fel, Sec 5, Blk 21, Abst. 45U, ULS, 5.5 nw Wink; TD 12300; API #42-495-33990 Permit issued 11/20

## Texas RRCD 8A

### Cochran County

A.C.T. Operating Company
Morton Unit #504H
Levelland-Horizontal; 4568 fwl, 5366 fsl, League 135, Tract 2, Abst. 108, Armstrong CSL, 16 s Morton; TD 5000; API #42-079-33370 Permit issued 11/20

### Gaines County

RGX Energy LLC
Petersen #2H
Tex-Mex Southeast (Wichita-Albany)-Horizontal; 390 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 17, Blk A-27, Abst 407, PSL, 21 sw Seminole; TD 5000; API #42-165-38642 Permit issued 11/20

RGX Energy LLC
Petersen #1H
Tex-Mex Southeast (Wichita-Albany)-Horizontal; 360 fwl, 200 fsl, Sec 17, Blk A-27, Abst 407, PSL, 21 sw Seminole; TD 7500; API #42-165-38641 Permit issued 11/20

Ring Energy Inc. Orion #1H Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal, 200 fsl, 2260 fwl, Sec 22, Blk A-22, Abst. 1167, PSL, 13 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38624 Permit issued 11/20

Ring Energy Inc. Aphrodite #1H Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2611 fnl, 995 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-22, Abst. 2411, PSL, 14 nw Andrews; TD 5100; API #42-165-38626 Permit issued 11/21

Ring Energy Inc.
Ellen B. Peters #5H
ODC Northeast (San Andres)-Horizontal; 467 fnl, 1336 fwl, Sec 242, Blk G, Abst. 706, WT RR, 13 nw Seminole; TD 7000; API #42-165-38643 Permit issued 11/20

### Kent County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Salt Creek Field Unit #H042WR
Salt Creek; 9743 fsl, 5970 fel, Sec 144, Blk G, Abst. 1359, W&NW RR, 7 nw Clairemont; TD 7500; API #42-263-32120 Permit issued 11/20

Oxy USA WTP LP
Salt Creek Field Unit #F036R
Salt Creek; 2081 fnl, 3719 fel, Sec 13, Abst. 502, J. Rodman, 7.8 nw Clairemont; TD 7500; API #42-263-32119 Permit issued 11/20

### Yoakum County

Hadaway Consulting and Engineering LLC
Old Switcheroo 418 #5H
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 2474 fel, Sec 418, Blk D, Abst. 1607, J.H. Gibson, 8.94 nw Plains; TD 5295; API #42-501-36908

Steward Energy II LLC
Madjack 522 #3H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2607 fsl, 581 fnl, Sec 584, Blk D, Abst. 836, J.H. Gibson, 12.81 sw Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36910 Permit issued 11/20

Steward Energy II LLC
Madjack 522 #4H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2607 fsl, 531 fnl, Sec 584, Blk D, Abst. 836, J.H. Gibson, 12.8 sw Plains; TD 5600; API #42-501-36909 Permit issued 11/20

## New Mexico

### Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A
LP Terry 14G #3 Atoka; Sec 14 T18S R26E; 2510/N & 1935/E; 6 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4334 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44494

Lime Rock Resources II-A
LP Terry 14G #7 Atoka; Sec 14 T18S R26E; 2510/N & 2035/E; 6 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4334 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44495

Lime Rock Resources II-A
LP Kaiser 7 M #15 Atoka; Sec 7 T18S R27E; 330/S & 990/W; 6 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4550 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-44493

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Red Light State Com 23 26 27 TB #14 South Yarrow; Sec 27 T23S R26E; 301/N & 754/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Black River; Rot 15980 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44490

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Red Light State Com 23 26 27 WA #15

Purple Sage; Sec 27 T23S R26E; 300/N & 804/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Black River; Rot 16121 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44491

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
Red Light State Com 23 26 27 WXY #18 Purple Sage; Sec 27 T23S R26E; 302/N & 704/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Black River; Rot 16121 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44492

Cimarex Energy Co.
Freedom 36 St SWD #1 SWD; Sec 36 T24S R26E; 1300/S & 660/W; 2 mi SE Black River; Rot 14259 Devonian; API #30-015-44489

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
EL Presidente 24 27 2 WXY #10 Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R27E; 281/S & 782/E; 4 mi SW Loving; Rot 13638 Wolfcamp, API #30-015-44485

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9-4 Fed #1 Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 250/N & 1463/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18781 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44477

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9-4 Fed #3 Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 250/N & 1413/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18781 Wolfcamp, API #30-015-44486

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9-4 Fed #4 Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 260/N & 405/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18598 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44487

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9-4 Fed #5 Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 260/N & 380/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18745 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44488

### Lea County

CML Exploration LLC
Raider 9 State #3 Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R33E; 1650/S & 990/E; 5 mi E Maljamar; Rot 11500 Cisco; API #30-025-44123

EOG Resources Inc.
Neptune 10 St Com #601 Triple X, Sec 10 T24S R33E; 164/S & 1082/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 22387 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44124

EOG Resources Inc.
Neptune 10 St Com #602 Triple X, Sec 10 T24S R33E; 630/S & 2197/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 22373 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44125

EOG Resources Inc.
Heartthrob 17 State #601 West Triple X; Sec 17 T24S R33E; 828/S & 449/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17153 Bone Spring, API #30-025-44126

EOG Resources Inc.
Heartthrob 17 State #701 West Triple X, Sec 17 T24S R33E; 828/S & 414/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17340 Wolfcamp, API #30-025-44127

EOG Resources Inc.
Heartthrob 17 State #702 West Triple X; Sec 17 T24S R33E; 828/S & 484/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17362 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44128

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed P13 #9 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 1176/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44129

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed P13 #10 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 1201/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44130

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed P13 #11 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 1226/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44131

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 19 19 Fed P14 #12 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 2605/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44132

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed P14 #13 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 2580/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44133

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed P14 #15 Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 2530/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44134

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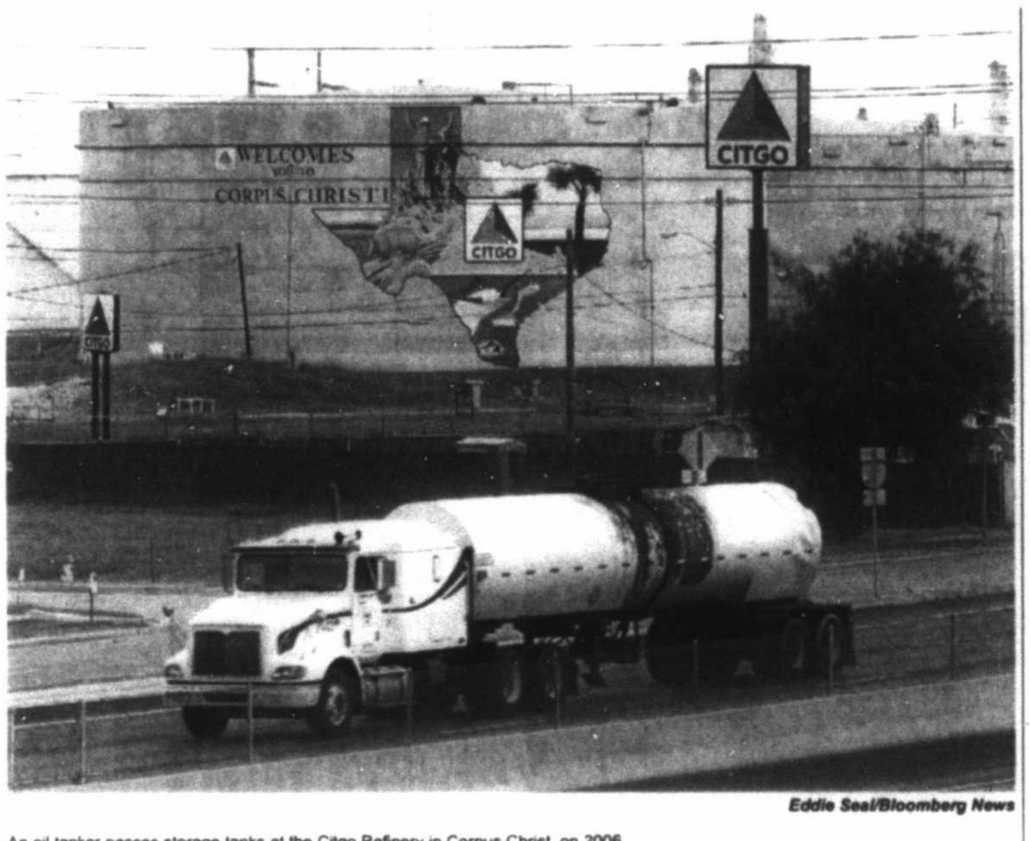


*Eddie Seal/Bloomberg News*

An oil tanker passes storage tanks at the Citgo Refinery in Corpus Christ, on 2006.

# Citgo formally announces Asdrubal Chavez as new CEO

**By Jordan Blum**
*Houston Chronicle*

Houston-based Citgo Petroleum formally announced that its new president and CEO is Asdrúbal Chávez, a cousin of the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez.

Although the change in leadership was known last week, Citgo hadn't comment since the arrest of its previous executive team last week in Venezuela on embezzlement and corruption charges.

The moves are widely seen as an effort by current Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, Chavez's successor, to further consolidate power in a country deteriorating amid growing poverty and political unrest.

Citgo is a U.S. company with a more than 100-year history that was acquired by Venezuela's state-run oil company nearly 30 years ago. Citgo now acts as the U.S. refining and gasoline marketing arm of Venezuela.

Citgo's announcement for the new chief executive did not mention last week's six arrests, including five U.S. citizens who lived in Texas, nor did it note Asdrúbal Chávez's relationship to the late president.

Instead, the announcement highlighted Asdrúbal Chávez's more than 30 years of industry experience.

Asdrúbal Chávez is a politician and former Venezuelan oil minister. It's unclear if he will attempt to reside in Houston or lead the company from Venezuela.

He's a 1979 chemical engineering graduate from the Universidad de los Andes who started his career at the El Palito Refinery in Venezuela. He eventually worked his way up to vice president of refining at the state-owned oil company, PDVSA, and then to oil minister from 2014 to the beginning of 2016.

Citgo employs about 4,000 people in the U.S., including more than 800 in Houston. The company has roughly 160 branded gas stations in the Houston area, and about 5,500 nationwide. Citgo owns oil refineries in Corpus Christi, Lake Charles, Louisiana, and Illinois.

Texas senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz said they're deeply troubled about the impact of the turmoil on Citgo's operations and future. The Trump administration, meanwhile, said it is seeking access to the arrested executives, five of whom are U.S. citizens, under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Earlier this year, following Maduro's arrests of opposition leaders, the administration threatened new sanctions against Venezuela.

Venezuela, which sits on the world's largest proven oil reserves, is also the third largest exporter of oil to the United States and a key supplier to Gulf Coast refineries which are built to process heavier grades of crude, such as those produced in Venezuela.

# Eni receives federal permit for US Arctic offshore drilling

*Associated Press*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A subsidiary of an Italian energy company has received a federal permit to drill the first oil exploration wells in U.S. Arctic waters in two years.

The federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement announced Tuesday it has approved an application from Eni U.S. Operating Co. Inc. to drill exploratory wells in the Beaufort Sea.

Drilling could begin next month from Spy Island, a gravel artificial island in state waters about 3 miles off the coast near Prudhoe Bay. Eni will use extended-reach drilling techniques to reach federal submerged lands.

The drilling would be the first in federal Arctic waters since Royal Dutch Shell in 2015 sent down an exploratory well in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast.

Former President Barack Obama last year banned oil and gas exploration in most of the Arctic Ocean. President Donald Trump in April ordered Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the ban with the goal of opening offshore areas. Environmental and Alaska Native groups in May sued to maintain the ban.

*Guy Hayes/Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement*

Oil production equipment appears on Spy Island, an artificial island in state waters of Alaska's Beaufort Sea on Oct. 17. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement announced Tuesday it has approved an application from Eni U.S. Operating Co. Inc. to drill exploratory wells on federal submerged lands from Spy Island.

Environmental groups strongly opposed Arctic Ocean drilling. In a statement, Kristen Monsell, an attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, said drilling threatens coastal Arctic wildlife.

"The Trump administration is risking a major oil spill by letting this foreign corporation drill in the unforgiving waters off Alaska," she said. "Offshore drilling threatens coastal communities and wildlife and will only push us deeper into the climate crisis."

Mark Fesmire, BSEE's Alaska region director, said in the announcement that agency staff conducted a thorough review of Eni's well design, testing procedures and safety protocol.

Eni already has production wells on the 11-acre Spy Island built in state waters 6 to 8 feet deep. It's one of four artificial islands in the Beaufort Sea that support oil production.

A subsidiary of Houston-based Hilcorp has proposed a fifth island in federal waters as part of its Liberty Project, a facility that could hold production wells, a processing facility and the start of an undersea pipeline carrying oil to shore and connections to the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Eni plans four exploration wells. Exploratory well operations will add at least 100 jobs, the company said. Production could lead to as many as 150 jobs in the region and 20,000 barrels of oil per day, according to the company.

The permit was issued as Congress considers opening additional onshore Arctic drilling within an Alaska wildlife refuge. Congressional Republicans are pushing for lease sales on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to help pay for President Donald Trump's proposed tax cut.

# Oil production surged as Texas rebounded from Harvey

**By Collin Eaton**
*Houston Chronicle*

The nation's oil production climbed nearly 300,000 barrels a day in September, reaching the highest level since its most recent peak in April 2015, the Energy Department said. Energy companies pumped 9.48 million barrels of oil a day in September, up 3.2 percent compared to the 9.19 million barrels a day produced in August.

Drillers in Texas, rebounding from the crippling effects of Hurricane Harvey, boosted output in September to 3.57 million barrels a day, up 5.7 percent from 3.38 million barrels a day the month before.

U.S. output crested at 9.62 million barrels a day in April 2015, its highest level in four decades, after American drillers tapped into once-inaccessible shale rocks containing vast amounts of oil and natural gas.

# Oil hedges surge in third quarter as prices rise, Wood Mac says

**By Collin Eaton**
*Houston Chronicle*

U.S. oil companies in the third quarter locked in higher prices for more than twice the number of barrels they did in the previous three months as crude rose toward $60 a barrel, Wood Mackenzie says. The energy research firm said in a new report 33 of the largest U.S. drillers hedged nearly 900,000 barrels a day in the third quarter, an increase of 147 percent compared to the second quarter and the largest amount added in one quarter since at least the end of 2015. The companies locked in prices ranging from $50 to $60 a barrel, a level that companies claim make many U.S. oil fields lucrative. The group of 33 producers studied by Wood Mackenzie has hedged some 22 percent of their liquids production for next year, compared to 17 percent this year.

# COMPLETIONS

**Courtesy Drillinginfo**

## Texas RRCD 7C

**Reagan County**

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw #1244AN
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7199 fsl, 3676 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7190 TVD, 15604 MD; Comp 10/25/2017; producing from 7500-15551, fracture stimulated; gas lift 315 BO, 808 MCF, 1229 BW, FTP 90 psi, 40.38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39294

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw #1245CN
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7200 fsl, 3756 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7090 TVD, 15505 MD; Comp 10/26/2017; producing from 7290-15441, fracture stimulated; gas lift 406 BO, 857 MCF, 1234 BW, FTP 80 psi, 40.38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39297

## Texas RRCD 8

**Loving County**

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Elm 55-1-36 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp-Horizontal; 399 fsl, 2340 fwl, Sec 25, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 104, T&P RR, 16.7 nw Mentone; TD 11604 TVD, 22108 MD; Comp 10/26/2017; producing from 11946-22408, fracture stimulated; flow 1746 BO, 4899 MCF, 7469 BW on 48/64 inch choke, FTP 1683 psi, 45.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-33230

## Texas RRCD 8A

**Scurry County**

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #325-7A
Kelly-Snyder; 645 fsl, 801 fel, Sec 194, Blk 97, Abst. 1536, H&TC RR, 7.15 sw Snyder; TD 7130; Comp 11/16/2017; producing from 6834-7008, treated with acid; pump 37 BO, 50 MCF, 2607 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35329

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #325-3A
Kelly-Snyder; 1964 fsl, 3227 fel, Sec 194, Blk 97, Abst. 1536, H&TC RR, 7.6 sw Snyder; TD 7145; Comp 11/16/2017; producing from 6612-6950, treated with acid; pump 69 BO, 63 MCF, 4419 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35309

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #320-6A
Kelly-Snyder; 11762 fsl, 4942 fwl, Sec 195, Blk 97, Abst. 2072, H&TC RR, 7.92 sw Snyder; TD 7100; Comp 11/17/2017; producing from 6630-7030, treated with acid; pump 9 BO, 93 MCF, 4223 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-415-35307

## New Mexico

**Eddy County**

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14-15 State #3
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E, 1600/N & 450/E. BHL Sec 14 1650/N & 280/E; EL 3462 GL, TD 12,423, PBTD 12,323; Spud 4-7-17, Comp 9-5-17; production is through treated perfs: 7620-12,323. Treat: 1671 bbls acid, 6,547,960# sd. IP: 9-17-17 Pump 24 hrs 439 BO, 1300 BW, 382 MCF, Gty 8.70 Cag: 13 3/8 @ 431 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3015 w/1220 sx, 7 @ 6660-12423 w/1995 sx, 5 ½ @ 6717-12423. 2 7/8 @ 6700; API #30-015-44045

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14-15 State #310
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E; 250/S & 315/E. BHL: Sec 14 380/S & 280/E; , EL 34230 GL, TD 13,561, PBTD 13,484; Spud 4-6-17, Comp 9-5-17; production is through treated perfs: 8791-13,484. Treat: 1711 bbls acid, 6,807,553# sand. IP: 9-8-17 Pump 24 hrs 580 BO, 1446 BW, 1021 MCF, GOR 1.76. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 429 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3005 w/980 sx, 7 @ 7960-13581 w/1330 sx, 5 ½ @ 13581, 2 7/8 @ 7507; API #30-015-44040

**Lea County**

Nemo Fund I LLC
Larry San Andres Unit 18 #103
East Crossroads; Sec 18 T10S R37E; 10/S & 1310/E. BHL: 330/N & 1980/E; EL 3967 GL, TD 9950 MD, 4993 TVD, PBTD 9803; Spud 1-12-17, Comp 4-6-17; production is through treated perfs: 5897-9680. Treat: 5145 bbls acid, 106,307# 20/40 white, 18,942# 20/40 coolset. IP: 4-7-17 Pump 24 hrs 11 BO, 1850 BW, 29 MCF. Cag: 9 5/8 @ 2305 w/755 sx, 5 ½ @ 9950 w/2155 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4687; API #30-025-43498

Cobalt Operating LLC
Warren #1
Midway- Re-Entry of B Fasken, P&A, Old TD 11980; Sec 8 17S R37E; 2088/N & 1976/E; EL 3785 GL, TD 11,885, PBTD 11,885; Re-Entered 9-23-14; production is through perfs: 11818-11882. Treat: None. IP: 11-9-14 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 850 BW, 12 MCF, Gty 39. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 400 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4396 w/1600 sx, 5 ½ @ 11977 w/1300 sx; API #30-025-26323

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #102
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R32E, 215/S & 400/E. BHL: Sec 22 693/N & 508/E; EL 3640 GL, TD 24,246 MD, 9617 TVD, PBTD 24,149; Spud 3-26-17, Comp 9-8-17; production is through treated perfs: 10202-24,098. Treat: Frac w/48,552 gals acid, 21,180,606# prop. IP: 9-25-17 Flow 24 hrs 842 BO, 3885 BW, 1043 MCF, CP 948, GOR 1238.717. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1339 w/1456 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5193 w/1530 sx, 5 ½ @ 24239 w/3337 sx; API #30-025-43563

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #113
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E, 248/S & 1942/E. BHL: Sec 27 2586/S & 1541/E; EL 3642 GL, TD 17,150 MD, 9545 TVD, PBTD 16,993; Spud 2-16-17, Comp 8-19-17; production is through treated perfs: 9800-16,944. Treat: Frac w/30870 gals acid, 10,650,000# prop. IP: 9-24-17 Flow 24 hrs 849 BO, 1320 BW, 1076 MCF, TP 615, CP 300, GOR 1267. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1350 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5147 w/1590 sx, 5 ½ @ 17086 w/2183 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9200; API #30-025-43441

COG Producing LLC
Windward Federal #6
Wildcat; Sec 30 T24S R32E, 210/N & 560/W. BHL: Ser; 31 247/S & 1021/W; EL 3538 GL, TD 18961 MD, 9120 TVD, PBTD 18845 MD, 9132 TVD, Spud 12-8-16, Comp 8-22-17; production is through treated perfs: 9398-18815. Treat: 93,744 gals 7 ½% acid, 97,440 gals 15% acid, 18,228,014# sd, 25,521,572 gals fluid. IP: 8-23-17 Flow 24 hrs 207 BO, 2140 BW, 505 MCF, TP 730, CP 250 Cag: 13 3/8 @ 810 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4530 w/1500 sx, 5 ½ @ 18953 w/3350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8568; API #30-025-43465

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West 21 A2DM Federal Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 21 T26S R32E; 200/N & 990/W. BHL: 334/S & 926/W; EL 3151 GL, TD 15830 MD,12055 TVD; Spud 5-24-17, Comp 9-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 12172-16510 Treat: 11,227,325 gals slickwater carrying 6,806,225# 100 mesh sd & 2,748,150# 40/70 white sd. IP: 9-11-17 Flow 24 hrs 755 BO, 1930 BW, 2568 MCF, 20/64" Ch, CP 4000, GOR 3401, Gty 50.4. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 851 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4323 w/900 sx, 7 @ 12230 w/1200 sx, 4 ½ @ 11486-16785 w/300 sx; API #30-025-43427

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Red Hills West 21 W1DM Federal Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 21 T26S R32E, 185/N & 500/W. BHL: 335/S & 349/W; EL 3153 GL, TD 16570 MD, 11750 TVD, PBTD 16547 MD, 11750 TVD; Spud 6-23-17, Comp 9-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 11919-16510. Treat: 11,466,566 gals slickwater carrying 7,181,7456# 100 mesh sd & 4,121,330# 40/70 white sd. IP: 9-11-17 Flow 24 hrs 760 BO, 2050 BW, 2103 MCF, 20/64" Ch, CP 4125, GOR 2979, Gty 50.4. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 915 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4290 w/900 sx, 7 @ 11913 w/1050 sx, 4 ½ @ 11235-16510 w/350 sx; API #30-025-42914

EOG Resources Inc.
Braswell 16 State #706
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R33E; 269/N & 2265/W. BHL: 219/S & 1674/W; EL 3279 Gr, TD 16865 MD, 12,156 TVD, PBTD 16,745 MD, 12,154 TVD; Spud 6-1-17, Comp 9-2-17, production is through treated perfs: 12516-16745. Treat: frac w/10,693,523# proppant, 184,534 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-6-17 Flow 24 hrs 881 BO, 11098 BW, 1633 MCF, 48 Ch, CP 1581, GOR 1853, Gty 46. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 1013 w/900 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11501 w/2430 sx, 5 ½ @ 16856 w/575 sx; API #30-025-43653

COG Operating LLC
Vast State #25
Wildcat; Sec 17 T26S R33E; 210/S & 2030/E. BHL: 200/N & 1943/E; EL 3262 Gr, TD 17008, PBTD 16880; Spud 4-17-17, Comp 9-3-17; production is through treated perfs: 12475-16855. Treat: Acdz w/86646 gals 7 1/2 %, Frac w/87046508 sd & 8343594 gals fluid. IP: 9-4-17 Flow 24 hrs 807 BO, 2698 BW, 794 MCF, TP 4000, CP 2500. Cag: 10 ¾ @ 1015 w/575 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11645 w/1300 sx, 5 ½ @ 0-11247 w/1200 sx, 5 @ 11247-16990, 2 7/8 @ 11209; API #30-025-43546

**Roosevelt County**

Armstrong Energy Corp.
Liza Jane Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 19 10S R34E; 1630/S & 1220/E; EL 4331 GL, TD 8056, PBTD 7994; Spud 6-28-17, Cop 8-18-17; production is through treated perfs: 7872-7879. Treat: 7.5% 15% HCL. IP: 9-27-17 Flow 24 hrs 14 BO, 0 BW, 1072 MCF, 12/64" Ch, TP 1100. Cag: 13 3/8 @ 419 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2481 w/1430 sx, 5 ½ @ 8048 w/1240 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7783; API #30-041-20972

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## Boothe Brings Tenacity, Defense to UTPB Women's Basketball

*Falcons shoot to top of the Lone Star Conference*

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Hard work and teamwork are the two most important pillars of new UT Permian Basin women's basketball coach Rae Boothe's coaching beliefs, and are something the first-year Falcon is working hard to implement in the first month of games this season.

"I've always loved the game of basketball, but I also love what it does for people in the sense of teams," Boothe noted. "It's very important to be a part of something bigger than yourself and that's been the basis of my coaching philosophy. The goal now is to establish a group of people that care about each other and are going to work very hard. To be a great teammate and to work very hard is something you can control, and I always tried to do as a player and coach and ask that of people in our program. Hard workers and great teammates are going to be really successful in what we're trying to do."

Boothe has the Falcons at the top of the Lone Star Conference averaging 11.6 steals per game and leading all teams in the league in turnover margin, averaging over three more turnovers created than given up per contest.

"It's a controllable area, defense and playing hard," said Boothe. "I found as a coach, playing on the other side, people that mix up defenses are difficult to play against when they're playing a variety of defenses. You have to stop and figure out what they're in and communicate that. I want our teams to control the pace in everything that we do and control the controllable. Mixing up our defenses and playing different styles keeps other teams from preparing on both sides of what we do offensively and defensively."

The new style of play was evident in the Falcons home opener earlier this week. In a 70-54 win over Texas A&M International, UTPB forced 25 turnovers and ended the game with 18 steals to score 22 points off of turnovers in the 16 point victory. As the Falcons enter LSC play, defensive growth this season will be of the utmost importance to the team this season.

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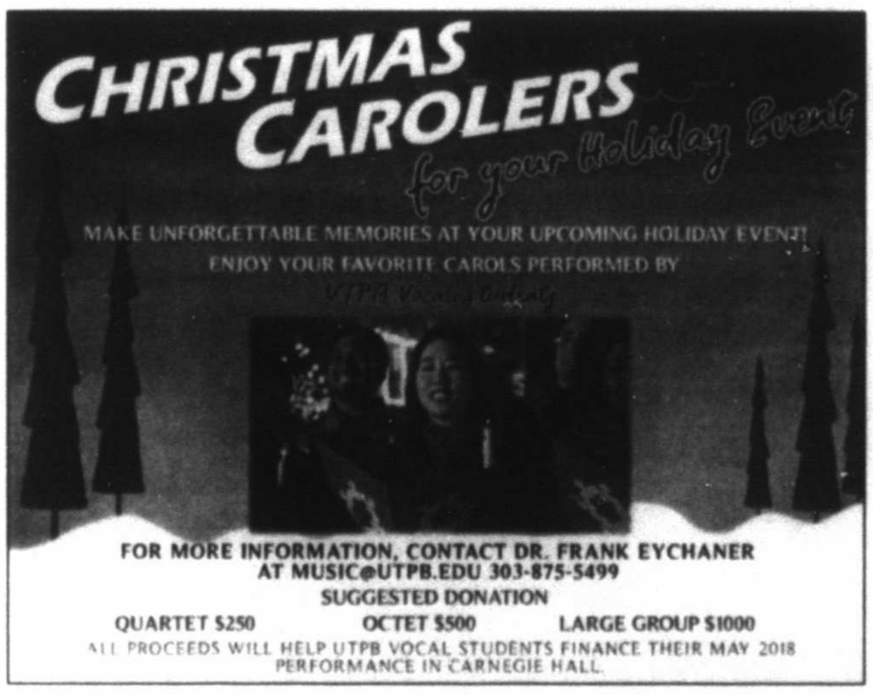
*Rae Boothe*
*Coach, UTPB Women's Basketball*

"When teams scout, most teams try to prepare for what other teams do offensively," Boothe noted. "It really helps that teams need to prepare for us on both offense and defense, and usually they can't simulate what we do defensively because we work on it every day. Controlling the controllable while playing at a fast pace helps us get steals and deflections, and while we're not close to how it will be, we have a glimpse of what we're trying to do. Every day we gain more and more understanding of what we're looking to do defensively."

***Above:** UTPB Sophomore **Alexandria Dockery** sets up for the shot. **Below: Kayla Bretherton**, UTPB Junior and native of Australia, searches for an opening during the battle between UTPB and TAMU.*

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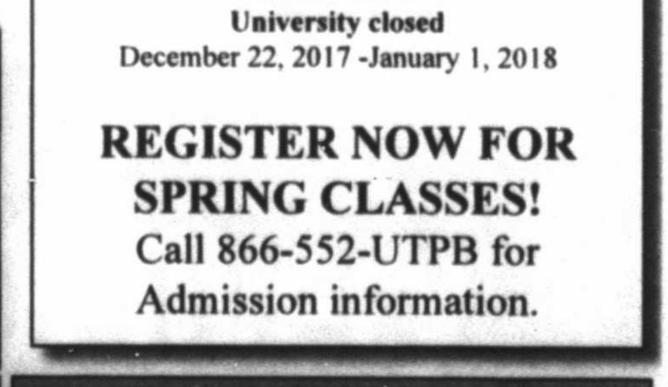


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# Idaho asks federal agency to regulate oil injection wells

*Associated Press*

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho wants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take over regulating underground injection wells needed by the state's oil and natural gas industry to economically dispose of wastewater.

The federal agency will take public comments through Jan. 11 on the plan to transfer a portion of the state's Underground Injection Control program.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources in August requested the change after failed attempts by the state to get approval from the EPA to regulate what are called class II injection wells.

"The lack of class II injection well permits is the single biggest hindrance to developing this industry in Idaho," said John Foster, spokesman for Texas-based oil company Alta Mesa.

The company in southwestern Idaho has six operating production wells and nine that are capable of producing but are turned off. Foster declined to go into details but said the approval of injection wells would "absolutely" lead to more production.

The company currently trucks wastewater to evaporative ponds south of Boise Airport. Foster said the trucking cost 10 times more than an injection well, and "the most environmentally safe way to dispose of it is to put it right back where we got it."

Mick Thomas, the state's Oil and Gas Division administrator at the Idaho Department of Lands, used to work in the same industry in Oklahoma.

Thousands of earthquakes have struck that state in recent years, many linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas production. State regulators have directed several oil and gas producers to close some injection wells and reduce volumes in others.

Thomas said there are significant differences between Idaho and Oklahoma. "I don't have any reason to be concerned about induced seismicity" in Idaho, he said.

Idaho wells, he said, involve high-porosity sand formations from which oil and gas flow easily. That's different from the shale formations in Oklahoma that require hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, and the introduction of fluids to break open the shale. Access fluids are then sent down injection wells.

Idaho wastewater, Thomas said, was already in the ground and is simply being put back where it came from, resulting in no net increase, unlike the process in Oklahoma.

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet Dec. 7 at the State Capitol building. The agenda hasn't been released, but injection wells are expected to be a topic before the five-member commission.

The EPA said it will hold a public meeting on Idaho injection wells if there's significant interest. "However, if there is not significant interest, EPA anticipates issuing a decision in the upcoming months," the agency said in an emailed statement to The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Foster said Alta Mesa would like to get a permit for an injection well as soon as possible.

"In recent months, we've had a very productive set of conservations with the EPA," he said.

# ENERGYBRIEFS

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HOUSTON

## Drilling-gear company will pay $238 million in bribery case

Federal officials say a Netherlands-based maker of equipment for offshore oil drilling will pay $238 million to settle charges of paying bribes to officials in five oil-producing countries.

Justice Department officials said Thursday that SBM Offshore N.V.'s U.S. subsidiary pleaded guilty in federal court as part of the settlement.

The government says the company admitted that from at least 1996 to 2012 it paid more than $180 million to intermediaries while knowing some of the money would be used to bribe officials in Brazil, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Kazakhstan and Iraq to win business from state-owned oil companies.

The Justice Department says the company gained at least $2.8 billion from projects with the oil companies.

SBM settled with Dutch authorities in 2014 by paying $240 million in fines and forfeited profits.

NEW MEXICO

## State predicts more education funding from investments

SANTA FE — Public education is expected to get a financial boost in the coming year from New Mexico's two major sovereign wealth funds, based on investment returns and income from the oil sector.

The State Investment Council has estimated that New Mexico's Land Grant Permanent Fund and Severance Tax Permanent Fund are likely to pay out $963 million for the coming fiscal year, a $64 million increase from the fiscal year that started in July.

The majority of annual distributions from the two state trusts go directly toward public schools. A little over $200 million flows to the state's general fund, which also underwrites public education.

Disbursements from the permanent funds are determined at the end of each calendar year based on the funds' market value, using a five-year average to avoid abrupt changes. The value of the two funds climbed to a combined $21.8 billion at the end of September.

"Very simply, the funds have grown by $2 billion over the past year," said Charles Wollmann, spokesman for the State Investment Council, on Thursday. "The markets have been performing beyond expectations."

Royalties on oil and natural gas production added $444 million to the Land Grant Permanent fund in the fiscal year that ended June 30, up from $420 million the previous year, according to the State Land Office.

New Mexico struggled this year to sustain funding for public education amid faltering tax revenues linked to a downturn in the oil and natural gas sector in 2015 and 2016. Spending was slashed at public colleges and several state agencies earlier this year to offset faltering tax revenues.

Initial indicators show an upward trend this year in state revenues, helping replenish exhausted reserve accounts that act as a buffer to economic downturns. The Legislature meets for a month starting in January to craft a spending plan for the coming fiscal year.

ALASKA

## Number of jobs in Prudhoe Bay region drops to decade low

ANCHORAGE — The number of jobs in the Prudhoe Bay region dropped this year to the lowest levels since 2007, according to the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The region had a record 13,485 jobs in March 2015, but lost a third of those after oil prices plummeted, Alaska's Energy Desk reported Wednesday.

Oil prices have gone up recently, but state economist Neal Fried said it's hard to predict whether the increase in prices will restore jobs.

"We're not quite sure whether those numbers are beginning to flatten out or not," Fried said. "We can't answer that question."

Fried said sectors such as fisheries, tourism and the military could help add jobs to the region — even if the oil industry doesn't start adding jobs again.

"It's not going to take a recovery in the oil sector to necessarily cause the recession to come to an end," Fried said. "There could be other industries that even are just growing marginally."

INDIANA

## NIPSCO paying $900K fine over gas pipeline safety violations

MERRILLVILLE — Northern Indiana Public Service Co. is paying a $900,000 fine after state regulators found that the utility failed to keep accurate maps and records of its underground natural gas lines.

The settlement approved Wednesday by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission instructs the company to improve its pipeline safety management system.

The (Northwest Indiana) Times reports the agency had issued violation notices to NIPSCO last year alleging 230 violations involving the timeliness of location services and 31 errors in locating underground lines stemming from inaccurate or inaccessible company pipeline maps and records.

The utility commission says NIPSCO "lacked a sense of urgency" to maintain updated pipeline records. The Merrillville-based utility provides natural gas to 810,000 customers across the northern one-third of Indiana.

# WILDCATS

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**Irion County**

Fossil Petroleum LLC
Hamilton Ranch #2
Wildcat; 193 fnwl, 338 fsel, Sec 1030, Abst. 765, HE&WT RR, 3 n Mertzon; TD 9000; API #42-235-36227 Permit issued 11/20

Fossil Petroleum LLC
Hamilton #17
Wildcat; 541 fnel, 1193 fsel, Sec 694-1/2, Abst. 458, F. Lambrecht, 1.5 n Mertzon; TD 9000; API #42-235-36226 Permit issued 11/20

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**Yoakum County**

Yuma E&P Company Inc
State 320 #1H
Wildcat-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 320, Blk D, Abst. 1534, J.H. Gibson, 10.11 ne Plains; TD 6100; API #42-501-36907 Permit issued 11/20

**New Mexico**

**Lea County**

Cimarex Energy Co. Vaca Draw 20 17 Fed #1 Wildcat, Sec 20 T25S R33E; 390/S & 590/W; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22025 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44135 Impetro Opreating LLC Wildhog BWX St #2 Wildcat; Sec 20 T26S R36E; 250/N & 1020/E; 6 mi SW Jal; Rot 17400 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-4