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NEWSMAKERS OF THE YEAR

Behind-the-scenes advocates help bring projects to fruition

By Kathleen Petty
Reporter-Telegram contributor

2012 will be remembered as a year of great accomplishment for Midland.

A $10 million incentive deal approved by the Midland Development Corp. will bring the aerospace industry to the Permian Basin. Work is well under way on an about $200 million pipeline project that will provide a new water supply to the Tall City. Residents approved a $163 million school bond, the largest passed to date. And, with the successful thwarting of the dunes sagebrush lizard from the endangered species list, oil drilling will continue to expand in West Texas and eastern New Mexico

It's the tangible results of each of these endeavors that Midlanders likely will remember in the years to come. However, these achievements might never have come to fruition if it weren't for the individuals who worked behind-the-scenes on behalf of each cause.

Robert Rendall, an attorney who was instrumental in the XCOR deal and T-Bar Ranch project, said the feats accomplished in 2012 are representative of the spirit of Midland.

"It just goes back to the history that we have in Midland. When there's a need for something, you just see a lot of leadership come together to make sure good things happen for the community," he said. "We've seen it happen through history and it's happened one more time. I think it's one of the things that makes Midland unique."

Rendall, along with Laura Roman, MDC chairwoman, as well as others at the MDC, were key in orchestrating an economic development agreement with XCOR.

They began talking with XCOR leaders early in the year.

By the time the $10 million incentive deal was announced to Midlanders in July, MDC officials had visited XCOR's California offices, they had spent hours researching the company and had done everything they could to communicate to XCOR staff what Midland had to offer.

XCOR leaders, in turn, had not only visited Midland multiple times, but already had begun looking for housing by mid-summer, Roman said.

Still, the early investigation process was not dissimilar to the one that MDC leaders go through multiple times each year as they pursue leads, Rendall said.

"It really started out as most leads do," he said. "You're not exactly sure what it's going to result in."

In this case, however, the needs of XCOR fit well within the Tall City and its goals and the initial discussions later turned into intricate negotiations.

The MDC had long ago targeted the aviation industry as one for potential expansion and its previous groundwork also helped in setting the stage for an XCOR move, Rendall said.

The goal is that Midland will not only benefit from the $200 million payroll eventually promised by XCOR, Rendall and Roman said, but that the city will also become a hub for the aerospace industry.

"I hope it truly is the catalyst project that opens up the aviation and aerospace industry in Midland, Texas," Roman said. "And that we really do become a city that's known not just as an oil and gas town, but truly as a center for innovation and ingenuity."

Added Rendall, "We're just getting into the very beginning where private industry is taking over space research and development. We have this great opportunity with this company to really get in on the ground floor."

Both Roman and Rendall were involved in other projects they describe as vital to the community's future and its economic success.

Rendall was among the officials who ensured the construction of the T-Bar Ranch pipeline could run as scheduled. When the Midland County Freshwater District No. 1 agreed it would deliver water to the city by May 31, 2013, Rendall said everyone involved knew it would take enormous effort to fulfill that promise.

"I recognized from the very first that it was not only a big project but that it would be tremendously difficult to get it done in the time frame they committed to," Rendall said.

But, he said, the importance of the water delivery made all involved aware it was something they needed to work toward.

"Everybody recognized if we were not to get some rain and if the drought continued it could be a pretty dire situation this next summer," he said.

Rendall attributes the success thus far mostly to José Cuevas Jr., Jay Edwards

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PERSON OF THE YEAR

ChinaAid founder Bob Fu impacts world with ministry

By Kathleen Petty
Reporter-Telegram contributor

When 2012 began, few people knew of Bob Fu or of his small office tucked between unassuming buildings on North Big Spring Street.

He'd been fighting for religious freedom and human rights through his nonprofit, ChinaAid Association, for 10 years and already had been instrumental in improving the lives of hundreds in China. But it wasn't until this spring, when he took on the case of blind dissident Chen Guangcheng that leaders around the world became aware of just how crucial the Midlander can be in advocating for the persecuted.

Fu has now been featured in newspapers and on television stations around the globe. Requests for help from ChinaAid doubled and then tripled during the year as awareness of the small Christian ministry increased and financial support grew as well. In November, Fu announced he'll release his memoir, "Double Agent: The True Story of a Chinese Christian's Fight for Freedom," in 2013.

His story also is included in the George W. Bush Institute's Freedom Collection, which was unveiled in March and recognizes significant human rights leaders. Fu traveled to Dallas for the collection's official opening and was recognized by the former president and first lady for his contributions.

Still, while the 44-year-old father said 2012 has been nothing less than "extraordinary," he's also quick to remind those around him that ChinaAid's success has little to do with him.

"We are small, like David vs. Goliath. Our office is humble," Fu said. "The Scripture says, 'Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and the Lord shall lift you up.' That's proved true in the Chen case."

Fu and his wife, Heidi, had their own

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Bob Fu

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Watch Nights mark Emancipation Proclamation 150th

By Brett Zongker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As New Year's Day approached 150 years ago, all eyes were on President Abraham Lincoln in expectation of what he warned 100 days earlier would be coming — his final proclamation declaring all slaves in states rebelling against the Union to be "forever free."

A tradition began Dec. 31, 1862, as many black churches held Watch Night services, awaiting word that Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation would take effect amid a bloody Civil War. Later, congregations listened as the president's historic words were read aloud.

The proclamation would not end slavery outright and at the time couldn't be enforced by Lincoln in areas under Confederate control. But the president made clear from that day forward that his forces would be fighting to bring the Union back together without the institution of slavery.

Lincoln issued his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in September 1862, after the Battle of Antietam, announcing that if rebel states did not cease fighting and rejoin the Union by Jan. 1, 1863, all slaves in rebellious states or parts of states would be declared free from that date forward.

This year, the Watch Night tradition will follow the historic document to its home at the National Archives with a special midnight display planned with readings, songs and bell ringing among the nation's founding documents.

The official document bears Lincoln's signature and the United States seal, setting it apart from copies and drafts. It will make a rare public appearance from today to Tuesday — New Year's Day — for thousands of visitors to mark its anniversary. On New Year's Eve, the display will remain open past midnight as 2013 arrives.

"We will be calling back to an old tradition," said U.S. Archivist David Ferriero, noting the proclamation's legacy. "When you see thousands of people waiting in line in the dark and cold ... we know that they're not there just for words on paper.

"On this 150th anniversary, we recall those who struggled with slavery in this country, the hope that sustained them and the inspiration the Emancipation Proclamation has given to those who seek justice."

The National Archives allows 100 visitors at a time into its rotunda, where the Emancipation Proclamation will be displayed along with the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. On the busiest days, 8,000 people file through for a glimpse of the founding charters.

Performances and re-enactments are scheduled to continue throughout New Year's Day. The U.S. Postal Service will unveil a new Emancipation Proclamation stamp as well.

This special display is just one of many commemorations planned in Washington and in churches nationwide to mark the anniversary of Lincoln's actions to end slavery and end the Civil War.

President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, where the 16th president spent much of his time and where he began drafting the proclamation, is displaying a signed copy of the document through February. It also will host its own New Year's Eve celebration.

The Library of Congress will display the first draft handwritten by Lincoln. It will be on display for six weeks beginning Jan. 3 in the library's exhibit, "The Civil War in America," which features many personal letters and diaries from the era.

Also, the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture just opened its newest exhibition, "Changing America," to recount the 1863 emancipation of slaves and the 1963 March on Washington for Civil Rights. It includes a rare signed copy of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution that ultimately abolished slavery.

The Watch Night tradition also continues at many sites Monday night.

In Washington, the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, where abolitionist Frederick Douglass was a member, will host a special 150th anniversary service.

History lovers say this is a chance to remember what the Emancipation Proclamation actually signified.

Lincoln wrote in part: "I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward, shall be free."

He went on to say the military would recognize the freedom of slaves, that freed slaves should avoid violence and that freed slaves could enlist in the U.S. armed forces. It did not immediately free a single slave, though, because Lincoln didn't have the power to enforce the declaration in the Confederacy. Still, many slaves had already been freeing themselves, and the document gave them protection, said Reginald Washington, an archivist of African-American history at the National Archives.

"It was a first, important step in paving the way for the abolishment of slavery with the ratification of the 13th Amendment," he said.

It also brought "a fundamental change in the character of the war," Washington said. "With the stroke of Lincoln's pen, a war to preserve the union had overnight become a war of human liberation."

The proclamation became a symbol of hope for nearly 4 million slaves and a confirmation that the war should be fought to secure their freedom, said Washington, who is retiring from the Archives after nearly 40 years. Some historians and scholars have come to view to proclamation as one of the most important documents in U.S. history.

The final proclamation has been rarely shown because it was badly damaged decades ago by long exposure to light. After it was signed at the White House, it was kept at the State Department for many years with other presidential proclamations. In 1936, it was transferred to the National Archives.

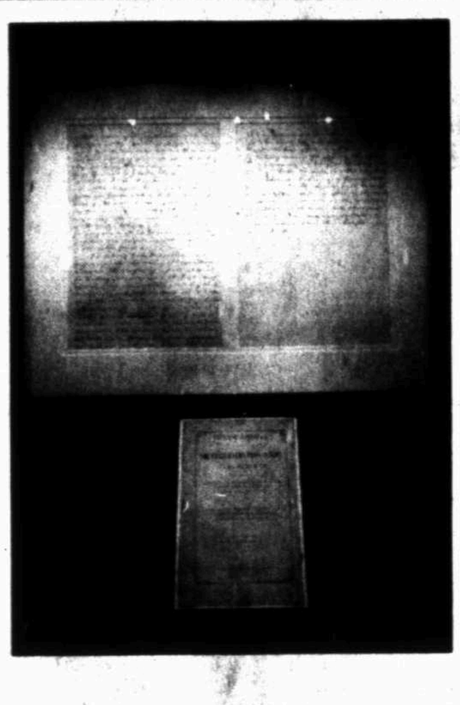
Records show it was displayed between 1947 and 1949 in a "Freedom Train" exhibit that traveled the country. Then it was shown briefly in January 1963 to mark the 100th anniversary of its signing.

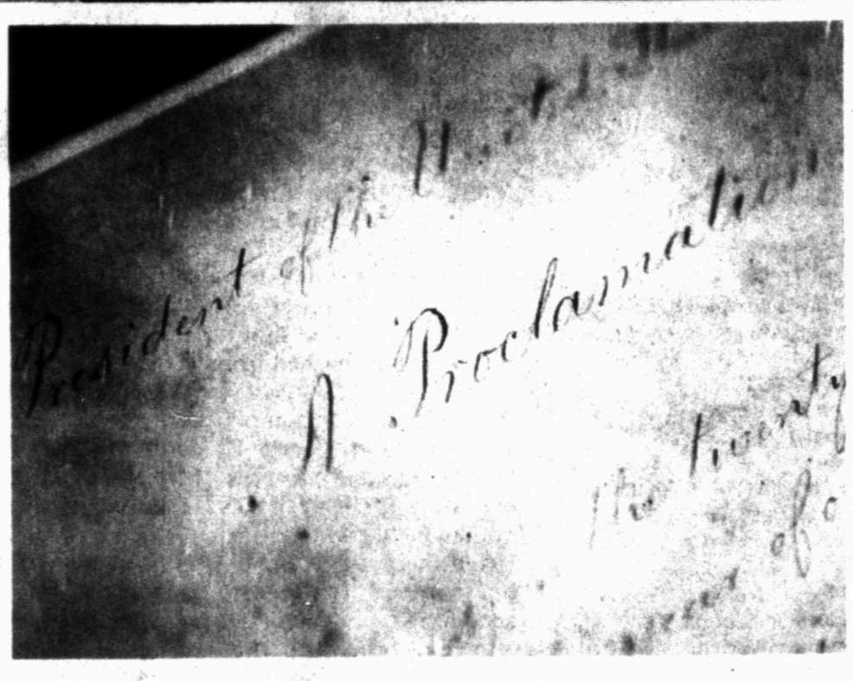
It wasn't until 1993 that the Emancipation Proclamation has been shown more regularly to the public. In the past decade, it has been shown in 10 other museums and libraries nationwide for no more than three days at a time to limit its exposure to light.

A 2011 exhibition at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., that was open around the clock drew lines amounting to eight-hour waits to see the document.

Conservators rotate which of the five pages are shown to limit their light exposure. In Washington, they will display pages two and five, which is Lincoln's signature page. High-quality copies are shown in place of the other original pages.

"It's rarely shown, and that's part of our strategy for preserving it and making it accessible," said Catherine Nicholson, an archives conservator. "Our goal is to keep its current condition so that it can be enjoyed not only by people today, but by future generations."





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TOP: National Archives visitors look at a display of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation at the National Archives in Washington in November 2010. As New Year's Day approached 150 years ago, all eyes were on Lincoln in expectation of what he warned 100 days earlier would be coming — his final proclamation declaring all slaves in states rebelling against the Union to be "forever free." **BOTTOM LEFT:** The first draft of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation that Lincoln presented to his full cabinet on July 22, 1862, is displayed at the Library of Congress in Washington in 2009. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The original Emancipation Proclamation is on display in the Rotunda of the National Archives in Washington in 2005.

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Woman charged with murder in NY subway shove death

By Colleen Long
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A woman who told police she shoved a man to his death off a subway platform into the path of a train because she has hated Muslims since Sept. 11 and thought he was one was charged Saturday with murder as a hate crime, prosecutors said.

Erika Menendez was charged in the death of Sunando Sen, who was crushed by a 7 train in Queens on Thursday night, the second time this month a commuter has died in such a nightmarish fashion.

Menendez, 31, was awaiting arraignment on the charge Saturday evening, Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown said. She could face 25 years to life in prison if convicted. She was in custody and couldn't be reached for comment, and it was unclear if she had an attorney.

Menendez, who was arrested after a tip by a passer-by who saw her on a street and thought she looked like the woman in a surveillance video released by police, admitted shoving Sen, who was pushed from behind, authorities said.

"I pushed a Muslim off the train tracks because I hate Hindus and Muslims ever since 2001 when they put down the twin towers. I've been beating them up," Menendez told police, according to the district attorney's office.

Sen was from India, but it's unclear if he was Muslim or Hindu. The 46-year-old lived in Queens and ran a printing shop. He was shoved from an elevated platform on the 7 train line, which connects Manhattan and Queens. Witnesses said a muttering woman rose from her seat on a platform bench and pushed him on the tracks as a train entered the station and then ran off.

The two had never met before, authorities said, and witnesses told police they hadn't interacted on the platform.

Police released a sketch and security camera video showing a woman running from the station where Sen was killed.

Menendez was arrested by police earlier Saturday after a passer-by on a Brooklyn street spotted her and called 911. Police responded, confirmed her identity and took her into custody, where she made statements implicating herself in the crime, police spokesman Paul Browne said.

The district attorney said such hateful remarks about Muslims and Hindus could not be tolerated.

"The defendant is accused of committing what is every subway commuter's worst nightmare," he said.

On Dec. 3, another man was pushed to his death in a Times Square subway station. A photo of the man clinging to the edge of the platform a split second before he was struck by a train was published on the front page of the New York Post, causing an uproar about whether the photographer, who was catching a train, or anyone else should have tried to help him.

A homeless man was arrested and charged with murder in that case. He claimed he acted in self-defense and is awaiting trial.

It's unclear whether anyone tried — or could have tried — to help Sun on Thursday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Friday urged residents to keep Sen's death in perspective as he touted new historic lows in the city's annual homicide and shooting totals.

"It's a very tragic case, but what we want to focus on today is the overall safety in New York," Bloomberg told reporters following a police academy graduation.

But commuters still expressed concern over subway safety and shock about the arrest of Menendez on a hate crime charge.

"For someone to do something like that ... that's not the way we are made," said David Green, who was waiting for a train in Manhattan. "She needs help."

Green said he caught himself leaning over the subway platform's edge and realized maybe he shouldn't do that.

"It does make you more conscious," he said of the deaths.

Such subway deaths are rare, but other high-profile cases include the 1999 fatal shoving of aspiring screenwriter Kendra Webdale by a former psychiatric patient. That case led to a state law allowing for more supervision of mentally ill people living outside institutions.

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Inmate plucked from garden gets 2 more years

MUSKEGON — A Michigan inmate who tried to escape by burying himself in a prison garden has been sentenced to an additional two years behind bars.

Authorities said Edwin Cota was found buried in August at the Brooks prison in Muskegon. He had a sheet tied in knots that he had hoped to use to get over the fence.

The Muskegon Chronicle said Cota was sentenced to at least two years in prison Thursday after earlier pleading no contest to the attempted escape.

FLORIDA

Vultures pick at visitors' cars in Everglades

HOMESTEAD — Visitors to parts of Everglades National Park are getting tarps and bungee cords to make their vehicles less delectable to vultures.

Migrating vultures have developed a habit of ripping off windshield wipers, sunroof seals, and other rubber and vinyl vehicle parts. Visitors to the park's Homestead and Flamingo entrances are loaned "anti-vulture kits" to protect their vehicles.

Park wildlife biologist Skip Snow said the vultures are migrating as normal. It's just not clear why the birds are picking at parked cars and trucks. Park employees have tried to scare away the vultures, but nothing has worked.

MILWAUKEE

Couple says pet chicken alerted them to blaze

A Wisconsin couple says clucks, not fire trucks, helped them escape a blaze at their home.

Dennis Murawska, 59, said a pet chicken named Cluck Cluck woke his wife Susan Cotey, 52, with loud clucking from its cage in the basement two floors below about 6:15 a.m. Thursday. The couple's two cats also were running around the main floor.

Murawska said he had been half awake but didn't know about the fire because the smoke alarms hadn't gone off. He realized something was wrong when his wife got up.

"The chicken gets quite vocal when she gets excited," he said.

The couple escaped, and firefighters found the chicken in its cage.

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The cost is $60 a week. The camp will operate 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each weekday. Kids must bring their lunch; snacks will be provided by Camp Fire.

For more information, call 570-4144.

■ Organist Katelyn Emerson is to give a recital 4 p.m. Jan. 6 at First Presbyterian Church.

Her appearance is sponsored by the West Texas Chapter, American Guild of Organists. The concert is free.

Emerson, 20, is a junior at Oberlin College and Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio, where she is majoring in organ performance and French.

■ Stand Up for Mental Health, featuring comic David Granirer, is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Midland Community Theatre. The event is a benefit for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Midland amd Permian Basin Community Centers.

Tickets are $20 before Jan. 7 and $25 at the door. For advance tickets, call 570-3322.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 17.

The featured book is "Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ HOBBS, N.M. — Retired U.S. Army Gen. Colin Powell is to speak 7 p.m. Feb. 26 as part of the University of the Southwest's Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series.

Powell was secretary of state under President George W. Bush. Before that he served in the Army for 35 years, served as national security advisor under President Ronald Reagan and as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

Tickets will be available beginning Jan. 28. There is a four-ticket limit.

The lecture is at Tydings Auditorium at Hobbs High School. Tickets may be obtained by emailing tickets@usw.edu or by calling 575-492-2108.

Groups meeting this week

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.

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

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Today in history

Today is Sunday, Dec. 30, the 365th day of 2012. There is one day left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 30, 1962, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New York Giants 16-7 in the NFL Championship Game; the event was filmed by Blair Motion Pictures, which later became NFL Films.

On this date:

In 1813, the British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for $10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1860, 10 days after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the state militia seized the United States Arsenal in Charleston.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Mich. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

Today's birthdays: Actor Joseph Bologna is 78. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 78. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Sandy Koufax is 77. Actor Fred Ward is 70.

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and others involved in the project. Without Rendall working on the legal side of things, however, meeting deadlines would have been difficult to accomplish.

Rendall dedicated the bulk of his professional time during parts of the year to the pipeline project. He worked through the legal hurdles, interfaced with state agencies regarding regulatory processes and was involved in the details of securing long- and short-term financing.

He attended each of the water district's board meetings and, along with his colleagues, negotiated to secure the right-of-way needed to allow for the construction of the 65-plus mile pipeline. The project while not complete, has been ahead of schedule.

When nearly $197 million in bonds went up for sale this fall, they sold out within hours.

"I'm still kind of in awe that it happened as quickly as it did," Rendall said. "That is attributed to a lot of people who have put in a lot of work."

Roman teamed with Patrick Payton, senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship, to co-chair the political action committee working on behalf of the Midland Independent School District bond proposal.

Both said the bond is only part of an overall plan for the future of public education in Midland and they felt if people heard about the future of MISD they would support the bond.

To spread the word took plenty of effort.

"Mayor Bobby Burns said it best when I first was considering taking on the chairmanship role," said Payton, who agreed to a leadership role early in the year. "

"He said, 'This is going to consume your life.' It was a completely second full-time job. It consumed my life for three months, but it consumed a lot of other people's lives."

When Roman joined Payton in the fall, she said she took on the role of the pessimist. She wanted to make sure they'd spoken with everyone they could before the polls opened.

"There were times when we were going to four or five meetings a day," she said. "We made sure we took advantage of every opportunity that we could. I just felt if we didn't talk to that one extra person or if we missed that one group meeting that we would ask, 'Did we do enough?'"

MRT file photo

Workers with Garney Construction continue connecting the pipe line through Ector County from the T-Bar Ranch to Midland in this Nov. Nov. 26 file photo.

For Roman and Payton, the effort was about more than just physical improvements to MISD.

"The education system is the foundation of our economic viability in Midland, Texas," Roman said.

Payton said education is paramount in a community and as a religious leader he felt it was time to partner with the schools.

"We saw our city growing and we saw needs in our city and needs in our family," Payton said. "We wanted to stand with the public schools and not stand outside the schools and say what's wrong."

Their efforts paid off. Superintendent Ryder Warren told the Reporter-Telegram when the bond was approved that it passed, in large part, because of the efforts of board members and volunteers who told the school district's story.

"I think the success can be attributed to the process the board and the committee took in trying to be transparent and hold conversations with the community," he said.

Next to the school bond proposal, the dunes sagebrush lizard is a topic that was at the forefront of discussions throughout Midland in 2012.

Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, was one of the biggest advocates for keeping the lizard off the endangered species list. He repeatedly said science did not support the lizard's listing and said in previous interviews with the Reporter-Telegram that those statements were gratified when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced in June it would not include the lizard among the endangered.

"As an industry comprised of scientists, we always look toward the best science and that includes conservation," he told the Reporter-Telegram in June. "We also continue to believe the best science showed the lizard does not warrant listing. The lizard is fine; its habitat is in good shape. Frankly, if the evidence had shown otherwise, it's likely the Fish and Wildlife Service would have listed the lizard."

In Midland, most involved in the oil and gas industry agreed the listing of the lizard would have a negative impact on the economy and future oil and gas development in the area. It was Shepperd, though, who many pointed to as the one who knew the details of the science and the reasons why the lizard could be protected without major changes to the industry.

Shepperd spoke at hearings about the reasons the lizard did not need to be classified as endangered. He worked with state and federal leaders as well as industry leaders in the Permian Basin. At times, he told the Reporter-Telegram, he was spending as much as 80 percent of his professional life on the lizard issue.

In the end, the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dan Ashe, cited the "unprecedented commitment to voluntary conservation" made by leaders as part of the reason the lizard was left off the list.

It won't be the last species that could threaten the way the oil and gas industry currently operates. But, in this case, Shepperd and other advocates prevailed.

Whether it was that issue or others, Roman said it's the people in the Tall City who continue to make the difference. She said those working for the community now are following in the footsteps of previous advocates and she's hopeful the next generation of Midlanders will step up and continue the tradition.

"Whether it's the culture we have here or the education of the people we have here, I hope that (people) see that — that Midland is truly a center for innovation and ingenuity," Roman said. "I don't think our best value is what we have under the ground in fossil fuels. I think it's our people."

Fu

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tale of escape from persecution in China before starting up their ministry. After being arrested for leadership in an underground Christian house church in the mid-1990s, the couple fled China and were admitted to the U.S. They first settled in Pennsylvania, where Bob Fu studied theology and was planning for a future as a teacher.

When he was alerted to the case of five Christian house pastors who had been sentenced to death, Fu said God changed his plans.

He and Heidi set out to help and started in their garage what is now ChinaAid. After a chance meeting on Capitol Hill with leaders from Mid-Cities Community Church a few years later, the couple decided to move their family and nonprofit to the Tall City.

"I was very much preparing myself to become a theologian," Fu said. "I guess it's like the Scripture says, 'His thought is higher than our thought, his ways are higher than our ways."

When Chen escaped from house arrest in China this May, Fu knew what had happened before Chinese officials ever discovered Chen was missing. Chen had been under lockdown for speaking out against the country's one-child policy that he and others have said leads to forced abortions.

Chen eventually would be allowed to bring his family to the U.S. where he is studying at a New York university. The deal that paved the way for such a move, though, took time and lots of brokering between China and the U.S.

During those talks, Fu was pivotal in providing information and in speaking out for Chen. During one congressional hearing, Fu got Chen on the phone so the lawyer could testify on his own behalf.

The case was dramatic, Fu said, which is part of the reason it garnered so much attention worldwide.

However, while Chen is part of the reason 2012 was a banner year for ChinaAid, his case is not unlike the hundreds of others they come across each year, Fu said.

"In China there are really thousands of Chen Guangchengs. Almost every year there are a number of cases (like his). It's just that it doesn't reach that kind of high stakes," he said.

In each of those cases, ChinaAid offers assistance. Sometimes it's through encouragement, other times through financial aid or training for defense lawyers, and still other times through spreading the word about persecution taking place.

In the most extreme cases, like Chen's, Fu utilizes an underground railroad of sorts that he and others have built up in China to orchestrate an escape.

In 2012, ChinaAid also became more involved in the family planning debate and worked for the rights of the unborn. In one case, Fu used his contacts in China to speak with a government official and stop the planned forced abortion of a then 7-month-old fetus.

"Now, (there's) another happily delivered baby boy," Fu said.

For Fu, the victory of helping parents save their child was one of the best parts of the year, he said.

As they look ahead, Fu said ChinaAid is working to become more vigilant. If recent trends are any indication, persecution — and in turn the need for help — will only grow in 2013.

"We anticipate that there will be increasing persecution," Fu said. "In the past couple of weeks there were more new arrests and more persecution. We just really can't keep up, and our staff is drafting press releases and literally working day and night."

By increasing awareness around the globe of the torture and persecution being endured by so many in China, Fu said he's hopeful more individuals will be willing to help push for change that he thinks is on the horizon for China.

"We think that things are changing," he said. "Sooner or later, China will have major change."

4 dead, 4 injured in Moscow airliner crash

By Jim Heintz
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A passenger airliner careened off the runway at Russia's third-busiest airport and partly onto a highway while landing Saturday, broke into pieces and caught fire, killing at least four people.

Officials said there were eight people aboard the Tu-204 belonging to Russian airline Red Wings that was flying back from the Czech Republic without passengers to its home at Vnukovo Airport.

Emergency officials said in a televised news conference that four people were killed and another four severely injured when the plane rolled off the runway into a snowy field and partly onto an adjacent highway, then disintegrated. No collisions with vehicles on the major, multilane highway were reported.

The plane's cockpit area was sheared off from the fuselage and the tail section partly torn away.

The crash occurred amid snow and winds gusting up to 30 mph, but other details were not immediately known. A spokesman for Russia's top investigative agency, Vladimir Markin, said initial indications were that pilot error was the cause.

The state news agency RIA Novosti cited an unidentified official at the Russian Aviation Agency as saying another Red Wings Tu-204 had gone off the runway at the international airport in Novosibirsk in Siberia on Dec. 20. The agency said that incident, in which no one was injured, was because of the failure of the plane's engines to go into reverse upon landing and that its brake system malfunctioned.

Alexander Usoltsev/AP

Rescuers work at the site Saturday where a plane careered off the runway at Vnukovo Airport in Moscow. A Tu-204 aircraft belonging to Russian airline Red Wings careered off the runway at Russia's third-busiest airport on Saturday, broke into pieces and caught fire, killing several people.

On Friday, the Aviation Agency sent a directive to the Tupolev company's president calling for it to take urgent preventive measures.

The plane that crashed Saturday took off from Pardubice airport in the Czech Republic. Jan Anderlik, the director of the company that operates the airport, told Czech public television that the plane underwent a regular technical check before takeoff and no problems were discovered.

Prior to Saturday's crash, there had been no fatal accidents reported for Tu-204s, which entered commercial service in 1995. The plane is a twin-engine midrange jet with a capacity of about 210 passengers.

The Red Wings airline is one of the holdings of Russian billionaire Alexander Lebedev, who also owns the British newspapers The Independent and the Evening Standard.

Vnukovo, on the southern outskirts of Moscow, is one of the Russian capital's three international airports.

Maine same-sex couples marry in first hours of law

By David Sharp
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Arriving in a limo, Donna Galluzzo and Lisa Gorney had all the trappings of a traditional wedding: Rings, flowers, wedding vows, an entourage and a friend to officiate.

With tears in their eyes, they were among the first gay couples to exchange wedding vows early Saturday morning after Maine's same-sex marriage law went into effect at midnight.

"We're paving the way for people to go after us. I think it's just amazing. It's freeing. It's what's right," an emotionally drained Gorney said after their ceremony in front of City Hall.

After waiting years and seeing marriage rights nearly awarded and then retracted, gay couples in Maine's largest city didn't have to wait a moment longer than necessary to wed, with licenses issued at the stroke of midnight as the law went into effect.

Steven Bridges and Michael Snell were the first in line, and they received cheers from more than 200 people waiting outside after they wed in the clerk's office.

"It's historic. We've waited our entire lives for this," said Bridges, a retail manager, who's been in a relationship with the Snell, a massage therapist, for nine years. Bridges, 42, and Snell, 53, wore lavender and purple carnations on black T-shirts with the words "Love is love."

Voters in Maine, Maryland and Washington state approved gay marriage in November, making them the first states to do so by popular vote. Gay marriage already was legal in New York, Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and the District of Columbia, but those laws were either enacted by lawmakers or through court rulings.

In Maine, Gov. Paul LePage signed off on the certified election results on Nov. 29, so the new law was to go into effect 30 days from that date. The law already is in effect in Washington state; Maryland's takes effect on Tuesday, the first day of 2013.

Nobody knew exactly how many couples would be rushing to get their marriage licenses early Saturday in Maine. Falmouth joined Portland in opening at midnight. Other communities including Bangor, Brunswick and Augusta planned to hold special Saturday hours.

In Portland, the mood was festive with the crowd cheering and horns sounding at midnight as Bridges and Snell began filling out paperwork in the clerk's office in Portland City Hall. There were free carnation boutonnieres and cupcakes, and a jazz trio played.

Outside, the raucous group that gathered in front of the building cheered Bridges and Snell as if they were rock stars and broke into The Beatles' "All You Need is Love."

Fourteen couples received marriage licenses, and five of them married on the spot, a city spokeswoman said. Many of those who received their marriage license were middle-aged, and some said they never envisioned a day when gay couples could wed just like straight couples.

"I came out years ago and the only thing we wanted was to not get beaten up," said Steven Jones, 50, who married his partner, Jamous Lizotte, on his 35th birthday.

Not everyone was getting married right away.

Suzanne Blackburn and Joanie Kunian, of Portland, were among those in line to get their license at midnight, but they planned to have their marriage ceremony later. One of their grandchildren wanted them to get married on Valentine's Day.

"I don't think that we dared to dream too big until we had the governor's signature," Blackburn said. "That's why it's so important, because it feels real."

Bridges and Snell already considered themselves married because they'd held a commitment ceremony attended by friends and family six years ago. Nonetheless, they thought it was important to make it official under state law, as Snell's two daughters watched.

Katie and Carolyn Snell, the daughters, said the ceremony made formal what they knew all along to be true about the couple.

"It's just a piece of paper," said Katie Snell. "Their love has been there, their commitment has been there, all along. It's the last step to make it a true official marriage because everything else has been there from the start."

Animal rights group settles lawsuit with Ringling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An animal rights group will pay Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus $9.3 million to settle a lawsuit the circus filed after courts found that activists paid a former circus worker for his help in claiming the circus abused elephants.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said Friday it was not admitting any wrongdoing in settling the lawsuit. The New York-based animal rights group was one of several involved in a lawsuit filed in 2000 against the circus' owner, Feld Entertainment Inc., claiming elephants were abused.

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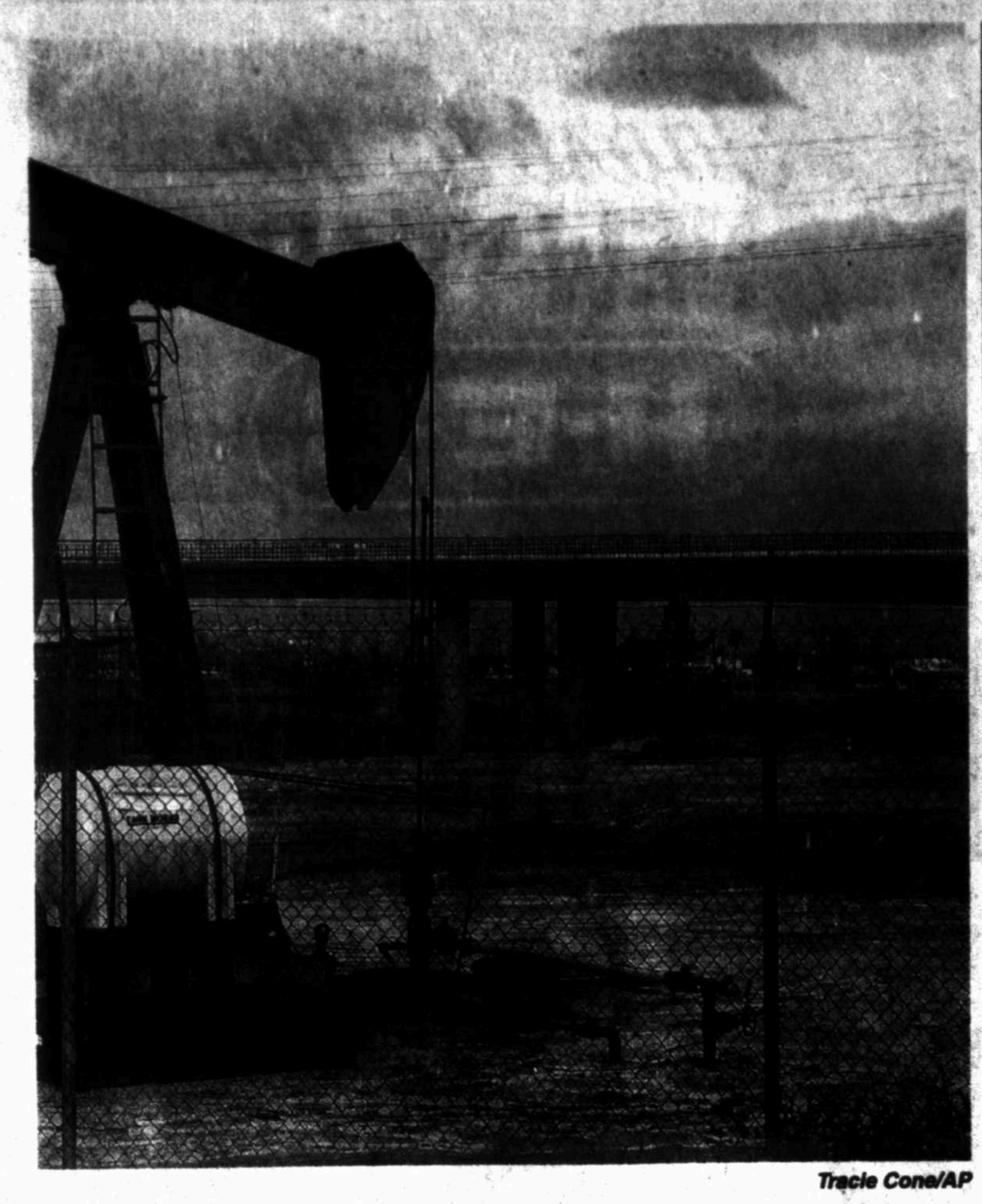

Tracie Cone/AP

In this Dec. 18 photo, one of the region's thousands of oil pumps sits in the foreground of the new Westside Parkway under construction in Bakersfield, Calif. Much of the economic boom Bakersfield is enjoying is because high oil prices and new technology for extraction have revived the $10 billion industry that seemed dried up 25 years ago when Kern County set out to diversify its economy and expand its tax base.

Din of hammers, oil wells signal Bakersfield boom

By Tracie Cone
Associated Press

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — For most of its existence, Bakersfield has inhabited that awkward in-between place. Not as sophisticated as Los Angeles, just over the Tehachapi Mountains to the south, not as wealthy as its longtime economic rival Fresno, equidistant to the north.

But as many communities continue to struggle economically, good things are happening in this place best known for endless oil fields and the "Bakersfield Sound" — a twangy style of steel guitar music made popular by hometown country crooners Buck Owens and Merle Haggard.

Bakersfield and surrounding Kern County find themselves in lofty positions on key national lists measuring economic vitality: No. 1 metro area for long-term private sector job growth. No. 1 county for construction gains and No. 1 large metro area for annual economic growth.

Cheap land, affordable housing, proximity to Los Angeles, a location that's within a three-hour drive of 90 percent of the state's population, and a planning department that doesn't throw up roadblocks are driving the region's economic revolution, business leaders say.

Caterpillar's new parts distribution center at the confluence of Interstate 5 and Highway 99, the state's two major north-south transportation arteries, went from handshake to grand opening last August in just eight months. It joined 35 other logistics centers near there such as Ikea, Frito Lay, Dollar General, Famous Footwear and Target, drawn to the county because it is a one-day turnaround for truckers delivering from San Francisco to San Diego.

The demand for industrial and office space has left Kern County with little inventory.

"Everything is moving," said David Wagner, contractor Wallace & Smith's superintendent on a 28,000-square-foot business complex that's now a skeleton of I-beams. "The developer already has tenants for this and it won't open until April."

The contractor just finished a 160,000-square-foot cold storage facility in Delano, a NASCAR-style racetrack and a regional blood bank. It has four apartment complexes under construction and will break ground in February on a minor league baseball stadium.

Electrician Bryce McCall wondered during the downturn whether he had chosen the right profession. Not anymore.

"My wife and I would discuss whether I would be better off going to the oil fields," he said as he drilled wiring conduits in a new garage at a new development. "Now the jobs are happening and we're starting to pick up."

There's such an active business climate that this fall the Kern County Economic Development Corporation and Bakersfield Californian newspaper bucked industry trends by launching a print paper, the Kern Business Journal, now on its second edition. A new east-west freeway through the middle of town is paved and close to opening.

Long reliant on agriculture and oil, there's diversity of industries emerging, with renewable energy and aerospace gaining a foothold.

At the Mojave Air and Space Port in southeast Kern County, Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo preps for the day it will carry passengers into suborbital space, and Paul Allen's Stratolaunch Systems is building the world's largest aircraft — one that will carry rockets with commercial cargo and, eventually, passengers to the edge of space.

The wider, extended runway the company needs already was built. The space port complex has 400 acres pre-approved for construction.

Despite the progress, hurdles remain. Unemployment in the county is 12.4 percent, down from 16.2 percent in December 2010 but still above the statewide average of 9.8 percent. And Bakersfield still is a hard sell for some.

Two years ago, State Farm consolidated its insurance centers in Rohnert Park in the Bay Area and Fresno into its Bakersfield office. The company expected that 35 percent of the Rhonert Park workers would take the transfer. After taking bus tours of the city with its vibrant downtown and tree-lined neighborhoods, 70 percent of the workers took the transfer.

"People come here and they say, 'Oh my God, there are amenities and people can speak full sentences.' It's the perception versus the reality," said Richard Chapman, president of the Kern County Economic Development Corporation.

Chapman said the area's workforce, while reliable, needs to be better educated and trained. Many young people tend to go away to college and not come back.

"We have 100 job openings for welders, but companies aren't going to train you," Chapman said.

Bakersfield has boomed before — it saw huge population and economic growth when the economy surged in the late 1990s and into the early years of the new century. But it fell hard when the bottom dropped out of the housing market. Now, it's housing that's helping to make the city attractive again.

The median price of a three-bedroom home is $130,000 — down from $216,000 in 2007 — which makes the region appealing to employers looking to relocate.

It's also a cheap place to do business. In a recent analysis of the taxes and fees charged by 421 U.S. cities, the annual Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey rated Bakersfield a "low cost" city for doing business. Los Angeles was rated "very high cost."

Much of the boom Bakersfield is enjoying is because high oil prices and new technology for extraction have revived the $10 billion industry that seemed dried up 25 years ago when Kern County set out to diversity its economy and expand its tax base. Some estimates place up to 80 percent of California's oil under Kern County soil, with an estimated 12 billion barrels trapped in shale, the largest deposit of any county in the nation. Today's $100-a-barrell prices have inspired the innovation needed to extract it.

Chevron is expanding its offices, and other oil companies and related industries are eying land for development.

Kern County also has embraced 21st century energy by pre-zoning project areas for wind and solar. The value of wind energy projects is assessed at $7.5 billion. Wind will generate 3,000 new Kern County jobs this year, the industry estimates.

Recently, philanthropist and retired oil executive Gene Voiland bought the Bakersfield Blaze, a Class A farm team of the Cincinnati Reds. His stadium project is part of a new high-end shopping complex on the affluent west side of the city. PG&E is removing an antiquated oil-burning power-generating plant to clear 200 prime acres for the project.

"I've moved here four times while I was in the oil business, and I'm retired here because I thought it was the best place I've ever lived," he said. "It's a good town. People do their jobs."

As 'fiscal cliff' looms, Pelosi holds more cards than Boehner

By Carolyn Lockhead
Hearst Newspapers

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Senate leaders hold last-minute talks on so-called fiscal cliff.

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Washington — House minority leader Nancy Pelosi appears to command more votes in the fiscal cliff negotiations than the Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner of Ohio.

That's because the San Francisco Democrat leads a unified caucus whose votes will be needed to pass any deal to avert more than $600 billion in tax increases and spending cuts come Tuesday.

Boehner's Republicans, by contrast, are rebellious and fractured, having abandoned their leader last week.

"She's got to be sitting back and smiling at all of this right now," said Jim Manley, formerly a top aide to Senate majority leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "She's got some pretty good cards to play."

Pelosi and other top congressional leaders met with Obama on Friday. Reid and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell promised to try to come up with a deal by today. If they fail, Obama said he would ask Reid to put to an up or down vote a bill to extend income tax cuts on all but those households earning more than $250,000 a year and extend unemployment benefits, an obvious challenge to Republicans in both chambers.

That Pelosi should control the majority from the minority is a huge embarrassment to Republicans and a powerful lever for President Obama.

"She has her caucus more in lockstep with the White House than Boehner does with himself," said Republican strategist Ford O'Connell. "In the House, there's no way around it. Unless fiscal conservatives say, 'All right I see the greater strategy here,' there is no way to this without votes from Pelosi's caucus."

Having lost the Speaker's gavel in 2010 after a GOP pummeling that drove her approval rating into the basement, Pelosi now finds herself more popular than Boehner, whose 31 percent approval rating in a Rasmussen survey now ranks him as the least liked congressional leader.

Democratic aides attribute this bizarre turn of events to a series of political miscalculations by Boehner that contrast with Pelosi's ability to hold Democrats together during contentious votes under her leadership, including passing health care reform, the 2008 bank rescue known as TARP, and funding for the Iraq War.

Technically, Obama and Republicans are only about $300 billion apart, which is not much on the scale of a budget that runs to the tens of trillions of dollars over the next decade. During the previous three administrations, Democratic and Republican, such differences were frequently bridged.

This time, Boehner found himself boxed into a corner by rebellious conservatives who abandoned him when he offered a "Plan B" to raise taxes on millionaires, a proposal Pelosi herself first proposed last year.

"The whole Plan B idea was to try to go back to the million-dollar threshold, and they thought that enough Democrats would come over," said a House Democratic leadership aide. "They thought that by going to that level that they would get Democratic votes. They even said it was like the Pelosi plan. But they made a tremendous miscalculation. Democrats would not support it. We were completely united, and ultimately they realized that not only did they not have any Democratic votes, they didn't have enough Republican votes."

Boehner faces even more difficult odds next week when the new Congress starts and the GOP advantage shrinks to 17 votes from 25.

Obama campaigned on raising taxes on households earning more than $250,000 a year. Pelosi threw out the million-dollar threshold earlier this year as a political ploy to demonstrate that Republicans would not vote to raise taxes even on the very wealthy. Had the House adopted Plan B, it would have given Boehner some leverage in the negotiations.

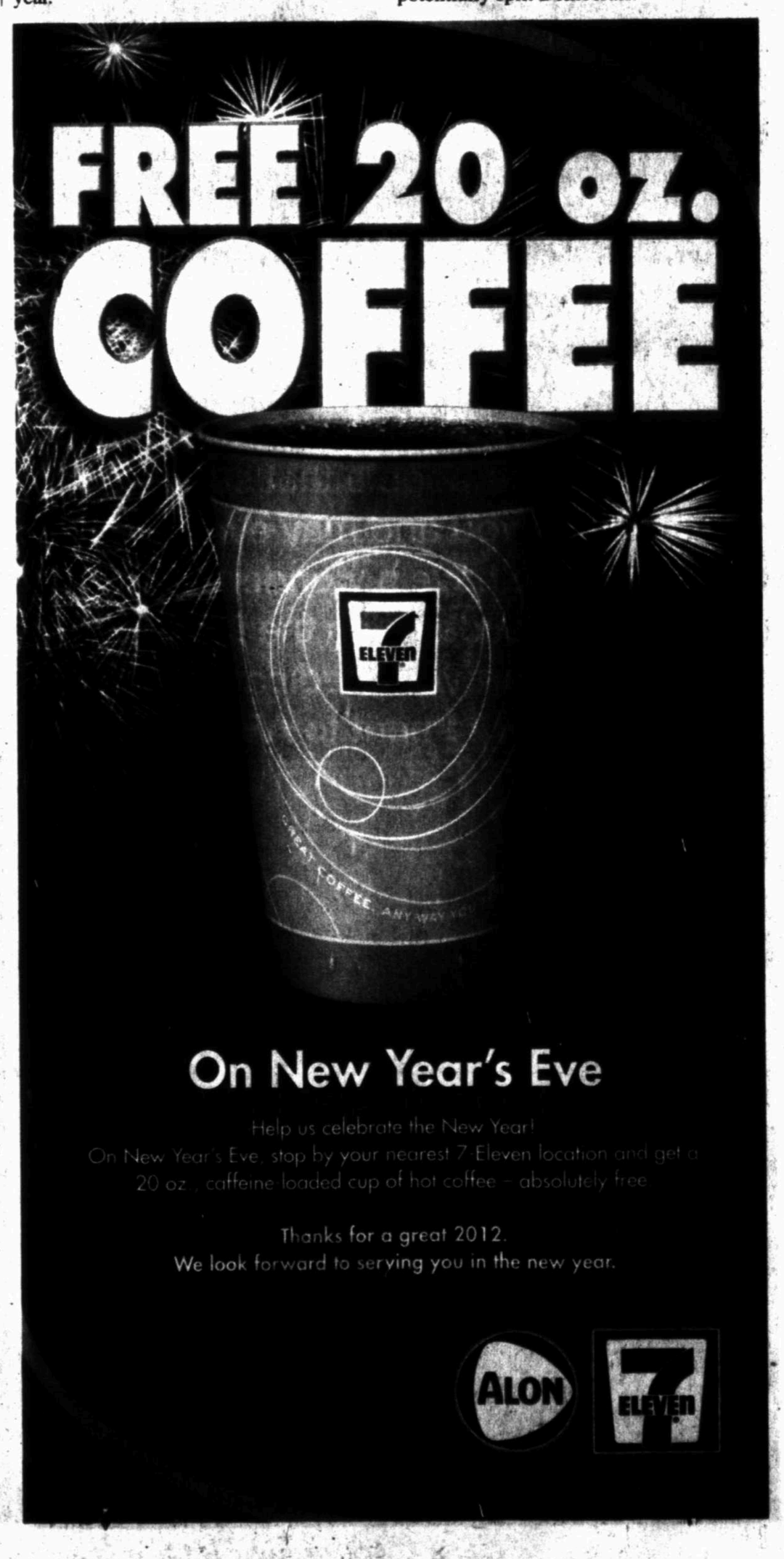
"A lot of fiscal conservatives feel that they don't want to compromise principle, and for them, raising tax rates violates their principle," O'Connell said. "Personally, I think that game theory may be a lost art among fiscal conservatives. They don't recognize that Boehner was trying to move the ball down the field by lobbing Plan B to the senate, so he could minimize what Obama's political victory would be."

Democrats argued that many Republicans, including Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, who faces re-election in 2014, are so fearful of tea party primary challenges that they dare not compromise on taxes, making a deal with Obama impossible.

Obama, having won re-election, is taking a much harder line than in previous budget talks, in which he agreed to spending cuts in 2011 and a two-year renewal of the Bush-era tax cuts in 2010, negotiations that teed up the current impasse.

There are signs of closer coordination between the White House and Pelosi than in earlier negotiations, increasing her ability to keep Democrats in line.

In initial negotiations toward a "grand bargain," Pelosi drew a hard line on Medicare, vowing that House Democrats would refuse to agree to raise the retirement age. Then, angering liberal interest groups, she seemed to accede to an adjustment in an inflation index that would reduce the growth rate of benefits in Social Security. As talks began to break down, she became less publicly visible, avoiding controversies that could potentially split Democrats.



Senate approves $60.4B Hurricane Sandy aid bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Friday approved a $60.4 billion emergency spending aid package for victims of Hurricane Sandy that had been backed by Senate Democrats.

Democrats had to turn back Republican efforts to cut programs such as $150 million in fisheries aid that Republican lawmakers said was unrelated to the storm that hammered the East Coast late in October. The measure cleared the Senate on a 62-32 vote, with 12 Republicans supporting the bill. Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., was the only Democrat to vote against the bill, but he later switched his vote to support the measure.

The bill faces uncertain prospects in the House, where GOP leaders appear reluctant to move quickly on a big spending bill in the final days of a lame duck session. Congress' attention is focused on talks over the so-called fiscal cliff of tax hikes and automatic spending cuts.

Sandy was blamed for at least 120 deaths and battered coastline areas from North Carolina to Maine. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest hit states and suffered high winds, flooding and storm surges. Sandy damaged or destroyed more than 72,000 homes and businesses in New Jersey. In New York, 305,000 housing units were damaged or destroyed and more than 265,000 businesses were affected.

Senate Republicans failed on an amendment for a smaller package of about $24 billion in aid for Sandy, which was the most costly natural disaster since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and one of the worst storms ever in the Northeast.

House GOP leaders have not said how they plan to proceed. But House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers, of Kentucky, has said Congress should probably begin with a smaller aid package for immediate recovery needs and wait until more data can be collected about storm damage before approving additional money next year.

Rep. Paul Ryan, the 2012 GOP vice presidential nominee and a leading House fiscal conservative, has criticized the Democratic bill as "packed with funding for unrelated items, such as commercial fisheries in American Samoa and roof repair of museums in Washington, D.C."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., urged House leaders to "put this bill on the floor quickly and allow a vote." If the House balks, Schumer said, the Senate bill provides "very good groundwork" for seeking Sandy aid next year.

The measure includes $11.5 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's chief disaster relief fund and $17 billion for community development block grants, much of which would help homeowners repair or replace their homes. Another $11.7 billion would help repair New York City's subways and other mass transit damage and protect them from future storms. Some $9.7 billion would go toward the government's flood insurance program. The Army Corps of Engineers would receive $5.3 billion to mitigate flood future risks and rebuild damaged projects.

Senate Republicans said much of the spending in the Democratic bill was for projects unrelated to Sandy, such as $150 million for fisheries disasters that could go to Alaska as well as Gulf Coast and New England states. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., sought to strip the fisheries funding, but his amendment failed.

To court votes, Democrats last week broadened some of their bill's provisions to cover damage from Hurricane Isaac, which struck the Gulf Coast earlier this year. A provision was added to the $2.9 billion allotted to Army Corps of Engineers projects to reduce future flooding risks; the coverage area for that program will now include areas hit by Isaac in addition to Sandy. Democrats also shifted $400 million into a community development program for regions suffering disasters, beyond areas struck by Sandy.

A Coburn amendment to reduce the federal share of costs for the Army Corps of Engineer projects to reduce future flooding risks also failed.

Most of the money in the $60.4 billion bill — $47.4 billion — is for immediate help for victims and other recovery and rebuilding efforts. The aid is intended to help states rebuild public infrastructure like roads and tunnels, and help thousands of people displaced from their homes.

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Members of the activist group Avaaz protest Friday's NRA press conference with a likeness of NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre Jr., calling on NRA affiliates like Days Inn and Super 8 to get "out of bed" with the gun lobby, outside the Willard Hotel in Washington.

NRA, gun industry aim at same targets

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The National Rifle Association and the firearms industry are locked and loaded in a mutually beneficial financial relationship that funnels millions into the NRA's coffers, yielding legislative triumphs on Capitol Hill that boost gun sales.

The NRA's "Ring of Freedom" corporate donors list on its contributions Web site (www.nragive.com) reads like a Who's Who of gun, ammunition and ammunition magazine manufacturers, shooting-accessory providers and retailers.

Among them: Sturm, Ruger & Co., of Southport, Conn.; Smith & Wesson, of Springfield, Mass.; and Beretta USA, a subsidiary of the Italian arms manufacturer.

The website shows that since 2005, corporations have given between $19.8 million and $52.6 million — the vast majority of that from the firearms industry. Ruger said in a press release in April that it had donated $1.2 million to the NRA in the past 12 months.

An updated corporate donor list appeared on a plaque at the NRA's annual meeting in St. Louis last April. Captured in a photo obtained by the Violence Policy Center, an NRA opponent on gun control, the list includes Colt's Manufacturing Co., of West Hartford, Conn., and The Freedom Group Inc., whose Bushmaster plant in Ilion, N.Y. makes the brand of semi-automatic rifle used in the Newtown, Conn., school shootings on Dec. 14.

Dollar totals for corporate donations on the updated list range between $22.2 million and $63.1 million.

"This program is geared toward your company's corporate interests," the NRA says in an online solicitation to corporate donors titled "The Future of Freedom" and signed by NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre.

Dues still represent the lion's share of the NRA's income. In its 2010 tax return, available online, the NRA reported total revenue of $227.8 million, with $100.5 million coming from membership dues and $71.1 million from a catchall category, "Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts."

The NRA is hardly alone among membership organizations that seek out alliances with corporations whose interests parallel their own.

But in the wake of rising gun sales and mass killings such as those in Newtown and Aurora, Colo., last July, gun control advocates and others are becoming more vocal in questioning the NRA's motives: Has the 4-million member group shed its traditional identity as defender of Second Amendment rights and promoter of safe firearms use and instruction in favor of a new one as gun-industry political front?

"The bottom line is the NRA is becoming a subsidiary of the gun industry," said Josh Sugarmann, Violence Policy Center executive director and principal author of last year's "Blood Money: How the Gun Industry Bankrolls the NRA."

"The NRA is in bed with the industry for love and money," he said.

Indeed, the NRA's chief lobbyist in 1996, Tanya Metaksa, told the Wall Street Journal: "The gun industry should send me a basket of fruit — our efforts have created a new market."

NRA public affairs director Andrew Arulanandam did not respond to an email request for comment. But NRA defenders say that links between the NRA and firearms companies are the norm for advocacy organizations and industry players.

"Gun manufacturers are proud of their product," said David Kopel, research director of the Independence Institute in Denver and an NRA member. "They believe they make good product which in the right hands can be wholesome for sporting purposes or life saving in the hands of police. So of course they will give money to organizations that support ownership of firearms by law-abiding persons."

He compared the NRA-industry relationship to book publishers promoting literacy or opposing censorship.

Organizations such as the Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife benefit from contributions by companies such as Patagonia, retailers of outdoor apparel and gear.

And AARP, which represents the interests of millions of senior citizens, has a lucrative licensing agreement with United Healthcare for Medigap health insurance.

But Sugarmann insisted comparisons to AARP and other organizations are irrelevant because "it's certain their corporate sponsorships are not killing 30,000 Americans a year" — the number of gun-related deaths in recent years, whether by homicide, suicide or accident.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the firearms industry's main trade group based in Newtown, has also been active in promoting gun-rights issues. But it only opened a Washington office in recent months, naming a Capitol Hill veteran, Patrick Rothwell, in August as its government relations director.

In an interview last summer, NSSF vice president and general counsel called the NRA "the 800-pound gorilla in the room."

So, it is hardly a surprise that the NRA has led the charge on Capitol Hill on gun rights vs. gun control, yielding a string of mostly victories that coincides with a spike in gun sales. In the past five years alone, gun and ammunition sales have grown at a rate of 5.7 percent annually, according to a research report by IBISWorld.

Although the NRA lost its battle to block California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein's 1994 assault weapons ban, it was instrumental in seeing that Congress lete it expire in 2004.

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In slow recovery, many 2012 fights to carry over

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In this Nov. 16, photo, President Barack Obama, accompanied by House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, speaks to reporters in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington as he hosts a meeting of the bipartisan, bicameral leadership of Congress to discuss the deficit and economy.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy is slowly digging out of its deepest economic hole since the 1930s. And if nothing else, the next four years should be better than the last four.

But American policymakers, newly re-elected President Barack Obama and a still-divided Congress could either speed that progress or derail it.

The same deep political divisions that bedeviled 2012 — clashes over the scope of government and whether to tame deficits with spending cuts, higher taxes or both — will also dominate the Washington dialogue in 2013, even if the president and Congress defuse a ticking fiscal bomb.

Although America's recession technically ended in mid-2009, recovery has been shallow and bumpy. Since then, economic growth has averaged a shade over a weak 2 percent. Unemployment — 7.7 percent in November — stands near where it was when President Barack Obama took office.

Obama and GOP leaders in Congress struggled toward year's end in search of a compromise to avert a fiscal cliff, a series of year-end mandatory spending cuts and tax increases. But their differences were wide and resolving them not easy.

Elections in this country decisively gave Obama a second term but kept the balance of power in Congress the same as before, with Republicans controlling the House and Democrats the Senate.

Despite these status-quo elections, change was erupting elsewhere in the world.

Israelis and Palestinians remained stuck in their old patterns of hostility, but their neighborhood was quickly changing as the Arab Spring scrambled the dynamics of the Middle East. Violence sprung up in Syria and Egypt. And a belligerent Iran with nuclear ambitions hovered over the region. North Korea successfully tested a long-range missile. As China named new leaders for the next decade, Obama shifted some of his gaze to Asia and became the first president to visit reclusive Myanmar.

Both sides also were paying new attention to America's neighbors to the south as immigration reform jumped to the front burner following the drubbing dealt Republican immigration hard-liners.

Hispanics now make up 10 percent of the electorate, and their percentage is expanding. Vanquished GOP nominee Mitt Romney, who once suggested illegal immigrants "self deport," won only 27 percent of the Hispanic vote to Obama's 71 percent.

It was also the year of Big Money — the most expensive presidential election ever and the first since the "Citizens United" Supreme Court ruling in 2010 opened the floodgates to independent expenditure organizations and super-PACs. In all, a record $6 trillion was spent by presidential and congressional campaigns. Neither Obama nor Romney took strings-attached federal campaign funds, the first time both major candidates declined public financing.

The Supreme Court in June handed the president a key victory by upholding his signature health care overhaul that both sides are now calling "Obamacare." But the ruling had a double edge. It also made the Medicaid expansion, central to the new law, optional for states — an option now complicating deficit-reduction efforts to trim Medicaid entitlement spending.

More presidential debates were staged than ever: some two dozen during the Republican primaries, then three presidential showdowns and one vice presidential debate.

The GOP field began large, including Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, pizza entrepreneur Herman Cain and Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota — each taking turns briefly outpacing Romney in polls.

That internal party challenge helped push Romney, who governed Massachusetts as a moderate, ever rightward politically. Yet Romney was never completely able to win over conservatives.

And his penchant for saying things that emphasized his wealth and lack of a common touch, from saying that "47 percent" of Americans don't pay income taxes and expect government benefits to his postelection assertion that Obama won by giving "gifts" to key constituencies. Such tin-ear comments helped isolate him from top Republican leaders, who all but disowned him after the election. Except for a private lunch with Obama at the White House in late November, the Romneys ended the year out of the limelight at their home in La Jolla, Calif.

But running mate Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, a potential 2016 GOP presidential contender, returned as a power in fiscal deliberations as head of the House Budget Committee.

As campaigns droned on — Republicans held their convention in late August in Tampa, Fla., and Democrats in early September in Charlotte, N.C. — Americans could rejoice at the intricate but successful landing of Mars rover Curiosity in a crater near the Martian equator in August, a shot in the arm for a troubled U.S. space program.

Meanwhile, U.S. oil and gas output surged so fast — driven by new drilling methods and the discovery of vast new reserves in North Dakota and elsewhere — that the U.S. was poised to overtake Saudi Arabia as the world's biggest petroleum producer.

U.S. politicians have long called for more energy independence, yet Obama delayed a decision on the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline between Canada and the U.S. He heads into 2013 under increasing pressure to act from environmental activists and oil producers.

Although stimulus programs sponsored by Presidents George W. Bush and Obama have largely expired, the Federal Reserve helped to keep the economy growing by holding down short-term interest rates and printing hundreds of billions of dollars to buy Treasury and mortgage bonds to stimulate borrowing, spending and job growth.

But Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, who coined the term "fiscal cliff," cautioned that if the crisis couldn't be resolved by year's end, "I don't think our tools are strong enough to offset the effects."

The combination of huge tax hikes and spending cuts, while trimming the deficit, would also likely throw the country back into recession, Bernanke and other economists said.

Both sides were under enormous pressure to strike a deal. And another crisis loomed beyond the cliff as the government yet again neared its borrowing limit.

It will shortly hit the $16.4 trillion debt ceiling. Creative bookkeeping can extend the day of reckoning to February. But absent an agreement, "both sides would be back at the negotiating table in a matter of weeks over a much bigger threat to the economy — the inability of the federal government to pay its bills," said Isabel Sawhill, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Debt-limit gamesmanship in 2011 led to the first-ever downgrade of the credit rating of U.S. Treasury bonds and rattled financial markets.

Obama asked Congress to raise the borrowing limit unconditionally as part of his end-of-year laundry list of fiscal-policy demands — but Republicans were resisting.

To Thomas Cronin, a political science professor at Colorado College, the "whole year seemed dedicated to campaigning. And most of it took place in swing states."

Obama "came to Colorado 17 times during his first term. Rarely did he go to states that weren't up for grabs." With both candidates visiting only swing states, "it's a real disincentive to vote for people in the minority party in a state that they know is going the other way," Cronin said.

The deadly terrorist attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Bengazi, Libya, on Sept. 11 — and flawed explanations later by the White House and U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice — raised a late-year foreign policy dilemma for Obama, aggravated by the sudden resignation of retired four-star Gen. David Petraeus as CIA director in an extramarital affair.

Obama's quick management of federal relief efforts involving late-season Superstorm Sandy, which devastated a wide swath of the Eastern Seaboard, won applause from both parties.

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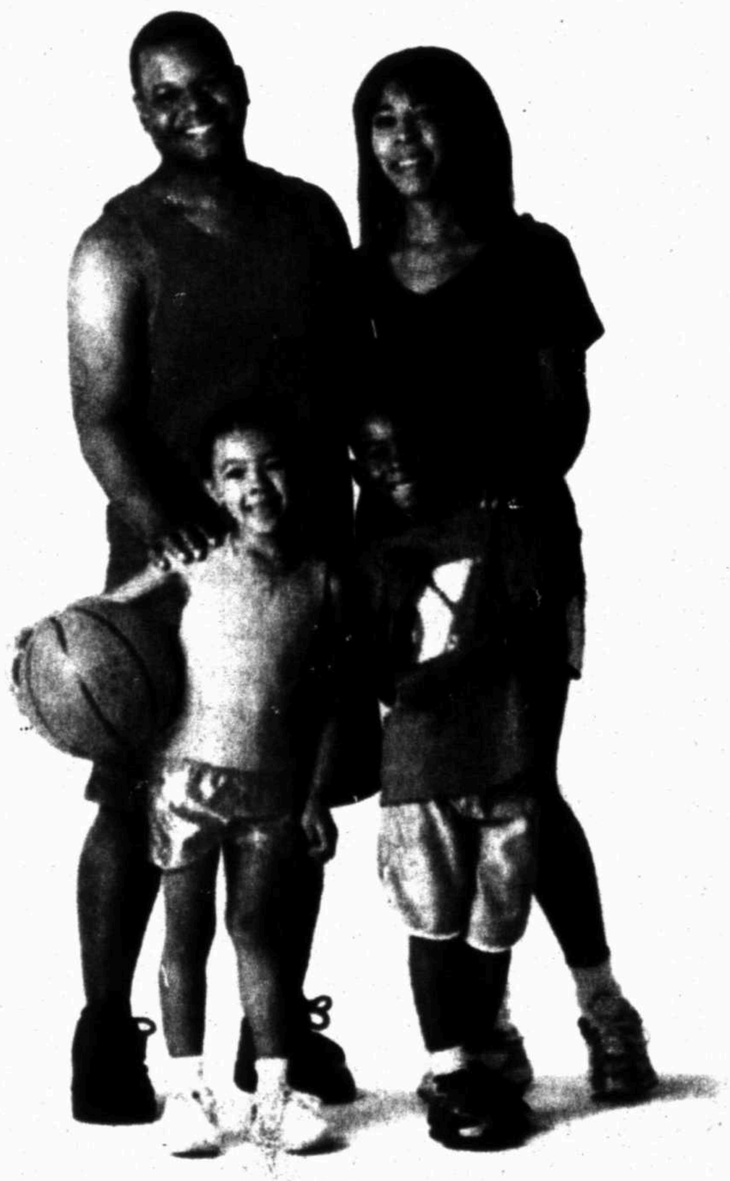

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2012 another weather record-setter

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As 2012 began, winter in the U.S. went AWOL. Spring and summer arrived early with wildfires, blistering heat and drought. And fall hit the eastern third of the country with the ferocity of Superstorm Sandy.

This past year's weather was deadly, costly and record-breaking everywhere — but especially in the United States.

If that sounds familiar, it should. The previous year also was one for the record books.

"We've had two years now of some angry events," said Deke Arndt, U.S. National Climatic Data Center monitoring chief. "I'm hoping that 2013 is really boring."

In 2012 many of the warnings scientists have made about global warming went from dry studies in scientific journals to real-life video played before our eyes: Record melting of the ice in the Arctic Ocean. U.S. cities baked at 95 degrees or hotter. Widespread drought. Flooding. Storm surge inundating swaths of New York City.

All of that was predicted years ago by climate scientists and all of that happened in 2012.

"What was predicted was there would be more of these things," said Michel Jarraud, secretary general for the World Meteorological Organization.

Globally, five countries this year set heat records, but none set cold records. 2012 is on track to be the warmest year on record in the United States. Worldwide, the average through November suggests it will be the eighth warmest since global record-keeping began in 1880.

July was the hottest month in record-keeping U.S. history, averaging 77.6 degrees. Over the year, more than 69,000 local heat records were set — including 356 locations in 34 states that hit their highest-ever temperature mark.

America's heartland lurched from one extreme to the other without stopping at "normal." Historic flooding in 2011 gave way to devastating drought in 2012.

"The normal has changed, I guess," said U.S. National Weather Service acting director Laura Furgione. "The normal is extreme."

While much of the U.S. struggled with drought that conjured memories of the Dust Bowl, parts of Africa, Russia, Pakistan, Colombia, Australia and China dealt with the other extreme: deadly and expensive flooding.

But the most troubling climate development this year was the melting at the top of the world, Jarraud said. Summer sea ice in the Arctic shrank to 18 percent below the previous record low. The normally ice-packed Arctic passages were open to shipping much of the summer, more than ever before, and a giant Russian tanker carrying liquefied natural gas made a delivery that way to prove how valuable this route has become, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Also in Greenland, 97 percent of the surface ice sheet had some melting. Changes in the Arctic alter the rest of the world's weather and "melting of the ice means an amplifying of the warming," Jarraud said.

There were other weather extremes no one predicted: A European winter cold snap that killed more than 800 people. A bizarre summer windstorm called a derecho in the U.S. mid-Atlantic that left millions without power. Antarctic sea ice that inched to a record high. More than a foot of post-Thanksgiving rain in the western U.S. Super Typhoon Bopha, which killed hundreds of people in the Philippines and was the southernmost storm of its kind.

The United States has had "some quiet years while the rest of the world was quite wild," but that's not the case this year, Arndt said. Insurance giant Munich Re in a report this fall concluded: "Nowhere in the world is the rising number of annual natural catastrophes more evident than in North America."

In 2011, the United States set a record with 14 billion-dollar weather disasters. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has a preliminary count of 11 such disasters this year. And NOAA's official climate extreme index, which tallies disasters and rare events like super-hot days, is on pace to set its own record.

Arndt points to the geographic heart of America, the Mississippi River, as emblematic.

On May 6, 2011, the Mississippi River at New Madrid, Mo., crested at its highest point on record. Less than 16 months later on Aug. 30, 2012, the same spot on the river was more than 53 feet lower, hitting an all-time low water mark.

The U.S. went through the same lurching extremes on tornadoes. Those storms killed 553 people last year, Furgione said. This year began with many tornadoes, then in April they just stopped. April to November, normal tornado season, saw the fewest F1 or stronger tornadoes in the U.S. ever.

"Every year is bringing different types of extreme weather and climate events," NOAA chief Jane Lubchenco said. "All storms today are happening in a climate-altered world."

Sarah Phipps/Associated Press

In this Aug. 3 file photo, a home in Luther, Okla., burns during a large wildfire. The weather in 2012 was deadly, costly and record-breaking everywhere — but especially in the United States.

Not everything is connected to man-made global warming, climate scientists said. Some, like tornadoes, have no scientifically discernible connection. Others, like the East Coast superstorm, will be studied to see if climate change is a cause, although scientists said rising sea levels clearly worsened flooding. They are more convinced that the heat waves of last summer are connected to global warming.

These are "clearly not freak events," but "systemic changes," said climate scientist Stefan Rahmstorf, of the Potsdam Institute in Germany. "With all the extremes that, really, every year in the last 10 years have struck different parts of the globe, more and more people absolutely realize that climate change is here and already hitting us."

In 1988, NASA scientist James Hansen, sometimes called the godfather of global warming science, ran computer models that predicted the decade of the 2010s would see many more 95-degree or hotter days and much fewer subfreezing days. This year made Hansen's predictions seemed like underestimates. For example, he predicted that in the 2010s Memphis would have on average 26 days of more than 95 degrees. This year there were 47.

Scientists — both those studying global warming and those studying hurricanes — have warned for more than a decade about a hurricane with big storm surge hitting New York City and flooding the subways. That happened with Sandy. Though it was never a major hurricane, it stretched across nearly 1,000 miles in the U.S., bringing storm surges, power outages to millions and even snow. Sandy killed more than 125 people in the United States and at least 70 in the Caribbean.

For decades, scientists have predicted extensive droughts from global warming. This year, the drought of 2012 was so extensive that nearly 2,300 counties — in almost every state — were declared agriculture disasters. At one point this summer more than 65 percent of the Lower 48 was suffering from drought.

And with lack of water, came fire, something also mentioned as more likely in scientific reports about global warming.

Fire season in the United States came earlier than normal and lasted longer, officials said.

"Take any one of these events in isolation, it might be possible to yell 'fluke!' Take them collectively, it provides confirmation of precisely what climate scientists predicted would happen decades ago if we proceeded with business-as-usual fossil fuel burning, as we have," Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann said in an email. "And this year especially is a cautionary tale. What we view today as unprecedented extreme weather will become the new normal in a matter of decades if we proceed with business-as-usual."

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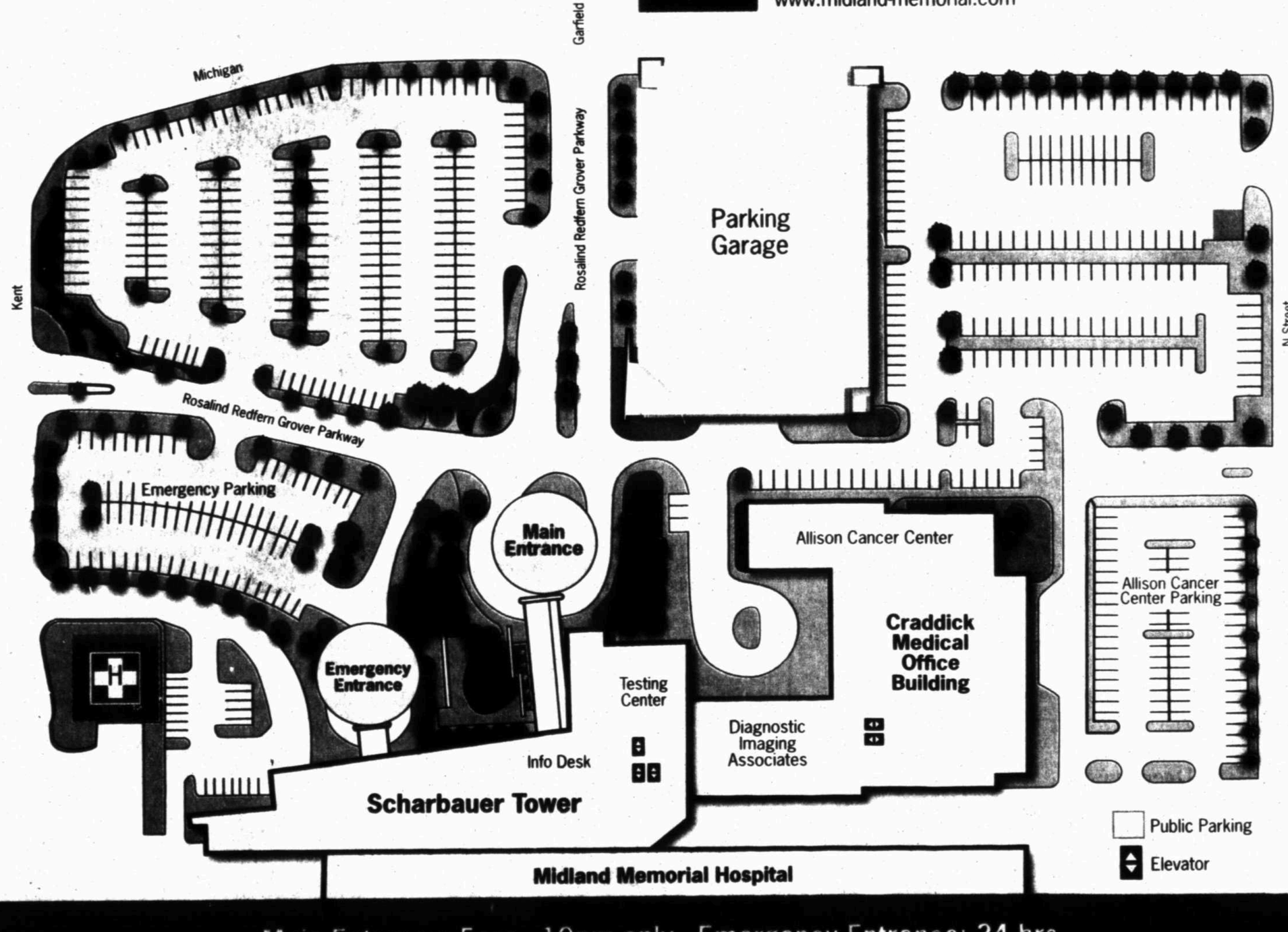

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OPINION

Law professor shows disdain for limited government

■ Writing in Harvard Law Review, Stanford's Pamela Karlan takes Chief Justice John Roberts to task for ruling on Obamacare.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

While accusing the Supreme Court's conservative justices of "disdain for democracy," Pamela S. Karlan proves herself talented at dispensing disdain. The Stanford law professor is, however, less talented at her chosen task of presenting a coherent understanding of judicial review. Still, her "Democracy and Disdain" in the November Harvard Law Review usefully illustrates progressivism's consistent disdain for the Founders' project of limiting government.

The primary focus of her displeasure is, remarkably, Chief Justice John Roberts' opinion mostly upholding Obamacare. But she begins by being appalled at Justice Antonin Scalia's suggestion that the lopsided majorities by which Congress in 2006 extended Section 5 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act were "a reason not for deference but for suspicion." Well.

That section requires some Southern states and other jurisdictions to seek Justice Department permission to make even minor changes in voting procedures. This was a justifiable infringement of federalism in 1965. But in 2006, when blacks were registering and voting at higher rates than whites in some covered states, Congress extended the act until 2031 using voting information from 1972. Surely Scalia was correct that Congress, indifferent to evidence, continued to sacrifice federalism merely to make a political gesture. The Roberts court was excessively deferential in not overturning Section 5 in a 2009 case, when it merely urged Congress to reconsider the section.

Karlan's disdain for the Citizens United decision — which held that Americans do not forfeit their First Amendment rights when they choose to speak collectively through corporate entities — is muddled. She denounces "spending by outside groups" without explaining what they are outside of. Evidently she accepts the self-interested assumption of the political class — the parties and candidates — that elections are their property and independent participants are trespassers.

Karlan approvingly quotes Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg's and Stephen Breyer's unsubstantiated assertion — itself disdainful of elected officials to whom Karlan urges vast deference — that contributions "buy candidates' allegiance." She seems unaware that abundant social science demonstrates that contributors respond to candidates' behavior, not the reverse. And when darkly warning about campaign contributions from corporations' "management," she seems unaware that much of the corporate political spending is by nonprofit advocacy corporations — Planned Parenthood, not Microsoft.

It is, however, the court's health care decision that she thinks especially reveals "disrespect for, and exasperation with, Congress." Even though Roberts upheld the crucial provision — the mandate — he did so with what Karlan considers a faulty attitude. His opinion was "grudging" in finding that, although Congress flinched from calling the mandate a tax, the law could be saved by calling it this.

Karlan is very difficult to please. Roberts rescued Congress' handiwork from Congress' clumsy legislative craftsmanship, and still she complains because in doing so Roberts inevitably made "a thinly veiled critique of Congress." Karlan seems to consider that lese-majeste. "He conveyed disdain even as he upheld the Act," thereby revealing the conservative justices' "premise of distrust" toward Congress. They are in good company: James Madison warned of Congress "everywhere extending the sphere of its activity, and drawing all power into its impetuous vortex." But prudent wariness about Congress is not tantamount to disdain for it or democracy.

The American public does not share Karlan's nostalgia for the Warren court, which she said was "optimistic about the possibility of politics." Karlan subscribes to the progressive axiom that the cure for the ills of democracy is democracy, meaning elections. She sees little need for courts to protect against what the Founders' feared — liberty-threatening excesses of majorities. With a true progressive's impatience with the crux of the Constitution, the separation of powers, Karlan wants the court to consider Congress "a full partner in seeking to address the nation's pressing problems." But often our institutions preserve liberty by being rivals rather than collaborators.

She abhors the conservative justices' "combination of institutional distrust — the court is better at determining constitutional meaning — and substantive distrust — congressional power must be held in check." Clearly she thinks Congress would be "better" at judging the limits of its own power. This fits her assumption that restraints on its power are presumptively anti-democratic.

She concludes: "For if the justices disdain us, how ought we to respond?" Her pronoun radiates democratic sentimentality — "us" conflates the citizenry and Congress. Today, just 18 percent of the citizenry approves of Congress' performance. What becomes of Karlan's argument when the conservative justices' distrust of Congress, for which she disdains them as anti-democratic, is exceeded by the public's distrust of Congress?

OUR VIEW

Behind-the-scenes work made the news in 2012

When we look back at 2012, it is hard to deny the impact that MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren had on this community.

Midland ISD is lucky to have Warren as its leader, and the community is a better place because of him. He has been the man out front of the toughest issues of the day, and we anticipate that won't change in 2013.

However, while Warren was in the news for most of the year, the Reporter-Telegram editorial board went in a different direction for its Newsmakers of the Year for 2012.

In 2011, the dunes sagebrush lizard was a hands-down choice for what transformed our community. This year, there were three stories that put Midland on a path to have a great 2012: the passage of the record school bond, the decision by U.S. Fish and Wildlife to not put the lizard on the "endangered" list and the announcement that the Midland Development Corp. had attracted XCOR Aerospace Inc., to Midland.

And when we looked at those stories, we realized none of these things would have been accomplished if not for the people who put in extensive time and resources behind the scenes.

That is why we spotlighted Laura Roman and Patrick Payton for their work with the school bond; the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's Ben Sheppard for his role in the lizard saga; and Robert Rendall, who worked as a point person for the MDC to recruit XCOR to move its headquarters to Midland.

In each case there were others who also worked hard behind the scenes, ignoring the naysayers and putting in long hours to make Midland a better place and provide the city with the chance for a better future.

Fu brought the world spotlight to Midland, ChinaAid

Today we also celebrate the Reporter-Telegram editorial board's Person of the Year — Bob Fu with ChinaAid.

The Person of the Year isn't necessarily someone always in the headlines but someone whose actions benefited the community. Last year we paid tribute to firefighters who protected our city, county and region from the wildfires that scorched West Texas.

This year we offer Fu, who showed Midland, the nation and the world the work he and ChinaAid are doing in advocating for the persecuted.

But Fu did garner headlines and television coverage across the globe when he took on the case of blind dissident, Chen Guangcheng. His efforts helped lay the foundation for success in this high-profile case. However, as Fu told the Reporter-Telegram, "In China there are really thousands of Chen Guangchengs."

We understand Fu will release his memoir "Double Agent: The True Story of a Chinese Christian's Fight for Freedom" in 2013. We know it will be a must-read, just like we know the world is a better place because of the work being done by Fu and ChinaAid.

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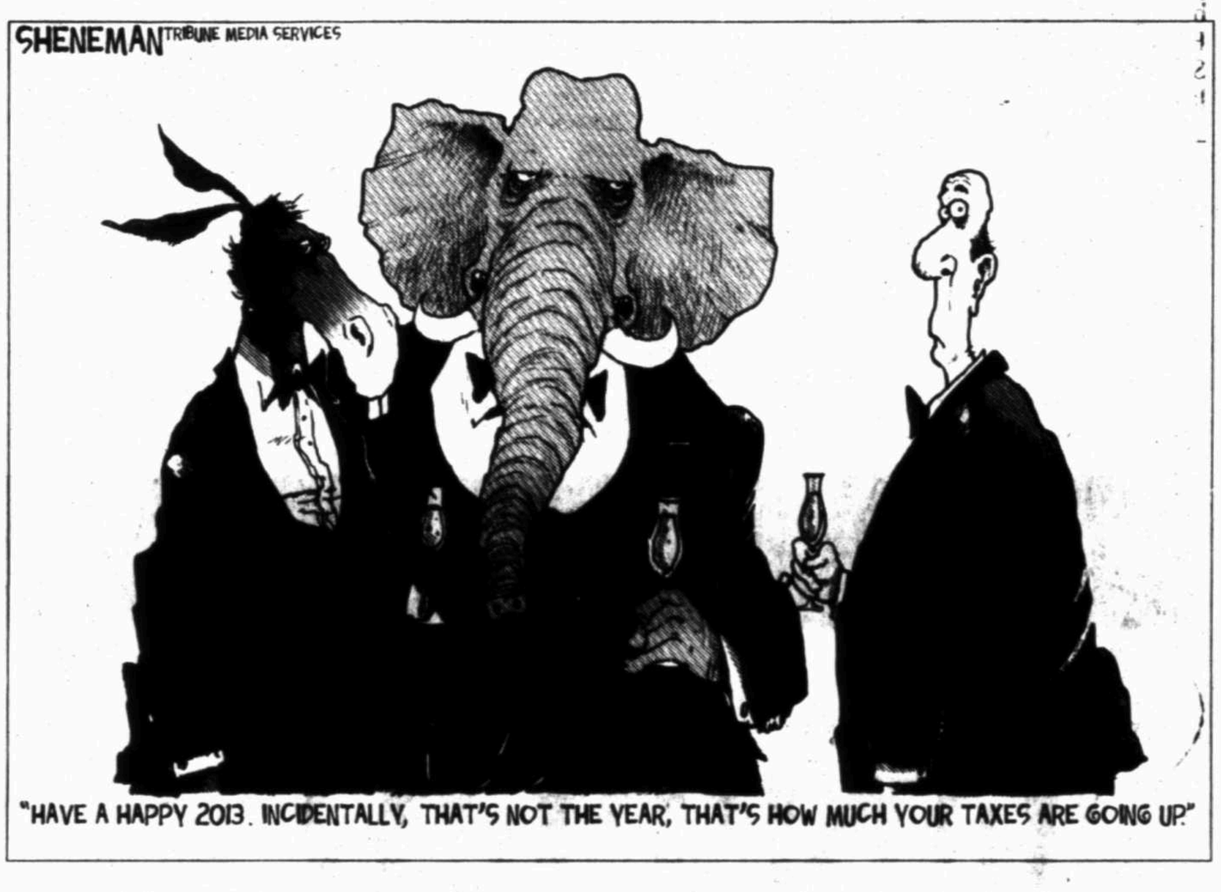

Current laws haven't prevented violence

■ Do gun-control advocates really think future laws will be any more successful?

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

In the wake of the Newtown horror, a call has gone up for a conversation about our gun laws. To that end, here are questions for advocates of gun control pushing for a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, among other new restrictions, to address school shootings.

What's the functional difference between an assault weapon and a semi-automatic rifle? You do understand that the answer is "nothing"? An assault weapon is not an automatic weapon. It is semi-automatic like most guns now sold in the United States, i.e., it fires every time the trigger is pulled. What sets it apart is its scary-looking features.

What's more powerful: the Bushmaster .223 used by Adam Lanza in his slaughter or the average deer-hunting rifle? If the answer is the average deer-hunting rifle — indeed, many states ban the Bushmaster .223 for deer hunting because it is too weak — will you attempt to ban them, too?

What gun law would have stopped Newtown? Please be specific. Adam Lanza's mother didn't have a criminal record. Neither did he. If the Bushmaster .223 had been banned, he could have done the same with a semi-automatic rifle. If all semi-automatic rifles were banned — something that would never pass Congress — he could have done the same with a semi-automatic handgun. If high-capacity magazines had been banned, he could have reloaded with smaller magazines.

How many guns are in the United States? The answer is 280 million. In a country with that many guns, how is gun control possibly going to succeed? If you ban a small subset of new guns for sale, what are you going to do about the rest? Let's say you succeed beyond anything that is remotely possible. Let's say you somehow stop the new sale of guns altogether and somehow decommission half of existing guns. What are you going to do with the other 140 million guns?

Does the Virginia Tech massacre affect your view of the efficacy of an assault-weapons ban? In 2007, Seung-Hui Cho perpetrated the deadliest shooting in the country's history. He killed 32 people using two semi-automatic handguns.

Why has violent crime declined in the United States during the past 20 years even as gun ownership has ticked up? According to Gallup, nearly half of adults have a gun on their property, the highest number since 1993. Why has crime declined even as gun-control laws have been liberalized?

The assault-weapons ban passed in 1994 and was in effect for 10 years. The paradigmatic school shooting took place at Columbine High School in 1999. Why didn't the assault-weapons ban prevent it?

There have been hundreds of murders with guns this year in Chicago, where gun laws are restrictive. What new gun laws does the city need to stop the tide of mayhem? There have been hundreds more in New York City, where the mayor is the foremost anti-gun scold in the country. What new gun laws does New York need?

Why aren't violent crimes routinely committed at gun ranges teeming with people who own multiple weapons, some of them quite dangerous-looking, and who enjoy shooting them?

Why do gun-free school laws never succeed in stopping lunatics bent on murder from taking guns to schools?

NRA President Wayne LaPierre proposed posting armed police officers at schools in his widely derided press conference the other day. Would you feel at least a little bit better if an armed officer were guarding your child's school? Please be honest.

In places where guns are the tightest, why do so many people own guns anyway? In your zeal against guns, do you favor stop-and-frisk policies to catch people carrying illegal guns in those major urban areas?

In your view, should a public policy have a discernible connection to its stated goal to make it worth pursuing? Or is it enough that it be well-intentioned and opposed by the NRA? Actually, there's no need to answer that. It's obvious enough already.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hailey expresses gratitude to district

As my final term draws to a close, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you for allowing me the privilege of representing District 2. As your representative, I've attended a total of 297 council meetings and held numerous community meetings addressing issues that affect our district.

South and Southeast Midland is a hot bed for development. This older portion of the city is experiencing new life with construction along major gateways and within our neighborhoods.

In the past nine years, we have established permanent homes for the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland and the Midtown Soldiers Boxing Club.

We've seen the renovation of several parks including Centennial Plaza, James M. Bradford Park, Hogan Park, Ratliff Park, Washington Park, Sibley Nature Center, Halff Park, Taylor Park, MLK Community Center and the addition of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Center.

We have paved 52 blocks of streets and 20 blocks of sidewalks, held Community Pachangas, established a front yard parking ordinance and annexed the Windowpane area into the city.

We have continued to provide affordable housing by implementing Tax Credit Housing with the Sterling Springs Apartments, Constellation Ranch Apartments and Playa Del Pueblo Apartments.

We established five CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) target areas: Bradford, Washington, San Juan, Mulberry and Sparks Park.

I cannot give enough praise to the people of District 2. I am inspired every single day by your contributions to our community. There's still so much to look forward to.

I also would like to thank the city staff and my fellow council members. I have enjoyed working with each of you, and I will truly miss working alongside you all.

Thank you, again, for the great privilege of serving you and, even more, for your friendship and participation in making Midland such a great place to live.

Vicky Hailey
Council Member, District 2

'Fake' gun-free zones need to be removed

If you improperly dispose of waste, you eventually will have an epidemic.

If you improperly store flammables, someday you will have a fire.

If you set up fake gun-free zones, you will have massacres.

Gun-free zones are only honored by law-abiding people. They become low-risk zones for criminals and the mentally ill.

We recently had a horrific occurrence, where we lost 20 children in a gun-free zone. This has caused outcries for more gun control laws.

Should we choose that path, history shows us that we can expect not 20 children's lives cut short, but 20,000 or more.

El Paso and Juarez are two cities with many of the same problems or issues. One city is an entire gun-free zone with strict gun control laws. Which one would you prefer to live in?

Gun-free zones and gun control laws were enacted mostly from good intentions, but they have proven disastrous. Let's restore the sanity and protect our children by removing the fake gun-free zones.

Gary Gilbert

Different standards seem to exist

It's amazing Johnny Manziel, the quarterback for Texas A&M, was arrested last June over a fight and fake ID and this went unnoticed. When former President George W. Bush's twins were arrested for fake IDs, it was blasted on the front page of every major newspaper in the United States.

If I remember right, the twins were punished. When a football player from Texas A&M gets in a fight and is arrested, no one seems to care. In fact, we reward him with the Heisman and AP's Player of the Year. Do we have different standards here? I'm surprised Texas A&M even allowed him to be on the team. What are we teaching our children?

Leann Brenner

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Media aids ex-Marine when government would not

■ Jon Hammar's ordeal illustrates that Americans who get into trouble outside the country will be on their own.

Jon Hammar saw combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, but his most brutal foreign experience was in Mexico. Last August, the 27-year-old former Marine corporal was incarcerated by Mexican authorities in Matamoros for trying to register an antique shotgun with customs agents. Foolishly, Cpl. Hammar followed instructions given to him by U.S. Border Patrol agents in Brownsville. He registered the gun with them and brought the paperwork to the Mexicans to get their stamp of approval in order to carry the gun through the country. Hammar and a friend were driving a Winnebago, hoping to have a nice surfing vacation with some hunting on the side.

Even though the Mexican authorities clearly saw that Hammar was trying to follow the rules, they seized the Winnebago and locked the corporal up in the notoriously corrupt CEDES prison anyway. There he was threatened by other inmates and told by guards that he could buy his way out of the hellhole by paying money to the "right people."

Hammar's parents, who live in South Florida, immediately contacted the State Department and were told to be patient. And so they were. Three months later, Hammar was still incarcerated and had not even seen a judge, and things were becoming increasingly desperate.

That's when his parents gave up on the State Department and contacted the media.

When the story crossed my desk, I found it hard to believe. Cpl. Hammar had served his country honorably, returned to the USA with post-traumatic stress disorder, been treated for nine months in California and simply wanted a vacation after his ordeal. It was obvious that he was being held on bogus charges, and the State Department seemed impotent. When we asked Secretary of State Hillary Clinton for a comment, she refused to say anything about the case. A few of her deputies visited Hammar in prison, but the official line was that State couldn't do anything more.

Sen. Bill Nelson and Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen raised some hell about the situation, but things continued to deteriorate. Mexican authorities actually chained Hammar to his bed. Another inmate sent a picture of that to the press.

In mid-December, the Fox News White House correspondent asked press secretary Jay Carney about the case. President Barack Obama's spokesman looked perplexed and said he did not know anything about it. As unbelievable as that sounds, I believe that Carney was telling the truth. And by telling one truth, Carney indicated another truth: Neither Obama nor Secretary of State Clinton had come to the aid of an American combat veteran who was being abused by Mexican authorities.

Disgusted by our apathetic government, I took the case directly to the government of Mexico. On national television, I bluntly told the new Mexican presidente, Enrique Pena Nieto, that if he did not release Hammar by Christmas, I would lead a boycott of Mexican tourism and products. The next day, Hammar was released after a Mexican judge ruled there had been no intent to commit a crime.

The ordeal cost the Hammar family tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees and untold emotional damage. Thankfully, the corporal arrived home to South Florida in time to have a nice Christmas with his family. But this story is a cautionary tale for any American traveling outside the U.S. If you get into trouble, you will be essentially on your own, even if you are a combat veteran. Our leaders in Washington are basically bureaucrats with short attention spans. If they couldn't work up the energy to help Jon Hammar, they are not going to help you.

True leadership means helping those who are powerless and sincerely need help. That takes time and energy. President Abraham Lincoln set aside one day a week to answer calls for help from the folks. The current administration would not answer a desperate call for months.

As for Mexico, it remains a corrupt country hostile to the rule of law. Let the buyer beware.

SPEAKING OUT

Having armed marshals on campuses could serve as deterrent

■ If gunmen enter schools, the good guys must be able to shoot back.

MARK LACROIX
Midland Freshman High School

"A man is a fool not to be careful around a rabid dog or a wolf, but he is even more of a fool if he panics."

This line from an Audie Murphy movie sums up the debate over gun control in our nation in the weeks since the tragedy that took place at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

Unfortunately, panic has driven much of the response on both sides of the debate. Some have called for more regulations, which criminals will simply ignore, while others have stockpiled arms and prepared to defend their rights to the last bullet. In the realm of education, Gov. Rick Perry was adamant that educators who hold a concealed handgun license should be allowed to carry their firearm on campus. Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren was equally adamant in his opposition to the governor's proposal.

While I greatly respect both men, neither has had to daily serve as the potential last line of defense for a classroom of kids in the post-Columbine era. Teachers do so every day with little more than a simple lock and a pair of scissors to ward off a potential madman. As a teacher, as the husband of a teacher and as the parent of two elementary students, I find this to be unacceptable.

I recently read that the average response time for police in our nation is eight minutes. I shudder to think what a gunman with even a hint of knowledge about a campus' layout or emergency plan could do inside one of our elementary schools in even half that time. In my estimation, even campuses with an armed MISD officer are grossly underprotected.

One lesson we can take from the mass shootings in recent years is that the men who commit these terrible acts are cowards. They choose soft targets such as schools, theaters or churches where they are least likely to face armed resistance. In most instances where armed resistance was present, shooters retreated or were quickly neutralized. Either way, countless lives were spared.

In this regard the governor's proposal has merit. I have long been a proponent of allowing certain teachers or administrators to serve as armed school marshals. Such a program would serve as a valuable deterrent to potential shooters. However, allowing all teachers with licenses to carry on campus is not the answer. Simply because a teacher or administrator passes a written test, passes a shooting test and passes a background check does not, in my opinion, qualify that person to carry a gun on campus.

Teaching is a high-stress job. Teachers routinely deal with belligerent students and parents who are verbally and occasionally physically abusive. In my time in MISD, I have seen a number of teachers suffer emotional breakdowns or simply drop their keys and never return. A gun in the hands of the wrong teacher could be just as deadly as a gun in the hands of an intruder. Yet, the same could be said for police officers. While arming all holders of concealed hangun licenses is not the answer, neither is maintaining the status quo.

On our campuses we have honorably discharged military veterans, former police officers and others who carried a gun in another capacity in a previous career. If these people have a CHL and are willing to serve as school marshals, they should be allowed to if they meet certain other criteria. Marshal candidates should have at least two years experience within the district, a clean record and a proven ability to cope with the daily rigors of teaching in an appropriate way. They also should train a certain number of hours a year with the MISD Police Department. A psychological evaluation also could be required.

Ultimately, we will never be able to prevent all mass shootings, but when they do happen, the good guys must be able to shoot back. Sandy Hook had even better security measures than MISD does. If it happened there, it can happen here. In the event that it does happen and until I am allowed to adequately defend my students, I will continue to face the prospect of having to bring a pocket knife to a gun fight.

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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 49 Low: 29

MONDAY: Partly sunny High: 57 Low: 29

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 47 Low: 26

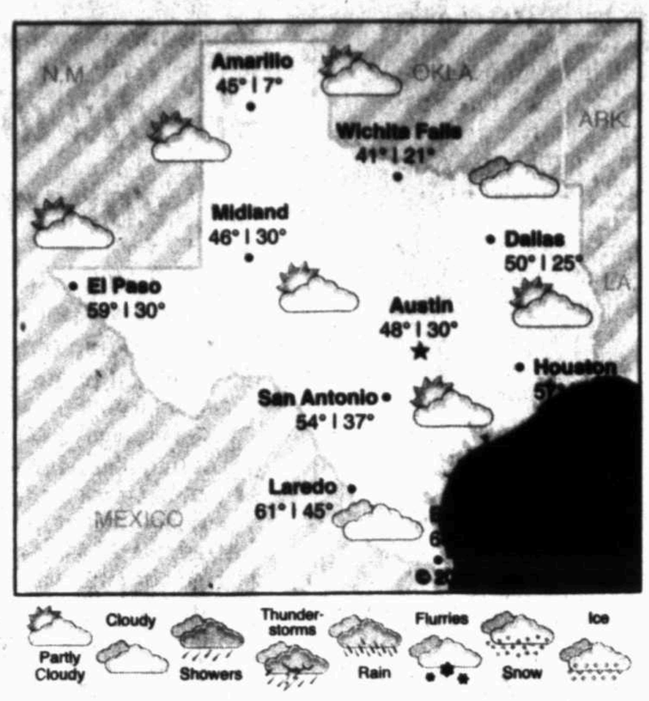
Local forecast

Expect isolated showers with partly sunny skies today with a high around 49 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph increasing to 20 and 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy conditions with a low around 39 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph. There is a 60 percent chance of precipitation.

Monday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 57 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming west between 20 and 30 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of rain before noon and winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies at night, with a low around 29 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 47 and a low around 26.

The high on Saturday reached 49, while the low dropped to 18. The record high for Dec. 29 is 77 set in 1945. The record low is 9 set in 1983 and 1939.



Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	trace
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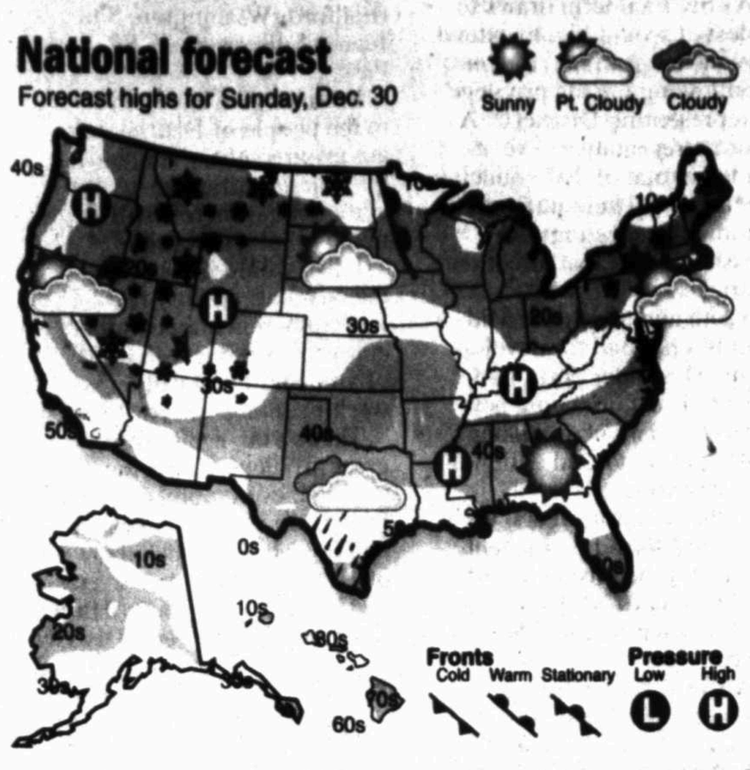
Normal total (year to date)	14.57 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	49
Low	18
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	5:54 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Dec. 30



Week's second storm expected to be milder

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Snow from a mild but widespread winter storm began falling Saturday over most of the Northeast and the upper Ohio River Valley, the second in less than a week for the regions.

Forecasters expected the heaviest snowfall of up to 8 inches in southern New England, including Boston and Providence, R.I., by late Saturday. Farther south, New York City and Philadelphia saw a mix of rain and snowfall as the storm moved in from the west. A few inches of snow were forecast.

"Expect those accumulations to kind of work their way northeastward through much of New York state and much of New England," said meteorologist Brian Hurley of the National Weather Service.

About 20 vehicles piled up in a storm-related chain-reaction crash on Interstate 93 in New Hampton, N.H., police said, and five people were injured.

Drivers throughout the regions were warned to be cautious. Officials lowered the speed limit to 45 mph on much of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, about 300 miles from the Ohio state line to east-central Pennsylvania.

Flights at Philadelphia's airport were delayed about an hour, mostly arrivals, spokeswoman Stacy Jackson said.

Parts of southern Indiana saw 6-8 inches from the storm, some in areas that had received more than a foot from a blizzard earlier in the week.

That blizzard was part of a storm system that dumped more than a foot of snow in some places and has been blamed for at least 16 deaths. It also spawned more than a dozen tornadoes in Alabama, the National Weather Service said.

But Saturday's snow "shouldn't be as heavy with the previous storm," weather service meteorologist Marty Rausch said.

Jason Plotkin/York Daily Record

Kristina Waymire, 13, of Baltimore, builds a snowman along the shoulder of Interstate 83 while waiting in stopped traffic for an hour and a half following a 14-vehicle wreck in York, Pa., on Saturday.

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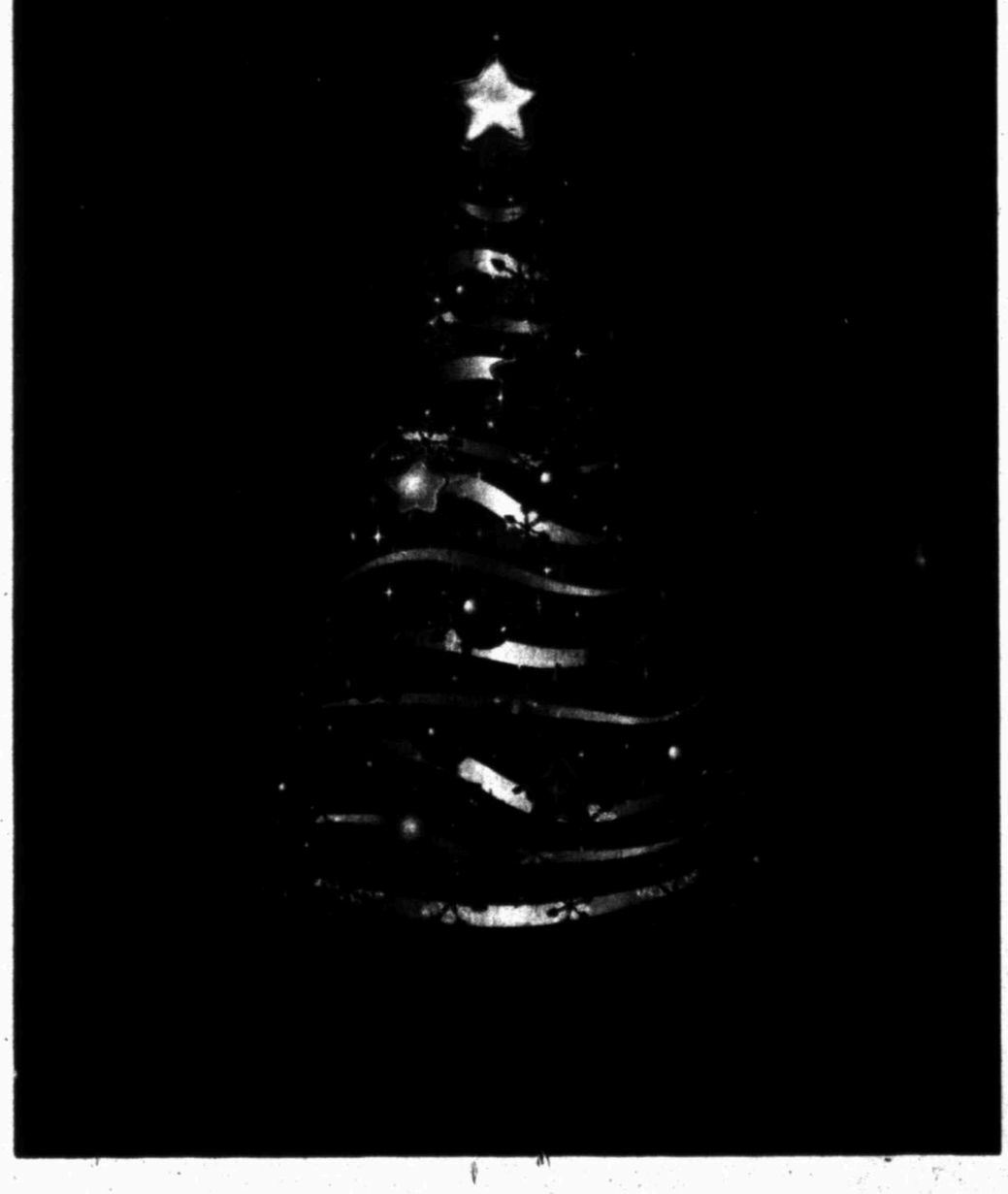

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Lawmakers reach for last-minute 'fiscal cliff' compromise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders groped for a last-minute compromise Saturday to avoid middle-class tax increases and possibly prevent deep spending cuts at the dawn of the new year as President Barack Obama warned that failure could mean a "self-inflicted wound to the economy."

Obama chastised lawmakers in his radio and Internet address for waiting until the last minute to try and avoid a "fiscal cliff," yet said there was still time for an agreement. "We cannot let Washington politics get in the way of America's progress," he said as the hurry-up negotiations unfolded.

For all the recent expressions of urgency, bargaining took place by phone, email and paper in a Capitol nearly empty except for tourists. Alone among top lawmakers, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell spent the day in his office.

In the Republicans' weekly address, Sen. Roy Blunt, of Missouri, cited a readiness to compromise. "Divided government is a good time to solve hard problems — and in the next few days, leaders in Washington have an important responsibility to work together and do just that," he said.

Even so, there was no guarantee of success, and a dispute over the federal tax on large estates emerged as yet another key sticking point alongside personal income tax rates.

In a blunt challenge to Republicans, Obama said that barring a bipartisan agreement, he expected both houses to vote on his own proposal to block tax increases on all but the wealthy and simultaneously preserve expiring unemployment benefits.

Political calculations mattered as much as deep-seated differences over the issues, as divided government struggled with its first big challenge since the November elections.

Speaker John Boehner remained at arms-length, juggling a desire to avoid the fiscal cliff with his goal of winning another term as speaker when a new Congress convenes next Thursday. Any compromise legislation is certain to include higher tax rates on the wealthy, and the House GOP rank and file rejected the idea when he presented it to them as part of a final attempt to strike a more sweeping agreement with Obama.

Lawmakers have until the new Congress convenes to pass any compromise, and even the calendar mattered. Democrats said they had been told House Republicans might reject a deal until after Jan. 1, to avoid a vote to raise taxes before they had technically gone up and then vote to cut taxes after they had risen.

Nor was any taxpayer likely to feel any adverse impact if legislation is signed and passed into law in the first two or three days of 2013 instead of the final hours of 2012. Gone was the talk of a grand bargain of spending cuts and additional tax revenue in which the two parties would agree to slash deficits by trillions of dollars over a decade.

Now negotiators had a more cramped goal of preventing additional damage to the economy in the form of higher taxes across the board — with some families facing increases measured in the thousands of dollars — as well as cuts aimed at the Pentagon and hundreds of domestic programs.

Republicans said they were willing to bow to Obama's call for higher taxes on the wealthy as part of a deal to prevent them from rising on those less well-off.

Democrats said Obama was sticking to his campaign call for tax increases above $250,000 in annual income, even though he said in recent negotiations he said he could accept $400,000. There was no evidence of agreement even at the higher level.

There were indications from Republicans that estate taxes might hold more significance for them than the possibility of higher rates on income.

Several officials said Republicans want to leave the tax at 35 percent after exempting the first $5 million in estate value. Officials said the White House wants a 45 percent tax after a $3.5 million exemption. Without any action by Congress, it would climb to a 55 percent tax after a $1 million exemption on Jan. 1.

Dockworkers strike averted at US ports

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dockworkers along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico agreed Friday to extend their contract for more than a month, averting a weekend strike that could have crippled major ports from Boston to Houston and bottled up billions of dollars' worth of cargo.

Talks aimed at reaching a new contract covering the 14,500 longshoremen will continue during the extension, which runs through Feb. 6.

The dockworkers' union and an alliance of port operators and shipping lines agreed to the extension after resolving one of the stickier points in their negotiations, involving royalty payments to longshoremen for each container they unload. Details were not disclosed.

Federal mediator George Cohen said the agreement on royalties was "a major positive step forward."

The contract between the International Longshoremen's Association and the U.S. Maritime Alliance originally expired in September.

The two sides agreed to extend it once before, for 90 days, but it had been set to expire again at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

As recently as Dec. 19, the president of the longshoremen's union, Harold Daggett, had said a strike was expected.

A walkout would have crippled the loading and unloading of a vast number of products, including electronics and clothing, and made it more difficult for U.S. manufacturers to get parts and raw materials at a time when the economy is in shaky condition.

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After a century, US Arabs look for pieces of past

By Jeff Karoub
Associated Press

DETROIT — Tossing and shivering below deck, Hussien Karoub felt ill. In the cold, crowded conditions, sleep came seldom. When it did, it didn't last long: The cries of children and the moans of those even sicker than he was made certain of that.

It was approaching midnight somewhere in the North Atlantic, aboard a vessel carrying the 18-year-old Syrian and many fellow immigrants toward, they hoped, a better life. If nothing else, he knew it had to beat this arduous monthlong odyssey in steerage, enduring conditions that were, in every sense, below those in first and second class.

It would be days before details trickled down about the doomed ship a couple hundred miles away. Above, in his vessel's radio room, came the first distress call from the foundering RMS Titanic: "Require immediate assistance. Come at once. We struck an iceberg. Sinking."

A couple weeks later, Hussien Karoub arrived in the United States even more anonymously than he otherwise might have. Public attention was elsewhere, focused on the Titanic and its tragic end.

That is the story of my grandfather's voyage to America. Or, more likely, it isn't. And that's part of the point.

Grandfather's journey

I am a third-generation Arab-American, and I am on a journey to learn more about the journey of my "jiddo," the Arabic word for grandfather. I am sorting through family stories, passed down, that have a way of changing in the retelling. Folk tales are compelling, but I am trying to anchor my story to facts before the channels to history close entirely, in hopes they might offer insight about how I got here.

My quest mirrors those of so many Arab-Americans. They're looking back and trying to unearth their stories, separating myth from truth and — just as important — hoping to show their neighbors that, in the story of America, they are not a "them" but an "us."

Maybe the Titanic tale is true. It's remotely possible, since Hussien Karoub came to the United States in the same year, 1912. My family hasn't confirmed that through records, but by anecdotes like a radio interview from the early 1960s, when he said he came to Detroit in 1915 to make cars after spending three years making hats in Danbury, Conn.

For many Arabs, a version of the story is true. U.S.-bound Middle Easterners were on the Titanic and other ships traversing the Atlantic. In lower Manhattan, an already thriving Syrian community awaited and would be instrumental in identifying and memorializing the dead and helping survivors meet the new world.

"I always tell people who ask that Jiddo's ship crossed paths with the Titanic on the way over from Syria," my cousin Carl, the family's historian, tells me. "The wake from the Titanic nearly capsized his tiny ferry, and he cursed the Titanic."

He has no proof, of course. In only a century, the truth blurs in a genealogical game of telephone. Yet why not hitch our tale to that of a great American epic? It's not that big of a stretch. Americans — most Americans, even — have done that since the very beginning.

But I want more than stories.

Lost records

"Who's 'Aszim'?" the voice over the phone asks me. It's Diane Hassan, a researcher from the Danbury Museum & Historical Society. Hassan finds a record saying Aszim was born in Danbury in 1913, which brings us closer to confirming the timeframe of my grandfather's arrival in Danbury. This was my father's first cousin, known to my family by his American name, Jimmy. He was the son of Mohammed, my grandfather's brother.

I've sought Hassan's help because I've hit a brick wall. Ellis Island, the entry point for millions of immigrants, contains records of my grandfather coming in 1920 aboard the Kroonland with his wife, Miriam, and their young son, Allie. That was Hussien Karoub's second U.S. arrival, but there is no record in Ellis Island's archive of his inaugural voyage as a single man some eight years earlier.

A short boat ride away, they're asking the same kinds of questions on a much larger scale. A group of New Yorkers have worked with curators from the Arab American National Museum in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn on a new traveling exhibit that documents what had been one of the earliest settlements of Arabs in America.

It's not lost on them that the Little Syria neighborhood in lower Manhattan would become the site of the World Trade Center — the towers whose destruction a decade ago put many of Middle Eastern descent under intense scrutiny and suspicion.

For so many decades, the self-appointed "us" of America had names for the not-quite-white, not-quite-black, not-quite-sure group of "them" arriving from the Middle East: "Orientals," "Ali Baba," and later, "towelheads."

The increasingly malignant stereotype of Arab and Muslims as terrorists appeared in the 1960s with the Arab-Israeli war but hit warp speed after 9/11. It came in actions — anti-Islamic hate crime cases reported to the FBI spiked after the terrorist attacks — but it came more commonly, casually and sometimes just as cruelly in words:

"Go home."

Go home. It's as perplexing as it is offensive, especially to those whose American story stretches back a century. Where exactly is home for someone who was born in the U.S.? Or came here seeking a better life — and succeeded? Or fled tyranny for opportunity? In times of crisis, the public forgets how long Arab and Muslims have been in the U.S. or what they've contributed.

So, in the face of foes and a forgetful public, it is left to Arabs themselves to remember and remind others of where they've been. That presents difficulties — not only with facts that were never committed to paper, but also with facts that bump into something equally potent: family consensus.

I've known since I was little that my grandfather made up his birthdate. Why? Because the village where he was born didn't keep records. His gravestone lists his birth year as 1893; his petition to become a U.S. citizen, filed in 1919, said he was born on Dec. 20, 1892.

That led me to another surprise: learning he registered for the World War I draft in 1917, a full decade before being declared a citizen. The document shows his birthplace as the "Syrian Arab Republic" and his occupation as "grinding for Ford Motor Co." The registration also details back problems, which likely kept him from being drafted. His address is on the same street in the Detroit enclave where, just four years later, he would lead what was likely the first mosque in the United States.

In Danbury, a whole section of town is referred to as "Little Lebanon," where immigrants like my grandfather came to work in fur and hat factories. One Arab immigrant whose time there wasn't lost to history was William Buzaid, who opened a fur-cutting factory in 1910.

Hassan is working with the city's Lebanese American Club to learn more about the paths of its forebears. She welcomes my call for help in finding facts to fill my story, knowing it could in turn help Danbury and Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and many other places where Arab-Americans traveled through or put down roots during the Great Migration of 1880-1924. The peak for those coming from what then was known as "Greater Syria" was from 1910 to 1914.

Even after trying several variations of Karoub — Kharoub, Karoob, Karub, Karroubi — I came up empty. Maybe, Hassan suggests, he was among those who came through Baltimore or Boston. Maybe even Canada. Maybe he didn't enter at Ellis Island at all.

Maybe. A word I can't seem to escape.

Legends and heroes

Devon Akmon also wants to fill in some ancestral blanks. He lacks even more basic facts than I do. He knows this much: He's half-Lebanese, like me, and his family came from northern Lebanon. But who came to the U.S., and when?

"This is the hard part. This is what we don't know," said Akmon, now deputy director of the Arab American National Museum. "They first came to Kentucky. That's the story I want to figure out. ... It's family history. Knowing your family's story only back a generation — it seems so mysterious."

To know more, he said, enhances his "sense of self-worth."

How can details like these disappear so soon? A relative's reluctance to reminisce is a common obstacle for the family historian, and Akmon said his grandfather didn't talk a lot about his past.

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In this Dec. 18 photo, Detroit Associated Press reporter Jeff Karoub looks at the tombstone of his grandfather, The Rev. Imam Hussien Karoub, in Berkley, Mich.

It's a challenge in his day job, as well. "Trying to do research on Arab-Americans in the early ... 20th century is very difficult," he said. "It's so underdocumented."

That's an underlying theme of the 1985 book, "Becoming American: The Early Arab Immigrant Experience," by Alixa Naff. It draws on dozens of interviews with pioneer immigrants and their descendants from more than 25 communities, including my uncle — a son of Hussien Karoub who followed him into ministry.

You come away with one overarching feeling: The ancestry quest of Arab-Americans is common to all immigrants, be they Irish, Italians, Germans, Jews or others. It is the story of most everyone in America.

Yet Syrians are one of the least studied of America's ethnic groups — partly because they were smaller in number and the formal Arabic language was not widely understood by Western students and scholars before World War II. But Naff said the blame also falls upon Arab immigrants, who "neglected to study themselves."

"The history of their American experience was, by comparison, too insignificant and too fleeting to warrant recording," she wrote.

What filled the cultural void? American myth and history. "Lacking ancestral legends and heroes that had an organic relevance to their lives, they adopted American legends as their own — presidents, cowboys, athletes and men like Charles Lindbergh," Naff wrote.

Maybe the Titanic — itself no slouch as an American history tale — looms so large in my grandfather's legend because the sea at that time of its fateful passage was filled with Middle Easterners seeking a new life, including on the "unsinkable" ship itself. There, 154 of the Titanic's passengers were Arabic; 29 survived.

Those who did included 24-year-old Catherine Joseph, who was sailing steerage with her children, 6-year-old Michael and 2-year-old Anna. The passenger record indicates her husband, Peter, sent them back to Lebanon a few months earlier to save money but called them back to Detroit.

We know these facts about the Joseph family because of "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition," which spent several recent months at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, the capital of Arab-America. Visitors learned about passengers and their fates on special tickets handed out at the exhibition's entrance.

It didn't take years for the tales of those on the Titanic to be told. Arabic-language newspapers from New York's Little Syria played a particularly aggressive role in helping to identify victims and provide support to families and survivors — something it was uniquely equipped to do.

"The entire Syrian community of New York identified with the difficulties of those who had left their homeland seeking a better future in a new land," Leila Salloum Elias wrote in 2005 in an essay that laid the groundwork for a new book, "The Dream and the Nightmare: The Syrians Who Boarded the Titanic."

"They were reminded of their own journey across ocean and sea," she wrote. "The Syrian community considered the ship's Syrian passengers as part of it."

What kind of impression did that leave on my Jiddo? I wonder if he was there to see newspapers report, connect and advocate on behalf of those on the ship, and if those efforts helped him decide to launch his own newspaper a few years later in Detroit.

No doubt he was lured like many other immigrants by the promise of Ford's "five bucks a day" to make Model Ts. But he saw another, less material motive: Muslims making Michigan their home would need a spiritual leader. He could put his Islamic studies to work to help build an American community.

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2012: A year of turbulence and altered landscapes

By Justin Pope
Associated Press

It was a year of storms, of raging winds and rising waters, but also broader turbulence that strained our moorings. Our atmosphere, our politics, our economy — rarely in memory have they seemed in such constant agitation.

Our emotions, too. In the year's final weeks, amid a torrent of tears in a heartbroken Connecticut town, a rush of grief seemed to wash over all of us from the shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults in an elementary school, and of the shooter's mother in her home. The senselessness and loss plumbed depths of sorrow and outrage we had not felt, together, for many years.

But if 2012 battered us with floods and tempests, and seemed especially dark in its final days, it was also perhaps more distinctively a year of mornings after, when clouds parted and dawn's light fell upon altered landscapes.

Surveying the changes, we were sometimes sanguine, at other times distraught.

There were, of course, the storms themselves, taking not just ferocious but sometimes freakish forms. Americans saw an unusually warm winter, spring tornadoes, summer drought, and a band of concentrated, hurricane-scale thunderstorms that taught millions the word "derecho."

Autumn brought Hurricane Sandy and a wintry nor'easter that disrupted millions of lives and killed hundreds, many swept from their homes in communities with safe-sounding names like New York's Breezy Point and the Rockaways that unexpectedly entered the lexicon of global disaster zones.

When the waters did recede, they revealed a country perhaps one step readier to confront difficult questions: Is our planet changing, and are we responsible? Even more abruptly, the Connecticut killing spree seemed in one terrible day to bring the long-dormant issue of gun control to the political forefront.

Sandy may also have boosted President Barack Obama in the last days of a close-run re-election campaign that was nothing if not a storm itself — a seemingly endless $6 billion typhoon of negativity that simply exhausted Americans, particularly in a handful of swing states on whose airwaves it made landfall.

But it ended at last, and if the outcome seemed to affirm the status quo, it also laid bare a political topography reshaped by changing demographics.

Just over half the country, disproportionately the young and minority, celebrated Obama's re-election, and three states became the first to approve gay marriage at the ballot box. Among those on the losing side, older and whiter as a group, some were genuinely shocked by the result, and expressed sadness in the conviction that an America that felt familiar to them was slipping away.

After nearly half a decade, rays of sunlight at last shone on the American economy. Unemployment, though still uncomfortably high, fell below 8 percent for the first time in more than three years. Housing began to rebound. Though political gridlock threatened to undermine it, recovery seemed at last at hand.

Yet the flickering revival also illuminated how much may have changed forever. Factories were hiring again but often couldn't find workers with the needed qualifications. A college degree was the increasingly unforgiving divider between the haves and have-nots, fueling anxiety over its rising price.

One 2012 study reached the remarkable conclusion that even during the depths of the worst recession in the lifetimes of most Americans, the number of jobs available to people with a bachelor's degree never stopped increasing. And even when the economy picked up in 2012, the number of available jobs for those with only a high school diploma continued to decline. In other words, for those with a college degree, the Great Recession never happened. For those without one, it may never end.

Amid great sorrow, there was no shortage of wondrous human achievement in 2012.

Felix Baumgartner, a 42-year-old former car mechanic from Austria, rode a balloon-tugged capsule to the edge of space. Then, as millions watched breathlessly online, he opened the hatch, paused momentarily, and stepped into the void. He tumbled for nine minutes and 24 miles, breaking the sound barrier, before deploying a parachute and landing safely in the New Mexico desert.

No less thrillingly to some, scientists in Switzerland tied the final string of a knot that explains the most elementary workings of the universe: the "standard model" of physics. With the words, "I think we have it," they announced with virtual certainty they had found the so-called Higgs boson "God particle." It was an answer to one of the most basic but bedeviling questions imaginable: Where does mass come from?

At the London Olympics, Jamaican Usain Bolt proved himself the greatest sprinter of all-time, and Baltimore swimmer Michael Phelps became the most decorated Olympian. But for the Americans, victory in the medal table was driven by women — a reward, on the 40th anniversary of Title IX, for a broad-based culture of sports participation. The defining image: 16-year-old gymnast Gabby Douglas, suspended with seemingly impossible fluidity and grace at the apex of her jump from a balance beam, en route to the all-around gold medal.

British athletes also exceeded expectations, and after years of grumbling over costs and inconvenience, the hosts seemed actually to enjoy themselves. The opening ceremonies touched all the right notes, celebrating a multicultural nation sufficiently confident in its virtues of cleverness, artistry and humor to resist trying to outdo the Beijing extravaganza four years ago. From Mary Poppins to Monty Python, from a skydiving queen to Mr. Bean, it was a palpable hit.

There were, as always, those who let us down. Lance Armstrong, the supposedly superhuman cyclist stripped of seven Tour de France titles, humiliated by a meticulous official report that painted him a cheat and a bully. Revered general and CIA director David Petraeus, taken down by an affair with a fawning biographer. Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky, carted off to prison for 30-to-60 years for child sex abuse.

Internationally, there was no shortage of storms in 2012, though less in the way of resolution. Old enmities and grievances resurfaced in the Middle East, clouding the legacy of the 2011 Arab spring. The number of dead in the Syrian civil war passed 40,000. Israeli and Palestinian civilians suffered through another escalation of the conflict in Gaza.

In Libya, four Americans, including much-loved ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed in an attack on the Benghazi consulate that became yet another point of bitter political dispute in Washington.

The European Union accepted the Nobel Peace Prize, but its grand experiment with a single currency teetered. Greeks rioted against austerity, and anti-immigrant groups harking back to the continent's fascist past drew energy from the despair. Spain, Portugal and Italy struggled to right themselves and offer a way forward to an emerging generation that has never tasted opportunity.

Beneath the biggest headlines there were stories where one might spot distant clouds on the horizon — clouds with the potential, at least, to gather into storms.

In February, Congress set in motion planning to open U.S. civilian airspace to unmanned aircraft by 2015. Will domestic drones make possible heretofore unimaginable conveniences, transform our economy and make us safer? Or, as some fear, will they usher in a "surveillance society" where prying eyes above compromise the privacy of every home and back yard?

In September, China unveiled its first aircraft carrier. Will it herald an arms race and future conflict? Or does it merely highlight the wide military gap between the United States and any rival? And will China's slowing economy prove a manageable correction, or the first rumblings of an economic and political earthquake?

In November, in the magnificent but seemingly cursed Great Lakes region of East Africa, refugees again streamed past bodies of the dead, fleeing into the mountains.

The city of Goma, Congo, fell to a few hundred rebels, allegedly supported by next-door Rwanda, as United Nations peacekeepers stood by. Would this prove merely another flare-up in a beautiful but crowded and long-suffering corner of the world? Or was it the re-ignition of a conflict that — unbeknownst to much of the world — was the deadliest on earth since World War II, claiming more than 5 million lives during the late 1990s and early 2000s?

Yes, some clouds did part in 2012. But there remained no dearth of the grieving and the suffering, on whom "the sky, it seems, would pour down stinking pitch" — in the words of Shakespeare's famous take on tempests — and who anxiously awaited what the dawning light of 2013 would reveal.

Past

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comes from the National Archives, the main repository for pieces of the American story. Naturalization records contain details about where and when an immigrant came to the United States — and my grandfather's record is among them, at the Archives' Chicago branch. It teases me even more.

He listed himself as a sewing machine operator. He had a scar on his left palm. His signature — in a sturdy, stylish penmanship for a man who wasn't raised reading or writing English — attests that he is neither polygamist nor anarchist.

I press on. Genealogy specialist Constance Potter runs a general search on several conceivable spellings for Hussien Karoub. As far as the archive is concerned, no record exists of my grandfather's 1912 arrival.

That's unsurprising. Many ports of entry were overflowing with huddled masses. Immigrants' names were taken verbally, so there's no guarantee that our best guesses on spelling match the elusive record. And until 1935, there was no National Archives.

While she admires my pursuit and recognizes my disappointment, Potter consoles me with an existential parting shot about who we are as Americans.

"Everyone's ancestor was somewhere on July 4, 1776," she said. "Whether signing the Declaration of Independence or somewhere in Syria, they were there."

Truths and tall tales

Every quest, particularly when it comes to your own history, eventually arrives at a crossroads with some version of the same question: What is the point?

Why struggle to pin down my grandfather's details, to separate truth from tall tales? Surely it's not to feel more American. The day my family moved from becoming to belonging has long since passed.

Does my faltering attempt to retrace his journey make any difference? After all, he made it. He became one of the United States' first imams, opened the nation's first free-standing mosque and started a newspaper, the American-Arab Message, for a community that would become one of the largest outside the Middle East.

Hussien Karoub had seven children, five of whom survived into adulthood. He died at 79 in 1973. I was only 4 then, but I remember a warm, gentle man. My strongest memory is looking up to see him smile at me as I tore through his house with joyful abandon. Yet his legacy lives on through his descendants, including doctors, musicians, teachers, business owners as well as a lawyer, lawmaker and a journalist. And veterans of foreign wars.

We are Muslim, Christian, and other — a fitting multireligious legacy for a man who was both praised and criticized for embracing other faiths and not seeing his own as monolithic.

A century on, we are Arab-Americans, though we have become less Arab and more American. Yet there's a pull to learn a little more about the front end of the hyphen. Maybe the urge is strongest when you feel fully connected, when reaching to the past runs no risk of giving up the present. But as the generations pass, the yesterdays become more remote. The trail fades.

It doesn't surprise Elias that my family's lore includes a Titanic tale. She once interviewed a man whose grandfather asserted that as many as 15 people from her Syrian village perished when the great ship went down.

"If someone left a village, let's say in March 1912, to go to 'Amreeka' and they were never heard from again," Elias said, "it was just assumed they were on the Titanic."

Speaking to so many descendants of Titanic survivors and victims, Elias realized the value of trying to know her own story: "Do you know how many said, 'I wish I had asked more questions'?"

I can't ask Jiddo any more questions about his path to America. The Titanic tale? It probably wasn't true, but no matter. I can continue chipping away at the myths, the facts and the blanks, knowing that his trip was the catalyst for my family's larger one — our evolution from being a "them" to an "us."

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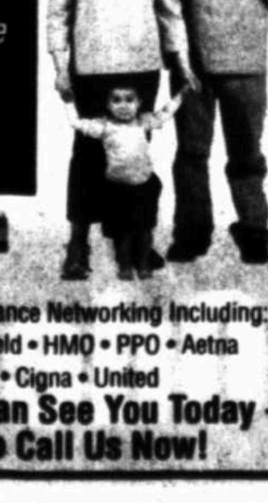
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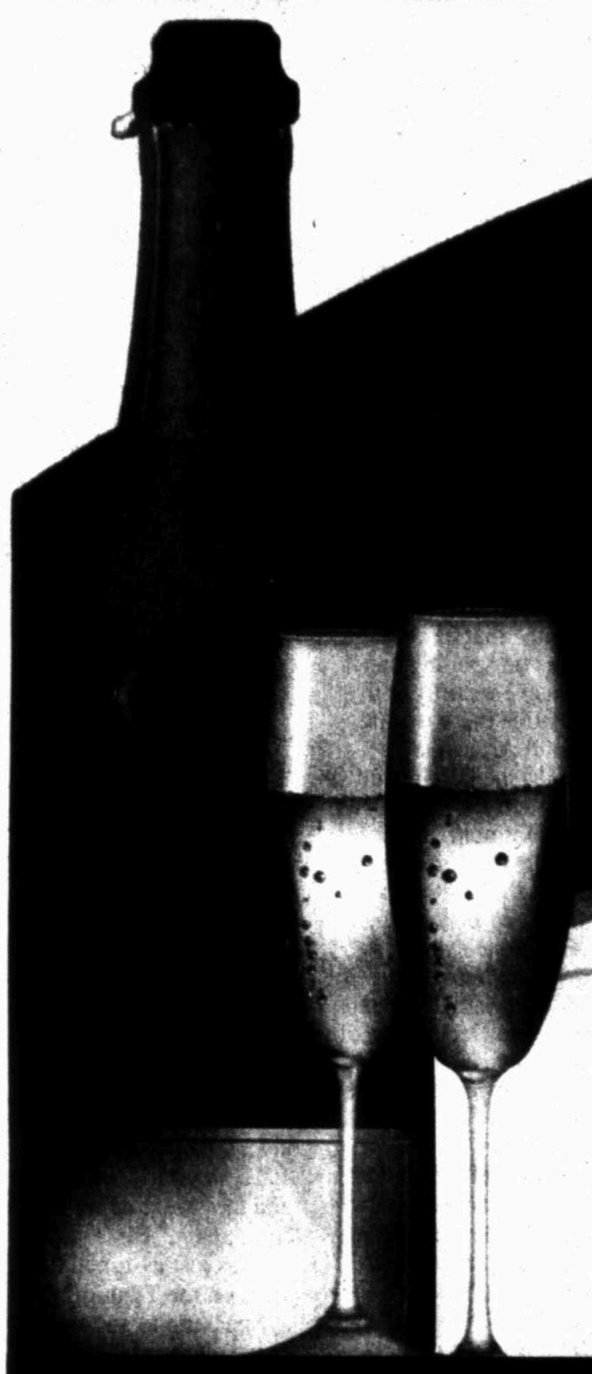

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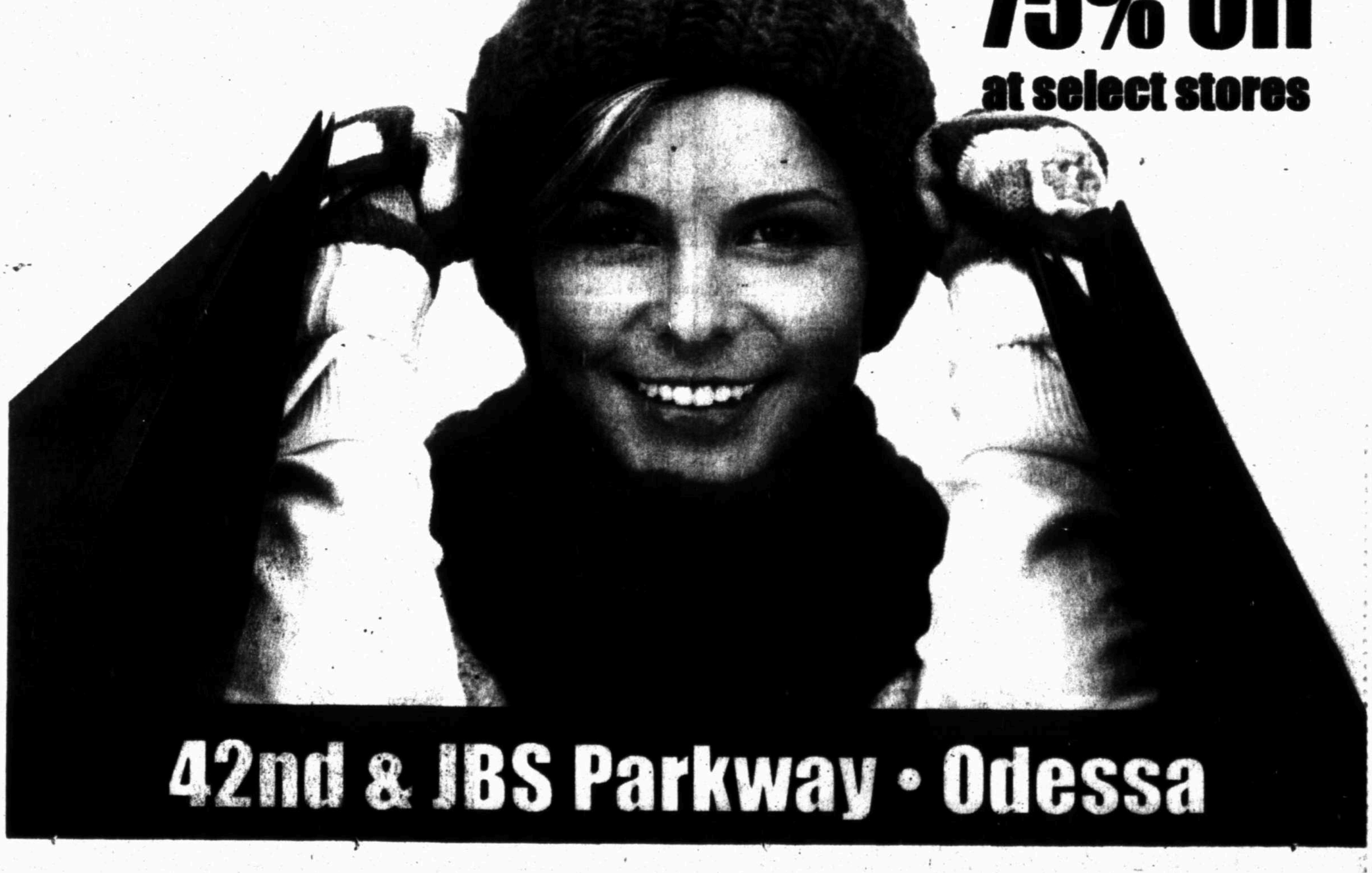

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MFD: Fires down for year; EMS calls increase

By Tyler White
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The Midland Fire Department has seen a decrease from last year in fires that occurred in Midland.

MFD responded to 354 city fires and 165 county fires from January through November of this year, compared to 2011's 424 city fires and 315 county fires. This shows a 16.51 percent decrease in city fires and a 47.62 percent decrease in county fires over the past year.

The statistics for December are not currently available.

MFD Chief Robert Isbell said the reason for the decrease in fires this year is mostly because of the high number of grass fires resulting from the 2011 drought, which skewed the numbers. However, the number of structure fires reported have been decreasing for the past decade, he said.

"We have a lot of prevention measures in place," he said.

MFD's efforts to educate the public have been an important factor in decreasing the number of fires in the area, said David Hickman, MFD's assistant fire marshal.

"We are trying to get people more aware of the target hazards they have in their houses," Hickman said.

Sprinkler systems are being installed into more buildings to further fight fires, he said. But even with all of the fire department's efforts, firefighters are putting out the same types of fires — including cooking fires and space heater fires — on a regular basis, he said.

While the number of fires have gone down, MFD is working to alter their methods of responding to rescue and emergency medical incidents.

Emergency Medical Services response has consistently increased over the past year, with MFD responding to 8,044 and 1,437 calls in the city and county from January through November, showing increases of 4.59 percent and 14.50 percent over last year, respectively.

Apart from fires and EMS calls, MFD saw 533 calls in the city and 33 calls in the county for false alarms and false calls from January through November, showing a 16.38 and 57.14 percent increase from 2011, respectively.

MFD's call volume has increased by 6 percent since 2011, with roughly 30 to 40 percent of more than 12,400 calls this year relating to incidents or injuries that

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HUTCHISON ERA NEARS END

AP file photo

After nearly two decades as the first woman to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate, Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison walks to the floor of the Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington on Dec. 12 to give her farewell speech. In the chamber, Sen. Hutchison became emotional as she recalled her "Homemaker's IRA" legislation that gave homemakers — men and women — the same rights to establish an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA, as their working spouses.

Departing senator leaves legacy of projects

By Todd J. Gillman
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison spent 19 years tending to the needs of Texas, hard work with tangible results for military installations, flood projects and highways, as well as many taxpayers.

Two years ago, in a bruising bid to become governor, her knack for bringing home the bacon and her deftness at setting aside party became liabilities. Concerns about red ink trumped demands for largesse, and fears of federal overreach fueled a hard right turn among Republican voters.

As the Hutchison era ends, her approach is giving way to much different expectations resting on successor Ted Cruz, a tea party darling with a national agenda and a markedly sharper ideology.

"We're going to miss her, and Ted Cruz and I have our work cut out for us to try to fill the gap that's going to be left by her departure," said Sen. John Cornyn, the party's deputy Senate leader and, next week, Texas' senior senator.

Texas counties, researchers, road builders and rocket scientists may feel the impact. Hutchison advocated for a robust national defense. She looked after Texas veterans. She pressed for a fairer Texas slice of gasoline tax revenue. She championed tax-deferred retirement accounts for homemakers and easing the so-called marriage penalty. She also made sure that Texans, who pay no state income tax, could at least deduct state sales tax.

"I hope some of the priorities I have championed will continue," she said last week in her Senate farewell address.

Those priorities weren't always glamorous or controversial. More dogmatic colleagues commanded the spotlight on major debates over judicial nominees or health care policy, for instance.

"Some senators choose to focus solely on national issues. She chose early on to make fighting for Texas the highest of priorities. And she made a difference," said Chet Edwards, a former Democratic congressman from Waco.

Voters didn't always reward her. The tea party wave crested just as Hutchison took the plunge to run for governor two years ago. Party activists shunned her. Gov. Rick Perry mocked her as an "earmark queen" and "Kay Bailout," for her support of the bank rescue package enacted at the height of the 2008 economic crisis.

Perry won their primary by 21 percentage points, a crushing rejection for a senator who had drawn more votes in 2000 than any statewide candidate in Texas history.

"It was a horrible experience," she told WFAA-TV this month, voicing regret that her biggest ambition eluded her. "I love the Senate, but I always wanted to be governor."

In hindsight, she should have challenged Perry in 2002, when he'd been on the job just two years, or four years later — the year he won another term with less than 40 percent of the vote in a four-way contest, she said. But Hutchison kept biding her time, citing a desire to promote party unity.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

New Year's Day is time for do-overs, not resolutions

I would like you to start getting in a good mood today so you will be ready for the New Year on Tuesday. You need to be in a good mood in order to face a fresh start.

New Year's Day is one of the greatest days of the year. There's nothing like starting the year on one of the best days of the year. By Tuesday, you need to have a whole new perspective on life.

You need to gear up for a fresh start. After all, that's what New Year's Day is all about.

Forget about all those New Year's resolutions. You're not going to keep them anyway. Please, tell me, you're not really going to diet, are you? I'm sure you want to be a better person, but you're not really going to do anything about it. And you're not really going to do less shopping, play less golf or spend less money.

So, forget New Year's resolutions and think of them as do-overs, second chances and fresh starts. Besides, you're going to be pretty much the same next year as you are this year, so you need to focus on the real idea of the New Year. That's starting over. You've heard the old saying from baseball that goes, "Well, there's always tomorrow."

That also goes for years, and this is a new year coming up on Tuesday.

You get this wonderful chance to start over again. That means you hopefully get to keep all the good from last year and lose all the bad of last year.

For instance, there always are football games on New Year's Day. Well, we certainly want to keep that in our lives, so we'll watch a lot of football on New Year's Day. That's a keeper.

Sports is nearly always a fresh start for me on the new year because I like the Houston Astros and Texas Tech Red Raiders. The New Year allows the Astros and Raiders to start the season again at 0-0. When you think about it, this is quite remarkable because the Astros have lost 100 or more games in each of the last two years.

You can forget your last trip and plan your next trip. I like to always keep a trip in the planning stages and the beginning

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Rocket scientist's son shapes art students' minds at UT branch

By Melissa Montoya
The Brownsville Herald

BROWNSVILLE — When a student walks into the sculpture studio at the UTB-TSC campus, they can expect to be challenged — critically and artistically — by Professor Angel Cabrales.

That's because Cabrales wants students to think while creating art.

In any given semester, he expects to have 45 to 50 students who are assigned projects that require them to incorporate in their pieces an assortment of unexpected materials, including objects like rocks and palm trees. In one assignment, he sets the parameters so students can raise awareness for an issue they think is important.

Cabrales, in the Visual Art Department at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, said he wants his students to begin thinking about art in three dimensions, while at the same time using their creativity to apply different materials in their final pieces.

"Anything and everything is sculpture material," Cabrales said. "They can make art with anything."

For Cabrales, 39, an art career wasn't always something he envisioned for himself.

As a college student at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, he looked upon a future as a geochemist.

"My dad is literally a rocket scientist," said Cabrales, who keeps a picture of a Patriot missile in his office. "I ended up being a geochemistry major and after two years of taking that, I decided I was always happiest when I was drawing or making artwork."

He decided to changed courses, lost his science scholarship and transferred to Arizona State University, where he studied sculpture.

Back home, his scientist father was upset, Cabrales said. But later, the artist remembers, his father paid him a compliment upon seeing his artwork. "I can see the math in it," his father said, according to Cabrales.

"After that, he was really supportive," the artist said.

Today, he's a teacher who knows the importance of technical expertise. Beginning sculptors — artistic sorts — might not realize math and science are needed to carve or create a design they've had in their head, Cabrales said. In fact, some students say they became artists because they were not good at math, he added.

"Well, you use a lot of it, and there's a lot of critical thinking," the teacher said.

On a recent afternoon, Cabrales' current students worked on projects in the Rusteberg sculpture studio, while listening to the music of rock band The Doors. Sculpting is a time-consuming process, and the teacher encourages his students to use the studio outside of class hours.

The allotted six hours per week reserved for classes is simply not enough, he said.

"They have access to come in

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Associated Press

University of Texas at Brownsville art professor Angel Cabrales speaks to his Sculpture II class in Brownsville in November. The students were preparing for an exhibit.

Obituaries

Cotton Umfress

Cotton Umfress was born on March 20, 1948 and passed on to his next life on December 24, 2012. He is survived by his loving wife of twenty-five years, Jo Umfress; along with two children, Aletha Umfress of Blanchard, Oklahoma, and Laval Umfress of Las Vegas, Nevada; two step-daughters, Lynda Carlton and Dawna Autrey; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter. He is also survived by his 2 brothers, Ben and Bill; four sisters, Nellie Jackson, Opal Elam, Jo Ella Dodson, and Betty Sue Lovelady and their families, along with many, many extended family members, and a multitude of friends.

He worked in the oil field around Odessa for many years. He loved to dance, play pool, watch football and visit with friends. He was a good man and a good husband, who helped his family when he could. He always had a quick smile and a handshake for everyone he met.

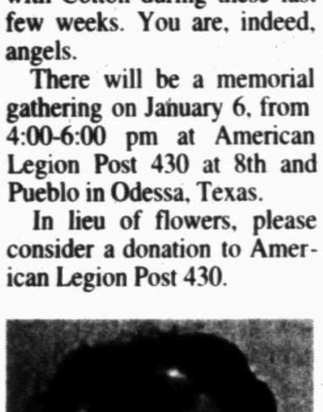
Cotton will be missed by everyone he knew, but especially by his dog, Scamp.

We all hope that Cotton is in a place with a good Honky Tonk that plays good dance music and that he finds a wonderful dance partner until Jo, the love of his life, can come to him.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the hospice personnel that helped with Cotton during these last few weeks. You are, indeed, angels.

There will be a memorial gathering on January 6, from 4:00-6:00 pm at American Legion Post 430 at 8th and Pueblo in Odessa, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Legion Post 430.



Gregorio Hernandez

Gregorio Hernandez, 58, of Midland, went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Thursday December 27, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 9, 1954 in Matamos Tamp, MX to the Late Jesus and Maria Hernandez He is preceded in death by his wife Elma Tarin Hernandez. Gregorio is survived by his three sons: Joshua Hernandez, Jose Elias Hernandez, and Mateo Joel Hernandez all of Midland, TX; Daughter Lydia Recebba Hernandez of Midland, TX; Brother Jose Hernandez of Midland, TX; sister Bertha Alicia Hernandez of Houston, TX; three grandchildren and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing will take place on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 from noon to 9pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home at 405 N. Terrell. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at Apostolic Assembly Church with Pastor Benjamin Bracamontes officiating. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenlygate@suddenlinkmail.com

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Juanell Simmons Diaz

Juanell Simmons Diaz, of Odessa, passed from this life and into her eternal peace and heavenly home on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2012 at Medical Center Hospital. Juanell was born March 29, 1929 in Eastland, Texas to Flo and Thomas Simmons.

Funeral Services will be Monday December 31 at 1:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. She will be laid to rest at Resthaven North Memorial Park with Pastor Bill Foster officiating. The family will receive family and friends at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral home from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday December 30, 2012.

She is preceded in death by her precious first born Sandra Baker , her mother Flo Simmons, her father Thomas Simmons three brothers and one sister.

She was the greatest mother in the world to her 3 daughters. She leaves her memories to be cherished by her husband Joe Diaz, daughters Shirley Faglie (Alvin) of Midland, Terry Krugman (Charles Hicks) of Odessa and Sister, Pat Winchell of Decatur, TX. She was a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff in the CCU department at Medical Center Hospital whose professional and compassionate care made a difficult time a little easier.

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.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallen garciapipkinfh.com

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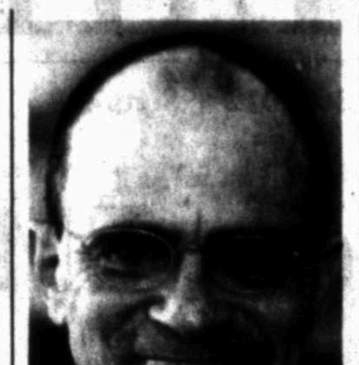

Trey Ford

Walter O. (Trey) Ford, III, 55, of San Marcos, Texas, slipped into God's loving arms on Saturday, December 22, 2012, at Warm Springs Specialty Hospital in Luling, with family members at his side.

Trey was born in Wichita Falls to Walter Ford Jr. and Barbara Ann Ford, where he lived until age 13 when his family moved to Midland. At the age of 19, Trey was the victim of a gun incident; he spent the remainder of his life in a wheelchair, but lived an active, productive and independent life.

After initial rehabilitation, Trey returned to school and graduated from Texas Tech University where he was an active Alpha Tau Omega. He participated in wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis in his younger years; was a mentor to others who became wheelchair bound; and Trey especially loved tutoring children in afterschool programs at Austin ISD.

An avid outdoorsman and hunter throughout his life, Trey holds the record for the largest Boone and Crocket pronghorn ever taken in Texas (1994), which now hangs at the event center of the Kerr Wildlife Management Area near Hunt, Texas.

Trey lived and worked in Midland, Wichita Falls, Dallas, Austin, and San Marcos - most recently as a volunteer at Central Texas Medical Center. With a bright mind, sharp wit and quick smile, Trey easily made friends and leaves many to mourn his passing.

Trey is survived by his parents, Barbara Ford of San Marcos, Walter and Laura Ford of Kerrville and Santa Fe; sisters, Sharon Graves (Rick) of Fischer and Karen Ford of Austin; nephews Ford Pierson (Lindy), Chase Pierson (Melissa), and Jake Lynch; aunts, Mary Jane Harvey of Wichita Falls and Charlene Johnson of Granbury; and numerous cousins across the state. He is preceded in death by both sets of grandparents.

A memorial service to celebrate Trey's life is planned for Saturday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 325 W. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666. A reception will follow.

Memorial contributions in Trey's name are welcomed at: Lone Star Paralysis Foundation, 1215 Red River, 1st Floor, Austin, TX 78701. www.lonestarparalysis.org; and the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16 North, Medina, TX 78055, www.armsofhope.org.

Venesta Renee (Thurman) Davis

Venesta Renee (Thurman) Davis, age 50, of Odessa, TX, was taken Home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 24, 2012, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. She was born in Odessa on May 30, 1962 to Willie James Thurman, Sr. and Vera Lee (Anderson) Lee.

She was a free spirit who enjoyed the outdoors and liked to fish. She was an excellent cook and baker and made every family gathering a little tastier. Venesta was a devout Christian woman who devoted her time to mission work, going on Christian retreats, and listening to Gospel music. She was very spiritual and focused on strengthening her relationship with the Lord.

Those left to cherish her memory are her mother: Vera Lee Lee of Dallas, TX; father: Willie James Thurman, Sr. of Pittsburgh, TX; maternal grandmother: Ruth Watkins of Odessa, TX; daughter: Michelle Thurman of Dallas, TX; three sons: Andrew Darius Thurman of Odessa, TX and Virgil Duncan and Antwon Thurman, both of Midland, TX; brother: Willie Thurman and wife Rhonda, also of Midland, TX; eight grandchildren; aunts: Consuela Harmon of Odessa, TX, Dottie Collins of Spring, TX, Wanda Foster of Dallas, TX, Mozell Thurman of Sacramento, CA and Lois Thurman of Denver, CO; uncles: Darius Collins and wife Eve of Odessa, TX, Farris Collins and wife Susan of Albuquerque, NM, Henry McDowell of Starksville, MS, Bobby Washington and wife Denise of Midland, TX, Maurice Thurman of Dallas, TX, and Leon Thurman and Curtis Thurman, both of Midland, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Her brother, Andrew Thurman, and paternal grandparents: Andrew Thurman and Marie Thurman; preceded her to the Heavenly gates.

Funeral services will be at Highland and Bunche St. Church of Christ, 1705 Highland, Odessa, TX 79761 at 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 2, 2013, Bro. Gene O. Collins officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd, Odessa, Texas. Condolences to the family may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.

Wilma Newman Robertson

Wilma Louise Bilbrey Robertson, 86, of Midland was received into her Savior arms on Friday, December 28, 2012. She was born on May 10, 1926 in Hollis, Oklahoma. Wilma sold Avon in Midland since 1970. She loved her customers and built sweet friendships while working.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Leota Bilbrey of Lockney, Texas, a brother, William Lowell Bilbrey and beloved sister-in-law Wanda Joy of Floydada, Texas; Wilma's first husband Gipsy Wayne Newman and her second husband Cecil Robertson, both from Midland.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her sons; Joe Bob Newman and his wife Linda from Arlington, Jerry Wayne Newman and wife Gloria from Midland and Tommy Lowell Newman of Midland. The Lord blessed Wilma with nine grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends today at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm. A funeral service has been scheduled at 11:00am for Monday, December 31, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Abbott Barnes Sykes

Abbott Barnes "Hap" Sykes, age 87, of Odessa, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at home on Wednesday, December 26, 2012, after a short illness preceded by a severe stroke on August 24, 2004. He lost his ability to converse but remained upbeat and cheerful.

The youngest of nine children, Hap was born to Abbott Barnes Sykes, Sr., and Samantha Taylor Sykes in Barber, Arkansas. He was raised mostly by his sisters following the death of his mother when he was two years old and attended country schools near Panama, Oklahoma.

He served in the U.S. Navy/Pacific Theater. Hap returned briefly to Oklahoma then attended baseball umpire school in Corpus Christi where he was nicknamed "Hap." He umpired in the Longhorn Baseball League of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Hap met Melba Preston in Big Spring, and they were married October 18, 1951. He worked at Meads Bakery, Bailey Griffith Tire, the U.S. Post Office, and sold specialty advertising for Shaw-Barton.

The family moved to Odessa on July 4, 1959. In 1967, he began his own business, Hap Sykes Advertising Company. He also was involved in real estate.

He was very frugal with his personal expenses but extremely generous and giving toward everyone else. He spent his life helping others.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Melba, of the home; their daughter, Judy Dalton and husband, John, of Cloudcroft, New Mexico; their sons, Barry Sykes and Steve Sykes, of Odessa and Nathan Sykes of Wilton Manors, Florida; grandchildren, Stephanie Dalton Hines of Fort Worth; Michael Dalton and wife, Nikki, of Woodland Park, Colorado; and Jessica Dalton Wiggins and husband, Calvin, of Fort Worth; great-grandsons, Rowan Hines and Zane Dalton; great-granddaughter, Eisley Dalton; step-grandson, C.J. Wiggins; and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the wonderful staff of Hospice House Odessa and Home Hospice. They also acknowledge two special caregivers, Juanita Berzosa and Lupe Flores, for their kindness to Hap in his final days at home. Those hours will be treasured by his wife and children.

Visitation with the family will be from 2-4 PM Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home. Celebration of his life will be at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 31, 2012, at Grace Christian Fellowship, 3450 Billy Hext Road, Odessa, Texas 79765, followed by interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace Christian Fellowship Missions.

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

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Death Notices

Anita Diamond

Anita Diamond, 73, of Midland passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2012 in Odessa, TX. Visitation at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Sunday, December 30, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm. A funeral service 3:00 pm on Monday, December 31, 2012 at First Assembly of God. Burial at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, James Diamond; daughter Tammy (Jubel) Scarborough; grandchildren, Paul Neatherlin, Cameron Williams and Brynlei Scarborough; sisters, Doris Miller and Patricia Brookshire.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Carolyn L. Whitmore

Carolyn L. Whitmore, 63, passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2012. She is survived by her son, Theodore (Freddy) Walters of Midland, TX; her sister Daisy Riggs of Midland TX, Lorene Lollie of Kilgore, TX; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and numerous, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Viewing will be held Sunday December 30, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Funeral Home. Wake service Monday December 31, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel, Reverend Calvin Riggs officiating.

Funeral services directed by Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Deryl Michael

Deryl Michael, 79, of Midland, passed away December 26, 2012. Services will be held at a later date.

Survivors: Wife, Sue Michael of Midland; daughters, Ilene (Frank) Toler of Arizona, Melonie (Rob Benson) Michael of Minnesota, and Kathy (Don) Peters of California; sons, Deryl Dewayne (Noel) Michael of Louisiana, Daniel Michael of Texas, Jerry (Sumedha) Michael of California, and Darren Kevin Michael of Missouri; 26 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; stepdaughters, Deborah Fleming, Becky (Mike Stanley) Wharton, Carrie (Eric Palacio) Reed, all of Texas; stepsons, Bill (Brenda) Wharton of Colorado, Brooks (Elisha) Wharton of Texas, and Casey (LaDonna) Hendrix of Oklahoma; and sister, Jane Garrenet.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Margie Parker

Margie Parker, age 83 of Seminole, Texas passed away Friday, December 28, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in Seminole. Services Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at M.S. Doss Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Burial at Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Preceded in death by her parents and three sisters. Survived by: Husband, Roy Parker of Seminole; son, Robert (Suzan) Parker of Seminole; daughter, Leslie (Eddie) Bustamante of Seminole; brothers, Ocie (Karen) Forbes of Brownwood, Don (Fran) Forbes of Pleasanton; sister, Patsy Huddleston of Mountain Home, Idaho; one uncle; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral mass held for former New Mexico speaker

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A crowd of family members, longtime friends and politicians turned out Saturday morning to pay their final respects as House Speaker Ben Lujan, one of the most powerful and longest-serving state legislators in New Mexico history, was laid to rest.

A funeral Mass drew about 1,000 people to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. Among them were former Gov. Toney Anaya, Attorney General Gary King and Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry.

Lujan's son, U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, described his father as a "gentleman's gentleman" during Saturday's service. He said his father knew how to bring people together but was also known for standing his ground.

"He fought for the poor and those that were less fortunate," Congressman Lujan said.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan described Ben Lujan as a skilled politician, a devout Catholic and a family man.

Lujan died of lung cancer shortly before Christmas. He was 77. He was diagnosed with advanced stage cancer in late 2009 and had undergone radiation and chemotherapy treatment. It wasn't until the opening of the 2012 legislative session that he publicly announced his battle with the illness and his planned retirement.

The Democrat from Nambe spent half his life as a state lawmaker, winning his first election to the House in 1974.

Lujan served as speaker from 2001 to 2012.

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here and work, and that's one thing that I've really liked," Cabrales said. "They've kind of formed their own community."

Art in the class isn't a solitary experience. The students even exhibit their artwork together.

Recently, students have been elated with the result of their exhibition, "All the Light Moves," which was unveiled the night before at the Medusa Lounge and Patio Bar.

Bianca Camarillo, a junior in the Sculpture I class, was surprised by the encouraging responses from those who attended the art showing.

"I didn't expect that many people to be amazed," the 21-year-old said.

Cabrales can relate to the students' feelings.

Although the path to an art career can be arduous, Cabrales wants his students to know the effort is worth all the hard work and sacrifices it takes to complete an undergraduate art degree. After all, when he was an undergraduate art student, Cabrales had bought materials for his projects with the money his mother sent him for food.

"My mom would tell me, 'Well, now you have to eat the steel because I'm not sending you any more money,'" Cabrales said.

Cabrales pushes students to think critically about the way art can shape society. One of his assignments is for the young artists to create a social commentary.

The students' responses to the challenge vary. Student Karina Melendez used that project to create art that addresses hormone-filled food.

Melendez, who creates sculpts with yarn, prefers organic food because it's healthier.

"To me, (my sculpture) says starvation is happening in other countries or even here in the United States," the 25-year-old said.

In his lessons, Cabrales doesn't share his political views with his students. He only tries to plant seeds of thought so they can realize that art is an effective way of spreading ideas to others.

Because our society is so visual, Cabrales said, an artist can use their work to bring awareness to a cause.

"It's very important to have them involved in the community and really knowing what's going on in the world," Cabrales said.

For Cabrales, shows are meant to be interactive. His art is only complete when someone views it — and partakes in the message. After all, Cabrales practices what he teaches in his own art.

Having grown up in El Paso, he often traveled to Juarez. But now, whenever he goes back, he knows traveling into Mexico is no longer an option for him because of drug-war violence.

Therefore, in April at his Dallas show, "El Pan Dulce Vida," Cabrales made large cookie-cutter shapes of guns and used them to shape sweet bread into assault rifles. In order for audience to eat the pan dulce, they had to stick the rifle into their mouth, crafting a scene using the crowd that Cabrales said was symbolic.

"In itself, we have a lot of people who are poor and getting involved in the drug war because they're promised the sweet life," Cabrales said. "But, in order to take that sweet life, you're kind of eating the gun."

Associated Press

Bob Wells, superintendent of the Edna Independent School District, walks past the district's new domed gym under construction in Edna on Dec. 6. The hurricane dome, a structure being built in part with money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, can be used to house first responders or residents evacuated during a storm.

Texas builds 'hurricane domes' for double-duty

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

EDNA — Most of the time, the windowless building with the dome-shaped roof will be a typical high school gymnasium filled with cheering fans watching basketball and volleyball games.

But come hurricane season, the structure that resembles a miniature version of the famed Astrodome will double as a hurricane shelter, part of an ambitious storm-defense system that is taking shape along hundreds of miles of the Texas Gulf Coast.

Its brawny design — including double-layer cinder-block walls reinforced by heavy duty steel bars and cement piers that plunge 30 feet into the ground — should allow it to withstand winds up to 200 mph.

"There is nothing standard" about the building, said Bob Wells, superintendent of the Edna school district, as he stood inside the $2.5 million gym, which is set to be completed by March. "The only standard stuff is going to be the stuff we do inside."

The Edna dome is one of 28 such buildings planned to protect sick, elderly and special-needs residents who might be unable to evacuate ahead of a hurricane. First-responders and local leaders will also be able to take refuge in the domes, allowing them to begin recovery efforts faster after a storm has passed.

Storm-defense structures are getting increased attention in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, which inflicted heavy damage on the East Coast in October. The city of New York, for instance, is considering a multi-billion-dollar system of sea barriers.

For Texas, a state always in danger during hurricane season, the domes offer the extra benefit of serving as recreation or community centers when not needed as shelters. They are being erected with help from the federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I think it's good for FEMA, and I think it's good for us. And I think it's good for the taxpayers," Wells said.

The gym in Edna, a town of 5,500 people about 100 miles southwest of Houston, is the second hurricane dome in Texas. The first was built in 2011 in Woodsboro, near Corpus Christi. Most of the domes will be around 20,000 square feet.

The plan calls for structures in 11 counties in the Rio Grande Valley, around Corpus Christi and along the coast from Victoria to Newton counties, said Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

So far, $34.5 million has been awarded. This month, FEMA approved funds for a hurricane dome that will serve as a community center in Brownsville, one that will serve as a wellness center and physical rehabilitation facility in Bay City and two that will serve as multi-purpose training centers in Kingsville.

Inside the gym in Edna, Wells' voice echoed as he pointed to the ceiling, which has layers of sprayed-on concrete, insulation and rebar, all of which are under a heavy duty fabric that gives the structure its distinctive wind-resistant shape.

The doorways are covered by awnings of heavy gauge metal and supported by concrete girders that go 15 feet into the ground.

FEMA is paying for 75 percent of the dome structures, with local communities picking up the remaining cost.

The funding is part of the agency's initiative to help homeowners and communities build hardened shelters that provide protection from extreme weather.

Nationwide, more than $683 million has been awarded in 18 states, including Texas, Alabama, Michigan and South Carolina.

Walking around the gym, Wells said it reminded him of when, as a teenager, he first walked into the Astrodome after it opened in 1965 in Houston.

"It was like, 'Oh, wow, this is so cool,'" he said. "I'm still kind of in the 'oh, wow' stage with this."

WILLIAMSON

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of the year is always a good time to plan a trip.

Some of you go on new-fangled diets to start the year. But the way I look at it, I haven't gained one single pound in the New Year. It's a do-over in my book.

I believe in do-overs and the New Year is always the best place to start, but I admit there are some areas where do-overs are really, really tough — like tattoos. Never put a name on your body.

You may not even like yourself next year.

But I do think you can get some do-overs on a lot of the mundane tasks of life, like righting a few wrongs or doing some of the things that you failed to do in the past. However, sometimes you have to live with your own created pains of past sins.

There are few do-overs when it comes to relationships, jobs, friends or saying the wrong thing to the wife. So, you better protect those areas every year or you will never experience any kind of a do-over.

I've come to think that grandkids are the ultimate do-over in life.

Whatever you did wrong in raising your kids, you get that glorious second chance with the grandkids, which is to say you can let them do whatever they please and then send them home to mom and pop without an added ounce of guilt.

Kids also believe in do-overs because they believe in second chances.

Did you ever notice how kids really know how to live? We could really learn a lot from them if we would just pay attention.

My grandkids always give me a second chance, but I better not push it too far. They still are not sure if I deserve a third chance or not.

But this is a new year, so I will probably severely test this notion in 2013.

Have a free do-over this year on me. Happy New Year!

Thought for the Week: "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." — Lao Tzu (Chinese Taoist philosopher, 600 BC-531 BC)

No charges for woman who killed boyfriend

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A grand jury in Texas has decided charges should not be brought against a woman who fatally shot her boyfriend.

The Travis County grand jury returned a no bill last week for 43-year-old Lilah Moffett, of Elgin. Moffett had never been arrested for the Oct. 16 shooting of 34-year-old Billy Jack Hysinger.

Moffett's attorney, Ben Florey, told the Austin American-Statesman Friday that his client had defended herself and her two sons in a violent fight started by Hysinger.

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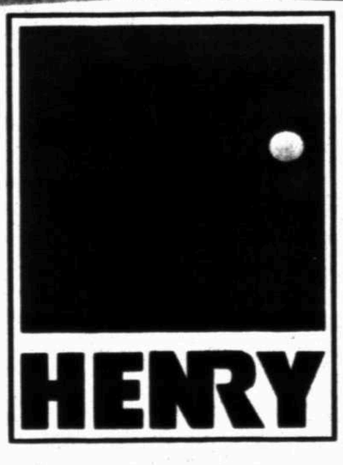

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Luke 2:20

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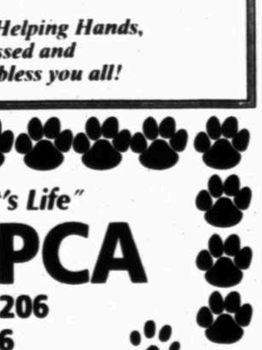

Dear Helping Hands, My name is Nic Gibson and I am a 13-year-old seventh-grader at St. Ann's Catholic School. I am a parishioner at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. The reason for me asking my party guests for items for charity instead of gifts for me was because of a recent trip to the Philippines. Looking around my mom's home island, Cebu, I saw many people poverty stricken, and it killed me to know that I could do very little for them. Then I realized that I needed to start out small and then move toward bigger things. I kept in mind that there are people in Midland that are not as fortunate as I am. So I invited my St. Ann's football team to my birthday party and asked them to bring clothes, canned goods and toys to give to Helping Hands for the poor of Midland. I believe that this is a good way to serve God by taking care of the least among us. It is my prayer that you will be able to use these items to help people in need. Sincerely, Nic Gibson

Dear Nic, What an exceptional young man you are! That you are 13 years old and already have such a strong sense of compassion and responsibility for the poor is very humbling to all of us at Helping Hands. May you one day become that powerful voice that will do great things for those in need, especially for those who are so devastated by the extreme life-threatening poverty of third world countries. We pray that you will do it and may God bless you in your endeavors!

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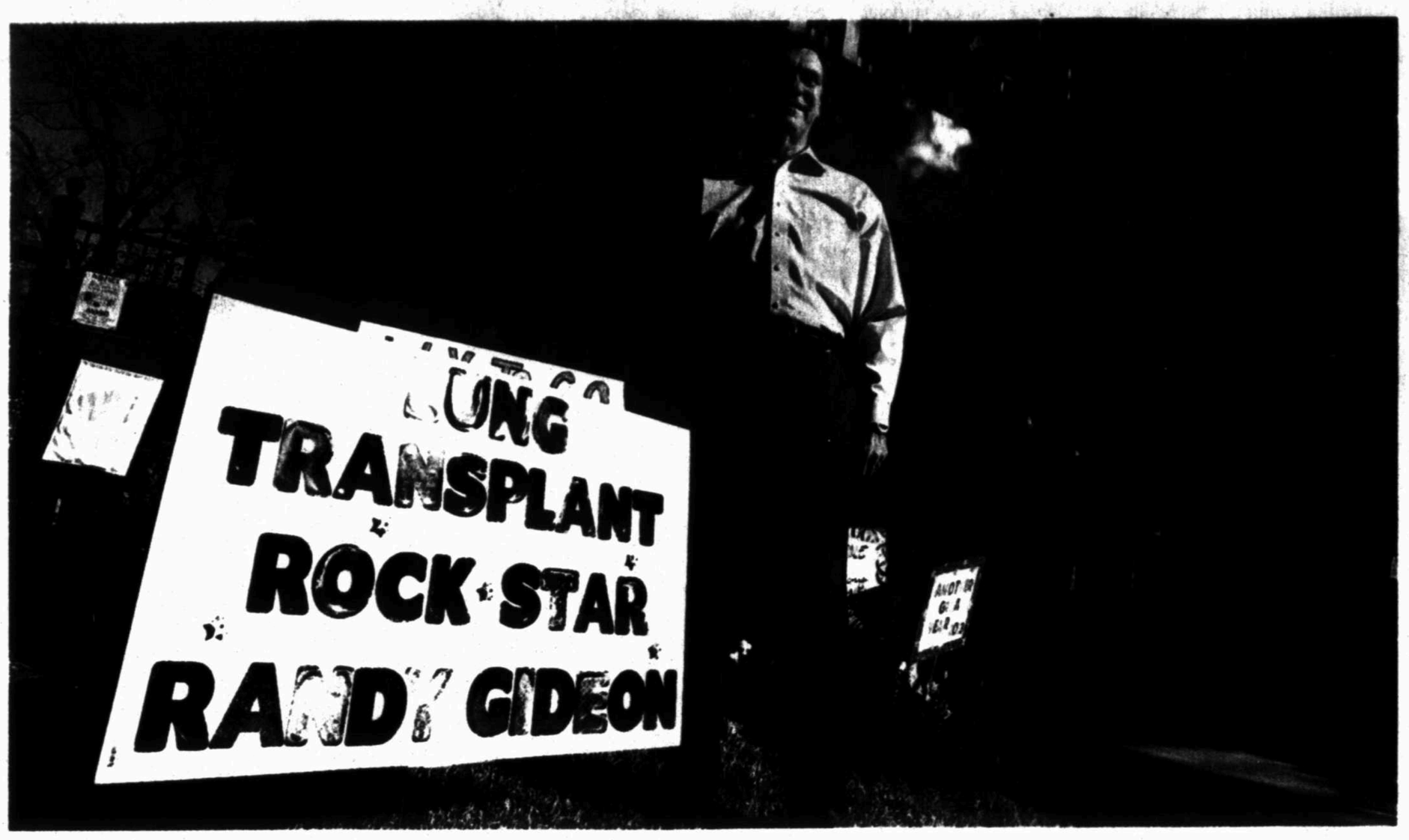

By Alex Branch | *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

Randy Gideon spent last Christmas Day in a respirator [illegible], seated alone, watching his family celebrate the [illegible]ay from across the living room.

He breathed with help from an oxygen tank. He [illegible]peak, but even if he had been strong enough, [illegible]on couldn't cross the room to join his loved [illegible]s because he couldn't risk catching a virus.

If he got any sicker, his family knew, he could not [illegible] receiving double lung transplant.

Just that month, Gideon had temporarily been removed from the organ donation waiting list at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas after coming down with the flu.

No one wanted that to happen again.

Gideon had spent much of the preceding weeks isolated in his west Fort Worth home.

Gideon, 60, an architect whose many projects include the Fort Worth Police & Firefighters Memorial and the Tarrant County Family Law Center, had been diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis four years earlier. It's a disease in which the lungs become damaged or scarred and stop functioning properly.

Often, doctors cannot pinpoint the cause, and Gideon's case is one of those mysteries.

He has never smoked.

He exercised three times a week.

Over time, Gideon's condition worsened until merely getting dressed was a time-consuming, utterly exhausting task. He needed air from his oxygen tank to have the energy to move.

On Dec. 9, 2011, he was placed on the organ donation waiting list. His doctors expressed confidence that lungs would become available, but he knew that his situation was dire.

He and his wife, Beth, prepared for the worst, discussing his wishes and finalizing paperwork with an attorney.

The uncertainty hovered over Gideon's family that Christmas Day: Would it be his last?

"I had to come to the reality that I may not be able to have the transplant in time," Gideon said.

After the Gideons went to sleep that night, they awoke to a late Christmas gift — a phone call summoning them to the hospital.

A few hours later, surgeons were lowering new lungs into Gideon's chest cavity.

One year later, those lungs breathe strong.

Gideon is up and walking, even returning to work. He arrived home from a successful one-year checkup Monday and found that friends had decorated his front yard with balloons and handmade signs celebrating the upcoming anniversary of his transplant.

Inside, his home is decorated brightly for another Christmas.

Loved ones — his three adult daughters, a 16-year-old son and a whirlwind of other relatives — will gather once again, sharing gifts and embraces.

He will be right in the middle of it.

"It's going to be special," Gideon said.

It started with shortness of breath.

Gideon noticed it about five years ago when he exerted himself hiking or working out. It seemed strange because he considered himself in fairly good shape.

He eventually went to a pulmonologist, who diagnosed him with fibrosis. Gideon learned that the disease can plateau for a long time — or worsen quickly. Many people live only three to five years after diagnosis, according to the American Lung Association.

"It's a scary thing, but you really have to think about it logically and what you want to do," Gideon said.

His condition worsened over time. A doctor recommended that he go to UT Southwestern to explore clinical trials, but Gideon didn't fit the programs. By fall 2011, he could no longer walk across the room without stopping to rest.

His lungs had essentially lost the capacity to push enough air through his body, he said.

He went from 175 pounds to a bony 138. His skin looked pale, unhealthy.

His family's fear level rose sharply, Beth Gideon said.

"It was a very rapid decline," she said. "We had always been so active; it was scary to see the toll it was taking."

She and her husband's physician began working toward adding Gideon to the list for a double lung transplant at UT Southwestern. After a period of evaluation, Beth Gideon said, doctors held a meeting, reviewed the case and agreed that he was a good candidate.

His lungs were failing so quickly, she said, that they put him at the top of the list.

Last Christmas night, Gideon's friends surprised him by singing carols outside his home. Beth Gideon opened the back door so he could hear them.

After everyone had left the house, the couple watched television, then retired early to bed.

Randy Gideon awoke at 6 a.m. to a buzzing noise, which he realized was his wife's phone, vibrating. He shook his wife awake and told her that he heard the phone.

Impossible, she said. She had turned up the volume on the ringers before bed.

"You're dreaming, honey," she told him. "Go back to sleep."

But he insisted. When she got up and looked at her phone, her heart sank. Three missed calls. All from UT Southwestern.

Transplants have a small window when they can be performed. They knew they would have three hours at most to get to the hospital once the call came. Beth Gideon, realizing that she had somehow turned the ringer off instead of up, felt full-blown panic.

Was it already too late?

She dialed back the transplant coordinator, who assured Beth Gideon that she had been calling for only 20 minutes.

"But how fast can you get here?" the coordinator asked.

Beth Gideon hurriedly dressed herself and her husband, a process that reminded the Gideons of what happens when a woman goes into labor and her husband prepares for the trip to the hospital.

In the Gideons' case, she scrambled from room to room while he focused on breathing.

Beth finally got her husband and his oxygen tanks into the car. She backed out of the driveway, but the car handled strangely. They heard a dashboard warning sensor activate.

A rear tire was low on air.

Beth got out of the car and stared. The tire was nearly flat but still round enough, the couple decided, to make it to the nearest gas station on White Settlement Road.

That would be faster than reloading Gideon and his heavy oxygen tanks into another car.

If the tire wouldn't hold air, they would call an ambulance.

At the station, she stuffed quarters into an air machine and filled the tire. Then they were back on the road. At that hour, the day after Christmas, the highway was mostly empty.

"My wife drove safely," Gideon said. "But very fast."

At St. Paul University Hospital, Beth Gideon climbed onto her husband's bed and curled against him while waiting for the transplant to begin.

The lungs were arriving on an airplane. The Gideons hadn't called many family members yet because they had been warned that false alarms happen.

They didn't want everyone to drive to Dallas and then learn that the lungs weren't a match after all.

He never smoked.
He exercised three times a week.

But the doctors said the surgery was a go. And it was time to start.

The Gideons knew the risks. Three percent of double lung transplant patients die within 30 days.

"We said goodbye, and it got a little teary," Beth Gideon said. "But mostly, it was a peaceful time.

"We felt it was going to be OK. We had great doctors, amazing support from our friends and our community. We felt their prayers."

The surgery took six to seven hours, said Dr. Fernando Torres, director of the lung transplant program at UT Southwestern. Surgeons connected the new lungs to the bronchi and two large blood vessels, the pulmonary vein and the pulmonary artery.

Doctors weakened Gideon's immune system so his body would accept the new organs, Torres said. That's why the patient cannot have an infection like the flu during a transplant. The infection would spread with the immune system so low.

UT Southwestern performed 50 lung transplants last year and has done 63 this year, Torres said.

Gideon's surgery went "very well," Torres said. Afterward, he was taken to the intensive care unit connected to a breathing machine. He had a tube in his throat and tubes draining fluid from each side of his chest.

Gideon does not remember exactly when he became alert in the hospital. But at some point, when he was off the ventilator, he remembers blinking to clear his blurry eyesight.

Then he realized that he could breathe.

It felt amazing, he said.

The holidays will bring not only the one-year anniversary of Gideon's transplant but also the end of another important period.

Transplant officials ask that organ recipients wait at least one year before contacting the donor's family.

Gideon said he believes that the wait is meant to give the family time to grieve, as well as to see how the transplant patient recovers. If the patient dies, that could add to the family's trauma, he said.

As of now, the Gideons know nothing of the person, just that he shared a blood type.

"I don't know if it was a young person or a little older," he said. "I don't know where they lived."

But he knows that the holiday gift he received last year was almost certainly the result of a heartbreaking Christmas for another family.

So he has asked transplant officials to find out whether the family members will accept correspondence from him.

If they will, he is not certain exactly what he will write. But he said the letter will try to convey what his family feels this holiday season: Gratitude.

Texas spaceport backers look to state for help

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — Texas space aficionados hope rockets will someday be launched into orbit from a beachside site near the U.S.-Mexico border, but a tight state budget and a previously frustrated attempt to land such a spaceport could complicate efforts.

Backers of a proposal to build a launch site at Boca Chica Beach, about 25 miles east of Brownsville, concede finding more money to lure California-based SpaceX to the state's southernmost tip will be a challenge.

An underfunded education system and health care reform are just a sample of the issues facing lawmakers in the upcoming session. With the University of Texas Board of Regents also pushing to accelerate creation of a medical school in the Rio Grande Valley, the proposed spaceport will not even be the biggest local economic development cause.

Still, some officials think the state's ability to offer a blank canvas for a dedicated commercial spaceport in the same state where SpaceX already tests its rocket engines could prove attractive, even if Texas cannot match the money being waved by some competitors.

"There is a point that we're not going to be able to reach, and I don't know that we'll ever be able to be as financially competitive as either one of those, Florida or Puerto Rico," said state Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville. "I'm also sensitive to the fact that these are taxpayer dollars that we should still be reasonable with how much we offer."

Oliveira recently attended a meeting with staff to discuss creating a fund to promote aerospace businesses picking Texas. He said the state had pledged $3.2 million toward enticing SpaceX. Texas' economic development arm, contained within the governor's office, does not comment on its negotiations. The local economic development council is expected to put up about another $3 million. But Oliveira's heard talk of Florida offering upward of $10 million. A spokesperson with Space Florida, the state's dedicated space agency, did not return a call seeking comment.

"I've told everybody who's asking for money that they're in line with school children, universities, the mentally ill, health care, everybody is in line wanting to get their fair share so it's not going to be easy," Oliveira said. "But we'll do the best we can."

Texas' potential also hinges on an environmental review underway for the Federal Aviation Administration. Preliminary results are expected early next year. And SpaceX is in the early stages of the review process, said spokeswoman Katherine Nelson, adding that Georgia is also in the running.

The company, run by PayPal co-founder Elon Musk, currently launches most of its rockets from Florida's Cape Canaveral, but plans to begin some from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base next year. Still, it's looking for additional launch capacity, and not having to compete with the government for launch windows would be an advantage.

"For companies, like SpaceX, who are looking for a place to base operations, Texas holds a strategic advantage over other states by being able to provide commercial payload launch space without over-flight issues or competing with NASA and the Air Force for launch times," said Josh Havens, spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry.

Blue Origin, a company founded by Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos, already operates a private spaceport on a sprawling private ranch in West Texas where it is testing a vertical takeoff and landing ship.

Next door, New Mexico officials are wringing their hands as they near completion of a $209 million commercial spaceport that is so far not seeing the traffic and economic development boom they anticipated from their partner Virgin Galactic.

The SpaceX project be an estimated $80 million capital investment and create some 600 jobs, according to Gilberto Salinas, executive vice president at the Brownsville Economic Development Council. He said the rule of thumb would call for putting together an incentive package of grants, in-kind services, workforce training and other carrots totaling about 10 percent of that total.

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Ron Hicks, left, and Frank Estes, right, and other family of bus crash victims and crash survivors lay a wreath next to a monument during a 40th anniversary memorial services held at Crockett High School in Austin on Dec. 15. Nineteen people on their way to a religious retreat were killed in a 1972 bus crash in New Mexico.

Survivors recall fatal bus crash 40 years ago

By Juan Castillo
Austin American-Statesman

"Even today, 40 years later, we talk about it like it was yesterday. It's been a part of all our lives."

Susan Arnold, crash survivor

AUSTIN — On the night after Christmas 40 years ago, two buses carved a thin line across the vast blackness of the New Mexico plains. They carried 58 young people and seven chaperones from Woodlawn Baptist Church in South Austin, the passengers still reveling in the merry holiday glow, en route to a religious retreat and skiing in the eastern New Mexico mountains.

Over a tight, two-lane bridge about 10 miles east of Fort Sumner, John Roberts, a postal clerk and the 38-year-old driver of the lead bus, squeezed the vehicle past an oncoming tractor-trailer carrying cattle. He thought it was moving too fast. A moment later, in the rear-view mirror, he saw sparks light up the night, "like a flashbulb going off," he would say later. In the flash, Roberts witnessed the behemoth cattle truck and the trailing bus crash with such ferocity that the collision ripped the bus frame from its body.

Roberts pulled over. He and some of the passengers ran back into the dark, 26-degree night, and on that lonely stretch of U.S. 60-84, hundreds of miles away from home, they came upon a horrific scene:

The cattle truck had sideswiped the bridge railing and then jackknifed, whipping its long trailer into the bus with deadly force, penetrating the bus's first four rows of seats, according to a court document.

"It mashed the front end of the bus like an accordion," said Robert Wesson, who was on the bus that night and suffered serious injuries.

Nineteen people died in the crash, including 16 teenagers, most of them students at Crockett High School, lifelong pals and neighbors from close-knit enclaves near West Ben White Boulevard and Manchaca Road. Seventeen others were injured.

Two families lost two children in the accident, and four of the dead had lived on one South Austin street. Eighteen-year-old Frank Estes, an only child, became an orphan; his father, Jerry, 41, was driving the bus, and his mother, Gloria, 42, was sitting nearby.

The tragedy rocked Austin (population about 250,000) and drew it closer together when it wasn't the big city it is today, before Formula One and food trailers, before smart growth and smartphones. South Austin had its own vibe and small-town rhythms, and for many of the teens aboard the buses, a good time was the Friday night pizza and Ping-Pong social at Woodlawn Baptist on Manchaca Road.

The Vietnam War was ongoing. Still, "it was a different time then," Susan Arnold, another crash survivor, said. "Life was pretty simple in the early 1970s."

The accident made national headlines. Walter Cronkite talked about it on the evening news. Four days later, 5,000 people streamed into Municipal Auditorium for services for 14 of the 19 victims. Fourteen caskets lined the front of the auditorium, and former President Lyndon Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, were among the mourners. Many, if not most, South Austin businesses closed their doors for the solemn occasion.

Time can dull memories, smooth the once-jagged edges of pain. But for the survivors, the tragedy is unshakable, always back there somewhere.

"Even today, 40 years later, we talk about it like it was yesterday. It's been a part of all of our lives," Arnold said.

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could be addressed with a different means of care, Isbell said.

Many people will call for an ambulance when they are sick and injured and don't know what to do, which can place a "huge burden" on EMS, he said. This is a problem that many fire departments across the nation are trying to resolve, he said.

MFD is looking into a more appropriate method of filtering calls based on their severity so that the department can dispatch the most appropriate level of care, he said.

The department's new squad system will help alleviate some of these problems by sending utility rescue trucks to assist ambulances on emergency calls, allowing the department to dispatch fire engines when needed for larger incidents and fires, he said.

Isbell hopes to launch new medical capabilities in the coming year. Paramedics and firefighters will be able to perform more advanced procedures in the field to reduce patient intake at the hospital's emergency room, he said.

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Texas trends: Politics in flux in the Lone Star State

By Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

Oh, how the mighty have fallen in Texas.

The past year saw Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst both make disastrous runs for other offices (president and U.S. senator). It also saw new political stars — and a new generation of political stars — rise.

Here are 10 political trends that highlight the new political reality in Texas. And for Texans on the Potomac.

1. Rick Perry's presidential bellyflop

The Texas governor, the onetime GOP presidential front-runner, didn't even make it out of January. He dropped out of the race after exactly one state caucus and one state primary election. How bad was Perry's campaign? A Democratic presidential candidate named Vermin Supreme got a higher percentage of the vote in the New Hampshire primary.

2. Ted Cruz's triumphant rise

A year ago, most of the Austin press corps viewed Ted Cruz as a long-shot Tea Party favorite unlikely even to make a Republican runoff for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Kay Bailey Hutchison. Today, the former Texas solicitor general and first Latino to serve as a U.S. Supreme Court clerk is now the senator-elect. On Jan. 3, he will become, at age 42, the first Hispanic senator ever to serve Texas. He's already being talked about as a future vice presidential (or presidential) contender.

3. The Castro Brothers, Parte Dos

The best-known brothers named Castro don't live in Cuba anymore. Instead, they hail from San Antonio. President Obama's choice of San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to deliver the keynote speech at the 2012 Democratic National Convention made him an instant national star. Or, rather, his passionate speech and strong communications skills made him an instant star. But the most visible Castro in early 2013 may be twin brother Joaquin, who is forecast to be one of the stars of the freshman class in the U.S. House of Representatives. After a decade in the wilderness, the Texas Democratic Party has two reasons to be optimistic.

4. Redistricting rescues the Republicans

Texas Republicans swept the 2010 midterm elections and used their added clout in the state legislature to draw congressional and legislative districts that all but erased minority gains in the 2010 census. In the short-run, the hyper-partisan redistricting plans minimized GOP losses in the state House and stymied Democrats from making gains in the Texas Senate and U.S. House. While the courts could still intervene, the district lines currently in place could keep Republicans in control in the Lone Star State through this decade — despite demographic trends.

5. Waiting for Perry

After his failed presidential run, Rick Perry found a way to avoid becoming a lame duck: Keep 'em guessing. He's told reporters that he's considering a re-election race in 2014 and he's aggressively not ruling out a second presidential run in 2016. Nobody can afford to diss the guv if there's a chance he'll end up in office for four more years ... or in the Oval Office.

6. The bottleneck

Perry's desire to remain in power — and Dewhurst's failure to move up — has created a major bottleneck at the top of Texas state government. There are a good dozen Republicans who covet one of the top three jobs (add attorney general to guv and lite guv). But most are frozen in place until we know what Perry and Dewhurst are going to do in 2014. That means you, AG Greg Abbott. Among the other Republicans waiting for the dominoes to fall (or not): Comptroller Susan Combs and Austin congressman Michael McCaul, the new chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

7. A new generation of Democrats emerges

It's not just the 38-year-old Castro brothers. Victory-starved Democrats have a trio of highly touted freshmen in Congress, all minorities, who could make an impact on Texas politics for decades to come: Marc Veasey, of Fort Worth (41); Pete Gallego, of Alpine (51); and Filemon Vela Jr. (49).

8. John Cornyn moves up the leadership ladder

It was a mixed year for Texas' junior — and soon to be senior — senator. The good news: The San Antonio Republican was elected to the number two Senate GOP leadership position last month. He'll be the highest-ranking Texas Republican in U.S. Senate history. The bad news: Republicans, under Cornyn's leadership of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, lost two seats in the 2012 election.

9. What will Texas do without Kay Bailey Hutchison?

For nearly two decades, Kay Bailey Hutchison had been the leader of "Team Texas" in Washington. She has worked across party lines to secure funding for NASA, Texas military facilities, highways, universities and much, much more. Her voluntary departure from the Senate leaves a giant void. Texas' senators next year — Cornyn and Cruz — both are national figures who have argued against state pork-barrel spending. And neither has the bipartisan bona fides that Hutchison has accumulated.

10. The rise of Latino power?

We've been reading for — what, four decades??? — that Latinos are "the sleeping giant" of American politics. Is the sleeping giant beginning to stir? Mitt Romney's pathetic performance among Latino voters prompted a pile of cookie-cutter "Latino power" stories. It is true that Congress will have more Latinos than ever before — including a new Republican senator from Texas. But let's wait until the 2014 elections in Texas to declare whether we have a clear trend in the Lone Star State.

Plenty of places to ring in new year

By Tyler White
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There are plenty of venues where Midlanders can ring in the new year. Some are family-oriented; others are not. Some offer free bubbly; others offer drink specials. And some serve complimentary munchies.

Woofers and Tweeter's New Year's Eve party includes food and a champagne toast at midnight. The Triple Threat Sports Bar will have numerous drink specials, free party favors and champagne at midnight.

Both bars at LoneStar Bar will be open. Music will be provided by DJs and there will be complimentary champagne toasts at midnight.

Multiple venues across Midland will have live music.

The Bar will host The Shades and tables must be reserved. Admission is $30.

Riley's Bar and Grill's party will begin at 9 p.m. with live music by Chrome Molly. There will be drink specials throughout the night.

Creed Fisher, a new artist moving up the Texas country music charts, will perform at Rednecks, said Gene Roumell. Complimentary champagne will be served.

Graham Central Station, in Odessa, will be offering drink specials, a balloon drop and will be selling bottles of champagne.

The Oasis Bar and Grill at the MCM Elegante, also in Odessa, will have complimentary champagne and DJs will provide music.

For those not interested in going to bars, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program will host the seventh annual Celebration Midland at Midland Center. The smoke-free, alcohol-free party is scheduled for 7 p.m. until midnight, with a family-friendly atmosphere, said Kim Henderson, program coordinator.

There will be party favors, a balloon man, bouncy houses for the children and a room with a life-size game of "Angry Birds" and "Jenga." Hot dogs, nachos and popcorn will be served, Henderson said.

"It's also a healthy and safe place and something for all age groups," she said. "We have a wonderful family atmosphere there."

Two Odessa bowling alleys will be hosting colored pin events.

Astro Bowl's event starts at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 a person, which includes food and admission, staff said.

Diamond Lanes will be charging of $25 per squad or $40 per two squads; the fee includes cost of a pizza buffet that will be served beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Two popular venues — the Mahogany Lounge at the DoubleTree by Hilton and The Velvet Room at the Midtown Hotel — will not be open on New Year's Eve because the facilities are being renovated.

New Year's Eve venues at a glance

Bowling alleys

- AMF Midland Park Lanes: Closing at midnight.
- Astro Bowl, in Odessa: Colored pin events start at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 per person, includes food.
- Diamond Lanes, in Odessa: Colored pin events; tickets are $25 and $45 and includes pizza buffet.

Family-oriented event

- Palmer Drug Abuse Program: Free Celebration Midland, 7 p.m.-midnight at Midland Center. Games, food and entertainment for all ages.

Venues without cover charge

- Buffalo Wild Wings: Complimentary toast of champagne at midnight.
- Lone Star Bar: Complimentary champagne toast.
- Torinos: Complimentary champagne toast at midnight, door prizes and party favors.
- Woofers and Tweeters: Champagne toast at midnight.

Venues with cover charge

- The Bar: $30 cover charge beginning at, 6 p.m., tables for reservation only, live music by The Shades.
- Graham Central Station: $5 cover charge before 9 p.m.; after 9 p.m. cover charge is $20 for 21 and up and $25 for minors after 9 p.m.

Wells, wine and longnecks are $1.50 and bottles of champagne will be sold.

- Oasis Bar and Grill (MCM Elegante) in Odessa: $10 cover charge, complimentary champagne and party favors.
- Rednecks: $ 5 cover charge, party favors and champagne toast at midnight; live music by Creed Fisher.
- Riley's Bar and Grill: 9 p.m.-2 a.m., $10 cover charge for singles, $15 cover charge for couples, with drink specials and live music by Chrome Molly.
- Rudy's Sports Bar: $5 cover charge, live music by two bands.

Former President Bush moved out of intensive care

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush's condition continued to improve Saturday, prompting doctors to move him out of intensive care, a spokesman said.

"President Bush's condition has improved, so he has been moved today from the intensive care unit to a regular patient room at The Methodist Hospital to continue his recovery," family spokesman Jim McGrath said Saturday. "The Bushes thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes."

Bush was hospitalized Nov. 23 for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough. He was moved to intensive care at the Houston hospital on Dec. 23 after he developed a fever.

On Friday, McGrath said Bush had improved since arriving in the ICU. He said he was alert and in good spirits and was even doing some singing.

McGrath said Saturday morning that future updates on Bush's condition would be made as warranted.

Bush, the 41st president, is the country's oldest living former president by a few months.

Texas couple arrested in connection to boy's death

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A 5-year-old San Antonio boy whose father and stepmother were arrested in connection with his death had only been in the couple's custody for six months, according to details released Saturday.

Charleston Williams, 25, and Crystal Williams, 27, took custody of Josiah Williams after his biological mother went to prison. The two now face charges of felony injury to a child. It was not immediately known if either has a lawyer.

Josiah was found unresponsive at the family's home Thursday and had two black eyes, bruises and cuts all over his body, according to an arrest warrant affidavit. He also had gashes inside his lips and showed signs of "prolonged malnutrition," the affidavit said. The boy weighed 38 pounds, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

The cause of death was still pending Saturday.

Charleston Williams told police he beat Josiah with a belt and placed him in a "time out" closet, but said his injuries were from accidental falls.

The affidavit said the father "was adamant that to the best of his knowledge (Josiah) was never struck in the head by anybody in the household." He said the boy had been refusing to eat since moving in with them.

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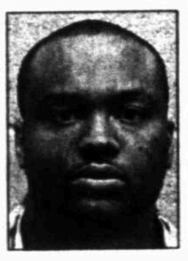

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Longtime Alamo caretakers told to vacate property

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will pack up its office and other belongings at the Alamo after the new year following the state's order to take its private chapter business elsewhere.

The chapter lost its exclusive custodianship of the historic property earlier amid allegations of mismanagement.

The San Antonio Express-News reported late Friday that the Texas General Land Office had recently told the group's Alamo Mission Chapter to vacate the property.

The state agency said in a statement Friday that the group "could no longer store private belongings on state property, or continue to enjoy free, exclusive, long-term use of state property for private chapter business."

Still, the agency said the move did not reflect any ill will or lack of appreciation for the group's long service to the Alamo.

Chapter President Sharon Skrobarcek said the state told her the order to clear out had to do with an attorney general's report released in November that detailed problems with the group's stewardship of the property.

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Hutchison

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By 2010, her moment had passed.

"I just don't think she sensed the changing mood that was out there," said Dallas lawyer Tom Pauken, who chaired the state GOP in Hutchison's early years in the Senate. "You get into an insular atmosphere where you're talking to the lobbyists, you're talking to the insiders, and you begin to lose touch with the frustration at the grass-roots level."

After the defeat, Hutchison got back to work, setting aside plans to retire early, win or lose.

"She was a grown-up in a party filled with radicals," said Bruce Buchanan, a longtime University of Texas at Austin political scientist.

With President Barack Obama's re-election suggesting a pendulum swing away from tea-party-style radicalism, her departure takes on an ironic poignancy.

"It's unfortunate. If she'd held on for another term, she might have been a player in the Senate in a way she hasn't been before," Buchanan said.

Through aides, Hutchison, 69, declined numerous interview requests over several months for this story.

Texas has seen any number of larger-than-life senators, from Sam Houston to Lyndon Johnson and John Tower — lawmakers who left a lasting mark on Texas history, the national discourse or both.

Stylistically, Hutchison's behind-the-scenes focus put her more in the mold of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, a centrist Democrat, than that of Cornyn's predecessor, Phil Gramm, a Republican attention-magnet who put his stamp on banking and budgetary policy.

That made it a challenge for Hutchison to tamp down grumbling among social conservatives as their dominance grew within the Texas GOP.

She was booed at the party's 1996 convention, just three years after her election, and anti-abortion activists took the extraordinary step of trying to exclude her from Texas' delegation to the presidential nominating convention.

Her stance on abortion has long confounded activists on both sides. She has voted to affirm the ongoing validity of the landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling legalizing abortion.

She accepted funds from and served as an honorary board member of The Wish List, a group that helps GOP candidates who support abortion rights. Yet she routinely voted to restrict access and funding for abortion.

This summer, she began to describe herself as "pro-life" to the dismay of some anti-abortion crusaders.

"It's a very difficult issue," she told The News in 2005. "Sometimes being predictable is easier, even if people disagree with you, than when you are thoughtful and maybe conflicted about an issue."

As a Senate operator, though, Hutchison found a political strong suit.

Early in her tenure, she teamed with Maryland Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski and others to create tax-free individual retirement accounts for homemakers; Mikulski and Cornyn have worked this fall to rename these the "Hutchison IRA."

With growing seniority on the Appropriations Committee, she funneled many billions to Texas military bases, water projects and university researchers.

Cornyn likens his departing colleague to the Energizer Bunny.

"I spend most of my time just trying to keep up with her," he said. "She's a person of enormous energy and intensity, particularly when it comes to advancing Texas issues."

Jack Peterson, who lobbies Congress on behalf of Houston and Harris County, lauded Hutchison for championing transportation projects, and prodding the Army Corps of Engineers to widen and deepen ports along the Texas coast, often through tedious, little-noticed backroom work.

"That keeps the economic engine purring. If you can't move your ships and barges, you don't move goods," Peterson said. "She's been a tremendous champion. It's every single solitary issue that impacts the state of Texas. Only the very largest ones get talked about."

One of her secrets was a knack for understanding what Senate colleagues needed for their states and helping them get it, racking up chits in the process, he said.

Hutchison's efforts went toward landing research grants for Texas A&M, the University of Texas and other institutions, or to scrape together funds for a desalination plant in El Paso, a new border crossing or housing at Fort Hood. She protected Dallas' Trinity River project.

She steered more than $10 billion to Texas in the five years leading up to the 2010 primary. In another era, that tally would have endeared any senator to her constituents.

But old-fashioned logrolling had begun to fall from public favor, as deficits grew and excesses such as Alaska's infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" came to light. With prodding from Perry, Republican voters punished her.

Pauken, a Perry ally, foresees a sharp contrast between the outgoing senator and her successor. She's been conservative but pragmatic. Cruz has vowed a more robust brand of advocacy for fiscal restraint, state's rights and restrained federal government.

"It's timely because there are so many big issues, fundamental issues. It's a different mood, a different situation. He will have a different focus," Pauken said. "Kay was very good at bringing home the bacon. She played to her strengths and there's nothing wrong with that. That's what she was comfortable with."

One other likely difference: Hutchison's willingness to work across party lines.

In 2003, the Veterans Affairs Department announced it wanted to close the Waco VA hospital, a major employer and source of pride for the city.

For Edwards, the timing was especially bad. Redistricting had left the Democratic congressman vulnerable for re-election.

But as chairman of a subcommittee that controlled billions of dollars in spending for military bases, he had worked closely with Hutchison on behalf of Fort Hood and other Texas priorities.

Edwards' political scalp was a top priority for Texas Republicans, but Hutchison jumped into the fight to save the Waco VA, working very publicly with Edwards and later, after the VA relented in May 2004, rebuffing pressure to campaign against him.

Edwards, ousted two years ago, remains a fan.

"She has left a lasting mark on Texas, whether it is our military installations, NASA, water infrastructure, or hundreds of other critical projects," he said. "Everyday citizens would have far more respect for Congress if they knew that people such as Kay were just out working hard every day in behalf of their states and our country."

One of Hutchison's most lasting legacies will be the role she played in breaking down barriers for women.

Famously unable to find work as a lawyer after graduating from the University of Texas law school, she began her career as a TV reporter before running for the Legislature, and became the first Republican woman elected statewide, winning the now-defunct office of state treasurer.

For years, she was one of only four women in the Senate. As of early January, there will be 20, the most ever, though only four are Republicans, down from five Republicans but a jump from 17 the last two years. (Women hold roughly 18 percent of House seats.)

Hutchison kept trailblazing as she became Texas' first female senator but never made "women's issues" the main focus of her portfolio — which is noteworthy, said Jennifer Lawless, director of the Women & Politics Institute at American University's School of Public Affairs.

"She demonstrated that women don't have to be pigeonholed or stereotyped," Lawless said. "She normalized the fact that a woman could hold a Senate seat and not necessarily be more moderate than her male counterparts."

Cruz projects a more uncompromising approach than Hutchison's stated preference for bipartisanship, which she emphasized in her farewell address.

"This is an example of how increased party polarization in Congress has led to far more ideological and extreme candidates," Lawless said.

With the Republican Party suffering an identity crisis in the wake of Obama's re-election, Buchanan said, Cruz would be wise to look to Hutchison's approach as a model.

"Extremism of the right is not a good calling card now to appeal to a Republican electorate concerned with electability," Buchanan said. "His aspirations are more national than hers were. But he's a fellow who can understand the lay of the political land."

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Ash, Texas rally to stun No. 15 Oregon State in Alamo

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — David Ash wasn't sure he would start the Alamo Bowl. No one will remember after the way he finished Texas' rocky season with a validating and dazzling victory.

The sophomore threw a 36-yard touchdown strike to Marquise Goodwin with 2:24 left for the last of two fourth-quarter touchdown passes, stunning No. 15 Oregon State and lifting the Longhorns to a 31-27 comeback victory Saturday night.

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The Longhorns (9-4) never led before Goodwin scored his second touchdown on a deep post pattern, just a down after Texas converted a fourth-and-1 play to keep its chances alive.

Online

Saturday's Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl game between TCU and Michigan State didn't end in time for publication in today's Reporter-Telegram. To see a story from the game, go to www.mywesttexas.com/sports.

"I guess in in every situation you have to be thankful," said Ash, who was pulled in a loss to TCU a month ago and wasn't immediately selected the starter for the Alamo Bowl. "I learned a lot at TCU. It was a tough situation I was in. I was just really thankful I got another opportunity to play a game I love."

With Texas down 20-10 at halftime, Longhorns coach Mack Brown said he told his players they would win.

"I told them this it wasn't going to be easy, but I told them this game was ours and we would win it," Brown said. "This one is really special."

Storm Woods ran for 118 yards and scored two touchdowns for the Beavers (9-4), who left stunned after looking as though they would wrap up their first 10-win season since 2006.

"Not to take anything away from Texas, that was a great team

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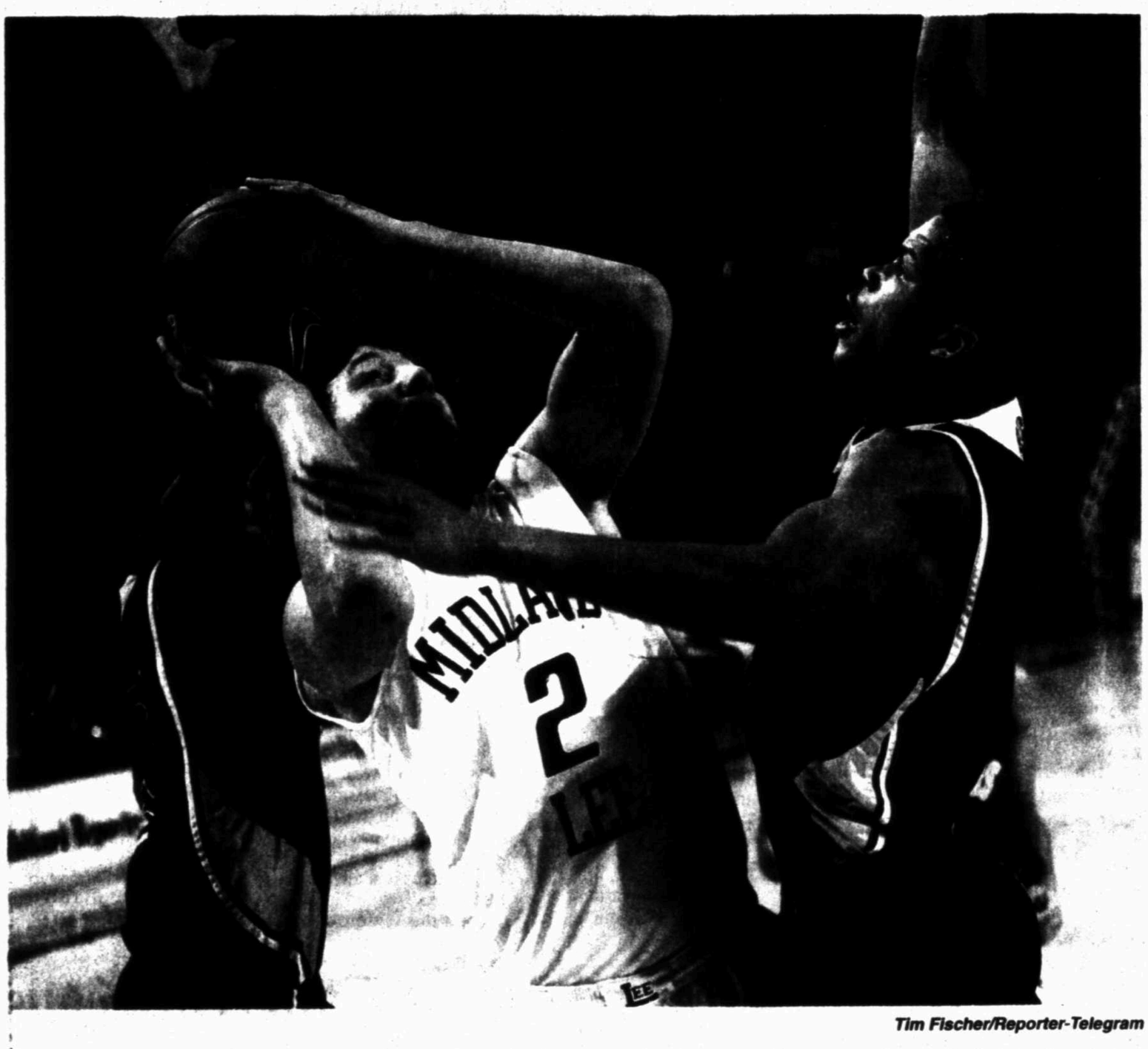
Eric Gay/AP

Texas' Marquise Goodwin (84) runs for a 64-yard touchdown during the second quarter of Saturday's Alamo Bowl against Oregon State in San Antonio.

Rebels come up short



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Lee's Daniel Nelson, center, tries to get a shot off between Alief Hastings' Nakia Smith, left, and Shawn Johnson on Saturday in the boys championship game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at Chaparral Center.

Alief Hastings holds off Lee rally for championship

By Jordan Mason
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With four seconds to play and his team inbounding with a one-point lead, Alief Hastings coach Darrell Collins took a calculated risk by banking on the reaction of a high school basketball player.

"I said, 'If you hand him the ball the clock's going to start,'" Collins said of his timeout huddle. "And any kid, naturally, he's going to do what? He's going to go shoot a layup, and there's no time left on the clock."

So, with four ticks on the clock, Hastings senior Ray Edwards, inbounding under the Lee basket, handed the ball to Rebel senior Keenan Van Watermulen, who promptly laid it in hoping for a second-straight turnover for a chance to win it.

But as Collins predicted, the remaining seconds ran off the clock, preserving a 51-50 win for Hastings in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic championship Saturday at Chaparral Center.

The Bears (10-10) narrowly escaped a furious Lee rally — as the Rebels nearly erased a 10-point lead in the final minutes of the game — to win the Classic title a year after finishing fifth in the tournament.

"I thought it was one of our better games," Lee coach Mark Coffman said, "we just fell short."

Lee (10-11) scored the most of any opponent in the Byron Johnston

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Akomolafe leads EP El Dorado to girls title

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By Jonathan Hull
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Adeole Akomolafe made sure her coach's homecoming ended sweetly.

Akomolafe dominated on the boards as she led El Paso El Dorado to a 38-31 victory in the girls championship game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic against Houston Memorial at Chaparral Center on Saturday. Akomolafe finished with 15 points and 18 rebounds, with 10 of her points coming from putbacks after offensive rebounds.

"She's a beast," Memorial coach Jyusef Larry said of Akomolafe. "She's a beast."

Akomolafe, who is a sophomore, made her presence felt on the offensive boards early in the game, scoring eight points on putbacks in the first period. By the end of the first she already had eight points and eight rebounds, but El Dorado trailed 13-10 due to Memorial's full-court pressure which routinely forced turnovers.

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Houston Memorial's Amy Alfeld tries to put up a shot while being defended by El Paso El Dorado's Adeola Akomolafe on Saturday in the championship game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at Chaparral

READ MORE ABOUT THE BYRON JOHNSTON CLASSIC ON PAGE 4C.

Cowboys-Redskins rivalry to decide NFC East title

Tim Sharp/AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, left, looks to pass against the Washington Redskins on Nov. 22 in Arlington.

Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the only Washington Redskins player born and bred in the nation's capital, Joshua Morgan went up against the Dallas Cowboys many times in his imagination long before he did so in the NFL.

"I was either Art Monk beating the Cowboys," Morgan said. "Or it was Jerry Rice in the Super Bowl."

Redskins fans will forgive the Rice fantasy for now. The part about beating the Cowboys? It's rarely been more urgent than right now.

The NFC East rivals have met 105 times over 52 years. Some have been classics. Some have been duds. Twice they've met in the NFC championship game. Eight times they've met to end the regular season, including a 1961 Washington victory that kept the Redskins from going winless and the last NFL game at RFK Stadium in 1996.

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Only once have they met in the final week with playoff implications for both teams. Dallas beat Washington, 35-34, on Dec. 16, 1979, rallying from 13 points down in the fourth quarter with two touchdown passes from Roger Staubach. The Cowboys finished 11-5 and won the NFC East. The Redskins dropped to 10-6 and stayed home.

Neither Morgan nor anyone else on either roster was alive for that game, today will be a new experience for all when the Redskins (9-6) and Cowboys (8-7) play winner-take-all for the division crown.

"You have to get up for this game more than any other game," Redskins Pro Bowl left tackle Trent Williams said. "We've had to get up for all of them, but I think this one has a little special place."

The Cowboys have to win to return to the postseason for the first time since 2009. The Redskins, absent

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Sunday Morning Line

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I'm not big on doing year-end review columns, and this won't be one of them.

But after reviewing the top stories this year, I realized that we are more than a year away from the next realignment and that's something that will be a topic of conversation that constantly comes up over the next year.

The next realignment in February 2014 may not be big for the Class 5A schools in West Texas, but the one in four years could be.

This past February, the cutoff for Class 5A was 2,090, and if the recent trends hold, that number will go up again but might not affect District 2-5A in 2014.

But it might in 2016, and the apocalyptic scenario of the schools in the Permian Basin playing in a district with El Paso Class 5A schools could be a reality. The key will be what happens in Abilene.

If Abilene's numbers hold, they should stay in Class 5A. Abilene High was 67.5 students above the cutoff, and Cooper was 37.5. If both stay at or near those numbers, the two schools should stay in the biggest classification for another two years. If that happens, 2-5A remains in tact.

But if the Class 5A cutoff increases like it did from 2006 to 2008, when it jumped 100 students, or even 70 students, going to El Paso could be likely.

Now, I write all this to say that maybe it's time that Midland ISD officials really consider not only adding a third high school, but a fourth high school. That's right, I said it. Build two more high schools.

Now before you start shaking your head, hear me out. Building two high schools would give Midland four Class 4A schools. I don't know where they would be built, or how they would pay for them — that's not for me to decide.

But if there are four high schools, that means more opportunities for athletes to compete at the varsity level.

Look, I know there are some in this town who are convinced schools in this city have to compete at the Class 5A level, but maybe it's time to think outside the box on this issue and think beyond athletics.

I'm looking at it not only from an athletic standpoint, but from an educational standpoint. It could increase educational opportunities for the students and might help keep class sizes smaller. Two new high schools could also handle a population boom easier. Bigger isn't necessarily better.

Yes, it does increase costs in having to hire more teachers and coaches, and many rivalries might be lost. But going away from large high schools is something other communities such as Frisco across the state have done, and those schools have had athletic success.

Plus, if Ector County ISD were to do the same thing (which is unlikely), then you could have an eight-team Midland-Odessa district where the longest district road trip might be 35 miles. That's a pipe dream, I know. But hey, had to mention it.

The one downside to all this is that Midland's economy is so tied into the oil and gas business that school populations could decrease with a downturn in the economy. Even during downtimes, though, the student populations have continued to increase.

I have no say in what the school board or the superintendent will do with a coming secondary school bond, and I'm already hearing that the two-school model will continue for the foreseeable future.

I'm sure some of you think I'm a crack pot, but it's something I've thought about lately, and in terms of athletics, it's something that makes sense. As the years progress, we could be on a Class 5A island here in the Permian Basin surrounded by a bunch of Class 4A schools and smaller.

This is radical and only my speculation, and I'm sure the fingers are being warmed up for an email or a phone call, but I just wanted to give you something to think about as the new year approaches.

Oh, and Happy New Year.

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On the air

What's on tv

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wofford at Virginia, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Mississippi Valley State at TCU, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NBA

San Antonio at Dallas, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NFL

Houston at Indianapolis, Noon, CBS

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, Noon, Fox

Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m., CBS

FOX — Green Bay at Minneosta, 3:25 p.m., Fox

Dallas at Washington, 7:20 p.m., NBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Houston at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

What's on radio

NFL

Houston at Indianapolis, Noon, KCRS (550 AM)

Dallas at Washington, 7:20 p.m., KNFM (92.3 FM)

Theo Walcott stars as Arsenal routs Newcastle

Associated Press

LONDON — Theo Walcott hit a hat trick as Arsenal scored six second-half goals on Saturday to thrash Newcastle 7-3 and record its fourth straight win in the Premier League.

Walcott played in his preferred central striking role and showed why Arsenal is eager to retain him when his contract expires in the offseason, completing the scoring in the 90th minute with an impudent chip after a dribbling run that eluded several defenders.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

IRAAN ALLEY HOOP FEST MCA WINS TITLE

IRAAN — Three different players scored in double figures as the Lady Knights used a big second quarter to pull away for a 64-49 victory against Nueces Canyon in the championship game of the Iraan Alley Hoop Fest tournament on Saturday at Iraan High School.

Midland Classical (17-1) was ahead by one after the opening quarter but outscored Nueces Canyon, 25-14, in the second quarter and cruised from there.

Karis Johnson led the Lady Knights with 15 points. Kayla Beattie added 14 points and Amy Hinton 11. Kayla Beattie was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Alissa Beattie and Hinton earned spots on the all-tournament team.

Midland Classical will have this week off and return to action on Jan. 8 against the Lubbock Titans at home.

**MIDLAND CLASSICAL 64
NUECES CANYON 49**

Midland Classical (17-1) — Alissa Beattie 9, Karis Johnson 15, Sumner Sparks 2, Kayla Beattie 14, Rachel Long 6, Lexi Watts 7, Amy Hinton 11

Nueces Canyon — Ashley Harmon 6, Kyra Sifuentes 16, Abbey Fallon 8, Nikki Milliron 9, Hailey Luce 5, Danielle Irwin 5

MCA	12	25	14	13	—64
Nueces Canyon	11	14	12	12	—49

Free throws — MCA 18-26, NC 6-16. 3-point goals — MCA 4 (A. Beattie 2, K. Beattie, Watts), NC 5 (Sifuentes 4, Luce). Total fouls — MCA 18, NC 17. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — NC, bench 2.

Next: Lubbock Titans at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8

**CAPROCK TOURNAMENT
OTHER AREA BOX SCORES
COPPELL 50, GREENWOOD 39**

Greenwood — Ashton Hannaz 9, Amanda Bell 9, Morgan McKee 6, Grace Sunderland 6, Cassie Kraft 9

Coppell — Carina Zhao 5, Sydney Overman 10, Adaiwu Nwaiwu 4, Kaiah Jiggets 10, Kara Williamson 3, Elena Grijalva 5, Jaidyn Phillips 13

Greenwood	9	8	10	12	—39
Coppell	17	6	11	16	—50

Free throws — Greenwood 4-11, Coppell 7-12. 3-point goals — Greenwood 1 (Hannaz), Coppell 3 (Overman, Jiggets, Williamson). Total fouls — Greenwood 14, Coppell 13. Fouled out — none.

Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4

SPEARMAN 48, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 33

Spearman — Cynthia Mendoza 3, Gena Hargrove 2, Brooke Walker 3, Kyla Walker 13, Mabry Sutterfield 9, Hannah Patterson 8, Jennifer Crowl 7, Sadye Hannah 3.

Midland Christian — Morgan Ashton 17, Rylee Machen 2, Bethany Roach 5, Tori Watson 7, Bailey Wright 2.

Spearman	11	19	4	14	—48
MCS	11	2	14	6	—33

Free throws — Spearman 15-21, MCS 10-12. 3-point goals — Spearman 3 (Mendoza, Walker, Sutterfield), MCS 1 (Ashton). Total fouls — Spearman 12, MCS 19. Fouled out — none.

Next: Midland Christian at Hobbs, N.M., 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5

Boys

IRAAN ALLEY HOOP FEST MCA TAKES 3RD

IRAAN — John Stallings scored 19 points and was one of four different Knights to score in double figures in a 74-46 victory against Odessa New Way in the third-place game of the Iraan Alley Hoop Fest on Saturday.

The Knights opened up a 35-25 lead after the first two quarters and then extended that lead in the second half, holding New Way to seven points in the fourth quarter.

Harrison Haest scored 16 points, Haydon Rogers added 14 and Garrett Mindrup had 10 in the victory. Haest and Rogers were also named to the all-tournament team.

**MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY 74
ODESSA NEW WAY 46**

New Way — Dez Haynes 4, Kelonshay Jones 7, Alex Hudson 8, Elijah Smith 14, Anthony Walker 8, Tim Gregg 3, Cole Rodriguez 2

Midland Classical (7-10) — Brooks Jarrett 4, Garrett Sparks 4, Dylan Barker 7, Harrison Haest 16, Garrett Mindrup 10, Haydon Rogers 14, John Stallings 19

New Way	12	13	14	7	—46
MCA	15	20	18	21	—74

Free throws — NW 4-12, MCA 10-21. 3-point goals — NW 2 (Smith 2), MCA 0. Total fouls — NW 15, MCA 11. Fouled out — none.

Next: Midland Classical at Crane, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8

CAPROCK TOURNAMENT MCS FALLS IN CONSOLATION FINAL

LUBBOCK — Midland Christian fell to Seminole, 72-50, in a Blue Sky Boys bracket consolation final on Saturday at Lubbock Monterey High School.

Midland Christian fell behind in the first half as the Indians opened up a 39-27 halftime lead and rolled from there. Jarrod Koym led the Mustangs with 16 points, as Grant Little added 15 and Zach Gilbert 11.

The Mustangs qualified for the game by beating Dimmitt, 76-64, earlier on Saturday.

Mason McClendon scored 30 points on 11-of-14 shooting from the field and was 6 of 8 from 3-point range. Zach Gilbert scored 11 points and had nine assists. Nathan Rogers added 14 points and Grant Little scored 13 in the victory.

Midland Christian (7-9) will return to action on Jan. 5 against Hobbs, N.M., on the road.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 76, DIMMITT 64

Dimmitt — Jackson 3, Ortiz 3, Solis 20, Johnson 20, Saucedo 6, Reyes 16

Midland Christian (7-8) — Zach Gilbert 11, Grant Little 13, Mason McClendon 30, Kaleb Warren 2, Jarrod Koym 6, Nathan Rogers 14

Dimmitt	20	18	11	15	—64
MCS	17	17	22	20	—76

Free throws — Dimmitt 2-6, MCS 17-22. 3-point goals — Dimmitt 8 (Jackson, Ortiz, Solis 4, Reyes 2), MCS 9 (Gilbert, Little 2, McClendon 6). Total fouls — Dimmitt 17, MCS 11. Fouled out — Dimmitt, Solis.

SEMINOLE 72, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 50

Midland Christian (7-9) — Zach Gilbert 11, Grant Little 15, Mason McClendon 2, Matt Ramirez 2, Kaleb Warren 2, Jarrod Koym 16, Reed Myers 2

Seminole — Foreman 6, Rangel 3, Adams 11, Loewen 8, Weishuhn 22, Martinez 1, Frankie 7, Shirley 12

MCS	15	12	14	9	—50
Seminole	19	20	14	19	—72

Free throws — MCS 4-9, Seminole 10-14. 3-point goals — MCS 0, Seminole 6 (Foreman 2, Rangel, Adams, Loewen 2). Total fouls — MCS 18, Seminole 13. Fouled out — none.

Next: Midland Christian at Hobbs, N.M., 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5

**OTHER CAPROCK TOURNAMENT BOX SCORES
BROWNFIELD 65, GREENWOOD 60**

Greenwood — Jody Lively 12, Grant Franklin 8, Taylor Hollingsworth 13, Kyle Hansard 4, Kam Williams 19, Alex Montes 2, Logan Day 2

Brownfield — Ricky Rodriguez 13, Eliseo Salas 4, Korey Nolan 2, Jordan Demps 2, Sha'Colby Hill 29, Malcolm Rainwater 4, Gibby Vasquez 1, Cole Garcia 10.

Greenwood	14	11	15	20	—60
Brownfield	16	17	14	18	—65

Free throws — Greenwood 5-7, Brownfield 16-29. 3-point goals — Greenwood 3 (Hollingsworth 2, Williams), Brownfield 5 (Rodriguez, Hill 4). Total fouls — Greenwood 20, Brownfield 18. Fouled out — none.

Next: Shallowater at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4

HOLIDAYTOURNAMENTSCORES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

**82nd Reagan County Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
Thursday-Saturday
at Reagan County High School
Thursday's Scores
First round**

Game 1: Sonora 67, Coahoma 37
Game 2: McCamey 62, San Angelo TLCA 13
Game 3: Reagan County 47, Klondike 38
Game 4: Stanton 55, Pecos 15
Game 6: Ballinger 42, Ozona 28

Winners bracket

Game 5: Sonora 63, McCamey 39
Game 7: Forsan 47, Reagan County 35

**Friday's Scores
Consolation bracket**

Game 8: Coahoma 55, TLCA 18
Game 9: Reagan County 49, Pecos 44
Game 10: McCamey 53, Klondike 27
Game 11: Reagan County 42, Coahoma 27
Game 13: McCamey 50, Ozona 23

Winner's bracket

Game 12: Sonora 55, Stanton 28
Game 14: Ballinger 38, Forsan 31

**Saturday's Scores
Consolation bracket**

Guarantee game: Ozona 40, San Angelo TLCA 11
Consolation championship: McCamey 46, Reagan County 30

Winner's bracket

Guarantee game: Klondike 35, Pecos 24
Third-place game: Forsan 43, Stanton 37
Championship game: Sonora 59, Ballinger 48

**Iraan Alley Hoop Tournament
Friday-Saturday
at Iraan High School
Friday's Scores
First round**

Game 1: Kermit 41, Iraan 34
Game 2: Nueces Canyon 70, Presidio 31
Game 3: Midland Classical 54, Fort Stockton 20
Game 4: New Way 37, Crane 36

Winner's bracket

Game 5: Nueces Canyon 47, Kermit 36
Game 6: Midland Classical 65, Odessa New Way Academy 29

Consolation bracket

Game 7: Iraan 56, Presidio 35
Game 8: Fort Stockton 49, Crane 27

**Saturday's Scores
Winner's bracket**

Third-place game: Odessa New Way 55, Kermit 43
Championship game: Midland Classical 64, Nueces Canyon 49

Consolation bracket

Seventh-place game: Crane 49, Presidio 38
Consolation championship: Iraan 47, Fort Stockton 43

Boys

**82nd Reagan County Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
Thursday-Saturday
at Reagan County High School
Thursday's Scores
First round**

Game 1: Ballinger 71, Ozona 57
Game 2: Fort Stockton 54, Forsan 52
Game 3: Reagan County 58, Klondike 45
Game 4: Stanton 67, McCamey 25
Game 6: Coahoma 53, San Angelo TLCA 43

**Winner's Bracket
Second round**

Game 5: Fort Stockton 61, Ballinger 48
Game 7: Reagan County 55, Pecos 46

**Friday's Scores
Consolation Bracket
Second round**

Game 8: Forsan 52, Ozona 47
Game 9: Pecos 48, McCamey 37
Game 10: Ballinger 65, Klondike 42

Semifinals

Game 11: Pecos 62, Forsan 56
Game 13: Ballinger 67, TLCA 29

**Winner's Bracket
Semifinals**

Game 12: Stanton 53, Fort Stockton 39
Game 14: Coahoma 45, Reagan County 39

**Saturday's Scores
Consolation Bracket**

Game 16: San Angelo TLCA 59, Ozona 34

Final

Game 15: Pecos 71, Ballinger 67

**Winner's Bracket
Guarantee Game**

Game 18: Klondike 53, McCamey 34

Third-place Game

Game 17: Reagan County 50, Fort Stockton 48

Championship

Game 19: Stanton 57, Coahoma 38

**Iraan Alley Hoop Tournament
Friday-Saturday
at Iraan High School
Friday's Scores**

Pool A: Iraan, New Way, Kermit JV
Pool B: Rankin, Midland Classical, Crane
New Way 79, Kermit JV 50
Rankin 65, Crane 61
Iraan 76, New Way 44
Midland Classical 54, Crane 37
Iraan 74, Kermit JV 40
Rankin 46, Midland Classical 34

Saturday's Scores

Fifth-place game: Kermit JV def. Crane, forfeit
Third-place game: Midland Classical 74, Odessa New Way 46
Championship game: Rankin 72, Iraan 41

Jacks make major trade, then fall to Bulls

From staff reports

Bulls	5
Jackalopes	0

AMARILLO — Five different players scored for the Amarillo Bulls in a convincing 5-0 victory against the Odessa Jackalopes on the same day the franchise announced a major trade.

T.J. Sarcona, Mike Davis, Connor Frey, Ryan Stevens and John Rey all tallied goals for the Bulls in the victory at the Amarillo Civic Center. Sarcona, Stevens and Rey also had assists.

On Saturday afternoon, the Jackalopes announced that defenseman Tyler Minx and forward Ryan Doucet were traded to the Jamestown Ironmen in exchange for two 2013-14 tendered players and a second-round draft pick. Doucet, who has committed to play hockey at the Air Force Academy, was the Jacks' second leading scorer this season.

Amarillo extended the Jacks most recent losing streak to four games after sweeping a pair of games this past weekend.

Odessa will continue its annual "Rodeo Road Trip" with a pair of games against Corpus Christi this Friday and Saturday.

NHL, union spend day on conference calls

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lots of questions, but still no answers in the NHL labor fight.

The league and the players' association spent much of Saturday talking to each other via conference call. The conversations were strictly for the purpose of sharing information regarding the new contract offer the NHL made to the union late Thursday.

The initial thought was that the sides would get together Sunday in New York to hold official negotiations for the first time in weeks, but those weren't scheduled before discussions ended Saturday.

Staff level calls were expected to resume Sunday, which could include face-to-face talks at some point, but no actual bargaining meetings have been set.

"Some more informational sessions in the morning," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press regarding Sunday. "Nothing planned beyond that."

The union pored over the latest NHL proposal aimed at ending the lockout that reached its 105th day Saturday and saving the delayed hockey season. The league would like to reach a deal no later than Jan. 11, which would allow training camps to start the following day, and a 48-game season to begin Jan. 19.

Saturday's conference calls were scheduled Friday night so the union could ask league officials questions about the nearly 300-page proposal. Whether enough progress will be made to lead to face-to-face talks remains to be seen.

The sides haven't gotten together since Dec. 13 with federal mediators. Bargaining sessions with only the NHL and union involved haven't been held since Dec. 6, when talks abruptly ended after the players' association made a counterproposal to the league's previous offer. The league said that offer was contingent on the union accepting three elements unconditionally and without further bargaining.

The NHL then pulled all existing offers off the table. Two days of sessions with mediators the following week ended without any progress made.

The players' association's executive board and negotiating committee went over the new proposal during an internal conference call Friday.

A person familiar with key points of the offer told The Associated Press that the league proposed raising the limit of individual free-agent contracts to six years from five — seven years if a team re-signs its own player; raising the salary variance from one year to another to 10 percent, up from 5 percent; and one compliance buyout for the 2013-14 season that wouldn't count toward a team's salary cap but would be included in the overall players' share of income.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the new offer weren't being discussed publicly.

The NHL maintained the deferred payment amount of $300 million it offered in its previous proposal, an increase from an earlier offer of $211 million. The initial $300 million offer was pulled off the table after negotiations broke off earlier this month.

The latest proposal is for 10 years, running through the 2021-22 season, with both sides having the right to opt out after eight years.

The lockout has reached a critical stage, threatening to shut down a season for the second time in eight years. All games through Jan. 14, plus the Winter Classic and the All-Star game already have been called off. The next round of cuts could claim the entire schedule.

The NHL is the only North American professional sports league to cancel a season because of a labor dispute, losing the 2004-05 campaign to a lockout. A 48-game season was played in 1995 after a lockout stretched into January.

It is still possible this dispute could eventually be settled in the courts if the sides can't reach a deal on their own.

IMPORTANT USSSA BASEBALL MEETING

Many of the coaches have been asking about forming USSSA leagues for week play. We now have over 75 USSSA teams in the area. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 7:00pm at the Umpires Building at Bill Williams Complex in Hogan Park. If you are interested in playing in a USSSA League, you or your representative must be at this meeting.

We must have a good turnout for this meeting or we will just not have a league. It is up to you. This will be a coach driven league. If you know of someone who is forming a team please invite them. This is for 8U Coach Pitch teams and 9U thru 16U player pitch with MLB rules.

Please RSVP to this by sending an email to: tommy.hawkins@usssa.com Give me your name; team name with age group; your phone numbers; email address; and how many people are coming.

USSSA United States Specialty Sports Association

I can be reached at 432-520-9100...... but I need that email.

Baseball

Free Agents Signed

NEW YORK — The 84 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (1) — Re-signed Nate McLouth, of, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

BOSTON (6) — Re-signed David Ortiz, dh, to a $26 million, two-year contract; signed David Ross, c, Atlanta, to a $6.2 million, two-year contract; signed Jonny Gomes, of, Oakland, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Shane Victorino, of, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $39 million, three-year contract; signed Koji Uehara, rhp, to a $4.25 million, one-year contract; signed Ryan Dempster, rhp, Texas, to a $26.5 million, two-year contract.

CHICAGO (1) — Signed Jeff Keppinger, 3b, Tampa Bay, to a $12 million, three-year contract.

DETROIT (2) — Signed Torii Hunter, of, Los Angeles Angels, to a $26 million, two-year contract; re-signed Anibal Sanchez, rhp, to an $80 million, five-year contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Signed Carlos Pena, 1b, to a $2.9 million, one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Jeremy Guthrie, rhp, to a $25 million, three-year contract; signed George Sherrill, lhp, Seattle, to a minor league contract; signed Xavier Nady, of, San Francisco, to a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES (4) — Signed Ryan Madson, rhp, Cincinnati, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Blanton, rhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $15 million, two-year contract; signed Sean Burnett, lhp, Washington, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Josh Hamilton, of, Texas, to a $125 million, five-year contract.

MINNESOTA (1) — Signed Kevin Correia, rhp, Pittsburgh, to a $10 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Hiroki Kuroda, rhp, to a $15 million, one-year contract; re-signed Andy Pettitte, lhp, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Mariano Rivera, rhp, to a $10 million, one-year contract; signed Kevin Youkilis, 3b, Chicago White Sox, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ichiro Suzuki, of, to a $13 million, two-year contract.

OAKLAND (1) — Re-signed Bartolo Colon, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

SEATTLE (1) — Re-signed Oliver Perez, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (3) — Re-signed Joel Peralta, rhp, to a $6 million, two-year contract; signed James Loney, 1b, Boston, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Roberto Hernandez, rhp, Cleveland, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (2) — Re-signed Colby Lewis, rhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Joakim Soria, rhp, Texas, to an $8 million, two-year contract.

TORONTO (2) — Signed Maicer Izturis, inf, Los Angeles Angels, to a $10 million, three-year contract; signed Melky Cabrera, of, San Francisco, to a $16 million, two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (4) — Signed Eric Hinske, 1b, Atlanta, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Eric Chavez, 3b, New York Yankees, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Brandon McCarthy, rhp, Oakland, to a $15.5 million, two-year contract; signed Cody Ross, of, Boston, to a $26 million, three-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Gerald Laird, c, Detroit, to a $3 million, two-year contract; signed B.J. Upton, of, Tampa Bay, to a $75.25 million, five-year contract; re-signed Reed Johnson, of, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (4) — Signed Scott Baker, rhp, Minnesota, to a $5.5 million, one-year contract; signed Dioner Navarro, c, Cincinnati, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; re-signed Shawn Camp, rhp, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Scott Feldman, rhp, Texas, to a $6 million, one-year contract.

CINCINNATI (2) — Re-signed Jonathan Broxton, rhp, to a $21 million, three-year contract; re-signed Ryan Ludwick, of, to a $15 million, two-year contract.

COLORADO (1) — Re-signed Jeff Francis, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Re-signed Brandon League, rhp, to a $22.5 million, three-year contract; signed Zack Greinke, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $147 million, three-year contract.

MIAMI (2) — Signed Juan Pierre, of, Philadelphia, to a $1.6 million, one-year contract; signed Placido Polanco, 3b, Philadelphia, to a $2.75 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Tim Byrdak, lhp, to a minor league contract ($1 million).

PHILADELPHIA (1) — Signed Mike Adams, rhp, Texas, to a $12 million, two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Russell Martin, c, New York Yankees, to a $17 million, two-year contract; re-signed Jason Grilli, rhp, to a $6.75 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (2) — Signed Randy Choate, lhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $7.5 million, three-year contract; signed Ty Wigginton, inf, Philadelphia, to a $5 million, two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (1) — Re-signed Jason Marquis, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Re-signed Jeremy Affeldt, lhp, to an $18 million, three-year contract; re-signed Angel Pagan, of, to a $40 million, four-year contract; re-signed Marco Scutaro, inf, to a $20 million, three-year contract.

WASHINGTON (2) — Re-signed Zach Duke, lhp, to a $700,000, one-year contract; signed Dan Haren, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $13 million, one-year contract.

Remaining Free Agents

NEW YORK — The 101 remaining free agents (x-signing club, if different, would lose draft pick):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (6) — Endy Chavez, of; Bill Hall, of; Nick Johnson, dh; Joe Saunders, lhp; Jim Thome, dh; Randy Wolf, lhp.

BOSTON (4) — Aaron Cook, rhp; Daisuke Matsuzaka, rhp; Vicente Padilla, rhp; Scott Podsednik, of.

CHICAGO (7) — Brian Bruney, rhp; Orlando Hudson, 2b; Francisco Liriano, lhp; Jose Lopez, c; Brett Myers, rhp; A.J. Pierzynski, c; Dewayne Wise, of.

CLEVELAND (3) — Travis Hafner, dh; Casey Kotchman, 1b; Grady Sizemore, of.

DETROIT (2) — Jose Valverde, rhp; Delmon Young, of-dh.

HOUSTON (1) — Chris Snyder, c.

LOS ANGELES (2) — LaTroy Hawkins, rhp; Jason Isringhausen, rhp.

MINNESOTA (2) — Matt Capps, rhp; Carl Pavano, rhp.

NEW YORK (6) — Pedro Feliciano, lhp; Freddy Garcia, rhp; Raul Ibanez, of; Derek Lowe, rhp; x-Rafael Soriano, rhp; x-Nick Swisher, of.

OAKLAND (2) — Stephen Drew, ss; Brandon Inge, 3b.

SEATTLE (2) — Kevin Millwood, rhp; Miguel Olivo, c.

TAMPA BAY (3) — Kyle Farnsworth, rhp; J.P. Howell, lhp; Luke Scott, dh.

TEXAS (4) — x-Mark Lowe, rhp; Mike Napoli, c; Roy Oswalt, rhp; Yoshinori Tateyama, rhp.

TORONTO (5) — Jason Frasor, rhp; Kelly Johnson, 2b; Brandon Lyon, rhp; Carlos Villanueva, rhp; Omar Vizquel, 2b.

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ARIZONA (3) — Henry Blanco, c; Matt Lindstrom, rhp; Takashi Saito, rhp.

ATLANTA (8) — Jeff Baker, of; Miguel Batista, rhp; x-Michael Bourn, of; Matt Diaz, of; Chad Durbin, rhp; Chipper Jones, 3b; Lyle Overbay, 1b; Ben Sheets, rhp.

CINCINNATI (2) — Miguel Cairo, 1b; Scott Rolen, 3b.

COLORADO (2) — Jason Giambi, 1b; Jonathan Sanchez, lhp.

LOS ANGELES (6) — Bobby Abreu, of; Todd Coffey, rhp; Adam Kennedy, inf; Juan Rivera, of-1b; Matt Treanor, c; Jamey Wright, rhp.

MIAMI (5) — Chad Gaudin, rhp; Austin Kearns, of; Carlos Lee, 1b; Juan Oviedo, rhp; Carlos Zambrano, rhp.

MILWAUKEE (3) — Alex Gonzalez, ss; Shaun Marcum, rhp; Francisco Rodriguez, rhp.

NEW YORK (6) — Ronny Cedeno, inf; Scott Hairston, of; Ramon Ramirez, rhp; Jon Rauch, rhp; Kelly Shoppach, c; Chris Young, rhp.

PHILADELPHIA (2) — Jose Contreras, rhp; Brian Schneider, c.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Rod Barajas, c; Chad Qualls, rhp.

ST. LOUIS (3) — Lance Berkman, 1b; Brian Fuentes, lhp; x-Kyle Lohse, rhp.

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Aubrey Huff, 1b; Guillermo Mota, rhp; Brad Penny, rhp; Freddy Sanchez, 2b; Ryan Theriot, 2b.

WASHINGTON (5) — Mark DeRosa, of; Mike Gonzalez, lhp; Edwin Jackson, rhp; x-Adam LaRoche, 1b; Chien-Ming Wang, rhp.

Fight Schedule

Monday

At Ota-City General Gymnasium, Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Bryan Vasquez, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Yota Sato vs. Ryo Akaho, 12, for Sato's WBC junior bantamweight title; Tepparith Kokietgym vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for Kokietgym's WBA junior bantamweight title.

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Ryo Miyazaki vs. Pornsawan Porpramok, 12, for the vacant WBA strawweight title; Kazuto Ioka vs. Jose Rodriguez, 12, for vacant WBA junior flyweight title.

Jan. 4

At Magic City Casino, Miami (ESPN2), Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee, 12, junior lightweights; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Derrick Ennis, 10, junior middleweights; Yunieski Gonzalez vs. Michael Gbenga, 10, light heavyweights.

Jan. 5

At Mexico City, Jesus Silvestre vs. Ganigan Lopez, 12, for Silvestre's WBA interim strawweight title; Edgar Puerta vs. Abraham Rodriguez, 12, junior lightweights.

Jan. 11

At Indian School, Santa Fe, N.M. (ESPN2), John Molina Jr. vs. Dannie Williams, 12, lightweights.

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (SHO), Ronny Rios vs. Rico Ramos, 10, featherweights.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	21	9	.700	—
Brooklyn	16	14	.533	5
Boston	14	14	.500	6
Philadelphia	14	16	.467	7
Toronto	11	20	.355	10 1/2
Southeast Division				
Miami	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	19	9	.679	1
Orlando	12	18	.400	9
Charlotte	7	23	.233	14
Washington	4	24	.143	16
Central Division				
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	—
Chicago	16	12	.571	—
Indiana	17	13	.567	—
Detroit	10	22	.313	8
Cleveland	7	25	.219	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	23	8	.742	—
Memphis	19	8	.704	2
Houston	16	14	.533	6 1/2
Dallas	12	18	.400	10 1/2
New Orleans	7	23	.233	15 1/2
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	23	6	.793	—
Denver	17	15	.531	7 1/2
Minnesota	14	13	.519	8
Portland	14	14	.500	8 1/2
Utah	15	16	.484	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	24	6	.800	—
Golden State	20	10	.667	4
L.A. Lakers	15	15	.500	9
Phoenix	11	20	.355	13 1/2
Sacramento	10	19	.345	13 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Atlanta 109, Indiana 100
New Orleans 98, Charlotte 95
Toronto 123, Orlando 88
Brooklyn 103, Cleveland 100
Chicago 87, Washington 77
Oklahoma City 124, Houston 94
Memphis 81, Denver 72
Minnesota 111, Phoenix 107
Milwaukee 104, Miami 85
Philadelphia at Portland, late
Boston at Golden State, late

Today's Games

San Antonio at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

THUNDER 124, ROCKETS 94

OKLAHOMA CITY (124): Durant 8-18 6-7 26, Ibaka 2-7 5-5 9, Perkins 1-2 0-0 2, Westbrook 11-22 4-5 28, Sefolosha 6-10 2-2 15, Collison 6-10 0-0 12, Martin 6-14 2-2 19, Jackson 3-6 2-2 8, Thabeet 1-3 0-0 2, Lamb 1-2 0-0 3, Maynor 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-94 21-23 124.

HOUSTON (94): Parsons 5-13 0-0 10, Morris 9-14 2-2 24, Asik 2-4 0-2 4, Lin 3-8 1-1 7, Harden 6-17 11-14 25, Douglas 6-13 3-4 17, Smith 1-1 1-2 3, Patterson 0-5 2-2 2, Aldrich 0-0 0-0 0, Cook 0-3 0-0 0, Motiejunas 0-3 0-0 0, Machado 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-83 20-27 94.

Oklahoma City	31	37	28	28	— 124
Houston	26	24	24	20	— 94

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 13-29 (Martin 5-8, Durant 4-9, Westbrook 2-5, Lamb 1-1, Sefolosha 1-4, Ibaka 0-1, Jackson 0-1), Houston 8-30 (Morris 4-6, Douglas 2-4, Harden 2-7, Cook 0-1, Motiejunas 0-2, Patterson 0-2, Lin 0-3, Parsons 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 63 (Collison, Ibaka 10), Houston 45 (Asik, Smith 8). Assists—Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 8), Houston 18 (Lin 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 18, Houston 19. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second, Houston defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Maynor. A—18,460 (18,023).

NETS 103, CAVALIERS 100

CLEVELAND (100): Gee 4-9 2-2 10, Thompson 5-11 7-8 17, Zeller 6-14 0-0 12, Irving 5-16 2-2 13, Walters 2-6 1-2 5, Walton 2-4 0-2 4, Miles 11-15 3-3 33, Pargo 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-82 15-19 100.

BROOKLYN (103): Bogans 1-3 0-0 3, Wallace 1-6 5-8 7, Lopez 13-20 9-11 35, Williams 5-12 5-6 15, Johnson 6-13 2-2 15, Evans 1-5 5-6 7, Stackhouse 3-5 1-2 8, Blatche 2-5 2-4 7, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 35-75 29-39 103.

Cleveland	24	29	21	26	— 100
Brooklyn	34	27	18	24	— 103

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-20 (Miles 8-10, Irving 1-6, Walters 0-1, Gee 0-1, Walton 0-2), Brooklyn 4-15 (Blatche 1-1, Stackhouse 1-2, Bogans 1-2, Johnson 1-4, Watson 0-1, Wallace 0-2, Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—Zeller. Rebounds—Cleveland 47 (Thompson 15), Brooklyn 51 (Lopez 11). Assists—Cleveland 21 (Irving 7), Brooklyn 15 (Williams 7). Total Fouls—Cleveland 24, Brooklyn 16. A—17,732 (17,732).

HORNETS 98, BOBCATS 95

NEW ORLEANS (98): L.Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 4-11 0-2 8, Lopez 4-7 0-0 8, Vasquez 7-13 0-0 16, Rivers 0-2 0-0 0, McGuire 1-2 0-0 2, E.Gordon 5-13 12-14 24, Anderson 6-14 4-6 19, Roberts 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-5 0-0 4, Henry 1-5 0-0 2, Mason 4-5 1-1 13. Totals 35-82 17-23 98.

CHARLOTTE (95): Kidd-Gilchrist 11-14 0-2 22, Warrick 4-9 4-6 12, Biyombo 0-4 0-0 0, Walker 7-15 1-2 15, Henderson 6-10 5-6 19, Haywood 2-3 0-0 4, Sessions 1-9 1-2 3, Taylor 2-2 0-0 6, B.Gordon 6-13 2-2 14. Totals 39-79 13-20 95.

New Orleans	22	18	33	25	— 98
Charlotte	25	32	16	22	— 95

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 11-24 (Mason 4-5, Anderson 3-6, Vasquez 2-3, E.Gordon 2-6, Davis 0-1, Henry 0-1, Rivers 0-1, Smith 0-1), Charlotte 4-10 (Taylor 2-2, Henderson 2-3, Walker 0-1, B.Gordon 0-2, Sessions 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 50 (Davis 10), Charlotte 50 (Warrick 10). Assists—New Orleans 24 (Vasquez 8), Charlotte 27 (Walker 9). Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Charlotte 17. Technicals—Charlotte Coach Dunlap. A—18,100 (19,077).

RAPTORS 123, MAGIC 88

TORONTO (123): Pietrus 3-6 0-0 9, E.Davis 7-11 4-6 18, Gray 0-2 0-0 0, Calderon 6-10 1-1 15, DeRozan 7-14 7-8 21, Johnson 2-4 2-4 6, Lowry 6-12 2-2 16, Anderson 4-8 0-0 11, Ross 6-10 0-0 16, Fields 3-3 0-0 6, Acy 1-1 0-0 2, Lucas 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 46-82 16-21 123.

ORLANDO (88): Harkless 0-3 0-0 0, Nicholson 10-14 2-4 22, Vucevic 4-7 0-2 8, Smith 6-12 0-2 13, Afflalo 5-14 3-4 14, Turkoglu 3-8 2-4 8, Redick 2-12 3-4 9, McRoberts 3-4 0-0 7, Ayon 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 2-4 1-2 5, O'Quinn 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-81 11-22 88.

Toronto	36	31	20	36	— 123
Orlando	21	26	24	17	— 88

3-Point Goals—Toronto 15-27 (Ross 4-5, Pietrus 3-5, Anderson 3-6, Lowry 2-5, Calderon 2-5, Lucas 1-1), Orlando 5-18 (Redick 2-6, McRoberts 1-1, Smith 1-2, Afflalo 1-6, Jones 0-1, Turkoglu 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 52 (Fields 9), Orlando 45 (Vucevic 9). Assists—Toronto 33 (Calderon 10), Orlando 18 (Afflalo, Smith 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 18, Orlando 13. Technicals—Afflalo. A—18,846 (18,500).

HAWKS 109, PACERS 100

INDIANA (100): George 7-13 3-3 18, West 11-18 5-7 29, Hibbert 0-2 0-0 0, Hill 7-11 0-0 15, Stephenson 6-13 0-0 13, Green 3-11 0-0 6, T.Hansbrough 1-3 4-4 6, Mahinmi 3-7 7-8 13, Augustin 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-80 19-22 100.

ATLANTA (109): Korver 5-10 2-3 16, Horford 10-13 0-0 20, Pachulia 7-11 3-4 17, Teague 6-13 2-2 15, Williams 7-17 4-4 21, Stevenson 0-1 0-0 0, Jenkins 4-6 0-0 10, I.Johnson 3-6 0-1 6, Petro 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 44-80 11-14 109.

Indiana	26	22	22	30	— 100
Atlanta	33	22	28	26	— 109

3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-15 (West 2-3, George 1-2, Hill 1-3, Stephenson 1-3, Green 0-4), Atlanta 10-20 (Korver 4-5, Williams 3-8, Jenkins 2-2, Teague 1-3, Stevenson 0-1, Petro 0-1). Fouled Out—I.Johnson. Rebounds—Indiana 40 (T.Hansbrough 10), Atlanta 44 (Pachulia 14). Assists—Indiana 20 (George 8), Atlanta 26 (Williams 12). Total Fouls—Indiana 15, Atlanta 23. Technicals—Hill, Indiana defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Stephenson. A—16,558 (18,729).

BUCKS 104, HEAT 85

MIAMI (85): James 11-20 3-5 26, Battier 1-4 0-0 3, Bosh 5-14 2-2 12, Chalmers 1-5 2-4 5, Wade 10-19 4-7 24, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 1-6 0-0 2, Miller 1-1 0-0 3, Cole 1-2 0-0 2, Harrellson 2-5 1-2 5, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Te.Harris 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 33-76 15-24 85.

MILWAUKEE (104): Daniels 1-9 0-0 2, Mbah a Moute 8-15 2-3 19, Sanders 8-11 0-0 16, Jennings 8-16 7-7 25, Ellis 6-18 0-0 14, Dunleavy 5-12 5-5 18, Udoh 0-3 0-0 0, Ilyasova 2-7 2-2 6, Udrih 1-3 0-0 2, Henson 1-4 0-0 2, To.Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-98 16-17 104.

Miami	20	24	27	14	— 85
Milwaukee	25	31	13	35	— 104

3-Point Goals—Miami 4-13 (Miller 1-1, James 1-2, Battier 1-3, Chalmers 1-3, Allen 0-1, Harrellson 0-3), Milwaukee 8-21 (Dunleavy 3-7, Ellis 2-4, Jennings 2-7, Mbah a Moute 1-1, Daniels 0-1, Udrih 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 60 (Bosh 16), Milwaukee 51 (Sanders 11). Assists—Miami 18 (James 7), Milwaukee 29 (Ellis 9). Total Fouls—Miami 17, Milwaukee 19. Flagrant Fouls—Chalmers. A—18,717 (18,717).

TIMBERWOLVES 111, SUNS 107

PHOENIX (107): Dudley 8-13 1-2 18, Scola 16-26 1-2 33, Gortat 3-6 3-4 9, Dragic 4-10 8-13 16, Brown 9-17 2-2 21, Morris 3-9 0-1 6, Tucker 1-2 0-0 2, Beasley 1-8 0-0 2, Telfair 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 45-97 15-24 107.

MINNESOTA (111): Kirilenko 10-13 0-0 20, Love 8-20 5-7 23, Pekovic 13-20 2-4 28, Ridnour 2-7 0-0 4, Shved 3-6 5-6 12, Stiemsma 1-2 0-0 2, Barea 5-13 0-2 10, Williams 3-6 2-3 10, Cunningham 0-2 2-4 2. Totals 45-89 16-26 111.

Phoenix	29	29	29	20	— 107
Minnesota	32	32	25	22	— 111

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 2-17 (Brown 1-3, Dudley 1-5, Beasley 0-1, Dragic 0-2, Morris 0-3, Telfair 0-3), Minnesota 5-18 (Williams 2-3, Love 2-6, Shved 1-4, Ridnour 0-2, Barea 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 55 (Scola 10), Minnesota 60 (Love 18). Assists—Phoenix 29 (Dragic 12), Minnesota 27 (Shved 10). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, Minnesota 14. Technicals—Barea, Minnesota defensive three second. A—19,356 (19,356).

BULLS 87, WIZARDS 77

WASHINGTON (77): Webster 4-10 0-0 10, Nene 4-11 2-6 10, Okafor 5-11 1-2 11, Temple 3-11 2-2 8, Beal 5-15 4-4 14, Seraphin 5-11 2-2 12, Vesely 1-2 0-0 2, Mack 3-8 1-2 7, Martin 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 31-85 12-18 77.

CHICAGO (87): Deng 4-13 2-3 11, Boozer 5-12 5-7 15, Noah 4-11 1-2 9, Hinrich 3-6 2-2 10, Hamilton 4-9 0-0 9, Belinelli 7-16 1-2 17, Gibson 3-7 0-0 6, Mohammed 0-3 0-0 0, Robinson 3-8 0-0 7, Butler 1-2 1-2 3, Teague 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-87 12-18 87.

Washington	26	13	24	14	— 77
Chicago	22	23	25	17	— 87

3-Point Goals—Washington 3-10 (Webster 2-3, Martin 1-2, Temple 0-2, Beal 0-3), Chicago 7-16 (Belinelli 2-3, Hinrich 2-4, Hamilton 1-2, Deng 1-3, Robinson 1-3, Butler 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 65 (Okafor 18), Chicago 54 (Boozer 12). Assists—Washington 19 (Temple, Mack 5), Chicago 24 (Hinrich 7). Total Fouls—Washington 16, Chicago 22. A—22,447 (20,917).

GRIZZLIES 81, NUGGETS 72

DENVER (72): Gallinari 2-8 2-2 7, Faried 5-7 1-2 11, Koufos 4-6 0-0 8, Lawson 1-7 1-2 3, Iguodala 5-10 1-4 12, Brewer 5-10 1-1 12, McGee 5-11 2-2 12, A.Miller 2-5 3-5 7, Mozgov 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 29-68 11-18 72.

MEMPHIS (81): Gay 8-18 2-3 19, Z.Randolph 6-13 0-0 12, Gasol 3-9 0-0 6, Conley 3-12 0-0 7, Allen 3-5 0-0 6, Pondexter 1-5 0-0 3, Bayless 3-6 0-0 6, Speights 3-9 2-4 8, Arthur 3-7 0-0 6, Ellington 2-4 0-0 6, Haddadi 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-89 4-7 81.

Denver	15	21	21	15	— 72
Memphis	19	18	16	28	— 81

3-Point Goals—Denver 3-16 (Gallinari 1-3, Brewer 1-4, Iguodala 1-6, Lawson 0-3), Memphis 5-19 (Ellington 2-3, Gay 1-3, Pondexter 1-3, Conley 1-5, Arthur 0-1, Gasol 0-1, Z.Randolph 0-1, Bayless 0-2). Fouled Out—Koufos. Rebounds—Denver 45 (McGee 9), Memphis 57 (Speights 10). Assists—Denver 17 (Iguodala 5), Memphis 19 (Conley 6). Total Fouls—Denver 17, Memphis 17. Technicals—Gallinari, Gay, Haddadi. A—17,707 (18,119).

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS—Placed DT Sammie Hill on injured reserve. Signed DL Jimmy Saddler-McQueen from the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed WR Terrance Copper on injured reserve. Signed WR Junior Hemingway from the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Activated DL Jermaine Cunningham. Signed WR Kamar Aiken and DB Malcolm Williams from the practice squad. Released DL Ron Brace.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with coach Sean Payton on a multi-year contract extension.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League

AHL—Suspended Bridgeport LW Brett Gallant three games for leaving the players' bench on a legal line change to start an altercation during a Dec. 27 game at Connecticut.

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS—Signed D Dallas Jackson to a professional tryout contract.

CONNECTICUT WHALE—Reassigned D Jyri Niemi and D Steven Delisle to Greenville (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL—Suspended Trenton's Justin Taylor pending a review and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Dec. 28 game at Reading. Fined Trenton's Matt Mangene and Reading's Danick Paquette an undisclosed amount for their actions in the Dec. 28 game. Suspended Bakersfield's Tyson Gimblett and Stockton's Teigan Zahn pending a review and fined them undisclosed amounts for their actions in a Dec. 28 game. Fined Toledo's Cody Lampl an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game against Cincinnati. Fined Florida's Aaron Bogosian an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Dec. 28 game at Orlando.

FLORIDA EVERBLADES—Acquired F Kevin Baker from South Carolina for future considerations.

COLLEGE

CONNECTICUT—Signed men's basketball coach Kevin Ollie to a contract extension through the end of the 2017-18 season.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NCAA FOOTBALL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
MONDAY				
Music City Bowl, At Nashville, Tenn.				
Vanderbilt	5	7 1/2	(52)	NC State
Sun Bowl, At El Paso				
Southern Cal	10	8	(64)	Georgia Tech
Liberty Bowl, At Memphis, Tenn.				
Iowa St	+3	1	(51)	Tulsa
Chick-fil-A Bowl, At Atlanta				
LSU	3	6	(59)	Clemson
TUESDAY				
Heart of Dallas Bowl				
Oklahoma St	18	17	(70)	Purdue
Gator Bowl, At Jacksonville, Fla.				
Northwestern	+2	1	(53)	Mississippi St
Outback Bowl, At Tampa, Fla.				
South Carolina	4	5 1/2	(48)	Michigan
Capital One Bowl, At Orlando, Fla.				
Georgia	8	9	(61)	Nebraska
Rose Bowl, At Pasadena, Calif.				
Stanford	6	6	(47 1/2)	Wisconsin
Orange Bowl, At Miami				
Florida St	15	13 1/2	(58 1/2)	N Illinois
WEDNESDAY				
Sugar Bowl, At New Orleans				
Florida	13 1/2	14	(45 1/2)	Louisville
THURSDAY				
Fiesta Bowl, At Glendale, Ariz.				
Oregon	9 1/2	9	(75 1/2)	Kansas St
Friday				
Cotton Bowl, At Arlington				
Texas A&M	3	3 1/2	(72)	Oklahoma
SATURDAY				
Compass Bowl, At Birmingham, Ala.				
Mississippi	1 1/2	3 1/2	(52 1/2)	Pittsburgh
Jan. 6				
GoDaddy.com Bowl, At Mobile, Ala.				
Arkansas St	+1	4	(61 1/2)	Kent St
Jan. 7				
BCS National Championship, At Miami				
Alabama	7 1/2	9 1/2	(41 1/2)	Notre Dame

NFL
TODAY

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Buffalo	3	3 1/2	(39)	N.Y. Jets
at New England	11	10 1/2	(46 1/2)	Miami
at Cincinnati	3	2 1/2	(41)	Baltimore
at Pittsburgh	10	10	(34 1/2)	Cleveland
Houston	5 1/2	7	(46 1/2)	at Indianapolis
at Tennessee	5 1/2	4 1/2	(42)	Jacksonville
at N.Y. Giants	9 1/2	7	(46)	Philadelphia
at Washington	3 1/2	3	(48 1/2)	Dallas
Chicago	3	3	(45)	at Detroit
Green Bay	3	3 1/2	(46)	at Minnesota
at Atlanta	6	5	(45 1/2)	Tampa Bay
at New Orleans	4	5	(54)	Carolina
at Denver	16	16	(42)	Kansas City
at San Diego	10 1/2	9 1/2	(39 1/2)	Oakland
at San Francisco	15	16 1/2	(39)	Arizona
at Seattle	10	10 1/2	(41 1/2)	St. Louis

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52-58 degrees; 9.45' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs, Texas rigged 10" Power Worms and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 51-56 degrees; 8.25' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 52-57 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on shad pattern crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 51-58 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 51-56 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 50-56 degrees; 28.82' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 42.18' low. No report on black bass. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees; 91.57' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 98.93' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 53.1' low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 34.31' low. Black bass are good on soft plastics in 18-25 feet. Striped bass are good on jigging spoons under birds in 40-60 feet. White bass are good on jigging spoons under birds in 40-60 feet. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch in 18-30 feet. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sat 6:56 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 29 base 65 of 77 trails 92% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports.

Red River — Sat 8:31 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 36 base 45 of 57 trails 83% open, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Sandia Peak — Wed 11:50 am variable 10 - 10 base 2 of 35 trails 6% open, 1 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Open Wed-Sun;

Sipapu — Sat 6:58 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 20 - 28 base 33 of 41 trails 81% open, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Apache — Thu 3:19 pm packed powder machine groomed 10 - 14 base 5 of 55 trails, 9% open 3 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 8:21 am powder machine groomed 37 - 37 base 48 of 77 trails 75% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Taos — Fri 5:37 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 38 base 42 of 113 trails 38% open 14 of 14 lifts, sm Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Sun;

Enchanted Forest XC — Fri 8:13 am packed powder machine groomed 12 - 20 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sat 5:53 am 1 new powder machine groomed 22 - 22 base 25 of 109 trails, 19% open, 179 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:12 am powder machine groomed 33 - 42 base 94 of 124 trails 86% open, 880 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:09 am 1 new powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 67 of 76 trails, 88% open, 626 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Sat 7:17 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 135 of 149 trails 81% open, 1481 acres, 25 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Sat 7:20 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 34 - 34 base 95 of 155 trails, 64% open, 1510 acres, 28 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Sat 5:11 am powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 40 of 44 trails 94% open, 442 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Sat 5:26 am 1 new powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 69 of 140 trails, 48% open, 744 acres, 16 of 22 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Sat 5:39 am packed powder machine groomed 31 - 31 base 79 of 121 trails 94% open, 548 acres, 12 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Sat 11:16 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 30 base 22 of 53 trails, 42% open 11 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Fri 11:19 am powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 50 of 100 trails, 50% open 3 miles, 550 acres Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p.

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details.

Keystone — Sat 7:19 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 79 of 135 trails 53% open, 1657 acres, 20 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Loveland — Sat 4:54 am 1 new packed powder 27 - 27 base 28 of 93 trails 20% open, 326 acres, 5 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Monarch — Sat 1:21 pm 1 new powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 53 of 62 trails 100% open, 680 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Powderhorn — Sat 9:07 am powder machine groomed 43 - 43 base 42 of 44 trails 92% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Sat 5:03 am packed powder machine groomed 27 - 31 base 81 of 88 trails, 87% open, 1180 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Silverton Mountain — Sat 6:23 am powder 29 - 40 base 65 of 69 trails, 99% open Mon-Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p.

Ski Cooper — Sat 5:50 am powder machine groomed 26 - 26 base 26 of 26 trails 100% open, 400 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p.

Ski Granby Ranch — Sat 4:13 am packed powder 18 - 20 base 28 of 41 trails 70% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, 5p-8p; Sun: 9a-4p.

Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details.

Snowmass — Sat 5:07 am 2 new powder machine groomed 32 - 42 base 76 of 91 trails 68% open, 2261 acres, 16 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p.

Steamboat — Sat 1:26 pm 3 new powder 48 - 53 base 157 of 165 trails 96% open, 2886 acres, 15 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Sunlight — Sat 5:29 am powder machine groomed 31 - 34 base 60 of 67 trails 95% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Telluride — Sat 5:38 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 25 base 39 of 125 trails 31% open, 15 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Vail — Sat 7:16 am 2 new packed powder 25 - 25 base 175 of 193 trails 80% open, 4215 acres, 30 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Sat 5:40 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 43 - 43 base 113 of 143 trails, 57% open, 1797 acres, 21 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p.

Wolf Creek — Sat 6:21 am powder machine groomed 44 - 46 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Utah

Deer Valley — Sat 5:23 am packed powder machine groomed 57 - 57 base 92 of 100 trails.

90% open, 21 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4:15p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:15p;

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 79, Northwestern St. 61
Houston 80, Prairie View 75
Lamar 81, LIU Brooklyn 80
Oklahoma 74, Ohio 63
Sam Houston St. 90, Howard Payne 49
San Jose St. 72, Texas St. 55
Stephen F. Austin 67, Texas A&M-CC 56
Texas 57, Rice 41
Texas A&M 61, Army 55
Texas-Arlington 68, New Mexico St. 47
Utah St. 71, UTSA 67

EAST

Boston College 70, Holy Cross 60
Bryant 80, Lehigh 79
Coll. of Charleston 62, Vermont 50
Columbia 69, Manhattan 58
La Salle 80, Siena 52
Maine 76, Quinnipiac 71
Mount St. Mary's 58, UMBC 55
Penn St. 84, Duquesne 74
St. Peter's 71, CCSU 69
Syracuse 57, Alcorn St. 36
UConn 61, Washington 53
Wagner 68, Penn 63, OT

SOUTH

Alabama St. 73, Auburn-Montgomery 50
Arkansas St. 63, South Alabama 54
Butler 68, Vanderbilt 49
Campbell 72, UNC Wilmington 60
Charleston Southern 105, Va. Intermont 59
Davidson 70, Richmond 64
Duke 90, Santa Clara 77
East Carolina 74, Norfolk St. 63
Fairfield 55, Old Dominion 54
Florida 78, Air Force 61
Florida St. 82, Tulsa 63
Georgia 82, Florida A&M 73
Georgia Southern 68, Georgia St. 64, OT
Georgia Tech 73, Fordham 48
Jacksonville St. 83, Tennessee Tech 62
Louisiana Tech 68, Denver 60
Louisiana-Monroe 65, FAU 64
Louisville 80, Kentucky 77
Maryland 79, Delaware St. 50
Middle Tennessee 69, FIU 52
NC State 84, W. Michigan 68
North Carolina 79, UNLV 73
Radford 95, Cent. Pennsylvania 68
SE Louisiana 71, Spring Hill 61
South Carolina 76, Presbyterian 60
South Florida 61, George Mason 57
Tennessee 51, Xavier 47
Tennessee St. 67, E. Illinois 59
UAB 83, Northeastern 63
VCU 96, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
Valparaiso 66, Murray St. 64
W. Kentucky 70, North Texas 64

MIDWEST

Bradley 67, Drake 57
Creighton 87, Evansville 70
Illinois 81, Auburn 79
Kansas 89, American U. 57
Kansas St. 52, UMKC 44
Loyola of Chicago 69, DePaul 61
Marquette 75, NC Central 66
Michigan 88, Cent. Michigan 73
Milwaukee 95, Ohio Dominican 80
N. Dakota St. 65, S. Dakota St. 62
Nebraska 68, Nicholls St. 59
Oakland 84, IUPUI 62
Ohio St. 87, Chicago St. 44
Purdue 73, William & Mary 66
SE Missouri 65, UT-Martin 60
South Dakota 95, Nebraska-Omaha 72
Toledo 74, Ill.-Chicago 55
UMass 64, N. Illinois 59
W. Illinois 62, IPFW 50
Wisconsin 87, Samford 51
Youngstown St. 93, Marygrove 52

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 68, Coppin St. 52
BYU 97, Virginia Tech 71
Cal Poly 58, UC Riverside 48
Colorado 80, Hartford 52
Colorado St. 80, Adams St. 55
Harvard 67, California 62
Long Beach St. 67, Pacific 63
Montana St. 101, Northwest Indian 70
Towson 67, Oregon St. 66, OT
Washington St. 74, Idaho St. 39
Weber St. 110, Southwest 45

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

UTAH ST. 71, TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO 67

UTAH ST. (10-1): Butterfield 6-7 1-2 14, Reed 4-5 1-5 9, Shaw 5-11 1-2 11, Davis 2-2 1-2 6, Medlin 9-15 3-4 24, Clifford 0-0 0-0 0, Lopez 1-1 0-0 2, Jean 0-2 1-2 1, Roland 1-2 1-2 3, Stone 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 28-45 10-21 71.

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO (4-7): Hill 5-15 0-1 12, Sims 7-10 0-0 20, Wilkins 4-6 1-2 9, Hale III 0-5 2-2 2, Burrage 5-16 3-4 14, Price 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 3-8 0-0 8, Mayberry 0-0 0-0 0, McGregor 1-3 0-0 2, Wood 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-64 6-9 67.

Halftime—Utah St. 39-31. 3-Point Goals—Utah St. 5-11 (Medlin 3-7, Davis 1-1, Butterfield 1-1, Roland 0-1, Jean 0-1), Texas-San Antonio 11-29 (Sims 6-8, Thomas 2-5, Hill 2-8, Burrage 1-5, Wood 0-1, Hale III 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah St. 31 (Shaw 9), Texas-San Antonio 32 (Hill 9). Assists—Utah St. 8 (Davis 4), Texas-San Antonio 14 (Sims 5). Total Fouls—Utah St. 16, Texas-San Antonio 17. A—1,077.

TEXAS A&M 61, ARMY 55

ARMY (6-6): Toth 5-9 0-0 13, Cox 1-6 0-0 2, Ellis 2-9 3-4 8, Toomey 1-4 0-0 3, Springer 1-4 0-0 2, Lenox 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, M.Gramling 0-1 0-0 0, Wilson 7-13 0-1 15, Ferguson 1-2 0-0 2, Plomb 1-3 2-2 4, Stire 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-55 5-7 55.

TEXAS A&M (9-3): Reese 2-10 3-4 9, Harris 3-9 3-3 12, E. Turner 3-11 2-4 10, Roberson 3-4 0-2 6, R. Turner 4-6 3-7 11, Young 1-6 3-4 5, Green 2-6 0-1 5, Caruso 1-4 1-2 3, Jahns 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 15-27 61.

Halftime—Texas A&M 31-28. 3-Point Goals—Army 6-20 (Toth 3-6, Toomey 1-3, Ellis 1-4, Wilson 1-4, Cox 0-1, Plomb 0-2), Texas A&M 8-20 (Harris 3-7, E.Turner 2-5, Reese 2-5, Green 1-2, Caruso 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Army 36 (Cox 9), Texas A&M 42 (Caruso, Young 8). Assists—Army 14 (Toomey 5), Texas A&M 12 (E. Turner 5). Total Fouls—Army 22, Texas A&M 13. A—6,416.

SAM HOUSTON ST. 90, HOWARD PAYNE 49

HOWARD PAYNE (3-8): Davis 4-7 1-3 9, Gould 5-13 0-0 10, Thompson 2-5 4-4 8, Whittet 0-3 0-0 0, Gayden 4-7 0-0 8, Ford 1-3 0-0 3, Taillet 1-5 0-0 3, Adams 2-5 2-2 6, Arbogast 0-0 0-0 0, Young 0-1 0-0 0, Justice 0-1 0-0 0, Byrd 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Lancaster 0-3 2-5 2. Totals 19-55 9-14 49.

SAM HOUSTON ST. (7-5): Gatson 6-10 0-0 13, McKinney 3-6 1-3 8, McKay 2-10 3-4 7, Gatlin 3-7 4-5 10, Holyfield 0-4 1-2 1, Harwell 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 2-4 2-2 6, Baxter 7-11 0-0 16, McCormick 0-1 1-2 1, Motley 7-11 1-2 15, Bond 3-8 2-2 11, Mason 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 34-74 15-22 90.

Halftime—Sam Houston St. 43-21. 3-Point Goals—Howard Payne 2-13 (Taillet 1-2, Ford 1-2, Adams 0-1, Young 0-1, Justice 0-1, Byrd 0-1, Davis 0-1, Thompson 0-2, Gould 0-2), Sam Houston St. 7-23 (Bond 3-8, Baxter 2-3, Gatson 1-2, McKinney 1-2, Gatlin 0-1, McCormick 0-1, McKay 0-6). Fouled Out—Holyfield. Rebounds—Howard Payne 31 (Gayden, Lancaster 5), Sam Houston St. 53 (Holyfield 7). Assists—Howard Payne 12 (Gould 4), Sam Houston St. 25 (Harwell 7). Total Fouls—Howard Payne 16, Sam Houston St. 18. A—569.

HOUSTON 80, PRAIRIE VIEW 75

PRAIRIE VIEW (5-8): Eleby 1-2 0-0 2, Montgomery 0-1 0-0 0, DeMuynck 10-21 6-6 27, Blair 6-12 5-6 19, Gesiakowski 1-9 0-0 3, Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Aina 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 2-2 2, Agho 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 1-3 0-0 2, Scott 1-4 2-2 5, Chapman 6-8 3-5 15. Totals 26-64 18-21 75.

HOUSTON (10-2): House 6-12 7-7 22, Thomas 7-15 8-10 22, Young 5-12 4-4 17, Morris 0-3 0-0 0, Thompson 1-7 0-3 2, Womack 0-3 2-2 2, Gibson 5-5 0-0 12, Stiggers 1-1 0-0 3, Izundu 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-59 21-26 80.

Halftime—Houston 46-32. 3-Point Goals—Prairie View 5-18 (Blair 2-4, Scott 1-2, DeMuynck 1-4, Gesiakowski 1-7, Aina 0-1), Houston 9-22 (Young 3-6, House 3-7, Gibson 2-2, Stiggers 1-1, Morris 0-1, Womack 0-1, Thomas 0-2, Thompson 0-2). Fouled Out—Montgomery. Rebounds—Prairie View 40 (Chapman 8), Houston 37 (Thomas 9). Assists—Prairie View 9 (Blair 5), Houston 13 (Thompson 5). Total Fouls—Prairie View 23, Houston 18. Technicals—Morris, Richardson. A—3,437.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 67, TEXAS A&M-CC 56

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (10-1): Smith 10-14 5-10 25, Parker 1-5 0-2 2, Bateman 4-8 3-4 11, Bostic 4-9 4-4 12, Haymon 3-7 3-4 9, Walkup 0-2 1-2 1, Walker 2-2 0-0 5, Pinkney 0-1 2-2 2, Asortse 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-48 18-28 67.

TEXAS A&M-CC (1-9): Nelson 9-17 4-5 24, Pye 0-3 0-0 0, Ali 1-6 2-2 5, Jordan 8-21 1-3 17, Williamson 0-7 3-4 3, Martinez 0-0 0-0 0, Francis 1-1 0-0 2, Maxey 1-2 0-0 2, King 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 21-59 10-14 56.

Halftime—Stephen F. Austin 28-23. 3-Point Goals—Stephen F. Austin 1-9 (Walker 1-1, Haymon 0-1, Bateman 0-1, Pinkney 0-1, Bostic 0-2, Parker 0-3), Texas A&M-CC 4-13 (Nelson 2-5, Ali 1-1, King 1-2, Williamson 0-2, Pye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Stephen F. Austin 41 (Smith 14), Texas A&M-CC 30 (Nelson 14). Assists—Stephen F. Austin 15 (Bateman 9), Texas A&M-CC 8 (Nelson 3). Total Fouls—Stephen F. Austin 12, Texas A&M-CC 19. A—1,095.

SAN JOSE ST. 72, TEXAS ST. 55

SAN JOSE ST. (6-5): Cunningham 4-6 3-4 11, Garrett 6-9 3-3 16, A. Brown 2-4 0-0 4, D. Brown 4-6 0-1 8, Kinney 6-17 0-0 12, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Moor 0-0 0-0 0, X. Jones 1-5 7-8 9, Smith 4-5 0-0 8, VanKirk 0-0 0-0 0, C. Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Pennington 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-56 13-16 72.

TEXAS ST. (4-9): Stern 1-6 0-0 2, Staff 3-7 1-2 8, Wright 7-14 8-8 22, T. Jones 2-6 1-1 5, Davis 1-11 0-0 2, Hawkins 4-9 0-0 10, Koenen 0-2 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Richardson 1-3 0-0 2, Brown II 1-2 1-3 4, Hinton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-62 11-14 55.

Halftime—San Jose St. 32-19. 3-Point Goals—San Jose St. 1-13 (Garrett 1-3, D. Brown 0-1, X. Jones 0-2, Pennington 0-2, Kinney 0-5), Texas St. 4-23 (Hawkins 2-4, Brown II 1-1, Staff 1-4, Koenen 0-1, Hinton 0-1, Wright 0-1, Richardson 0-2, Stern 0-2, Davis 0-3, T. Jones 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Jose St. 41 (Cunningham 14), Texas St. 31 (Wright 6). Assists—San Jose St. 9 (X. Jones 3), Texas St. 7 (Hawkins 3). Total Fouls—San Jose St. 15, Texas St. 16. A—1,037.

TEXAS 57, RICE 41

RICE (3-9): Wilson 0-2 1-2 1, Gearhart 0-3 0-0 0, Guercy 3-6 2-2 9, Jackson 5-17 1-2 12, DeBose 2-7 0-0 5, Washington 0-3 0-0 0, Peera 0-0 0-0 0, Ramljak 5-8 0-0 14, Firozgary 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-47 4-6 41.

TEXAS (8-5): Holmes 2-6 4-4 8, Ridley 3-6 0-1 6, McClellan 4-10 5-6 14, Felix 1-6 4-5 7, Lewis 4-7 3-4 12, Holland 0-3 0-0 0, Bond 1-3 1-3 3, Lammert 2-6 0-2 4, Papapetrou 1-1 1-3 3, Ibeh 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 18-49 18-29 57.

Halftime—Tied 26-26. 3-Point Goals—Rice 7-21 (Ramljak 4-7, DeBose 1-3, Guercy 1-3, Jackson 1-5, Gearhart 0-3), Texas 3-9 (Lewis 1-1, Felix 1-1, McClellan 1-3, Lammert 0-1, Holland 0-3). Fouled Out—DeBose. Rebounds—Rice 23 (Washington 6), Texas 46 (McClellan 9). Assists—Rice 7 (Guercy, Jackson 2), Texas 9 (Felix 7). Total Fouls—Rice 24, Texas 12. A—10,943.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 68, NEW MEXICO ST. 47

NEW MEXICO ST. (6-7): Sy 1-6 0-2 2, Watson 1-7 2-4 4, Bhullar 6-11 2-6 14, Ross-Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Mullings 7-9 6-8 21, Barry 0-2 1-2 1, Aronis 0-2 0-0 0, Weary 0-2 0-0 0, de Rouen 1-5 0-0 3, Buovac 0-2 0-0 0, Dixon 0-1 0-0 0, West 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 17-51 11-23 47.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON (6-3): Butler 7-11 3-6 18, Gruszecki 2-6 0-0 5, Edwards 2-6 3-4 7, Reves 4-8 0-0 8, Catlett 4-8 0-3 8, Outler 2-7 0-0 6, Charles 4-7 2-2 12, White-Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Gainey 2-5 0-0 4, Rodgers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-61 8-15 68.

Halftime—Texas-Arlington 37-24. 3-Point Goals—New Mexico St. 2-18 (Mullings 1-2, de Rouen 1-4, Ross-Miller 0-1, Barry 0-1, Watson 0-1, Buovac 0-2, Weary 0-2, Aronis 0-2, Sy 0-3), Texas-Arlington 6-19 (Charles 2-5, Outler 2-6, Gruszecki 1-3, Butler 1-3, Edwards 0-1, White-Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—Reves. Rebounds—New Mexico St. 37 (Sy 7), Texas-Arlington 44 (Edwards 11). Assists—New Mexico St. 9 (Watson 4), Texas-Arlington 12 (Catlett 5). Total Fouls—New Mexico St. 12, Texas-Arlington 21. A—1,518.

W. KENTUCKY 70, NORTH TEXAS 64

NORTH TEXAS (5-8): Holmen 1-3 2-4 4, T. Mitchell 3-8 0-0 7, Franklin 2-6 2-2 6, A. Williams 3-9 2-3 8, Jones 4-7 2-2 10, Hardwick 0-0 0-0 0, Patton 2-5 2-3 6, Overlander 1-2 0-0 3, J. Williams 7-13 1-1 18, Stojiljkovic 1-1 0-0 2, Coleman 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 24-57 11-15 64.

W. KENTUCKY (10-5): Fant 5-11 4-6 14, Price 5-13 2-2 16, Akol 4-10 2-2 13, Kaspar 2-6 3-4 8, Harris 3-7 2-5 9, Anyigbo 0-1 0-0 0, Blade 0-0 6-6 6, Akamune 0-0 0-0 0, Drane 2-4 0-1 4, Vasquez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-52 19-26 70.

Halftime—W. Kentucky 37-26. 3-Point Goals—North Texas 5-11 (J. Williams 3-4, Overlander 1-2, T.Mitchell 1-3, A. Williams 0-1, Jones 0-1), W. Kentucky 9-19 (Price 4-4, Akol 3-8, Kaspar 1-3, Harris 1-4). Fouled Out—Franklin. Rebounds—North Texas 33 (T. Mitchell 10), W. Kentucky 37 (Harris 9). Assists—North Texas 8 (Jones 4), W. Kentucky 11 (Harris 6). Total Fouls—North Texas 21, W. Kentucky 14. A—4,776.

TOP 25 FARED

This week

1. Duke (12-0) beat Santa Clara 90-77.
2. Michigan (13-0) beat Central Michigan 88-73.
3. Arizona (12-0) beat No. 17 San Diego State 68-67.
4. Louisville (12-1) beat Kentucky 80-77.
5. Indiana (12-1) beat Jacksonville 93-59.
6. Kansas (11-1) beat American U. 89-57.
7. Missouri (10-2) lost to UCLA 97-94, OT.
8. Cincinnati (12-1) lost to New Mexico 55-54.
9. Syracuse (11-1) beat Alcorn State 57-36.
10. Ohio State (10-2) beat Chicago State 87-44.
11. Minnesota (12-1) did not play.
12. Illinois (13-1) beat Auburn 81-79.
13. Gonzaga (12-1) beat Baylor 94-87.
14. Florida (9-2) beat Air Force 78-61.
15. Georgetown (10-1) did not play.
16. Creighton (12-1) beat Evansville 87-70.
17. San Diego State (11-2) lost to No. 3 Arizona 68-67.
18. Butler (10-2) beat Vanderbilt 68-49.
19. Michigan State (11-2) did not play.
20. UNLV (11-2) lost to North Carolina 79-73.
21. Notre Dame (12-1) did not play.
22. Oklahoma State (10-1) did not play.
23. N.C. State (10-2) beat Western Michigan 84-68.
24. Pittsburgh (12-1) did not play.
25. Kansas State (10-2) beat UMKC 52-44.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST

MVSU at TCU, 3 p.m.
Furman at SMU, 4 p.m.

EAST

Cornell at Binghamton, 1 p.m.
New Hampshire at Colgate, 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart at George Washington, 1 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) at NJIT, 3 p.m.
E. Kentucky at West Virginia, 3 p.m.

SOUTH

Wofford at Virginia, Noon
Milligan at Appalachian St., 1 p.m.
Union (Ky.) at Morehead St., 1 p.m.
Bluefield at UNC Asheville, 1 p.m.
Hampton at Winthrop, 1 p.m.
Coastal Georgia at SC-Upstate, 2 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Mississippi St., 3 p.m.
Tulane at Alabama, 5 p.m.
Greensboro at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Memphis, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Illinois St. at Indiana St., 12:05 p.m.
Mount St. Joseph at Wright St., 1 p.m.
Canisius at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Wilmington (Ohio) at Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m.
N. Iowa at Wichita St., 5 p.m.
S. Illinois at Missouri St., 5:30 p.m.
Princeton at Akron, 6 p.m.
Ill.-Springfield at Green Bay, 6 p.m.
Fairmont St. at Kent St., 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

Corban at Boise St., 3 p.m.
Sonoma St. at Fresno St., 3 p.m.
Yale at Saint Mary's (Cal), 4:30 p.m.
NC A&T at CS Bakersfield, 6 p.m.
Dayton at Southern Cal, 6 p.m.

Women

SATURDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 106, SE Louisiana 41
Cent. Arkansas 91, Philander Smith 36
Nicholls St. 65, Texas Southern 58
Oklahoma 79, CS Northridge 57
TCU 69, Texas A&M-CC 38

EAST

Boston U. 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 42
Canisius 56, Vermont 55
Colgate 72, New Hampshire 61
La Salle 72, St. Peter's 55
Lafayette 54, Fordham 50
Lehigh 67, Binghamton 37
Penn 52, Alabama St. 37
St. Francis (NY) 58, Rider 55

SOUTH

Alabama 80, LIU Brooklyn 58
Auburn 80, Samford 51
Austin Peay 67, Alabama A&M 54
Belmont 66, SIU-Edwardsville 52
E. Illinois 76, Tennessee St. 67
East Carolina 71, Elon 64
FAU 82, Louisiana-Monroe 72
FIU 66, Northeastern 56
Furman 85, SC-Upstate 80, OT
George Mason 54, Georgia Southern 53
Georgia St. 76, MVSU 60
Georgia Tech 74, Quinnipiac 57
High Point 58, UNC Asheville 57
Liberty 90, Winthrop 57
Longwood 57, Radford 49
Louisiana-Lafayette 56, UALR 54, 2OT
McNeese St. 80, Mississippi 75
Memphis 72, Missouri 69
Mississippi St. 82, Troy 60
N. Illinois 69, Norfolk St. 38
Old Dominion 79, SC State 63
Presbyterian 50, Coastal Carolina 30
South Alabama 53, Arkansas St. 47
South Carolina 66, W. Carolina 44
South Florida 100, Florida A&M 75
Tennessee Tech 73, Jacksonville St. 51
Toledo 76, Charlotte 66
Tulane 71, E. Michigan 65
Virginia 54, Xavier 45
W. Kentucky 82, North Texas 80
Wake Forest 84, Campbell 68

MIDWEST

Drake 88, Milwaukee 70
Iowa St. 83, Air Force 35
Marquette 77, Loyola of Chicago 61
Michigan 82, Niagara 44
Michigan St. 57, Temple 47
N. Iowa 73, Saint Louis 64
Nebraska 84, Grambling St. 39
Notre Dame 74, Purdue 47
S. Illinois 69, Chicago St. 66
Valparaiso 58, Ball St. 53
Youngstown St. 69, Bucknell 51

FAR WEST

Colorado 84, New Mexico 39
Hawaii 52, LIU Brooklyn 33
Kansas St. 60, UC Santa Barbara 45
Long Beach St. 79, Columbia 50
Louisiana Tech 82, Denver 77, 2OT
Montana St.-Billings 57, Montana St. 54
North Dakota 62, Utah 56
Pacific 75, San Francisco 59
Portland St. 64, Portland 61
Providence 71, Colorado St. 53
S. Utah 66, Utah Valley 49
San Jose St. 98, Texas St. 96
Santa Clara 58, Fresno St. 53
Seattle 76, Idaho 71
Texas-Arlington 62, New Mexico St. 59
UC Riverside 82, UNLV 66
UConn 61, Stanford 35
Utah St. 79, UTSA 66, OT
Vanderbilt 74, Southern Cal 56
Washington St. 57, Gonzaga 51
Wyoming 84, Loyola Marymount 68

TOURNAMENT

Hawk Classic Championship

Saint Joseph's 79, UMBC 38

Third Place

Fairfield 81, Wagner 44

Terrapin Classic Championship

Maryland 72, Hartford 40

Third Place

Brown 57, Md.-Eastern Shore 46

UM Holiday Tournament Championship

Miami 67, Wisconsin 44

Third Place

CCSU 76, Delaware St. 54

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

NO. 3 BAYLOR 106, SE LOUISIANA 41

SE LOUISIANA (7-4): Gibson 4-10 0-0 8, Simmons 4-7 4-7 12, Styles 0-4 4-5 4, Hoskins 1-7 0-0 3, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Epting 1-4 0-0 2, Hernandez 0-3 0-0 0, Morris 0-0 0-0 0, Mims 3-4 0-0 6, Pool 3-7 0-1 6, Harvey 0-1 0-0 0, Reyes 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-50 8-13 41.

BAYLOR (10-1): Pope 4-4 0-0 8, Griner 5-10 2-2 12, Sims 3-5 3-3 9, Hayden 3-6 0-0 7, Madden 6-7 0-1 13, Johnson 2-4 0-1 4, Williams 5-6 4-4 14, Chandler 1-3 0-0 2, Prince 7-14 2-4 17, Fuqua 3-5 1-1 7, Robertson 2-6 0-0 5, Agbuke 1-1 0-0 2, Higgins 3-4 0-2 6. Totals 45-75 12-18 106.

Halftime—Baylor 52-19. 3-Point Goals—SE Louisiana 1-11 (Hoskins 1-4, Styles 0-2, Epting 0-2, Hernandez 0-3), Baylor 4-10 (Madden 1-1, Prince 1-1, Hayden 1-2, Robertson 1-4, Sims 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—SE Louisiana 20 (Gibson, Simmons 4), Baylor 49 (Pope, Williams 8). Assists—SE Louisiana 11 (Miller 3), Baylor 30 (Sims 7). Total Fouls—SE Louisiana 17, Baylor 10. A—8,864.

IOWA 86, NO. 20 TEXAS 63

IOWA (10-3): Johnson 8-13 4-5 20, Doolittle 5-8 0-0 10, Logic 1-3 0-0 2, Taylor 2-9 0-0 4, Printy 7-14 5-7 21, Till 0-1 0-0 0, Nesbitt 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Dixon 9-15 0-0 23, Peschel 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Timmerman 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-67 9-12 86.

TEXAS (7-3): Enemkpali 6-12 1-5 13, McGee-Stafford 4-8 4-5 12, Davenport 1-5 5-11 7, Rodrigo 2-5 0-0 5, Fussell 4-14 2-3 11, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Roberts 3-4 0-0 9, Sanders 1-6 0-0 3, Taylor 0-0 1-2 1, Hartung 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 21-54 15-28 63.

Halftime—Iowa 41-21. 3-Point Goals—Iowa 7-21 (Dixon 5-10, Printy 2-7, Till 0-1, Nesbitt 0-1, Logic 0-1, Taylor 0-1), Texas 6-14 (Roberts 3-4, Rodrigo 1-1, Sanders 1-4, Fussell 1-5). Fouled Out—McGee-Stafford. Rebounds—Iowa 38 (Logic 15), Texas 36 (Enemkpali 12). Assists—Iowa 23 (Logic 14), Texas 14 (Davenport, Fussell, Rodrigo 3). Total Fouls—Iowa 20, Texas 15. Technical—McGee-Stafford. A—776.

TOP 25 FARED

Saturday

1. Stanford (11-1) lost to No. 2 UConn 61-35. Next: at No. 23 Colorado, Friday.
2. UConn (11-0) beat No. 1 Stanford 61-35. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Saturday.
3. Baylor (10-1) beat Southeastern Louisiana 106-41. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
4. Duke (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Monmouth (N.J.), Sunday.
5. Notre Dame (10-1) def. No. 11 Purdue 74-47. Next: vs. St. Francis (Pa.), Monday.
6. Georgia (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Thursday.
7. Kentucky (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Marist, Sunday.
8. California (10-1) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
9. Maryland (10-2) beat Hartford 72-40. Next: at No. 16 North Carolina, Thursday.
10. Penn State (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
11. Purdue (11-2) lost to No. 5 Notre Dame 74-47. Next: at Illinois, Wednesday.
12. Louisville (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Monday.
13. Tennessee (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
14. Oklahoma State (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego State, Sunday.
15. Dayton (12-0) did not play. Next: at Bowling Green, Sunday.
16. North Carolina (12-1) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.
17. UCLA (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Monday.
18. Oklahoma (10-2) beat Cal State Northridge 79-57. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
19. South Carolina (12-1) beat Western Carolina 66-44. Next: vs. No. 13 Tennessee, Thursday.
20. Texas (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Sunday.
21. Florida State (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Sunday.
22. Kansas (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
23. Colorado (11-0) beat New Mexico 84-39. Next: vs. No. 1 Stanford, Friday.
24. Texas A&M (9-4) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Tuesday.
25. Arkansas (11-1) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.

TODAY'S TEXAS/SOUTHWEST SCHEDULE

Lamar at Rice, 2 p.m.
Houston at Texas Tech, 2 p.m.
Tulsa at Stephen F. Austin, 2 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at UTEP, 3:05 p.m.

BYRON JOHNSTON HOLIDAY CLASSIC ROUNDUP

Girls

THIRD-PLACE GAME
MIDLAND HIGH 41
PLAINVIEW 39

For the second time in the tournament, Midland High freshman guard Alexandrea Washington hit what turned out to be a game-winning shot in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic.

With the Lady Bulldogs down, 39-37, Washington pulled up for a contested 3-pointer on the left wing and drilled it with a hand in her face, giving MHS a 40-39 advantage with 34 seconds to play. The Lady Dawgs went on to knock off Plainview for the first time since 2009, clinching third place in the tournament.

"I knew we were down and I just had to take the shot," said Washington, who hit a game-winner against Lee on Thursday. "If I didn't make it, then I didn't make it, but I had to take the shot. Once I let it go, I thought it was going in."

Plainview got a chance to tie or take the lead when Karli Wheeler drew a foul on MHS post Aubrie Elliott, but Wheeler couldn't hit either free throw with 19 seconds left. Elliott grabbed the rebound and quickly got it down the court. Plainview fouled MHS three times to get into a bonus situation, sending Catarina Rendon to the line with eight seconds on the clock.

Rendon went one of two at the line, and Plainview quickly worked down the court. Wheeler managed to get to the block and got a good look at the basket, but couldn't put her shot in, giving Midland High the win.

The game is a good measuring stick for how far the Lady Dawgs have come this season as they lost to Plainview, 43-27, on Nov. 13.

"The kicked our rear at the beginning of the year," MHS coach Ron Berry said. "The girls played great on defense (Saturday) and did a good job moving the ball on offense. The kids did a good job of handling the press for the most part. It's a good game to win. It's the first time we beat Plainview in a very long time. It's a good win to go into district next week."

The Lady Dawgs didn't have any player in double figures with Washington and Rendon each scoring eight to lead the team. Washington was named to the All-Tournament team for her heroics. Kristian Reynolds had 16 to lead Plainview.

MIDLAND HIGH 41, PLAINVIEW 39
Plainview (15-7) — Kristian Reynolds 16, Bailey Davis 5, Jan Alonso 4, Karli Wheeler 4, Meredith McDonaway 4, Lizette Ramirez 3, Shalee Bennett 3.
Midland High (16-7) — Alexandrea Washington 8, Catarina Rendon 8, Aubrie Elliott 6, London Edwards 6, Desarv' Allen 6, Rebecca Gallegos 3, Miranda Mast 2, Claire Lancaster 2
Plainview ..... 9 13 11 —39
Midland High ..... 10 7 11 13 —41
Free throws — PV 6-13, MHS 6-10. 3-point goals — PV 1 (Ramirez), MHS 5 (Alexa Washington 2, Edwards 2, Gallegos). Total fouls — PV 13, MHS 14. Fouled out — PV, McDonaway.

FIFTH-PLACE GAME
LEE 51
CANYON RANDALL 49

After losing a pair of close games early in the tournament, the Lady Rebels managed to close the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic with a tight win against Canyon Randall for fifth place.

The Lady Rebels and Randall were back and forth throughout the fourth period, exchanging the lead four times in the game's final 1 minute, 38 seconds. Randall grabbed a 49-48 advantage when Precious Cross banked in a shot from the post after a nice pass from Morgan Collins with 27 seconds left.

But, Lee sophomore guard Daija Stanford responded, taking the ball end to end for a layup and a 50-49 lead with 16 seconds to play.

Lee forced Randall into a turnover with nine seconds left and Stanford went one of two at the free-throw line with six seconds remaining for a 51-49 advantage. Randall got a shot off just before the buzzer, but Collins' attempt was short, giving Lee the win.

"We came away with a close win," Lee coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler said. "It's very important for us to win after having to come from behind at the end there. To have a lead, lose it and come back and get it then hit some free throws is very big for our girls right now."

Stanford led all scorers with 19 points, while Kameron Johnston paced Randall with 14. Stanford scored five points in the final 1:07 of the game.

Stanford finished with 68 points for the tournament, tying her for fourth on the all-time Byron Johnston Holiday Classic list for total points in a single tournament. The feat earned Stanford a nomination to the All-Tournament Team.

LEE 51, CANYON RANDALL 49
Randall (14-6) — Kameron Johnston 14, MacKenzie Johnston 9, Addy O'Neal 8, Morgan Collins 7, Precious Cross 4, Krystal Oakley 3, Jasmine Mings 2, Julie Hicks 2
Lee (9-9) — Daija Stanford 19, Cindy Benavides 9, Shay Ray 9, Jackie Rivas 8, Hannah Payne 4, Allison Valdez 2
Randall ..... 11 12 12 14 —49
Lee ..... 13 11 17 10 —51
Free throws — CR 6-13, Lee 8-12. 3-point goals —CR 1 (Collins), Lee 3 (Stanford 2, Benavides). Total fouls — CR 17, Lee 17. Fouled out — CR: Anan Parr, K. Johnston, Lee: Payne.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
EL PASO AMERICAS 51
EL PASO EASTLAKE 50, OT

Americas outlasted Eastlake in what was the only overtime game played on the girls side of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic.

Americas rallied from a 25-20 halftime deficit to tie Eastlake at 40 by the end of the third period. The two teams played even in the fourth period, but Americas took a 4-3 edge in the overtime session.

Maria Olivas led Americas with 12 points, while Alyssa Aguirre had a game-high 16 for Eastlake. Caitie Aguirre added 11 and Heather Crittenden had 10.

EL PASO AMERICAS 51
EL PASO EASTLAKE 50, OT
Americas (9-9) — America Puentes 8, Maria Olivas 12, Jackie Perez 5, Corina Macias 2, Karla Parker 5, MalShonq Weston 7, Emily Sanchez 4, Jazmin Flores 8
Eastlake (11-11) — Alyssa Aguirre 16, Krys Spence 4, Caitie Aguirre 11, Calley Johnson 7, Vanessa Nunez 2, Heather Crittenden 10
Americas ..... 12 8 16 11 4 —51
Eastlake ..... 6 19 11 11 3 —50
Free throws — EPA 5-8, EPE 9-21. 3-point goals — EPA 4 (Olivas 2, Perez, Sanchez) EPE 5 (A. Aguirre 4, Spence). Total fouls — EPA 19, EPE 9. Fouled out — EPA: Weston. Flores.

Boys

THIRD-PLACE GAME
CROWLEY 43
MIDLAND HIGH 40, OT

A tight ball game in the second half had a controversial finish as a rainbow 3-pointer by Deandre Adams proved to be the difference in a 43-40 overtime win by Crowley against Midland High in the third-place game.

Adams' 3-pointer, just the Eagles' second make from downtown, came with two seconds to play in overtime and followed four consecutive turnovers by the teams, all on officials' calls.

"The kids didn't get to decide it really," MHS coach Justin Hardin said of the three travels and backcourt offensive foul called in the final 39 seconds. "I can take a loss, I've been doing it all year. But the way this one was decided I wasn't really excited about it."

The finish came after a brilliant second half, where Crowley (4-10) closed a six-point halftime deficit to the Bulldogs to one with a 5-0 run to start the half.

From there, the most either team led by was three. Crowley tied the game at 35 with seven seconds remaining in regulation after Kyle Wilson hit two of three free throws following a shooting foul beyond the arc.

The Eagles' Dion Malone tied it at 40 with a layup after a steal in the final minutes of regulation before the bizarre finish in overtime.

Freshman Shawn Rivers led Midland High with 14 points along with six rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sophomore Justin LeClear added a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Steve Lawson led Crowley with nine points and 13 rebounds.

Bulldog junior Mazelle Justice, who had seven points, was named to the all-tournament team.

CROWLEY 43, MIDLAND HIGH 40, OT
Crowley (4-10) — Steve Lawson 9, Deandre Newton 9, Dion Malone 8, Daneaz Moses 7, Kyle Wilson 6, Kito Harper 2, D'Myran Robinson 2
MHS (6-16) — Shawn Rivers 14, Justin LeClear 12, Mazelle Justice 7, Austin Watson 3, Blake Cano 2, Gary Ringo 2
Crowley ..... 7 12 7 9 5 —40
MHS ..... 6 13 9 8 —43
Free throws — Crowley 9-16, MHS 10-16. 3-point goals — Crowley 2 (Moses, Newton), MHS 4 (LeClear 2, Rivers, Watson).

FIFTH-PLACE GAME
EL PASO EASTLAKE 82
PLAINVIEW 65

El Paso Eastlake rebounded from a blowout loss to Lee by handing out one of its own Saturday, routing Plainview, 82-65, in the fifth-place game at Chaparral Center.

Eastlake (6-9) blew open a one-point game at the half by scoring 52 points in the final two quarters.

The Falcons' Mando Vasquez led all scorers with 23 points while Daniel Wasinger, Brody Moore and Peyton Brown also finished in double figures.

Karson Hembree, Landon Jackson, Wes McCutcheon, Marvin Clayborne and Jayton Ellis finished in double figures for Plainview (10-10), which shot an eye-popping 40 free throws in the game.

But the parade to the charity stripe wasn't enough to stop the second-half onslaught by Eastlake.

EL PASO EASTLAKE 82, PLAINVIEW 65
Plainview (10-10) — Karson Hembree 14, Landon Jackson 12, Wes McCutcheon 12, Marvin Clayborne 11, Jayton Ellis 11, Desmond Vera 4, Gus Licerio 1
Eastlake (6-9) — Mando Vasquez 23, Daniel Wasinger 16, Brody Moore 13, Peyton Brown 12, Joseph Corral 9, Josh Lom 3, Rick Ballard 2, Luis De Luna 2, Thomas Martinez 2
Plainview ..... 12 17 16 20 —65
Eastlake ..... 15 15 26 26 —82
Free throws — Plainview 27-40, Eastlake 14-22. 3-point goals — Eastlake 8 (Corral 3, Wasinger 2, Lom, Moore, Vasquez). Total fouls — Plainview 21, Eastlake 23. Fouled out — Plainview, Hembree; Eastlake, Martinez.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
EL PASO AMERICAS 49
HOUSTON MEMORIAL 47

El Paso Americas survived a second-half rally by Houston Memorial and put together a run of its own in the fourth to pick up its first win in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic, a 49-47 victory in the seventh-place game.

After scoring just 13 in the first half, Memorial (5-15) scored 22 in the third to take a 35-32 lead going into the final period at the Midland High gym.

But Americas (5-12), led by 19 points from Matt Larson and 18 from Sam Flores, outscored Memorial, 17-12, in the fourth to pull out the win.

Larson canned six 3-pointers in the game, which tied for the third-most in a Byron Johnston game ever.

Trip Brown led Memorial with 10 points.

EL PASO AMERICAS 49
HOUSTON MEMORIAL 47
Americas (5-12) — Matt Larson 19, Sam Flores 18, Mark Acosta 5, Trey Guerrero 3, Matt Rodriguez 2
Memorial (5-15) — Trip Brown 10, Broughto 8, Graham Taylor 6, Brian Blum 5, Allen Hadi 5, Strait 5, Mugg 3, Stanton 3, Mason Aboloff 2
Americas ..... 13 7 12 17 —49
Memorial ..... 7 6 22 12 —47
Free throws — Americas 11-17, Memorial 13-22. 3-point goals — Americas 7 (Larson 6, Flores), Memorial 2 (Brown, Blum). Total fouls — Americas 20, Memorial 20. Fouled out — Americas, Flores, Puentes.

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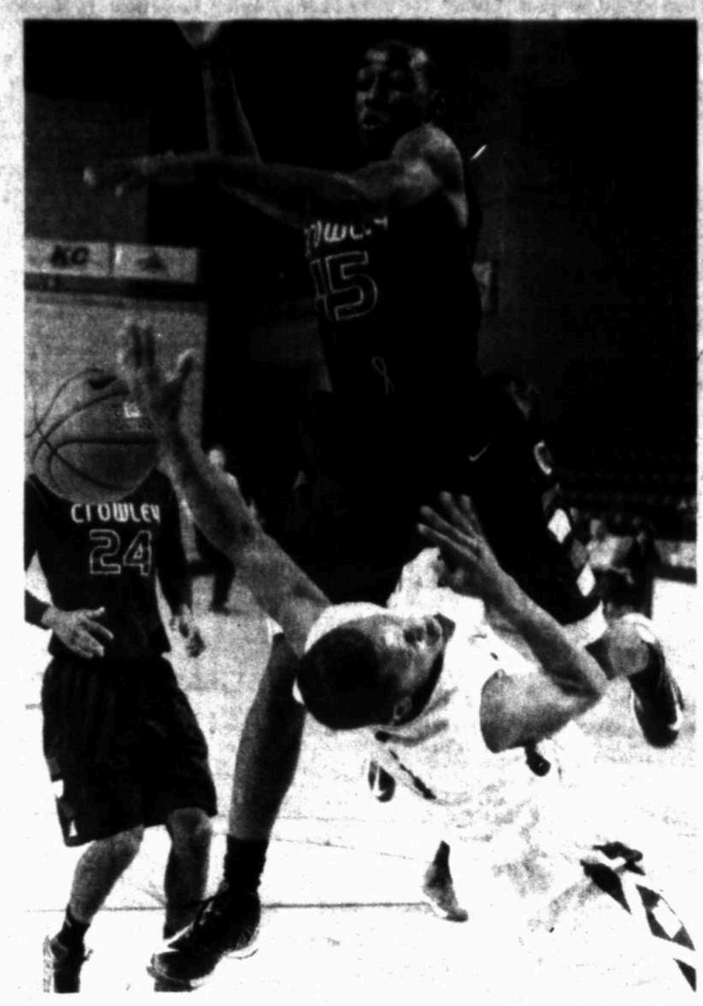

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Midland High's Shawn Rivers draws a foul against Crowley's Deandre Newton on Saturday in the third-place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at Chaparral Center.

REBELS

From 1C

the stingy Hastings defense but was never able to overcome a 17-2 run by the Bears after Anthony McCoy opened the game with a 3-pointer for Lee.

"It was going to be tough because we're playing in Midland," Edwards said of the Bears' mentality early on. "This is where they're from, so we've got to bring it."

Hastings took a 33-20 lead into the half as it knocked down 13 of 22 shots from the field in the first half.

Yet Collins, an Andrews native, warned his team that the Rebels weren't going to go easy.

"I knew the kids from Midland Lee weren't going away," Collins said. "I know (Coffman), he was coaching here when I was playing back in the day, so I knew they were going to keep coming."

Lee never seemed able to get closer than nine most of the second half until McCoy, who had 23 points to lead all scorers, knocked down one of his four 3-pointers to pull Lee within 43-39 with 5:55 to play.

But Hastings responded with six straight points to push the lead back to double figures.

Andre Johnson led Hastings with 15 points, and Shawn Johnson added 12, but it was the 6-foot-6 Edwards who earned MVP honors after helping the Bears grab twice as many rebounds as Lee.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Alief Hastings' Shawn Johnson, center, puts a shot up over Lee's Takaies Polk, left, and Daniel Nelson on Saturday in the boys championship game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic at Chaparral Center.

Edwards, who had 10 points and 14 boards, was also one of the team leaders bent on improving from the Bears' fifth-place finish in 2011.

"I just gave them motivation," Edwards said, "telling them things I've learned from last year to help us this year to win it."

Hastings' lead seemed safe down to the final minute, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Ian Johnson and McCoy made it 51-48 with six seconds to play before Collins called timeout to devise his plan.

For Collins, the victory, which capped an undefeated run in the Classic, was a rewarding experience.

"For us to come down here with eight (players), some of them didn't make the trip because they weren't doing what they were supposed to do at home," Collins said. "You come down here with eight good kids and they play their hearts out, that's all you can ask."

Yet Collins wasn't the only one encouraged by the game.

Coffman said he felt the second half may have established momentum for the Rebels as they return to district play. They'll find out Wednesday when they hit the road to take on rival Odessa Permian.

"Hopefully, we can build on it because we're still a little rusty coming off the break," Coffman said. "We've just got to learn to use the tools that we've got. We've got some pretty good tools out there to use, we've just got to learn to use them, and hopefully we can."

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ALIEF HASTINGS 51, LEE 50
Hastings (10-10) — Andre Johnson 15, Shawn Johnson 12, Ray Edwards 10, Victor Ekewere 8, Derrick Davis 6
Lee (10-11) — Anthony McCoy 23, Daniel Nelson 9, Johnny Rogers 7, Keenan Van Watermulen 4, Jordan Williams 4, Ian Johnson 3
Hastings ..... 19 14 10 8 —51
Lee ..... 11 9 14 16 —50
Free throws — Hastings 6-11, Lee 4-7. 3-point goals — Hastings 5 (A. Johnson 3, Davis 2), Lee 6 (McCoy 4, Johnson, Rogers). Total fouls — Hastings 8, Lee 16. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Hastings 32 (Edwards 14), Lee 16 (Williams 7). Assists — Hastings 4 (Davis 2), Lee 4 (Takaies Polk 2). Turnovers — Hastings 21, Lee 11.
Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

SCORES

Byron Johnston Holiday Classic
All games at Chaparral Center unless noted.

Girls

Pool play

Pool A: Midland High, Lee, Houston Memorial, El Paso Eastlake
Pool B: El Paso El Dorado, Plainview, Canyon Randall, El Paso Americas

Thursday

Houston Memorial 38, El Paso Eastlake 22
El Paso El Dorado 52, Plainview 35
Canyon Randall 42, El Paso Americas 41
Midland High 44, Lee 41

Friday

El Paso El Dorado 45, El Paso Americas 35
Plainview 49, Canyon Randall 38
Houston Memorial 46, Lee 41
Midland High 64, El Paso Eastlake 32
El Paso El Dorado 42, Canyon Randall 36
Lee 55, El Paso Eastlake 40
Plainview 41, El Paso Americas 37
Houston Memorial 43, Midland High 35

Saturday

Seventh-place game, El Paso Americas 51, El Paso Eastlake 50, OT
Fifth-place game, Lee 51, Canyon Randall 49
Third-place game, Midland High 41, Plainview 39
Championship, El Paso El Dorado 38, Houston Memorial 31

2012 All-Tournament Team

Adeola Akomolafe*, El Paso El Dorado; Ciara Fields, El Paso El Dorado; Lauren Newman, El Paso El Dorado; Amy Allfeld, Houston Memorial; Olivia Podaras, Houston Memorial; Alexandrea Washington, Midland High; Karli Wheeler, Plainview; Daija Stanford, Lee
*denotes MVP

Boys

Pool play

Pool A: Midland High, Lee, Houston Memorial, El Paso Eastlake
Pool B: Crowley, Plainview, Alief Hastings, El Paso Americas

Thursday

El Paso Eastlake 46, Houston Memorial 39
Crowley 53, Plainview 45
Alief Hastings 46, El Paso Americas 41
Lee 56, Midland High 51

Friday

Crowley 45, El Paso Americas 28
Alief Hastings 40, Plainview 36
Houston Memorial 46, Lee 41
Midland High 54, El Paso Eastlake 51
Alief Hastings 46, Crowley 43
Lee 81, El Paso Eastlake 50
Plainview 56, El Paso Americas 53
Midland High 47, Houston Memorial 46

Saturday

Seventh-place game, El Paso Americas 49, Houston Memorial 47
Fifth-place game, El Paso Eastlake 82, Plainview 65
Third-place game, Crowley 43, Midland High 40, OT
4:30 p.m. -- Championship, Alief Hastings 51, Lee 50

2012 All-Tournament Team

Ray Edwards*, Alief Hastings; Andre Johnson, Alief Hastings; Shawn Johnson, Alief Hastings; Anthony McCoy, Lee; Daniel Nelson, Lee; Dion Malone, Crowley; Mazelle Justice, Midland High; Brody Moore, El Paso Eastlake
*denotes MVP

TITLE

From 1C

Memorial senior guard Olivia Podaras had eight of her team-high 15 points in the opening period to lead the Lady Mustangs (13-9) to an early lead. However, the Lady Aztecs (19-4) managed to go up 20-18 late in the second period, but Podaras managed to drive the lane, get to the free-throw line and tie the game, 20-20, heading into halftime.

The game remained tied at 26-26 with 54 seconds left in the third but Akomolafe grabbed another offensive rebound and putback seconds later and El Dorado led the remainder of the game.

"It really had to do with what we were doing as a team," Akomolafe said. "I was able to get those rebounds because my teammates were playing well around me. We really pulled together and wanted to prove we are a good team."

After Podaras made a driving layup to cut the margin to 32-30 with 2 minutes, 12 seconds remaining in the game, the Lady Aztecs outscored Memorial, 6-1, the rest of the game. Akomolafe accounted for half of those points at the free-throw line — a place where she struggled shooting for a majority of the game, but managed to score from when it mattered most.

Turns out Akomolafe had some added motivation after she had read something in Saturday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

"She read in the paper how El Paso Americas had held her to just four points," El Dorado coach Monica Ramirez said. "She looked at me and said, 'That can't happen again.'" That really gave her some bulletin board material, and she responded to it."

For Ramirez, the title game victory completed what was a nice homecoming for the 1989 Lee grad.

"I really wanted to come back here and let the people I love see my team," Ramirez said. "This is a special group of girls, and I wanted to show them off. I'm not sure that they saw the best my team can be, but I will take wins any way I can get them."

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EL PASO EL DORADO 38, HOUSTON MEMORIAL 31
El Dorado (19-4) — Adeola Akomolafe 15, Takiyah Lopez 8, Caitlyn Campos 7, Lauren Newman 6, Angelica Apodaca 2
Memorial (13-9) — Olivia Podaras 15, Amy Allfeld 7, Amy Houser 5, Jessie Ustick 4
El Dorado ..... 10 10 9 9 —38
Memorial ..... 13 7 6 5 —31
Free throws — ED 12-27, HM 7-12. 3-point goals — ED 2 (Campos, Lopez), HM 2 (Houser, Allfeld). Total fouls — ED 14, HM 18. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — ED, Apodoca; HM, Podaras.

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Lubbock Trinity edges Garden City for Cotton Classic boys title

By Iline Tang
MRT Correspondent

LENORAH — The championship game of the boys side of the Black & Gold Cotton Classic was a physical, intense and aggressive battle between Lubbock Trinity and Garden City.

Lubbock Trinity, though, was able to pull through for a 48-46 victory against Garden City.

"We knew they were going to be super fundamental and do everything right," Garden City head coach Koby Abney said of Trinity. "They're one of the best basketball programs in Texas, so you know their kids are going to be well coached, they're going to shoot the ball well and they're going to do little things right and that's exactly what they did."

Abney

Davis

Junior guard Corbin Davis led Garden City with 20 points as Sam Miller scored nine points. Paul Stephenson and Kevin Yu each had nine points for Trinity.

The Lions jumped out to an early start in the first quarter holding the Bearkats to five points as they scored 12, hitting jump shots in the paint and near the baseline.

With 5:53 remaining in the second quarter, Davis hit a 3-pointer at the top of the key to send the Bearkats on a 6-0 run.

With a deep 3-pointer made by Miller, the Bearkats were tied with the Lions at 20. With 16 seconds left in the quarter, Davis made a three-point play to put the Bearkats up, 24-23 going into halftime.

"We just needed to play good defense and keep the lead," Abney said. "We were pretty emotionally and physically spent from the game we had with Grady and I thought we bounced back better than we could have."

To kick off the third quarter, Dillion Koenning scored the first points of the half for the Bearkats with a layup. The Lions responded by going on an 8-0 run as Zyler Buchanan and Yu made some shots in the run.

Garden City and Trinity each scored nine points in the final quarter, but the Lions used their early surge to hang on for the win.

"We didn't do a good job of trapping their pick and rolls, but all in all, to be working some kids back from injuries and after Christmas, it's a great tournament for us," Abney said.

Grady Black & Gold Cotton Classic
Friday-Saturday
at Grady High School-Grady Junior High
Friday's Scores
First round
Game 1: Seminole JV 55, Lee JV 53
Game 2: Lubbock Trinity 61, Trinity 38
Game 3: Monahans 47, Lovington 46
Game 4: Grady 67, Wink 40
Game 5: Garden City 40, Ira 37

Winner's bracket
Game 6: Lubbock Trinity 61, Seminole JV 50
Consolation bracket
Game 7: Trinity 80, Lovington 47
Saturday's Scores
Winner's bracket
Game 8: Garden City 55, Grady 52
Game 10: Lubbock Trinity 54, Monahans JV 22
Third-place game: Grady 63, Monahans JV 38
Championship game: Lubbock Trinity 48, Garden City 46
Consolation bracket
Game 9: Ira 39, Wink 38
Game 11: Lee JV 81, Trinity 64
Game 12: Seminole JV 52, Lovington, N.M. 24
Game 13: Wink 64, Trinity 56
Consolation championship game: Lee JV 65, Ira 55

SATURDAY'S BOXES
LUBBOCK TRINITY 48, GARDEN CITY 46

Lubbock Trinity	12	11	16	9—48
Garden City	5	19	13	9—46

Lubbock Trinity — Paul Stephenson 9, Kevin Yu 9.
Garden City — Corbin Davis 20, Sam Miller 9

LEE JV 81, TRINITY 64

Lee	14	20	36	11—81
Trinity	14	14	19	17—64

Trinity — Vincent Baiana 16, Zachariah Meyers 12, Ethan Selvera 10.
Lee — Deddrick Thompson 26, Daniel Vanzent 25, Donald Akiman 18.

IRA 39, WINK 38

Ira	12	13	5	9—39
Wink	11	9	13	5—38

Ira — Tyler Goodwin 11
Wink — Riley Richardson 10, Jordan Sonnier 8, Cory Funderberg 8.

GARDEN CITY 55, GRADY 52

Garden City	10	8	19	16—55
Grady	11	16	12	11—52

Garden City — Corbin Davis 22, Braeden Jones 10.
Grady — Brandon Lucas 17, Taylor Polson 11.

GRADY 63, MONAHANS 38

Grady	16	16	19	22—63
Monahans	7	11	7	13—38

Grady — Brandon Lucas 17, Taylor Polson 10, Beau Lucas 10.
Monahans — Austin Montez 9, Jordan Huber 5.

LUBBOCK TRINITY 54, MONAHANS 22

Lubbock Trinity	12	4	23	15—54
Monahans	5	9	4	4—22

Lubbock Trinity — Kevin Yu 11.
Monahans — Lucas Rodriguez 6, Marcus Montes 4.

WINK 64, TRINITY 56

Wink	12	14	20	18—64
Trinity	8	17	17	14—56

Trinity — Zachariah Meyers 16, Taylor Cory 16, Stockton Morrow 11.
Wink — Malik Harden 19, Riley Richardson 15, Eli Augusta 12, Cory Funderburg 10.

SEMINOLE JV 52, LOVINGTON, N.M. 24

Seminole	15	13	17	7—52
Lovington N.M.	2	7	8	12—24

Lovington — Isaac Morano 10.
Seminole — Christ Daley 11, Colton Wheeler 8, Dakota Crump 8, Rocky Loewen 8.

LEE JV 65, IRA 55

Lee	14	22	15	14—65
Ira	13	20	16	6—55

Ira — Tyler Goodwin 16, Jarod Cotton 13, Logan Morris 12, Rowdy Mihoon 10.
Lee — Daniel Vanzent 22.

Seventh-place game: Monahans 44, Lovington, N.M. 42
Consolation championship game: Trinity 40, Seminole JV 38

SATURDAY'S BOXES
GRADY 37, GARDEN CITY 32

Grady	14	8	8	7—37
Garden City	7	7	7	11—31

Garden City — Holly Halfmann 16.
Grady — Ellyn Avery 20.

IRA 39, WINK 38

Ira	12	13	5	19—39
Wink	11	9	13	5—38

Ira — Allie Claxton 11, Samantha Bloom 11.
Wink — Lacee Creech 10.

MONAHANS 44, LOVINGTON, N.M. 42

Monahans	7	10	20	7—44
Lovington	6	9	9	18—42

Lovington — Lacy Molina 2, Tatum McGehee 2.
Monahans — Maddie Haynes 14.

TRINITY 40, SEMINOLE JV 38

Trinity	6	9	13	12—40
Seminole	7	6	14	12—38

Trinity — Mylyra Ball 16, Mykelti Ball 14.
Seminole — Lindsey Wimmer 14.

Grady outlasts Garden City for Cotton Classic girls title

By Iline Tang
MRT Correspondent

LENORAH — The girls bracket of the 2012 Black & Gold Cotton Classic basketball tournament finished with a battle between rivals Grady and Garden City on Saturday.

Although things became a bit tough near the end of the fourth quarter for Grady, the Lady Wildcats won the title with a 37-31 victory against the Lady Bearkats.

"Our expectations were to win," Grady head coach Jimmy Avery said. "(The Bearkats) were going to play hard and fight. They're good kids. They work hard and are well coached."

Grady expanded a 14-7 first quarter lead by kicking off the second quarter with an 8-0 run with the help of a 3-pointer made at the top of the key by Ellyn Avery.

Garden City, though, recovered late in the second quarter as the Lady Bearkats were able to keep the deficit to eight points at 22-14.

Grady's Ellyn Avery opened the third quarter with a steal on a Lady Bearkats' inbounds pass as she went in for a layup for the Lady 'Cats' first points of the second half as Grady held the Lady Bearkats scoreless for the first three minutes of the third quarter.

Garden City, though, went on a 5-0 in the middle of the third quarter to keep the game close.

"They played good defense and they rebound well, so we're probably only getting one shot," coach Avery said. "If you're going to beat good teams, you have to defend and rebound. We preach defense and rebounds to win championships, and hopefully we can score a few more baskets than they do."

Grady posted a 6-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, but Garden City forced some turnovers to keep the game close late in the fourth quarter.

"I think we did pretty good and worked really hard," Ellyn Avery said of her teammates. "We always expect a really tough game from Garden City. They're a tough opponent and they work really hard."

Ellyn Avery led Grady with 20 points as Garden City's, Halfmann led with 16.

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Consolation bracket
Game 6: Trinity 55, Monahans 23
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Saturday's Games
Winner's bracket
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Consolation bracket

Aging Ginobili doesn't mind role change

By Jeff McDonald
San Antonio Express-News

DALLAS — The jaw-dropping highlight-reel plays don't come with nearly the frequency they once did, back when the long-haired Argentine dynamo was a YouTube staple before YouTube was cool.

Neither do the raw numbers leap off the box score the way they did in 2007-08, when he was the top sub in basketball.

In a 35-year-old Manu Ginobili, however, the Spurs believe they still have what they did in the 26-year-old version — a game-changing guard coming off the bench.

Even if the way Ginobili changes games has, well, changed.

"He's going to make the plays where they are," forward Tim Duncan said. "If they decide to play him for the pass, he's going to score that thing. He wants to score, but he's a very willing passer on this team."

Scoring has not exactly been Ginobili's forte for much of his 11th NBA season. The Spurs have not needed it to be.

Heading into tonight's rematch with Dallas at the American Airlines Center, Ginobili is averaging 12.6 points, his fewest since his rookie season of 2002-03.

His shooting percentage (42.6 percent) is at its lowest mark since his sophomore campaign.

At this point, the season-high 23 points Ginobili notched in Friday's 122-116 home victory over Houston — which included a 5-for-9 conversion rate from 3-point range — appears to be more outlier than trendsetter.

And yet, Ginobili continues to serve as undisputed maestro of a Spurs bench that remains among the league's best, ranking third in scoring (41.6 points per game) and first in assists (11.6).

"I think my role has changed the last couple years," said Ginobili, who averaged 19.7 points during his Sixth Man of the Year campaign of five seasons ago. "I started taking way less shots, and playing less minutes, since we are so deep. I don't mind it."

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Tech overcomes adversity in comeback win against Minnesota

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas Tech has had a difficult month since coach Tommy Tuberville left abruptly for the job at Cincinnati.

The struggles continued on Friday night, and the Red Raiders trailed Minnesota by a touchdown with just more than a minute left in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

That was when seniors D.J. Johnson and Seth Doege came through with big plays to help Texas Tech to a 34-31 win.

After Doege connected with Eric Ward on a 35-yard scoring play to pull the Red Raiders even at 31 with just more than a minute remaining, Johnson returned an interception 39 yards and Ryan Bustin made a 28-yard field goal as time expired to give the Red Raiders the win.

"We've overcome a lot of adversity," Johnson said. "To end my last play like that is a blessing."

Michael Carter intercepted two of Doege's passes in the fourth quarter before the tying score, but Minnesota couldn't convert either of the turnovers into points.

"Things weren't always going our way ... but we kept fighting and put ourselves in a position to win the game," Doege said.

The Red Raiders (8-5) got their third straight bowl victory to end their trying season on a high note.

Texas Tech has hired Kliff Kingsbury to replace Tuberville, but interim coach Chris Thomsen led the team against Minnesota (6-7). Kingsbury was at the game, watching from a suite.

Doege threw for 271 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score in front of a crowd that included 1977 Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell and former Tech coach Spike Dykes.

"More than anything, I credit those players," Thomsen said of Johnson and Doege. "They really held it together ... to get to make those plays after they struggled. They kept their poise and confidence and continued to stay in there and battle."

Philip Nelson threw for 138 yards and two scores for the Gophers, who were in a bowl game for the first time since 2009.

"I think our kids played hard tonight; they played their guts out, and I appreciate that," Minnesota coach Jerry Kill said. "We just couldn't make a play at a critical time."

The Red Raiders returned to a bowl after having their 18-season bowl streak snapped last year.

A 1-yard touchdown pass from Nelson to Drew Goodger gave Minnesota a 31-24 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Texas Tech led 24-17 at halftime, but couldn't do anything offensively in the second half until the last couple of minutes. It was an ugly game for the Red Raiders, who had 13 penalties for 135 yards and lost the tight end Jace Amaro when he was ejected for throwing a punch.

Jakeem Grant ran for what was initially ruled a touchdown for Tech late in the third quarter. Amaro threw a punch at Derrick Wells in the end zone on the play and was ejected.

BOWL ROUNDUP

PINSTRIPE BOWL
SYRACUSE 38
WEST VIRGINIA 14

NEW YORK — Prince-Tyson Gulley ran for a career-best 208 yards and had three touchdowns, Syracuse scored twice on safeties and the Orange bid a snow-covered farewell to the Big East with a 38-14 victory over West Virginia in the Pinstripe Bowl on Saturday.

Syracuse (8-5) will enter the Atlantic Coast Conference on a roll after finishing this season with six wins in its last seven games, capped by its second postseason victory at Yankee Stadium in the last three years.

In a bowl game played in a baseball stadium with weather better suited for a playoff game in Green Bay, the team that plays in a dome ended up being better equipped to handle the elements.

The Orange leaned on their running game to plow through former Big East rival West Virginia (7-6) and the snow. Jerome Smith added 157 yards rushing, and Syracuse finished with a season-high 369 yards.

Geno Smith connected with Stedman Bailey for two touchdown passes, but the Mountaineers' quarterback also was sacked in the end zone in the first half and called for intentional grounding in the end zone in the second half as he tried to avoid another sack.

Smith, who was an early Heisman Trophy front-runner as the Mountaineers got off to a 5-0 start this season, was 16 for 26 for 197 yards in the final game of his record-breaking career.

Syracuse's Ryan Nassib threw two touchdown passes and an interception.

FIGHT HUNGER BOWL
ARIZONA STATE 62
NAVY 28

SAN FRANCISCO — Taylor Kelly threw four touchdown passes and ran for a fifth score to help Arizona State rout Navy in the Fight Hunger Bowl for the Sun Devils' first bowl win in seven years.

Offensive MVP Marion Grice ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns for the Sun Devils (8-5), who used their fast-paced spread offense to score touchdowns on their first nine possessions.

That helped provided a bright end to a successful first season at Arizona State for coach Todd Graham, who helped the Sun Devils win their most games since 2007 and win a bowl for the first time since the 2005 Insight Bowl against Rutgers. The Sun Devils also capped their season by beating rival Arizona and winning a bowl, a feat they had accomplished just once in the past 33 seasons.

Rice wins Armed Forces Bowl over Air Force

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — When Rice freshman quarterback Driphus Jackson was suddenly thrust into action in the Armed Forces Bowl, he drove the Owls within 2 yards of a tying touchdown before his errant pitch.

Jackson more than made up for that miscue that ended the first half.

After starter Taylor McHargue was knocked out the game because of a concussion, Jackson threw for 264 yards with two second-half touchdowns to Jordan Taylor, and Rice beat Air Force 33-14 on Saturday.

"I couldn't get down (after the fumble). The guys had all the confidence in the world in me," Jackson said. "Things slowed down for me in the second half."

Rice (7-6), which had to win four in a row just to get bowl eligible, has won both of its bowl games under sixth-year coach David Bailiff. Before their 2008 Texas Bowl victory, the Owls had lost their only four bowl games since winning the 1954 Cotton Bowl.

"This football team has overcome a lot of adversity and really played well down the stretch," Bailiff said. "We had a very motivational talk with our team just before the winning streak, and our coaching staff and players worked hard and kept improving every game."

And this is a Rice team with only seven seniors, three of them tight ends.

The Owls were 1-5 after a loss at Memphis on Oct. 6, and their only loss was 28-24 to Conference USA champion Tulsa.

"We had our ups and downs. To cap it after the start we had, it means the world," said running back Turner Petersen (nine carries for 81 yards).

Air Force (6-7) scored on consecutive drives in the second quarter with backup quarterback Kale Pearson in the game. But the Falcons had a season-low 214 total yards.

Jackson's first series ended with a bad pitch near the goal line only 2 seconds before halftime, when the Owls trailed 14-7. It was the third lost fumble by Rice in the second quarter.

"We didn't make a lot of adjustments at halftime," said Taylor, who had nine catches for 153 yards and three TDs, including a 16-yarder from McHargue in the first quarter. "The coaches just told us to execute and protect the football better than we did in the first half."

Jackson had consecutive completions of 25 and 22 yards before a 2-yard keeper and then a 22-yard TD to Taylor on Rice's opening drive of the second half.

The Owls went ahead to stay, 21-14, when Jackson hit six passes in a row to set up Charles Ross' 2-yard TD run.

"As soon as the starter went out, we knew there were adjustments we had to make," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said. "We put an enormous amount of strain on our defense. Any time you make only 12 first downs, you're going to tax your defense."

Jackson, who started against Houston when McHargue had a shoulder problem, completed 15 of 21 passes and rushed for 32 yards.

"After having one start under my belt, I knew what to expect," Jackson said. "I had an idea of how to manage the game. They gave me the keys and told me to go."

LM Otero/AP

Rice quarterback Driphus Jackson (6) evades Air Force linebacker Austin Niklas, left, during the second half of Saturday's Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth.

Owls	33
Falcons	14

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offensively and defensively," Wood said. "In the first half we had a great style of football. In the second half, Texas made some adjustments and I guess, they just wanted it more."

The victory was a dose of much-needed good news for Texas after coming into the game under a cloud of questions following the suspensions of backup quarterback Case McCoy and injured linebacker Jordan Hicks.

Ash, whose been pulled at times for McCoy this season, was 21 of 33 for 241 yards. Ash sputtered until the fourth quarter, when he went 9 for 11 for 146 yards. Even if there were doubts about Ash before then, Texas had no choice but to stick with him: the only backups were two redshirt freshmen who haven't taken a snap all season.

Brown announced the suspensions Friday but wouldn't reveal which players were sent home. A person with knowledge of the suspensions told The Associated Press the players were McCoy and Hicks, speaking on condition of anonymity because Texas wasn't releasing the names.

Brown addressed the suspensions during a previously schedule news conference and referred to a local TV report that police were investigating two unidentified Texas players in an alleged sexual assault at a San Antonio hotel. Police released a heavily redacted incident report that only identifies the suspects as two students, one 20 and the other 21.

Authorities are still investigating and no charges have been filed.

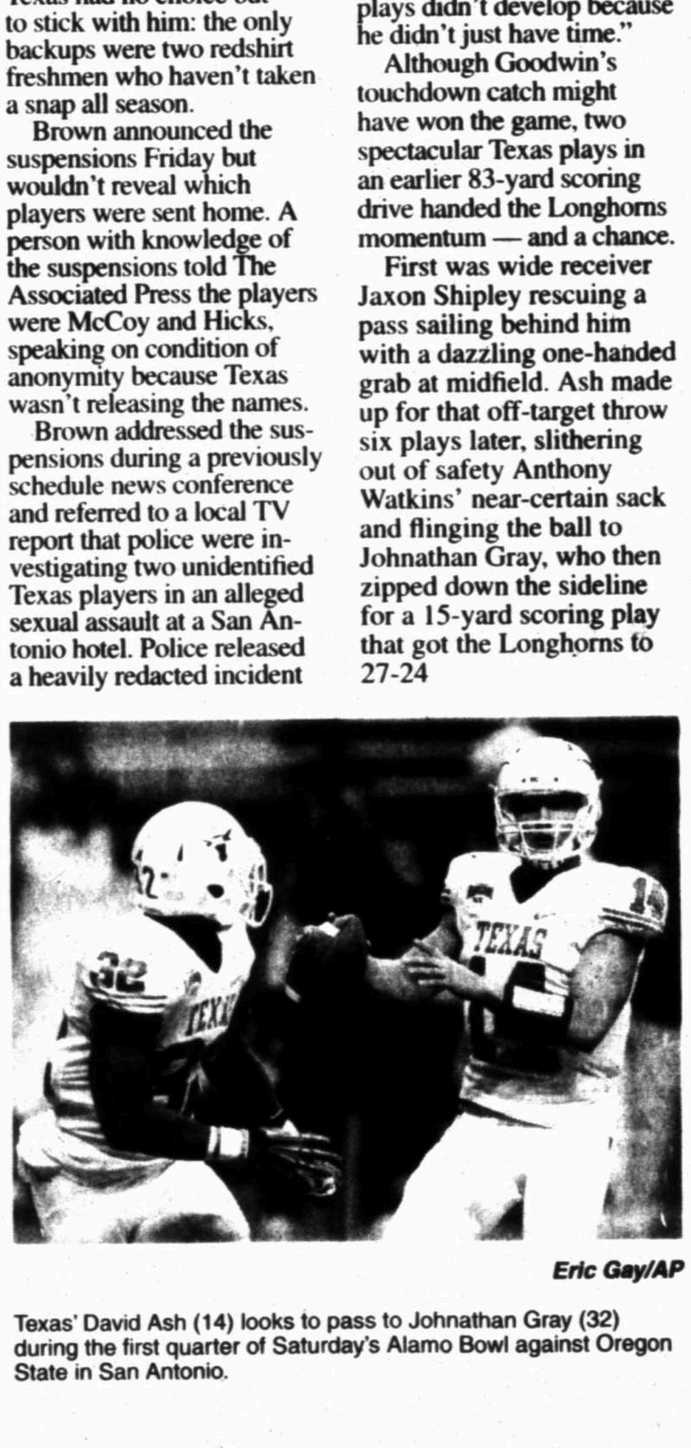
Brown said he would not address the suspensions further.

Oregon State quarterback Cody Vaz was 15 of 28 for 194 yards and two interceptions. The Beavers had negative 4 yards in the fourth quarter as they were muffled by the Longhorns defense that was led by Alex Okafor, who finished with 4 1/2 sacks.

"When we tried to just drop back and pass, it was difficult," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "That's why Cody had to just hang in there. It was very, very tough. He made some plays and some other plays didn't develop because he didn't just have time."

Although Goodwin's touchdown catch might have won the game, two spectacular Texas plays in an earlier 83-yard scoring drive handed the Longhorns momentum — and a chance.

First was wide receiver Jaxon Shipley rescuing a pass sailing behind him with a dazzling one-handed grab at midfield. Ash made up for that off-target throw six plays later, slithering out of safety Anthony Watkins' near-certain sack and flinging the ball to Johnathan Gray, who then zipped down the sideline for a 15-yard scoring play that got the Longhorns to 27-24



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Texas' David Ash (14) looks to pass to Johnathan Gray (32) during the first quarter of Saturday's Alamo Bowl against Oregon State in San Antonio.

BOWL GLANCE AND BOXES

Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6

Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
UCF 38, Ball State 17

Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State 28, Washington 26

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU 43, Fresno State 10

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan 24, Western Kentucky 21

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20
Beth Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Cincinnati 48, Duke 34
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor 49, UCLA 26

Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Ohio 45, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech 13, Rutgers 10, OT
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas Tech 34, Minnesota 31

Saturday's Scores
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Rice 33, Air Force 14
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse 38, West Virginia 14
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State 62, Navy 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas 31, Oregon State 27
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), late

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19
RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Stars vs. Stripes, 2 p.m. (CBSSN)
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

SATURDAY'S BOXES

TEXAS 31, NO. 15 OREGON ST. 27

Texas	3	7	7	14	—31
Oregon St.	10	10	7	0	—27

First Quarter
OrSt—FG Romaine 29, 9:12.
Tex—FG Jordan 40, 6:46.
OrSt—Woods 12 run (Romaine kick), 1:33.
Second Quarter
Tex—Goodwin 64 run (Jordan kick), 14:40.
OrSt—FG Romaine 37, 9:20.
OrSt—Ward 9 run (Romaine kick), 3:46.
Third Quarter
Tex—Ash 11 run (Jordan kick), 5:17.
OrSt—Woods 2 run (Romaine kick), :09.
Fourth Quarter
Tex—Gray 15 pass from Ash (Jordan kick), 8:18.
Tex—Goodwin 36 pass from Ash (Jordan kick), 2:24.
A—65,277.

	Tex	OrSt
First downs	16	21
Rushes-yards	31-117	42-103
Passing	241	194
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-1	15-29-2
Return Yards	33	22
Punts-Avg.	5-45.4	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-78	2-10
Time of Possession	29:02	30:58

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Texas, Goodwin 1-64, Ash 7-22, Gray 7-18, Monroe 3-9, Malcol Brown 4-8, Shipley 1-2, Bergeron 5-2, Team 3-(minus 6). Oregon St., Woods 21-118, Wheaton 4-26, Ward 6-25, Cooks 1-15, Vaz 10-(minus 81).

PASSING—Texas, Ash 21-33-1-241, King 0-1-0-0. Oregon St., Vaz 15-28-2-194, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Texas, Shipley 8-88, Goodwin 4-68, M.Davis 3-30, Gray 2-27, Malcol Brown 2-14, Monroe 1-9, Grant 1-5. Oregon St., Hamlett 5-70, Wheaton 3-37, Cooks 3-31, K.Cummings 2-15, Woods 1-22, Ward 1-19.

RICE 33, AIR FORCE 14

Rice	7	0	7	19	—33
Air Force	0	14	0	0	—14

First Quarter
Rice—Taylor 16 pass from McHargue (Boswell kick), 4:05.
Second Quarter
AFA—Pearson 9 run (Herrington kick), 6:14.
AFA—Cobb 1 run (Herrington kick), 2:36.
Third Quarter
Rice—Taylor 22 pass from D.Jackson (Boswell kick), 9:30.
Fourth Quarter
Rice—Ross 2 run (Boswell kick), 14:25.
Rice—FG Boswell 24, 11:18.
Rice—FG Boswell 25, 4:31.
Rice—Taylor 34 pass from D.Jackson (kick blocked), 1:38.
A—40,754.

	Rice	AFA
First downs	24	12
Rushes-yards	54-208	48-166
Passing	295	48
Comp-Att-Int	21-29-0	3-12-1
Return Yards	13	0
Punts-Avg.	2-36.5	7-33.1
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-35	5-45
Time of Possession	37:52	22:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Rice, Petersen 9-81, Ross 16-57, McHargue 10-39, D.Jackson 13-32, Turner 1-3, Eddington 1-1, Parks 1-1, Team 3-(minus 6). Air Force, MacArthur 9-48, Cobb 13-39, Getz 7-35, Dietz 6-11, Pearson 6-11, DeWitt 2-10, Strickland 1-5, Baska 1-3, LaCoste 1-3, Lee 1-2, Team 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Rice, D.Jackson 15-21-0-264, McHargue 6-8-0-31. Air Force, Pearson 2-8-1-44, Dietz 1-3-0-4, Strickland 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Rice, Taylor 9-153, McGuffie 5-80, Petersen 3-11, Moore 2-22, McDonald 1-25, Ross 1-4. Air Force, Strickland 1-29, Coleman 1-15, Hendricks 1-4.

SYRACUSE 38, WEST VIRGINIA 14

West Virginia	0	7	7	0	—14
Syracuse	3	9	23	3	—38

First Quarter
Syr—FG Krautman 25, 5:21.
Second Quarter
Syr—Lynch Safety, 7:39.
Syr—Gulley 33 run (Krautman kick), 6:07.
WVU—Bailey 32 pass from G.Smith (Blancurt kick), 3:38.
Third Quarter
Syr—Wales 10 pass from R.Nassib (Krautman kick), 10:43.
Syr—Gulley 67 run (Krautman kick), 6:52.
WVU—Bailey 29 pass from G.Smith (Blancurt kick), 5:41.
Syr—Gulley 10 pass from R.Nassib (Krautman kick), 2:52.
Syr—Sharpe Safety, 1:08.
Fourth Quarter
Syr—FG Krautman 36, 11:57.
A—39,098.

	WVU	Syr
First downs	15	29
Rushes-yards	37-88	65-369
Passing	197	142
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-0	13-25-1
Return Yards	0	6
Punts-Avg.	5-31.4	3-24.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-106	5-68
Time of Possession	23:37	36:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—West Virginia, Austin 12-54, Buie 9-33, Bailey 1-13, G.Smith 5-13, Alston 7-5, Kinsey 3-(minus 30). Syracuse, Gulley 25-208, Smith 30-157, R.Nassib 8-8, Team 2-(minus 4).

PASSING—West Virginia, G.Smith 16-24-0-197. Syracuse, R.Nassib 12-24-1-134, Loeb 1-1-0-8.

RECEIVING—West Virginia, Bailey 7-126, Woods 5-41, Austin 2-21, Clay 1-10, Buie 1-(minus 1). Syracuse, Gulley 5-56, Wales 3-39, Lemon 3-11, Sales 1-19, West 1-17.

ARIZONA ST. 62, NAVY 28

Navy	0	7	7	14	—28
Arizona St.	21	13	28	0	—62

First Quarter
ASU—Ross 16 pass from Kelly (Garoutte kick), 12:43.
ASU—Grice 10 run (Garoutte kick), 8:22.
ASU—Kelly 1 run (Garoutte kick), :08.
Second Quarter
Navy—Aiken 3 pass from Reynolds (Sloan kick), 9:24.
ASU—Agwuenu 11 pass from Kelly (Garoutte kick), 7:56.
ASU—Ross 52 pass from Kelly (kick failed), :55.
Third Quarter
ASU—Ross 50 pass from Kelly (Garoutte kick), 13:24.
ASU—C.Marshall 1 run (Garoutte kick), 6:24.
Navy—G.Greene 95 kickoff return (Sloan kick), 6:10.
ASU—Grice 39 run (Garoutte kick), 5:17.
ASU—C.Marshall 33 run (Garoutte kick), 3:39.
Fourth Quarter
Navy—Swain 46 run (Sloan kick), 10:17.
Navy—Turner 23 pass from Miller (Sloan kick), 5:16.
A—34,172.

	Navy	ASU
First downs	18	36
Rushes-yards	55-313	49-380
Passing	37	268
Comp-Att-Int	6-12-1	17-20-0
Return Yards	0	41
Punts-Avg.	4-41.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-43	2-25
Time of Possession	33:21	26:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Navy, G.Greene 12-112, Swain 4-93, Copeland 10-47, Whiteside 4-23, Reynolds 22-21, Staten 1-8, Aiken 1-6, Christian 1-3. Arizona St., Grice 14-159, Kelly 7-81, C.Marshall 9-58, Eubank 7-38, De.Lewis 7-27, Robinson 2-20, Foster 1-1, Team 2-(minus 4).

PASSING—Navy, Reynolds 5-11-1-14, Miller 1-1-0-23. Arizona St., Kelly 17-19-0-268, Eubank 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Navy, Turner 2-24, Copeland 2-4, G.Greene 1-6, Aiken 1-3. Arizona St., Ross 4-139, Coyle 4-37, Agwuenu 2-21, Miles 2-21, Grice 2-19, Foster 2-11, C.Marshall 1-20.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX
TEXAS TECH 34, MINNESOTA 31

Minnesota	10	7	7	7	—31
Texas Tech	7	14	10	0	—34

First Quarter
Minn—FG Wettstein 41, 8:31.
TT—Grant 99 kickoff return (Bustin kick), 8:17.
Minn—R.Williams 2 run (Wettstein kick), 5:46.
TT—Edwards 13 pass from Brewer (Bustin kick), 4:01.
Second Quarter
Minn—Kirkwood 3 run (Wettstein kick), 14:26.
TT—FG Bustin 28, 8:36.
TT—Doege 4 run (Bustin kick), :05.
Third Quarter
Minn—Crawford-Tufts 17 pass from Nelson (Wettstein kick), 12:07.
Fourth Quarter
Minn—Goodger 1 pass from Nelson (Wettstein kick), 13:07.
TT—E.Ward 35 pass from Doege (Bustin kick), 1:10.
TT—FG Bustin 28, :00.
A—50,386.

	Minn	TT
First downs	23	23
Rushes-yards	54-222	24-145
Passing	146	284
Comp-Att-Int	8-19-1	32-47-2
Return Yards	6	57
Punts-Avg.	4-33.0	3-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-94	13-135
Time of Possession	38:18	23:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, Kirkwood 19-77, R.Williams 12-60, Gray 1-59, Nelson 12-26. Texas Tech, Stephens 5-66, Ke.Williams 7-45, Doege 5-20, S.Foster 4-11, E.Ward 1-6, Grant 2-(minus 3).

PASSING—Minnesota, Nelson 7-18-1-138, Gray 1-1-0-8. Texas Tech, Doege 31-45-2-271, Brewer 1-1-0-13, Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Engel 4-108, Rabe 2-20, Crawford-Tufts 1-17, Goodger 1-1. Texas Tech, Moore 11-84, E.Ward 7-79, Ty.Williams 6-46, Ke.Williams 2-28, Amaro 2-15, Edwards 1-13, Stephens 1-8, J.Davis 1-6, S.Foster 1-5.

Reid's job status not yet decided

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Andy Reid has been fired by nearly everyone except the man in charge.

It's a foregone conclusion in Philadelphia and around the NFL that Reid will coach his last game with the Eagles today at the New York Giants. Fans already have a wish list for a new coach and the media has speculated for months about Reid's successor.

But owner Jeffrey Lurie has said nothing. Lurie hasn't spoken to reporters since Aug. 30, which is when he said another 8-8 season would be "unacceptable."

Reid

A careful look at the questions Lurie faced and his exact answers during that news conference leaves open the possibility that maybe Reid may not get fired.

It doesn't seem likely that he'll step down.

"I want to coach. That's what I want to do," Reid said Friday.

Reid has one year left on his contract, so Lurie made it clear the last time he spoke publicly that he wouldn't discuss a contract extension with Reid's agent, Bob LaMonte, until after the season.

After that statement, Lurie was asked six straight questions about Reid's future. Here's the questions and responses:

—Does there need to be a certain level of success on the field for Reid to receive a contract extension?

"It goes beyond that but there's no question what I said was we need substantial improvement," Lurie said.

■ Did you set a level of what qualifies as a successful season?

"I don't have a level or anything like that," Lurie said. "I just want to be clear about that. You just try to make the best judgment you can after the season."

■ Would another 8-8 season be considered satisfactory?

"No, it would not," Lurie said.

■ Will you know after the season whether it was successful?

"I do. I think it will be very clear," Lurie said.

■ Does your statement on an 8-8 season have qualifiers, including potential injuries?

"Listen, you just have to make the best decisions you can after the season," Lurie said. "As I said, 8-8 was unacceptable."

■ Regardless of injuries, is an 8-8 season unacceptable?

"Again, I am not going to make blanket statements," Lurie said. "I really wanted to try to explain to you that 8-8 was unacceptable. Yeah, I guess if two-thirds of the team is not playing, there are always exceptions. That was a really unacceptable outcome. I just want to reiterate that."

At no point did Lurie say he would fire Reid if the team didn't make the playoffs. However, the widespread assumption after that news conference was that Reid had to take the Eagles deep in the playoffs to keep his job. Because the Eagles are 4-11 and out of the playoffs for the second straight year, it seems inevitable that Reid's days are numbered.

But Lurie left himself an out when he said "there are always exceptions."

Here are two reasons why Lurie could keep Reid for one more year:

1. Reid is due to make $6 million in 2013. That's a lot of money to pay a guy to go away. Sure, the Eagles have missed the playoffs two years in a row. But Reid is the winningest coach in franchise history. Nine playoff appearances, six division titles, five conference championship games and one Super Bowl loss is quite a resume.

2. A slew of injuries never allowed the Eagles to get in a rhythm on offense. The four best players — quarterback Michael Vick, running back LeSean McCoy, wide receiver DeSean Jackson and left tackle Jason Peters — missed a combined 31 games. Center Jason Kelce missed the last 14 games, and Evan Mathis was the only lineman not to miss any. Though some players were hurt after the team started its slide, losing these key players didn't give Philadelphia much of a chance to bounce back.

Texans looking for top seed against motivated Indy

Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — It's simple for the Houston Texans.

Win today and they clinch the AFC's top seed.

Lose again at Indianapolis, with coach Chuck Pagano back on the sideline, and they may lose more than home-field advantage. The Texans could drop to a No. 3 seed and again open the playoffs in the wild-card round.

Clearly, the pressure is on Houston.

"We know what we need to do. We know what's at stake," Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson said. "We just need to go out and get it done."

This is not how it was supposed to be heading into the regular season finale.

Houston (12-3) was one of this season's AFC Super Bowl favorites, started 5-0, had the conference's best record all season and looked like a shoo-in for the No. 1 playoff spot after moving to 11-1 following a win over Tennessee on Dec. 2.

Since then, they lost what was billed as the most important game in franchise history, at New England, held off the feisty Colts to clinch the AFC South and lost last week at home to Minnesota. The latest loss dropped the Texans into a tie with AFC West champion Denver.

With the stakes increasing, Houston faces another potentially disappointing chapter in its most nightmarish series.

Ten times, the Texans have come to Indy. Ten times, they have gone home losers — including last December when the Texans captured their first AFC South title and the Colts were 1-13.

And while Houston knows what to expect from Andrew Luck and the Colts' defense, there are plenty of other uncertainties heading into the big game.

How will the Colts and their crowd respond to the inspirational return of Pagano and his three-month battle with leukemia? Pagano took the reins back from interim coach Bruce Arians on Monday and presided over his first full practice Wednesday. Today he's expected to be back on the sideline for the first time since a Week 3 loss to Jacksonville.

"I think Chuck gave us a little boost of energy," guard Mike McGlynn said. "Being late in the season, everybody is kind of beat up dealing with the season but having him back has kind of upped our energy for sure."

Dave Einsel/AP

Houston's Andre Johnson runs after a catch during a game against the Minnesota Vikings last Sunday in Houston.

The Game

HOUSTON AT INDIANAPOLIS

When: Noon today
Where: Lucas Oil Field, Indianapolis
Radio: KCRS (550 AM)
TV: CBS

Cowboys

From 1C

from the playoffs since 2007, could lose and still get a wild-card berth, but only if both the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings lose earlier in the day.

The NFL, knowing a good finish when it sees it, flexed the game to prime-time, making it the 256th and final entry in the 2012 regular season schedule.

Even if this weren't a rivalry, it would have the makings of high-ratings drama. The Redskins were once 3-6, the Cowboys 3-5. Washington is riding a six-game winning streak; Dallas is on a 5-2 run, with the only losses against the Redskins on Thanksgiving Day and in overtime last week against the New Orleans Saints.

Washington's Robert Griffin III is setting new standards for rookie quarterbacks with his talent, leadership and star power. Unless he has a bad day, he'll break the single-season NFL record for rookie passer rating, set by Ben Roethlisberger in 2004.

Even though he's from Texas and went to college at Baylor, Griffin didn't grow up with a dispassionate view of Cowboys-Redskins love-hate. Instead, he was a Denver Broncos fan.

"For guys like myself (and) the other rookies, we're fresh into this rivalry," Griffin said. "But we can definitely sense how the fans feel, how some of the guys who have been here for many years feel about the Cowboys, and that's the mindset we have to take on. We're doing it for them. We're doing it for the fans."

Tony Romo has set the Dallas record for yards passing and might hit 5,000 for the season, but, like the Cowboys in general in recent years, has been dogged by the inability to win consistently after Christmas. Romo has only one playoff win to his credit, and the franchise still stings from Week 17 playoffs-or-bust blowout road losses to the Philadelphia Eagles in 2008 and the New York Giants last year.

"Experience can be a really positive thing. It doesn't always have to be a good experience. Sometimes it can be a bad experience," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "When you didn't get the job done, hopefully you can learn from what happened."

TODAY'S TEXAS NFL GAMES

HOUSTON (12-3) AT INDIANAPOLIS (10-5)
Noon today, CBS

OPENING LINE — Texans by 5½

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Houston 9-6; Indianapolis 8-6-1

SERIES RECORD — Colts lead 17-4

AP PRO32 RANKING — Texans No. 7; Colts No. 10

LAST MEETING — Texans beat Colts 29-17, Dec. 16

LAST WEEK — Texans lost to Vikings 23-6; Colts beat Chiefs 20-13

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (7), PASS (15)

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (7), PASS (16)

COLTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (9), RUSH (22), PASS (7)

COLTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (30), PASS (19)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Texans can clinch first-round bye and AFC's top seed for first time with win or losses by Denver and New England. ... Houston has won three of last five in series but has never won two straight vs. Colts, never swept season series and is 0-10 in Indianapolis. ... Texans can extend franchise record for wins to 13 with win. ... DE J.J. Watt needs 2½ sacks to tie Michael Strahan's NFL single-season record (22½). Watt had three vs. Indy in AFC South title-clinching win two weeks ago. ... WR Andre Johnson needs 43 yards receiving for third season with 1,500 yards, making him one of three NFL players to achieve feat three times or more (Jerry Rice, 4; Marvin Harrison, 3). Also can become second NFL player, joining Harrison, with three seasons of 1,500 yards and 100 receptions. ... RB Arian Foster needs two TDs rushing to match own team record (16) and two scores overall to tie his club single-season mark for TDs scored in season (18). ... K Shayne Graham needs eight points to break Texans' single-season mark for scoring (Neil Rackers, 135 points, 2011). ... Chuck Pagano expected to return to sideline for first time since Week 3 loss to Jacksonville after spending 12 weeks battling leukemia. ... Colts 6-1 at home and locked into No. 5 seed in AFC playoffs. ... Win would complete nine-game improvement, second-best in NFL history. ... QB Andrew Luck needs two completions to pass Peyton Manning (326) for second-most in NFL and 30 to break Sam Bradford's rookie record. Can pass Charlie Conerly for third most TD passes by rookie (22) with two Sunday. ... Could be final home game for DE/OLB Dwight Freeney, franchise's career lead with 106½ sacks whose contract expires after season. ... WR Reggie Wayne needs 185 yards receiving for second 1,500-yard season of career.

DALLAS (8-7) AT WASHINGTON (9-6)
7:20 p.m. today, NBC

OPENING LINE — Redskins by 3½

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Dallas 6-9; Washington 10-5

SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 62-41-2

AP PRO32 RANKING — Cowboys No. 14; Redskins No. 9

LAST MEETING — Redskins beat Cowboys 38-31, Nov. 22

LAST WEEK — Cowboys lost to Saints 34-31 OT; Redskins beat Falcons 27-20

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (31), PASS (3)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (17), PASS (21)

REDSKINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (1), PASS (18)

REDSKINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (28), RUSH (5), PASS (30)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — NFC East title on line in 256th and final game of regular season, also 106th edition of 52-year-old division rivalry. Cowboys can only make playoffs by winning — they would own tiebreaker over Washington — while Redskins could lose and still get wild-card berth if both Chicago and Minnesota lose. ... Dallas seeking first division title and playoff berth since 2009. Redskins vying for first postseason nod since 2007, first division title since 1999. ... Washington would also become fourth team under current playoff format to make postseason after starting 3-6, and first since Jaguars in 1996. ... Washington looking to sweep season series for first time since 2005. ... Cowboys 10-21 in regular-season finales on road, including playoffs-or-bust losses at Philadelphia (44-6) in 2008 and New York Giants (31-14) last year. ... Cowboys QB Tony Romo has franchise-record 4,685 yards passing. ... Dallas WR Dez Bryant coming off career-high 224-yard game last week, has 808 yards in last seven games. ... Cowboys' Jason Witten has 103 catches, single-season NFL record for a tight end. ... ... Washington has won six straight, seeking first seven-game streak since 1996. ... Redskins QB Robert Griffin III can set several more NFL rookie records. His 104.1 passer rating currently tops Ben Roethlisberger's 98.1 in 2004, his 66.4 completion percentage is just shy of Roethlisberger's 66.44 in 2004, and his 1.3 percentage of passes intercepted is better than Charlie Batch's 1.98 in 1998. Griffin already has league record for rushing yards by a rookie QB (752). ... RB Alfred Morris (1,413) is NFL's rookie rushing leader and needs 104 yards to break Clinton Portis' single-season Redskins record (1,516 in 2005). ... Morris and Griffin (752) have rushed for combined 2,165 yards, most of a pair of teammates in franchise history. ... Redskins can set single-season franchise record for total yards (6,253 in 1989) by gaining 484, and can set single-season team rushing mark (2,625 in 1983) with 191. ... Washington's offense leads NFL in yards per play (6.18) and yards on first down (6.47). ... Redskins have committed 14 turnovers, fewest in league. Franchise record 16, set during 1982 short-shortened season. ... Washington K Kai Forbath has made first 17 NFL field goal attempts, a league record. ... Watch for flying footballs: Dallas passes a league-high 66.3 percent of the time, while opponents throw the ball a league-high 64.8 percent vs. Washington.

NFL STATISTICS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Team

Week 16
TOTAL YARDAGE
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	6403	2017	4386
Denver	5878	1660	4218
Houston	5601	2021	3580
Indianapolis	5534	1590	3944
Baltimore	5288	1695	3593
Oakland	5239	1305	3934
Buffalo	5152	2108	3044
Cincinnati	5134	1698	3436
Pittsburgh	5112	1446	3666
Kansas City	4989	2302	2687
Tennessee	4789	1608	3181
Miami	4728	1755	2973
Cleveland	4708	1455	3253
San Diego	4546	1391	3155
N.Y. Jets	4455	1763	2692
Jacksonville	4413	1247	3166

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Pittsburgh	4093	1312	2781
Denver	4533	1365	3168
Cincinnati	4763	1509	3254
N.Y. Jets	4840	2029	2811
Houston	4907	1479	3428
San Diego	4958	1427	3531
Kansas City	5216	1999	3217
Miami	5265	1567	3698
Baltimore	5426	1918	3508
Oakland	5462	1827	3635
Buffalo	5474	2200	3274
Cleveland	5609	1807	3802
Tennessee	5624	1913	3711
Indianapolis	5636	2098	3538
New England	5716	1583	4133
Jacksonville	5867	2177	3690

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Detroit	6213	1541	4672
New Orleans	6133	1514	4619
Washington	5770	2435	3335
Dallas	5698	1165	4533
Atlanta	5628	1332	4296
Tampa Bay	5454	1693	3761
San Francisco	5382	2362	3020
Philadelphia	5348	1764	3584
Green Bay	5346	1630	3716
N.Y. Giants	5290	1677	3613
Seattle	5248	2426	2822
Carolina	5241	1815	3426
Minnesota	4941	2417	2524
St. Louis	4933	1635	3298
Chicago	4580	1826	2754
Arizona	3947	1149	2798

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
San Francisco	4448	1452	2996
Seattle	4568	1570	2998
Chicago	4723	1555	3168
Carolina	4888	1698	3190
Green Bay	4944	1679	3265
Arizona	4998	2063	2935
Detroit	5069	1745	3324
Philadelphia	5094	1836	3258
St. Louis	5120	1727	3393
Minnesota	5195	1620	3575
Dallas	5326	1729	3597
Atlanta	5483	1827	3656
Washington	5747	1432	4315
Tampa Bay	5800	1255	4545
N.Y. Giants	5817	1956	3861
New Orleans	6512	2088	4424

AVERAGE PER GAME
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	426.9	134.5	292.4
Denver	391.9	110.7	281.2
Houston	373.4	134.7	238.7
Indianapolis	368.9	106.0	262.9
Baltimore	352.5	113.0	239.5
Oakland	349.3	87.0	262.3
Buffalo	343.5	140.5	202.9
Cincinnati	342.3	113.2	229.1
Pittsburgh	340.8	96.4	244.4
Kansas City	332.6	153.5	179.1
Tennessee	319.3	107.2	212.1
Miami	315.2	117.0	198.2
Cleveland	313.9	97.0	216.9
San Diego	303.1	92.7	210.3
N.Y. Jets	297.0	117.5	179.5
Jacksonville	294.2	83.1	211.1

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Pittsburgh	272.9	87.5	185.4
Denver	302.2	91.0	211.2
Cincinnati	317.5	100.6	216.9
N.Y. Jets	322.7	135.3	187.4
Houston	327.1	98.6	228.5
San Diego	330.5	95.1	235.4
Kansas City	347.7	133.3	214.5
Miami	351.0	104.5	246.5
Baltimore	361.7	127.9	233.9
Oakland	364.1	121.8	242.3
Buffalo	364.9	146.7	218.3
Cleveland	373.9	120.5	253.5
Tennessee	374.9	127.5	247.4
Indianapolis	375.7	139.9	235.9
New England	381.1	105.5	275.5
Jacksonville	391.1	145.1	246.0

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
Detroit	414.2	102.7	311.5
New Orleans	408.9	100.9	307.9
Washington	384.7	162.3	222.3
Dallas	379.9	77.7	302.2
Atlanta	375.2	88.8	286.4
Tampa Bay	363.6	112.9	250.7
San Francisco	358.8	157.5	201.3
Philadelphia	356.5	117.6	238.9
Green Bay	356.4	108.7	247.7
N.Y. Giants	352.7	111.8	240.9
Seattle	349.9	161.7	188.1
Carolina	349.4	121.0	228.4
Minnesota	329.4	161.1	168.3
St. Louis	328.9	109.0	219.9
Chicago	305.3	121.7	183.6
Arizona	263.1	76.6	186.5

DEFENSE

Team	Yards	Rush	Pass
San Francisco	296.5	96.8	199.7
Seattle	304.5	104.7	199.9
Chicago	314.9	103.7	211.2
Carolina	325.9	113.2	212.7
Green Bay	329.6	111.9	217.7
Arizona	333.2	137.5	195.7
Detroit	337.9	116.3	221.6
Philadelphia	339.6	122.4	217.2
St. Louis	341.3	115.1	226.2
Minnesota	346.3	108.0	238.3
Dallas	355.1	115.3	239.8
Atlanta	365.5	121.8	243.7
Washington	383.1	95.5	287.7
Tampa Bay	386.7	83.7	303.0
N.Y. Giants	387.8	130.4	257.4
New Orleans	434.1	139.2	294.9

Individual

AFC
Week 15
Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Manning, DEN	554	377	4355	34	11
Brady, NWE	601	379	4543	32	8
Roethlisberger, PIT	426	269	3131	23	8
Schaub, HOU	508	326	3733	22	10
Flacco, BAL	523	313	3783	22	10
Dalton, CIN	513	319	3591	26	16
P. Rivers, SND	510	325	3455	24	15
C. Palmer, OAK	565	345	4018	22	14
Fitzpatrick, BUF	479	294	3175	23	16
Hasselbeck, TEN	221	138	1367	7	5

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
J. Charles, KAN	271	1456	5.37	91t	5
A. Foster, HOU	335	1328	3.96	46	14
Ridley, NWE	270	1189	4.40	41	10
Chr. Johnson, TEN	255	1187	4.65	94t	5
Spiller, BUF	183	1185	6.48	62	6
R. Rice, BAL	254	1138	4.48	46	9
Green-Ellis, CIN	278	1094	3.94	48	6
Greene, NYJ	257	989	3.85	36	8
Re. Bush, MIA	219	960	4.38	65t	6
T. Richardson, CLE	267	950	3.56	32t	11

Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	110	1260	11.5	59	5
Wayne, IND	102	1315	12.9	33	5
And. Johnson, HOU	100	1457	14.6	60t	4
A. Green, CIN	95	1324	13.9	73t	11
De. Thomas, DEN	87	1312	15.1	71t	9
Decker, DEN	78	988	12.7	55	11
B. Myers, OAK	75	753	10.0	29	4
Stevi. Johnson, BUF	73	935	12.8	63	6
B. Lloyd, NWE	73	902	12.4	53	4
H. Miller, PIT	71	816	11.5	43	8

Punters

Player	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Fields, MIA	68	3419	67	50.3
McAfee, IND	68	3290	64	48.4
Scifres, SND	76	3664	66	48.2
Koch, BAL	76	3655	60	48.1
Anger, JAC	86	4121	73	47.9
Kern, TEN	77	3651	71	47.4
Lechler, OAK	75	3549	68	47.3
D. Jones, HOU	86	4049	66	47.1
D. Colquitt, KAN	75	3514	71	46.9
Huber, CIN	69	3210	69	46.5

Punt Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
McKelvin, BUF	23	431	18.7	88t	2
Ad. Jones, CIN	24	295	12.3	81t	1
Cribbs, CLE	37	450	12.2	60	0
M. Thigpen, MIA	25	302	12.1	72t	1
K. Martin, HOU	21	244	11.6	71	0
Hilton, IND	25	281	11.2	75t	1
Kerley, NYJ	19	208	10.9	68t	1
T. Holliday, DEN	31	334	10.8	76t	1
Welker, NWE	21	213	10.1	31	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	36	335	9.3	63t	1

Kickoff Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jac. Jones, BAL	32	1026	32.1	108t	2
M. Thigpen, MIA	35	998	28.5	96t	1
McKnight, NYJ	35	997	28.5	100t	1
Cribbs, CLE	41	1136	27.7	74	0
C. Rainey, PIT	37	989	26.7	68	0
Br. Tate, CIN	30	739	24.6	45	0
D. McCourty, NWE	27	654	24.2	104t	1
Reynaud, TEN	50	1201	24.0	105t	1
Draughn, KAN	23	537	23.3	41	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
A. Foster, HOU	16	14	2	0	96
T. Richardson, CLE	12	11	1	0	72
Decker, DEN	11	0	11	0	66
A. Green, CIN	11	0	11	0	66
R. Gronkowski, NWE	10	0	10	0	60
R. Rice, BAL	10	9	1	0	60
Ridley, NWE	10	10	0	0	60
De. Thomas, DEN	9	0	9	0	54
H. Miller, PIT	8	0	8	0	50
Re. Bush, MIA	8	6	2	0	48

Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	62-62	29-35	53	149
S. Graham, HOU	44-44	28-34	51	128
Tucker, BAL	40-40	29-31	56	127
M. Prater, DEN	50-50	25-31	53	125
Janikowski, OAK	22-22	31-34	57	115
P. Dawson, CLE	28-28	28-29	53	112
Suisham, PIT	31-31	27-30	52	112
Vinatieri, IND	33-33	26-33	53	111
Bironas, TEN	30-30	24-30	53	102
Lindell, BUF	35-35	21-22	50	98

NFC Individual Leaders
Week 15
Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	512	343	3930	35	8
Griffin III, WAS	375	249	3100	20	5
Ale. Smith, SNF	217	152	1731	13	5
M. Ryan, ATL	571	394	4481	31	14
R. Wilson, SEA	374	237	2868	25	10
Brees, NOR	627	393	4781	39	18
Romo, DAL	611	405	4685	26	16
C. Newton, CAR	452	264	3621	19	11
E. Manning, NYG	515	308	3740	21	15
Bradford, STL	509	303	3450	20	12

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
A. Peterson, MIN	314	1898	6.04	82t	11
M. Lynch, SEA	297	1490	5.02	77t	11
Morris, WAS	302	1413	4.68	39t	10
Do. Martin, TAM	291	1312	4.51	70t	10
Gore, SNF	238	1146	4.82	37	7
Forte, CHI	224	991	4.42	46	4
S. Jackson, STL	246	990	4.02	46	4
Bradshaw, NYG	205	908	4.43	37	5
L. McCoy, PHL	190	795	4.18	34	2
M. Turner, ATL	216	782	3.62	43	9

Receivers

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Cal. Johnson, DET	117	1892	16.2	53	5
B. Marshall, CHI	113	1466	13.0	56	11
Witten, DAL	103	983	9.5	36	2
D. Bryant, DAL	88	1311	14.9	85t	12
Gonzalez, ATL	88	889	10.1	25	8
R. White, ATL	87	1309	15.0	59	7
Cruz, NYG	82	1040	12.7	80t	9
Cobb, GBY	80	954	11.9	39t	8
Colston, NOR	78	1102	14.1	60	8
M. Crabtree, SNF	77	933	12.1	38t	7

Punters

Player	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Morstead, NOR	68	3431	70	50.5
A. Lee, SNF	63	3041	66	48.3
Weatherford, NYG	56	2659	68	47.5
McBriar, PHL	51	2399	66	47.0
Bosher, ATL	54	2522	63	46.7
J. Ryan, SEA	60	2780	73	46.3
Zastudil, ARI	106	4904	68	46.3
Hekker, STL	77	3513	68	45.6
Koenen, TAM	71	3189	64	44.9
Kluwe, MIN	69	3089	59	44.8

Punt Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Dw. Harris, DAL	19	276	14.5	78t	1
Da. Johnson, PHL	24	287	12.0	98t	1
Parrish, TAM	27	263	9.7	39	0
Ginn Jr., SNF	31	298	9.6	38	0
Cobb, GBY	31	292	9.4	75t	1
Logan, DET	33	300	9.1	48	0
D. Hester, CHI	37	325	8.8	44	0
L. Washington, SEA	39	334	8.6	52	0
P. Peterson, ARI	49	414	8.4	26	0
Sherels, MIN	30	251	8.4	77t	1

Kickoff Returners

Player	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
L. Washington, SEA	24	722	30.1	98t	1
D. Wilson, NYG	56	1504	26.9	97t	1
D. Hester, CHI	21	562	26.8	40	0
J. Rodgers, ATL	20	533	26.7	77	0
Cadet, NOR	25	661	26.4	75	0
Cobb, GBY	38	964	25.4	46	0
W. Powell, ARI	21	507	24.1	65	0
Banks, WAS	22	527	24.0	55	0
Givens, STL	21	488	23.2	48	0
B. Boykin, PHL	42	953	22.7	44	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Jam. Jones, GBY	13	0	13	0	78
D. Bryant, DAL	12	0	12	0	74
M. Lynch, SEA	12	11	1	0	72
A. Peterson, MIN	11	11	0	0	68
B. Marshall, CHI	11	0	11	0	66
Do. Martin, TAM	11	10	1	0	66
Ju. Jones, ATL	10	0	10	0	60
Morris, WAS	10	10	0	0	60
M. Turner, ATL	10	9	1	0	60
Rudolph, MIN	9	0	9	0	56

Kicking

Player	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Tynes, NYG	40-40	33-39	50	139
M. Bryant, ATL	42-42	32-37	55	138
Ja. Hanson, DET	35-35	31-35	53	128
Walsh, MIN	32-32	32-35	56	128
Akers, SNF	41-41	27-38	63	122
D. Bailey, DAL	36-36	28-30	51	120
Barth, TAM	38-38	25-30	57	113
Hauschka, SEA	44-46	22-25	52	110
Henery, PHL	24-25	27-30	49	105
Crosby, GBY	46-46	19-31	54	103

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	4	0	.733	529	331
Miami	7	8	0	.467	288	289
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	272	347
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	316	426
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Houston	12	3	0	.800	400	303
x-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	329	371
Tennessee	5	10	0	.333	292	451
Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	235	406
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	381	321
x-Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	368	303
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	312	304
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	292	344
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Denver	12	3	0	.800	443	286
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	326	329
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	269	419
Kansas City	2	13	0	.133	208	387

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	9	6	0	.600	408	370
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	358	372
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	387	337
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	273	402
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	402	277
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	423	410
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	367	377
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	313	325
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	399	299
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	342	314
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	349	253
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	348	411
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-San Francisco	10	4	1	.700	370	260
x-Seattle	10	5	0	.667	392	232
St. Louis	7	7	1	.500	286	328
Arizona	5	10	0	.333	237	330

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Today

Jacksonville at Tennessee, Noon
Carolina at New Orleans, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, Noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Chicago at Detroit, Noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Noon
Oakland at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Miami at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7:20 p.m.

TEXAS&BIG12ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS 57
RICE 41

AUSTIN — Sheldon McClellan scored 14 points and grabbed a game-high nine rebounds as Texas defeated Rice 57-41 Saturday in the Longhorns' final non-conference tuneup before starting Big 12 competition.

Julien Lewis added 12 points, and Jonathon Holmes had eight boards as Texas (8-5) improved to 7-0 against the Owls under head coach Rick Barnes.

NO. 6 KANSAS 89
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY 57

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Travis Releford scored 19 points and No. 6 Kansas hit a scorching 13 of its first 18 3-point attempts, rolling to an 89-57 victory over American University on Saturday night.

Kansas (11-1) took command with a 21-4 spree in the opening minutes and wound up with six players scoring at least nine points against the outmanned Eagles (4-9). Releford was 7 for 8 from the floor, including 5 of 6 3-pointers. Elijah Johnson had 12 points and was 4 for 5 from behind the arc as the Jayhawks finished with 15-for-24 3-point shooting.

OKLAHOMA 74
OHIO 63

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Steven Pledger scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half, Amath M'Baye and Romero Osby added 16 points apiece and Oklahoma pulled away in the second half to beat Ohio 74-63 on Saturday night.

NO. 25 KANSAS STATE 52
MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY 44

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Rodney McGruder scored 17 points, Thomas Gipson had 13 points and six rebounds and No. 25 Kansas State struggled to a 52-44 victory over Missouri-Kansas City on Saturday night.

TEXAS A&M 61
ARMY 55

COLLEGE STATION — Fabyon Harris scored 12 points, Ray Turner chipped in with 11 and Texas A&M mounted a late comeback to avoid its second consecutive upset in holding off Army 61-55 before 6,416 fans in Reed Arena on Saturday.

LAMAR 81
LIU BROOKLYN 80

BEAUMONT — Stan Brown scored a career-high 18 points to lead Lamar past LIU Brooklyn 81-80 Saturday, snapping a six-game losing streak.

SAN JOSE STATE 72
TEXAS STATE 55

SAN MARCOS — Louis Garrett scored 16 points and James Kinney 12 to lead San Jose State to a 72-55 victory against Texas State on Saturday.

HOUSTON 80
PRAIRIE VIEW 75

HOUSTON — TaShawn Thomas scored 22 points, grabbed nine rebounds and Houston hit eight 3-pointers in the first half to propel the Cougars to an 80-75 victory over Prairie View A&M on Saturday afternoon.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 67
TEXAS A&M-CC 56

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Taylor Smith had 25 points and 14 rebounds to lead Stephen F. Austin over Texas A&M-CC 67-56 on Saturday in the Southland Conference opener for both teams.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 90
HOWARD PAYNE 49

HUNTSVILLE — Paul Baxter had 16 points off the bench to lead five Sam Houston State players scoring in double figures in a 90-49 victory against Howard Payne on Saturday.

UTAH STATE 71
UTSA 67

SAN ANTONIO — Preston Medlin scored 24 points, and Utah State spoiled UTSA's first-ever Western Athletic Conference game Saturday with a 71-67 victory in the conference opener for both teams.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 68
NEW MEXICO STATE 47

ARLINGTON — Kevin Butler scored 18 points and Drew Charles added 12 to lead Texas-Arlington to a 68-47 victory against New Mexico State on Saturday night.

WESTERN KENTUCKY 70
NORTH TEXAS 64.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — T.J. Price scored 16 points to help Western Kentucky hold off North Texas' second-half run for a 70-64 victory on Saturday night in a Sun Belt Conference game.

Women

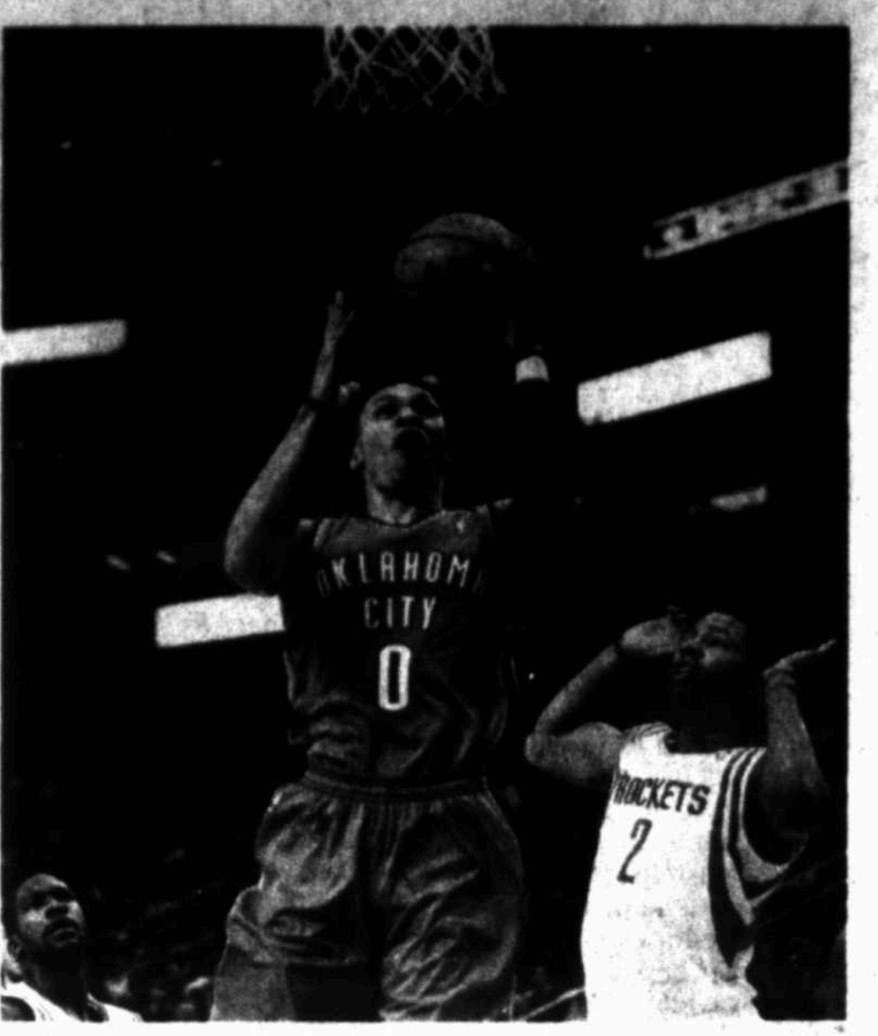
NO. 3 BAYLOR 106
SE LOUISIANA 41

WACO — Jordan Madden scored all 13 of her points in the first half and third-ranked Baylor took control early in a 106-41 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Saturday night.

The Lady Bears (10-1) have won 46 consecutive games at home, now the longest active streak in women's college basketball. Earlier Saturday, No. 2 Connecticut won 61-35 at top-ranked Stanford to end the 82-game home streak by the Cardinal.

NO. 18 OKLAHOMA 79
CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE 57

NORMAN, Okla. — Aaryn Ellenberg scored 24 points, and Portia Durrett had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oklahoma to a victory over Cal State Northridge.



Bob Levey/AP

Oklahoma City guard Russell Westbrook (0) drives to the basket past Houston forward Marcus Morris (2) during the first half of Saturday's game in Houston.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

THUNDER 124
ROCKETS 94

HOUSTON — Russell Westbrook scored 28 points and Kevin Durant added 26 as the Oklahoma City Thunder built a big lead in the second quarter and rolled to a 124-94 win over the Houston Rockets on Saturday night.

Durant scored 11 points during a 16-0 run by the Thunder to end the first half and extend the lead to 18. Oklahoma City had another big run early in the third quarter to put the game further out of reach.

NETS 103
CAVALIERS 100

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored a season-high 35 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Brooklyn improved to 2-0 under interim coach P.J. Carlesimo by beating Cleveland.

Lopez followed his 26-point, 11-rebound performance in a victory Friday over Charlotte by shooting 13 of 20 from the field, making a number of timely baskets in the fourth quarter that the Nets ultimately needed to hold on.

GRIZZLIES 81
NUGGETS 72

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored eight of his 19 points down the stretch to help Memphis beat Denver.

Gay's rush was part of 10 straight points for the Grizzlies, breaking open a 68-all game with 4:45 left. His baseline jumper with 1:25 left gave Memphis a 10-point lead, helping the Grizzlies snap a two-game skid.

HORNETS 98
BOBCATS 95

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eric Gordon had 24 points and seven assists, helping New Orleans overcome a 21-point first-half deficit and extend Charlotte's losing streak to 18 games.

HAWKS 109
PACERS 100

ATLANTA — Lou Williams had 21 points and a career-high 12 assists, Al Horford added 20 points and Atlanta beat Indiana for its fourth consecutive win.

RAPTORS 123
MAGIC 88

ORLANDO, Fla. — DeMar DeRozan scored 21 points and Jose Calderon added 15 points and 10 assists, helping Toronto to an easy victory over injury-depleted Orlando.

TIMBERWOLVES 111
SUNS 107

MINNEAPOLIS — Nikola Pekovic had 28 points and 11 rebounds, and Kevin Love added 23 points and 18 boards to lift Minnesota over Phoenix.

BULLS 87
WIZARDS 77

CHICAGO — Marco Belinelli came off the bench to score 17 points, leading Chicago to a victory over Washington.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 1 DUKE 90
SANTA CLARA 77

DURHAM, N.C. — Seth Curry scored 12 of his season-high 31 points during the late run that helped No. 1 Duke pull away for a 90-77 victory over pesky Santa Clara on Saturday.

NO. 2 MICHIGAN 88
CENTRAL MICHIGAN 73

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Trey Burke had 22 points and 10 assists as Michigan finished its non-conference schedule with a victory over Central Michigan.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 80
KENTUCKY 77

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Russ Smith scored 21 points and Chane Behanan had 20 and Louisville ended a four-game losing streak to rival Kentucky.

NO. 9 SYRACUSE 57
ALCORN STATE 36

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — C.J. Fair scored 13 points, Trevor Cooney added 12, all in the second half to key a late surge, and Syracuse beat Alcorn State in the final game of the Gotham Classic.

NO. 10 OHIO ST. 87
CHICAGO ST. 44

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Deshaun Thomas scored 17 points and Ohio State regained its shooting touch in its final tuneup before beginning Big Ten play.

NO. 12 ILLINOIS 81
AUBURN 79

CHICAGO — Tracy Abrams scored a career-high 27 points for Illinois.

NO. 14 FLORIDA 78
AIR FORCE 61

SUNRISE, Fla. — Kenny Boynton snapped a shooting slump with three 3-pointers in the second half when Florida pulled away.

NO. 16 CREIGHTON 87
EVANSVILLE 70

OMAHA, Neb. — Doug McDermott scored 14 of his 29 points in a 6 1/2-minute stretch of the second half when Creighton pulled away from Evansville.

NO. 18 BUTLER 68
VANDERBILT 49

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rotnei Clarke hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points and the Butler Bulldogs shook off a sluggish start and routed Vanderbilt for their seventh straight victory.

NORTH CAROLINA 79
NO. 20 UNLV 73

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — P.J. Hairston scored 15 points in his first career start for North Carolina.

NO. 23 N.C. STATE 84,
W. MICHIGAN 68

RALEIGH, N.C. — C.J. Leslie scored 19 points to lead North Carolina State.

Women

NO 2. CONNECTICUT 61
NO. 1 STANFORD 35

STANFORD, Calif. — Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis and second-ranked Connecticut played spoiler and streak-buster this time, snapping No. 1 Stanford's nation-leading 82-game home unbeaten run with a surprisingly easy 61-35 rout Saturday.

NO. 5 NOTRE DAME 74
NO. 11 PURDUE 47

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kayla McBride scored 18 points, Natalie Achonwa had 15 points and 17 rebounds, and Skylar Diggins shook off early foul trouble to finish with 16 points Saturday to help Notre Dame rout Purdue.

NO. 9 MARYLAND 72
HARTFORD 40

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Alyssa Thomas had 22 points and 11 rebounds, helping No. 9 Maryland cruise to a victory over Hartford in the championship game of the Terrapin Classic.

NO. 19 SOUTH CAROLINA 66, WESTERN CAROLINA 44

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tiffany Mitchell scored 12 points to lead South Carolina to an easy victory over Western Carolina.

NO. 23 COLORADO 84
NEW MEXICO 39

BOULDER, Colo. — Lexy Kresl scored 20 points to lead unbeaten Colorado over New Mexico.

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Baseball

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What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
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Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
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For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball Instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevel-sportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
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Midland College Baseball Presents Texas Pro Scouts Winter Showcase
Featured showcase instructors: Chris Smith, Cleveland Indians; David Crowson, Miami Marlins; Gerald Turner, Atlanta Braves; Kyle Van Hook, Cleveland Indians
For: Players in grades 9-12
When: Jan. 12-13 in two sessions. Session I (9 a.m. to noon, 1:30-4:30 p.m.) is hitting. Session II (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) is for pitchers catchers and position players
Where: Christensen Stadium
Cost: $100 per session or $200 for both sessions. Walk-up registration by space availability only and will be $125 per session.
To register: Go to www.collegebaseball-camps.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevel-sportstraining.org

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

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Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
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COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
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Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevel-sportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

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Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
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Gymnastics

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What: Preschool, Stretch-n-Grow, All-around, T&T, Boys, special sneeds
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Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: Odessa
When: October-April
Teams: Youth and adult (non check)
For more info: Contact jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453 or 553-1019

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights; Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
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Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday-Monday, Wednesday through Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday, The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

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Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 8-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, TBD Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6068

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership, $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

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Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Speed and Agility Training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For: All Ages
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevel-sportstraining.org

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Throwing velocity and swing speed training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevel-sportstraining.org

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When: Jan. 26
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For more info: 684-7755

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Who: All skill levels
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Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors
Where: Lee High School tennis courts
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Adults 18 & older starting April 1
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Call: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
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Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

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When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Agility Training & Injury Prevention
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
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Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
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STUDENT TO STUDENT

By NICKY NICHOLSON-KLINGERMAN
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It's hard to juggle job hunting with classes and other scholarly responsibilities. Who has the time to fill out applications and prepare for interviews while studying for midterms? Luckily, there are several helpful online tools that make the process smoother than ever. It's never going to be easy, but it doesn't have to be stressful. Plus, senior year is meant to be fun!

Here are some suggestions for making the job hunt successful and easy-to-manage.

• Make a Pinterest board featuring things that inspire you and ideas for your future career. Knowing what you want is always the first step.

• Set aside a few hours per week to focus on your job search. Google Calendar is a great way to manage time and events, from midterms to application deadlines. Study during the week and mark Saturday afternoons down for job hunting.

• Another great tool is TeuxDeux.com, a list-making website. Make notes for today or plan long-term goals, like passing all exams, applying for three jobs or attending two career fairs.

"In college, after I turned in some papers late, I decided to make a to-do list and carried it on a thumb drive," says Jeb Ware, creator of the Tehda app for Android, another list-making service. "If I'd had Tehda and TeuxDeux when I was in college, it would've been a lot easier."

Ware suggests that students use his app to remind them to do interview follow-ups. "Or to plan it. Make yourself a note to look up the company so the information is fresh in your mind," he advises.

• Career fairs are extremely beneficial. But do not just show up, hand in a resume and leave. Emily Miethner, who started NY Creative Internships to help young people network, implores students to take advantage of these events since networking in person is more effective. "Nowadays, there are a lot of events where you can see the guest list so you can look people up ahead of time," Miethner says. "Then, once you do meet people, immediately connect with them via Linkedin, even if you don't think it's a person who'll offer you job the next day." Set up what Miethner calls an "informational interview" to ask them questions about the job or for advice about their field.

• Take advantage of the three P's – parents, peers and professors – for advice as well as connections. Leads from personal acquaintances account for a 33 percent chance of success, according to leading job-hunting expert Richard Bolles, author of "What Color Is Your Parachute." (Ten Speed Press 2011)

"Forming relationships with your professors is hugely important," says Miethner. "Let them know what your goals are, what positions you're looking for and be really specific. When things come across their plate, you'll be top of the line because they know what you're looking for."

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RISE AND SHINE

MORNING ROUTINES ESTABLISH A MORE PRODUCTIVE AND LESS STRESSFUL DAY. HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW TO EASE INTO A NEW EARLY RITUAL.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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Early risers have a more positive outlook on life and are more likely to succeed in their careers because they tend to be more proactive, university studies have found. However, night owls may be more alert 10 hours after awakening, compared to early birds, whose energy fades.

Science aside, it stands to reason that for early birds and night owls alike, sleeping in until the last possible minute can cause stress and reduce productivity. So why not resolve to get an earlier start?

For motivation, think about what you will gain and how you'll use the extra time. You can avoid rush hour traffic, for example, and not work as late in the evening. You can exercise, keep up with the news or simply enjoy a leisurely breakfast.

"I get to the office at 6:30, about two hours before official opening time. Among the many benefits are much less traffic, fewer interruptions at the office and it gives me some padding to be able to take a long enough lunch break to go to the gym," says Jack Dare, IT director for a Chicago-based industry association.

There's only one way to wake up earlier on a consistent basis, and that's going to bed earlier, says Dare: "Have a dark and quiet bedroom, don't try to work or do anything to get your stress level up just before bed, and save a little time to unwind before bedtime."

Start slowly, by waking up just 15 minutes earlier than usual. Get used to this for a few days and then move your wake-up time back in 10- or 15-minute increments over the course of time to acclimate to the change.

Think through the reasons you might hit snooze and address them. For example, if you dread leaving the warmth of your covers, keep a fuzzy robe and slippers at the side of the bed. If it helps to have coffee made, use a programmable automatic or speedy single-cup maker.

Light can be a friend or an enemy. It may be tempting to check email one last time at bedtime or watch TV to unwind, but light-emitting screens have been shown to affect melatonin levels and trick our brains into staying wakeful. Avoid lit screens within an hour of bedtime. In the morning, though, it may help to turn on a bright light right away to simulate daylight. There are sunrise-simulating alarm clocks that start filling the room with a gradually brightening light before the alarm goes off. Manufacturers claim the sunrise effect is a natural cue for the body to awaken, so by the time the alarm sounds, you are ready to get up.

Establish a morning routine that sets you up for success throughout the day. This differs from person to person. Some people like to ease into the day while others like to hit the ground running.

"Don't race to the computer. Rather than checking email or reading the news the moment you wake up, designate the first 20 minutes for reflection, reading, exercising or journaling to stimulate your brain," suggests Randy Hain, managing partner of Bell Oaks Executive Search in Atlanta. "Then, have a cup of coffee, sit down and think about your day. Whatever it is, make it your time – it's the one part of the day when clients and family aren't making requests."

Hain gets up at 4 am, and by the time his first scheduled meeting rolls around, as early as seven, he is "energized and engaged" because he's taken care of his "mental, spiritual and physical health first," he says.

Psychiatrist Carole Lieberman, of Beverly Hills, Calif., ritualistically looks at her vision boards when she awakes at 5 or 6 am. That way, "I have my goals in mind from the outset," she explains. "I have two vision boards: One is a bulletin board that I use thumbtacks to stick pictures on and one is my screensaver. So, as soon as I sit down at my computer, I'm looking at it and have it in the background all day."

While it's possible to change a late sleeper's habits, a special alarm clock or morning ritual may be less instrumental than sheer determination, says Dare's co-worker Chris Stark, the association's CFO. "I don't think it's naturally any easier for me to get up earlier than for anyone else," he says. "Perhaps a possible trait of high performers is the ability to muster the willpower to simply rise when the alarm goes off."

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JOB LOSS

LOVE, LOSS AND LAY-OFFS

Behind lay-off announcements in the headlines are thousands of pink-slipped employees, coping with their new jobless status.

Surprisingly, it's workers who felt pride and satisfaction in their roles with their former employers who experience greater emotional well-being in the wake of job loss, finds a study by Jennifer Tosti-Kharas, a San Francisco State University professor of management.

"Just as romantic partners who break up but believe, 'It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all,' people who were invested in their work are bolstered by good memories," Tosti-Kharas says.

For instance, a worker who was proud to be part of a well-respected company will fare better than someone who didn't think his role had prestige.

Studying 86 workers who lost their jobs during the economic turbulence of 2008 – most were laid-off, only four were personally fired – Tosti-Kharas doesn't deny pink-slip pain. "Unemployment is always difficult."

Still, she notes that when the jobless don't blame their former employer for wronging them, it bolsters their attitude. Indeed, even when workers blame themselves for poor performance but don't blame the company, they tend to be more optimistic in their job search.

"We would expect someone who was proud of his organization to refer to their work there and speak positively about the work," she explains. In job interviews, workers who are bitter and blame their former company may not sound impressive.

Moreover, if the past job was valued, then someone is more likely to seek out "a position they feel is just as good or better," she says.

Employers can help laid-off workers by encouraging them to continue positive connections with the company, perhaps by urging them to join the company's alumni group or online groups, Tosti-Kharas says.

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[illegible]nent: The newspaper editorial environment typically adds credibility and legitimacy to [illegible] being advertised. To readers, the advertising in a newspaper is every bit as [illegible] the news.

[illegible] Upon: Newspaper advertising is a valuable commodity to readers. A recent research [illegible] people's attitudes about which type of media they preferred for retail advertising, [illegible] of media used to check out ads, the most valuable media in planning shopping [illegible] most frequent, most up to date, most trustworthy, believable [illegible] newspapers are distinctive all other forms combined.

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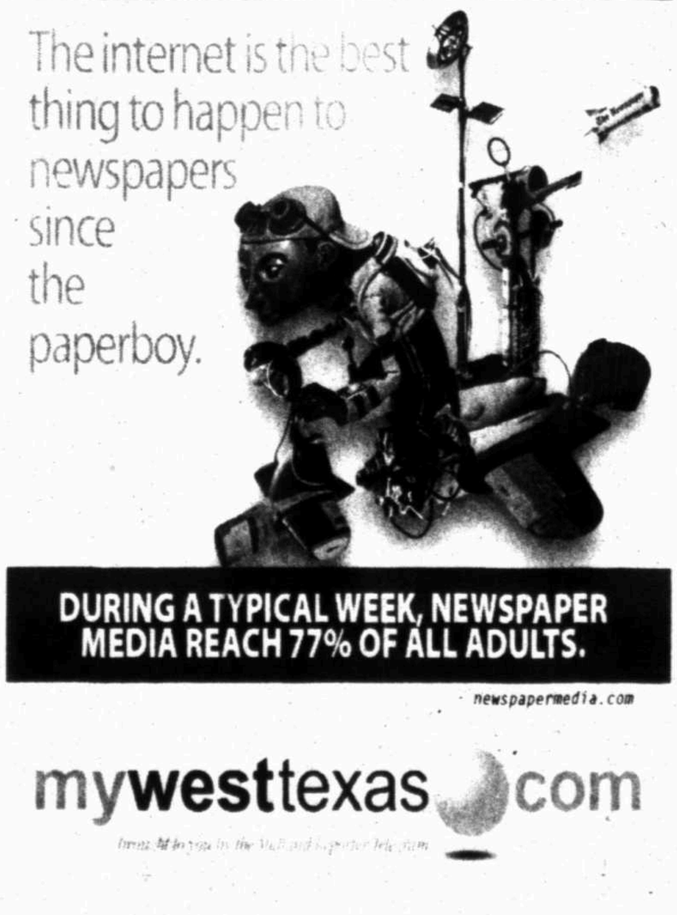

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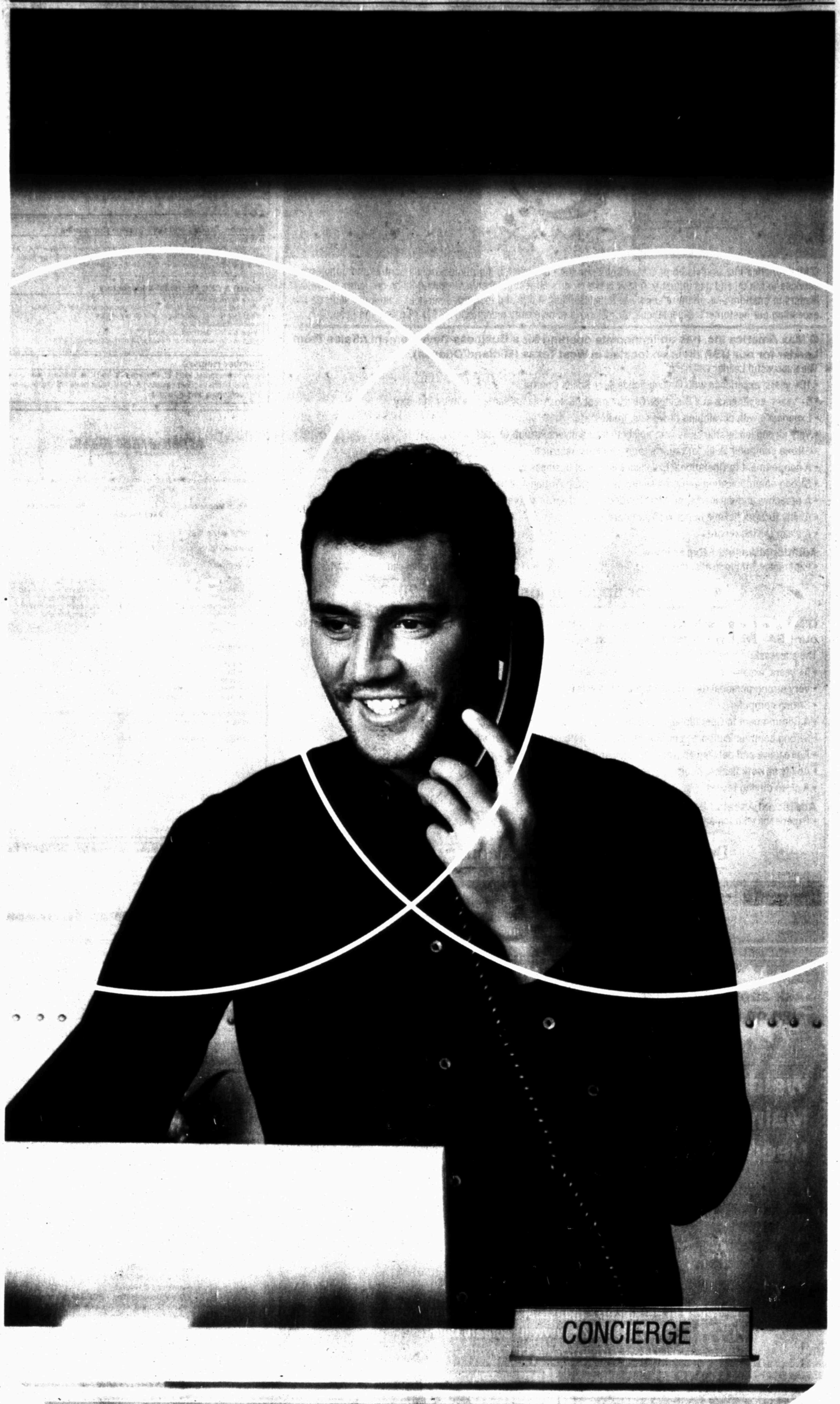

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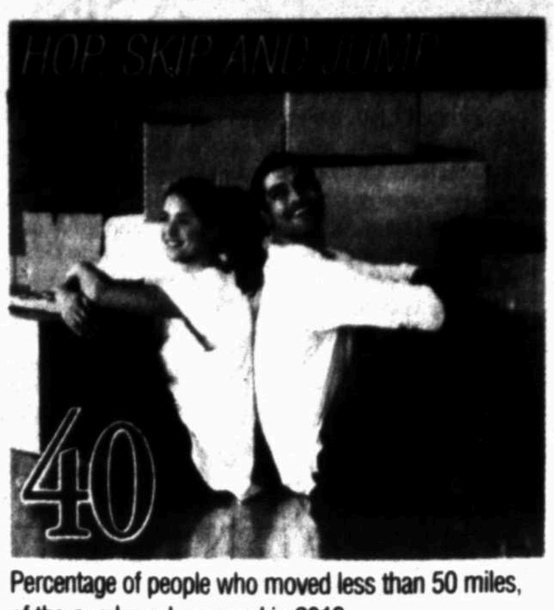

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The party that conducts closing is an agent of the settlement process. "In all cases," says attorney John Reilly in his standard guide, "The Language of Real Estate" (Dearborn Real Estate Education), "the escrow holder acts as a fiduciary and retains documents and entrusted assets until specified conditions are fulfilled. The holder is the special impartial agent for both parties and acts in accordance with the escrow instructions given by both."

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LOANS

JUMBOS: NO LONGER A BIG PROBLEM

THE JUMBO-LOAN MARKET IS GROWING, AND THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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In the wake of the credit crisis, the rich were no different from everyone else.

Getting a mortgage "was tough for everyone," remembers Frank Donnelly, president of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.

Now, more lenders are giving the nod to those who can afford large – known as "jumbo" – mortgages, and that's good news for all of us.

Jumbo loans are loans worth more than $417,000 (higher limits exist in costly housing areas) and they do not qualify for government-backed financing.

Growth in the number of jumbo loans reflects "a healthier housing market and more confident lenders," says Tony Caruso, mortgage loan officer for PNC Wealth Management.

By holding these loans, lenders show confidence that the price of the home they're financing won't tank. They anticipate that borrowers will make timely payments, indicating more confidence in economic conditions.

But lots of jumbo borrowers don't consider themselves rich and aren't buying luxury homes, says Veronica Larrea, vice president of operations for Century 21 Allstars in Pico Rivera, Calif. In some parts of Los Angeles County, for instance, she notes that many relatively humble three-bedroom homes are pricey enough that borrowers seek a jumbo loan.

Moreover, some "are buying duplexes, because they want the rental income [from the extra unit] to afford the loan," Larrea adds.

Still, the greater availability of jumbo loans is spurring growth in the luxury home market. According to statistics from the National Association of Realtors, sales of homes priced between $750,000 and $1 million rose by 53 percent from October 2011 to the end of October 2012.

Here, a look at how borrowers are getting these jumbo loans, which represent a growing force in the market:

SMALL BANKS LEND BIG

Although the large lending institutions like Wells Fargo and Bank of America make jumbo mortgages, borrowers should "not to rule out" small local banks or credit unions, according to Guy Cecala, publisher of Inside Mortgage Finance, a trade publication.

Since jumbo loans are not sold off to government agencies, the lenders make their own rules on rates and terms, based upon the amount of down payment and the credit-worthiness of the borrower.

There probably won't be dramatic differences in rates and terms, but it may pay to compare small and larger loan sources, Cecala says. Jumbo loans typically carry a higher rate – experts expect one-quarter to three-eights of a percentage point higher – than smaller loans. Shaving just a bit off the rate can translate into a significantly lower monthly payments, given the bigger mortgage.

WEALTHY CHOOSE DIFFERENTLY

Wealthy borrowers often take a holistic look at their holdings in order to decide how much to borrow, Caruso says. For instance, lower loan rates are often offered for high down payments.

Caruso says borrowers may consult with a financial planner in order to decide whether it's worth withdrawing more of their savings to increase a down payment.

ARMs FIND FAVOR

With record-low interest rates, most borrowers are reluctant to take out "adjustable rate mortgages" or ARMs, because while the initial rate is slightly lower, there is a good possibility the rate will jump, Cecala says.

But some jumbo borrowers are taking ARMs , pushing down the rate initially, with plans to move or pay off the loan when the rate adjusts.

However, even the wealthy should not gamble with holding a loan that could get more expensive, says Irene Giman, a Marlton, N.J., financial planner. Here again, the rich are no different.

"No one knows what the future will bring, and you don't want to be forced to pay off a loan," she says.

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FINANCES

THE TAXING SIDE OF REFINANCE

A good refinance will save you money in the long run, but be ready to pay slightly more when you file your taxes

If you've refinanced lately, congratulations. You've undergone the tough scrutiny of a mortgage lender and have been rewarded with a lower monthly mortgage bill.

Come April, though, you may wonder if the hassle of refinancing was really worth it. That's because shaving interest off your mortgage means you'll take a smaller interest deduction when calculating your income tax.

Indeed, IRS stats show a sizable decline in the amount of mortgage interest Americans have deducted from their taxes since the housing boom of the past decade.

To avoid a nasty surprise, "Figure out what your tax liability will be with the new mortgage rate," says Karl Fava, a Certified Public Accountant based in Dearborn, Mich.

For instance, Fava explains, if you are paying $3,600 less annually in mortgage interest and are in a 20-percent tax bracket, "you'll be paying $720 more in income tax." That's because your taxable income can no longer be reduced by that $3,600, so you'll pay a 20-percent tax on $3,600, or $720.

Be prepared for a bigger tax bill by either saving more or adjusting the amount of tax withheld from your paycheck," Fava says.

If you do the latter, "Ask the human resource people [at your workplace] for a W4 form, which has a line that indicates an additional amount to be withheld."

Don't regret refinancing, though, Fava says: "I've heard clients say, 'Isn't mortgage debt good?'"

He explains that yes, you get a deduction, but you pay out more dollars than saved in taxes.

For instance, "The higher tax you'll pay is much less than the dollars you'll be saving in interest payments."

In fact, Fava says today's low rates represent an opportunity to get rid of your mortgage faster by refinancing into a 15- or 20-year loan, instead of the traditional 30-year mortgage. — *Marilyn Kennedy Melia*

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Can you buy a home if you have bad credit? Try taking these five steps

There are many variables that come into play when you decide to purchase a house. You may save for a while toward a downpayment and determine what kind of mortgage payment would work best for your budget. But is your credit situation holding you back? Buying a home with less than stellar credit is possible. Here are five steps to take to get started:

Know your credit score. No matter what you think your credit situation is, knowing your credit score serves as a good starting point when beginning your home search. You'll be able to see if you need to improve your situation before applying for a home loan, plus it will help you determine if you are getting a fair shake from lenders.

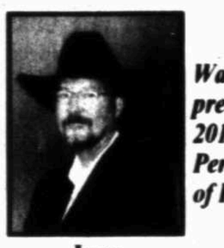
Find a REALTOR®. Choose a REALTOR® who can help you overcome credit challenges. Interview several REALTORS® before choosing one, and ask for referrals. Once you have referrals in hand, call them. You need to make sure that you feel comfortable with your choice and that your REALTOR ® can serve your special needs.

Explain your credit situation. Sit down with your REALTOR® and draft a thorough letter explaining your credit situation. If you have poor credit, your lender may ask you for an explanation. If your letter simply states that you couldn't afford payments, you are more likely to have your loan application denied. But if there were extenuating circumstances that contributed to your financial situation, include those in your letter. Some lenders will consider one-time occurrences as acceptable reasons for inadequate credit, including divorce or a medical emergency. There are two important items to include in your letter to the lender: the reason for your credit situation and why your days of poor credit are behind you. Convince the lender that the circumstances surrounding your impaired credit score are in the past. In addition, you should write a paragraph highlighting anything that may help the lender see you as a desirable client, including low debt-to-income ratio (particularly good if you filed bankruptcy), a big downpayment or job stability.

Talk to a lender. Find a mortgage broker or direct lender experienced in subprime lending. If you are credit challenged, you may find that working with a broker is your best option. Brokers work with multiple lenders and loan products, giving you a greater chance of success. If you have a low credit score, some lenders will require a higher downpayment. If you don't have money for a downpayment, sit down with your REALTOR® and discuss what closing-cost and down payment-assistance programs you might qualify for.

Be prepared for some rejections. You may have to talk to a number of brokers or lenders before you find one willing to take on a riskier loan. If your credit score is very low and no lenders seem interested, you will likely need to spend the next 12 months boosting your creditworthiness. Your REALTOR® might be able to recommend programs or professionals who can help you determine what it would take to improve your credit score.

If you are credit challenged, following these steps can put you on the path to homeownership. If you don't think you qualify today, spend some time improving your credit. It may put you in a better negotiating position later.



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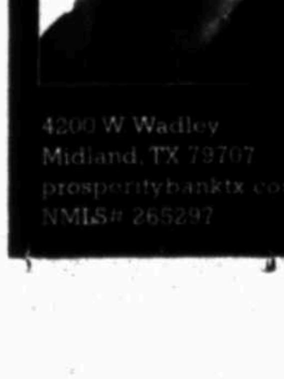

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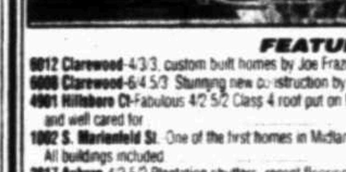

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2112 Blackwood-4br/4 1/2ba. new construction!	$621,142
2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br. 4.5 ba	$614,128
4101 ECR 63-4 bdrm. 3 bath. 2.2 Acres	REDUCED. $589,000
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm. 3 baths. 2.2 Acres	REDUCED. $559,000
303 Skywood Circle-4 bed/4 bath. 2 living. pool plus bonus/guest house	$500,000
5701 Ridgemont Pl.-5br. 3.5ba. Great buy in Grassland Estates	$488,400
10515 ECR 109-3 bed. 3 1/2 bath. pool. RV parking. media room w/equipment. tack room - so much more	$475,000
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom. pool. guest house	$445,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2. country setting	$439,000
2807 Ann Drive-4br. 3ba on 1 acre!	$400,000
3311 Haynes-4bd. 3 1/2ba. 2 story. pool. cabana	U/C. $344,900
9113 Bedford. Odessa-4BR. 3BA. 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED. $339,900
2106 SCR 1130-Greenwood 4/2/2. granite kitchen. wood & tile floors. 1.5 acres. pond. shop	U/C. $299,900
2824 Northtown Place-4br. 3 bath	$295,000
5 San Miguel Square. Odessa-4br. 5 1/2ba. Great Buy!	REDUCED. $282,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba. 2.5 acres	$269,900
3527 Boyd Ave.-2 bed/2 bath townhome w/bonus room! Gorgeous courtyards!	$257,000
4303 Crestwood-4/2/2	U/C. $229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2. corner lot	$225,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres	REDUCED. $214,900
2500 WCR 330-Country home. 3/2 on 20 acres	$215,000
2406 Northtown-3/2/2. Southwestern Garden Home	$207,000
1608 W. Pine-3/2/2. landscaped	U/C. $179,900
1509 Butternut Ln.-3 potential rental - investment property 3. 1 & 1/1	REDUCED. $165,000
3506 Camarie-3br. 2ba.	$165,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm. 2 bath. 2 garage	$165,000
3236 Elma Dr.-2 bed. 2.5 bath. 2 garage townhome	$164,900
1011 Denton-3/2. clean & ready	$163,500
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2. 1 Acre. Pool. Gardendale	REDUCED. $159,900
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4904 & 4906 FM 307-2 houses. 3AC. shop. all for 1 low price	U/C. $149,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale. 3/2. 2.715 acres	REDUCED. $136,000
1114 Hickory-3/2. new construction	$134,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction	$105,000
1001 S. Jefferson-3/1/CP. corner lot. large backyard	$96,000
6600 E. CR 96-3/2 MH on 1/2 AC. Greenwood schools. Built 1994. 1568 sq ft	$83,000

2 BEDROOMS

3236 Elma Dr.-2 bed. 2.5 bath. 2 garage townhome w/side courtyard	$164,900
1112 Hickory-2/1 new construction	$105,000

3 BEDROOMS

14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale	U/C. $275,000
5301 SCR 1160-3/2/FP. 1 acre. 60x40 shop for home based business	U/C. $259,000
3527 Boyd Ave-3/2/2. low maintenance	$257,000
2500 WCR 330-Country home. 3/2 on 20 acres	$215,000
2406 Northtown-3/2/2. Southwestern Garden Home	$207,000
1608 W. Pine-3/2/2. landscaped	$179,900

3 BEDROOMS

2511 Fannin-3/2/2. updated. fireplace. workshop	U/C. $179,900
4508 Idaho-3br. 2ba. 2 garage. inground pool	$174,000
114 E. Cottonwood-3/2. New Construction	$169,000
1805 E. Magnolia-3 bdrm. 2 bath. 2 living areas. updated	U/C. $169,000
110 E. Cottonwood-3/2. New Construction	U/C. $168,900
3506 Camarie-3br. 2ba.	$165,000
1011 Denton-3/2. clean & ready	$163,500
2111 College-3bdrm. 2ba	REDUCED. $159,000
2610 N. A Street-3 bdrm. 2 bath. 2 garage. LOTS OF NEW!!	REDUCED. $159,000
112 E. Cottonwood-3/2. new construction	$155,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale. 3/2. 2.715 acres	REDUCED. $136,000
1114 Hickory-3/2. new construction	$134,900
1001 S. Jefferson-3/1/CP. corner lot. large backyard	U/C. $80,000

4 BEDROOMS

4900 Troubaugh-4bd. 4 full ba. 2 1/2 ba. 28 acres. barns. walker	$1,775,000
2112 Blackwood-4br/4 1/2ba. new construction!	$621,142
4101 ECR 63-4 bd. 3 bath. 2.2 Acres	U/C. $589,000
2024 Mosswood-4/4 1/2 Grassland - Graham construction	U/C. $568,360
4109 ECR 63-4 bdrm. 3 baths. 2.2 Acres	REDUCED. $559,000
303 Skywood Circle-4 bed/4 bath. 2 living. pool plus bonus/guest house	$500,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2. country setting	$439,000
2807 Ann Drive-4br. 3ba. 1 acre country home	$400,000
10500 ECR 103-Greenwood. 4bdrm. 3 bath	U/C. $359,900
4907 Hilltop-4/3.5/3 beautiful with builder upgrades	U/C. $355,000
11909 FM 307-New constr.. Greenwood 4/3/2. 2 liv or din.. granite + tile. 1.5 AC	U/C. $354,900
3311 Haynes-4bd. 3 1/2ba. 2 story. pool. cabana	REDUCED. $344,900
9113 Bedford. Odessa-4 bdrm. 3BA. 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED. $339,900
2106 SCR 1130-Greenwood 4/2/2. granite kitchen. wood & tile floors. 1.5 acres. pond. shop	SOLD. $299,900
2824 Northtown Place-4br. 3 bath	$295,000
5711 Greenridge-4bd. 3ba. Grasslands	U/C. $294,900
5 San Miguel Square. Odessa-4br. 5 1/2ba. Great Buy!	REDUCED. $282,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba. 2.5 acres	$269,900
4303 Crestwood-4/2/2	U/C. $229,000
3301 Durant-4/2/2. corner lot	$225,000
3916 Hadden Dr.-4bd. 2 1/2 bath. Great buy!	U/C. $215,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres	REDUCED. $214,900
4900 FM 307-3/2 on 1.98 AC. huge shop & pool. 2070 sq. ft. home with many upgrades	SOLD. $184,000
3324 Providence-4br/2bath	U/C. $168,000
1107 Maple-4/2/3LA	U/C. $175,000
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2. 1 Acre. Pool. Gardendale	$159,900
501 Loraine-Quadraplex	$75,000

5+ BEDROOMS

2020 Mosswood-New construction! 5br. 4.5 ba	$614,128
5701 Ridgemont Pl.-5br. 3.5ba. Great buy in Grassland Estates	$488,400
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom. pool. guest house	$445,000

COUNTRY HOMES

4900 Troubaugh-4bd. 4 full ba. 2 1/2 ba. 28 acres. barns. walker. inground drip system	$1,775,000
4101 ECR 63-4 bdrm. 3 bath. 22 Acres	U/C. $589,000
4109 ECR 63-4bd. 3 baths. 2.2 Acres. Stunning Property	$559,000
10515 ECR 109-3 bed. 3 1/2 bath. pool. RV parking. media room w/equipment. tack room - so much more	$475,000
1307 WCR 130-5 bedroom. pool. guest house	$445,000
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2. country setting	$439,000
10500 ECR 103-Greenwood. 4bdrm. 3 bath	U/C. $359,900
11909 FM 307-New constr.. Greenwood 4/3/2. 2 liv or din.. granite + tile. 1.5 AC	U/C. $354,900
9113 Bedford. Odessa-4 bdrm. 3BA. 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED. $339,900
2106 SCR 1130-Greenwood 4/2/2. granite kitchen. wood & tile floors. 1.5 acres. pond. shop	SOLD. $299,900
4305 SCR 1184-3/3 w/shop. 1.4 acres of park like setting	U/C. $295,000
14526 Western-3/2 on 2 acres in Gardendale	U/C. $275,000
1301 Todd-4br/3ba. 2.5 acres	$269,900
2500 WCR 330-Country home. 3/2 on 20 acres	$215,000
13000 ECR 89-Greenwood-4/2-8.8 Acres	REDUCED. $214,900
4814 FM 307-4bdr. 2.5 bath. manuf home. 10 AC. stalls. shop	$189,900
4900 FM 307-3/2 on 1.98 AC. huge shop & pool. 2070 sq. ft. home with many upgrades	SOLD. $184,000
17161 N. Gonzales-4/2. 1 Acre. Pool. Gardendale	REDUCED. $159,900
4904 & 4906 FM 307-2 houses. 3AC. shop. all for 1 low price	SOLD. $149,900
17107 N. Gonzales Ave.-Gardendale. 3/2. 2.715 acres	REDUCED. $136,000
6600 E. CR 96-3/2 MH on 1/2 AC. Greenwood schools. Built 1994. 1568 sq ft	$83,000

LAND

3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location. .841 Acres	$390,000
4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres	$93,120
11.44 Cynthia	$89,000

COMMERCIAL

1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres	$795,000
4216 Marnies Cr-Lot. 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$359,000
4301 Marnie Cr-Lot. 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$340,000
4208 Marnies Cr-Lot. 0.78 Acrs Approx Off Wadley	$289,000
906 S. Marshall-2 huge service bays w/living quarters	REDUCED. $129,900

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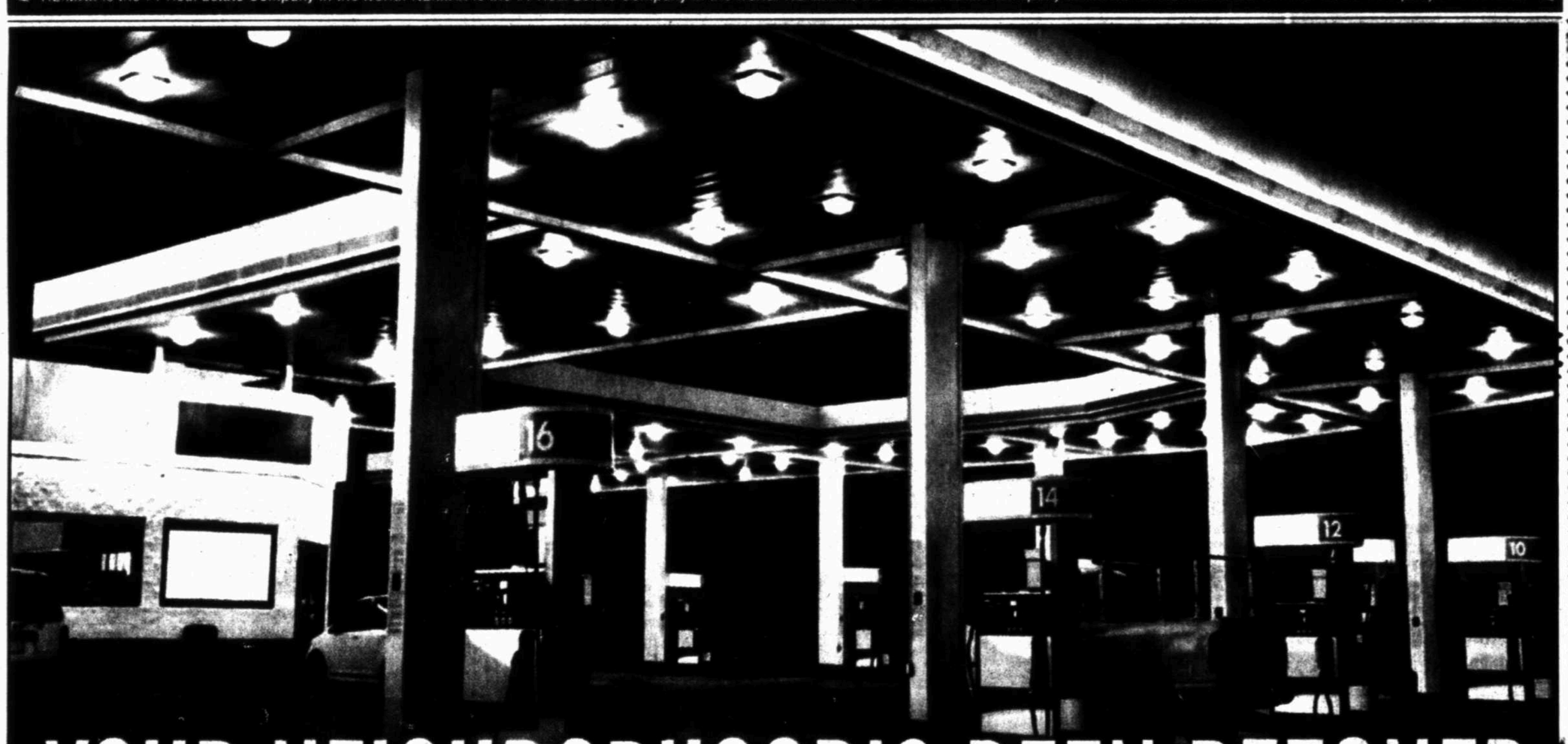

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4+ BEDROOMS

10704 Dogwood-Phenomenal 4 bd/4 bath home sits on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! Huge workshop/garage w/half bath! Barn w/large stables! This spectacular home features hand-scraped hardwood floors, walls of windows, and custom paint & textures! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, and stainless custom appliances! Incredible sequestered master suite! This home is complete w/a custom guitar-shaped pool and huge covered back patio! $995,000

6009 Paradise-Immaculate 4 bedroom/4.5 bath w/sweeping golf course views in Green Tree North! Downstairs rooms include: exquisite master suite, fitness room, study, gourmet kitchen, 2 living and 2 dining areas! Upstairs you will find an oversized game room and adjacent media room, and 2 guest bedrooms! The backyard perfect for entertaining w/a dazzling pool and outdoor kitchen! $689,000

2711 Shade.-Horse lovers dream on 5 acres! Gorgeous 4 bed/2.5 bath home features soaring beamed ceilings, walls of windows w/fabulous courtyard views from 4 rooms, planked ceiling, and huge limestone fireplace! Gourmet kitchen w/flagstone counters, hand painted tile, and Jenn Air appliances! Stunning master suite w/fireplace, sitting room, and French doors! 80X35 Barn w/4 stalls and plenty of fenced acreage for horses to graze $699,900

4013 Baybrook Ct.- Fabulous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Mockingbird Heights boasts spectacular updates throughout! The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, like "new" stainless appliances, gas range, and refinished cabinets! Huge sequestered master suite offers an updated bath and beautiful fireplace! $550,000

4601 Weather Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/4.5 bath Mark Payne resale sits at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in Briarwood! 5th bedroom makes a wonderful media room! ..... SOLD..$469,000

5724 Ridgemont-Absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom in Grasslands! Superb location in a quiet cul-de-sac next to a park! Spacious bedrooms, 4 fireplaces! ..... U/C In 1 Day..$449,000

5602 Ashwood-Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Grassland sits on a quiet cul-de-sac! Spacious living area opens to the gourmet kitchen featuring beautiful granite, marble backsplash, breakfast bar, and skylight! ..... SOLD..$425,000

4+ BEDROOMS

6010 W County Rd. 77-Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath new construction home to be completed November 30th! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, cozy fireplace, and miles of tile! ..... U/C..$365,000

2007 Boeger-Fabulously updated 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Fannin school district! Gorgeous gourmet kitchen w/huge island! Hand-scraped hard wood floors, recent carpet & paint! Energy efficient windows! ..... U/C..$289,000

3705 Oakridge Ct.-Spacious 4 bed/3 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in a great school district! Large living area opens to the kitchen and formal dining w/high ceilings! The kitchen has a large island, stainless appliances, and tons of cabinetry! Sequestered master bath features a tub-size shower, dual sinks, and separate closets! $279,000

3000 Westminster Dr.-Great 4 bedroom/3 bath home sits on a large corner lot w/direct access to the loop and walking distance to school and park! Tons of tile, beautiful wood floors and a towering brick fireplace! $262,500

6006 Sherwood-Wonderful 4 bed/2 bath home in Green Hill Terrace sits on the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac! Designer paint colors, tile, and faux wood floors throughout! ..... SOLD..$255,000

1210 W Tennessee Ave.-Charming 4 bedroom/2 bath home in old Midland w/in walking distance to schools and close to downtown! Windows and siding recently replaced! Updated kitchen w/an abundance of cabinet space! ..... SOLD..$189,000

4011 Austin-Darling 4 bed/2 bath home in great condition w/lots of space! Some of its' charming features include built-ins, walls of windows w/2 inch blinds, updated flooring, and brick fence! This home is complete w/2 large living areas and 4 spacious bedrooms! $139,000

7000 SCR 1295- Spacious 3 bed/4.5 bath country estate sits on 19.8 acres between Midland & Odessa! Updated throughout! This home features miles of tile, 2 fireplaces, tons of storage, 4 water wells, and gated drive! The gourmet kitchen has gorgeous granite countertops, gas range, and large buffet! Home is centered around an atrium! This estate is complete w/2 ponds perfect to stock fish, 2 outbuildings, and plenty of room for roping! $825,000

4225 Timberglen -Fabulous 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Mockingbird Heights! Some of its' gorgeous features include soaring stacked ceilings, walls of windows, beautiful hardwood floors, textured walls, and designer paint! ..... SOLD..$450,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4501 Shady Oak-Huge 3 bed/3 full bath/3 half bath home on the golf course in Green Tree! Many updates in home w/great potential! Kitchen is light and bright and has stainless appliances! Huge downstairs master suite features a fireplace, oversized tub, and separate shower! Game room upstairs! All bedrooms have private baths! $349,000

4535 Shady Oak-This spacious 3 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree! Some of its' wonderful features include 2 large living areas, tons of storage, and beautiful views of the golf course! Master bedroom has a rock fireplace, dual vanities, and 2 huge closets! This home is complete w/2 private patios, open kitchen design, and extended garage! $299,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5000 Palomino-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home is in a lovely location and features miles of tile, recessed lighting, & an open floor plan! The kitchen opens to the living area and has stainless appliances, pantry, breakfast bar, and granite countertops! The sequestered master bedroom has dual sinks, separate shower & jetted tub! $254,000

2802 Boeing-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home in Fannin school district! This home features gorgeous laminate wood floors, 3 spacious bedrooms, and a heated/cooled sunroom! Large kitchen has recent appliances and opens to the cozy den featuring a fireplace! Recent HVAC unit, recent fence and sprinkler system in the front and backyard! $174,900

3010 Moscow-NEW!-Spectacular 3 bed/2 bath low maintenance townhome sits on a quiet tree lined street! Cute! Cute! Cute! Soaring ceilings, many French doors, and tile in walkways! Lovely kitchen features granite tile countertops and opens to the living room! Fabulous garage workshop w/workbenches! $169,000

5102 Thomason-Spacious 3 bedroom 1.5 bath sits within easy access to the loop! This home features 2 living areas, one with a fireplace! 2 car garage and workshop! $155,000

1400 Lynn Ave.-Beautiful 3 bed/2bath new build by Zarate! This home is light & bright w/spectacular granite throughout! Some of its' features stained concrete floors, custom high ceilings, and a large open kitchen w/a long eating bar! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, separate shower & tub, and a huge walk-in closet! $154,900

421 W. Bernard-Cozy 3 bedroom/2 bath home sits in a great neighborhood and is within walking distance to shopping centers and restaurants! The charming kitchen features a gas stove! Tons of tile, 2 living areas, separate utility, and sequestered master suite complete this lovely home! $74,900

LAND AND LOTS

2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000

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1005 Upland St. ..... *Call Rochell Buck 352-0850* $230,000
*2408 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, spacious home w/lots of updates

3107 Whittle Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $104,900
*1932 sq ft - 3 bedroom 2 bath home that is worth checking out!

4400-B Thomason Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $109,900
*1254 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great investment property or large enough for a family

413 Idlewilde Dr-RENTAL ..... *Call Nathan Reeves 631-9657* $2,000/month
*1700 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage

4+ Bedrooms

6507 Las Conchas Lane ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* ..... REDUCED $645,000
*3414 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 car garage

2511 Colonial Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $650,000
*4000 sq ft - 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 car garage. New Mike Jackson home under construction. Updated energy package

4624 Rosewood Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $399,500
*2963 sq ft - Loads of updating in this immaculate 4 bed/3.5 bath home!

1920 Centerview ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4874* ..... REDUCED $385,000
*3469 sq ft - 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, 2 story Mark Payne resale in Grassland Estates

5815 Greenridge ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $350,000
*3009 sq ft - 4 bed/2.5 bath, fantastic home in Grassland

4704 Cherrywood Court ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $335,000
*2849 sq ft - Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car garage Tom Woodruff re-sale in Briarwood!

2408 Humble ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $280,000
*2798 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Georgeous kitchen + amazing backyard with putting green + gazebo

3600 Oakridge Dr ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $239,500
*2379 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, recent updating and plenty of room for a family

2808 Haynes Dr ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $215,000
*2373 sq ft - 4 bedroom 2 bath recently painted and in a great location!

3521 Seaboard Ave ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $189,900
*2278 sq ft - Great 4 bed 2 bath home with shop!

5907 S. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $175,000
*1696 sq ft - 4 bedrooms 2 bath home which sits on 1 acre.

319 Thornridge Dr ..... *Call Ann Flatt 638-4874* ..... REDUCED $144,900
*1809 sq ft, Cozy 4 bedroom 2 bath 2 living area home!

3 Bedrooms

210 N. Glenwood Ave ..... *Call Patti Woolard 967-1846* $119,900
*2144 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large rooms & great bonus room!

800 Palomino Dr. ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321* $449,000
*4361 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage beautiful spacious townhome in Gated Saddle Club North!

5203 Ellen Jayne Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $339,000
*2270 sq ft. New construction! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Lance Friday home!

5717 E. Co. Rd. 90 ..... *Call Leann Heller 349-3863* $310,000
*2113 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, country property on 1.5 acres with a shop.

5205 Ellen Jayne Way ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $309,000
*2077 sq ft - New construction. Lance Friday Home! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/low maintenance yard, storage room & glass doors that open to a patio!

5903 S. Co. Rd. 1285 ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $269,900
*1368 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great equestrian property in Midland county with 13 acres!

3221 Chelsea Place ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $259,900
*1984 sq ft -3bed/2bath/3car garage. Mike Jackson new construction with all the upgrades and quality that you expect!

3220 Chelsea Place ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $259,900
*1984 sq ft -3bed/2bath/3car garage. Mike Jackson new construction with all the upgrades and quality that you expect!

4100 N. Co. Rd. 1130 ..... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* $259,900
*2212 sq ft - Great country property on 4.536 acres! 3 bed/2 bath, 2 living rooms, sunroom & office!

3312 Providence Dr ..... *Call Mary Lynn Parsley 413-4248* $215,000
*1840 sq ft, nicely updated 3bed/2bath/2car garage in a great location!

3412 Douglas ..... *Call Leann Heller 349-3863* $210,000
*2377 sq ft - 3 bedroom, 2 baths. Kitchen with granite & stainless appliances.

3529 Imperial Ave ..... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1389* $190,900
*1904 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of updating!

2923 Chisum Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $179,900
*2139 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully remodeled mid century home.

3 Bedrooms

2900 Stacey Ave ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* ..... REDUCED $175,000
*2143 sq ft, Great 3 bed/2 bath home with tons of recent updates!

3630 Redbud Ave in Odessa ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $79,500
*1242 sq ft, 3 bed/2 bath, Great home to redo, lots of space, convenient to school

1005 N. Lamesa Rd ..... *Call Leann Heller 349-3863* $85,000
*960 sq ft - 3 beds/1.5 baths, large backyard

3704 Gaston ..... *Call Bill Lanier/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766* $75,000
*908 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, tile flooring throughout & huge backyard

2 Bedrooms

3531-33 W. Wadley Ave ..... *Call Kay Sutton 416-0289* $275,000
Duplex! Both sides are 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and *1422 sq ft* updated! Great investment!

Odessa & Surrounding Areas

204 E. San Antonio St., Marfa Tx. ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $449,900
*5161 sq ft - Vacation rental apartments with a free standing 2 bedroom 1 bath house

64 Oak Canyon on Lake Allan Henry ..... *Call Taylor Looney 889-6402* $275,000
*1992 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 Bath. This isn't your typical lake house! Enjoy the view by the outdoor fireplace under the covered patio!

1600 Indian Hills in Big Spring ..... *Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298* $185,000
*2486 sq ft - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and a pool. This house has so many updates!

12020 W. April in Odessa ..... *Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7965* ..... REDUCED $132,000
*1650 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carport and workshop

3296 County Rd 252, Colorado City Lake ..... *Call Leann Heller 349-3863* $130,000
*1144 sq ft, Updated throughout, all tile 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area open to kitchen & dining. This is a deeded lot not leased. Approx 54ft frontage

1205 W. Conestoga, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $129,900
*1288 sq ft - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Double wide mobile home with open floor plan on 3 acres

1602 N. Bridle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $115,000
*2000 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful double wide that has been added too and made a home on 2 lots

1600 N. Bridle Path, Odessa ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $79,900
*1248 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, beautifully redecorated mobile home

Lease Property

3316 #113 Caldera Blvd. - RENTAL ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $3,500/Month
*1047 sq ft - 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautifully remodeled corporate rental. Completely furnished and all bills paid

Land & Lots

000Hwy 173 ESM Bandera, TX ..... *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $1,250,000
202 acres - Own a piece of the Hill Country!! Just a few miles outside of Bandera, TX!

44 & 45 Bonita Vista Dr. - Justiceburg, TX. *Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298* $950,000
6.218 acres of Lake Property. Located on Lake Alan Henry

0 Cotton Flat ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $75,000
5 acre unrestricted

5330 Bella Place ..... *Call Les Wood 557-1454* $69,500
Vacant lot in new Subdivision in Green Tree North!

300 S. Marienfeld ..... *Call Vicki Barton 528-4717* $29,000
16 acre corner lot; may be suitable for a multi-level storage facility

County Rd. 2881, Stanton ..... *Call Kay Sutton/Laura Camp 559-1389* $29,000
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2801 Shandon - $250,000

1502 N. C Street - $259,500

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest 5 bdrms/3 full 2 half baths. Versatile and flowing floor plan $1,900,000
3400 Bluebird Ln.-Wonderful country home on 4 AC - wells, pool, cabana, workshop, TREES! $695,000
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000
1805 Castleford-Spacious & beautiful family home $569,000
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! ..... U/C..$349,000
1502 North C Street-Old Midland, versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard $259,500
2801 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area $250,000
2001 Sands-Inviting 3BR/2BA,2 living, 2 garage $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park $137,000
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready $109,900

TWO BEDROOMS

2500 W. Dengar-2BR/2BA/2 living, motivated seller! In Fannin area $199,000
811 N. D St.-2/1, wood floors - great! ..... U/C..$134,900
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ..... U/C..$95,000
2601 Delano Ave.-2/2, cute starter home or investment property ..... U/C..$89,000

THREE BEDROOMS

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" $2,750,000
4606 Meadowood Ct.-Townhouse! Great condition! ..... SOLD..$339,000
3322 Haynes-Nicely updated with a new yard in back with covered patio! $269,500
2508 Harvard Ave.-3/2/2, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, lovely old Midland home just yards away from Cowden Park $269,000
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! $259,500
2609 W. Shandon Ave.-Home has been completely updated, huge bedrooms, huge closets, tons of storage $225,000
3221 W. Golf Course Rd.-Super 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath patio home in central location ..... U/C..$199,500
2806 Co. Rd. 1192-Recently built 3br/2bth brick home includes shop, corral, stalls, plus another acre without improvements. All pipe fenced ..... U/C..$188,000
3403 Shell Ave.-Well maintained 3 bdrm/2 bth home with great open plan ..... U/C..$179,000
2707 Whittle Way-Expect to be impressed! 3BR, 2BA, plus sunroom and great storage/workshop ..... SOLD..$175,000
3202 Elma-Redone top to bottom! New kitchen, bathrooms, floors, walks, patio, move right in ..... SOLD..$169,500
2001 Sands-Room to roam, bright & open plan with 2 car garage $164,900
416 Stoneybrook-3/2, nice home in Wilshire Park $137,000
3309 W. Ohio-3/2/1 carport/1garage, large detached workshop! ..... U/C..$115,900
4402 Harlowe Dr.-Clean 3 bdrm/1 bath home in Wilshire Park. Move-in ready $109,900
1415 Whitaker-Den w/fireplace, formal living, sunroom, shop & RV storage, buyer bonus ..... U/C..$104,000

THREE BEDROOMS

1106 E. Cuthbert-Fresh and clean 3BR ..... U/C..$65,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000
7008 E. Co. Rd. 108-Great home in Greenwood workshop, horse stalls and pool ..... U/C..$575,000
1805 Castleford-Great family plan, updated everywhere, move-in ready! $569,000
4017 Baybrook-Wonderful 4 bedroom in Mockingbird Heights, hardwoods, granite, pretty decor, move-in ready $499,900
5207 Polo Club Rd-Beautifully-updated home on a little over 2 acres w/barn, hay barn & tack room ..... U/C..$499,000
6312 Prairie Ridge-This McPherson built resale has it! Fantastic kitchen, media/game room, large bedrooms, plus outdoor kitchen ..... SOLD..$484,900
2703 Savoy-4/2 1/2 w/pool! ..... U/C..$349,000
3204 Durant Dr.-Beautiful 4 bdrm/3 bth home w/large circle drive. Great kitchen, bright sunroom and a wall of windows overlooking patio ..... SOLD..$279,900
1502 North C St.-Old Midland versatile plan, 2 updated baths, open kitchen/den, lovely yard! $259,500
2801 W. Shandon Ave.-4/3, 2 living in Fannin/Midland Christian area $250,000
3409 S. Co. Rd. 1066-Quiet country living in Greenwood. This 4bdrm/2bth mobile home has large fenced backyard, covered front & back porch and a workshop w/electricity ..... U/C..$120,000
1415 Dotsy-Foreclosed 4BR/2BA ..... U/C..$89,900

FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS

2100 N. L St.-Old Midland at it's finest! Sequestered master suite, library, oversized basment, pool and the list goes on $1,900,000
3400 Bluebird Ln.-Great plan, squeaky clean, all you want in a country property. Close to town $695,000
5501 Hillcrest-5 BR + bonus room, tile, new hardwoods, great plan, fresh paint, priced to sell quickly! Even a water well! ..... SOLD..$425,000

TOWN HOMES AND PATIO HOMES

4606 Meadowood Ct-3bdr/2.5bth, Townhouse! Great condition! ..... SOLD..$339,000
3322 Haynes-Patio home with yard in back $269,500
3202 Elma-Gorgeous updating & parking! ..... SOLD..$169,500
6707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1707 W. Co. Rd. 41-Gorgeous 4 bdrm/3.5 bath home w/open floor plan, rock fireplace, fabulous granite kitchen plus so much more $585,000

LOTS, LAND AND ACREAGE

7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" $2,750,000
E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details $1,200,000
2293 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area $1,000,000
Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott $650,000
7707 W. Co. Rd. 52-Great space in Pecan Acres, 6.67 acres with well & workshop with kitchen & bath $260,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lots each $131,000
10301 E. County Rd. 85-2.605 Acre tract $35,000

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY

805 W. Wadley-For Lease-Free standing office building with approx. 4,054 sq. ft. ..... LEASED
1304 W. Texas-For Lease-Office building with approximately 2,976 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott for Details
8000 W. I-20 East-8.69 acres in Leeco Industrial Park, city utilities, caliche and perimeter fencing in place. SE corner of I-20 & Faudree Road. Call Bill Scott $890,000
703 N. Hancock-Fabulous Medical office building in Odessa near ORMC & MCH. Approx. 4,999 sq. ft. with surgical procedure room & 4 exam rooms. Call Bill Scott $775,000
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$645,000
5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$325,000
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD..$310,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott $125,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

2293 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx.-10 acres, numerous bay/storage buildings as well as many offices, asphalt paved parking/drives 25,414 sq. ft. bldg. area $1,000,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern Style $850,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
1415 Whitaker, Odessa-Spacious brick 3BR, 2BA, 2 living, fireplace ..... U/C..$104,000
206 Casa Grande Dr.-Wonderful home w/2 bdrm, 1 bath. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, big bedrooms plus large sunporch and small workshop ..... U/C..$95,000

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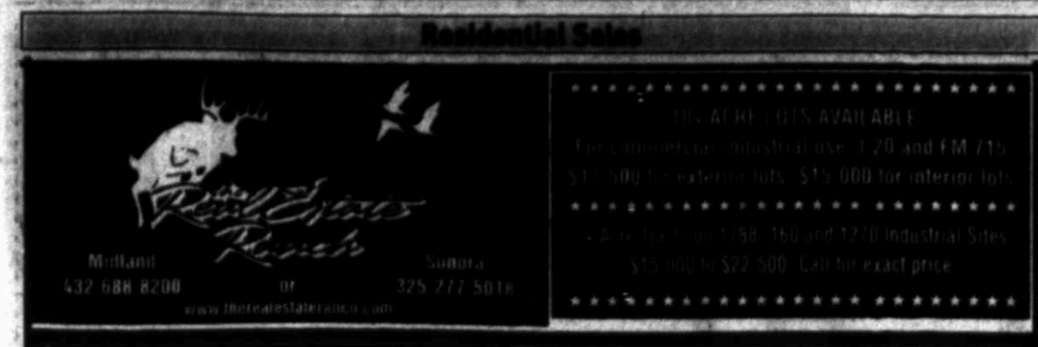

40 Acre Horse farm, 13400 W. 57th St. Odessa	$925,000	688-6200
412 Allmond Lane	$679,000	934-4631
901 Sir Barton Pkwy	$665,000	688-6200
6301 Dunklee	$399,000	934-4631
79 Acres Ranch Estates	$280,000	352-0927
9002 County Rd. 1310, Odessa, Tx	$274,900	688-6200
10 Acres w/Home...3403 Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx	$215,000	688-6200
Home with .5 acres	$140,000	688-6200
9.5 Acres...Hwy. 137, Stanton, Tx	$80,000	688-6200
3.4 Acre Tract...County Rd. 1154	$50,000	688-6200
2701 32nd St., Lubbock	$140,000	934-4631
2526 Santa Cruz Odessa	$142,900	688-6200
1202 Wells Ave., Santa Anna	$140,000	688-6200
600 #B Liddon	$104,000	312-7565
3609 Hellogate Loop #4, Stream, Tx	$67,500	934-1594
1329 Zanata Ave Odessa, Tx	$92,500	580-4495
3000 Golder, Odessa	$72,500	580-4495
1000 Elizabeth, Rankin	$49,900	688-6200
28 Acres...4700 Troubaugh	$220,000	688-6200
6.09 Acres...4600 Troubaugh	$182,700	688-6200
Club Dr.	3 lots available/$15,000	688-6200
5-107 Acre Tracts...County Rd. 1135	$12,500 Per Acre	688-6200
9112 Big Spring St.	$1,595,000	688-6200
3602 N. County Rd. 1148	$2,300,000	688-6200
1276 RV Park	$1,000,000	688-6200
2420 Illinois	$650,000	352-0927
2804 S County Rd. 1205	$549,000	352-0927
2907 W. Industrial Ave.	$449,000	688-6200
309 Sevor	$350,000	352-0927
4.45 Acres I-20 Service Rd.	$150,000	688-6200
0-20 Acre Tracts	$8,000 per acre	688-6200
1-30 Acre Tract	$8,000 per acre	688-6200
2804 County Rd. 1205...3 Acres/8000 SF Industrial Warehouse	For Lease $9,500 Mo	
2420 Illinois Ave...11,700 SF/Retail	For Lease $12/FT	
309 Sevor...5,000 SF/Retail	For Lease $12/FT	
1,500.9 Acres...Crockett County, House, shop	$1,000,000	688-6200
86.653 Acres...w/2 homes in Menard County, River Property	$995,000	325-277-5018
Wheats...Pecos County- 1310.5 Acres	$917,369	688-6200
40.48 Acres...Coleman County River Ranch	$800,000	688-6200
1047 Acres...Reeves County	$397,900	352-0927
232 Acres...Sutton County	$365,400	688-6200
324.19 Acres...Martin County	$350,000	688-6200
4-20 Acre Tracts...County Rd. 1135	$300,000	688-6200
640 Acres...Pecos County	$256,000	688-6200
160 Acres...Martin County	$192,000	688-6200
160 Acres...Crockett County	$121,140	688-6200
148 Acres...Ranch Rd. Crockett County	$133,900	688-6200
30.38 Acres...Coleman County-2BR	$85,000	688-6200
240 Acres...Reeves County	$60,000	688-6200

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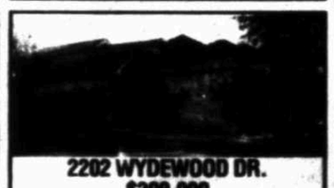
5906 DUNBARTON OAKS
New Construction in Mockingbird Oaks, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage.

3204 PATRICK $275,000
Impressive 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage in Mayfield Place subdivision.

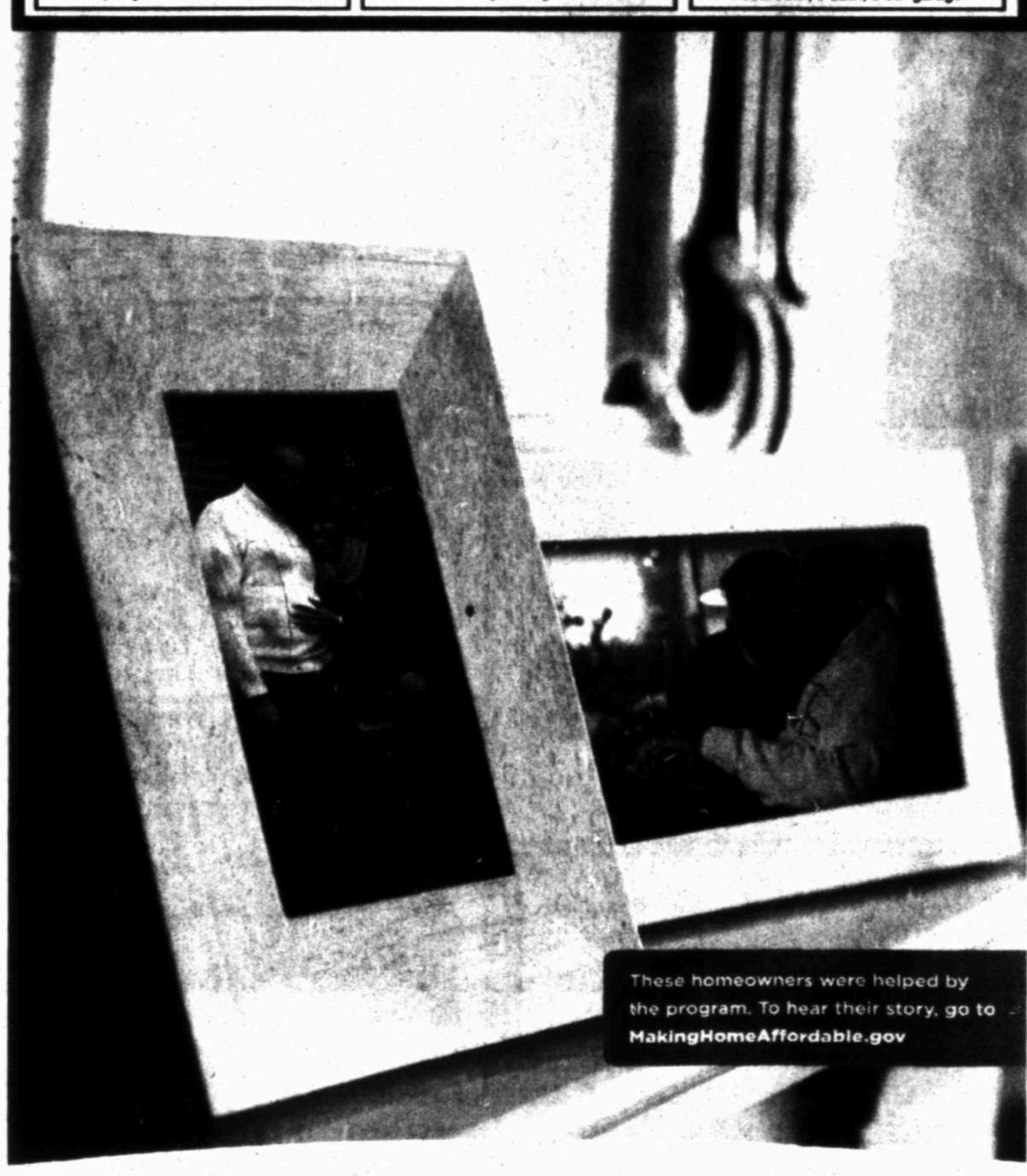
5904 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage. New construction in a brand new subdivision.

6325 PRAIRIE RIDGE - $445,000
Immaculate 5 bedroom, 3 bath, 4 car garage in Grassland West.



2202 WYDEWOOD DR. $298,000
An ADORABLE 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 car garage home in a great neighborhood.

5908 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD. NEW CONSTRUCTION
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage.



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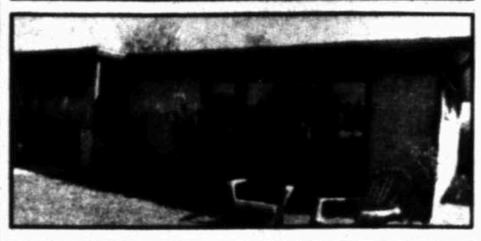
FEATURED HOMES

3209 STANOLIND AVE.
$495,000
This 3,394 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home is loaded with all the amenities you could wish for! Two living areas, 2 dining areas and a amazing great room that looks out to the sparkling pool. Bonus room/office that is light and bright. Large kitchen with a HUGE island and tons of cabinets. Everything updated- absolutely magnificent master bathroom and stunning light fixtures throughout.



2709 BARKLEY AVE.
$128,500
Great family home - light and bright with tons of open storage. 3br/2ba, great open living, very spacious area opens to formal dining. Great for entertaining your guest. Large backyard with double car carport. A MUST SEE. Go show. Bring offers.

302 KESSLER AVE.
$175,000
Totally remodeled house with new wood flooring, tile, new tile in kitchen and bathroom, roof is 2 years old, new water heater, new appliances, totally repainted with crown molding, new tile backsplash in kitchen, opening for wood or gas stove in back living area. Clean and ready to move in. Many unique accents. Close to hospital/clinics, 24-hour pharmacies and downtown. Look at this one!!

HOMES AVAILABLE		
4 BEDROOM		
3209 STANOLIND AVE		$495,000
4301 MOCKINGBIRD LANE		$448,000
5905 OAK CREEK		UNDER CONTRACT
4509 GLENEAGLES		$234,900
3532 IMPERIAL		$210,000
3 BEDROOM		
4200 BOULDER AVE		$370,000
2915 REBEL DR	FACT ID #1053	$199,900
1204 WHITNEY DR		$199,500
307 KESSLER AVE	FACT ID #1078	$175,000
3305 ROOSEVELT		UNDER CONTRACT
2709 BARKLEY		$128,500
3912 ROOSEVELT		$119,500
1218 S. WEATHERFORD		UNDER CONTRACT
2 BEDROOM		
1801 W. MICHIGAN	FACT ID #1068	$135,000
2 BEDROOM		
#64 600 LIDDON		$99,900
1 BEDROOM		
501 "A" SCHARBAUER DR		UNDER CONTRACT
4700 BOULDER	FACT ID #1044	$55,000
LAND		
6000 N. CO. RD. 1246 10 ACRES	FACT ID #1089	$100,000
COMMERCIAL		
4307 ANGUS RD. MOBILE HOME PARK		$450,000
0000 GRAND CANAL RD. SAN ANGELO		$135,000
ODESSA		
77 SHILOH	FACT ID #1073	$465,000
3221 N. ESMOND		UNDER CONTRACT
302 SANTA ROSA		$184,000
4005 LAKESIDE	FACT ID #1031	$198,500
GARDENDALE		
14597 WESTERN AVE		$299,500
14051 N. LOYOLA 4 BED 3 BATH MH 1.41 ACRES	FACT ID #1027	

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1501 S. Terrell, Midland TX
Great family home for First Time Home Buyer! 3 bedrooms, 2 living areas and 1 bath home. Beautiful original wood flooring in bedrooms and living room. Cozy and comfortable describes this home with a good size kitchen and inviting large rustic den. Come see!
Call Betty Terrell 432-296-1925

501 #15 Scharbauer, Midland TX
Well maintained low maintenance condominium! 1 living area, updated kitchen, 2 good size bedrooms (quarters), 1 1/2 bath, open side patio, fence and carport.
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1017 N Lorraine St, Midland TX
Nice corner home close to downtown. 3 bedroom, 1 bath living area, formal dining, large kitchen with original wood cabinets. 475 sq ft has been added to house new addition is not included in mud. New outdoor is a great size front porch. big yard with new bath. Does house has a basement private driver new construction has been started house to be sold.
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1905 S Allen, Monahans TX
Look no more! Back on the market! Corner lot with easy access to interstate 20. Two living areas, tiled throughout wood accent bonus. Indoor utility room, breakfast area plus lots of storage and shade in the back. Covered veranda to a matched carport. RV covered parking. 12' gate access from alley and a workshop/shop with 2 separate garage doors.
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1204 LCR 246, Colorado City TX
Ready for that weekend get away? 3 bedroom 1 bath home with plenty of room for entertaining for a weekend or for the fam. Open floor plan, a covered porch to enjoy the evenings on. Large closets, sequestered master with walk in shower. Roof deck and deck on the water.
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302 E. Spruce, Midland, TX
Don't miss this one! So many updates to this 4 bedroom 2 bath with 2 car garage. Home is 2 Living areas, a walk in closet in updated kitchen with granite. Amazing master bath with large shower and garden tub! Outdoor kitchen for many to eat. Won't last long!
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2501 WCR 140, Midland, TX
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1608 E Crenshaw Dr., McCamey, TX
3 bedroom 2 bathroom kitchen breakfast area formal living. Nice log fireplace in living area 1 Car garage with covered parking in back. Large storage room that can be converted to a large car. Open floor plan. Fenced all back with a nice neutral color through out the house. Automatic sprinkler system in front and back Property includes an additional 1/2 acre of acreage also.
Call Leo Salcido 432-557-4487

1400 Ainsley St, Midland TX
Charming home in Old Midland 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car garage with attached work shop on back. Home is loaded with underneath inside as a natural walls. Newly updated with tile and hardwood throughout home, large living space with living room, dining, and sunroom attached. Nice cupboard with covered patio, ideal for extra parking and big can will not last, come check it out!
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3008 W. Ohio Ave, Midland, TX
This house needs you! Who else done by a Cute 4 bedroom 2 bath with plenty of room both inside and out. BIG back yard and a BIG work shop in the back. Furnishing one on the house and one in the shop. With some work better than not want with some come check this out before its gone.
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602 S Colorado, Midland TX
Home is inhabitable with 528 sq. feet. Good size lot with access to the alley.
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508 Parkwood Dr., Midland TX
Go Check out this cute 2 Story home with 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath with nice size back yard and 2 car garage. Walking distance to Elementary School. Easy access to Loop 250.
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0 S County Rd 84 Midland 7 - 1 acre lots	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
901 N Lamesa Rd Midland – 0.161 Acre lot	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
907 N Lamesa Rd Midland – 0.161 Acre lot	Call Leo Salcido **432-557-4487**
0 County Rd 2240 Stanton – 6 Acres	Call Warren Ivey **432-238-8382**
1207 Goldenrod Gardendale – 6-1 Acre Lots	Call Brandi Geron **432-238-2402**
1714 Morgan Way Midland – 0.163 Acre Lot	Call Melonna Campbell **432-934-8722**
2104 S County Rd 1140 Midland – 1 Acre Lot	Call Anna Reed **432-425-2706**
2108 S County Rd 1140 Midland – 1 Acre Lot	Call Anna Reed **432-425-2706**
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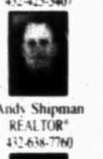

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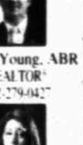

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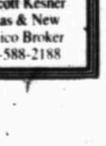

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NEW LISTING

2504 Texland Circle - $965,000
Custom 4BR, 3.5BA on 2.01 ACRES! 3 Living, Study, Pool, Workshop!

OLD MIDLAND

3110 Shell - $339,900
4BR, 3.5BA in Ma Mar Terrace! Charming 2 Story! Water Well!!!

GRASSLAND ESTATES

5410 Grassland - $314,900
4BR, 2BA, TONS OF REDO HERE! Gorgeous [illegible]

NEW PRICE

1007 Shell - $259,900
Need Space? Great Floor Plan! 4BR, 3BA Redo in OLD MIDLAND! [illegible]

SALE OR LEASE

2824 Auburn - $249,900
New Price! 4BR, 2.5BA, 2 Living & Inground Pool! $2,400/month

FEATURED HOME

4608 Aspen - $240,000
Charming 2 Story in Wydewood Estates! 4BR, 2.5BA, Granite in Kitchen!

NEW PRICE

1301 E. Golf Course - $139,900
NEED SPACE? 2,800 sqft! 4BR, 4BA, 2 Living! So Much NEW!!!

NEW PRICE

511 S Carver - $59,900
Adorable 2BR, 1BA Cottage! Lots of Improvements! Cheaper than Rent!

4+ BEDROOMS

Raquet Club South-Quite Simply the Best!!! 5 Bedroom, 5.5 Bath, 4 Living Areas + Study, 3 Fireplaces. Over 6,000sqft with an Outdoor Kitchen & a Pool! Call Norma or David Pine for Private Showing!
2504 Texland Circle-4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 5 Car Garage. Almost 5,000sqft on 2 ACRES! Gorgeous Inground Pool w/Hot tub & waterfall! Barn/Workshop! Call Norma for more details! **New Listing! $965,000**
3410 Bluebird Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.R. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,600+ sqft, 5 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details **Sold! $950,000**
2101 Ironwood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Brand NEW McPherson Construction in the New Phase of Grassland West. INCREDIBLE FINISHES! Still Time To Select Colors!!! **New Construction! $652,000**
4900 Oakwood-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining. One of a Kind Custom Home by Greg Frazer! Park like setting in Green Tree! Kitchen is Totally Updated with Equisite Granite! Built-ins & tons of Storage! **Sale Pending! $479,900**
6513 Mosswood -4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Almand Construction! Stunning High Ceilings. Handscraped WOOD Floors, Shutters Throughout, Media Room or 5th Bedroom! **New Construction! $462,500**
6517 Mosswood-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Spectacular NEW Almand Construction in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Granite. Stainless. Plantation Shutters. Crown Molding. Hardwood Flooring!!! Ready to Move in! **New Construction! $458,000**
3913 Tumbleweed-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Brand NEW Triple M Construction in Country Sky w/All the Bells & Whistles! 1.14 ACRES. Still Time To Select Colors! **Sale Pending! $439,900**
3110 Shell-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Ma Mar Terrace! Charming 2 Story Home, Hardwood Floors, Shutters, Circle Drive, Water Well!!! **New Price! $339,900**
7504 Gravensteen, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Castleridge Estates! Style Galore in this Rosas NEW Construction! High ceilings, oversized tile, LOADED w/granite. **Sale Pending! $336,500**
12216 W Co Rd 54-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Beautiful Custom 2010 Home by Saenz Signature on 3 ACRES! Rock Accents, Gorgeous Flooring & Finishes. Circle Drive, Workshop! So Much More!!! **New Price! $329,900**
1216 S Co Rd 1120-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 5 Car Garage, 3,500+sqft! In Coveted Greenwood on 1.94 ACRES, recent septic, water well, 18GPM. Storage All Over! **New Listing! $315,000**
5410 Grassland Blvd-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, TONS OF REDO HERE!!! Updated Kitchen & Baths. Gorgeous Finishes!!!! Tile, Granite, Stainless, Shutters! Requested Schools! **New Listing! $314,900**
2601 Fannin-4 or 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Story Home! Large Corner Lot! Completely Updated, Flooring, Paint, Kitchen, Baths, Appliances. Tons of Storage & Closets! Upstairs Deck! To Much to Mention! **New Price! $298,000**
3211 Tealwood Pl-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Rasnick Resale 1998! Immaculate Home just under 2,500 sqft. Great Curb Appeal! Close to Shopping! **Sale Pending! $279,900**
2008 Hereford-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Grassland Estates! New Carpet & Paint, 50 Year Decra Roof replaced in 2009. New Windows Throughout! **Sold! $269,900**
1007 Shell-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Wonderful REDO! Great floor plan, loads of storage, MASSIVE Seq. Master Bedroom. Updated paint & baths. Very Well Maintained! **New Price! $259,900**
2824 Auburn Dr-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, just under 2,500sqft. Wood Flooring, Recent Updates. Gorgeous Inground Pool! **New Price! $249,900**
4608 Aspen-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 2,314 sqft 2 Story House! Miles of Tile, High Ceilings, Granite in the Kitchen! Corner Lot w/Circle Drive! Endless Possibilities Here! **New Listing! $240,000**
1301 E Golf Course-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath. Complete Overhaul Here! Need TONS of Room? NEW Flooring, kitchen, baths, paint, fixtures, heat & a/c!!! HUGE House for the $$$ 2,800 sqft **New Price! $139,900**
117 S Glenwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Large Lot! New Paint, Carpet, Stainless Appliances, Tile Backsplash & Countertops, New Fixtures, Recent Roof! Great Value! **Sold! $135,900**
3805 Gaston-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Niceley updated & expanded, fresh paint, new windows, cabinets, flooring. Too To Much to Mention! HUGE 40x24 shop w/overhead door! **Sale Pending! $129,900**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2001 E FM 1379-2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/wine fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! **New Listing! $830,000**
5009 Los Alamitos-3 or 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas. Location! Location! Saddle Club South! Beautiful Curb Appeal, New Outside A.C Unit. Huge Master. Lots of Storage! **New Listing! $300,000**
4900 Rio Grande-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Better Than NEW 2009 Home in Northgate! Miles of Tile, Stainless Appliances, Oil Bronze Fixtures! **Sale Pending! $224,500**
2906 Purple Sage-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fabulous Find in Vista West! Open Plan. High Ceilings. Quiet Cul-de-sac. Fantastic Curb Appeal! **★★★Under Contract in 2 days! $205,900**
2900 Wydewood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! Granite in the Kitchen! Hand-scraped Hardwood Floors, Vessel sinks in the bathroom! In-ground Pool. Pool is As Is **Sale Pending! $202,500**
2901 Mark Ln-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! Lee High School District. Great Open Plan, Recent Updates, Low Maintenance. Easy to Show! **New Price! $195,000**
1508 N. C Street-2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Freshly Painted. HUGE Front Living Area. Kitchen is Loaded w/cabinets. Great Back Yard. Easy Maintenance in the front! **New Price! $174,500**
800 Sinclair-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Lots of upgrades to this house! New flooring, cometely remodeled bath, great floor plan! Water well for yard!!! **New Listing! $154,900**
4713 Shadylane Dr-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage. New Paint & Carpet. Recent Appliances & Countertops! Also For Lease $2,000 Month! **Sale Pending! $139,900**
1606 Delmar-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath,. Super Cute! Completely Updated!!! NEW Wood Flooring, tile, & carpet, new countertops, fixtures! Too Much To Mention! **Sold!135,500**
2312 Storey-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Great Baths, Hardwood Floors, recent paint, roof, Heating/AC. Huge Kitchen, Large Oversized Yard! **Sale Pending! $132,000**
511 S Carver -2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, LOTS OF NEW!!! Interior & Exterior Paint, Flooring, Vanity, Stove, Doors, Blinds, & So Much More! **New Price! $59,900**

FOR LEASE

2824 Auburn-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2Living, 2 Dining. In-Ground Pool! 12 Month Lease. Min 600 Credit Score **For Lease! $2,400**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

1901 N. Big Spring-2 Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info **New Price! $995,000**
2801 S Co Rd 1100-Excellent Opportunity for Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 16 water wells & much more! Call David for more details **Sold! $950,000**
2001 E FM 1379-2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Custom Built Retreat on 54.54 ACRES!!! Gated Entry w/paved drive. AMAZING half acre pond. Gourmet kitchen w/wine fridge. All top of the line high end finishes here!!! 4 water wells! Call Sabrina for more details! **Land! $830,000**
520 N CR W, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land. Church & Warehouses Included! **New Listing! $695,000**
Billy Hext Rd, Odessa-Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris fo more details! **New Listing! $500,000**
2001 FM 1379-Beautiful 27.27 acres with two water wells. Restricted to site built homes only but no minimum sq ft. Wild game, amazing view endless possibilities. Additional land and home available **Land! $288,189**
7710 Trenton-One of the Last Available Lots in Saddle Club Ranch Estates!!! No HOA! Build Your Dream Home on 1.95 ACRES! **New Lot! $109,900**
Scharbauer Dr-Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package, 1201-1207 Scharbauer Dr. Owner will not subdivide, Ready to Build! May require flood insurance. **Lots! $65,000**
911 S. Main-Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced, Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! **Lot! $49,000**
Turtle Dove Ln, Possum Kingdom-Great Lake Property in a Private Gated Community! Ammenities include 3,000 sqft Clubhouse over looking lake w/infinity pool! Call Blanca for more details!!! **Lot! $45,000**
E CR 60-15 Lots Available! 2 ACRES Each. Horses Allowed, No Mineral Rights. Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed! Call Ron for more details **Lots! $17,500/each**

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8508 Axis-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba, in ground pool! Bank foreclosure in SW Austin right off S Mopac **Sale Pending! $224,900**
121 Serene Hollow-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Buda! Relocation listing in pristine condition! Bonus Study! **Sale Pending! $181,650**
138 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! **New Price! $169,900**
151 Stone Crest 3 Bedroom, 2 Ba Chase foreclosure in Buda with super easy access to IH-35! 1 Story Ranch Style **Sale Pending! $144,900**
6507 Eudora Cove-4 Bd/2.5 Ba, 3 living, FANNIE MAE listing with fresh new beige paint & clean carpets, Cul-de-Sac in S Austin **Sale Pending! $144,900**
8604 Winter Haven-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba Bank Foreclosure! SE Austin KB home in master planned community **Sold! $108,900**
5629 Victory Gallop-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Del Valle! FANNIE MAE property over 2600 sqft on corner lot! **Sale Pending!! $104,900**
404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 **New Price! $29,900**

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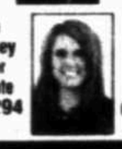

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FEATURED HOMES

2102 COUNTY ROAD 1086 - $225,000
Lovely davis resale in greenwood on .416 Acre lot. Spacious living w/faux paint & crown molding opens to kitchen w/custom cabinets, tumbled stone backsplash & island. Sequestered master, walk in closets & dual sinks, upgraded solar board house wrap, over sized garage, double return ac & decked attic.

6113 HOMESTEAD - $675,000
Fabulous 4 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/2 lw/2 din/4 gar w/dazzling pool w/retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/gorgeous granite, stainless appliances (includes ice maker!) Spacious master suite w/jetted tub. Wrap around closet w/tons of built-ins. All bedrooms w/private baths! Wonderful theatre room w/3 rows of stadium seating! All equipment stays! $3k chandalier stays! Study w/hardwood floors.

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

5309 Scottsboro Lane - fabulous 4 bedroom/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, seq. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping **SOLD..$369,900**

GREENWOOD PROPERTIES

2102 County Road 1086-NEW-Lovely davis resale in greenwood on .416 Acre lot. Spacious living w/faux paint & crown molding opens to kitchen w/custom cabinets, tumbled stone backsplash & island. Sequestered master, walk in closets & dual sinks, upgraded solar board house wrap, over sized garage, double return ac & decked attic **$225,000**

4+ BEDROOMS

6513 Los Conchos Lane - Spectacular country estate on nearly 1 acre! 5 Bed/5 ba/5 gar formal dining, grand living area + den. Hand textured walls, gourmet kitchen boasts stainless appliances (6 burner gas ct & ice maker) seq. Master suite w/barrel ceiling, jetted tub, sep shower (dual shower heads) soaring ceilings & walls of windows overlook huge patio w/outdoor fireplace & kitchen. Enery star home w/foam insulation **$850,000**
6113 Homestead-NEW-Fabulous 4 bed/4 full bath/2 half bath/2 lw/2 din/4 gar w/dazzling pool w/retractable cover. Gourmet kitchen w/gorgeous granite, stainless appliances (includes ice maker!) Spacious master suite w/jetted tub. Wrap around closet w/tons of built-ins. All bedrooms w/private baths! Wonderful theatre room w/3 rows of stadium seating! All equipment stays! $3k chandalier stays! Study w/hardwood floors **$675,000**
5106 Oak Valley- Immaculate custom home w/gorgeous features thru-out. Large living w/stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of tile & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/large island gas cooktop, stainless appl. Stone backsplash & breakfast bar. 3 Covered patios. Great backyard+separate side yard!Seq. Master suite w/jetted tub, sep shower w/dual heads, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. Big bedrooms w/walk-in closets ***SOLD..$390,000**
5309 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room ! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to la & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Seq. Master suite w/sep tub/shower & wrap around closet **U/C... $385,000**
1905 Windrift-Amazing 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home. 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car, 1 living are, 2 dining areas, gas logs, in living area **SOLD..$279,900**
4201 Crestridge-NEW-Spacious 4 bed/2.5 Baths w/dazzling pool in crestgate! Huge living w/fireplace & built-ins overlook pool. Open kitchen w/stainless appliances,gas cook top, granite & skylight. Formal dining & breakfast area. Big bedrooms, closets & built-ins.Sequestered master suite w/double vanities & closets, sep. Tub & shower. Recent garage opener, water heater & a/c compressor **U/C... $255,000**
4408 St. Andrews-NEW-Great 4 bed/2 bath/home in fairmont park. Spacious living are w/high ceilings, brick fireplace & crown molding. Nice kitchen w/stainless stove & microwave, under/over cabinet lighting. Lots of storage. Sequestered master w/dual sinks & walk-in closet **U/C... $185,000**
1209 Tejas-Super cute 4 bedroom/1.5 Bath w/ recent carpet, paint, flooring & fixtures. Large lost (.67 Acre) **U/C...$145,000**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2108 Abbey PL.-NEW-Spacious home in Wydewood 2 blocks from the park! 3 Bed/2 ba/3 car garage! Formal dining + breakfast area. Big living area w/brick fireplace & built-ins! Master has dual sinks, dual closets & separate tub. Home needs some updating. Has a ton of potential. Seller wants an as-is sale. **U/C...$179,900**
4700 Boulder # 106-NEW-Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath condo! Open living area with custom paint, miles of tile and brick fireplace. Kitchen offers custom paint & spacious pantry. Nice-sized bedrooms each with private bathroom, inside utility closet. Patio has wood fence **$55,000**

COMMERCIAL

600 N. Weatherford - Great high visibility location. Corner lot! 12,000 Square feet under roof, 1000 square feet of additional storage. Onsite fenced parking. Heating, electrical & ac upgraded in 2000 when property was expanded **$1,250,000**

LAND

191 Tammy Dr. – Odessa. Prime location. 10 acres cleared. 1 Water well (per seller well produces 26 gpm) + electricity. 30 Trees on drip system.Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardus materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft **$300,000**
0000 Tammy Dr.-Odessa. Prime location! 10 Acres of raw land zoned commercial. This is unimproved property. Recorded restrictions as follows: no hazardus materials dumped on the ground, no lot subdivided, no dumping, front setback 100 ft **$300,000**
Lot 1 Arapahoe Rd- Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business **$19,900**
Lot 4 Arapahoe Rd- Great location to build custom home (no mobile homes allowed) city water available, private sewer needed. May require flood insurance, check with your insurance provider. Near loop 250 so it is very close to shopping & business **$19,900**

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers HOMES

5808 Dunbarton Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $363,800
Photo is representative of finished work by Houston Chalmers Homes

Ashingdon Homes

2503 Legacy Oaks
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $479,500
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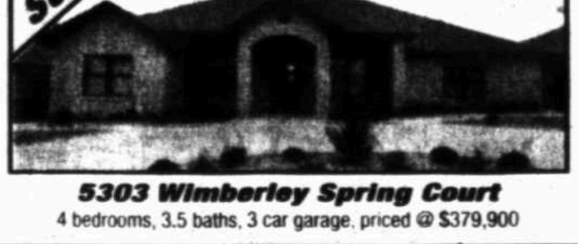

5303 Wimberley Spring Court
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $379,900

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FEATURED HOMES

6501 Mosswood
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $457,000

4236 Timberglen
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $595,000

"Gestures, in love, are incomparably more attractive, effective, and valuable than words."
~ Unknown

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes

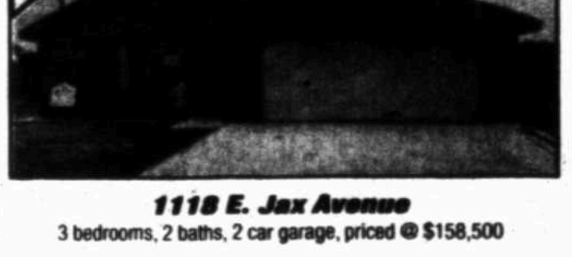
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6501 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $780,000

Saenz Signature Homes

5700 Carmel Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $325,000

Carrasco Homes



1118 E. Jax Avenue
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $158,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

2210 Merrily Dr	Big Spring/4 Bdrm/1.5 Ba	$104,500
7244 Barksdale	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage/Townhouse	U/C
205 Walker Court	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
900 Goliad	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3404 Sagemont Dr	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Indoor Pool	$250,000
6508 Waurika Pl	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$264,900
4033 Angelina Dr	5 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,500
4236 Timberglen	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$595,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1116 E. Jax Ave.	Valencia Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	SOLD
1118 E. Jax Ave.	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4803 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
409 Springwood Ct	James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5303 Wimberley Spring Ct	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5312 Wimberley Spring	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5308 Wimberley Spring	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl	Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5808 Dunbarton Oaks	Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$363,800
6501 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$457,000
6505 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$467,500
6509 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$468,500
6417 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
2503 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,500
6506 Saddle Horn	Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6501 Los Conchos	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
2313 N. Co. Rd. 1134 1/2	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Located in Pecan Mobile Home Park	$30,000
5811 E. Co. Rd. 57	Greenwood/5.79 Acres	$120,000
4007 E. Co. Rd. 160	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/6.2 Acres	$140,000
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$250,000
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,500
FM 1213	Approx 30 Acres	$600,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$92,500
3905 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

LAKE SIDE PROPERTY

421 Co. Rd. 611	Lake Brownwood/2 Bdrm/2 Ba	$399,500

COMMERCIAL

2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$925,000
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$250,000

FEATURED HOMES

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3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $264,900.

3720 S. Co. Rd. 1316
Odessa, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, pool, priced @ $299,500

2210 Merrily Drive
Big Spring, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, priced @ $104,500

240 Main Street
Garden City, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, indoor pool, priced @ $250,000

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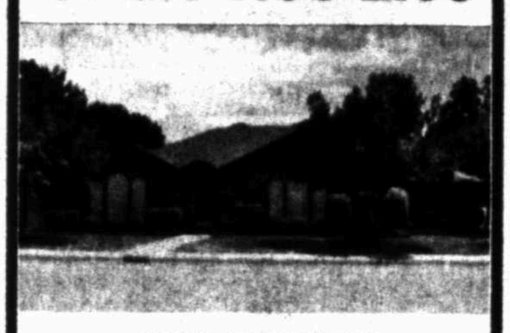

4021 TRINITY
$346,000
3BR/3BA, spacious family room, plantation shutters.
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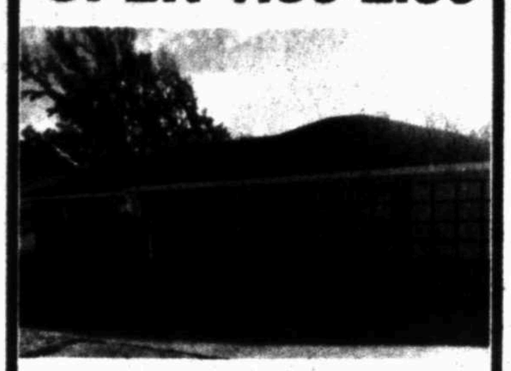

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FEATURED HOMES & NEW LISTINGS

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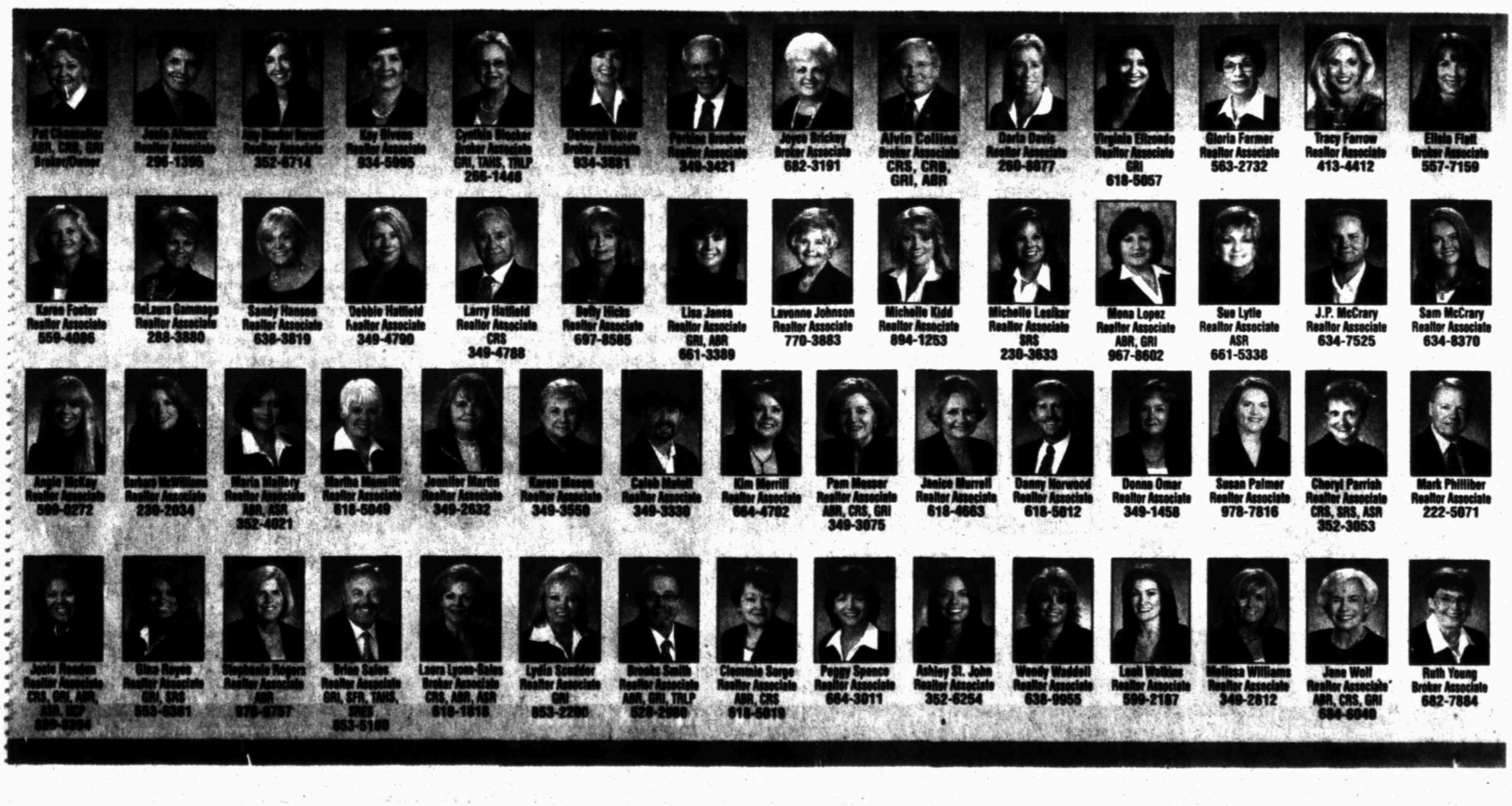

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Approximate number of homeowners who say they have an adult child or elderly parent living under their roofs.

Source: Home builder PulteGroup, survey of more than 1,000 homeowners, Oct. 2012

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Bet on Blues in 2013

Most shades of blue will be on-trend in 2013, but neutral almost-grays will be most popular

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PAINT COLORS OF THE YEAR 2013

Paint manufactures annually select on-trend colors of the year.

Aloe (Sherwin-Williams)

Lemon Sorbet (Benjamin Moore)

Indigo Night (Glidden)

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH | CTW Features

Many trend forecasters predict blue will be a popular color in home design in 2013 – but that's akin to saying denim will be in fashion without specifying the wash of the fabric. Dig deeper to find which blues will have staying power this year.

While blue recommendations may differ, many will agree with Kate Smith, a color consultant at Sensational Color, Patchogue, N.Y., when she says that blue is a "comfort color" and represents stability. Though we think of blue as timeless, it can start to look dated – think country blue paired with mauve, or robin's egg blue and chocolate brown.

For Southern California-based Hilde Leiaghat, "The way blue is trending is in the varieties like ocean, indigo and even aqua."

"I think it will do well for 2013 because it can be used either as a calming, soothing color, like ocean, or it can be used as a contrast, like indigo," Leiaghat says, owner of home furnishings boutique Pom Pom Interiors.

Likewise, Smith believes consumers are fancying the full range of blues – from traditional navy to watery, tropical blues – because all come across as "clean and relaxing."

But many trend watchers agree that the subtler blues will take center stage. "Not royal blue, not periwinkle, not navy or crayon colors, but dusty, muted blues and blue-inspired grays – those are the blues that are in vogue," says lifestyle expert and TV personality Christopher Lowell.

The benefits are many: "They're easy to live with, they integrate really well and they're non-gender specific," Lowell says.

These dusty shades of blue are inspired by nature, he says, but not necessarily by the ocean or sky. "If you look at a piece of weathered driftwood, it's really a blue-gray," says Lowell, adding that slate has similar undertones.

Sherwin-Williams' paint color Uncertain Gray "is an example of the kind of blue that's coming back," Lowell says.

"Slightly grayed" colors in general will gain in popularity as they are "more relaxed, naturally beautiful and have a genuine feel," Smith agrees.

With the resurgent popularity of gray in 2012, these neutral blues fit the bill. Dusty or grayed blues translate almost as a neutral and won't date a room over time. They are often used on walls to create a calming background color and work well with pops of persimmon orange or plum and antiqued silver finishes, Lowell says.

Behr's 2013 ColorTrends report describes a design scheme in which the bold elements come from geometric shapes and pops of color against neutral gray walls.

Grayish blues are big for bedding and table linens as well. Pom Pom Interiors offers napkins and tablecloths in Ocean and Slate, and throws in Barely Blue, Pewter and Fog.

While Lowell advises consumers to stick with the dustier blues for longevity's sake, Smith finds blue in general to be "reliable" and able "to bridge generations and applications."

In fact, just a dab of blue here and there is not how Smith envisions the color's near future.

More home exteriors will be painted a cool blue or have pale blue-gray siding with white trim and weathered roofing tiles to create "the perfect down-to-earth home," she says.

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Raise a Glass

Beautiful glassware is perfect for amateur mixologists and at-home bartenders aiming to impress guests

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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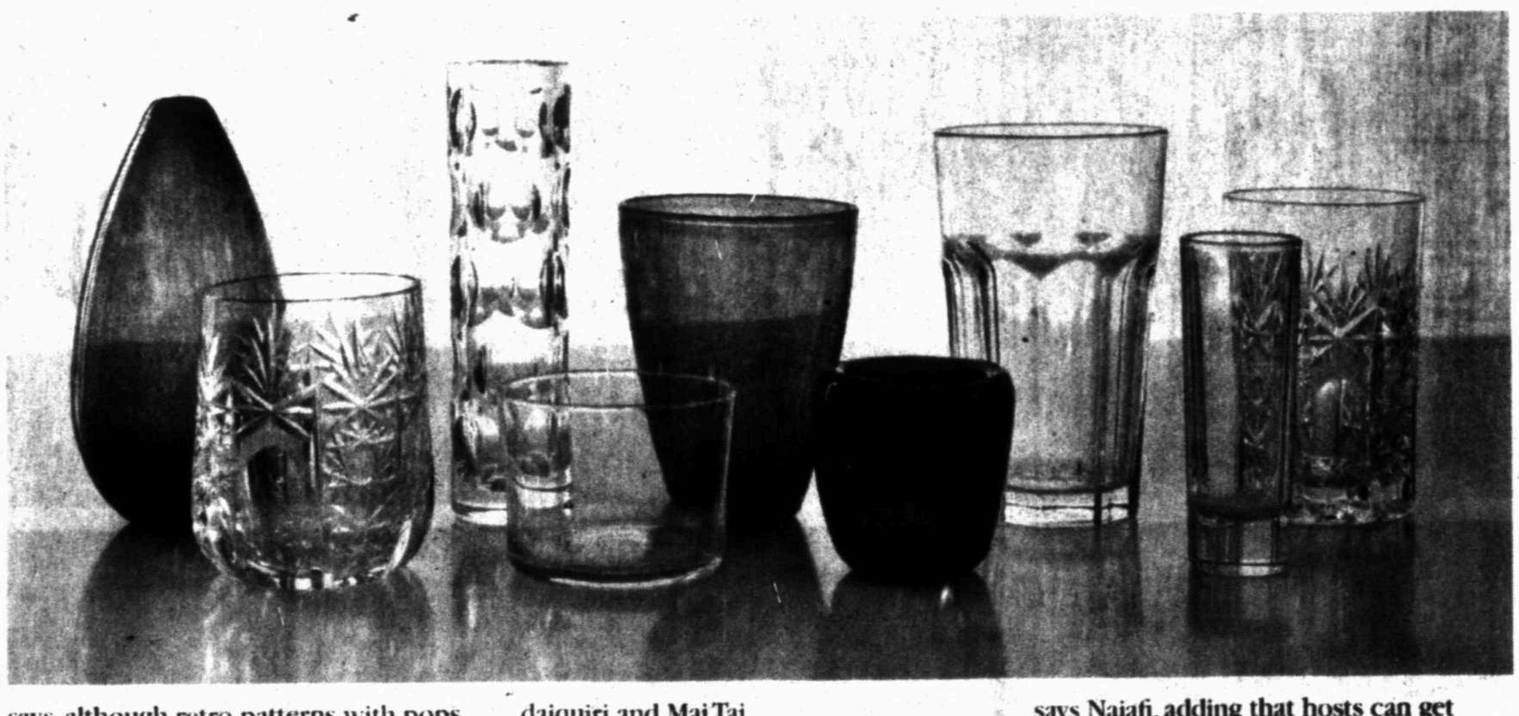

Want to throw a stylish cocktail soirée? In addition to mixing drinks, it helps to have a flair for mixing and matching glassware.

"It almost seems like the more eclectic your collection is, the cooler it is," says Cheryl Najafi, author of "You're So Invited: Panic Less, Play More and Get Your Party On!" (St. Martin's Press, 2012).

So don't pass up an incomplete set at a thrift store, and when buying new, check out stores that sell glasses individually, often for less than $10 each.

Then, with your glassware mixing and mingling, "keep one element unified, like the beverage napkins, to keep it from looking like a mess," Najafi advises.

Barware with flair is in vogue because "home mixology is sweeping the country," says New York party planner Karen Bussen. "People are suddenly really-into making their own simple syrup, designing their own signature drinks, and trying out classics like the Sazerac and French 75."

Newer lines of glassware tend to be simpler. "Gone are the days of the heavily etched, gold-rimmed wine glasses," Najafi says, although retro patterns with pops of color also are popular.

Crate & Barrel's Mingle bar glass has a gold and platinum weave pattern, while Pier 1 Imports offers olive speckled and amber crackle glassware in a range of shapes and sizes. Another national retailer, Pottery Barn, offers the Mahalo line of specialty glasses with a distinctive green tint for classic cocktails like the daiquiri and Mai Tai.

However, due to the mixology craze, "The focus is on the liquor, not what you serve it in," Najafi says. "If you're muddling fresh fruit and herbs to make drinks, your guests won't care."

It also helps to choose glassware for its versatility. "It's not important to have a glass for every conceivable type of cocktail," from a Tom Collins to a cordial, says Najafi, adding that hosts can get away with a collection of short glasses, tall glasses and stemmed glasses, and perhaps a set of martini glasses.

The greater emphasis these days is on fun swizzle sticks and garnishes as opposed to the glassware itself, Najafi says.

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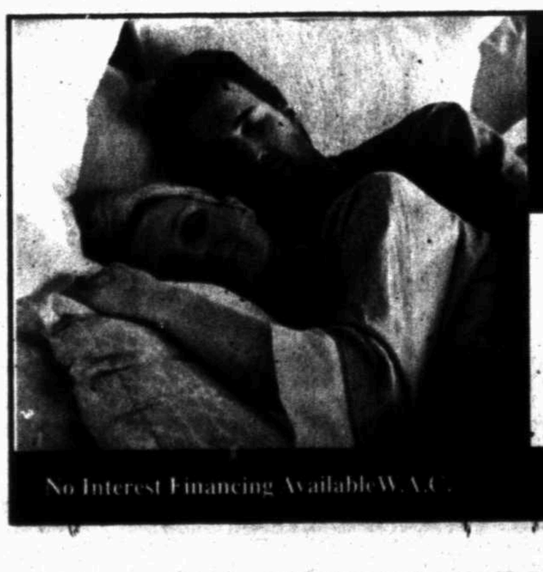

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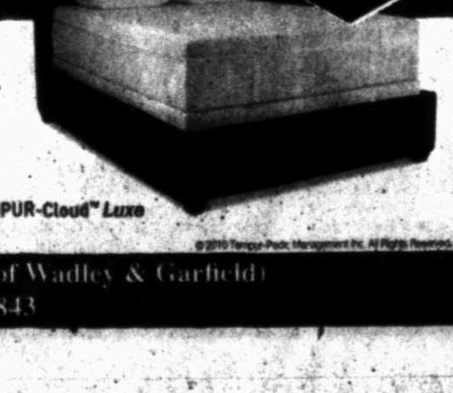

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4701 Hilltop Dr.	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 92656	$299,950
600 Liddon #68		MLS# 92560	NEW PRICE $78,000
107 Waverly -2 Story	SOLD	MLS# 92386	$108,000
811 W. Storey-with pool and guest house		MLS #92265	$372,000
3223 Cimmaron		MLS #92074	NEW PRICE $172,000
3511 W. Louisiana	SOLD	MLS #91977	$143,900
107 N. Eisenhower Dr.-New Construction	SOLD	MLS #91778	$235,000
6921 North Co. Rd 1294-4.93 acres		MLS #91681	$330,000
2648 East FM 1212, Stanton-12 acres		MLS #91639	$229,900
6801 SCR 1210-on 70 acres w/ private gun range, pool & cantina		MLS #91271	$920,000
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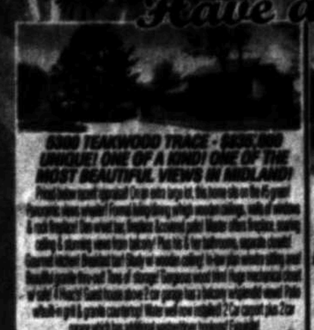

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1101 CASTLEFORD RD. - $250,000
NICE 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH HOME IN POLO PARK!
Formal dining room/Spacious living room w/fireplace & built-ins/Great kitchen w/dbl ovens,island & breakfast bar/Breakfast nook/ Enclosed patio is perfect den,office,home gym/Sequestered master w large bathroom offers dual sinks,oversized shower,jetted tub & walk-in closet/Roomy bedrooms share jack & jill bath/Walk-in closets/Covered patio/Hot tub/Storage bldg/2 Car garage

904 STOREY AVE. - $250,000
TONS OF RECENTS! INGROUND POOL! GREAT LOCATION!
Updated & move in ready! Recent paint thru-out! Gleaming hardwood flooring! New windows thru-out! Two great living spaces! Breakfast nook! Kitchen has recent paint and a retro red tile/sink! Sequestered master w/two big closets & private bath! Roomy bedrooms! Covered porch & mature trees! Plus great fenced dbl pool! Yard tool! Workshop w/plumbing could be great cabana or guest house! 2 Car garage!

5010 CHAPEL HILL - $230,000
UPDATED & SPACIOUS!
Formal dining/ Large living area w/wood flooring & fireplace/ Updated kitchen has granite countertops & tumbled marble backsplash/ Breakfast nook/ Huge master bedroom w/dual vanities, dual closets & tons of storage/ Great guest bedrooms/ Covered patio/ Extra parking on the side/ Storage bldg/ 2 Car rear entry garage/ Corner lot w/two yards!

2411 NEELY AVE. - $225,000
GREAT SPACE IN THIS NICE 4 BEDROOM HOME!
Formal living/dining combo could be nice office or playroom/ Family room w/fireplace & windows to the back/ Kitchen has bar & ample counterspace, recent appliances, & loaded w/cabinets! Breakfast nook/ Roomy bedrooms! Tons of storage!! Block fence! 2 Car garage! Utility room w/sink! Recent a/c (10/12)! Recent electrical upgrades! Recent plumbing upgrades!

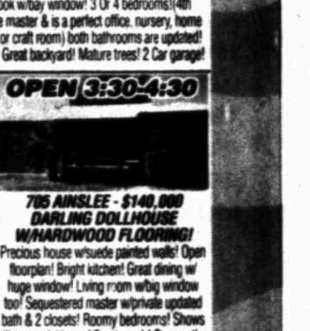
OPEN 3:30-4:30
2709 MARK LN. - $229,000
TONS & TONS OF SPACE IN THIS NICE 3 BEDROOM HOME!
Large living room w/high, beamed ceilings & rounded wall w/fireplace! Massive living area in back can be a den, gameroom, study, etc! Kitchen has breakfast bar & nook! Roomy bedrooms! Nice storage! Low-maintenance back yard w/storage shed! Beautiful yards w/mature trees! Open patio in back! Nice entry porch! 2 Car garage! Gas dryer stays! Recent dbl-paned windows!

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3223 CIMARRIE AVE. - $185,000
MOVE-IN READY!
Shows like a model home! This nicely updated home in Tannin area offers formal dining/2nd living area/ Living room w/fireplace/Kitchen has granite countertops/ Breakfast nook w/bay window/ 3 Or 4 bedrooms/4th bdrm is off the master & is a perfect office, nursery, home gym, tv room or craft room/ both bathrooms are updated/ Covered patio/ Great backyard/ Mature trees/ 2 Car garage!

4508 DENGAR AVE. - $175,000
SPACIOUS HOME W/WORKSHOP!
Front living room could be formal dining or office/ Large living room w/fireplace/ Kitchen is open to the breakfast nook which has big windows to backyard/ Sequestered master bedroom has laminate flooring/ large closet & private bath/ Roomy bedrooms/ Car garage plus massive, massive shop w/overhead door for additional garage space/ Extra parking off alley/ Covered patio/ Nice yard!

1005 W. TENNESSEE - $175,000
ADORABLE COTTAGE IN WEST END!
Hardwood flooring thru living,dining,guest bedrooms! Updated kitchen w/stainless appliances (connection over), tile counters, tons of cabinets, counter/op space & pantry! Spacious, sep. master w/private updated bath & new carpet! Loaded w/updates, light fixtures, knobs, paint, etc! Large fenced backyard! 2 Car garage/workshop!! Inside utility room! Great trendy area!

4305 NELSON RD. - $170,000
NICELY UPDATED!
Entry way w/2 closets! Spacious living room w/fireplace! Kitchen w/updated backsplash & recently pain ted cabinets! Breakfast nook w/great windows! Sequestered master suite w/2 walk-in closets! New carpet in both guest bedrooms! Recently painted hall bath! Inside utility room! Covered patio! 2 Car garage! Just painted exterior! Mature trees! Nice drive up appeal!



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705 ANGLEE - $140,000
DARLING DOLLHOUSE W/HARDWOOD FLOORS!
Precious house w/rustic painted walls! Open floorplan! Bright kitchen! Great dining w/ huge window! Living room w/bay window too! Sequestered master w/private updated bath & 2 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Shows like a model home! Front porch! Open patio in back! 1 Car detached garage! Utility room in out building offers more closet space! Cute! Cute! Cute!

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MASON TRENDSETTERS			
5300 ALYSHEBA	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90884	$1,340,000
CARROUSEL CONSTRUCTION			
107 N. EISENHOWER DR.	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91778	SALE PENDING
WBC CUSTOM HOMES, LLC			
11901 FM 307	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92151	$388,500
JC CONSTRUCTION			
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6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
5300 TEAKWOOD TR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91353	$835,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING
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2902 PARTON WAY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92364	SALE PENDING
2706 SAVOY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92766	SALE PENDING
5914 OAK CREEK	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92387	SOLD
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92421	SALE PENDING
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2805 MARMON DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92392	SALE PENDING
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4708 MELVILLE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92227	SALE PENDING
2826 W. SHANDON	Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90745	SALE PENDING
3101 S. CO. RD. 1218	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91622	$250,000
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4021 TRINITY CT	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92359	$346,000
4000 IRVIN DR	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #92688	$339,900
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91681	$330,000
4505 STILLMEADOW	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #92597	$285,000
7200 FM 307	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92285	SALE PENDING
4502 MOCKINGBIRD	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #92216	$279,900
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
4309 CRESTGATE AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90881	$269,900
3533 LONOKE AVE	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #92481	$265,000
904 STOREY AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92856	$250,000
1701 CASTLEFORD RD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92693	$250,000
4001 ANGELINA	Deborah Boler 687-6500	MLS #92630	SALE PENDING
3807 CIMMARON AVE	Deborah Boler 934-3881	MLS #92525	SALE PENDING
4201 GREENBRIAR DR	Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #91354	SOLD
4209 ARROYO DR	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #91330	SOLD
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #92369	SALE PENDING
4014 ANGELINA DR	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #92788	$231,500
107 EISENHOWER DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91778	SALE PENDING
4302 BOULDER AVE	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #92365	$229,000
4408 GLENEAGLES DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92459	SOLD
4305 MERRILL CT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #92648	$227,000
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92800	$220,000
1606 COLLEGE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #91721	$220,000
2705 MARK LANE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92745	$220,000
1500 W. PECAN	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92280	$219,900
3402 CLAREMONT DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92719	SALE PENDING
3613 DENTCREST	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92641	SALE PENDING
3301 WARD ST	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91710	SALE PENDING
3711 MARK LANE	Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #92009	SALE PENDING
2407 CAMARIE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90846	$184,900
2906 WHITTLE WAY	Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #92634	SOLD
4508 DENGAR AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92678	$175,000
1805 W. TENNESSEE AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92669	$175,000
3223 CIMMARON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92074	$172,000
4305 NELSON	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92610	$170,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91840	$169,500
1005 GODFREY	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92733	$160,000
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2210 BOYD AVE	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92389	SALE PENDING
3103 LOUISIANA AVE	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #91612	SALE PENDING
3014 E. CO. RD. 143	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92435	$155,000
3610 SINCLAIR AVE	Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #92748	$155,000
709 BOYD	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92193	SALE PENDING
4622 ERIE DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92750	$151,500
705 UPLAND ST	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91476	SALE PENDING
4521 LEDDY DR	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92104	$150,000
1908 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92739	$146,260
1910 JACKSON	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92740	$146,260
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
4521 BROOKDALE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #92349	SALE PENDING
4904 LEISURE DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91620	SALE PENDING
1601 GARFIELD	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92764	$144,900
1201 E. COWDEN	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92011	$143,000
4528 LEDDY DR	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92500	$139,900
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
803 SPRUCE AVE	Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
2814 MARIANA	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92504	$136,000
410 N. FORT WORTH	Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #91785	$135,000
4807 SHADYLANE DR	Jane Wolf 687-6500	MLS #92694	$129,500
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	$125,000
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92823	$124,900
4517 BROOKDALE	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #91602	SOLD
214 DEWBERRY	Gloria Farmer 618-5004	MLS #90890	SOLD
4729 RIC DR	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #92596	SALE PENDING
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
805 SINCLAIR AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92353	$120,000
302 THOMAS ST	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #92587	SALE PENDING
4403 ERIE DR	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91604	SOLD
5010 E. CO. RD. 58	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92790	$105,900
3702 CEDAR SPRING	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92290	$104,900
4307 MONTY DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92124	$99,900
304 E. ESTES AVE	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #92370	$99,900
1103 E. ESTES	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92012	$97,000
934 N. DALLAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92225	$95,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1014 LORAINE	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #92714	$89,900
4406 HUMBLE AVE	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #92858	$89,900
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,700
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90145/90146	$425,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$275,900
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	$191,500
1615 W. LOUISIANA	Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #92236	SOLD
1103 W. MISSOURI	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91815	$170,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	$149,900
601 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91380	SOLD
104 CLUB DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91648	SALE PENDING
717 RUBY DR	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92856	$79,900
600 #68 LIDDON	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92560	$78,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1184	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$75,000
2107 W. KENTUCKY AVE	James McCrary 634-7525	MLS #92672	$69,500
4700 BOULDER AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92229	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92579	SALE PENDING
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92196	SALE PENDING
6600 E. CO. RD. 102	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91342	SALE PENDING
12107 W. CO. RD. 52	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92758	$465,000
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	87 Acres/$359,900
10602 E. CO. RD. 109	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91530	SOLD
6921 N. CO. RD. 1294	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91681	$330,000
1217 S. CO. RD. 1120	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92453	SALE PENDING
7200 FM 307	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #92285	SALE PENDING
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
1200 W. CO. RD. 150	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91908	$275,900
3101 S. CO. RD. 1218	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #91622	$250,000
11911 W. CO. RD. 56	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$239,000
10608 E. CO. RD. 104	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #92684	$230,000
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 ACRES/$225,000
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92800	$220,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	15 Acres/$198,000
1002 E. CO. RD. 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91840	$169,500
3014 E. CO. RD. 143	Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #92435	$155,000
11506 W. CO. RD. 52	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92361	$149,900
601 E. CO. RD 150	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91380	SOLD
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
5010 E. CO. RD. 58	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #92790	$105,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $95,000/EA.
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	2 Acres/$85,000
5109 S. CO. RD. 1184	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #91960	$75,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

1901 SHERROD ROAD, GARDEN CITY	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92579	SALE PENDING
1651 DOVE DRIVE, ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #87118	$589,900
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$499,900
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
2932 SAN PEDRO DR., ODESSA	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #92421	SALE PENDING
1122 GOLF COURSE RD, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86977	$289,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$285,000
3139 CO. RD. C2400, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #91608	$279,000
505 HIGH ROAD, COLEMAN	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89621	$249,000
1504 GENESIS, ANDREWS	Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #92369	SALE PENDING
2648 E. FM 1212, STANTON, TX	Sandy J Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91639	$229,900
10904 E. CO. RD. 107, GREENWOOD	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92800	$220,000
9004 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #87180	SOLD
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$198,000
302 9TH ST., IRAAN	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	$195,000
5417 WIMBERLEY, ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #87682	$191,500
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Baker 266-1448	MLS #87856	$189,500
2102 ALLENDALE RD., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92792	$159,900
502 W. BROADWAY ST., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #92272	SALE PENDING
2289 FM 829, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	SALE PENDING
1304 NW 12TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87457	$138,500
2026 CO. RD. 2801, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	$135,000
1825 LYNDALE DR., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92186	$125,000
2211 E. 12TH ST., ODESSA	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92823	$124,900
6308 E. CO. RD. 84, GREENWOOD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92221	$120,000
105 E. 21ST., CRANE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	$108,000
3126 HANCOCK AVE., ODESSA	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #92160	$94,000
1831 LYNDALE DR, ODESSA	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91943	$84,900
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$82,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
807 MAIN ST., LAMESA	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90679	$69,000
3239 DREXEL, BIG SPRING	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91794	$64,700
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #79043	$45,000
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates	MLS #89513	$25,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
2700 RANKIN HWY	Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
11911 CO. RD. 125	Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #92547	$950,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$880,000
3105 BANKHEAD HWY	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91818	$795,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	7.04 Acres/$550,000
1205 W. INDUSTRIAL	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #92449	$385,000
4506 E. HWY. 158, GARDENDALE	Deborah Boler 934-3881	MLS #91610	$375,000
412 MIDLAND DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$350,000
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
816 MAIN ST., RANKIN	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92107	$165,000
W. HWY. 80	Caleb Matott 349-3330		4.3 Acres/$129,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
301 NW AVE. B, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86457	$97,500
1901 S. LAMESA	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90326	$60,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000

LANDS AND LOTS

7600 W. CO. RD. 116	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92031	16 Acres/$2,850,000
HIGHWAY 158	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #92097	137.92 Acres/$2,900,000
2501 S. CO. RD. 1180	Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90763 & 90762	138.7 Acres/$2,774,000
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90125	141.466 Acres/$2,475,655
E. CO. RD. 130	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90439	80 Acres/$1,400,000
901 GALLEGO, ALPINE	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #92405	1.95 Acres/$990,000
2005 S. CO. RD. 1110	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91487	95 Acres/$902,500
CO. RD. 60	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$871,200
00 N. CO. RD. 1150	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #92695	$819,000
FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90083	$801,600
2112 I-20 SERVICE RD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #92155	$550,000
SINCLAIR	Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
1000 CO. RD. 1120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$365,200
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
CO. RD. 1240	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #92289	39.206 Acres/$350,000
3407 S HWY 349	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90196	$330,000
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
CO. RD. 1130	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$320,100
CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92189	10 Acres/$299,900
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$298,000
I-20	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90888	$271,750
HIGHWAY 191	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$250,000
1008 W. APRIL ST., ODESSA	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91399	5.5 Acres/$225,000
121 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87345	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 2300	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$179,550
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92776	(.75 Acres/$150,000
MOCKINGBIRD LANE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92377	2 Acres/$140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
2820 LOOP 250	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89585	2.33 Acres/$99,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$95,000
1500 N. CO. RD. 1130	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #91845	2 Acres/$85,000
LIME STREET, ODESSA	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86738	9.24 Acres/$81,000
S. FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	2 Acres/$70,000
1601 N. LAMESA RD	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #92526	$47,000
FREELAND ADDITION	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		1+ Acre Lots/$25,000/PER ACRE
LAKE SPENCE, ROBERT LEE, TX	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 Lot 6 & 7 Edith Estates	MLS #89513	$25,000
S. TYLER	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92810	5 Lots!/$19,250

FARMS AND RANCHES

9300 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
S. CO. RD. 1050	Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000 PER ACRE
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$920,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
REAGAN COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		272 Acres/$258,400
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 Big Cat Ranch/Finest Ranch in Texas		10,230 Acres/$590/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330 Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		9,451 Acres/$875/Acre
HOWARD COUNTY	Caleb Matott 349-3330		960 Acres/$700 PER ACRE

If you are interested in any of the ranches, please call Caleb L. Matott (432)349-3330

FOR LEASE

INDUSTRIAL LOOP	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92516	$4,000/MONTH
3411 W. INDUSTRIAL AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #92514	$3,500/MONTH
810 W. KANSAS	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #92413	$2,500/MONTH
2200 NORTH ELKINS RD	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #92645	$2,500/MONTH
1302 MCDONALD ST	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #92213	$2,000/MONTH
110 HOLLY AVE	Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #92420	$1,500/MONTH

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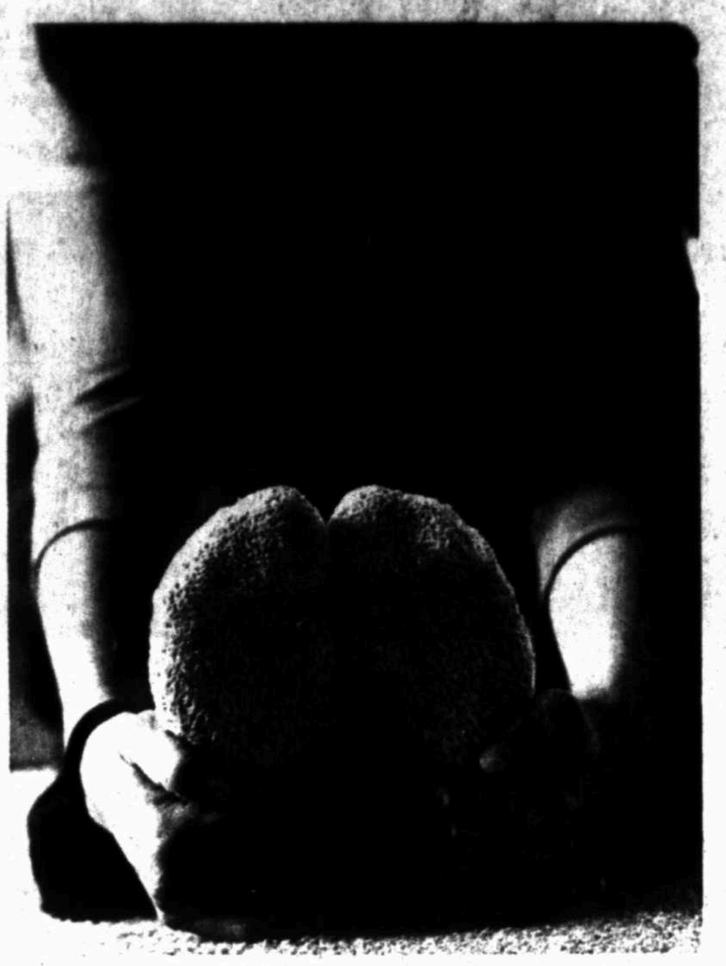

Maribel Salazar, right, exercises during a yoga class instructed by Anne Lucero Dec. 15 at her apartment in Midland. BELOW Lucero instructs a yoga class Dec. 15 at her apartment in Midland.

James Durbin
Reporter-Telegram

GYM alternatives

Trainers, coaches start alternative gyms

■ Exercise is the biggest New Year's resolution, and some local businesses are bringing workouts home and away from typical settings.

By Audrie Palmer
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One of the biggest complaints trainer Tim Lucero, with Vertex Complete, said he hears from women is that they don't think they'll fit in at a typical gym.

Whether it's being around other females who are already in shape or not feeling comfortable working out around men, Lucero — known as "Trainer Tim" — said many women are looking for places that aren't overwhelming.

Getting into shape and exercising is one of the most common New Year's resolutions and the lines for the treadmill and exercise equipment at local gyms will be growing longer.

Janice Van Huss was among those who didn't find what she was looking for at a typical gym.

When she moved to Midland a year ago from Ohio, Van Huss said she couldn't find a facility that incorporated kickboxing exercises into a workout.

The stay-at-home mom decided to turn her garage into a gym, Elite Physique, for other women who wanted to work out on their lunch hour.

Knowing that many women may be intimidated by a large group setting, Van Huss offers the smaller classes and private sessions.

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Janice Van Huss, left, works with Elizabeth Lawson on boxing as Clarissa Sanchez works with weights Dec. 13 at Van Huss' home gym.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

BELOW LEFT Maribel Salazar exercises during a yoga class instructed by Anne Lucero Dec. 15 at her apartment in Midland. BELOW RIGHT Ellen Connelly stretches out during a yoga class instructed by Lucero.

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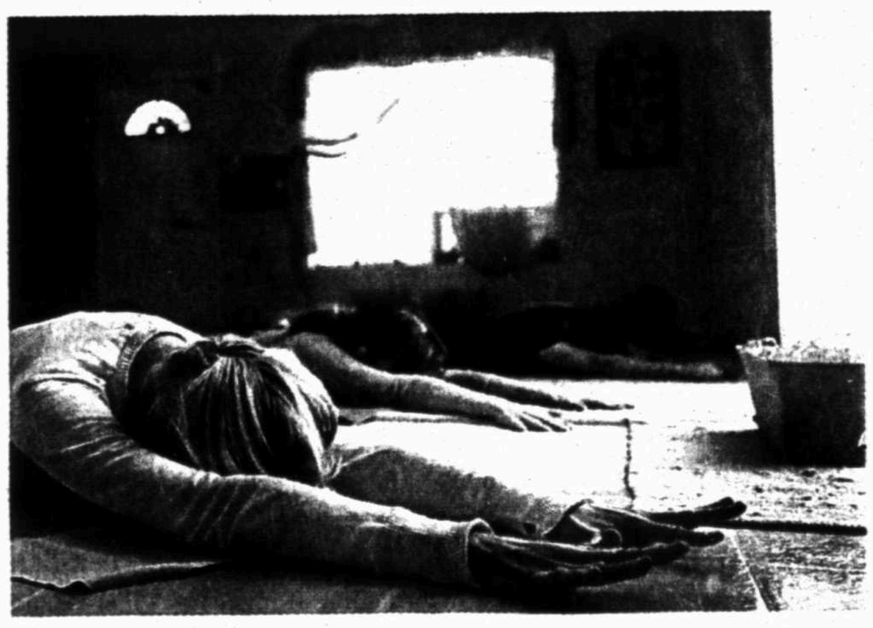

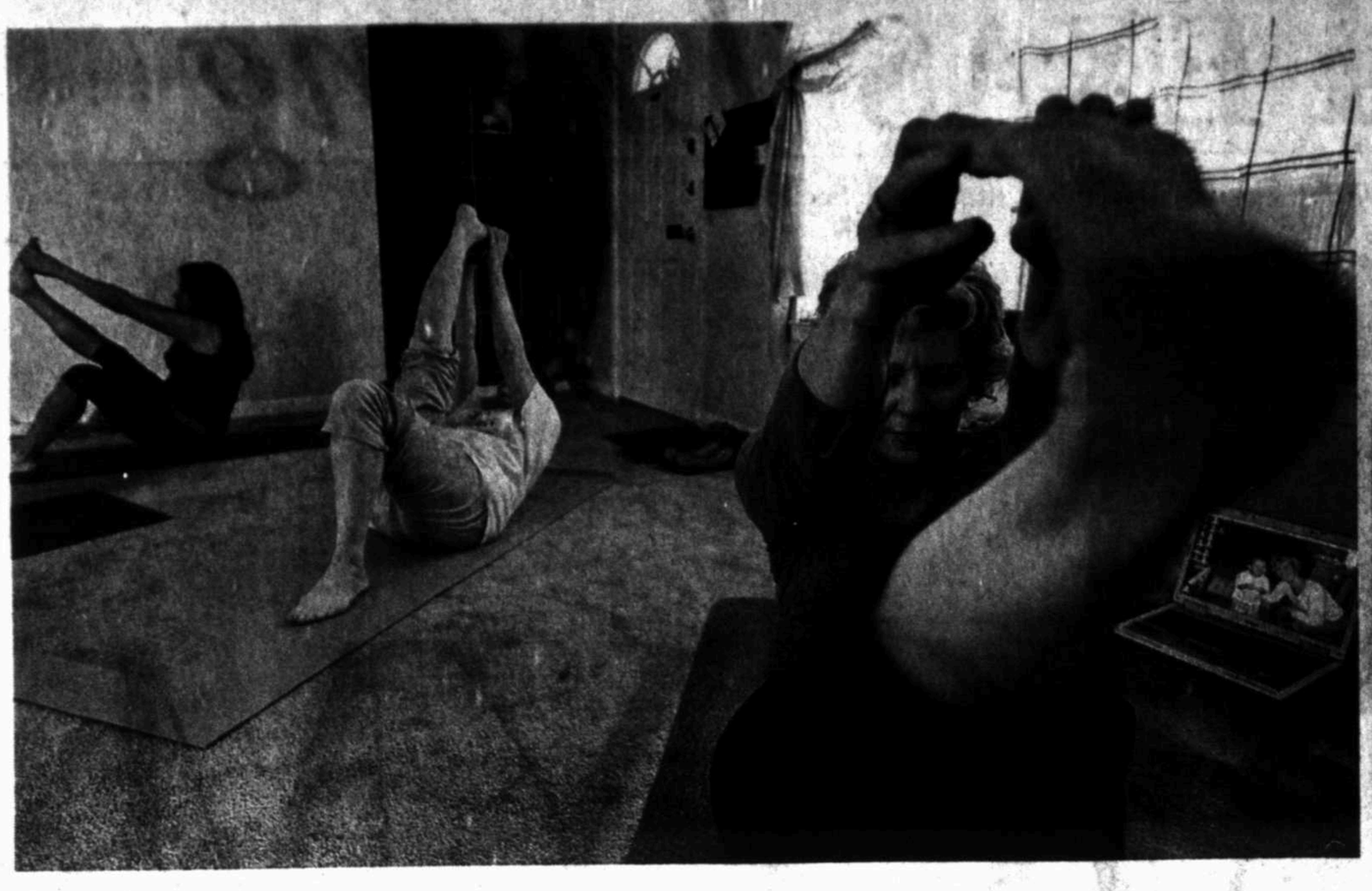

Anne Lucero, left, instructs a yoga class Dec. 15 at her apartment in Midland. BELOW A member of Lucero's yoga class exercises during the Dec. 15 session.

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An average of three to seven women attend each of her 30-minute classes. With different stations, the women can rotate 45-second exercises in order to alternate workouts.

Van Huss offers a lunchtime class three times a week and evening workout classes twice a week. She said she'll be re-evaluating the schedules in January.

Van Huss said she works with her students to get feedback and make the exercising more flexible to fit the needs of those attending.

She works to incorporate boxing and kickboxing exercises into the program and makes many of the exercises anaerobic and cardio-based to increase strength and high-interval training.

Lucero's mother, Anne, has been doing yoga and fitness instructing for the past eight years. After moving to Midland a year and a half ago, she noticed the need for smaller yoga classes and considers herself the Johnny Appleseed of yoga around the Tall City.

She recently opened a studio out of her home where students can come in the mornings, during the lunch hour or on Saturdays to practice in a small group. Some sessions have as few as eight students.

Lucero said she's always liked athletics, and after her two sons took an interest in fitness she got involved and enjoys being able to help others.

"When you think of yoga, you think of it as almost un-doable and hard. But I teach it in a very soft way," she said.

She said it helps with flexibility and to relieve stress.

Lucero provides yoga mats or those attending can bring their own. After her hour-long Saturday morning class, she provides a snack or meal to give those who attend a healthy option.

She frequently gets referral clients from her son at Vertex Complete and she also refers clients to him.

Vertex Complete meets at Legacy Elite Athletics in the mornings for a fitness-style boot camp.

"Trainer Tim," who has a background in coaching, works to reduce the intimidation factor. He has assistant coaches and other trainers in order to provide personal attention to his clients, who range from high school students to people in their 70s.

"My clients matter so much to me," Lucero said. "We want them to know they belong and have them feel comfortable. My hope is that they'll catch something they can enjoy and get the results they are really looking for this year."

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ROBIN KINGHAM

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America volunteer

New year brings new challenges

The Mayans were wrong, or were we wrong about the Mayan calendar or were we both right but about the wrong things? Well, no matter, we are all still here. That is what is important. So now that the world hasn't ended, what are you going to do about it? I have to tell you that I am branching out! Yep, you read right. I have signed up to volunteer for the Super Bowl activities here in New Orleans. I am very excited to get involved. I know what you're thinking, and I'll tell you what I told my mom, no, I do not get free admittance to the game. Sad but true.

As part of my commitment to myself to get race ready by February, I started this crazy ballet/Pilates class called Xtend Barre. It should be called EXTREME BUTT KICKING! My thighs cry when I park in front of the studio at 5:15 a.m. Even though my training hasn't been consistent, I thought my legs were in pretty good shape. I was wrong. On a good note, after a few weeks of this class they will be or I will no longer be able to walk or take the class, win-win either way.

I recently completed my application to be a mentor for the Team Challenge program. I am planning on participating in one race next summer but I love being a mentor whether I'm running or not. One of the questions asked if I knew a child who could be the honored hero of the national team. I wanted to ask all of you. Do you know a child with IBD? Please let me know. Nominate a child that you know with IBD to be the Honored Hero for the TC National Team. Send the information to me at robin@robinkingham.com. I look forward to receiving your nominations. Cheers to a happy, healthy and prosperous 2013.

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Evolutionary biologist explains how humans evolved for long-distance running

By Pam LeBlanc
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Good luck convincing your aching muscles and joints of it, but some scientists believe your body evolved to run long distances.

Your feet, your neck, your ears — they're all part of a physique perfectly adapted to covering 10 or 20 leg-powered miles a day.

The problem is, modern humans no longer run that far to hunt down prey. We hop in a car and drive to the grocery store, where many of us load up on Fritos and Oreos, then head home and instinctively hunker down on the sofa.

Dan Lieberman, an evolutionary biologist from Harvard University, dropped by Southwestern University recently, where he shared thoughts on humans and exercise — and why we need to do it despite our general dislike of breaking a sweat.

It all goes back to early humans, he says. They lived on the razor's edge, hunting and gathering to get enough fuel that they could continue to hunt and gather. They ate what they caught and rested when they could, conserving energy whenever possible.

"What do foragers do when they're not foraging? They rest. It's adaptive for them not to burn energy," Lieberman says.

Their normal state was lean and hungry, and they moved up to 20 or so miles a day in pursuit of prey. Fitness, for them, was all about the ability to survive and pass along genes to the next generation.

Today, though, most Americans have easy access to food. Given the choice between an escalator and a flight of stairs, most opt for the escalator. We may cover twice the distance in a day, but it's in a car while we sit on our bottoms.

"That's not because people are lazy slobs," says Lieberman, who was featured in the best-seller "Born to Run" by Chris McDougall. "It's instinct to take it easy when we can."

In the prehistoric world of persistence hunting, before the advent of projectiles, early humans couldn't afford to relax. They hunted prey that could move more quickly than they could — over short distances. They had to get close to the animal to club it or stab it with a sharpened stick. The only way to do that was by exhausting it, and that meant covering long distances.

Humans, it turns out, have an advantage. We sweat to stay cool, and have the ability to sweat while we run. Quadrupeds, on the other hand, cool themselves by panting — but can't pant on the fly. A horse can't gallop 20 miles straight; it has to stop to cool off.

Thus, a human could chase its four-legged dinner. When the animal stopped to rest, the human kept going. Eventually, the animal's body temperature rose until it collapsed from heat stroke and the human could walk up and kill it. That typically happened in 22 or fewer miles.

Humans improved their odds by hunting in the middle of the day, when it's warmest, and by targeting larger animals, which would overheat more quickly. And our bodies, Lieberman says, were designed by natural selection to do what they had to do.

"We're literally adapted to running from our toes to our head," Lieberman says. "We evolved to be endurance athletes."

Consider our short toes, the arches in our feet, our short heel bones, long Achilles tendon and sizable glutes, which help steady our trunks when we run. We sweat, we're fur-free, the ligaments in our neck hold our head in place and the semicircular canals in our ears stabilize our gaze when we run.

"All these features that make us superlative runners are different than what we would need if we just walked," Lieberman says.

But most modern humans rarely run, unless they're trying to catch a bus or because a doctor ordered them to for health reasons. That's problematic. Our hearts and skeletons require stimulus to properly grow. If they're not stressed, and most peoples' aren't, they don't develop properly.

Over the past 10 generations, we've changed in other ways, too. Our lives are filled with elevators, washers and other labor-saving machines. Instead of pursuing prey through the wilds, we sit at a desk much of the day. We drive to restaurants and convenience stores. We eat more calories and we expend less energy, creating a surplus of fat.

"We think it's normal to eat breakfast cereal from a box and fly in a plane. We sit in plush comfy chairs and sleep on mattresses," Lieberman says. "But we didn't evolve for any of that."

All of which means we're headed down a road mined with heart attacks and diabetes. "It's abnormal not to be physically active," Lieberman says. "And if we don't solve this problem now, we're in trouble."

Those buff hunter-gatherers didn't suffer heart disease, diabetes or osteoporosis, Lieberman points out. Today, about 70 percent of health-care costs go toward treating diseases that wouldn't exist if we were more active and ate a nutritious diet.

So what do we do? We exercise — at least the 30 minutes a day, five times a week, that experts recommend (and fewer than 20 percent of Americans do that.)

"There is no medicine known to be as effective as exercise," says Lieberman, who runs 30 to 40 miles a week and signs up for periodic races to ensure year-round motivation.

Unfortunately, we didn't evolve to enjoy exercise. But do it often enough and it becomes easier. Some folks get hooked.

And it's a heck of a lot easier than chasing down dinner.

A light, steamed fish dish with big, bold flavors

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

The first time I had to test a recipe for steamed fish was back in the '80s, when I was working in the test kitchen at Gourmet magazine. And truthfully, the very idea seemed preposterous.

Steaming anything over water had always struck me as boring. And the idea that you could count on a good result by applying such an intense method to a protein as delicate as fish seemed highly unlikely.

But the recipe in question relied on the Chinese method of steaming fish, and I became a believer the very first time I tried it. As is typical in Chinese cuisine, the secret is in the seasoning. Given their blandness, fish are a wonderful canvas for intense ingredients such as ginger, chilies and toasted sesame oil. Steaming them concentrates and amplifies their flavors. And an added bonus is that steaming requires very little fat.

This recipe works wonderfully using any thin fillet of fish, including char, catfish, trout and striped bass. And if you increase the cooking time, you can swap in any number of thicker fillets, including cod, sablefish and halibut. How do you know when the fish is cooked? Stick a knife through it. If it goes through easily, it's done.

For this recipe I chose tilapia because it is a sustainably-raised farmed fish. I prefer American-raised, as the quality is much higher than imported.

Ideally, you'd cook this fish in a Chinese bamboo steamer. But if you don't have one of those, you can use a collapsible metal steamer lined with foil. I love those steamer baskets. They are great for steaming vegetables as well as meat, fit into most saucepans, store easily and are virtually indestructible. I'm still using one I bought during my college days.

This recipe is quick, healthy and delicious. You might want to think of it as a jumping-off point for other steamed fish dishes. In fact, if — like most of us — you're recovering from a month or two of holiday overindulgence, this little gem could enter your regular rotation as a lighter dish for the new year.

CHINESE-STYLE STEAMED TILAPIA

Start to finish: 40 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 4

5 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce, divided
2 tablespoons sake or dry sherry
1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger
3 teaspoons toasted sesame oil, divided
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1 1/4 pounds tilapia fillets, cut into 4 portions
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 pound fresh shiitake mushrooms, stems removed, caps thinly sliced
3 scallions (white and light green parts), thinly sliced (about 1/3 cup)
1/2 large jalapeno chili or 1 serrano chili, very thinly sliced crosswise

In a small bowl, whisk together 3 tablespoons of the soy sauce, the sake or sherry, ginger, 2 teaspoons of the sesame oil and the cornstarch. Transfer the mixture to a zip-close plastic bag, add the tilapi, then shake to coat the fish with the marinade. Refrigerate for 20 to 30 minutes.

Fill a medium saucepan with about 1 inch of water. Fit the pan with a steamer basket, then line the basket with foil. Coat the foil with cooking spray. Bring the water to a boil.

Remove the fillets from the bag, then arrange them on the foil, folding if necessary to make them fit. Pour the marinade over the fish. Cover and steam the fish for 3 to 6 minutes, or until just cooked through.

Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over high, heat the vegetable oil until hot. Reduce the heat to medium, add the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until just tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the scallions and chili and cook for another minute. Stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons of soy sauce and 1 teaspoon of sesame oil. Transfer the fillets to plates and spoon the mushroom mixture over them. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 330 calories; 170 calories from fat (52 percent of total calories); 20 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 70 mg cholesterol; 9 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 30 g protein; 830 mg sodium.

Rise of mariachi music continues in Texas, beyond

By Francisco Vara-Orta
San Antonio Express-News

AP photo

Mario Morado plays the Guuitarron in Angela Campos's Mariachi Class at Wood Middle School in North East ISD Dec. 11.

SAN ANTONIO — Most Americans probably associate mariachi music with Mexican restaurants, not classrooms — but that's changing.

Schools from Oregon to Iowa to Tennessee now teach it as an art form. San Antonio, a city that plays it at the drop of a sombrero for civic events, weddings or funerals, long has led the way: teaching it in classrooms stretching from elementary school to college for a degree program in mariachi.

Some observers say it preserves the tradition and exposes it to new audiences; others see it as a way to engage Latino students. Generally, students can only study mariachi if their grades are in good standing.

But the growing interest is not restricted to just Latinos. This year, North East Independent School District added its first mariachi class ever at a middle school, attracting some Anglo and African-American students.

Mariachi traces its roots to 19th-century Mexico. Its presence in San Antonio schools dates back more than four decades. The city's largest program, in the San Antonio Independent School District, started in 1970 and is often cited as a template for other school districts in the Southwest.

"Mariachi used to be considered, even by Latinos who looked down on it, as cantina music — and now look at it," said Belle Ortiz, who helped start SAISD's program and designed mariachi curriculum used in many South Texas schools. "We were among the first to recognize it here."

Today, the program teaches mariachi to about 2,600 students in 18 schools. Nine other local school districts also offer it.

Mariachi is best known for its jubilant, boisterous sound — its lyrics often about soaring love that, at times, dramatically crashes down, punctuated by instruments such as the guitarrsn and vihuela. Musicians are usually dressed in a "traje de charro": a dressy cowboy suit that includes pants adorned with silver button-like studding on the sides, a bolero jacket and the moqo, a fluffy bow tie.

San Antonio's mariachi education community is interconnected and tight-knit. Many know Ortiz and her Grammy award-winning husband, Juan, not only as the godparents of mariachi education, but as the leaders of Mariachi Campaqas de America, an ensemble that has played at the White House and modernized the genre by covering pop songs from artists such as Adele.

But a new generation of teachers, having come out of local mariachi programs, is returning to neighborhood schools. Coincidentally enough, another married couple, Cirilo and Angela Campos, embodies the trend.

Both in their late 20s, they played professionally, were among the first to get master's degrees in music education with a specialty in mariachi offered at Texas State University and returned to their old schools to teach.

Cirilo Campos teaches at Irving Middle School in SAISD, while Angela Campos shepherds NEISD's first-ever program at Wood Middle School, a class that started a few years ago as an after-school group.

"I tell the kids how it's a program that helped save me from some of the perils of the barrio," Cirilo Campos said, adding that he used money earned as a mariachi to fund his education. "I've been to Germany, Switzerland, Morocco, because of mariachi. And those stories help students see its potential in their lives."

It's not lost on students such as Bianca Beltran, 13, an eighth-grader who plays trumpet.

"It helps me a lot in staying on track in my classes," she said. "It also makes me feel like I am part of a group, something that's important and keeps a tradition alive in our community."

During practice on a recent afternoon, almost 50 students jammed the classroom, some of them attempting the grito, the half-laugh/half-sob that mariachis shriek to underscore the passion of a song. The effects of puberty on male voice boxes could be detected with cracked crescendos here and there, but the female students weren't shy about giving it a try, either.

The class at Wood, at less than half that size, is working to prove the program's worth and expand it to high schools. It's partly funded by NEISD but the group is raising money for new trajes like any mariachi would: by performing.

"Some people think it's cool, others think it's lame, but we like the kind of music. It's fun," said Mario Morado, 12, a seventh-grader who plays the guitarrsn.

A reach beyond S.A.

Mariachi's "cool" factor has pinged loudly on the nation's pop culture radar.

Lady Gaga sang her hit "Born This Way" with mariachis in a viral video last year. And Prince Royce, a Dominican-American musician popular with Latino youths, fused the genre with his trademark bachata-style music in one of this year's biggest hits on the Billboard charts.

Add to that this year:

- The PBS documentary, "Mariachi High," focused on students in the Texas border town of Zapata.
- An episode of NBC's "The Voice" featured mariachi Julio Cesar Castillo.
- The rock band Train incorporated mariachi into one of its hits.
- Fashion designer Michael Kors dressed as a mariachi this past Halloween.

And jaws dropped as Americans heard the voice of San Antonio mariachi Sebastien De La Cruz, a Salinas Elementary School student who floored critical judges on NBC's "America's Got Talent."

Like many of his peers, De La Cruz honed his craft through large contests often held in San Antonio, arguably as much the capital of student mariachi as it is for Tejano music. Two of the longest-running such events in the United States are the Texas High School Mariachi Competition, held in the Edgewood Independent School District, and Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza here.

Oddly enough, the genre has languished in Mexico, where schools have been opened to nourish the art form. But San Antonio essentially has become a factory of sorts for mariachis, Belle Ortiz said. Students can study the music from elementary school up to Texas State or Palo Alto College, the community college here whose mariachi certification program she and Juan Ortiz designed.

The business community also is embracing mariachi. The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce this year started its Corazsn de Mariachi fundraiser for scholarships, featuring University of Texas at San Antonio President Ricardo Romo, City Councilman Cris Medina and other officials singing live with Campaqas de America.

"When presidents and dignitaries are brought to San Antonio, it's not Tejano or country music that usually welcomes them, it's mariachi," Juan Ortiz told the crowd at a chamber event.

As schools struggle with funding cuts, opposition to the classes has barely registered, district administrators said. On one occasion, a resident at an Edgewood ISD board meeting this summer did call the program "un-American."

But even the Texas governor's office has jumped on the mariachi bandwagon, offering bookings of student groups on its Texas Music Office website.

Casey J. Monahan, the office's longtime director, said he hasn't heard any criticism of that support.

Thank God and live life in 2013

FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR READERS: We are at the beginning of another year -- following another year full of unprecedented national, personal and financial complexities. While things are great here now, no one seems to know what to do on the broader economic scale. The "financial cliff" is still a reasonable possibility while I am writing this column. I would like to share portions of an anonymous writing with you that I found in Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen's inspiring book, Chicken Soup for the Soul, that can transcend any temporary state we find ourselves in. It is entitled, "The Rules for Being Human."

- You will receive a body. You may like it or hate it, but it will be yours for the entire period of this time around. Take care of it!
- You will learn lessons. You are enrolled in a full-time informal school called Life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
- There are no mistakes, only lessons. Growth is a process of trial and error: Experimentation! The "failed" experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately "works."
- A lesson is repeated until learned. A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it. When you have learned it, you can then go on to the next lesson.
- Learning lessons does not end. There is no part of life that does not contain its lessons. If you are alive, there are lessons to be learned.
- "There" is no better than "here."

When your "there" has become a "here," you will simply obtain another "there" that will again look better than "here."

- Others are merely mirrors of you. You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects something you love or hate about yourself.
- What you make of your life is up to you. You have all the tools and resources you need or the ability to get them. What you do with them is up to you. The choice is yours.
- Your answers lie inside you. The answers to life's questions lie inside you in your willingness to take actions to change. All you need to do is look, listen, pray, trust and act.
- You will forget all of this.
- You can remember it whenever you want. As each of us ponders the year 2013, what can we do to make 2013 special for ourselves and those we love? Do we too often live a life of misplaced priorities? Sometimes we get so caught up in looking toward "results" that we forget to remember that "the journey" is the essence of life not the destination. I have learned so much from others — of simple acts of courage that powerfully contribute to God's kingdom — single parents struggling against difficult financial, physical and social odds to hold their families together and give to their children; people fighting depression, bravely holding onto the belief that there can be a brighter future; survivors of physical, emotional and sexual abuse courageously "re-living" the terror of those experiences that they may be free to live today; men and women struggling and working to make their marriages successful rather than just another unhappy statistic; people with addictions struggling to obtain and maintain sobriety; children with Attention Deficit Disorder bravely attempting to function in an academic environment so very alien and toxic to them; families with sons and daughters bravely defending us in the armed services; and those with serious and even terminal illnesses fighting to learn to live in peace, not just to die peacefully. There are many more examples but a common thread runs through them all. Each somehow knows that there is more to this life than what is directly before him or her. There is another reality to be experienced. That reality is not limited by the earthly confines of physical, emotional and intellectual limitations and perhaps that is the great lesson we all need to learn. God's son tried to teach us — the spiritual reality is life, the physical reality is only a scary imposter.

As the anonymous author noted in his or her, "Rules for Being Human," the answer "choice" — does lie within us. St. Paul writes in his letter to the church in Rome, "Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do." We can choose to forget or remember the fact that God allows us to choose to listen to our "new mind" or to follow the behaviors of the world around us.

Author Rick Warren recommends that in: "Happy Moments, Praise God; Difficult Moments, Seek God; Quiet Moments, Worship God; Painful Moments, Trust God; and Every Moment, Thank God." Have a happy and truly new year!

Sister torn between needy nephews, reluctant husband

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My sister, the mother of three boys, is now unable to take care of them. My family is asking me and my new husband to take them in.

To me it's a no-brainer — something I'd do in a heartbeat. My husband refuses! He says that if we do, we'll never have children of our own. I feel like I'm being forced to choose between my husband and my nephews. What would you do? — PULLED IN TWO IN CINCINNATI

DEAR PULLED IN TWO: I'd keep talking to my husband about it, and find out why he thinks that taking in your nephews would prevent you from having children of your own. As a newly married man, he may be feeling overwhelmed at the prospect of having three boys to raise and support — so he can't imagine having another child with you.

Do not let the subject rest until you have the answers to all of your questions. If the reasons are financial, perhaps he'd be more open to the idea if the rest of the family is willing to chip in. If that's not the case, then you will have some serious choices to make.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my wonderful wife for 35 years. Friends have said they wish they could have a relationship like ours, but an interloper has come between us, interfering with our ability to communicate.

Her cellphone has taken over her life. She's constantly playing word games with 12 different friends, texting, etc. It starts first thing in the morning and lasts into the night. I returned my cellphone after two weeks when I saw the writing on the wall.

My wife and I used to sit together and have nice conversations. Now they are interrupted by weird noises when her phone announces she has another text.

I took a friend on a fishing trip to Mexico, and his phone never left his palm. Is this my future? — MISSING FACE TIME IN ARIZONA

DEAR MISSING: Yes, unless you are able to negotiate an agreed-upon period of time during which you are your wife's first priority and her cellphone is turned off. As to your fishing buddy, either accept that he has a new toy, or cast around for someone who is less technology-addicted to join you next time.

DEAR ABBY: After two years of dating, my girlfriend, "Noelle," and I have become engaged. I asked for her father's blessing, and after first telling me he wanted a few weeks to think about it, he said yes. He then complained because he thought I'd ask him "somewhere with less distractions." (We were at the house, alone. He was sitting on the couch and I was in a chair.) I think he was just looking for something to gripe about.

After receiving his blessing, I proposed. Her dad says he's happy for us, but keeps acting like the wedding is years away. We have set a date for nine months from now, but he won't even discuss the budget. He calls Noelle and tells her who he wants her to invite, but seems surprised to find out it costs money. He's breaking her heart.

I am buying a condo, so I don't have much money available, but I have offered to help as much as I can. It's killing Noelle to have her father act this way. He is complaining about being forced to take out a loan. Is there anything I can do to get him to realize he's ruining this for his daughter? — STRESSED-OUT GROOM, REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.

DEAR STRESSED OUT: Probably not, but you could relieve the stress on everyone by talking Noelle into a romantic elopement.

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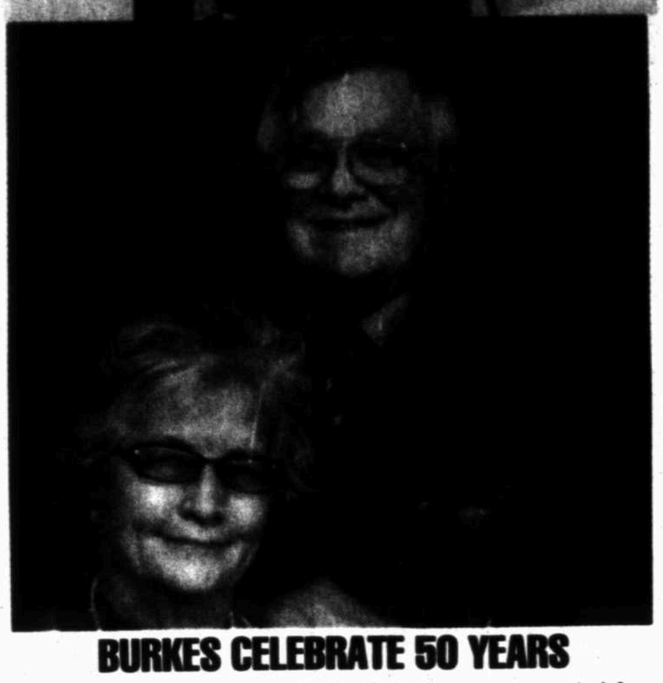

BURKES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

Jack D. and Beverly Garland Burkes were married June 2, 1962, in Elko, NV. The couple met while attending Crockett Jr. High School in Odessa, and dated while attending Odessa High School and Odessa College. Both graduated from Texas Western College (now UTEP) in El Paso. Jack earned a Master's degree at UNM Albuquerque.

After teaching school in El Paso and Albuquerque, Jack and Beverly, with sons Todd and Terry, moved to Midland in 1969. Jack soon went into business, starting several oilfield service companies, trucking companies, and Mojave Operating, an oil production company. Beverly retired from teaching in 1999. Both Jack and Beverly are members of the Church of Christ.

Because of a busy 2012 summer (including Jack and Beverly driving 8800 miles, roundtrip, to Canada and Alaska [joining MVPA convoy on ALCAN Hwy in Dawson Creek, British Columbia] in a 1984 Chevrolet military Blazer), the Golden Anniversary was celebrated during the Thanksgiving holidays in Las Vegas, NV, with their sons and their wives: K. Todd Burkes and wife, Judy, of Spring, TX and Terry C. Burkes and wife, Kelli, of Midland, TX; along with grandchildren: Kathleen Burkes of Spring, Kristen Burkes of Huntsville and Spring, Kolten Burkes of Spring, Jonathan Burkes of Midland, William Burkes and wife, Sarah, of Temple, TX, Kira Boen and husband, Kris, of Odessa, and Devin Hampton of Midland and Young Harris, GA.

Terry and Kelli and Todd and Judy honored Jack and Beverly, along with all the grandchildren, with special dinners at P.F. Chang's, Texas de Brazil, and Morton's - The Steakhouse. Everyone enjoyed Cirque de Soleil shows and a night at a Murder Mystery Theater. More wonderful memories were made during this special celebration.

Lawrence – Rule

Mr. Larry Lawrence and Mrs. Patricia Lawrence of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lindsey Lawrence, to Orlando Shawn Rule, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otha Rule of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Midland Lee High School. In 2011 she received a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism and a minor in business from Texas Christian University. She is employed at Hancock Group Advertising as an Account Executive.

The groom-elect is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. He is expected to receive his degree in business and communications from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2013. He is currently employed by Occidental Petroleum.

The couple will be married April 27, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Midland. The couple will reside in Midland.

Planning a kid-friendly New Year's Eve

By Laura Jofre
Associated Press

How do you make a New Year's party that the whole family can enjoy?

For years, I barely acknowledged New Year's Eve to my three kids so they wouldn't know they were missing anything. I either went to some flashy grownup event or skipped it and went to bed. In the morning, I explained about the date change.

Last year, though, our family attended a party at a friend's, and it was genuinely heartwarming. I began to think it was worth making an effort to mark the holiday, together, at home.

New Year's is not just for adults. A small party is doable and relaxing; think about inviting extended family or close friends and their children.

Preparing with some simple crafting and cooking projects can make everyone feel part of the holiday.

- New Year's Poster — Take an 18-by-24-inch poster board and label it, "What I want to do in 2013." It can be simple, with a lot of room to write, or it can be decorated by kids who know their way around a poster board. Tape it up somewhere central and keep washable markers nearby. Write in an entry or two, whether resolution-like ("I want to take up jogging") or wishful thinking ("I want to explore the Amazon").
- Table Top — Table decor can be kid-constructed and reusable, and it does not have to look childlike or chaotic. A great idea from Sabrina James, style director at Parenting Magazine, is to paint inexpensive plastic chargers (the larger plates that go under dinner plates) with black chalkboard paint, then have the kids decorate the plates with white chalk. They can draw stars or write guests' names or "2013" — even toddlers can scribble.
- Making Some Noise — Of course there must be noisemakers. James suggests this fresh take: Paint small, empty raisin boxes with silver or gold paint — spray paint is easiest — and then decorate them with small gems or sequins. Fill the boxes with dry pasta or rice, and tape a Popsicle stick to the back. The noisemakers can sit in vases around the table. Kids will be proud of their contributions, and you'll be happy to have them as attractive table decorations.

Does 2013's style trend spell end of trendy?

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The biggest trend in fashion for the new year might just be that there isn't anything especially trendy.

Based on runway and retailer previews, the must-have look in 2013 could be menswear-inspired and tailored, or ladylike chic. Colors are bold and bright, or graphic black and white; fabrics are slinky and silky, or textured and tough.

And pick your silhouette: There are both short sexy minis and long flowing maxis to be had. Check off dressed-up shorts, jumpsuits and slinky mermaid gowns.

It was largely the same story for fall 2012 — and spring before that. 2011, too.

"The problem with trends is that we are trended out. ... We are so exhausted by overload that we just don't have a way to process anything new," says trend analyst Marian Salzman, CEO of ad agency Havas PR North America.

Remember the days when a new fashion season meant a new must-have and a corresponding closet purge? Out with boy-cut jeans, in with skinnies. Out with skinnies, in with bell-bottoms.

Years ago, there was often a single muse who dominated the season. If she were a bohemian free spirit in the spring, she might be a tough biker chick in the fall. It seemed as if every designer was courting her at the same time.

Now the models on one catwalk seem like they were dressed personally by the designer from his or her singular point of view. Looks aren't stagnant, and you can see tastes evolving — right now there certainly is movement toward sophisticated, grown-up clothes in rich jewel tones and sultry touches — but there isn't a feeling that it's being done frenetically.

One style might be more "in" than another, but nothing is quite "out."

"When I started in this industry over 20 years ago, we'd be on the plane after the shows and talking about the trends of next season," says Elle creative director Joe Zee. "We really lived in the bubble. You could say, 'It's all about the miniskirt,' and immediately you'd hear, 'Oh, well, there's nothing for me.' Now, I can say it's all about the '60s and miniskirts again, but there are still a lot of palazzo pants, and jeans, and everything else, so you'll find something."

Do a search for high-waisted bell-bottoms on any given day, and you'll find a million pairs out there — and that's a season when they weren't deemed "trendy," says Zee, who also is curator for the online shopping destination Vente-Privee.

Of course, the Internet has played a huge role in this. Shoppers see new styles more or less at the same time as the retailers and editors sitting in the front row, so fashion has become more democratized. There's still a role for insiders, but it's more as style interpreters instead of final arbiters.

Stores have a much bigger selling space with their websites, so they don't have to choose between the wide-leg pants or the skinny ones. And consumers don't have to wait for the big deliveries a few times a year. There's always a rolling supply of new items — and things headed for clearance racks.

Children's clothing lines seeing market with adults

By Elissa Gootman
N.Y. Times News Service

Traditional rules of retailing hold that popular adult brands, like the Gap and J. Crew, will inevitably create a children's line (Gap Kids, Crewcuts). Even designer labels like Fendi and Marc Jacobs have joined in, with coral tulle baby dresses and $150 bootees for those who cannot yet walk.

Now some companies are seeking a profitable path in the opposite direction, as parents press the retailers that make their favorite kids' and baby products to cater to them, too.

"We'd have our customers email us and say, 'Oh, I want the Josie pant for me, can you make that next year?' Or, 'The Ava top is so great; you have to make this in women's. I would buy five of them!'" said Stacey Fraser, the founder of Pink Chicken, a girls' clothing line.

Her first full women's collection will be in boutiques and the brand's Madison Avenue and Amagansett, N.Y., stores in January.

Pink Chicken, known for its bohemian-chic patterned dresses and separates, is in good company.

Tea Collection, a San Francisco brand whose internationally inspired designs are popular among boys as well as girls, introduced a women's line two years ago. Aden (PLUS) Anais, a New York company whose muslin swaddling blankets quickly shot to the top of the newborn accessory hot list, has created a blanket for adults, with a full bedding line in the works. Petunia Pickle Bottom, known for its array of ornate diaper bags, is planning to roll out a line of purses under the label Petunia this spring.

"When we realized the gravity of some of the decision-making that goes into selecting their diaper bag, we really realized the opportunity to stay with that customer," said Korie Conant, an owner of Petunia Pickle Bottom, in Ventura, Calif. "We've received letters from our customers saying, 'I was so sad when I didn't get to use my diaper bag anymore.' We are just answering that call."

It is not the first time that such calls have come in, or that companies have answered. Hanna Andersson, a children's clothing company in Portland, Ore., famous for its striped cotton long johns and girls' dresses, has sold adult clothing for years. Rachel Riley, a designer of upscale children's clothing who splits her time between London and France, introduced a women's line in 1997.

According to Riley's company website, "Rachel's customers would tell her, 'My children are better dressed than me!' Of course she wanted to help."

Branding experts offer a spate of reasons behind the phenomenon. Among them: Parents' own desire for a little coddling in this rough economy; an influx of successful "mompreneurs" who are keenly attuned to what their customers want for themselves as well as for their progeny; a children's market that has exploded in recent years, leading to the creation of pieces so appealing that they transcend age and life stage.

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"The cart is leading the horse," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with the NPD Group, a market research company. "We've gone over the top and around the other side."

As parenthood gains a certain fashion cachet "it's almost like an elitist club," Cohen said, in which "all new moms or all moms that really get the concept are going to carry this bag or wear that sweater."

Plus, today's parents have an almost insatiable desire to connect with their children.

"What used to be a generation gap is now a generation bond," Cohen said.

Because customers become acquainted with these products around the same time they first encounter their children, the brands can tap into a well of emotions, hopes and dreams, said Jane Buckingham, president of Trendera, a trend forecasting and consulting company.

"That is a moment when all possibilities exist, all things are good, all things are pure," she said. "What better time to grab a mother's brand loyalty?"

Maria T. Bailey, whose books include "Power Moms: The New Rules for Engaging Mom Influencers Who Drive Brand Choice," said that millennial mothers, who are in their early 30s and under, generally have positive associations with their own childhood, so they may want to recapture those emotions. They also "savor celebrations," she said, going on "babymoons" while pregnant and holding "gender-reveal parties" at which the unborn child's gender is disclosed, in grandiose fashion.

"If they associate a brand with a moment in time that felt good and that they could celebrate, they're likely to stay loyal to that brand and utilize it again and again," Bailey said.

Kristen Cook, 45, a mother of three boys in Lynchburg, Va., first spotted Pink Chicken dresses five years ago, in the window of a children's clothing store in Charlottesville, Va. She was drawn to the unusual patterns and silhouettes, which struck her as sophisticated yet whimsical. She bought a few dresses as gifts, then called the company with a question she had never before posed to a children's designer.

"Are y'all ever going to do anything for adults?" she recalled asking. "Because I want these!"

As Pink Chicken has expanded its women's offerings from a few pieces each season to, recently, a collection with shirts, tunics, pants and dresses, Cook has watched, and shopped, approvingly.

Devotees of Petunia Pickle Bottom diaper bags already use them as purses and travel totes.

"I get compliments on them all the time, even from strangers," said Ashley McKinley, 27, who regularly heads into her office in Sacramento, Calif., with a Petunia Pickle Bottom bag (she has 15) slung over her shoulder. "When I tell them it's a diaper bag, they're shocked."

The new Petunia purses are designed to appeal to "that 20-something who only wants a really nice handbag" as well as mothers who may want to mark the transition out of the diaper bag phase of their lives, Conant said. When a child grows out of diapers, "it is truly kind of a sad moment," she said, "but it's another rite of passage into, 'I can have anything I want. I don't need a changing pad anymore, I don't need all of these compartments anymore.'"

Raegan Moya-Jones, a co-founder and the chief executive of Aden (PLUS) Anais, was ecstatic when the company's muslin swaddling blankets caught on among new parents. Then she started seeing women wearing the blankets as scarves and hearing from parents eager to drape their own beds and couches in Aden (PLUS) Anais.

So she took the fluffy Dream Blanket — "ideal for snuggling," the company's website says — and supersized it for adults.

"We have just been harassed by mothers, saying, 'Why do you just stop at the baby?'" Moya-Jones said. "'I want this blanket, and I want this for me, and I want that for me.'"

Scarves, beach coverups and a full adult bedding line are in the works.

Julie Panebianco, 36, an English teacher in San Francisco, discovered Aden (PLUS) Anais blankets while shopping for baby gifts for friends. By the time she gave birth to her daughter, in August, the brand had expanded; she loaded her registry with Aden (PLUS) Anais crib sheets, burp cloths and extra-soft bamboo muslin blankets.

She began craving a muslin blanket of her own.

"I literally contemplated sewing some squares together to make one for me," she said.

Instead, Panebianco recently emailed the company to inquire about adult sizes.

"Not the type of thing I would normally do," she added.

It's just that the blankets, she explained, were so ... soft.

She paused.

"Maybe it's that I have such a lack of sleep right now," she suggested. "Eight hours of sleep with those blankets would make my life."

A couple of light libations to set the holiday mood

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

Back during my days at Gourmet magazine, my many duties included teaching cooking classes. I used to tell my students — especially the cooking-impaired ones — that if they made sure to greet dinner party guests with a special homemade drink, they would always win, no matter what else happened that evening.

Let them buy take-out food, rearrange it artfully on platters, then claim it as their own. Nobody would think twice as long as they were handed a special drink on their way in the door. Festive drinks scream, "Party!"

The holiday season boasts any number of festive libations. My favorite is eggnog. After all, if you're trying to crystallize holiday excess in liquid form, how better than to combine sweet cream with strong rum or brandy

But what if — just this once — you don't want to overdo it? How do you cut down the fat and calories in eggnog without losing the drink's signature richness? More precisely, is there a way to keep it creamy without cream? I tried making eggnog using nonfat milk, both regular and condensed. I even tried thickening the mixture with cornstarch. My daughter Ruthie, a connoisseur of cocktails, rejected both of these strategies.

Non-fat milk made the drink too watery. Cornstarch successfully thickened the drink, but in a way that reminded my expert of a loose pudding, not eggnog.

Ruthie suggested losing the non-fat milk in favor of 2 percent milk, which is still much lighter than cream. That did the trick. Then I added Chai spices, which contributed their own luxurious and exotic notes that work so nicely with the more traditional nutmeg.

My second concoction, holiday sangria, required much less experimentation, if only because traditional sangria — a mix of wine and fruit — is a fairly healthy punch to begin with. Essentially, all I did was swap out the drink's usual summertime fruits for their wintertime counterparts — pomegranates, clementines and apples, along with some fresh fruit juice.

Reformatted in this fashion, a warm weather stalwart suddenly looks and tastes just right for the holidays.

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In this image taken on Nov. 26, chai eggnog is shown in Concord, N.H.

CHAI EGGNOG

Start to finish: 2 hours 35 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4

2 cups 2 percent milk, divided
3 1/2-inch stick cinnamon, smashed using the side of a knife
1/2 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
10 whole cloves
1/2 teaspoon whole black peppercorns, coarsely crushed
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
4 cardamom pods, crushed (or 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom)
Kosher salt
2 large eggs
1/4 cup sugar
Brandy or rum, for flavoring (optional)
Grated nutmeg, to garnish

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine 1 1/2 cups of the milk with the cinnamon, vanilla bean, cloves, peppercorns, ginger, cardamom pods and a hefty pinch of salt. Bring the mixture to a simmer, then turn off the heat and let it stand for 15 minutes.

Strain the mixture through a sieve, discarding all of the solids except for the vanilla bean. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the milk; discard the vanilla pod.

Wipe out the saucepan and return the milk to the pan over medium heat.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl beat the eggs with the sugar for 2 minutes, or until they are light and lemon colored. Add the heated milk in a stream, whisking gently. Return the egg-milk mixture to the saucepan and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until it thickens and coats the back of the spoon, about 4 to 6 minutes. Do not let the mixture come to a simmer or the eggs will scramble.

Quickly add the remaining 1/2 cup of milk to the pan to stop the cooking. Transfer the mixture to a pitcher and chill for at least 2 hours or until very cold.

To serve, divide the eggnog among 4 chilled glasses, stir in a dash of brandy or rum, if desired, and top with a sprinkle of freshly grated nutmeg.

Nutrition information per serving: 140 calories; 40 calories from fat (29 percent of total calories); 4.5 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 100 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 16 g sugar; 7 g protein; 210 mg sodium.

HOLIDAY SANGRIA

Start to finish: 8 hours 30 minutes (30 minutes active)
Servings: 8

750-milliliter bottle fruity red wine, such as Beaujolais
1/2 cup fresh clementine or orange juice
1/2 cup unsweetened pomegranate juice
1/2 cup Grand Marnier liqueur
1 firm pear with the skin, cored and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (about 2 cups)
2 clementines or 1 orange, quartered lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
Seeds from 1 pomegranate
2 tablespoons superfine sugar

In a large bowl combine all ingredients and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Chill, tightly covered, at least 8 hours before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 180 calories: 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 24 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 19 g sugar; 1 g protein; 5 mg sodium.

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Make New Year's meal from hearty appetizers

Make New Year's easy by thinking ahead and instead of creating a huge meal, make several meaty dishes and appetizers for everyone to enjoy.

Being Southern, we have to have our black-eyed peas in some form or fashion. According to folk lore, the tradition of eating these little peas dates back to the Civil War when Union soldiers were traveling through the South destroying or stealing everything in their path. Figuring the peas were for livestock they had taken, they left this crop in the fields. The peas became a major food source for surviving Confederate soldiers.

Through the years, the peas have come to represent luck and prosperity during the coming year. You really need to eat at least 365 to ensure each day will be full of good fortune. We have also evolved the plain peas into other recipes such as Hoppin John, which includes peas, rice, pork and seasonings. Other popular recipes include Black-Eyed Pea Caviar used as a dip or a salad made with the peas.

If you choose to eat these little black and white peas, you also will be starting your new year on a healthy note as they are low in fat and sodium and don't have cholesterol. They are high in potassium, iron and fiber and a half-cup serving of cooked peas counts as one ounce of lean meat from the meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts group of the Food Guide Pyramid.

Have a happy new year and include one of these recipes for everyone to enjoy as they celebrate.

BLACK-EYED CAVIAR

From "Southern Living Christmas Cookbook"

2 (15-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, drained
1 yellow or green bell pepper, finely chopped
1/2 cup roasted red bell pepper packed in oil, drained and finely chopped
1/2 cup minced red onion
1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro or parsley
1/4 cup olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 Tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons coarse grained mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in a medium-sized bowl; stir well. Cover and chill several hours. Serve at room temperature with pita chips. Yield: 4 1/2 cups.

BACON-WRAPPED SHRIMP AND SNOW PEAS

From "The Ultimate Christmas Cookbook"

1 Tablespoon grated lime rind
2 Tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 Tablespoon dark sesame oil
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 1 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons hot sauce
12 jumbo shrimp, peeled (about ? pound)
12 fresh snow peas
12 fully cooked bacon slices

Toss together first 7 ingredients in a large bowl until shrimp are coated, let stand 5 minutes. Trim ends of snow peas. Wrap each slice of bacon around 1 shrimp and 1 snow pea; secure with a round wooden pick. Place shrimp on a lightly greased rack of a broiler pan. Repeat procedure with remaining shrimp, snow peas and bacon.

Broil 3 inches from heat 12 minutes or until shrimp turn pink, turning after 6 minutes. Arrange appetizers on a serving platter. Serve hot. Yield: 6 appetizer servings.

BUTTERY BLUE CHEESE SPREAD WITH WALNUTS

From "Christmas Gifts from the Kitchen"

3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 (4-ounce) package crumbled blue cheese
1/2 cup diced walnuts, toasted

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1/2 cup chopped fresh chives
1/4 cup cream sherry (optional)
1 (16-ounce) round bread loaf
Toasted diced walnuts, chopped fresh chives, and fresh rosemary sprigs to garnish

In large bowl, stir together cream cheese, butter, blue cheese, walnuts, chives, and if desired sherry; cover and chill mixture until ready to fill bread loaf. Let stand at room temperature to soften.

Hollow out bread loaf, leaving a 1-inch thick shell; reserve inside of loaf for another use. Spoon softened cheese spread into shell. Garnish with walnuts, chives, and rosemary sprigs. Yield: about 5 cups.

GARLIC CHICKEN WINGS

From "Holidays at Home"

18 chicken wings, cut in half
Minced garlic to taste
Fresh parsley
Oregano
Salt
Pepper
Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup red wine vinegar

Place chicken wings in shallow baking pan. Sprinkle garlic, parsley, oregano, salt, pepper and cheese to taste over wings. Bake 350 degrees for one hour. Remove pan from oven, pour red wine vinegar over wings and bake another 5 to 10 minutes. Serves 2 for dinner, or makes a great appetizer.

ARTICHOKE PARMESAN DIP

From Every Day with Rachael Ray, May 2011

3/4 cup drained, chopped oil-packed artichoke hearts
2 Tablespoons mayonnaise
2 Tablespoons grated Parmesan
1 teaspoon chopped fresh tarragon

Combine all ingredients. Serve on crackers or crostini.

BACON CRESCENTS

From Kraft

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
8 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled
1/3 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped onions
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
2 (8-count) cans crescent rolls

Heat oven to 375. Mix all ingredients except crescent rolls. Separate each can of dough into 8 triangles; cut each triangle lengthwise in half. Spread each dough triangle with 1 generous teaspoon cream cheese mixture; roll up, starting at short side of triangle. Place, point sides down, on baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

VEGETABLE PIZZA

From "Landmark Entertaining"

2 (8-count) cans crescent rolls
16 ounces cream cheese, softened
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon dillweed
1/2 teaspoon onion powder or grated onion
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 1/2 cups grated carrots
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped olives

Unroll the crescent roll dough rectangles onto an 11x17-inch baking sheet, pressing edges and perforations to seal. Bake at 375 degrees for 9 to 12 minutes or until brown. Let stand until cool.

Beat the cream cheese, mayonnaise, dillweed, onion powder and garlic powder in a mixer bowl until blended. Spread over the baked layer. Sprinkle with the carrots, celery and olives. Chill until serving time. Cut into squares. "Top with your favorite vegetables to vary taste and color.

Make your own spice blend for pumpkin pie

Dear Heloise: I know you printed a recipe for pumpkin pie spice, but I lost it. Could you please reprint it? — Anna F. in Minnesota

This is a good recipe to have during the holidays, because it makes enough spice for one pumpkin pie. Feel free to double or triple it if making more than one pie. Gather the following ingredients:

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon allspice
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

Store the spice blend in a labeled container until ready to use. I like to make my own spice mixes at home. Need just a touch of milk, but have none on hand? Mix some water and coffee creamer together. — Heloise

DRY MILK

Dear Heloise: I live alone and sometimes have a problem of wasting food due to having to purchase more than I need because of packaging. Cereal is the only thing I need low-fat milk for, but I can use only a cup or so out of a quart, with the rest going bad after a while. I got a small box of dry milk, and I make 1 cup, which is sufficient for the cereal. I don't know if all brands use the same ratio, but I use heaping 1/4 cup dry milk to 1 cup cold water and stir well. — Dena in Silver Spring, Md.

EASY POUR

Dear Heloise: I always liked the syrup dispenser with a spring-loaded lever found on the table at my favorite breakfast restaurant. I was so excited when I saw a couple for sale at a garage sale. I, of course, keep syrup in one, but I have milk in the other to add to my morning coffee! — Betty G. in New Jersey

I love these dispensers, too. I bought one in a thrift store, and I keep milk or creamer in it for my coffee, just like you do. It is so convenient. If you can't find one in a thrift store, garage sale or specialty kitchen store, go online to buy one. — Heloise

HINTS FROM HELOISE

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DRAINING SPINACH

Dear Heloise: I've found an easy and fast way to drain frozen spinach. I put a couple of layers of cheesecloth over the disc in my ricer, add the thawed spinach and press. The excess water drains into a bowl, and I'm left with dried spinach to add to my quiche recipe. — Joyce in Vienna, W.Va.

POP-OUT PATTIES

Dear Heloise: I use a muffin tin, coated with cooking spray, to form patties from my mix of hot and mild sausage. Two pounds of mix fill the 12 pockets. The tin goes in the freezer, and after a day, the patties pop out. — R.G. in Ohio

A black-eyed pea take on traditional falafel

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

Though black-eyed peas have been around forever, they generally don't get a lot of attention. But I think you really ought to give them a second look.

Black-eyed peas are super-nutritious — high in potassium, iron and fiber, and a terrific source of protein. Pair them with greens and you're looking at an incredibly healthy dish. On New Year's Eve in the American South, each of those ingredients takes on symbolic value: the peas are coins, the greens are bills. Put some cornbread on the side and you've got gold, too.

This recipe is a mash-up not only of a traditional favorite from the American South, but also of one from the Middle East. I'm talking about falafel.

As a New Yorker, I've been eating at falafel stands throughout the city my whole life. Typically, the dish is based on ground chickpeas (or sometimes fava beans), combined with tahini (sesame seed paste), and served with a garlicky lemon sauce. Jam these delicious little deep-fried nuggets into a pita with some shredded lettuce and heaven is just a bite away.

My falafel are not deep-fried, but you're not going to miss it.

BLACK-EYED PEA FALAFEL WITH SPICY AIOLI SAUCE

Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (40 minutes active)
Servings: 6 (makes 18 falafel)

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion (1 small onion)
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic, divided
3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
15 1/2-ounce can black-eyed peas
1 large egg
2 tablespoons well-stirred tahini
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce, or to taste
3/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
Chopped scallions, to garnish

In a medium skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the onion, reduce the heat to moderately low, and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until it has softened. Add 1 teaspoon of the garlic, the cumin, coriander and the cayenne. Cook for 1 minute, then transfer to a medium bowl.

Drain and rinse the black eyed peas. Pulse them in the food processor fitted with the chopping blade just until they are coarsely chopped. Remove 1/2 cup of the chopped black-eyes peas and to the onion mixture.

To the remaining black-eyed peas in the processor, add the egg, tahini and salt. Process until very finely ground, then stir them into the onion mixture. Cover and chill for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the spicy aioli.

In a small bowl stir together the mayonnaise, remaining 1/2 teaspoon of garlic and the hot sauce. Set aside.

Once the black-eyed pea mixture has chilled, shape it into 18 patties (the mixture will be loose). Spread out the panko in a pie plate lined with waxed paper or parchment paper, then one at a time dip the patties into it to coat on all sides, lifting the paper on both sides to move them around. Shake off any excess.

In a large non-resistant skillet over medium, heat 2 tablespoons of the remaining oil until hot. Working in batches, add the falafel patties and cook until crisp and golden on one side. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil and turn the patties; cook for 3 minutes, or until crisp and golden.

Disneyland expands Three Kings Day celebration

By Beth Harpaz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disneyland is marking Three Kings Day in a big way this season, another milestone in the mainstreaming of a holiday that is beloved in Latin America and other cultures around the world.

The Christian holiday — also known as Twelfth Night or Feast of the Epiphany — takes place Jan. 6, ending the 12 days of Christmas. Many Hispanic communities in the U.S. celebrate Three Kings Day with parades and performances depicting the biblical story of three kings following a star to find the baby Jesus, bringing gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh.

Disneyland spokeswoman Michele Himmelberg said the theme park in Anaheim, Calif., "launched the Three Kings Day celebration last year as a test. It was a big success, particularly with the Hispanic community, and we're expanding it this year to a larger area."

The park will host Three Kings Day on Jan. 4 to 6 at the Big Thunder Ranch Jamboree in Disneyland's Frontierland. There will be Mexican folklorico dancing, mariachi musicians, photo ops with Disney characters and bilingual hosts offering face painting, crown making and other children's activities. Food carts will serve sweet corn tamales, chimichangas, Mexican hot chocolate and king cake, which is a round, sweet, doughy cake called rosca de reyes (king's ring).

"I love the fact that Disney is doing this," said Evette Rios, a correspondent with ABC's "The Chew," who grew up celebrating Three Kings Day with her Puerto Rican parents in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It means a lot. This is the changing face of America. We are becoming more open to different holidays and traditions. I don't have a homogenous view of what America is and I'm glad Disney doesn't either."

As a child, Rios said, she'd leave a dish of water under her bed for the three kings' camels — "actually for the horses because there were no camels in Puerto Rico" — along with grass to represent hay. The next morning, she'd find small toys hidden in her shoes, gifts left by the kings.

Rios still celebrates the holiday by attending a parade in East Harlem in Manhattan organized by El Museo del Barrio, a museum devoted to Latin American and Caribbean culture. The colorful parade, in its 36th year, includes costumed actors, floats, bands and real camels. It's always held on a weekday — this year Jan. 4 — so schools can participate.

In Miami, three kings of basketball — Heat superstars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh — are grand marshals of the 43rd annual Three Kings parade in the Cuban-American neighborhood of Little Havana. The parade is scheduled for Jan. 20 along Southwest Eighth Street.

The holiday has a French accent in New Orleans, where Twelfth Night kicks off carnival season, culminating in Mardi Gras. Each Jan. 6, the mayor and leaders of top Mardi Gras krewes — organizations that host carnival parades and balls — meet at historic Gallier Hall to serve king cake, which in New Orleans is called galette des rois and is iced in purple, green and gold, the colors of Mardi Gras.

Both the French and Mexican cakes have a toy baby representing the Christ child baked inside, but Mexican king cakes are usually topped in Christmas colors of red and green, colors also found in the Mexican flag.

Ricardo Cervantes, co-owner of La Monarca bakeries in Southern California, says they sell thousands of king cakes from their stores in East Los Angeles and the largely Hispanic city of Huntington Park. But surprisingly, sales are also strong at a Santa Monica location "in more of an Anglo neighborhood. People who are not Mexican, they are intrigued," he said. "We also get a lot of people now bringing a cake into the office." A new La Monarca opening this month in Pasadena will also carry king cake.

Huntington Park hosts a large Three Kings celebration, as does Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles, a block-long historic attraction showcasing Mexican culture where a candlelight procession takes place each year.

Other Three Kings Day celebrations around the country include a parade in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago; a bilingual performance of the biblical story that's been staged for more than three decades at the GALA Theatre in Washington D.C., and festivities at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas and The Children's Museum of Houston. Schools in Hartford, Conn., which has a large Hispanic population, close when the holiday falls on a weekday.

New Mexico's tribal communities, called pueblos, host ceremonial dances on Three Kings Day in a tradition that dates back centuries to the influence of Catholic missionaries in the Spanish colonial era. Jan. 6 is also when new tribal officials are installed in a ceremony called the blessing of canes or transfer of canes. In Santa Fe, N.M., a play about the three kings has been performed annually for more than 50 years by the Caballeros de Vargas, a Catholic service organization.

In Tarpon Springs, Fla., home to a large Greek-American population, the Feast of the Epiphany is marked with a Jan. 6 event called the Cross Dive, where teenage boys dive into a bayou to retrieve a wooden cross. At Disney World near Orlando, Fla., actors portray the three kings at Epcot Center's Mexico Pavilion as part of the theme park's "Holidays Around the World" event that ends today.

Cervantes, the bakery owner, says that traditionally, the person who gets the cake slice with the toy baby must throw a party — "tamales and hot chocolate" for all. La Monarca puts two babies in a medium size cake, three in a large, so the cost of the party isn't borne by one person.

In New Orleans, the burden is a little lighter: Get the slice with the baby, you buy the next king cake.

Bebeto Matthews/AP

In this Jan. 6, 2012 file photo, youngsters wave as a camel named Ted from the Dawn Animal Agency, walks in the procession marking the 35th anniversary of the Three Kings Parade in East Harlem, N.Y. Three Kings Day is a celebration of the biblical story of the three wise men bringing gifts to the baby Jesus, also known as the Epiphany, and marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Many Hispanic communities in the U.S. celebrate Three Kings Day with parades and performances, and in January 2013, Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., is expanding a celebration of the holiday that it first launched in 2012.

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Dreams, goals, differences are Cain theme

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On Wednesday, November 28, Herman Cain, the former presidential candidate spoke about perseverance to a crowd of more than 100 people at the UTPB Gymnasium.

The man who was once a viable contender for the Republican Party's nomination for president in the 2012 election, began his speech by taking the audience back to his childhood and giving a glimpse of his family's personal versions of the "American Dream" and how they achieved them.

"My father worked three jobs while we were growing up: one for food, one for shelter and one for his American dream. My father's dream was to own his own house one day and to send his sons to college."

> "Defeat is temporary. Do not give up on the things we believe in this great nation!"
>
> — HERMAN CAIN

Cain's father was able to attain his dream, ultimately buying his own house when Herman Cain was in the 8th grade and later sending both of his sons to college, making them the first to graduate college in the family.

Dreams, goals, their differences and how they are achieved were major themes of the evening and Cain spoke passionately about them all. The whole speech was delivered with the conviction of a Sunday morning sermon rather than a sponsored event inside a university gym. There was a deep understanding from Cain on what it takes for a person to truly be successful in pursuit of their dream.

"A dream is something that you want that seems unattainable, and goals are what you set in order to reach that dream," Cain said. "I tell my kids not to follow my dream, not to follow in my footsteps, but to follow their own because dreams must be driven by passion!"

Though the speech focused on what it took for Cain and what he believes it takes for people to be successful in life, less than two weeks after a major upset for the GOP in the presidential election, the speech had a political focus as well.

"I have not given up on the American Dream even though it is under attack! Because it has been under attack since the time of our founding fathers," said Cain. "Defeat is temporary. Do not give up on the things we believe in this great nation!"

Though Cain has run under the Republican ticket every time he has run for office and has affiliations with the Tea Party, he expressed sentiments that were applicable across the party lines. When speaking of the state of America, it's past and it's future, he added "The Founding Fathers did not have national polls to tell them what to do, but they did have faith in this conviction of the American Dream. We are one of the few countries in the world where it does not matter where you start, you can still end up anywhere you want to."

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Important dates in January:

1/13 - Last day of registration for Spring 2013 classes

1/14 - Spring classes 1st 8 Week Session begins

1/14 - Spring late registration begins

1/21 - Campus closed for Martin Luther King Jr., day

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Early flowering won't impact forsythias

NEIL SPERRY
"Neil Sperry's Texas Gardening" can be heard 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays on KCRS (AM 550). Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: Our poor forsythias are completely confused. During December's warm and cold cycles, they have tried to bloom. Will that cut into their spring flowering?

Answer: Many spring-flowering shrubs and vines, even a few trees will flower when warm spells follow fall and early winter cold snaps. You'll see it frequently with Carolina Jessamine in the winter. Pears, apples, wisteria and Texas mountain laurel will flower coming out of the summer dormancy brought on by extended heat, so they also bloom at an off-season. Azaleas are highly prone to that, hence the trademarked name "Encore" azaleas for selections that do come back for curtain calls. While it might reduce the spring bloom by some small amount, it won't impact the vigor of the plants. There isn't anything you can do about it anyway, so you might as well just smile.

Dear Neil: I recently bought some land that has very old live oaks. They are in dire need of pruning, and we have targeted January as the best time. Oak wilt is within a couple of miles of our property, so we want to take all necessary precautions. Do you recommend applying pruning sealant in the winter?

Answer: Yes! Pruning sealant is pretty much nonnegotiable when you're trimming oaks, no matter what time of year. Do your homework ahead of time. Read all you can find online from Texas A&M's Horticulture and Pathology departments, also look through the data from the Texas Oak Wilt information website: texasoakwilt.org.

Dear Neil: Can I trim a purple sage that's grown too tall? If so, when and by how much?

Answer: You can take up to one-third of the stem growth off a Texas purple sage (*ceniza*), and late January or early February would be the best time. Use hand tools, rather than doing a formal shearing. Do consider, too, replacing it with one of the dwarf sage selections.

Dear Neil: What can be done to eliminate three acres of goatheads? Our granddaughter and her husband have their new house, and they say it is inundated with goatheads. Their dogs are miserable.

Answer: Many times, people ask simply about stickers or burs, and I'm not sure whether they're talking about goatheads or the far more common grassburs. Because you were so specific, I'll tackle goatheads. They are a broadleafed weed with ferny-looking leaves. They are also warm-season weeds, meaning that they germinate, grow and die, to complete their life cycle all in one growing season. They can apply a pre-emergent weedkiller two weeks before the average date of their last killing freeze, then repeat it 90 days later. The one to use for non-grassy weeds would be Portrait granules. They can also apply a broadleafed weedkiller spray to kill existing goathead plants during the growing season. However, they need to read and follow label directions carefully, to avoid damaging trees and shrubs that share the same soil with the weeds. They could use a burlap bag partially filled with ballast for weight to pick up the seeds that are out in the lawn now.

Dear Neil: I planted Rosborough blackberry vines last fall. New canes came out in the spring, and the old canes were removed. They were watered properly all summer and fall, but since October, the leaves have taken on a copper color, and many have fallen. Still, the stems appear to be green and alive. Please advise.

Answer: Sit tight. It's not uncommon for blackberries, like their cousins roses, to be semi-evergreen. You'll probably see a rush of new growth as spring arrives. By the way, in upcoming years, this year included, do not remove the old canes until they have flowered and borne fruit. Fruit is always produced on stems that developed the previous year. Once they bear fruit, they will never bear again, so they should be removed flush with the soil using long-handled loppers, but that trim isn't made until immediately after harvest (May or early June). You'll also want to tip-prune the new shoots that are produced each spring. That will keep them branching and more compact. It makes harvesting easier, and it also increases the yield.

Dear Neil: Do I need to be worried about the fluffy moss that's growing on some of the branches of my pecan trees?

Answer: Those are probably gray-green lichens, and if so, they're a tandem growth of funguses and algae nurturing one another. They also will develop on boulders, so they're obviously not parasitic. I will say, however, from a life's career of observing lichens, they do seem to be more common on branches that are dead or dying. It wouldn't hurt to have a certified arborist look at your trees.

Grafted veggies are next season's celebrity seeds

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

AP Photo

Side-by-side tests run by Ball Horticultural Co. show at least 50 percent higher yields from grafted tomato transplants, left, over non-grafted varieties, right, as seen here at Log House Plants Nursery, in Cottage Grove, Ore.

In many of the seed catalogs arriving soon in mailboxes, the headliners will be grafted vegetables, in which one or more different varieties grow from a single rootstock. Tomatoes seem to be the grafted transplants most frequently offered, providing greater disease tolerance, bigger harvests, increased vigor and better taste.

Side-by-side tests done by Ball Horticultural Co. in Chicago have shown at least 50 percent higher yields from grafted tomatoes than from non-grafted varieties. That total varies from garden to garden and gardener to gardener, but it means more fruit or larger fruit.

Grafted plants are also pricier, in part because grafting is labor intensive.

"You're also paying for disease insurance and a greatly improved yield," said Scott Mozingo, product manager for Burpee Home Gardens, a Ball Horticultural subsidiary. "You're paying more but what you're getting is so much more."

Grafting is an ancient horticultural practice that fuses tissues from one genetically different plant to those from another, combining, for example, disease management with heirloom flavors. Think apple trees, grapevines and roses.

Vegetables have been late entries in large-scale grafting programs intended for home gardeners, particularly in the United States. But that is about to change.

"It's been primarily because the (horticultural) industry here hasn't been set up for it," Mozingo said. "Grafted vegetables have been big in Asia for 70 years. In Europe, for about a decade. It's been largely a supply problem, but I think they're going to be a very big thing in seed catalogs next season. A very big thing in retail, too."

Grafted plants aren't any more difficult to work with than non-grafted ones, but do require slightly different management. That includes:

■ Planting them deeper. "They're tall tomato plants so they need a deeper base," Mozingo said. "But don't bury the grafts. Those should be above the soil line or you cancel out the benefits."

■ Pruning. "The plants are so vigorous that they produce a lot of vegetative material," said Josh Kirschenbaum, product development coordinator and spokesman for Territorial Seed Co. in Cottage Grove, Ore. "There won't be as much fruit production if they don't get pruned."

■ Adding trellises. "Towers or cages are pretty close to being mandatory," Kirschenbaum said. "These plants are so energetic and grow so tall that it's important you give them some kind of support."

■ Easing off on the chemicals. Grafted vegetables have better natural defenses against groundborne diseases and insects. Fewer pesticides and herbicides are needed.

The potted plants will be offered with single or double grafts. Grafted peppers and eggplant will be offered along with tomatoes in many catalogs. Grafted cucumbers and watermelons may be added to the inventory once nurseries solve the logistics.

"Both vine out pretty quickly," Kirschenbaum said. "We aren't ruling them out, but we will have to come up with a clever way to get those plants shipped to our customers."

At least one additional benefit can be derived from gardening with grafted plants: their entertainment value.

"It's fun to say you can grow red cherry tomatoes and orange cherry tomatoes on one plant," Kirschenbaum said. "Or Beefsteaks with a Roma."

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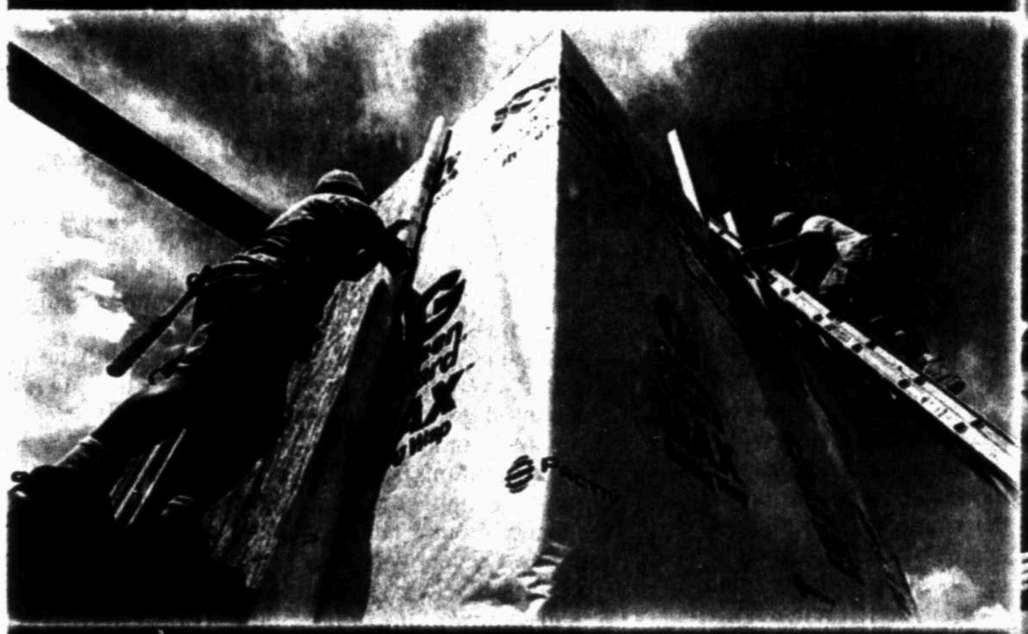

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Basin Burger House ready to open for business

After months of construction, Basin Burger House at 607 N. Colorado is set to open its doors.

Aron Marquez, a partner in the restaurant with Duke Edwards, said the two are planning a private celebration New Year's Eve and then opening to the public on Friday, Jan. 4. A grand opening is set for Monday, Jan. 7. The partners took an empty 1930s-era house, remodeled and expanded it to include a kitchen and patio. Marquez said the interior is decorated with photos of native Midlanders, including oilman H.L. Brown and former First Lady Laura Bush.

"It's a unique concept," Marquez said. "Everything is fresh. We bake our own buns, grind our own meat."

The menu includes a variety of hamburgers, he said, but also offers much more, from sandwiches to soups and salads and chicken. "There will be a lot of healthy options" on the menu, Marquez promised.

The restaurant will offer lunch specials weekly and a weekend brunch on Saturdays and Sundays that will feature a different theme each week.

About the time the restaurant opens, Basin Burgers will have an app available for download on the iTunes store that will let users log in, place their to-go order and pick it up at the take-out window. Marquez explained that this new technology will let the restaurant accommodate both students from Midland High nearby, who have a limited time for lunch, and business customers.

"We have two different grills on either side of the restaurant, they're sizable grills so we're able to cook a large number of burgers simultaneously," Marquez said.

Hours will be Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday 10 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

More information is available by calling 687-5696. Basin Burger House also has a website at www.basinburgerhouse.com and a Facebook page.

Top business story in '12: Sluggish global economy

Associated Press

This would be the year when the global economy finally regained its vigor. At least that's what many had hoped.

It didn't happen.

The three largest economies — the United States, China and Japan — struggled again in 2012. The 17 countries that use the euro endured a third painful year in their financial crisis and slid into recession. Emerging economies slowed.

President Barack Obama defied predictions by sailing to re-election. And his landmark health care plan surprisingly survived Supreme Court review. Obama's re-election triggered a face-off with Republicans over averting the "fiscal cliff" — the drastic spending cuts and tax increases that were set to kick in Jan. 1.

The tech world dueled over smartphones and tablets and saw Facebook's IPO sour as fast as it had sizzled. The housing market inched toward recovery. And Americans suffered both a catastrophic drought and a catastrophic superstorm.

Least surprisingly, perhaps, another gallery of rogues brought investigative scrutiny to Wall Street.

The achingly slow global economic recovery was chosen as the top business story of the year by business editors at The Associated Press. The U.S. presidential election came in second, followed by the Supreme Court's upholding Obama's health-care plan.

1. THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: Worldwide growth was slack again in 2012. The global economy grew just 3.3 percent, down from 3.8 percent in 2011 and 5.1 percent in 2010, the International Monetary Fund estimates. The U.S. economy, the world's largest, failed to gain traction. Five years after a recession seized the economy and more than three years after it ended, growth in the United States was only about 2 percent. Unemployment remained a high 7.7 percent.

Europe fared worse. Its financial crisis did stabilize, thanks in part to the European Central Bank's plan to buy government bonds to help countries manage their debts. But the euro alliance sank into recession. Europeans, in turn, held back China, the world's No. 2 economy, by cutting back on Chinese goods. China's economy grew at a 7.4 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter. Though a scorching pace for developed countries, that marked a 3 1/2-year low for China. And at year's end, Japan's economy, the world's third-largest, was shrinking.

2. U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Obama vaulted to a re-election victory over Mitt Romney, who had staked his bid on the weakest U.S. economic rebound since the Great Depression and had pledged to slash taxes. Unemployment under Obama topped 8 percent for 43 straight months.

Yet he won despite the highest unemployment rate of any president seeking re-election since World War II. Voters assigned him higher marks on the economy as the year progressed, perhaps encouraged by job gains. As the fiscal cliff neared, Obama fought to raise taxes on the highest-earning Americans. He also demanded aid for the long-term unemployed and money for roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Economists raised hopes that if the fiscal cliff was averted, the gloom would lift in Obama's second term.

3. OBAMA HEALTH CARE PLAN UPHELD: The Supreme Court caught many by surprise when it backed Obama administration's health care reform in a 5-4 vote. The law requires Americans to buy insurance or pay a tax, while subsidizing the needy. Hospitals and health insurers will likely benefit from 30 million new customers. Medical device makers, though, will face a new sales tax. And some small businesses say the law will discourage hiring because it requires companies to provide health care once they employ more than 50.

4. THE FISCAL CLIFF: A dreaded package of tax increases and deep spending cuts to domestic and defense programs loomed over the economy in the year's final months. Negotiators struggled to forge a budget deal to avert those measures. If they failed, the tax increases and spending cuts would kick in Jan. 1. That threat was intended to be so chilling that it would force Congress and the White House to take the painful budgetary steps needed to avoid it. Economists warned that if the fiscal cliff measures remained in place for much of 2013, they would cause a recession.

5. FACEBOOK's IPO: Years of anticipation led to Facebook's initial public offering of stock — the hottest Internet IPO since Google's in 2004. Many of the billion or so users of the world's largest online social network craved a chance to buy in early. On the eve of its first trading day, Facebook's market value was $104 billion — more than Amazon.com's or McDonald's at the time. Yet the IPO bombed. Its debut was marred by technical glitches with the Nasdaq exchange, allegations that a revenue gap wasn't publicly disclosed and complaints that the IPO had been priced too high. Traders lost confidence fast. Within three months, Facebook's stock had shed more than half its IPO value.

6. HOUSING RECOVERY: After a six-year slump that sent more than 4 million homes into foreclosure and shrank home prices about one-third nationwide, the U.S. housing market began to recover in mid-year. Modest job gains and record-low mortgage rates fueled demand. And the supply of available homes sank. By June, prices began rising. And builders broke ground on the most homes in four years. Housing boosted economic growth this year for the first time since 2005.

7. THE RETURN OF BIG OIL: Domestic crude oil production achieved its

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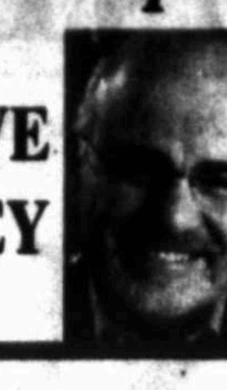
Have son, daughter-in-law open up about finances before opening checkbook

DAVE RAMSEY



Dear Dave,

I'm trying to help my son and daughter-in-law by encouraging them to get out of debt and live on a budget. It hasn't been a problem to give them money when they've asked in the past, but I'm afraid they're still in a mess. How can I make sure I'm doing the right thing?

Margaret

Dear Margaret,

The first thing you need to do is sit down and have a serious, loving talk with them. If they've asked for money before, and it has become something of a trend, you have a right to know more about their circumstances. In addition, they need to understand that opening up and being honest about their situation and behavior is a requirement for them to receive more of your help.

I know you guys love each other, but be prepared for them to get defensive. Lots of times people are embarrassed to talk about their mistakes, no matter how nicely you approach things. They may decide not to answer any questions and that it's none of your business. That's fine, too. Just make sure they understand Mom won't open her checkbook unless they open up about their finances.

This isn't about you being nosy or controlling. It's about making sure you're not giving a drunk a drink and further enabling any misbehavior. Then, if they're willing to talk, and as a result, you feel they truly need help, make sure any money you give them is a gift, not a loan.

I know it hurts to see them go through rough times, Margaret. But if they're acting irresponsibly with money, they need to suffer the consequences of their actions. That, along with your love and advice, can help them turn the corner and win with money!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I have one bill left from an emergency room visit earlier this year, and I'm trying to settle with a collections agency. They're willing to accept half of the $930 owed, but they want me to pay online or by phone, and I don't feel safe doing that. What should I do?

Allison

Dear Allison,

If they're willing to lower the bill by half, then you need to get that in writing. If you don't have it in writing, you don't have a deal. And whatever you do, don't give them any form of electronic access to your money. I've seen too many collectors lie to people about "agreements," then go in and raid their accounts.

Just tell them to send you, by email or regular letter, a statement saying that $465 will be accepted as payment in full for the debt. Also, tell them you'll turn around the day you receive this letter and send them a cashier's check for that amount. Until then, they can go jump in the lake!

—Dave

Growth prospects for economy are better than year ago

RAY PERRYMAN

The United States economy is growing, but uncertainty is constraining performance. Firms are hiring, though the pace of increase is too slow to make much headway in improving the job market. The major domestic issue is the "fiscal cliff" which is set to hit at the end of the year; long-term debt and deficit concerns, ongoing election-year dynamics, and fallout from health care law changes are compounding the problem. Internationally, a number of European countries are struggling with major debt issues, tensions remain high in the Middle East and Korea, and the Chinese economy has cooled.

Even so, growth prospects are much better than they were a year ago, and The Perryman Group's most recent forecast calls for growing momentum over the short-term horizon. While challenges will linger, the pace of expansion is likely to finally increase (assuming the worst aspects of the fiscal cliff are dealt with or at least postponed).

The fiscal cliff coming at the end of this year (assuming Congress and the president fail to take meaningful action) involves the elimination of tax breaks, some of which have been in place for many years, and substantial across-the-board budget cuts. The consensus view is that this outcome would dramatically curtail economic growth, possibly pushing the nation back into a recession.

As we go to press, negotiations are ongoing, with an agreement seeming more or less likely with each new release of information. The implications of the fiscal cliff are potentially severe, though the full effects would not be felt immediately.

There are signs that the housing market has finally begun to turn the corner on a national scale. Recently released S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index data indicate U.S. prices continued to rise in the third quarter of 2012, with 18 of the 20 large metropolitan area markets tracked experiencing year-over-year gains. Foreclosure rates have also dropped, and for-sale inventories are falling. Prices are also trending upward in many of the hardest hit regions, a further indication of recovery.

Given its assessment that the recovery is slowing, the Federal Reserve Bank announced another round of quantitative easing on Sept. 13. The Fed will be purchasing mortgage debt (thereby injecting liquidity into the economy) and indicated that its benchmark interest rate is likely to stay low through the middle of 2015. Low rates will work to increase investment once uncertainty is reduced. The Fed recently announced that this program will continue, along with purchases of $45 billion in treasury securities each month; the end date is pegged to the level of unemployment reaching 6.5 percent.

The European financial situation continues to present a threat to the global economy. Holding together the euro will require substantial commitments from a number of nations at a time when their own growth is relatively sluggish. Tensions in the Middle East are also running high, with Iran's threat of nuclear weapons, attacks on U.S. embassies, and various nations threatening one another. As a source of much of the world's oil supply, even minor problems in this region (or, in fact, even the perception that there could be problems) have the potential to lead to a spike in oil prices.

The most likely scenario at present is that the various challenges the U.S. economy is facing are managed without extreme disruptions. As uncertainties are thus worked out, the pace of economic growth can increase. As we go to press, it appears that progress is being made toward dealing with the fiscal cliff (either by the end of the year or early in 2013), thus clearing away a major source of concern.

Given these developments, The Perryman Group's most recent forecast calls for U.S. real gross product to expand from $13.4 trillion in 2012 to almost $16.0 trillion in 2017, a 3.47 percent annual rate of growth over the period. Employment is projected to increase from 132.8 million to 142.9 million, a gain of more than 10 million jobs (a 1.47 percent annual pace) over the period.

The ultimate condition of the U.S. economy will be determined to a significant degree by the outcome of fiscal cliff negotiations and ongoing deficit reduction efforts. The associated uncertainty has been dampening growth prospects for months, and a highly negative outcome could curtail growth. On the other hand, if meaningful (and much needed) reforms are implemented, future prospects are decidedly more positive.

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Ways to avoid a chilly home this winter while saving money

Here in West Texas, the winter season is unpredictable. It may be 80 degrees on Monday and 30 degrees on Tuesday. With that much variation, many of you may not have thought much about preparing your home for freezing temperatures.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, average household spending for heating oil and natural gas could increase as much as 19 percent this winter compared to last.

In preparation, Better Business Bureau has a checklist to help consumers get their home ready for the colder months ahead, while also cutting back on unnecessary energy costs:

- Furnace. Have your unit inspected to make sure it is in safe, working order. Additionally, check to see that the furnace filter is clean, the thermostat is working correctly and the pilot light is functioning.
- Heating ducts. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a home with central heating can lose up to 60 percent of its heated air before that air reaches the vents. This occurs if ductwork is not well-connected, improperly insulated or if air travels through unheated spaces.
- Fireplace. Using your fireplace can keep you from running the heater as often, but make sure the flue is closed when it is not in use. This will keep cold drafts out of your home. If you notice a leak, have your chimney inspected or purchase a screen to cover your fireplace. You should have your chimney or wood stoves inspected annually.
- Gutters and outside pipes. If freezing temperatures are expected, wrap outside pipes and clear your gutters to prevent possible cracking. Any clogs or excess water will expand as they freeze.
- **Caulking and weather stripping.** Inspect the caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors for cracking and peeling. If you can feel air coming in, it also means heat could be getting out.

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biggest one-year gain since 1951, driven by output in North Dakota and Texas. The United States is on pace to pass Saudi Arabia as the world's top oil producer within two years. Credit goes to drilling improvements, like those that have fed a boom in domestic natural-gas production — horizontal drilling combined with hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The new production helped cut natural gas prices to their lowest levels in more than a decade. Higher oil production helped reduce oil imports to 1992 levels and hand record profits to U.S. refiners. Gasoline prices declined in the last three months of the year. But for all of 2012, the average gallon was a record $3.63.

8. BANKS BEHAVING BADLY: It was a banner year for bank drama. JPMorgan Chase lost $6 billion in a complex series of trades. And one of its bankers in London grew famous for big bets and became known as the "London whale." Morgan Stanley was accused of botching Facebook's IPO. An ex-banker trashed Goldman Sachs for putting profits ahead of customers and for mocking clients as "muppets." Barclays and UBS were fined for their roles in manipulating a key global interest rate. And HSBC agreed to pay $1.9 billion to settle charges that it enabled money laundering by Mexican drug traffickers.

9. MOTHER NATURE: There wasn't enough rain in much of the nation. Then, suddenly there was much too much. The nation suffered its worst drought since the 1950s, covering 80 percent of U.S. farmland. Grain and food prices soared. Then a storm so destructive it was dubbed a "superstorm" walloped the Northeast. Sandy blasted coastal New Jersey and New York and put 8.5 million customers in 21 states in the dark. Sandy will likely end up as the second-costliest U.S. storm ever after Hurricane Katrina.

10. MOBILE-GADGET WARS: Competition in mobile technology intensified. Apple maintained its worldwide dominance. But the use of Google's Android software on competing smartphones and tablets spread faster than Apple's market share. Forty-four percent of U.S. adults own smartphones, up from about 35 percent a year ago. Tablet ownership doubled in 2012. Taking on Apple's iPad, Microsoft unleashed its Surface tablet and began selling Windows 8, a tablet-friendly operating system. Amazon and Barnes & Noble rushed out high-definition-screen tablets. Each priced its premium model less than the entry-level iPad. Apple struck back with the iPad Mini. Struggling to compete, once-formidable Nokia and BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion floundered.

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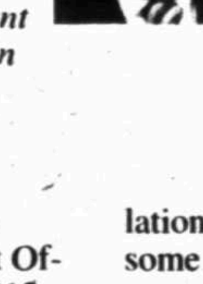
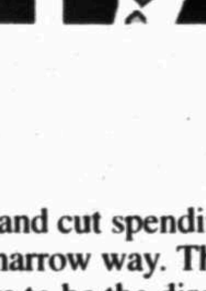
Beyond the fiscal cliff, investment opportunities may appear





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As of Tuesday morning [December 18th], it appears that some sort of compromise is being worked out between President Obama and Speaker of the House Boehner to avoid the full effects of the "fiscal cliff" tax increases and spending cuts that are due to kick in Jan. 1, 2013. While details of the discussions are fluid at this point, some media outlets are reporting that the arrangement being discussed would involve a roughly equal amount of tax increases and spending cuts. The amount being bandied about is in the $1.2 trillion range over a 10-year period. Therefore, this one-to-one ratio between tax increases and spending reductions would total approximately $2.4 trillion of "deficit reduction" over the next decade, or $240 billion each year.

Keep in mind that the Congressional Budget Office has pegged the 2012 U.S. budget deficit at $1.1 trillion. This would make a dent in the budget deficit but hardly solve the problem. The bigger, tougher decisions would get kicked down the road.

And how will the market react to such a deal? We have been looking for a minor compromise that would raise taxes on a small segment of the population and cut spending in some narrow way. That appears to be the direction we are headed. The idea of $3 in spending cuts for every $1 in tax increases that some of our elected officials discussed only a few months ago has apparently been thrown out the window. But the market seems to be willing to accept a deal that would balance

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the cuts in spending with increased tax revenues. This would help clear up any near-term uncertainty. In addition, there is talk on the Street that the deal may include an agreement to raise the debt ceiling. Indeed, as of this writing, the S&P 500 has been in rally mode for the last two days in response to the most recent proposals to avoid the cliff.

In our opinion, if such a minor compromise is reached, it is unlikely that the market would surge in a sustainable manner from current levels. At least some of the enthusiasm is likely already priced into equities. There is much more work to be done on fiscal issues in the year to come, and the economy continues to grow at a sub-par pace. We see the economy growing at a below-trend 2.5 percent in the coming year.

Once we get past the fiscal cliff uncertainty, investors will likely refocus on the modest growth/modest inflation economy. Stocks can do well in that environment. Additional potential positives include: A Federal Reserve that will continue to provide plenty of liquidity to the economy in the form of low interest rates; improved consumer confidence; and a slowly improving labor market. We have had two meaningful pullback opportunities to put a portion of sideline cash to work this year. Beyond the cliff, other potential opportunities may present themselves.

The outlook for stocks is good. If you have sideline cash that is targeted for the equity markets, be ready to act.

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Small businesses already slipping off the 'cliff'

Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 1,000 miles from Washington, D.C., Marie DeNicola's small business is already experiencing the consequences of lawmakers' inability to compromise on the budget.

If Democrats and Republicans don't come to a consensus soon, a combination of billions of dollars in tax increases and budget cuts will go into effect Jan. 1. This "fiscal cliff," as it is commonly being called, is already hurting DeNicola's company Mainstream Boutique, a Minneapolis-based chain of 23 franchise stores that sell women's clothes. DeNicola recently got a painful e-mail from a prospective franchisee who said that she changed her mind about opening a store because of uncertainty about the economic and political climate.

"It was like a punch in the stomach," says DeNicola, who also operates one of the stores. "It's a little scary — because of the unknown, small businesses aren't waiting until January or February to see what happens. People are reacting now."

Going over the cliff could have a range of negative ramifications. If people have to pay higher taxes, they will likely spend less. Businesses will hold off on hiring or making investments that could help them expand. Federal budget cuts will put billions in government contracts in jeopardy. Economists and lawmakers warn that without an agreement, the U.S. could slip back into a recession. And they say that small businesses have the most to lose.

Like her potential franchisee, DeNicola is also holding off on big moves because of the cliff.

"We're waiting to see what happens before we decide on hiring. I can't continue to invest in the business until I know what's going to happen," she says.

One of the biggest concerns for small merchants is the pending expiration of the 2 percentage point cut in payroll taxes that gave consumers more money to spend in 2010 and 2011. If the tax cut isn't extended, the government stands to get $95 billion — money that consumers won't be spending at Mainstream Boutique and other small businesses. Long-term jobless benefits will also expire, giving people who have been out of work for a long time $26 billion less to spend.

The prospect of consumers spending less troubles Greg Jones. The owner of three Five Guys Burgers and Fries franchises in Florida is concerned that customers who might normally stop in three times a week will cut that back to once. Restaurants like his lost business to cheaper options like McDonald's during the recession. He's worried that will happen again. Jones wants to open two more Five Guys locations, but says he might not be able to if the country goes over the cliff. If his existing restaurants aren't profitable enough, he won't get the money he needs to expand.

The consequences that Jones faces are a big part of why Georgia Institute of Technology professor Thomas Boston says he thinks the fiscal cliff could do enough damage to small businesses to halt the economic recovery.

"They're just now recovering, really growing in any kind of significant way since the recession," Boston says. "The job creation we've seen over the last five months, that creation has been located overwhelmingly in small businesses."

The stalemate in Washington has kept Arthur Cooper from making big decisions about his Randolph, N.J. Internet marketing company, Optimum7.

"I have to be more defensive in my posture — I have to hire only based on new business that's already coming in," he says. "I can't plan on news business that might happen."

Like many small business owners, one of Cooper's concerns is the scheduled increase in personal tax rates. He reports his business income on his personal Form 1040 tax return. The scheduled tax increases could result in a much higher tax bill.

"Let's say I'm going to have to pay $30,000 more for next year in terms of taxes than I did this year," Cooper says. "What impacts me personally impacts my business."

Cooper expects Congress to do what it has done many times in the past — come up with a stopgap measure and defer significant decisions until six months or more into the future. That would keep him in limbo while he waits to see if lawmakers will eventually agree on taxes and a budget. He's angry about what's happening in Washington.

"It's an embarrassment to the country. It's an insult to my intelligence," he says.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Rudolph's New Year		Wipeout		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Houston Texans vs. Indianapolis Colts Site: Lucas Oil Stadium (L)							(:25) NFL Football (L)				
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	★★★ Dr. No ('62, Spy) Ursula Andress, Sean Connery.					★★ Are We Done Yet? Ice Cube.				ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Redskins (L)						(:15) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals vs. San Francisco 49ers (L)					
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mark B	Joe McGee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	PGA Tour in Review		PGA Golf Skills Challenge				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Accents	Travel Kids	Daytrip	Quilts	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Sew It All	L. Welk "New Year's"		Call the Midwife	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Republica		Festival Acapulco "Los Tigres del Norte"				Latin Grammy Awards				Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Business	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Thinks	Insider	Access Hollywood		Ent. Tonight		Private Practice	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ Guilty as Sin		(:50) ★ My Five Wives Rodney Dangerfield.				★★ Between Strangers				(:10) The Story o...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:30) Gulliver's T...	Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Dolly Parton.					★★ In Time ('11, Act) Justin Timberlake.				Big Miracle	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:00) Glee The 3D Concert Movie (2011, Musical)						(:55) ★★ The Matrix Revolutions				(:10) In Bruges	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(11:50) ★★ Trust the Man		(:35) In Vogue		(:40) ★★ Waking Ned Devine		(:15) Another Earth					Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★★ Diggstown		(:40) ★★★ This Means War				(:20) ★★ Larry Crowne Tom Hanks.				Big Mommas: L...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:25) The Chronicles of Narn...			(:20) ★★★★ Wanderlust Jennifer Aniston.				★★ The New World Colin Farrell.			
PLEX			96			Movie	Hercules in the Maze of the ...			(:05) ★★ Willard			(:50) ★★★ Godzilla ('98, Sci-Fi) Matthew Broderick.				
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:30) Eternal S...		(:15) The Three Musketeers Logan Lerman.				(:10) Brake Stephen Dorff.			(:45) United States		Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:30) The Other ...		(:15) ★★★ The Burning Plain				(:05) ★★★ Return to Paradise				Camp Hell	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(11:30) ★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption					Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(10:00) The Fifth E...		★★ Poseidon ('06, Dra) Kurt Russell.				★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Dra) David Morse, Tom Hanks.					
BET	58	26		40		Everyday Black Man ('11, Cri) Afi Ayanna, Ahku.					★★★ Gridiron Gang ('06, Spt) Xzibit, Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.						Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Unmoved"		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Yukon Men		Yukon Men "Last Chance"				Rush "Road to Gold"		Gold Rush		Machine/Glory (N)	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Jessie	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling World Series			Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness	Fitness
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Golf		Golf			SEC Storied "Croom"		SEC "Going Big"		ESPN Films		30 for 30
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★ Nanny McPhee Returns				★★★ The Princess Diaries ('01, Fam) Julie Andrews.					The Princess Diaries 2: Ro...		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Journal Editorial R.		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Restaurant		Restaurant		Food Court Wars		Diners	Inspect.	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	How Dirk		NCAA Basketball Houston vs. Texas Tech (L)				NCAA Basketball MVSU/TCU (L)				Game	Mavricks
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Wanted ('08, Act) James McAvoy.					★★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt.						Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) The Chris...		A Christmas Song Natasha Henstridge.				The Santa Incident James Cosmo.				Hitched for the ...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Home Strange Home		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes		HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) WW2Space		Bamazon		Bamazon		Bamazon		Pickers "Keep Out!"		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:30) ★★★ Selena Jennifer Lopez.				★★ Jersey Girl ('04, Com/Dra) Ben Affleck.				★★ The Ex ('06, Com) Zach Braff.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Up With Chris Hayes				Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves "Texas"	
NBCSN	38	39				FLW Outdoors		Bill Dance	Fishing	Ammo	USSA Ski & Board		USSA Ski & Board		Racer TV	Motorsport Hour	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	ToRock	iCarly	Victori.	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(11:30) ★★★ The Patriot ('00, Dra) Heath Ledger, Mel Gibson.						★★★ Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Constantine ('05, Sci-Fi) Keanu Reeves.					★ The Omen ('06, Hor) Liev Schrieber, Julia Stiles.					Land of the Lost	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:00) Delta Farce		★★ Tommy Boy ('95, Com) Chris Farley.				★★★ Road Trip Breckin Meyer.				★★ Big Daddy	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) Hail the C...		★★★ The Golden Voyage of Sinbad				★★★★ Lassie Come Home			(:45) ★★★★ The Yearling		
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ Anaconda ('97, Act) Jon Voight.				La Carrera de la Muerte Jason Statham.				Videos asombrosos		Op. Repo	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Top 10 Weddings		V. Bride	V. Bride	Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Sister Wives	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "The Collar"		★★ King Kong ('05, Act) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.						★★★ Gladiator ('00, Epic) Russell Crowe.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Divorced	Divorced	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law&O.:SVU "Trials"		SVU "Confession"		Law&O.:SVU "Babes"		SVU "Wildlife"		SVU "Persona"		Law&O.:SVU "PTSD"	
WGN	19	18				In the Heat of the Night: Who Was Gel...				In the Heat of the Night: By Duty Bound				In the Heat of the Night: Grow Old A...			

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix After using magic outside of school, Harry faces trial and may be expelled from Hogwarts.						KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:25) NFL Football	60 Minutes		NCIS "Housekeeping"		The Good Wife "And the Law Won"		The Mentalist "Blinking Red Light"		(:35) CBS 7 News	(:05) The Wire	(:35) The Closer
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	King of Queens	The King of Queens	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Doll"	'Til Death	'Til Death	★★ Mixed Nuts (1994, Comedy) Madeline Kahn, Robert Klein, Steve Martin.			
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:15) NFL Football	The OT (L)	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	American Dad	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Update News	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football (L)							News-West 9	Country Reporter	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Call the Midwife		Call the Midwife		Call the Midwife		Call the Midwife		Call the Midwife		Austin City Limits "Monsters of Folk"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Premios ¡Oye!				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Festival Acapulco	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:10) The Story o...		★★ Muriel's Wedding Toni Collette.				★★★ Sirens Hugh Grant.			(:35) Highlander: The Final...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) Big Miracle		Safe House ('12, Act) Denzel Washington.				Girls	Girls	Enlight	Enlight	Joyful Noise	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:10) In Bruges		★★ New Year's Eve Sarah Jessica Parker.				★★ American Wedding			(:40) The Hangover Part II		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:50) ★★ Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy				The Big Year Owen Wilson			Making	★★ Best Laid Plans			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★★ X-Men: First Class James McAvoy.					★★★ This Means War			(:40) Dark Secrets		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Paul ('11, Com) Nick Frost.				★★★★ Wanderlust			(:40) Guide	(:10) Chronicle Dane Dehaan.			Movie
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ The Philadelphia Experiment				Hercules & the Amazon W...			(:35) Hercules in the Maze o...			(:10) Godzilla	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:45) ★★★ Real Steel Hugh Jackman.				War Horse ('11, Dra) Peter Mullan, Jeremy Irvine.					The Three Musketeers		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Camp Hell		★★ Suspect Zero			(:40) ★★ Transsiberian Woody Harrelson.				Detachment Adrien Brody.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Be the Boss (N)		Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(3:00) The Green ...		★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.								★★ Hannibal	
BET	58	26		40		(5:30) ★★ Waist Deep			2012 Soul Train Awards					Apollo Live		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Princess	Wall Street	Marijuana Inc		Billions Behind Bars		American Greed		60 Minutes		Porn: Business	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		Top 10 of 2012		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		Top 10 of 2012		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Machines of Glory (N)		Machine/Glory (N)		Sun Storms (N)		Bering Sea Gold		Glory "Carmageddon"		Sun Storms	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Shake Up	Another Cinderella Story			(:40) Jessie	(:05) Jessie	Shake Up	Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Fitness	SportsCenter		SportsCenter Special					SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) 30/30	30 for 30 "Benji"			30 for 30 "9.79*"			30 for 30 "Broke"				Football
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) The Prince...		★★★★ The Lion King				★★★★ The Lion King				J.Osteen	K. Shook
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Fox News		Stossel		Huckabee		Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	The Next Iron Chef		Sugar Dome (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Chopped		Restaurant Stakeout		Iron Chef America	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs vs. Dallas Mavericks (L)					Maverick	Game365	Cowboys	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★★★ The Other Guys Will Ferrell.				★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★★ Wanted ('08, Act) James McAvoy.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Hitched for ...		A Holiday Engagement Haylie Duff.				A Christmas Wish Kristy Swanson.				The Wishing Tree	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Extreme Homes		Property Brothers		Renovation		HouseH	House	Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Ax Men "Sabotage"		Ax Men		Bamazon "Timber!"		Outback Hunters		Ax Men "Sabotage"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★★ Made of Honor Patrick Dempsey.				★★ The Switch Jason Bateman.				★★★ Made of Honor Patrick Dempsey.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Trafficked		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves "Chicago"		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves "Oakland"		Sex Slaves	
NBCSN	38	39				Game	Game	Bucks	Winch.	Gun It	BuckStop	Elk Fever	T. Barta	ND Football		Costas	Costas
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★★★★ Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope Mark Hamill.						★★★★ Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Land of the ...		★★★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian Ben Barnes.						★★ Land of the Lost Will Ferrell.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) Big Daddy		★★★ Old School ('03, Com) Luke Wilson.				★★★ Old School ('03, Com) Luke Wilson.				Harold & Kuma...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) The Yearling		Art of Collaboration		★★★ Amistad ('97, True) Morgan Freeman, Sir Anthony Hopkins.						Art of Collaboration	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:30) Tu camino ...		Dios Los Cria German Valdes.		Por tu Maldito Amor				Titulares	Op. Repo	Romeo y Julieta	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Sister W	Sister W	Sister Wives		Sister Wives		Sister Wives Secrets		Sin City Rules		Sister Wives	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(4:00) Gladiator		★★★ Transformers ('07, Act) Megan Fox, Shia LeBeouf.						Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's...			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Snatched"		SVU "Branded"		SVU "Merchandise"		Law&O.:SVU "Wet"		SVU "Locum"		Law&O.:SVU "Recall"	
WGN	19	18				Bloopers	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:40) Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules

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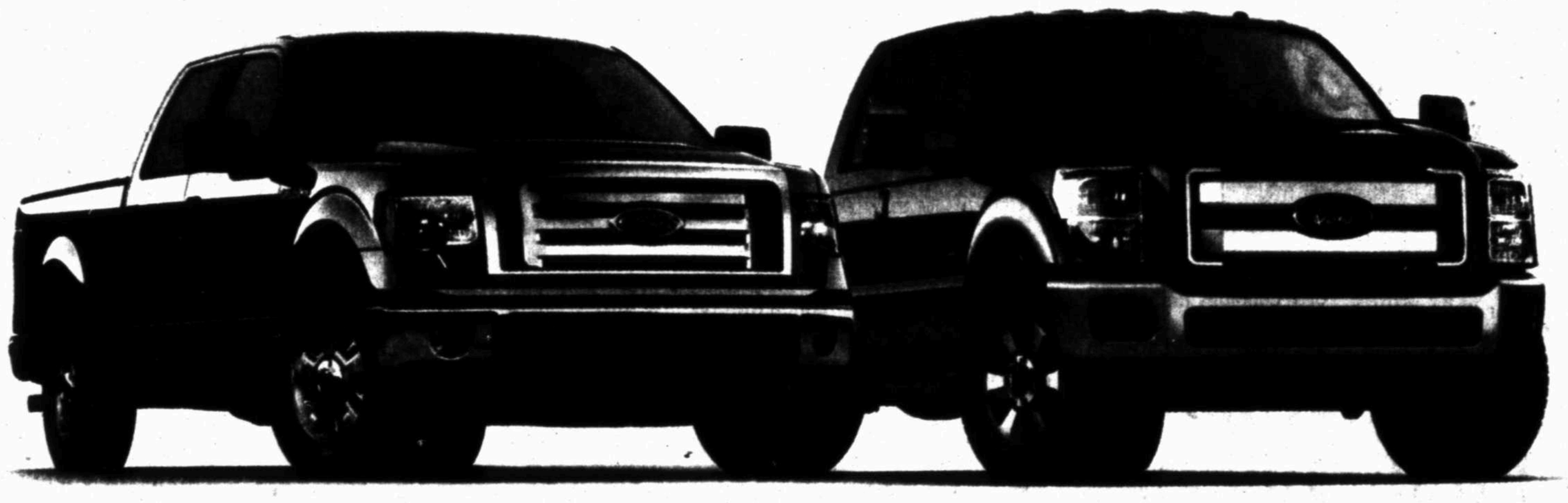

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YEAR in OIL

Permian Basin operators enjoyed strong, stable 2012

■ Global economies, regulatory action will affect 2013.

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Permian Basin oil and gas producers enjoyed another strong year in 2012, a year in which activity held relatively stable.

Crude prices reached triple digits in the spring before falling below $80 a barrel in the summer, recovering to around $85 by the end of the year. The Permian Basin remained a very active drilling region, with the rig count averaging about 400 rigs much of the year before moving lower as operators began emphasizing horizontal drilling and budgets emptied as the end of the year approached.

So much new production overwhelmed the region's infrastructure, sending the differential between West Texas Intermediate Midland and West Texas Intermediate Cushing to record levels. Midstream companies announced plans throughout the year to spend large amounts of money to build or expand pipelines in the Permian Basin to increase takeaway capacity. Operators say once additional capacity begins to come online, expected early in the new year, WTI Midland prices should start to close the gap with WTI Cushing.

So much activity has also sent area companies scrambling to find housing for their workers. Some operators are planning to build apartment complexes for their workers, along with portable housing and mobile home parks. A rise in traffic accidents also has companies joining together to implement safe driving programs.

Regulatory action was closely watched by operators, with the industry scoring some gains in 2012. Of tremendous concern throughout the first half of the year was whether the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

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SandRidge agrees to sell Permian Basin properties for $2.6 billion

■ Company will use proceeds to pay debt, focus on its Mississippian properties.

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Unconventional resource plays have opened new opportunities for oil and gas producers throughout the country, including mature areas like the Permian Basin.

Some companies find themselves with an overabundance of opportunities. Such is the case with SandRidge Energy. The Oklahoma City-based company announced in mid-December it has agreed to sell its Permian Basin assets to Sheridan Production Partners II, a privately held Houston-based company with a district office in Midland for $2.6 billion in cash. Plans to sell its Permian Basin assets had been announced in early November. The sale is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2013 with an effective date of Jan. 1, 2013.

Greg Dewey, SandRidge's vice president, communications and community relations, explained the company ultimately had to choose between its two main group of assets — the Permian Basin or the Mississippian in northern Oklahoma and western Kansas.

"We had two big assets and not enough cash," he said. So, he said, the decision was made to sell its Permian Basin assets and focus on the Mississippian, which he pointed out holds 11,000 potential drilling locations.

"We felt we had grown our Permian Basin assets from basically nothing to 24,500 barrels of oil equivalent a day, and continuing that rate would be difficult," he said.

The sale to Sheridan, he said, is seen by company officials as a great outcome because Sheridan has "a great group of people there." Dewey added that the properties being sold produce 67 percent oil, 15 percent natural gas liquids and 18 percent natural gas. The sale excludes assets associated with SandRidge Permian Trust.

In a statement announcing the sale to Sheridan, Tom Ward, SandRidge's chairman and chief executive office, commented, "This is a great outcome for our shareholders. The sale of the Permian assets at this time has allowed us to capitalize on current strong valuations for mature, conventional Permian assets and generate a very strong return on our investment there."

Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay down debt and develop its Mississippian holdings, Ward said. He credited the company's Permian Basin properties as a key part of the company's strategic transition from natural gas production to becoming an oil-rich exploration and production company.

Said Ward, "With these proceeds we will have a cash balance of almost $3 billion and liquidity of over $3.5 billion, which we intend to use to reduce debt and strengthen the balance sheet. This will also allow us to fund development of our acreage position as well as future opportunities in the highly scalable, high return Mississippian Play."

He said SandRidge believes the Mississippian generates some of the highest rates of return for horizontal drilling in the U.S. today. SandRidge holds 1.85 million net acres and has made extensive investments in infrastructure that make the company's operating costs in the Mississippian play among the lowest in the industry.

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Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
Will be posted on the website mid-December for registration

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Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: J. T. (Tommy) Lent, Jr.
January 8-9, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
Will be posted on the website mid-December for registration

PETRA
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
January 24-25, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650
Midland College PPDC Building
Will be posted on the website mid-December for registration

Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellCAP)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
January 28-31, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
$800; Out of State, $825
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Databases
Instructor: Celia Payne
January 29, Tue, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$245; Out of State, $270
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Texas Oil and Gas Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
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Instructor: J. T. (Tommy) Lent, Jr.
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Instructor: Ernie Gilkerson
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Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Kent Gantz
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Basic Oilfield Operations Training
Instructor: Mike Brock
February 12-13, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$475; Out of State, $450
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Seismic Expression of Carbonate Systems-Exploration & Reservoir Characterization
Instructor: Dr. J.F. 'Rick' Sarg
February 19-21, Tue-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,495; Out of State, $1,520
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PETRA
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
February 21-22, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650
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Photo courtesy Brownwood Clay Holdings, LLC.

Research from a number of independent laboratories has shown that a newly patented proppant made from clay that does not include kaolin or bauxite has great promise, according to Gary Davis of Brownwood Clay Holdings in Austin. BCH is currently seeking a partner to manufacture the proppant.

Ceramic proppants from more common clay now on the horizon

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Today's ceramic proppants come either from overseas — Brazil, Russia or China — or from the "kaolin belt" in Georgia and eastern Alabama. That is because they must contain either kaolin or bauxite to work in current formulations.

Austin-based Brownwood Clay Holdings, LLC, (BCH) is announcing the development of a method for making ceramic proppant out of a type of clay found near many of the top shale formations which, if proven commercially viable, could slash the cost and the delivery time for this type of proppant.

The product is currently completing the testing phase, according to Gary Davis, cooperating manager of BCH, and is looking for a partner to manufacture the proppant. Should they find one in 2013, Davis said they could have product ready for delivery by 2015.

The idea has been under consideration for two to three years, starting with the consideration of how to utilize a clay deposit on 476 acres of land BCH owned near Brownwood. BCH consists of a number of owners of this land, some of which have been connected with the property for more than 50 years, others for just a few years. The clay had previously been used for brick and tile, but Davis and his associates were looking for greater uses.

There had already been some studies based on core samples taken in 1997, so the group started there and moved forward. After about a year of studying the existing information, they hired On the Plant Floor (OPF) Enterprises, a Missoula, Montana company whom Davis described as "some of the pre-eminent ceramics experts in the country." This was about 16 months ago.

During this time BCH also used a number of labs around the country to test the ideas coming from OPF. In January of 2012 they decided to establish their own lab in Houston to be operated by OPF.

One of the outside testing facilities was the Bishop Materials Laboratory at Clemson University. BCH says this testing resulted in proprietary formulations that successfully convert clay like that at the BCH property, which is also available worldwide, into lightweight ceramic proppants.

While the company has used a simulated factory to produce a few pounds of the proppant, they have not had the capability to make enough to test in any actual fracturing jobs. That is one thing Davis hopes will come from a manufacturing partner.

He said there are five main categories of companies that could be potential partners: An E&P company that wants to vertically integrate; a well service company wanting to expand its product offerings; an existing manufacturer of ceramic proppants; a company that is currently a proppant supplier but not a manufacturer; or an industrial minerals company. Davis said BCH would consider other possibilities as well.

To clarify, the company's clay deposit near Brownwood was the catalyst for the research, but the now-patented process could be used on any similar clay formation anywhere in the world, giving the company a possible global market.

Currently, Davis said, sand proppants make up 56 percent of the dollars spent in the category, while ceramics account for 37 percent, with other materials coming in at 7 percent. Ceramics perform better in certain formations, but because of their scarcity, are currently more expensive. The clay of the raw materials currently must contain either kaolin or bauxite. Davis says that, because the new procedure requires neither, the cost would be less for the material itself. And because it could be manufactured near the producing formation, transportation costs would be decreased by an even greater degree.

The final proof awaits the manufacture of many tons of the material, enough to incorporate into a frac job and test the results.

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Christi Craddick already under fire from Public Citizen

ALEX MILLS
President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

As the Texas Railroad Commission undergoes public scrutiny under the Sunset Review process, many of the environmental groups have taken the opportunity to get in a few sucker punches on the agency that primarily regulates the oil and gas industry.

Take for example the comments made by Public Citizen, an organization founded by Ralph Nader, the liberal environmental activist from California. Public Citizens' Texas Director Tom "Smitty" Smith was quoted in the Texas Tribune recently alleging that 81 percent of the $2.3 million in campaign contributions collected by Republican candidate Christi Craddick came from "people and political action committees in the oil and gas sector."

Really? Where did Mr. Smith expect campaign contributions to come from? Doctors? Accountants? Insurance agents? Teachers?

To make Public Citizen's argument even more absurd is that it alleged that 37 percent of all of Ms. Craddick's donations came from people the oil-and-gas town of Midland while Midland "makes up less than one half of one percent of the Texas population." Does this allegation mean that everyone from Midland should expect preferential treatment from Ms. Craddick, but those from Houston will have to go to the end of the line and do not pass "Go" and do not collect $200?

Ms. Craddick hails from Midland and her father is State Rep. Tom Craddick, who has represented that district since 1971. She won a seat on the Railroad Commission in November, and she was sworn in last week by Gov.r Perry. Maybe the people of Midland know and like Ms. Craddick. Maybe they think she will make a great Railroad Commissioner.

She has not even found furniture for her office yet, and Public Citizens has insinuated that her hands are dirty because 81 percent of her campaign contribution came from the oil and gas industry and 37 percent came from people who live in Midland.

Public Citizen has alleged by inference that people who give money to a candidate are expecting something in return. Well, in a sense they are. They are expecting good government. They have researched the candidates. They have studied their position on the issues. That is why most people contribute to a candidate. Maybe Public Citizen expects something else in return when it makes a contribution, but most people in the oil and gas business want someone who understands the oil and gas business and who will govern equally and fairly.

The oil and gas industry is one of the most regulated industries in the United States and in Texas. There are more than 100 Railroad Commission regulations. Actions taken by Railroad Commission officials impact the business of more than 6,000 permitted operators virtually every day. Yes, the oil and gas industry is very engaged and interested in who is elected to each of those three commissioner slots.

The question of campaign finance has been around for a long, long time. It's a shame that groups like Public Citizen try to twist the data to try to discredit someone who was sworn in only a week earlier.

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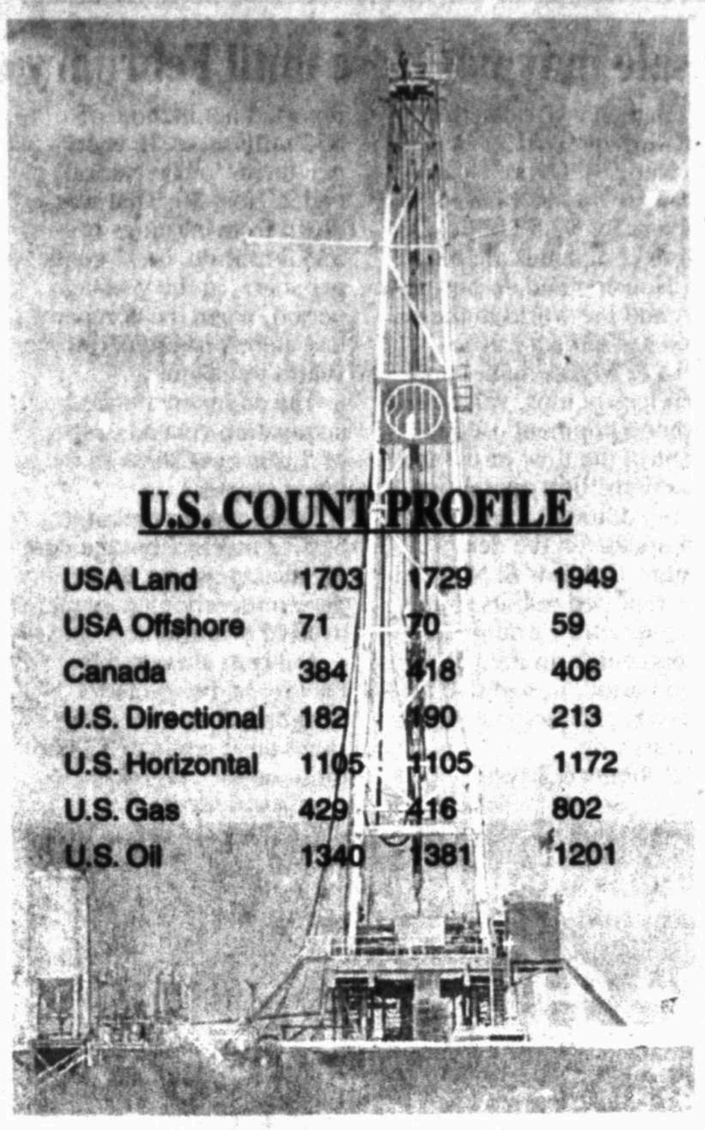

U.S. COUNT PROFILE

USA Land	1703	1729	1949
USA Offshore	71	70	59
Canada	384	418	406
U.S. Directional	182	190	213
U.S. Horizontal	1105	1105	1172
U.S. Gas	429	416	802
U.S. Oil	1340	1381	1201

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Cat Claw "A" #35M
Spraberry (Trend Area); 781 fsl, 606 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 1, Abst. 490, T&P RR, 16 ne Big Lake; TD 9015; Comp 11/28/2012; producing from 5130-8476, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 36 BO, 99 MCF, 44 BW, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37635

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Raptor 12 State Com #2
Crow Flats; Sec 12 T16S R28E; 1980/S & 330/E; EL 3589 GL, TD 11,025, PBTD 10,970; Spud 3-3-12, Comp 6-14-12; production is through treated perfs: 7118-10717. Treat: 5000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/156,622 gals waterfrac, 1,328,864 gals gel, 1,272,840# 30/50 white, 1,228,256# 30/50 CRC. IP: 6-24-12 Pump 24 hrs 216 BO, 316 BW, 277 MCF, GOR 1282, Gty 40.8. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 306 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6063 w/1400 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6047-10,970, 2 7/8 @ 5834; API #30-015-39860

COG Operating LLC
Ebony State #1
NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 1525/N & 330/E; EL 3544 GL, TD 4790, PBTD 4731; Spud 6-5-12, Comp 7-4-12; production is through treated perfs: 3200-3450, 3630-3855, 3915-4140, 4200-4450. Treat: Acdz w/7000 gals 15%, Frac w/442,924 gals gel carrying 522,584# 16/30 white + 108,577# 16/30 CRC. 8-11-12 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 530 BW, 83 MCF, GOR 2075, Gty 37.9. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 252 w/350 sx, 8 5/8 @ 849 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4778 w/950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4457; API #30-015-39410

COG Operating LLC
Ebony State #3
NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 1515/N & 990/E; EL 3535 GL, TD 4760, PBTD 4686; Spud 6-13-12, Comp 7-12-12; production is through treated perfs: 3190-3440, 3695-3920, 3980-4205, 4265-4490. Treat: Acdz w/9372 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/459,218 gals gel, 554,127# 16/30 brown sd, 107,035# 16/30 sinberprop. IP: 7-31-12 Pump 24 hrs 15 BO, 530 BW, 25 MCF, GOR 1666, Gty 38.1. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 250 w/350 sx, 8 5/8 @ 867 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4749 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4430

Tarco Energy LLC
Magruder #19
Empire; Sec 35 T17S; 1610/S & 1645/E; EL 3630 GL, TD 540; Spud 11-14-10, Comp 8-24-11; production is through perfs: 446-48, 459-62, 466-70, 480-87. IP: 8-25-11 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 23 BW, 4 MCF. Csg: 4 1/2 @ 540 w/100 sx; API #30-015-37744

LRE Operating LLC
Williams A Federal #10
Artesia; Sec 29 T17S R28E; 600/S & 645/W. BHL: 335/S & 336/W; EL 3645 GL, TD 3750, PBTD 3695; Spud 7-25-12, Comp 8-13-12; production is through treated perfs: 3314-3437, 3403-3585. Treat: 2000 gals 7.5% HCL acid, 2000# 100 mesh, 57,800# 16/30 brady & 24,615# 16/30 siber prop sd. IP: Pump 24 hrs 51 BO, 234 BW, 70 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 434 w/280 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3743 w/750 sx, 2 6/7 @ 3604; API #30-015-40480

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #48
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 950/N & 2275/W; EL 3678 GL, TD 5100, PBTD 5022; Spud 4-19-12, Comp 6-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 3389-4020, 4221-4632. Treat: 289,716 gals 20#, 350,000# sd, 8900 gals acid, 7392 gals gel. IP: 8-21-12 Pump 24 hrs 111 BO, 391 BW, 120 MCF, GOR 1081, Gty 36.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 506 w/370 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5100 w/780 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4727; API #30-015-40088

Apache Corp.
D State #74
Artesia; Sec 35 T17S R28E; 1650/S & 1650/W; EL 3676 GL, TD 4736, PBTD 4690; Spud 5-1-12, Comp 6-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 3949-4416. Treat: 453 gals acid, 162,666 Gals 20#, 200,000# sd, 3780 gals gel. IP; 7-4-12 Pump 24 hrs 20 BO, 282 BW, 113 MCF, GOR 5650, Gty 37.5. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 411 w/450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4738 w/960 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4525; API #30-015-39924

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #44
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 2310/N & 990/W; EL 3676 GL, TD 5000, PBTD 4950; Spud 4-5-12, Comp 5-19-12; production is through treated perfs: 3415-3848, 4477-4861. Treat: 293,525 gals 20#, 350,000# sd, 8708 gals acid, 6972 gals gel. IP: 7-23-12 Pump 24 hrs 92 BO, 452 BW, 90 MCF, GOR 978, Gty 36.4. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 513 w/360 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5000 w/830 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4909; API #30-015-40021

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #524
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1690/N & 1308/E. BHL: 166/N & 975/E; EL 3637 GL, TD 4693, PBTD 4639; Spud 5-6-12, Comp 6-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 4226-4550. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/99,457 gals gel, 108,914# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 18,989# 16/30 SLC. IP: 6-28-12 Pump 24 hrs 25 BO, 238 BW, 52 MCF, GOR 2080, Gty 40.4. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 307 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1085 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4693 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4603; API #30-015-39518

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Bluetail 8 Federal #3
East Empire; Sec 8 T17S R29E; 2060/N & 990/W. BHL: 2060/N & 990/W; EL 3649 Gl, TD 4700, PBTD 4651; Spud 6-9-11, Comp 7-1-11; production is through treated perfs: 3800-4120, 4214-4556. Treat: 2,261,866 gal slickwater, 865,676# 100 mesh. IP: 8-22-11 Pump 24 hrs 46 BO, 729 BW, 103 MCF, GOR 2239, Gty 35.9. Csg; 11 1/2 @ 301 w/425 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4700 w/950 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4575; API #30-015-38598

COG Operating LLC
Continental A State #23
Empire; Sec 30 T17S R29E; 240/N & 940/W; EL 3655 GL, TD 5582, PBTD 5521; Spud 3-5-12, Comp 4-2-12; production is through perfs: 3806-5105. IP: 4-10-12 Pump 24 hrs 204 BO, 552 BW, 182 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 352 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 865 w/400 sx, 5 ? @ 5572 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5065; API #30-015-39718

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler A #40
GB-Jackson; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 2505/S & 1400/W; EL 3691 Gl, TD 3549, PBTD 3585; Spud 3-16-12, Comp 7-16-12; production is through treated perfs: 2770-2965. Treat: 2750 gals 15% NEFE acid, & 80 BS, Frac w/609,378 gals slickwater, 20,203# 100 mesh, 167,109# 40/70 sd. IP: 8-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 53 BO, 145 BW, 61 MCF, GOR 1151, Gty 38.3. Csg; 8 5/8 @ 328 w/679 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3949 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2718; API #30-015-39928

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #573
Burch Keely; Sec 18 T17S R30E; 2120/N & 2310/E; EL 3649 Gl, TD 4670, PBTD 4609; Spud 6-2-12, Comp 7-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 4214-4500. Treat: Acdz w/2100 gals 15%, Frac w/106,616 gals gel, 106,810# 16/30 brown, 14,338# 16/30 SP. IP: 7-13-12 Pump 24 hrs 73 BO, 428 BW, 148 MCF, GOR 2027, Gty 41. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 313 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1071 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4655 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4551; API #30-015-40269

COG Operating LLC
Tex Mack 11 Federal #28
Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 960/N & 1035/W; EL 3952 GL, TD 6834, PBTD 6780; Spud 4-30-12, Comp 7-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 5200-5330, 5620-5830, 5900-6110, 6180-6390. Treat: Acdz w/14,024 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/436,124 gals gel, 542,939# 16/30 white sd, 98181# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 8-19-12 Pump 24 hrs 114 BO, 285 BW, 45 MCF, GOR 394, Gty 37.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 662 w/700 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1978 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6834 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5430; API #30-015-40008

COG Operating LLC
Tex Mack 11 Federal #57
Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 2125/N & 941/W; EL 3938 GL, TD 6861. PBTD 6810; Spud 4-11-12, Comp 7-17-12; production is through treated perfs: 5240-5490, 5640-5890,5985-6185, 6255-6480. Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals 15% HCL, 580,850# 16/30 white sd, 105,577# 16/30 Siberprop. IP: 6-22-12 Pump 24 hrs 59 BO, 240 BW, 29 MCF, GOR 491, Gty 37.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 661 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1938 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6861 w/1750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5267

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Kent BSK #1
Penasco Draw; Sec 20 T18S R26E; 400/S & 330/E. BHL: 395/S & 360/W; EL 3418 GL, TD 7078, PBTD 7078; Spud 6-9-12, Comp 8-19-12; production is through treated perfs: 2967-7000. Treat: Acdz w/47,500 gals 20% HCL acid, Frac w/2,991,126# 20/40 sd. IP: 9-24-12 Pump 24 hrs 16 BO, 1151 BW, 55 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 990 w/1077 sx, 7 @ 1864, 5 1/2 @ 7050 w/370 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2305; API #30-015-40161

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
McNatt Vandergriff 14 P #2
Atoka; Sec 14 T18S R26E; 990/S & 880/E; EL 3309 GL, TD 4300. PBTD 4263; Spud 9-15-12, Comp 10-2-12; production is through treated perfs: 2870-3170, 3210-3560, 3610-3855, 3900-4209. Treat: 10,814 gals 7.5% HCL, Frac w/1009236# 16/30 & 75886# 16/30 siber prop sand in xlinked gel. IP: N/A. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 536 w/580 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4293 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4152; API #30-015-40489

COG Operating LLC
Really Scary Federal #5
Willow Lake; Sec 33 T24S R28E; 380/S & 990/E. BHL: 335/N & 900/E; EL 3002 GL, TD 12615 MD, 8115 TVD, PBTD 12600 MD, 8115 TVD; Spud 5-15-12, Comp 7-24-12; production is through treated perfs: 8306-8604, 8704-9002, 9102-9400, 9499-9798, 9897-10195, 10295-10593, 10693-10991, 11090-11389, 11488-11786, 11886-12184, 12284-12582. Treat: 33093 7.5% acid, 3328125# sd, 3138712 gals fluid. IP: 8-4-12 Flow 24 hrs 878 BO, 977 BW, 877 MCF, TP 480, CP 1200. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 400 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2476 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12612 w/2050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7554; API #30-015-40241

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #346
NW Poker Lake; Sec 35 T24S R30E; 2425/S & 1130/W. BHL: 986/S & 2658/W; EL 3373 GL, TD 12879 MD, 7861 TVD; Spud 5-11-12, Comp 7-27-12; productio is through perfs: 8215-12,802, 12879. IP: 8-4-12 Pump 24 hrs 616 BO, 1338 BW, 663 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1497 w/1210 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4008 w/1505 sx, 7 @ 8137 w/410 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8073-12869; API #30-015-39480

Oxy USA Inc.
Peaches 19 Federal #1
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 19 T25S R27E; 330/N & 2310/E. BHL: 317/S & 1870/E; EL 3199 GL, TD 12137 MD, 7819 TVD, PBTD 12038 MD, 7821 TVD; Spud 7-1-12, Comp 9-5-12; production is through treated perfs: 9059-11940. Treat: 69102 gals 14# LF + 92786 gals HLF + 190932 gals 22# BXL, + 589436 gals 20# BXL + 1900969 18# BLL + 17000 gals 15% HCl acid w/1267650# sd. IP: 9-20-12 Pump 24 hrs 305 BO, 178 BW, 262 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 950 w/1110 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1940 w/640 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12130 w/2280 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7081; API #30-015-40250

COG Operating LLC
Cottonwood 23 Federal Com #1
Hay Hollow ; Sec 23 T26S R28E; 35/N & 2310/W. BHL: 347/S & 2189/W; EL 2945 GL, TD 12805 MD, 8148 TVD, PBTD 12801 MD, 8148 TVD; Spud 4-22-12, Comp 7-19-12; production is through treated perfs: 8336-8739, 8840-9244, 9343-9747, 9847-10251, 10351-10754, 10854-11258, 11358-11762, 11861-12265, 12365-12769. Treat: 28049 gals 7.5% acid, 3279622# sd, 2786858 gals gel. IP: 7-21-12 Flow 24 hrs 769 BO, 1937 bW, 1298 MCF, TP 600, CP 1030. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 425 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2505 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12803 w/1850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7872; API #30-015-39784

Lea County

Nearburg Production Co.
Kenmitz 17 State #1
North Sanmal; Sec 17 T16S R33E; 2309/S & 1700/E; EL 4238 GL, TD 11,639, PBTD 11,547; Spud 6-24-12, Comp 8-20-12; production is through perfs: 11354-11382. IP: 9-11-12 Flow 24 hrs 81 BO, 0 BW, 313 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 300. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1296 w/1240 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4589 w/2090 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11639 w/2850 sx; API #30-025-40575

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Hobbs G/SA Unit #248
Hobbs; Sec 9 T19S R38E; 125/N & 455/W. BHL: 17/S & 205/W; EL 3602 GL, TD 5256, PBTD 5200; Spud 4-21-12, Comp 6-4-12; production is through treated perfs: 4158-4210, 4218-4284, 4440-4518. Treat: 6720 gals 15% NEFE. IP: 6-7-12 Pump 24 hrs 36 BO, 7144 BW, 6 MCF, GOR 167, Gty 35.5. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1540 w/690 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5248 w/1290 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3942; API #30-025-39955

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 8

Ector County

ICA ENERGY OPERATING, LLC WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 MOZART 15, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 15 BLK 44 T2S, T&P SUR., A-301 9800', 12 W ODESSA

Martin County

WTG GAS PROCESSING, LP WILDCAT DRILL (CATHODIC PROT) Well# 1CP 16 LPG CP STATION, 121 FWL 26 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-215 390', 6 SW TARZAN

Mitchell County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP WILDCAT (O/G) DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H WULFJEN C, 2542 FNL 2141 FWL, SEC 89 BLK 26, T&P SUR., A-472 8000', 8 S COLORADO CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Phanton Banks 20 25 31 USA #1
Wildcat; Sec 20 T15S R31E; 150/N & 660/W; 12 mi NW Maljamar; Rot14284 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40764

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Big Sink 1 25 30 #1
Wildcat; Sec 1 T25S R30E; 150/S & 1980/W; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13924 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40766

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #5
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 430/N & 2065/E; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 14131 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40765

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #6
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 430/N & 1915/E; 11mi W Ochoa; Rot 15382 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40766

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #7
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 330/N & 735/E; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 14231 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40767

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Double X 25 Fed #8
Wildcat; Sec 25 T24S R32E; 330/N & 585/E; 11 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15475 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40768

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Cotton Draw 9L Fed #2
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R32E; 280/S & 2290/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15194 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40784

Mack Energy Corp.
Nevada State #1
Wildcat; Sec 24 T18S R36E; 1650/N & 2310/W; 3.5 mi NE Arkansas Jct; Rot 9000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40796

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hat Mesa 10 Federal Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 10 T21S R32E; 660/S & 330/E; 6 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15050 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40805

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Forhorn BFM State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 32 T22S R34E; 305/S & 990/E; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15394 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40806

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Service would list the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered. The lizard's habitat, in southeastern New Mexico and parts of West Texas, included oil and gas producing areas and there were concerns a listing would slow or halt activity. In June, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe announced that, because more than 85 percent of the habitat had been enrolled in voluntary conservation plans, a listing was not necessary. However, in November the agency announced it planned to categorize the lesser prairie chicken, whose habit covers Texas, New Mexico and three other states, as threatened.

New Railroad Commission rules went into effect requiring disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing jobs, with some exceptions for proprietary formulas.

Technological advances and strong commodity pricing that have revitalized the domestic oil and gas industry are expected to continue boosting activity into 2013 and beyond, according to recent reports. The International Energy Agency in November issued a report saying the United States will be the globe's top producer by 2020 and could well become energy-independent. Bentek Energy, a Colorado-based energy analysis firm, said the Permian Basin will play a major role in North America's resurgence as drilling momentum continues. In addition to drilling activity, Bentek said improved well production and continued advances in technology like hydraulic fracturing will also play a role in future production levels.

New areas in the Permian Basin are beginning to open up, with operators busy exploring the Wolfcamp Shale and the emerging Cline Shale play on the eastern border of the Midland Basin. Some reports say the Cline could be the largest find in the nation's history, but operators caution that too little is known about the Cline to support such reports. Several operators are actively drilling horizontal wells in Glasscock and Sterling counties to explore the formation and outline the reservoir, which also lies in Howard and Reagan counties.

The new year will bring a new face to the Railroad Commission, with Midland native Christi Craddick elected to succeed Elizabeth Ames Jones and Barry Smitherman, who had been appointed to succeed Michael Williams, winning election to a full term. The new year could also bring significant changes to the state agency tasked with overseeing Texas oil and gas producers. A Sunset Advisory Committee review recommended changing the new to the Texas Energy Resources Commission. When the Texas Legislature convenes in January, legislators will receive formal recommendations from the Sunset Advisory Committee, which will be addressed through any necessary legislation. The Railroad Commission had undergone a similar review in 2011, but the legislative session ended with no action taken.

While few expect the industry to continue operating at such a high level, acknowledging the health of economies around the globe will impact energy demand and, thus, prices. But most are confident technological advances, continued good oil prices and rising global demand will keep the oil and gas economy healthy for the foreseeable future.

Observed Midlander Steve Melzer, "(The Permian Basin) has immense resources. The shales are one; residual oil zones are another. I tell young people that in the 1970s, I was told, 'There should be enough work for you, but we're not sure about your kids.' Now I tell them 'There's enough work for you, for your kids and probably their kids.'"

Robbins & Myers sale may not close until February

By Associated Press

Engineered equipment supplier Robbins & Myers Inc. said its pending acquisition by National Oilwell Varco Inc. cannot close before Feb. 18, unless federal antitrust regulators grant consent before then.

Robbins & Myers also said it and National Oilwell Varco have agreed with the U.S. Department of Justice to provide the agency at least 30 days' notice before concluding the deal, which was announced in August.

The update came two weeks after Robbins & Myers said that antitrust inquiries by U.S. and Canadian will push the closing into 2013.

National Oilwell Varco plans to buy Robbins & Myers for $2.55 billion. Both companies are based in Houston and do business around the world in the oil and gas industry. Robbins & Myers makes and services pumps, valves and other equipment used to control the flow of oil and gas in drilling operations.

In addition to providing an update on the deal's status, Robbins & Myers reported that its fiscal first-quarter earnings fell 9 percent from the year-ago period, in part due to costs related to its pending acquisition.

Robbins & Myers reported net income of $32 million, or 76 cents per share, for the period ended Nov. 30. That was down from earnings of $35.3 million, or 77 cents per share, in the year-ago period, when the company had a greater number of shares outstanding.

The company booked acquisition-related costs of 5 cents per share in the latest quarter.

Sales rose 8 percent to $257.3 million, but the cost of sales grew at a faster pace of nearly 15 percent, to $162.5 million.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet had expected earnings of 85 cents per share on revenue of $249.6 million.

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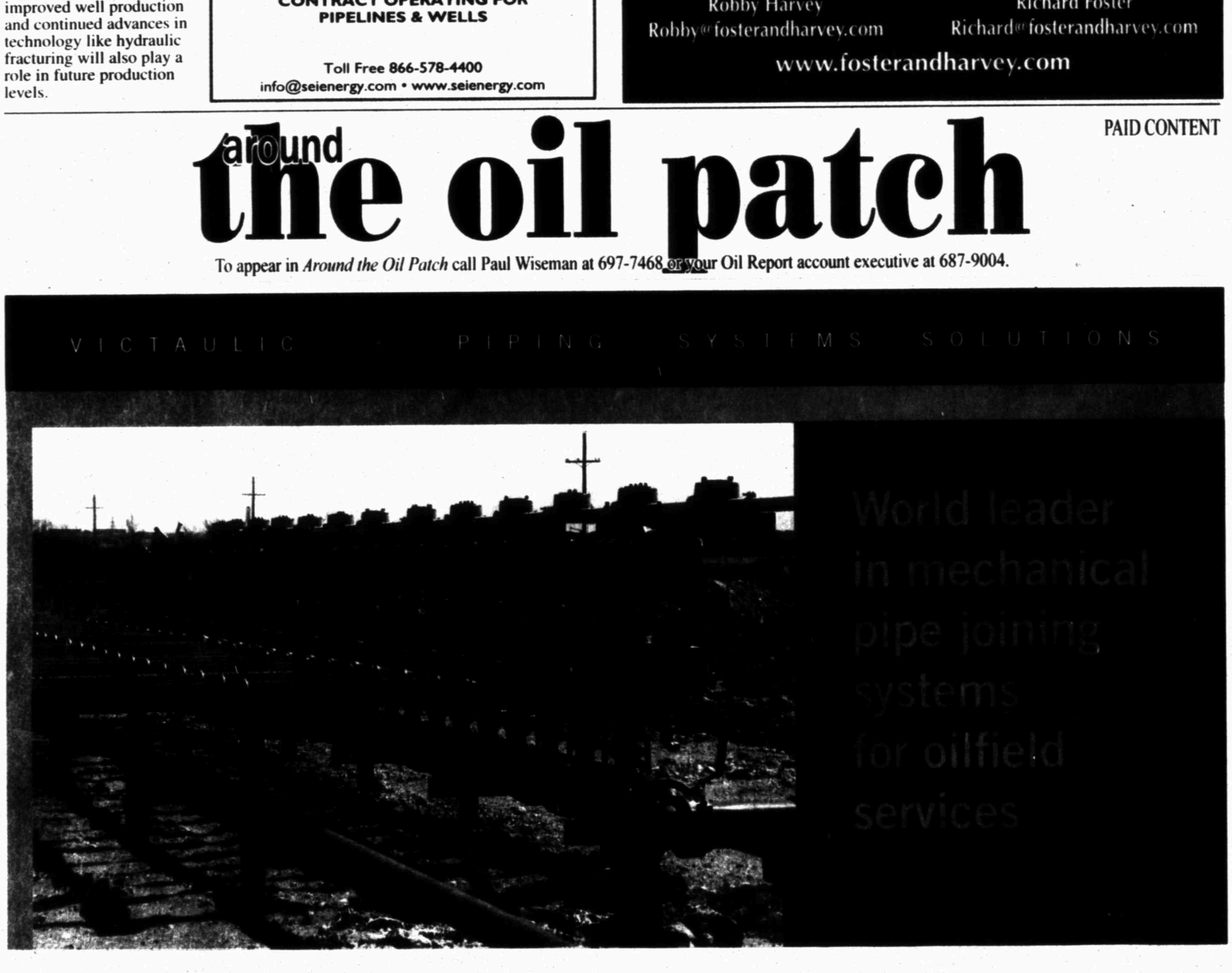

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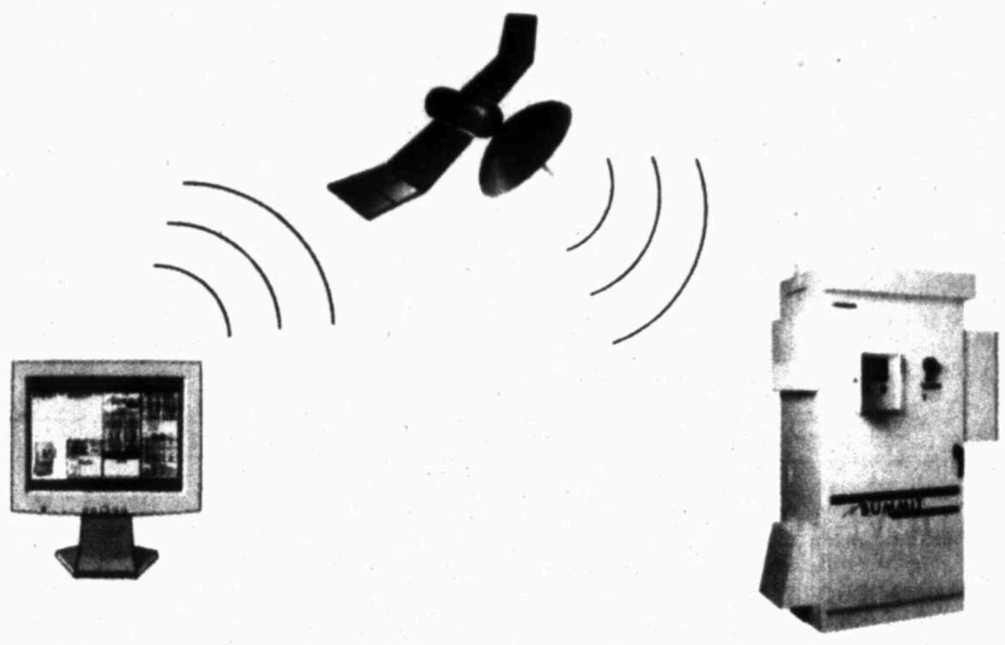

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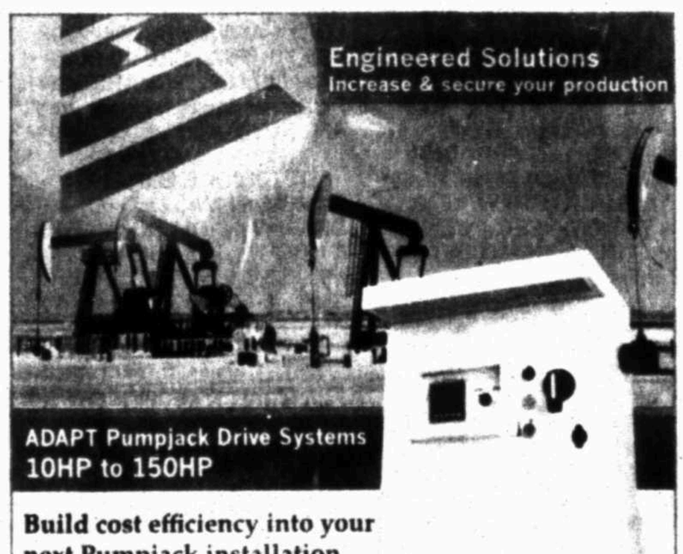

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Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
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Culberson	5
Ector	21
Gaines	6
Garza	1
Hale	1
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	6
Terry	1
Yoakum	4
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Glasscock	34
Howard	21
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	15
Martin	43
Midland	29
Mitchell	0
Pecos	6
Presidio	0
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Sterling	3
Ward	22
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Cottle	0
Crosby	1
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Coke County

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE (ELLENBURGER) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 16 OL JOHNSON, 544 FNL 334 FEL, SEC 6, C&M/LJ GOOD SUR., A-1692 5400', 1 SW BRONTE

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE SODOR (ELLEN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 46 JL BRUNSON, 700 FEL 8525 FNL, SEC 331, N EASTLAND SUR., A-134 5864', 2 SW BRONTE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC JAMESON (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1157 JAMESON REEF UNIT, 1150 FWL 2600 FSL, SEC 459 BLK 1A, H&TC SUR., A-394 6500', 4 SW SILVER

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC JAMESON DRILL (INJ) Well# 1182RW JAMESON REEF UNIT, 1892 FSL 740 FEL, SEC 16, LR MATHERS SUR., A-1771 7000', 16 NW ROBERT LEE

Crockett County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CONNER, 2447 FSL 530 FWL, SEC 15 BLK IJ, GC&SF SUR., A-2500 6000', 10 SE OZONA

Irion County

TANKERSLEY SWD LLC SUGG RANCH (CANYON) (RE-ENTER)(INJ) Well# 2 SUGG 15, 467 FEL 2059 FNL, SEC 15 BLK H, TC SUR., A-603 7543', 23 NW MERTZON

Menard County

NORDAN OIL & GAS CORP. JOHN P (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ALDA DAVIS, 2605 FEL 2128 FSL, SEC 3 BLK A, GH&SA SUR., A-248 3500', 1 SW MENARD

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC LITTLE DOG (CAMAR) (O) DRILL Well# 5 RUSSELL C, 2649 FNL 1902 FEL, SEC 1657, B&B SUR., A-143 4500', 13 W MENARD

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC LITTLE DOG (CAMAR) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ESPY, 2643 FSL 911 FWL, SEC 269, C STOCK SUR., A-675 4000', 12 SW MENARD

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4C SAU 40-4, 1320 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 40 BLK B, L&SV SUR., A-753 8400', 24 NW BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1808 SRH 18, 1221 FNL 619 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A, LG GEE SUR., A-154 11500', 16 NE BIG LAKE

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 1L MUSTANG DRAW, 1806 FSL 743 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-473 10000', 20 NE BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15O L SCHAEFER OIL UNIT, 1923 FNL 1916 FEL, SEC 15 BLK O, N BOHANNAN SUR., A-44 9000', 31 N BIG LAKE

Runnels County

J V A OPER. CO., INC. PONY CREEK (ELLEN) (G) DRILL Well# 1 LANGE-DIERSCHKE UNIT, 265 FWL 2806 FNL, SEC 131, P ZOBEL SUR., A-571 4500', 2 E ROWENA

Schleicher County

APACHE CORPORATION HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY LANDS 57-65, 2726 FSL 330 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 57, UL SUR. 8400', 16 NW ELDORADO

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 COWDEN E, 660 FNL 660-FEL, SEC 31 BLK 38 T5S, T&P SUR., A-412 11100', 25 NE RANKIN

CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 COX 27, 1980 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 27, HE&WT SUR., A-254 10585', 2 NE RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 7 TXL 39, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-505 11275', 23 NW RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2079 XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 3500 FSL 3280 FWL, SEC 2, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-543 11225', 19 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 107H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 300 FSL 1700 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 11, UL SUR., A-U328 7400', 20 NE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7 YEAGER & ARMSTRONG CARUTH, 1146 FNL 1090 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A42, PSL/WN BROWN SUR., A-2224 4900', 9 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 20 RANCH 4, 2459 FSL 560 FWL, SEC 4 BLK A42, PSL/ MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2208 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 14 FLEMING 123, 1650 FSL 1100 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A42, PSL/WN BROWN SUR., A-2224 5200', 9 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 47 MA THORNBERRY CONSOLIDATED III, 11 FEL 939 FSL, SEC 5 BLK A42, PSL/MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2209 5200', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 10 RANCH 4, 1841 FSL 1947 FWL, SEC 4 BLK A42, PSL/MA THORNBERRY SUR., A-2208 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 32 ASHTON, 850 FSL 1200 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A42, PSL/WA ASHTON SUR., A-2222 5200', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 19 CC LOCKHART & BROWN, 2208 FSL 751 FWL, SEC 10 BLK A41, PSL/ BC RICHARDSON SUR., A-1616 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 14 LOCKHART & BROWN, 425 FSL 475 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A41, PSL SUR., A-1707 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 42 BASSEL ETAL, 448 FSL 2151 FWL, SEC 6 BLK A42, PSL/ JN NORWOOD SUR., A-1188 5200', 12 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 15 LOCKHART & BROWN, 195 FSL 675 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A41, PSL/TM WHITE SUR., A-1707 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 128 MUNGER NIX, 377 FSL 862 FEL, SEC 18 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1997 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) (DIREC)(RCMP) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 13 35, 330 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR. 9000', 11 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 26 ASHTON, 1260 FEL 1840 FSL, SEC 12 BLK A42, PSL/WA ASHTON SUR., A-2222 5200', 11 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 19 THORNBERRY B, 100 FSL 2440 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A42, PSL/AW SEARS SUR., A-1626 5200', 8 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC THREE BAR (SAN ANDRES) (O)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 4H MPS UNIVERSITY, 2241 FSL 2055 FEL, SEC 238 BLK 11, UL SUR. 5000', 18 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 6 LETA JONES, 550 FNL 1400 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A42, PSL/ML JONES SUR., A-1960 5200', 6 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 19 LINDLEY, 225 FSL 1134 FEL, SEC 17 BLK A47, PSL/AW SEARS SUR., A-1627 5200', 9 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 8 BROWN, 1170 FEL 1850 FNL, SEC 9 BLK A42, PSL/WN BROWN SUR., A-2224 5200', 9 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 23 ASHTON, 2350 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A42, PSL SUR., A-2222 5200', 10 SW ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY LANDS 36, 50 FSL 2024 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 31, UL SUR. 3500', 5 NW CRANE

APACHE CORPORATION MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY LANDS 36, 114 FSL 450 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 31, UL SUR. 3500', 5 NW CRANE

GUADALUPE PROPERTIES, LLC SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 10 MB MCKNIGHT, 330 FSL 1350 FEL, SEC 8 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1113 6209', 21 NW CRANE

GUADALUPE PROPERTIES, LLC SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 9 MB MCKNIGHT, 677 FEL 1021 FSL, SEC 8 BLK B-21, PSL SUR. 6193', 21 NW CRANE

PPC OPER. CO. LLC ROEPKE (WOLFCAMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3 COWDEN 58, 660 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 58 BLK X, CCSD&RGNG/ JD MCGEE/JD MCGEE SUR., A-817 7000', 8 W CRANE

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ALYSHEBA 17 FEE, 210 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 59 T1S, T&P SUR., A-2694 7700', 19 NW ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 KINGFISHER 6, 330 FEL 2310 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 58 T2S, T&P/JJ O'BRYAN SUR., A-1899 5000', 10 W ORLA

Ector County

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 ANNABELLE, 1716 FSL 1766 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/O CAIN SUR., A-701 7200', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 556 GOLDSMITH-LANDRETH / DEEP/ UNIT, 1881 FSL 1393 FEL, IC BELL SUR., A-887 6800', 6 NW GOLDSMITH

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 421OH GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT, 1297 FSL 1254 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 45 T1S, T&P SUR., A-376 8000', 19 W ODESSA

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC GOLDSMITH (O)(HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 26H PARKER MINERALS 18D, 1650 FSEL 1650 FNEL, SEC 18 BLK 44 T2S, T&P/ B HIGGINS SUR., A-1103 12000', 6 NE PENWELL

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2304 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2170 FSL 1268 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ WA BEATY SUR., A-687 6770', 3 SW GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 BURNS 27, 1800 FNL 1550 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-254 11000', 4 SW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 WALTERS 11, 2173 FEL 2173 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-341 12000', 7 SW GARDEN CITY

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC JAILHOUSE (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ABEL 4, 520 FNL 1924 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 35 T2S, WADE SUR., A-524 12000', 9 SE STANTON

NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN LLC CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BEARKAT 21, 990 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 32 T4S, T&P SUR., A-74 10500', 10 E GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HANCOCK 12, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ AL HOUSTON SUR., A-818 11500', 18 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BRUNSON 6, 1860 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T3S, T&P/ PW COOK SUR., A-958 11150', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 KAYLINA 18, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ AL HOUSTON SUR., A-1148 11200', 16 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 WEYMAN 15A, 660 FEL 2120 FNL, SEC 15 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-399 11200', 16 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 6 WEYMAN 23, 660 FEL 467 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-402 11200', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ANDERSON 13, 1127 FNL 853 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 31 T2N, T&P SUR., A-183 10000', 13 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BUCHANAN 10, 1127 FNL 853 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 31 T2N, T&P/ MC BUCHANAN SUR., A-1108 10000', 14 NW COAHOMA

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP. HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GASKINS 21, 2168 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 34 T2N, T&P SUR., A-400 12000', 3 SW KNOTT

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 78 SARAH HYMAN, 1980 FNL 1300 FWL, SEC 113 BLK 29, W&NW SUR., A-469 4600', 15 SE BIG SPRINGS

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PATTERSON TRUST 22, 467 FNL 1915 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ GW WALTHALL SUR., A-698 12000', 2 NE ELBOW

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP BIG SPRING (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 QUINN 40, 1980 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 40 BLK 34 T1S, T&P/ JT QUINN SUR., A-1178 12000', 7 S ELBOW

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP ISAAC (STRAWN) (G) DRILL Well# 1 BISCUIT 18 UNIT, 2367 FEL 1221 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 34 T2N, T&P/ JP ROBERTSON JR SUR., A-1335 12000', 2 SW KNOTT

Loving County

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 19-15, 250 FNWL 750 FSWL, SEC 15 BLK 19, UL SUR. 18000', 17 SW WINK

Martin County

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 MABEE B, 560 FNWL 1710 FSL, SEC 3 BLK HA, HA MOORE SUR., A-918 10250', 21 NE ANDREWS

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 MCCRARY, 2173 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 35 T2N, T&P SUR., A-75 11675', 13 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 UNIVERSITY 7-1A, 917 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 7, UNIV LAND SUR. 12700', 30 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 9 GREEN A, 1980 FEL 1980 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-90 10800', 25 N STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BALDWIN 7, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 36 T3N, T&P SUR., A-178 12300', 26 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 DOVE E, 467 FSL 1353 FEL, LASALLE CSL/LABOR 9/LEAGUE 325 SUR., A-424 12200', 18 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 UNIVERSITY 6-45, 2130 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 6, UNIV LAND SUR. 12700', 21 NE ANDREWS

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1501 MABEE P, 467 FWL 467 FSL, PARMER CSL/ LEAGUE 318/ TRACT 15 SUR., A-1006 13000', 29 NW STANTON

Midland County

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3607R ST NW, 2188 FEL 1910 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/ TB TRIPP SUR., A-1149 11600', 5 W MIDLAND

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP BRADFORD RNCH(STRWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 MILLIKEN 34, 467 FWL 2530 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 39 T2S, T&P/ GHM WILSON SUR., A-1006 13006', 6 S MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 709 FEE BE, 1320 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-244 11400', 7 NW MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 919 FEE BF, 330 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-245 11400', 3 NW MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 704 FEE BE, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 7 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR. 11400', 7 NW MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 903 FEE BF, 430 FNL 772 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-245 11400', 3 NW MIDLAND

Pecos County

XTO ENERGY, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 ATHEY-CHARLES B, 1980 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 52 BLK OW, TT/ CENTRAL STATE BANK OF ABILENE TX SUR., A-8377 15800', 22 NW FT. STOCKTON

XTO ENERGY, INC. WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6 WAYNE MOORE, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 5 BLK C3, PSL/RQ WALL SUR., A-5104 18001', 29 NW FORT STOCKTON

Reeves County

ARABELLA PETRO. CO., LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1H LOCKER STATE, 330 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 180 BLK 13, H&GN/RE ERWIN SUR., A-5787 13500', 24 S PECOS

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 4 JAMES, 02-14, 500 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 2, H&GN/AH WOODCOCK SUR., A-1889 13500', 24 NW PECOS

Sterling County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL(HORZ) Well# 8600 STROMAN RANCH, 479 FNL 1983 FEL, SEC 107 BLK 2, H&TC SUR., A-132 8600', 9 NW STERLING

Ward County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MILLER STATE 152, 310 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 152 BLK 34, H&TC/C MILLER SUR., A-1090 16000', 5 NE BARSTOW

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H BIG SILVER 34-160, 200 FSWL 660 FNWL, SEC 160 BLK 34, H&TC/ P WILSON SUR., A-1275 11650', 5 NE BARSTOW

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MARTINSVILLE 120, 500 FSWL 500 FNWL, SEC 120 BLK 34, H&TC/ TS WILLIAMSON SUR., A-803 11500', 4 W PYOTE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H WILSON CROSS 168, 500 FNEL 1980 FSEL, SEC 168 BLK 34, H&TC/ P WILSON SUR., A-1274 11500', 11 W PYOTE

KAISER-FRANCIS OIL CO. WAR-WINK(CHRY CNYN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 31W, 2384 FSL 850 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 17, UL SUR., A-U70 7250', 10 NW PYOTE

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1936 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 913 FNL 394 FWL, SEC 19 BLK F, G&MMB&A SUR. 3600', 1/2 NE WICKETT

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1948 GW OBRIEN ETAL, 950 FNL 383 FEL, SEC 20 BLK G, G&MMB&A SUR., A-6 3600', 1 E WICKETT

Winkler County

OGX OPERATING, LLC FA HOGG(PENN DETRITAL) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ORO NEGRO A 31, 467 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 31 BLK A, G&MMB&A SUR., A-27 9500', 11 SE KERMIT

XTO ENERGY INC. TWO GRGS(BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1303H UNIVERSITY BLK 20, 467 FNL 2302 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 20, UL SUR. 12000', 7 SW WINK

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Borden County

ESTANCIA O&G, LLC BLACKARD (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 4 MSW BROWN/PORTERFIELD, 1592 FSL 983 FWL, SEC 3

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BLK 32 T5N, T&P SUR., A-320 7500', 14 NW GAIL

SM ENERGY COMPANY MESQUITE CREEK (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 602H REBECCA, 2470 FSL 1550 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 31 T5N, T&P/ WH MCCOLLUM SUR., A-1214 10000', 6 NW GAIL

Dawson County

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC BIG WHEEL (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SHARLA 263, 990 FWL 467 FNL, KENT CSL LGE 263 LAB 5 SUR., A-403 13000', 17 SW LAMESA

PPC OPER. CO. LLC GIN (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 2011 GIN UNIT, 126 FWL 1320 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T5N, T&P SUR., A-455 8300', 6 SW LAMESA

ROFF OPER. CO., LLC N ACKERLY (CISCO) (O) DRILL Well# 1 STEWART, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 33 T4N, T&P SUR., A-433 9000', 12 SE LAMESA

Dickens County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC SPUR LAKE (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 1 CENTERFIELD, 48 FNL 151 FWL, SEC 244 BLK 1, H&GN/ SR COGGIN SUR.,A-577 7200', WITHIN SPUR

SCHALK OIL COMPANY, INC. E GIRARD (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 3 BEGGS EAST, 870 FEL 1812 FSL, SEC 1 BLK M, GE MISCH SUR., A-1276 4400', 13 SE SPUR

Gaines County

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 508 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1320 FNL 1110 FEL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 338 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 20 FSL 1375 FWL, SEC 455 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-37 8100', 6 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 339 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 2496 FNL 2513 FEL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY

Garza County

CAL OIL CO. POLLAN (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 6501 CAROL SUE REED, 201 FNL 2734 FWL, SEC 65 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-55 8300', 12 S POST

Lubbock County

TYCOON OPER. CO., INC. W BROADVIEW(CLR FRK) (O) DRILL Well# 1 TYCOON-LEWIS, 1534 FSL 179 FEL, SEC 26 BLK JS, EL&RR/ AM CLAYTON SUR., A-1577 6500', 8 NW LUBBOCK

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER(CISCO SD) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 29 HJ BRICE, 178 FNL 1151 FWL, SEC 385 BLK 97, H&TC/TJ SHAW SUR., A-2628 7250', 7 N SNYDER

OXY USA WTP LP DIAMOND M (ELLEN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 GENERAL LEE, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 182 BLK 97, H&TC SUR. 9000', 12 W SNYDER

Terry County

STANOLIND OPERATING LLC KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 314 NORTHWEST TERRY (ABO) UNIT, 467 FEL 1320 FSL, SEC 10 BLK D14, C&M/ RM COPPEDGE SUR., A-1099 82000', 9 SW SUNDOWN

STANOLIND OPERATING LLC KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 313 NORTHWEST TERRY (ABO) UNIT, 660 FSL 2630 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D14, C&M/ RM COPPEDGE SUR., A-1099 8200', 9 SW SUNDOWN

STANOLIND OPERATING LLC KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 511 NORTHWEST TERRY ABO, 1650 FWL 1320 FNL, SEC 15 BLK D14, C&M SUR., A-69 8200', 9 SW SUNDOWN

STANOLIND OPERATING LLC KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 205 NORTHWEST TERRY (ABO) UNIT, 467 FEL 2640 FNL, SEC 10 BLK D14, C&M/ RF DAUGHTRY SUR., A-1671 8200', 9 SW SUNDOWN

XTO ENERGY INC. PRENTICE (O) (RECLASS) Well# 87 PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 19 BLK K, PSL SUR., A-1819 6750', 8 NE TOKIO

Yoakum County

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (RECOMP)(INJ) Well# 3741 ROBERTS UNIT, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 798 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JH LYNN SUR., A-1555 5400', 3 NW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. WASSON (O) DRILL Well# 115 CORNELL UNIT, 1920 FWL 205 FSL, SEC 831 BLK D, J GIBSON SUR., A-27 5700', 4 NW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. WASSON (O) DRILL Well# 144 HO MAHONEY, 1523 FSL 833 FEL, SEC 742 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ MRS BO MAHONEY SUR., A-722 5800', 7 NE DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. WASSON (O) DRILL Well# 3073 CORNELL UNIT, 889 FWL 1121 FNL, SEC 830 BLK D, J GIBSON/ BG MILLER SUR., A-1561 5700', 4 NW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. WASSON (O) DRILL Well# 3082 CORNELL UNIT, 1712 FWL 1229 FSL, SEC 830 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ BG MILLER SUR., A-1561 5675', 3 NW DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Chaves County

Celero Energy II LP
State 36 #1
Caprock-Re-Entry of American Pet Co, North Caprock Unit 1 Tr 7 #7, P&A, Old TD 3023; Sec 36 R12S R31E; 1980/N & 1980/E; 11 mi SW Caprock; Rot 3025 Queen; API #30-005-00540

Celero Energy II LP
State 36 #2
Caprock-Re-Entry of American Pet Co, North Caprock Unit 1 Tr 15 #2, P&A, Old TD 3055; Sec 36 T12S R31E; 660/S & 1980/E; 11 mi SW Caprock; Rot 3055 Queen; API #30-005-00688

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
BABAY Buddah 13 Fed #1
Hay Hollow; Sec 13 T26S R28E; 2350/S & 190/W; 12 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12712 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40735

RKI Exploratin & Production LLC
RDX 21 Federal #73
East Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 2310/S & 2060/E; 17 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7500 Delaware; API #30-015-40725

R360 Permian Basin LLC
Avalon SWD #1
SWD; Sec 36 T26S T31E; 333/N & 2481/E; 25 mi SE Malaga; Rot 6500 Cherry Canyon; API #30-015-40733

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #578
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S R29E; 142/S & 2280/E; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4400 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40751

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #632
Dodd; Sec 15 T17S R29E; 1156/S & 980/E; 5 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4450 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40752

Read & Stevens Inc.
Fadaway 32 State #1
East Millman-Re-entry of Southland Royalty, P&A,TD 11136; Sec 32 T19S R28E; 660/N & 1980/E; 12 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 2522 Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-22826

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Bolivar BRD Fed Com #1
Sulphate Draw; Sec 33 T24S R27E; 1980/S & 330/E; 5 mi SE Black River; Rot 14294 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40742

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Juniper BIP Fed Com #12
Cedar Canyon; Sec 8 T24S R29E; 1296/N & 587/E; 5 mi E Malaga; Rot 13617 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40754

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Ringer Federal Com #13
East Sage Draw; Sec 3 T25S R26E; 1980/S & 400/E; 3 mi SW Black River; Rot 13627 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-40743

Mewbourne Oil Co.
San Lorenzo 9 MD Fee #1
San Lorenzo; Sec 9 T25S R28E; 150/S & 660/W; 5 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12675 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40749

Mewbourne Oil Co.
San Lorenzo 22 27 KF #1
San Lorenzo; Sec 22 T25S R28E; 2240/S & 1980/W; 7 mi S Malaga; Rot 12550 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40750

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Mirage 30 PM St Com #1
Winchester; Sec 30 T19S R29E; 300/S & 150/E; 15 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12100 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40753

COG Operating LLC
Omelette State Com #1
South Corral Canyon; Sec 8 T25S R30E; 800/S & 1020/W; 11 mi SE Malaga; Rot 11213 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40741

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Aquila 22 Federal #2
West Lusk; Sec 22 T19S R31E; 1040/N & 50/E; 9 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13963 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40755

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Cotton Draw 15 Federal Com #1
South Cotton Draw; Sec 15 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1980/E; 19 mi S Malaga; Rot 12637 Delaware; API #30-015-40746

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Cotton Draw 15 Federal Com #2
South Cotton Draw; Sec 15 T25S R31E; 330/N & 2030/E; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12884 Delaware; API #30-015-40748

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Cotton Draw 15 Federal Com #3
South Cotton Draw; Sec 15 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1930/E; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12860 Delaware; API #30-015-40747

Three Rivers Operating Co. LP
Chelsi #1
SWD-Re-entry H E Lee, P&A, TD 12043; Sec 2 T26S R25E; 1980/S & 1980/E; 8 mi S White City; Rot 10100 Penn; API #30-015-21081

Oxy USA Inc.
Osage 18 Fee A Com #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 18 T20S R25E; 330/S & 1800/E; 10 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 6953 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40759

Oxy USA Inc.
Osage 18 Fee B Com #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 18 T20S R25E; 480/S & 2160/W; 10 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 6816 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40760

Oxy USA Inc.
Osage 18 Fee C Com #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 18 T20S R25E; 480/S & 840/W; 10 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 6831 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40761

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Burton Flat Deep Unit #50
East Avalon; Sec 3 T21S R27E; 1925/N & 535/E; 6 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11827 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40758

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #701
Fren; Sec 21 T17S R31E; 1262/N & 2274/W; 6 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6862 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40757

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Cerros AQF Fed Com #2
Sand Tank; Sec 15 T18S R29E; 310/N & 810/E; 7 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 11053 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40767

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
PLU Phanton Banks 22 25 30 #1
Corral Draw; Sec 22 T25S R30E; 325/N & 1980/W; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12471 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40763

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Petrus D #10
Maljamar; Sec 11 T17S R33E; 2310/N & 1650/W; 8 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 4725 GB/ SA; API #30-025-40744

COG Operating LLC
Petrus D #11
Maljamar; Sec 11 T17S R33E; 1630/S & 990/E; 8 mi SE Maljamar; Rot 4725 GB/ SA; API #30-025-40745

McElvain Energy Inc.
S Ironhorse 32 State #1
Scharb; Sec 32 T18S R35E; 700/N & 225/W; 7 mi NW Arkansas Junction; Rot 10422 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40746

McElvain Energy Inc.
S Ironhorse 32 State #2
Scharb; Sec 32 T18S R35E; 1780/N & 225/W; 7 mi NW Arkansas Junction; Rot 10421 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40747

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Lynch 35 #2
N Berry; Sec 35 T20S R34E; 363/N & 1650/E; 12 ? mi SE Halfway; Rot 15641 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40750

Quantum Resources Management LLC
Encore M State #9
Wantz; Sec 20 T22S R37E; 468/N & 300/W; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7000 Abo; API #30-025-40749

Texland Petroleum-Hobbs LLC
RLF Trust 30 State #2
E Garrett; Sec 30 T16S R39E; 170/N & 130/W; 4 mi NE Knowles; Rot 13108 Drinkard; API #30-025-40752

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Amoco 21 Federal #1
E Lusk; Sec 21 T19S R32E; 470/N & 660/E; 6 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13591 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40753

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Taipan 10 State Com #1
NE Cruz; Sec 15 T23S R33E; 150/N & 710/W; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13803 Delaware; API #30-025-40743

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Salado Draw 9 AP Federal Com #1
WC Red Hills; Sec 9 T26S R33E; 310/N & 380/E; 12 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13617 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40755

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Lion 34 Federal Com #1
Querecho Plains; Sec 34 T18S R32E; 2110/N & 200/W; 10 mi N Halfway; Rot 14007 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40777

Mack Energy Corp.
B Lee State #14
Vacuum; Sec 7 T18S R35E; 330/S & 990/W; 2 1/2 mi E Buckeye; Rot 9750 Abo; API #30-025-40758

Mack Energy Corp.
Ohio State #3
Vacuum; Sec 7 T18S R35E; 990/S & 2310/W; 2 1/2 mi S Buckeye; Rot 9750 Abo; API #30-025-40756

Mack Energy Corp.
Ohio State #7
Vacuum; Sec 7 T18S R35E; 330/S & 2255/W; 2 1/2 mi S Buckeye; Rot 9750 Abo API #30-025-40757

COG Operating LLC
Patterson B 52 Fed Com #2
North Lusk; Sec 5 T19S R32E; 330/N & 330/E; 9 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13880 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40773

Apache Corp.
NE Drinkard Unit #268
North Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 2590/S & 1890/W; 4 mi NE Eunice; Rot 7100 Bli/Tubb/ Drk; API #30-025-40779

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Parcell Fed #5
Wantz; Sec 8 T21S R38E; 1515/S & 1275/E; 5 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8163 Abo; API #30-025-40759

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Parcell Fed #6
Wantz; Sec 8 T21S R38E; 1375/S & 1375/E; 5 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8190 Abo; API #30-025-40774

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Parcell Fed #7
Wantz; Sec 8 T21S R38E; 1405/S & 1265/E; 5 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8157 Abo; API #30-025-40775

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Elliott Fed #3
Wantz; Sec 9 T21S R38E; 1285/S & 680/E; 6 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8161 Abo; API #30-025-40776

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Elliott Fed #5
Wantz; Sec 9 T21S R38E; 1175/S & 645/E; 6 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8144 Abo; API #30-025-40761

SandRidge Exploration & Production Inc.
Elliott Fed #2
NE Lovington; Sec 9 T21S R38E; 1175/S & 545/E; 6 mi NE Eunice; Rot 8207 Abo; API #3 0-025-40760

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Diamondtail 23 Fed #1
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 600/W; 13 ? mi NW Ochoa; Rot 10920 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40780

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Diamondtail 23 Fed #2
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 750/W; 13 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14096 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40781

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Diamondtail 23 Fed #3
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 1805/W; 13 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15421 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40679

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Diamondtail 23 Fed #5
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 2055/E; 13 1/2 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 15426 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40771

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Diamondtail 23 Fed #6
Diamondtail; Sec 23 T23S R32E; 330/N & 1905/E; 13 1/2 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 14098 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40772

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Mack Energy Company
Peoples 32 State #1
Scharb-Re-entry Forest Oil, P&A, TD 11250; Sec 32 T18S R35E; 660/S & 660/E; 7 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 6907 Queen; API #30-025-29121

COG Operating LLC
Lightning P-38 State #6
North Berry; Sec 1 T21S R33E; 3174/S & 543/E; 13 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15783 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40795

COG Operating LLC
Ben Lilly St Com #3
North Berry; Sec 2 T21S R33E; 330/S & 1980/E; 12 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18626 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40794

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Northeast Drinkard Unit #353
North Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 1410/S & 2030/W; 4 mi N Eunice; Rot 7100 Bli/Tubb/ Drk; API #30-025-40785

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #365
North Eunice; Sec 10 T21S R37E; 80/N & 710/E; 1 mi N Eunice; Rot 7100 Bli/Tubb/Drk; API #30-025-40786

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #366
North Eunice; Sec 3 T21S R37E; 1145/S & 850/W; 4 mi N Eunice; Rot 7100 Bli/Tubb/ Drk; API #30-025-40787

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #367
North Eunice; Sec 10 T21S R37E; 175/N & 670/W; 1 mi N Eunice; Rot 7100 Bl/Tu/Dr; API #30-025-40788

Apache Corp.
Northeast Drinkard Unit #428
North Eunice; Sec 10 T21S R37E; 2390/S & 1840/W; 1 mi N Eunice; Rot 7050 Bli/Tubb/ Drk; API #30-025-40789

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Dos Equis 12 Federal Com #2
West Triple X; Sec 12 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1980/E; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11250 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40791

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Dos Equis 12 Federal Com #3
West Triple X; Sec 12 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1980E; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11250 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40792

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Dos Equis 12 Federal Com #4
West Triple X; Sec 12 T24S R32E; 330/N & 660/W; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11250 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40793

ConocoPhillips Company
Wilder 29 Federal #1
Jennings; Sec 29 T26S R32E; 524/N & 849/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13411 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40790

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Caswell 23 Federal #2
West Maljamar; Sec 23 T17S R32E; 1950/N & 330/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10409 Yeso; API #30-025-40800

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Caswell 23 Federal #4
West Maljamar; Sec 23 T17S R32E; 2000/N & 330/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 11091 Yeso; API #30-025-40801

Apache Corp.
Lusk 34 Federal #1
South Lusk; Sec 34 T19S R32E; 490/N & 360/W; 4.5 mi N Halfway; Rot 13740 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40797

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Laguna Deep #21
Teas; Sec 36 T19S R33E; 660/N & 2310/W; 8 mi NE Halfway; Rot 16439 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40812

Mack Energy Corp.
State 35 #8
Corbin; Sec 35 T17S R33E; 990/S & 2310/W; 7.5 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 9100 Abo; API #30-025-40811

Apache Corp.
Werta Federal #2
House; Sec 35 T19S R38E; 990/S & 1650/E; 1 mi SE Nadine; Rot 7400 Drinkard; API #30-025-40798

Apache Corp.
Werta Federal #3
House; Sec 35 T19S R38E; 335/S & 990/E; 1 mi SE Nadine; Rot 7400 Drinkard; API #30-025-40799

Mack Energy Corp.
Kansas State #2
Arkansas Junction; Sec 26 T18S R36E; 1650/S & 990/E; 2 mi NE Arkansas Jct; Rot 8900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40807

Mack Energy Corp.
Kansas State #3
Arkansas Junction; Sec 26 T18S R36E; 990/S & 1650/E; 2 mi NE Arkansas Jct; Rot 8900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-4080

Mack Energy Corp.
Kansas State #4
Arkansas Junction; Sec 26 T18S R36E; 2310/S & 1650/E; 2 mi NE Arkansas Jct; Rot 8950 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40809

Mack Energy Corp.
Kansas State #5
Arkansas Junction; Sec 26 T18S R36E; 1650/S & 330/E; 2 mi NE Arkansas Jct; Rot 8900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40810

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hanson 26 Fed #4
South Lea; Sec 26 T20S R34E; 330/N & 660/E; 12 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15542 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40804

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Energy prominent as BMO Capital Markets does deals

By Jeannie Kever
Houston Chronicle

BMO Capital Markets celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Houston office this year, and although energy isn't the company's only business, it remains key.

"In the early 1960s, we opened in Houston and we were the first foreign bank in the state of Texas, when the definition of foreign was 'not from Texas,'" joked William Downe, president and CEO of parent company BMO Financial Group. BMO Capital Markets is the investment and corporate banking division.

BMO has been involved with some of the biggest deals in the energy field over the past few years.

Downe and Tod Benton, a managing director and group head for energy in the United States, recently spoke with the Chronicle about energy finance and how it is changing. Edited excerpts:

Q: What's behind the latest round of mergers and acquisitions?

Benton: A lot of things are driving the business this year, including tax law change in 2013. There are a lot of private guys looking to sell out prior to year-end. There are a lot of MLPs (master limited partnerships) that need to feed the beast, so they're constantly on the prowl for assets. And there's the constant weeding of your portfolio.

Q: How much impact will the tax law changes have?

Benton: For private guys, it's a significant driver but not the key driver.

The biggest thing is with the shale plays. People are really focused on deploying capital where they're getting the biggest return.

As a result, they're taking capital from less-strategic assets, and they're moving that into shale plays.

I think there were a number of people who thought Romney was going to win the election, and they were holding off. And when the election went the way it did, we did get a flurry of activity, trying to get year-end deals done.

Q: Is that edging out the small independent? Is there still a place for the little guy?

Downe: After a wave of acquisitions, the dynamics of the market always change, and the entrepreneurial nature of the industry gives rise to people who have perhaps previously sold, re-entering the business. And when big companies acquire assets, they generally find some percentage of them are too small or too dispersed to be economic, and they package them up to resell.

That gives birth to another generation of small companies, some of which grow, many of which perish.

Benton: The small independents are going to be here. I have clients that have done it three or four times. But there's this constant grow or go away situation.

Q: What are the most active sources of funding for the oil and gas industry today?

Benton: Obviously private equity, but also high-yield markets. Energy companies are very capital intensive. The high-yield market has been wide open this year.

Q: But you're still seeing a lot of private equity?

Benton: They really are a big part of the business. They fund a lot of these portfolio companies. They fund a lot of management teams. We were involved with both the ($7.2 billion) Samson Investment Co. buyout by KKR & Co. and the Apollo deal with El Paso. (Apollo Global Management bought El Paso Corp.'s exploration and production businesses for about $7.15 billion.)

I think private equity funds see that the energy business can provide a decent return.

Downe: If you look at the history of the industry, a lot of the company building was done with bank loans, and the banks that dominated that sector are essentially gone. The best reason for private equity coming in, they're an efficient source of capital, and they're largely displacing a historic source of capital, which was secured production loans from a large number of commercial banks that were serving the market.

Q: How has shale gas changed the business?

Benton: From a banking perspective, it hasn't changed what we do, just the order of magnitude has gone up dramatically.

People will buy into the Eagle Ford, they'll pay $500 million for acreage, then they forget they have to spend $2 billion to develop it, and they don't have it. The shale plays changed the world in that we have a lot more product. We have a lot more natural gas, a lot more oil, but we need a lot more capital to develop it.

Q: How will it affect energy financing if Congress and the president don't reach a deal on the fiscal cliff?

Benton: It's going to hurt the economy. I think there's a high likelihood we'll have a recession. In those kinds of environment, we typically see demand fall off for both oil and natural gas, so prices will likely fall. As prices contract, you'll see activity levels reduce. People will continue to drill where they have to hold acreage (under lease agreements that set deadlines for drilling). If they don't have to drill, they will cut back.

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices Price per MMBtu	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 12/26/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:...	$3.696	$3.392	$3.114
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:.....	$3.610	$3.255	$2.966
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:.....	$3.5513	$3.273	$2.899
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:.....	$3.570	$3.220	$2.965
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:.....	$3.560	$3.230	$2.940
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:.....	$3.573	$3.177	$2.828
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:.....	$3.654	$3.228	$2.920

ConocoPhillips eyes unconventional oil and gas in China

By Harry R. Weber
Houston Chronicle

Houston-based exploration and production company ConocoPhillips is looking into unconventional oil and gas development in China.

The firm has reached an agreement with China Petrochemical Corp., known as Sinopec Group, to conduct a joint unconventional oil and gas development study in the Sichuan Basin, spokesman Daren Beaudo said.

Details of the venture aren't being released.

Unconventional gas refers to the production of gas and liquids recovered from shale gas and "tight" gas, which is called tight because it is difficult to get to due to the nature, or density, of the rock and sand surrounding the deposit. Hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have been used in the United States to tap these resources. Unconventional oil refers to tight oil plays.

Conventional plays are generally easier to produce. Examples of such rock formations are sandstones and limestone. Traditional vertical wells are often sufficient to access resources in those formations.

By contrast, in horizontal drilling, a well is drilled vertically to a certain depth, then turned sideways to reach out hundreds to thousands of feet laterally to obtain hard to reach deposits.

Major oil and gas companies are expanding their efforts of late in unconventional oil and gas, especially in China.

Royal Dutch Shell, for instance, is partnering with PetroChina to drill natural gas shale and other tight rock formations in China, with plans to spend more than $500 million this year. Shell executives have estimated that as more natural gas reserves are tapped in the country, demand to use it will grow. Shell has said it expects to drill close to 20 appraisal and exploration wells in China this year.

ConocoPhillips is no stranger to China, either. It is operator of oil fields in Bohai Bay, in the northeastern part of the country. Production was curtailed there in 2011 following two spills that released oil and drilling mud into the bay.

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— Alex Kasten

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA —

Works by artists from England, France, Germany and Austria including Frederick Richard Pickersgill, Ernst Bosch, Daniel Ridgway Knight and Léon Joubert form part of the "Destinations in Paintings: From the Kasten Collection" exhibition on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum through Feb. 24.

The works present a visual tour of the lands and locations these fine artists frequented and loved.

"It's a fantastic collection," said Doylene Land, the museum's deputy director and curator of education. "It definitely gives us an idea of these 19th century painters and the style of art that was going on during that time. Looking at these we are able to take a visual journey to a variety of places. The Kasten Collection really blends the influences and images into a visual travelogue for the viewer."

The globalization of the art world and the broadening of the market beyond royalty affected the artist's life in Europe after 1850.

"A growing middle-class made of businessmen, tradesmen, financiers, manufacturers, shipping tycoons and professionals began to emerge," Land said. "This widening audience for art appreciated modern life scenes with modern dress, views of city life, the seashore and leisure activities."

Railroads made travel quick and affordable, and artists began to shift from the large metropolitan cities to the countryside.

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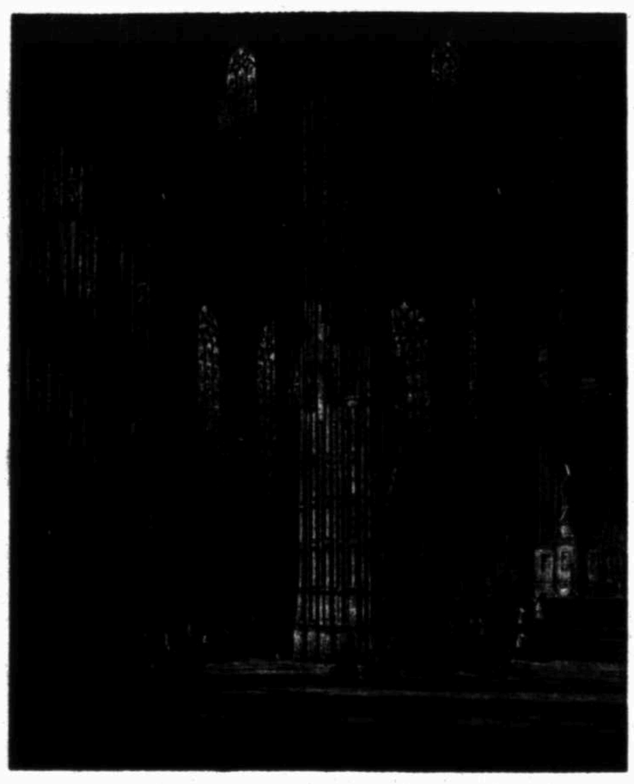

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SUNDAY

Basin PBS: Downtown Abbey Season 1: "Call the Midwife" 5 p.m. - 11 p. m.

Ellen Noel Art Museum: Exhibits: "Destinations in Painting: From the Kasten Collection through Feb. 24. And: "Art Glass 1880 -1940" From the Becker Collection through Feb. 17. And: "Wish You Were Here: The Artistry of Postcard from the Greene Collection" through Jan. 13. For more information, visit the Museum's website: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the Museum at 432-550-9696. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Closed New Year's Day.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Tour unique landmark home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 West Ohio Ave., 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. Closed New Year's Day.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged. Open all week.

MONDAY

Basin PBS: Live from Lincoln Center: "One Singular Sensation: at 7 p.m.

Midland Arts Association: Features Mary Lambeth with her artwork at the Community National Bank through December. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 432-260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 432-682-2931 or 432-688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Midland County Public Library: Exhibit: "Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence" through Monday. Regular hours 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Downtown Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Call 688-4334. Closed New Year's Day.

The Palette Club: Artwork of Susan May on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri Ave., through December. Call Susan May to exhibit your work, 634-1795.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

Tall City Cloggers: Dances every Monday at M-Squarena. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY
New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Temporary Exhibit: "Eat Well, Play Well," from The Oregon Museum of Science through Jan. 6. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 West Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Midland Arts Association: Features Merle Taylor at the Community National Bank through January. Downtown CNB located at 401 W. Texas. For more information, call 683-2882.

Museum of the Southwest: Exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists Collection on view all year. And: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations welcome. Closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery at UTPB: EXHIBIT: The Freshman, Sophomore 2012 Art Exhibition through Jan. 13. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday-Friday and 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, call 552-3286.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

The Palette Club: Artwork of Diane Browne on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri Ave., through January. Call Susan May to exhibit your work, 634-1795.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 432-687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email info@acmidland.org.

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31 ___ tai
33 Some are inflated
35 Stick-to-it-iveness
40 Listed in England?
42 Those, in Tijuana
44 Look askance
45 ___ test
47 Flour or sugar, e.g.
51 High degrees
52 Floride, e.g.
53 Desdemona's husband was one
54 Stage direction
55 One may be coed
56 Words to one taking off
58 Fictional plantation
61 "Madness put to good use": Santayana
63 Richard's "Stakeout" co-star
64 Blast from the past
66 Marcus's partner
69 Closet contents, maybe
70 Classic comedy duo
73 Snacks in shells
75 Jet-setter's transport, perhaps
77 Dutch painter of "The Cat Family"
78 Blessing elicitor
79 Deal with, as thirst
82 Andean ancient
83 Trailing
84 Baseball family name
87 Prefix meaning "vinegar"
89 Further
91 Supermodel Sastre
92 Pueblo Revolt tribe
93 Sucker that debuted in 1931
96 M.I.T. grad, often
97 Opposed
99 Splendor
100 "I have no idea"
102 It's often between two periods
105 Tiff
107 Ready, as a keg
108 But, to Brutus
111 Brink
113 Pablo ___ y Picasso
115 Plant with stickers
117 '60s-'70s compact resurrected in 2012
121 Vigorous effort
123 Use 121-Across on
124 Path to enlightenment
125 Notre Dame's river
126 River frolicker
127 Wimbledon courts, in essence
128 Cockpit calc.
129 Vampire's undoing
130 Oscar winner Witherspoon

DOWN
1 Got set for a shot?
2 Fragrant extract
3 Yellowstone bellower
4 Latino Muppet prawn
5 Took over
6 ___ Paulo
7 Yellowstone buglers
8 A-list
9 Got by
10 Captivate
11 Spell-casting art
12 Not up to it
13 "Cape Fear" actor
14 Really hard to hum along to
15 Bad-mouth
16 "That's the spot!"
17 Miracle-___
18 Use the feed bag
24 Assigner of G's and R's
26 Teddies and such
32 Data
34 Fill to the bursting point
36 Fixture in many an office hallway
37 Digging
38 Sch. staffer
39 Polite rural affirmative
40 Tyke
41 Very affected
43 Without
45 ___ energy
46 Fang
48 Toothbrush handle?
49 Home-school link: Abbr.
50 1974 title role for Dustin
52 Henry James biographer Leon
53 Alley Oop's kingdom
57 Infomercial cutter
59 Nutritional stds.
60 "___ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny line
62 Church pledge
65 Site of a Biblical plot
67 In need of a massage
68 Midday event
70 Baccarat call
71 One may include a walk-off homer
72 Like pre-digital recordings
74 Fixes the fairway, say
76 Made tidy
78 Blood typing letters
80 Bus. driver?
81 URL opener
84 Cries of discovery
85 It means nothing at Arthur Ashe Stadium
86 Go on first
88 Bolivian bears
90 Tea serving?
94 Dazzle
95 Scout shirt feature
96 Largest penguin
98 Breaks off
101 In-flight beverage?
103 It doesn't last
104 White-plumed wader
106 Long bone
108 Condition
109 "It's nobody ___ business"
110 Caterpillar rival
112 Mount near Catania
114 Doze, with "out"
116 Head of France?
117 High-speed PC connection
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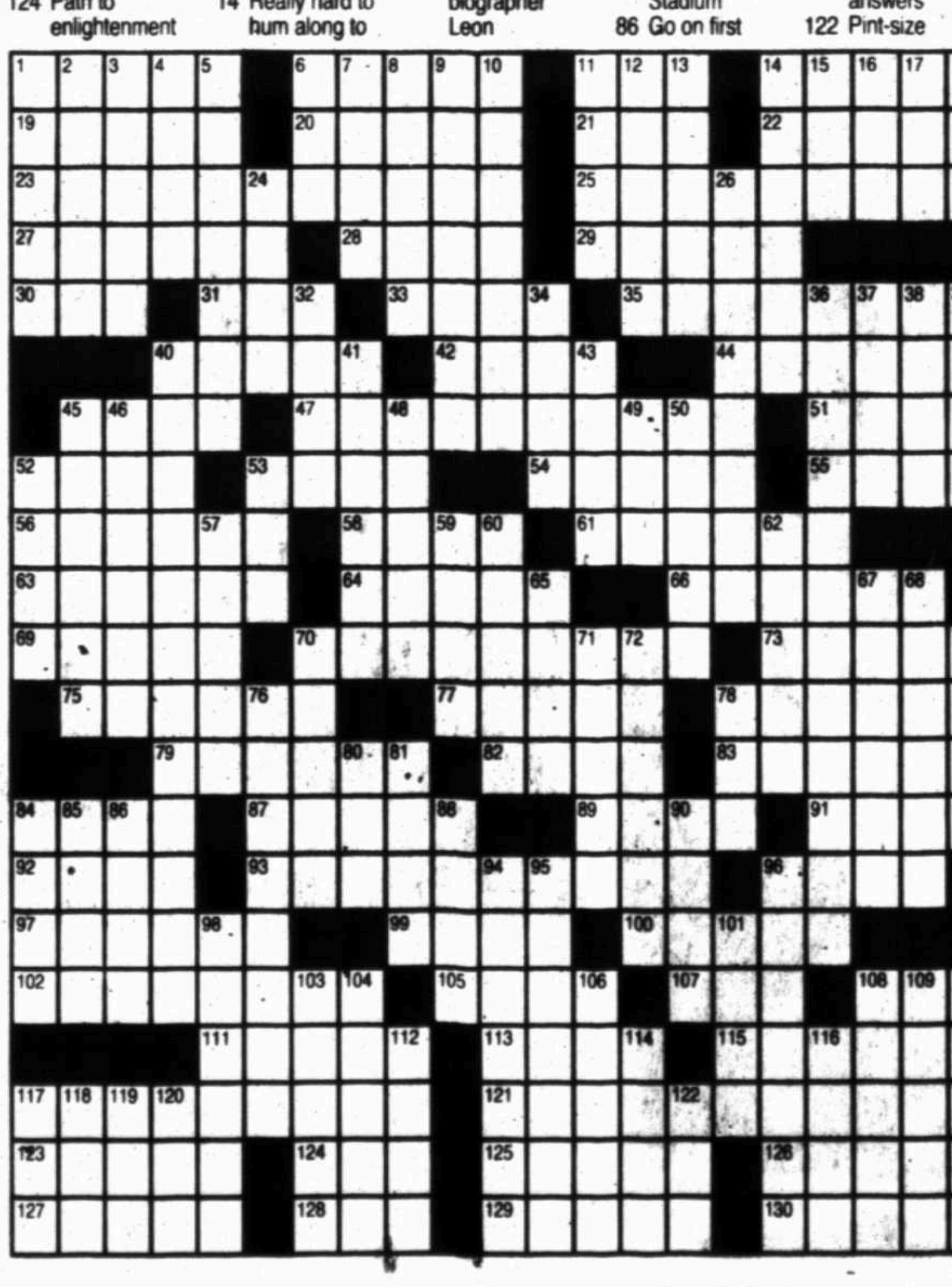
119 Daily newspaper index
120 Piece that can follow the ends of the nine longest puzzle answers
122 Pint-size



GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Ruff the right suit

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠J 7 3 2
♡4 2
◇8 7 6 5 2
♣6 3

WEST
♠4
♡K J 6
◇K Q J 9 4
♣Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠8 6 5
♡Q 10 8 7 5 3
◇10 3
♣9 8

SOUTH
♠A K Q 10 9
♡A 9
◇A
♣A K J 5 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2◇	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ◇

The winning line on this deal involves no magical ability. It is simply spotting the danger to the contract. South's two clubs is an artificial game force and two diamonds is negative. The rest of the auction is natural, with the jump to four spades showing a minimum of four trumps but denying any ace, king, singleton or void. There is no problem making 12 tricks if trumps are 2-2, but how do you handle the likely 3-1 split?

West led the king of diamonds and declarer won perforce. Since an even trump division combined with clubs breaking no worse than 4-2 presents no problem, declarer correctly played the ace and king of spades next. When West showed out, how should declarer continue?

Obviously, clubs had to be established, so South played off the ace and king of the suit then ruffed a club with the jack of spades. East's heart discard meant that another club ruff in dummy would be futile. East would overruff and declarer would be stranded with a heart loser.

Declarer found the winning line in quick time. Returning to hand with the ace of hearts, declarer led a fourth club and discarded a heart from the table!

The defenders had no counter. As long as East originally held at least four hearts, declarer could win any return and ruff a heart in dummy for the fulfilling trick. It would then be an easy matter to enter the closed hand with a diamond ruff, draw the outstanding trump and claim the rest of the tricks.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012:
This year you express more warmth through your behavior and personality. As a result, many people are drawn to you. LEO likes your depth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Be careful with all of your enthusiasm and energy. If you become frustrated, you could find yourself in a disagreement. Tonight: Be willing to tame your wild spirit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might feel as though you have a chain around your ankle. Others are either too demanding or hot under the collar. Tonight: Homeward bound.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Have a long-overdue chat with a neighbor. Once you start sharing, a difficult situation could turn out to be nothing more than a funny misunderstanding. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Curb a possessive streak, or you actually might push away the very person you want to please. Tonight: Ever playful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ If you find a close loved one to be argumentative, ask yourself if this person could feel threatened by all the attention you're receiving. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Much goes on behind the scenes. You might not be sure what is happening. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You can't turn down the invitations heading your way. You like being in demand. The unexpected occurs with someone. Tonight: Where the party is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You must first deal with a difficult associate before you can free yourself up. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Make a call to a special someone early rather than get caught up in the madness of New Year's. unusually hard on yourself lately. Tonight: Opt for something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A key person in your life could animate your day. Just let this person in. Avoid an argument about money. Tonight: Add romance to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Maintain an even pace, despite some disruptions. You might not be able to curb your temper if you feel like you're being pushed too far. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Get involved in a hobby or favorite pastime. A source of relaxation such as this could be very worthwhile, especially as you tend to take on others' problems. Tonight: Make it early.

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BORN TODAY
Novelist Rudyard Kipling (1865), TV announcer Burt Parks (1914), actress/author Tracy Ullman (1959)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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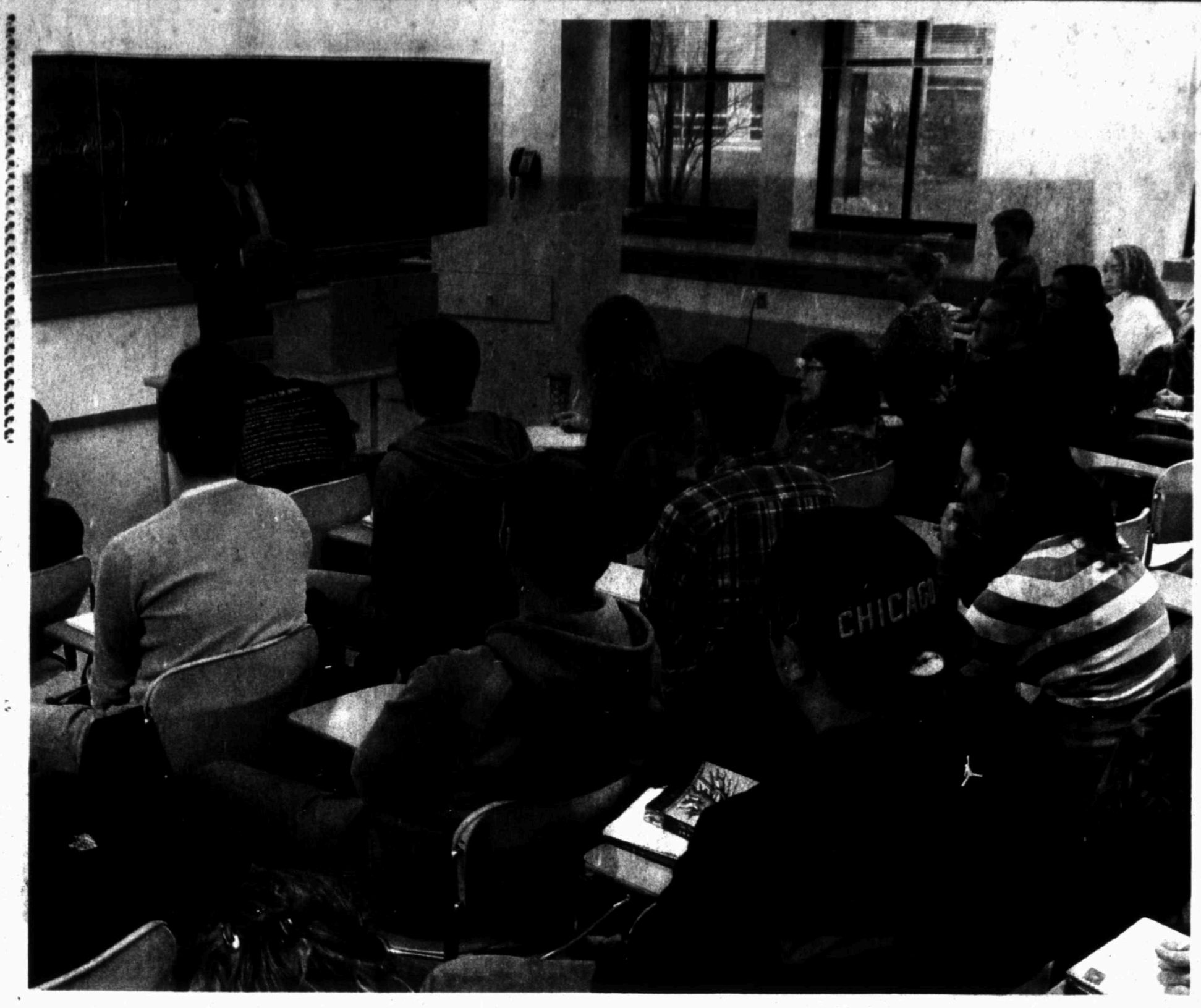

In this Nov. 27 photo, Marquette University professor Tim Machan teaches a class on J.R.R. Tolkien that focuses on all of his books, books that influenced Tolkien and other tidbits about the writer.

Carrie Antlfinger/AP

Tolkien class at Wisconsin university proves popular

By Carrie Antlfinger
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The vast collection of J.R.R. Tolkien manuscripts initially sold senior Joe Kirchoff on Marquette University, so when the school offered its first course devoted exclusively to the English author, Kirchoff wanted in. The only problem: It was full and he wasn't on the literature track.

Undaunted, the 22-year-old political science and history major lobbied the English department and others starting last spring and through the summer and "kind of just made myself a problem," he said. His persistence paid off.

"It's a fantastic course," said Kirchoff, a Chicago native. "It's a great way to look at something that's such a creative work of genius in such a way you really come to understand the man behind it."

He and the 31 other students can now boast of their authority about the author who influenced much of today's high fantasy writing. The course was taught for the first time this fall as part of the university's celebration of the 75th anniversary of "The Hobbit" being published. And class wrapped up just before the film, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," was released Friday.

The class, which filled up fast with mostly seniors who had first dibs, looked at Tolkien as a whole, not just the popular "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit." Students took their final exam this week, and the course was so well received, Marquette is considering more in the future.

"It's the best class I've had in 27 years here ... for student preparation, interest and enthusiasm," said English professor Tim Machan. "And I can throw out any topic and they will have read the material and they want to talk about the material."

Marquette is one of the main repositories of Tolkien's drafts, drawings and other writings — more than 11,000 pages. It has the manuscripts for "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit," as well as his lesser-known "Farmer Giles of Ham" and his children's book "Mr. Bliss." Marquette was the first institution to ask Tolkien for the manuscripts in 1956 and paid him about $5,000.

The university acquired the collection after it hired William Ready in 1956 to build its literary collection. Ready, who became interested in Tolkien after reading "The Hobbit," in turn hired Bertram Rota, a London rare book dealer, to serve as the agent for Marquette.

Rota wrote to Tolkien and asked for his original manuscripts. Tolkien happened to be worried about his retirement finances and agreed to the sale. Tolkien died in 1973.

Ready left Marquette in 1963 to head the library at McMaster University in Ontario. The department of special collections and archives is now named for him. Ready died in 1981.

Other significant collections are at the Bodleian Library at Oxford University in England and Wheaton College in Illinois.

Though Tolkien classes aren't unusual nationwide, Marquette students had the added bonus of being able to visit Tolkien's revisions, notes, detailed calendars, maps and watercolors on site at the school's archive. And they got a lesson from the school's archivist, Bill Fliss.

"One of the things we wanted to impress upon the students was the fact that Tolkien was a fanatical reviser," said Fliss said. "He never really did anything once and was finished with it."

Chrissy Wabiszewski, a senior English major, described Tolkien's manuscripts as art.

"When you get down and look at just his script and his artwork in general, it all kind of flows together in this really beautiful, like, cumulative form," Wabiszewski said. "It's cool. It is just really cool to have it here."

The class also looked at Tolkien's poetry, academic articles and translations of medieval poems; talked about the importance of his writers' group, the Inklings; and explored what it meant to be a writer at that time.

"We've ... tried to think about continuities that ran through everything he did," Machan said. His students were also required to go to three lectures that were part of Marquette's commemoration.

"The Hobbit," a tale of homebody Bilbo Baggins' journey, is set in Tolkien's fictional realm of Middle-earth and takes place 60 years before "The Lord of the Rings." The movie released Friday is the first of the trilogy, with "The Hobbit: There and Back Again" set for release on Dec. 13, 2013, and a third film to come out in the summer of 2014.

Most of the students were just finishing elementary school when the first "Lord of the Rings" film was released 11 years ago.

Kirchoff said he started reading "The Hobbit" and the "Lord of the Rings" when he was in fourth grade, before the movies came out. He said the movies have introduced others to Tolkien's ideas, making his love for Tolkien's fantasy worlds more socially acceptable.

"The movies were fantastic enough and engaging enough to coexist in my mind with the literature I really do love," he said.

Wabiszewski said it's clear her classmates weren't just taking the class as a filler.

"I definitely expected the enthusiasm from everybody but just the knowledge that everybody brought into the class, it's cool," she said. "We really have a smart group of people in that class who have a lot to offer."

WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Dec. 30-Jan. 5

TODAY

Holiday lights

ODESSA — Starbright Village, McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, holds more than 1 million lights that are on from 6 to 11 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The drive is around a quarter of a mile and may be taken by car or on foot. Concessions are available. Admission is free with a $5 donation accepted. Children can visit with Santa from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, contact Odessa's Parks and Recreation at 432-368–3548

UPCOMING

On stage

Stephen Schwarz and John Michael Tebelak's musical, "Godspell," will be produced at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave., the first two weekends of this year. The production is a reprise of the show performed in August at First Presbyterian Church.

The musical will be onstage at 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 5, 11 and 12 and 2 p.m. Jan. 6.

Tickets are $15. All are general admission. Doors open to the public 30 minutes before curtain. Tickets will be available at the door 30 minutes before curtain and for pre-sale at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., Spirit Creations/Logo Me Loco (Next to Murray's on Wadley Avenue) and "Note"ables Stationery, 2101 West Wadley Ave.

Concert

Live on Stage continues its season Feb. 9 with the Masters of Motown at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Single admission tickets are $30. For more information, call 789-1249.

Art show

Midland Arts Association's 35th annual Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for March 28-April 28 at the Museum of the Southwest 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Michael R. Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, is the juror.

Entry deadline is Feb. 1. Categories include oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, fabric, drawing, print making, photography, pastel and 3-D. Entries must be appropriately framed, with attached wire for hanging. Size limit is 50x50.

MAA reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate, misrepresented or inadequately framed artwork. Original artwork only from idea to execution completed within the last two years without supervision and not previously shown competitively in Midland.

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EXHIBIT

From 1H

This encouraged the plein air artist, working on site, capturing the activities of the village and rural life, landscapes and the changing seasons.

"When you successfully immerse yourself back to that moment in time, you then can truly appreciate what paintings like these, created by the artist's interpretation, brush and palette, brought to the viewer," said collector Alex Kasten.

The collection is filled with different moods and feelings. Landscapes were painted in different seasons and at different times of the day.

"One can say that the spark of universal inspiration that expressed itself during the golden age of 19th century artistic communication resulted in the melding of styles, forms and other ethereal elements that only artists can use to bring viewers to an artistic destination, "Kasten said.

Not all are landscapes.

"It does include some portraits and still lifes," Land said. "There are paintings of people doing ordinary things. The availability of the railroads made it possible for the artists to travel out in the countryside and visit these smaller villages and other places that might not have been available to them or as easy to travel to."

All the details

"DESTINATIONS IN PAINTINGS: FROM THE KASTEN COLLECTION" EXHIBITION
When: Now through Feb. 24
Where: Ellen Noel art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.
Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Admission: None charged.
Info: Also on display is "The Artistry of Postcards from the Greene Collection" through Jan. 13 and "Art Glass 1880-1940: From the Becker Collection" through Feb. 17. Visit the museum's website: www.noelartmuseum.org or call the museum at 432-550-9696.

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

THE GAME
"Jesus Piece"

For the last couple of months, VH1 has been showing the reality show "Marrying the Game," which chronicled the wedding preparations of the Game, the abrasive, derivative rapper, and his longtime girlfriend, Tiffney Cambridge. By the end of the season, though, the two were at loggerheads and the wedding was off, at least in part because of the Game's heavy focus on completing work on "Jesus Piece," his fifth album.

Which is a concise way of saying: This album better have been worth it.

Since the beginning of his career, the Game has had a tortured relationship with other rappers: with some he loudly and publicly quibbles, and to others he pledges allegiance in song in a way that transcends admiration into stalker-like obsession. "Jesus Piece," as usual, does both of those things, though now that the Game is something of a veteran, his battles have mostly been settled.

Not only is he acknowledging his peers in his rhymes here, but "Jesus Piece" is also teeming with guests, more guests than a DJ Khaled album: Rick Ross, Lil Wayne, 2 Chainz, Meek Mill, Kendrick Lamar and many more.

Oh, and the Game appears on this album, as well.

When the Game isn't rapping about other rappers — which is rare — he is sometimes rapping like other rappers: "Pray" is a blatant Drake photocopy; on "Freedom" he sounds like early Jay-Z; and on "Celebration" he borrows from Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. It's either lack of originality, or it's true love — maybe Cambridge was right to call off the wedding. She could never compete.

— Jon Caramanica/N.Y. Times

JENNI RIVERA
"La Misma Gran Senora"

The Mexican-American singer Jenni Rivera died on Dec. 9 in a plane crash, two days before the release of her new compilation album "La Misma Gran Senora." Obviously, the album was never intended as a valedictory.

Rivera, already a major hitmaker and television personality in the Spanish-speaking world, was very much on the rise; she was about to move into English-language film and network television. "La Misma Gran Senora" — "The Same Great Lady" — gathers songs from her albums over the last seven years and adds the title song, which was released as a single in October. And it makes abundantly clear why she was so beloved as a singer, symbol and spitfire. Outside her entertainment career, she was an advocate against domestic violence and for immigrant rights.

"La Misma Gran Senora" concentrates on the Mexican regional styles that Rivera chose to make her own. Nine of the album's 13 songs are banda: Mexican songs, usually waltzes and polkas, backed by robust, oom-pahing brass bands. The arrangements, with trumpets cackling and clarinets fluttering above a droll sousaphone bass line, laugh their way through songs full of romance and heartbreak. Although Mexican pop singers, male and female, sometimes record with bandas or mariachi groups as genre projects, full-time banda was considered a man's world until Rivera made it her core style.

Jon Pareles/N.Y. Times

Frank Ocean's coming out album offers best escape

By Glenn Gamboa
Newsday

Maybe it was all the destruction from superstorm Sandy, the ugliness of the lengthy presidential campaign, or all the senseless killings, like the ones in Newtown, Conn., but so much of the music that people sought out in 2012 was fun and escapist.

After all, this year will be remembered as the one that brought us the innocent flirtation of Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe" and the galloping "Gangnam Style" dance craze from Psy. Even the year's other omnipresent hit, Gotye's "Somebody That I Used to Know," gained part of its popularity from an endless parade of parodies and tributes to how catchy the emotional breakup song is.

During trying times, it's only natural to gravitate toward something uplifting, or at least distracting. Yes, the year's biggest seller was Adele's "21," but that breakup album is a holdover from last year. (The diamond-selling album will become only the second two-time champ in history, following Michael Jackson's "Thriller" in 1982 and 1983.)

The bulk of this year's best albums offer looks into different worlds — ones far removed from fiscal cliffs and insurance claims. Green Day turned a wild night out into a rocking three-album concept for "Uno!" "Dos!" and "Tre!" And New York's fun. takes the angst of young adulthood and puffs it up into massive-sounding arena rock on "Some Nights," while Taylor Swift provides a more intimate look at that generation's relationship issues on "Red." Bruce Springsteen wrote of today's struggles in "Wrecking Ball," but he was more concerned about hope than outlining destruction. "Hard times come and hard times go," he repeats as a mantra in the title track, which is more of an anthem for survival than suffering, and one that will now forever be associated with "12-12-12: The Concert for Sandy Relief."

That concert — billed as the biggest live musical event ever with a potential audience of 2 billion people worldwide, featuring Springsteen, Paul McCartney, Billy Joel, The Rolling Stones, The Who and more — showed the paradox of the music industry in 2012. In the face of tragedy, so much of the country still turns to musicians for instruction and comfort. In many ways, the star power of many artists — from $50 million Pepsi "ambassador" Beyonce to the omnipresent One Direction — has never been bigger, even if their specific earnings from music continues to drop.

Maybe they need some more escapism themselves.

Here's a look at the year's best escapes:

1. **Frank Ocean, "Channel Orange"**: Frank Ocean is a different kind of soul man. He can rap tough or sing in the sweetest falsetto. He is equally at home using warm, live instrumentation and icy synths to make his points. While so much of hip-hop is concerned with wealth yielding happiness, he shows its lonelier side in "Super Rich Kids." Sure, he made headlines by declaring his attraction to a man, but the real attention should go to the craft he puts into epic social commentary like "Pyramids" and complicated questions like "Bad Religion."

2. **fun., "Some Nights"**: Nate Ruess wears his insecurities on his sleeve, right next to his heart. His style of rock, in "We Are Young," especially, is so earnest and unjaded that he practically invites the criticism. Yet the New York band also knows that the well-crafted, Queenlike arena dreams they crafted will sound even bigger with their army of fans singing along.

3. **Bruce Springsteen, "Wrecking Ball"**: It's a testament to Springsteen's skill that he can make an accurate portrayal of America's economic struggles still sound fiery and uplifting, especially in the title track and "Death to My Hometown."

4. **The Vaccines, "Come of Age"**: "I'm not magnetic or mythical," Justin Young lets us know in "Teenage Icon." "I'm suburban and typical." Nothing wrong with that, especially when it's clear he's also a talented student of Brit rock from the past half-century, fashioning his own take on punk, Merseybeat and Two Tone.

5. **Japandroids, "Celebration Rock"**: The most accurately titled album of the year. Everything about the Vancouver duo's sophomore album says Pacific Northwest indie-rock party — nods to Nirvana, fuzzy guitars, circle pits and big grins while you scream along with "The House That Heaven Built."

6. **Taylor Swift, "Red"**: T. Swizzle comes out as a full-fledged pop superstar, complete with a dubstep breakdown and some dance floor hooks, and she's not looking back. Like, ever.

7. **Usher, "Looking 4 Myself"**: Look, I'm as surprised as the next person that Usher had this kind of album in him — one that bristles with innovation, artistry and ambition. He injects EDM beats with '60s soul on "Twisted," crafts a new sort of R&B ballad in "Climax" and keeps us dancing with "Numb" and "Scream."

8. **Bob Mould, "Silver Age"**: Bob Mould has long combined heavy guitars with memorable pop melodies, as a solo artist and in his bands Hüsker Dü and Sugar. On "Silver Age," that continues, but Mould adds more intense emotions and, often, a much-needed feeling of hope.

9. **Alabama Shakes, "Boys and Girls"**: Brittany Howard's gorgeous singing — the stunning midpoint between Janis Joplin and Amy Winehouse — is the star here and the spare, rootsy arrangements let her shine, especially in "Rise to the Sun" and "I Ain't the Same."

10. **Leonard Cohen, "Old Ideas"**: The lyrics to the opening "Going Home" was seen as so moving and substantive that the New Yorker printed them as a poem. The melody of the lovely "Lullaby" sticks with you long after the song fades away. But it's "Crazy to Love You," a gorgeous, poignant tale that will last as long as Cohen's other masterworks, including "Hallelujah" and "Bird on the Wire."

11. **Green Day, "Uno!"/"Dos!"/"Tre!"**: The ambitious trilogy meant to chronicle a wild night out and its aftermath is packed with winners, from "Oh Love" to "Dirty Rotten Bastards." Unfortunately, it may not immediately get its due with singer Billie Joe Armstrong in rehab, recovering from the trilogy's making and promotion, but it will.

12 **Bob Dylan, "Tempest"**: Yet another impressive collection of fine writing ("Soon After Midnight") and a stunning 14-minute example of storytelling in the title track. Is he talking about the Titanic? Of course. Is he also talking about America? Hmm.

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ALPINE

DECEMBER
30 **Justin Langston, WB Quarter, Matthew Rios, Dan Ferguson** @ Music City Mall
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Redneck Drafthouse
31 **Chrome Molly** @ Riley's
31 **The Shades** @ The Bar

JANUARY
2 **Charlie Stout** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers** @ Rockin Rodeo
4 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4-5 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
5 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Gregg Allman** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
5 **Casey Donahew** @ Dos Amigos
7 **The Sheds** @ Pine Box
9 **Secret Circus** @ Riley's
9 **Black Veil Brides, William Control** @ Dos Amigos
10 **Izzy Cox, WhiskeyDick, Stevie Tombstone** @ Blue Max
10 **Ray Price** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
11 **Tejas Brothers** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Austin English and the Resurrection** @ Redneck's
11-12 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
12 **Ignite 454, New Days Dawn, Nightmare Canvas** @ Fast Freddy's
12 **Run Home Jack** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Vince King** @ Ector Theatre
12-13 **Diamond Dust** @ Riley's
15 **B.B. King** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
17 **William Clark Green, Kyle Bennett Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
18 **Stoney LaRue** @ Graham's
18 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Willie Stradlin** @ Redneck's
18-19 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Escape Lounge
18-19 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
19 **John Evans Band** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **The Continuums, Sam From Amsterdam** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks III** @ Wagner Noel Performning Arts Center
19-20 **Diamond Dust** @ Riley's
20 **The Music of ABBA** (Arrival From Sweden) @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
21 **The Oak Ridge Boys** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **Silver Snakes** @ Pine Box
24 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Rockin Rodeo
25 **Texas Renegade** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Thom Shepherd** @ Redneck's
25-26 **Freeride** @ The Bar
26 **The Shane Rogers Band** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **Falls County** @ Redneck's
28 **Title Fight** @ Pine Box

FEBRUARY
1 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
1-2 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
2 **The Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
2 **Chad Johnson Band** @ Lone Star Bar
4 **Stone Sour, Papa Roach, Otherwise** @ The Horseshoe
8 **Implants, Filthy Still, Mobile Deathcamp** @ Blue Max
8 **Leland Williams** @ Lone Star Bar
8-9 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
9 **Zack Walther Band** @ Lone Star Bar
9 **Brenda Kay** @ Redneck's
9 **Magic of Motown** @ Wagner Noel
11 **The Zydeco Dots** @ The Bar
11 **Gideon** @ Pine Box
13 **Tommy Dorsey Orchestra** @ Ector Theatre
15 **Dustin Lynch** @ Graham's
15 **Chad Sullins and the Last Call Coalition** @ Lone Star Bar

LUBBOCK

JANUARY
8 **We Came as Humans, Crown the Empire** @ Jake's
18 **George Strait, Martina McBride** @ United Spirit Arena

FEBRUARY
23 **Old 97's** @ Blue Light

MARCH
8 **The Devil Wears Prada, As I Lay Dying, The Chariot** @ Lonestar Events Center
17 **Bon Jovi** @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

FEBRUARY
15 **Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
16 **Little River Band** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

DECEMBER
30 **Trey Songz, Miguel, Elle Varner** @ Verizon Theatre
31 **Hayes Carll, Corb Lund, Sideshow Tramps** @ House of Blues