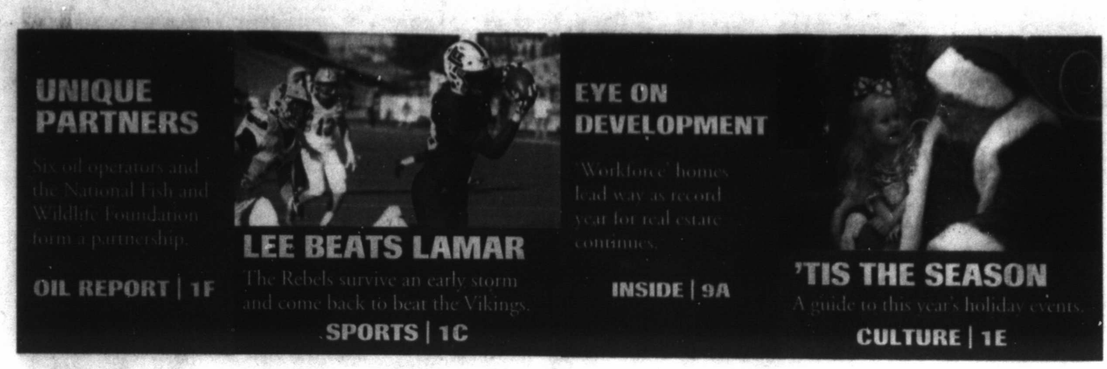
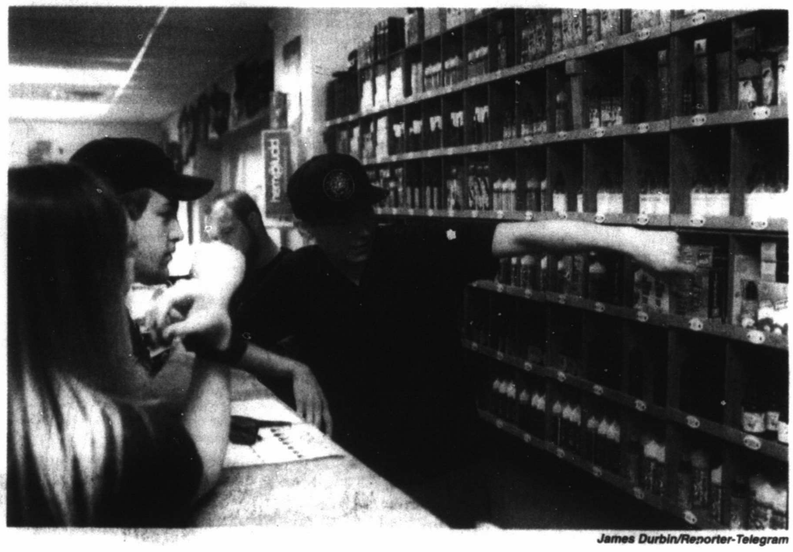


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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



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Cloud City Vape Shop employee Julius Ruiz shows products to customers Friday.

Small businesses in Midland find way to make impact

By Trevor Hawes
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Saturday marked the seventh-annual Small Business Saturday, a nationwide event that puts the spotlight on local retailers a day after the so-called big-box stores consume shoppers' attention.

Talk with business owners around Midland, and the message is clear:

"Every day is for small business." That's from Susan Golson, owner of children's store La Bebe Boutique, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. at Oak Ridge Square. Golson has sold children's clothing, furniture and more for a decade and said she has seen families grow, a facet of business not found online or at large stores such as Wal-Mart and J.C. Penney Co..

"We're very family-focused," Golson said between greeting a steady flow of customers and helping one young, expecting family find the perfect nursing chair. Golson knew all of her customers, as did Amber De La Rosa, co-owner of Cloud City Vape Shop, 2603 N. Midland Drive.

"Small businesses can feel more at home," De La Rosa said, adding that customers at large retailers go mostly unrecognized.

Plus, small businesses have special knowledge about their clientele's needs.

Cloud City sells electronic cigarettes that many use as a means of quitting cigarettes. Co-owner Sam Stevenson, a former smoker of 15 years himself, said a lot of his clients are oilfield workers trying to kick the habit, especially because cigarettes are forbidden on job sites.

Cloud City employees know in what situations oilfield workers can "vape," and they pass that information on, making the hunt for oil a bit safer. Being a small business makes that specialized knowledge possible because small businesses work one-on-one with customers.

Stevenson and De La Rosa started Cloud City three years ago. For De La Rosa, being able to own her own business at 27 is a dream come true. "Owning a small business has always been a passion of mine," she said.

That passion is also apparent in Anne Bates, owner of The Canopy, 2101 W. Wadley Ave. in the Plaza Oaks shopping center. Bates has owned the gift shop for two years but has been affiliated with The Canopy since its inception in 1978.

Bates said customers value the individual attention they get in her store. She added that small businesses contribute through more than paying property and sales taxes. At The Canopy, customers are incentivized to help the community, as well. Patrons who bring goods for Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals get a 20 percent discount.

Bates said competition from large, brick-and-mortar stores and online shops make being a small retailer difficult, however. Regina Tubbs echoed that notion. Tubbs owns Willow Boutique, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. at Oak Ridge Square. The women's clothier said competition is a challenge; however, "We're doing pretty good."

Over at La Bebe, operating a small business "is personal for us," Golson said. She owns her own business because she loves people, whether it's selling them the perfect piece of furniture for their nursery or giving young mothers an ear to bend.

Golson said operating La Bebe is "hard work, let me tell you." However, "We're part of Midland," and she hopes to be for many years to come.

Commitment to the long haul requires personal action

■ COMMENTARY

By Patrick Payton



Payton

Thanks to the shared passion and concern of Odessans, Midlanders, and others from around the Permian Basin a conversation has started. We have begun the process of coming together for our greater good and excellence. Indeed, the conversation has started. Some would say it never ended, some would say it's been going on for quite some time and others might even be indifferent. But regardless of when it started, or even who started it, the greater question remains, "What now?"

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Midlander designs merchandise for musical artists

By Simone Jasper
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Long before she saw her artwork displayed on concert merchandise, Jennifer Johnson developed an interest in drawing and painting.

As a child, Johnson turned to art to get through tough times. She underwent 24 surgeries after she was born with a cleft lip and palate and developed a skull deformity.

"With being in the hospital as much as I was as a kid, my mom got me art supplies to keep me still and busy," Johnson said. "I taught myself how to draw, and for numerous years, it has been my voice."

Now, Johnson works locally as a graphic designer at Century Graphics & Sign, Inc. She also spends time designing merchandise for musical artists.

"I have a passion for music, and being able to combine music and art together is such a cool experience," said Johnson, who does freelance work for Essential Artist Services, a custom merchandise

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Bonfire tragedy at A&M should remind us to use our energy to help others
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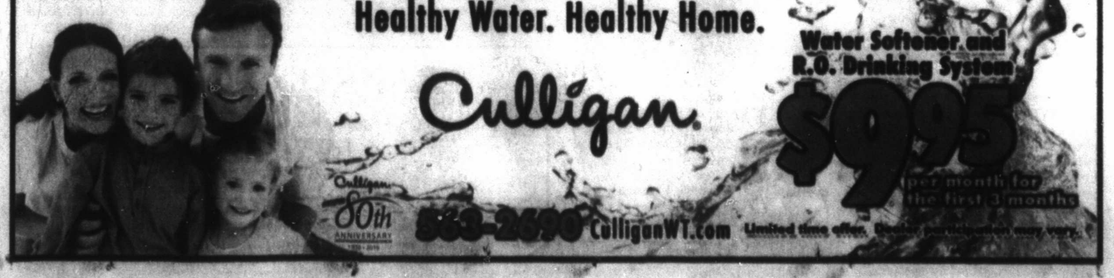
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Praters: Lubbock company making holiday meals, traditions easier since the 1950s

By Sarah Self-Walbrick
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

As a kid, holiday sides from Praters meant something special to Kendra Fletcher.

"When I was growing up, my mom cooked every night. So, for Thanksgiving or Christmas, it was a huge deal to get Praters," Fletcher wrote on Facebook. "I know that sounds a little backwards, but getting their broccoli-cheese casserole and mashed potatoes was a big deal."

Now a mother of two herself, she said she appreciates that Praters gave her mom a break and more time to spend with family over the holidays.

Fletcher is not the only Lubbock native with fond memories of Praters holiday meals. Justin Sullivan, director of manufacturing for Praters Food, said his team gets a lot of inquiries over the holiday season.

"Our phones start ringing off the hook this time of year. People will drive [illegible]gh the front gate [illegible]use we used to have a retail store out here," Sullivan said. "It's amazing when somebody comes back to Lubbock who hasn't been here in 10-15 years, they'll come drive by: 'Can we still buy a turkey out here?' 'You can go to United and buy it.'"

Sullivan said with the help of Glazed Honey Ham Co., fans who do not live near a Praters retailer can also have a full meal shipped overnight.

"It ain't cheap to get a 40-pound box shipped to you overnight," Sullivan said, "but there are a lot of people willing to pay it."

From one store to thousands

Praters was founded in Lubbock in 1955 by Charles Prater, Sullivan said. Prater started raising, preparing and cooking turkeys for holiday meals. Sullivan said Prater soon after began selling traditional Southern-style sides, like cornbread dressing and green bean casserole, to go along with the turkeys.

Customers could drive out to the Praters' facility at 2206 114th St., then outside of the city limits, and purchase all of their holiday meal needs.

Having a business revolving around holiday sales was not easy, Sullivan said of a time before he was with the company. Praters was purchased by the United Family in 2009. The purchase brought new opportunities to Praters, Sullivan said. They soon began producing prepared foods sold at United-brand locations.

When United Supermarkets was purchased by Albertsons in 2013, and then when Albertsons purchased Safeway Supermarkets in 2015, it greatly expanded the brand's reach and potential, Sullivan said. Praters and the products it produces are now available in over 2,000 stores, Sullivan said, mostly west of Texas.

The expansion gave Praters some stability, Sullivan said.

"We still do a lot of business internally, but we still do some externally," Sullivan said. "Seventy to 80 percent of our business used to be holiday. Now, it's about 50 percent of our business."

The holiday season is still a busy one for Praters, Sullivan said. Typing numbers into the calculator on his desk, Sullivan said Praters will distribute 260,000 turkeys this holiday season.

Sullivan said the flavor of the turkeys and sides has not changed much since the 1950s.

"There are some of them that haven't changed very much at all. Cornbread dressing is one that hasn't changed much," Sullivan said. "The only thing that's probably changed any, while trying not to mess with the flavor profiles, is trying to clean the food labels up. We've worked over the years to clean the labels up so it's not like a dictionary."

Familiar flavors is one of the reasons the brand has such a loyal following, said Mary Myers, communications and community relations manager for The United Family.

"Traditions related to the meal are generational," Myers said. "This is how they do it and there's not a lot of experimenting. For folks who have built their traditions around Praters, nothing else is going to do."

Other than holiday meal essentials, the Praters facility in Lubbock also produces tortillas, Black Rock Hill brand fajita meat and other proteins sold at United-brand grocery stores. Sullivan said he currently has over 90 employees working five days a week.

"This is a relatively small, ancillary business of United," said Myers. "But the economic impact that comes out of here is huge."

Sullivan said he and his team are proud of the products they produce, and eat them regularly themselves.

"It's easy for us to take pride in it, because everyone who works here eats it. We want to put on our tables what we're providing our guests, too," Sullivan said. "Makes my Thanksgiving a lot easier."

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Slow times for SpaceX in South Texas

Austin American-Statesman



SpaceX via Houston Chronicle

Testing at the SpaceX facility in McGregor.

More than three years ago, SpaceX founder Elon Musk gathered with state leaders at this remote South Texas beach to trumpet it as the future location of the world's first commercial spaceport.

But so far, the only liftoffs from the shifting dunes are being achieved by seagulls and pelicans.

SpaceX — the Hawthorne, Calif., company started by Musk with the aim of reducing the cost of space travel and one day facilitating the colonization of Mars — still counts the Boca Chica site in its plans. The company installed two large tracking antennas at the location this year, perhaps the most tangible indication yet of its intended purpose as a launch point for commercial satellites and, eventually, exploration of the solar system.

But progress on the Boca Chica facility — where Musk vowed SpaceX would invest $100 million and initially predicted could be sending up rockets by late 2016 — has been slower than either SpaceX or state officials envisioned when it was announced in 2014.

The state has pledged a total of $15.3 million in incentives to the project, although SpaceX has returned a small portion of the state money it has received so far because it hasn't met early job-creation goals.

The slower rate of progress is partly the result of difficulties in building on the beach after the bedrock proved to be deeper than expected and the water table turned out to be higher than expected. That prompted SpaceX to bring in hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of new soil to stabilize the site to support future structures. Other slowdowns have been caused by the company's focus on more pressing issues after one of its rockets exploded in 2015 shortly after liftoff from a leased launch pad at Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and another exploded on the pad in 2016, temporarily grounding some of SpaceX's commercial operations both times.

Most recently, SpaceX has said the first blast-off from Boca Chica could take place by the end of 2018. Spokesman James Gleeson reiterated that goal in a recent interview — although he added a caveat.

• "SpaceX has continued to make progress on building the first-ever commercial spaceport in South Texas while also overcoming a number of challenges in the last few years," Gleeson said.

"We continue to target late 2018, but we're reviewing our progress in South Texas and SpaceX will turn the launch complex online as soon as it's ready."

Boca Chica is in Cameron County, about 20 miles east of Brownsville at the southernmost tip of the state, where Texas 4 dead-ends into the Gulf of Mexico. A small housing development, called Boca Chica Village, is nearby.

According to state documents obtained by the American-Statesman through an open-records request, the deadline for the Boca Chica spaceport to become operational or potentially lose more of the state incentive money pledged to it is less than a year away — on Sept. 30, 2018. The agreement also requires that 120 people be employed by the facility by the end of this year, 180 by the end of 2018 and 300 by the end of 2024.

Only a handful of people were working at the location during a recent visit by the Statesman, however, and there was little to distinguish it amid the windswept landscape as the future site of a cutting-edge launching point for space exploration.

Aside from the two tracking antennas brought in this year — which aren't yet operational — the most notable structure was a large platform of compacted soil, set off by fencing and a "SpaceX Launch Site" sign. Across the highway, the metal framework of what appeared to be a storage building was being erected around some heavy equipment.

The rate of progress at Boca Chica since then isn't necessarily a surprise to some SpaceX observers, however, because both the company and Musk have reputations in the aerospace industry for issuing ambitious timetables that often are revised.

"Being behind schedule is kind of par for the course for SpaceX," said Bill Ostrove, primary space analyst for Forecast International. "They lay out very aggressive plans in terms of time schedules that are very rarely, if ever, met. There's kind of an expectation that anytime SpaceX gives you a date, you always have to assume that there is going to be a few years of delay."

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Q&A: Tourism chief says Americans still welcome in Mexico

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

Enrique De La Madrid, a lawyer and politician who took over as Mexico's secretary of tourism in 2015, dropped by the Chronicle during his recent visit to Houston. He has previously served as the CEO of the National Foreign Trade Bank, Bancomext, a position he was appointed to by President Enrique Pena Nieto. De La Madrid's father was Miguel De La Madrid, the Mexican president from 1982 to 1988.

Q: What impact has the American presidential election in 2016 had on tourism, and what impact do you foresee it having in the future?

A: What we know so far about the American election, in terms of tourism, is that it hasn't had any impact. We're still growing, I believe, at an 11 percent annual rate in Americans who travel to Mexico by plane. So there has been no impact in terms of Americans flying down into Mexico. ... The growth of international visitors to Mexico is about 12 percent annually, which is five points above the international level. We passed from the 15th most visited country to No. 8, according to the United Nations World Tourism Organization, which ranks countries based on the number of international visitors. But we want to keep that. We want to keep up because that represents a very significant part of our economy. Ten million jobs are related to tourism in Mexico and growing. Twenty-four percent of the people who fly down to Mexico either come from Texas or pass through Texas.

But we were worried.

Q: And you're not worried anymore?

A: We are accustomed to it. We are used to being worried.

Q: So what about how Mexican nationals feel about Americans coming into their country when they see that rhetoric?

A: After NAFTA, the way Mexicans view the U.S. is very positive. I think we were very nationalistic before now. And with NAFTA, we started to see the U.S. in a different way — a positive way — and that has been the feeling up to now. Yes, the rhetoric doesn't help, and if you see the polls ... the opinion of most Mexicans toward the U.S. is a bit more shaky. Having said that, I think we have been able to separate the rhetoric from the reality, and we are a very welcoming country. We want the Americans to be in Mexico. Again, 60 percent of international tourists in Mexico come from the U.S.

Q: What about Mexican tourism to the United States in the past year?

A: The number of Mexicans that come into the U.S. is just close to 20 million people, and according to the Department of Commerce, they spend close to $20 billion a year. ... And of course that's mostly in the states on the border with us. Texas is very important.

Many Mexicans have houses and investments in the U.S.; Mexicans love coming to the U.S. for trips and for shopping. But yes, in the last year there has been a reduction of the trips of Mexicans to the U.S. by around 5 percent.

Q: And how has the price of oil affected tourism?

A: From my point of view, energy wasn't a sector in Mexico, it was a religion, it was an ideology. People believed — or some people believed — that we had to own not only the oil but also the property of firms exploring that. And that has changed basically because it didn't make any sense for us to continue to put public money into exploring and exploiting oil, and also because we had to share risks. ... There are significant amounts of pipelines that have been under construction ... most of that gas is being bought from the U.S., because we do not have as of now enough gas production. So I think it's a great opportunity for investment. So we're very positive about the future.

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From 1A

Indeed, the "What now?" question is fair and relevant. All of us know actions speak louder than words, but equally true is the reality that true change for the good takes time, is rooted in trust, and that trust is earned in the slow and steady, conversational effort to agree on a proposed path, take it and then keep improving upon it. It has been well said, "If you want to be part of a movement, you have to throw down the 20-year card!" Although we don't have 20 years to improve some of our most glaring issues, we at least have to remain committed to the long haul of earned greatness instead of the short sighted occasional win. So, with the long haul in mind allow me to recommend at least seven things we can all do as we continue the conversation toward excellence and greatness in the Permian Basin.

Raise your expectations: Expect and deliver excellence and greatness in all that you do at home, at work and every sector of life. We are not the best at what we do below the ground because of mediocrity and settling for second best. We can no longer settle for mediocrity and second best above the ground. Together we must raise our expectations and refuse to settle.

Refuse to blame anyone else anymore: It is always easy to blame others for what we perceive to be wrong. Indeed, others might carry some blame but unless we personally, and communally, decide to fix the problems we forfeit our right to complain and blame.

There is plenty of blame to go around for all that needs to be made better. Now, it's time to get past the blaming and start working toward greatness.

Reject apathy: Apathy in this conversation often starts with the following phrase, "They have already tried this!" To be certain, discussions about unity and greatness have taken place in the Permian Basin for decades; but is that a legitimate reason to not kick up the conversation again and keep pressing towards greatness together? Deciding it's not worth it because someone else tried is really just lazy, and more often than not, just a fear of failure.

Get engaged: Before we begin new things, we must all engage what is already going on. Each one of us must find our place to engage for the good of our communities and region. We must attend school board meetings. Keep up with the city council agendas, go to meetings, or even run for office. We must find a place of need and engage it. You might even have to become a nuisance, but that's OK. As long as we keep loving each other and pursuing greatness together, our differences can only drive us to greater compromise and greatness together. Which brings me to number five.

Seek first to understand then work for a common good: Stephen Covey said it best when he encouraged people to seek first to understand before being understood. We will never make progress at the extremes but rather we must learn to once again listen to each other and understand each other and then do what is best for all of us in the Permian Basin. This is our home, and we must make it great together.

Reject complaining and replace it with a commitment to make it better: It is so easy to complain about everything. Too much traffic. No good housing options. The schools are terrible. In fact, it is always easy to be the pessimist. Let's change the conversation by rejecting complaining and replacing it with hope and action.

Start where you are: You don't have to look far to know where to start in the pursuit for excellence in the Permian Basin; just start with yourself and your circle of influence. Do what you can do where you are and never stop looking for opportunities throughout your day-to-day.

I have no doubt we are the kind of people who can transform this region into the greatest place to live and work in every conceivable facet.

There will be plenty of nay-sayers and negativity but we can change that with the power of a dream, the consistency of a conversation and a shared commitment to the long haul.

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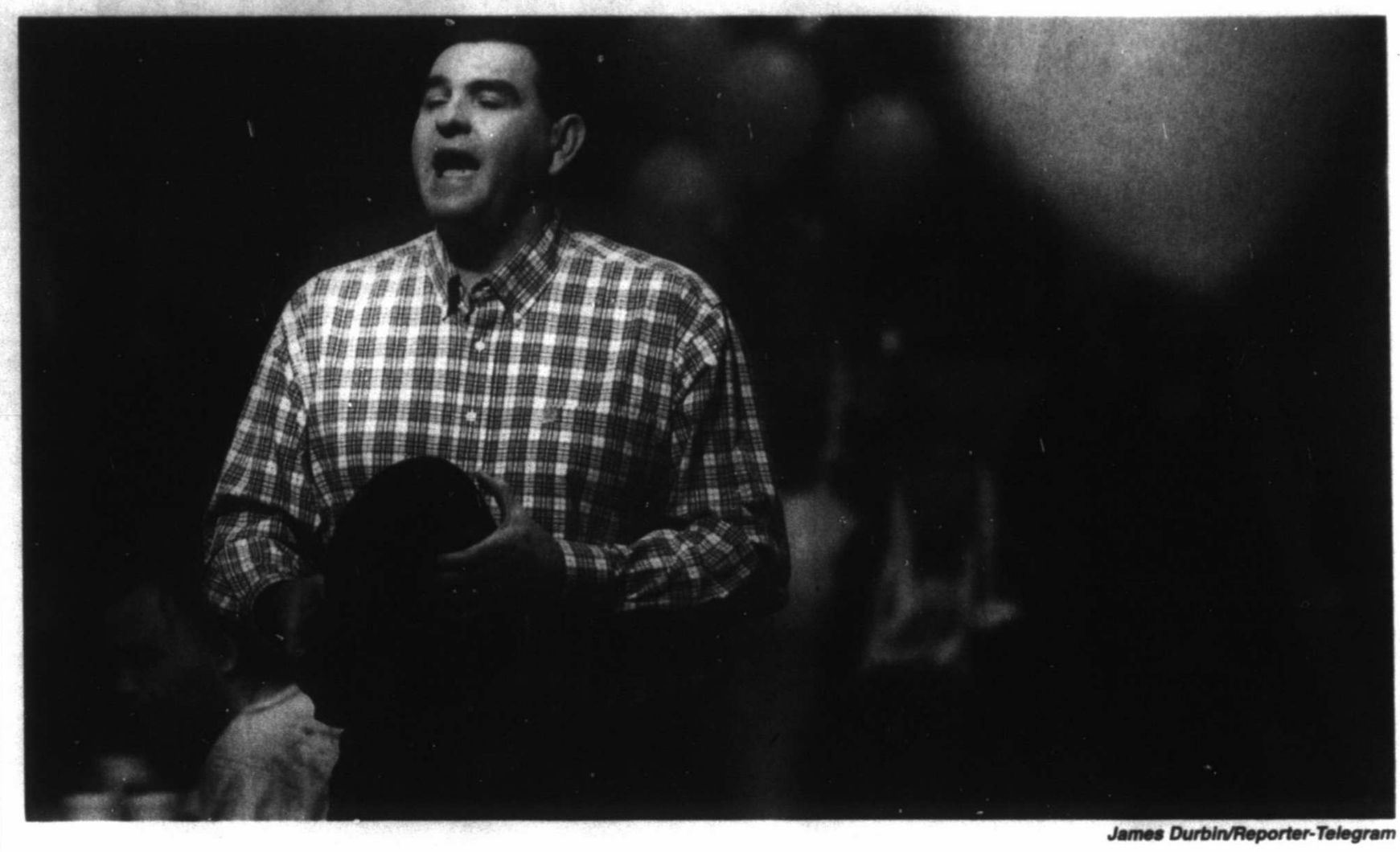
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SHARING A MESSAGE



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Jason Ivy preaches to a congregation of community members and volunteers during a free Midland Soup Kitchen thanksgiving lunch Wednesday.

Things to do

Today

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

■ Studio Ghibli Fest 2017: "Howl's Moving Castle" (dubbed). 12:55 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. Fathomevents.com.

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

■ Bingo Nights, 4 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511

■ Wood and Wine ornament make and take, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Kidd's and Canvas Parties. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. $75-$95.

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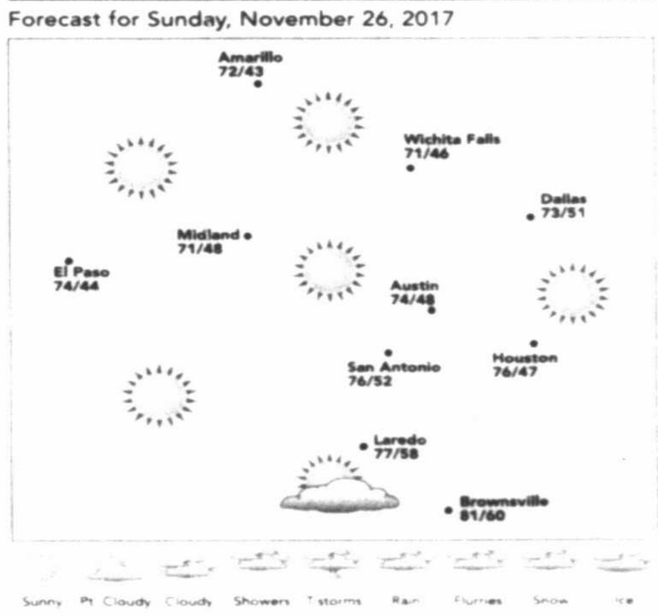
Nov. 25's records
Record high: 85, set in 1965
Record low: 18, set in 1938

Precipitation
Friday ... 0.00 in.
Saturday ... 0.00 in.
Month total ... 0.40 in.
Year total ... 17.34 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 13.89 in.

Winds
Average speed: 11.6 mph
Highest speed: 21 mph
Highest gust speed: 26 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Sunday, November 26, 2017



High: 70
Low: 46
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 7:27 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:45 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Aquarius if born before 2:04 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017:**
This year you will want to open up to many new ideas; you even might act on one or two of them. Your high energy becomes a constant, though you also might get angry more easily. If you are single, you will meet potential suitors without a problem. Be careful, as you are likely to run into someone who might not be the person who he or she seems to be. If you are attached, others seem excited just to be around the two of you. Your home life soars in significance. PISCES is moody and unpredictable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You finally feel as if you can pull away from the holiday hoopla and go into retreat mode. No one will be surprised that you need a nap to make up for lost time over the past few days. A partner might not join you in your lazy day until the evening. **Tonight:** Do your thing. **This Week:** Not until Tuesday do you feel up to snuff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Zero in on a friendship or a long-term desire. You have a way of not relaxing until every detail is cleared up. You will want to make sure your friends feel content with their visits and your family was pleased with their Thanksgiving celebration. **Tonight:** Catch up on news. **This Week:** You might need some downtime by midweek.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You understand a lot more than you realize about an older person and his or her needs. This person is also aware of a psychic connection between the two of you. You seem to be able to tune in to others and be responsive. **Tonight:** Still on the holiday circuit, chatting with friends. **This Week:** Success seems natural by midweek.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your intuition seems to be right-on. Trust your sixth sense, and make a difference to someone who needs more empathy and less judgment. Decide to go off to a movie with this person. Sometimes relaxing while being entertained works the best. **Tonight:** The party goes on. **This Week:** Your sensitivity comes out Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You know when to defer to others. Make it your pleasure to let someone else take over. You might opt for a nap or some quiet time with a loved one. Relaxing, reading the Sunday paper and just acting as if you are a couch potato will suit you just fine. **Tonight:** Make it easy. **This Week:** Others demand a lot, but you'll meet their demands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be more open to possibilities that surround you and a loved one. If you question what is happening with your significant other, it might be because he or she seems sometimes distant and off in la-la land. Worry less, and just focus on yourself. **Tonight:** Listen to suggestions first. **This Week:** By Thursday, you open up to a new perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your focus seems to be on the more technical side of life right now. Don't be surprised by someone else's reaction. You might not be pleased with what others have to say in response to you. Do not push so hard to get your way. Go along with the moment. **Tonight:** Say "yes." **This Week:** Monday might be your most effective workday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You are intuitive, and particularly so around a new friend or a romantic relationship. You seem to know what is going to happen ahead of time, before it even occurs. Remain sensitive and caring with a special person, and do what he or she desires. **Tonight:** Choose a stress-buster. **This Week:** You might not be ready to go back to work until Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You open up to new ideas and a different approach, especially when dealing with a family member. You tend to go to extremes, whether you're out at brunch or simply with a loved one at home. You will enjoy yourself in any case. **Tonight:** Let the weekend fervor wind down. **This Week:** Stay close to home Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

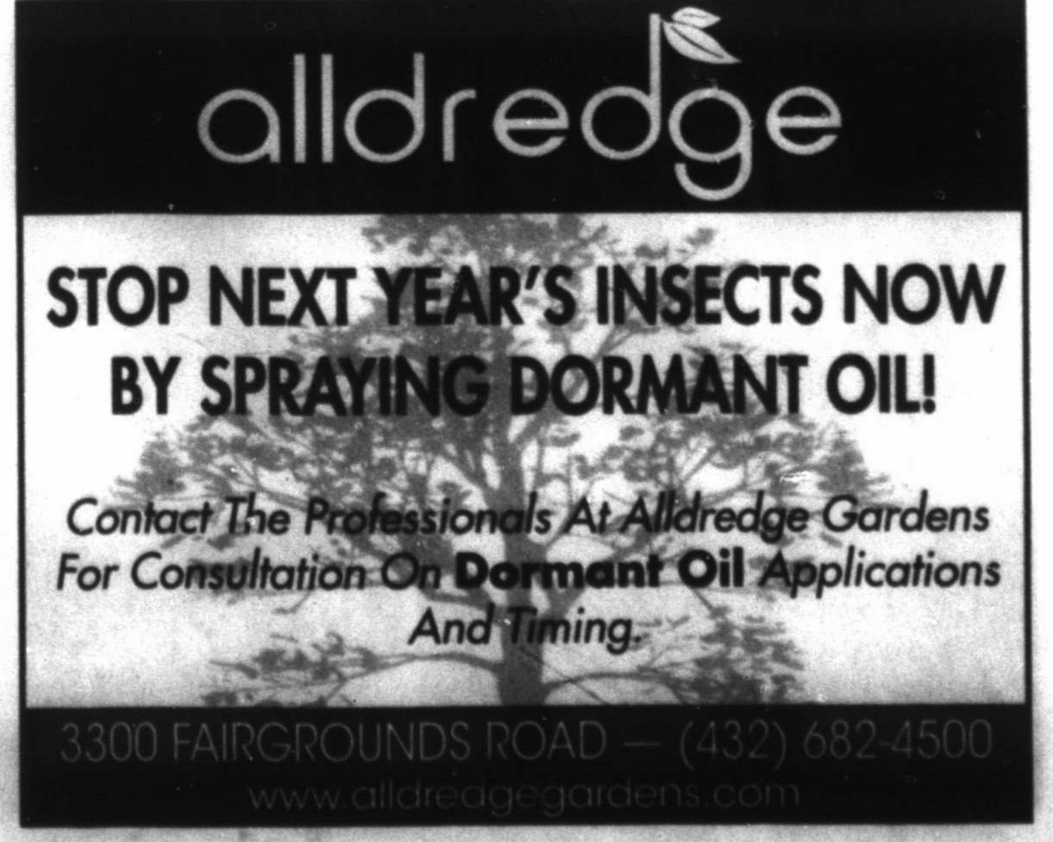
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be a lot more expressive than you have been in a while. Make calls to your family and friends, and find out how others enjoyed their Thanksgiving. You will hear some gossip mixed in. Later today, make plans to meet up with a friend. **Tonight:** Go with the moment. **This Week:** Tension builds by midweek.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You enjoy being with your friends more and more. Don't allow a fear to get the best of you. You might not always verbalize your thoughts in the way you want. Know that you don't need to be insecure when you feel off. You are only human! **Tonight:** Surrounded by friends. **This Week:** Monday you zero in on a friendship or a goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Follow your sixth sense, and tune in to your ability to detach. How others see a situation could be a lot different from how you see it. In any case, trust your judgment. Be careful with your spending. The unexpected could hit your finances pretty hard. **Tonight:** Let it all hang out. **This Week:** You hit your peak Monday.

BORN TODAY
Singer Tina Turner (1939), cartoonist Charles Schulz (1922), singer/songwriter Natasha Bedingfield (1981)









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Shirt designs for musical artists created by Jennifer Johnson.



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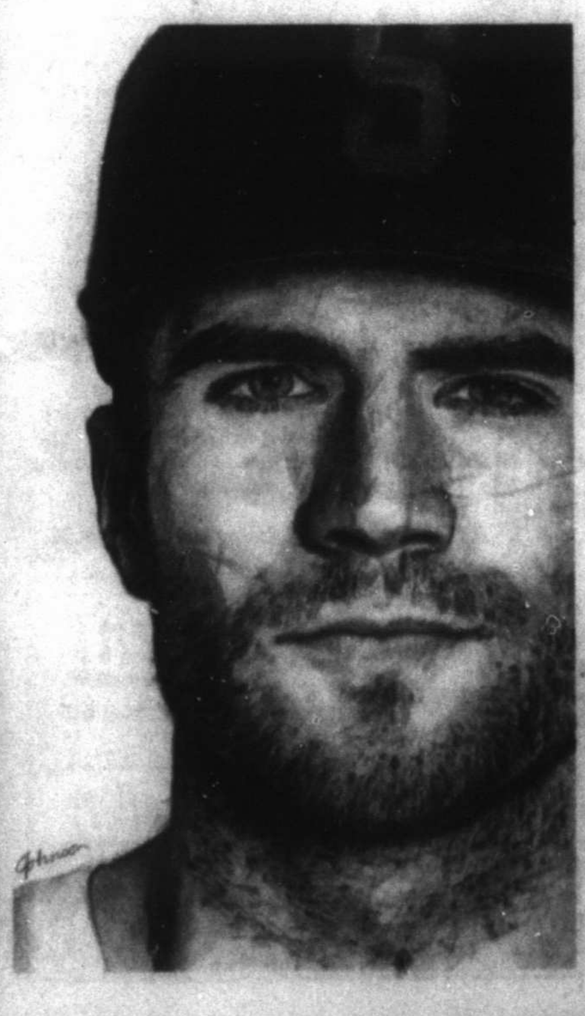
ABOVE: Graphic artist Jennifer Johnson (far right) and her mother Carolyn (far left) pose with musical artist Cher in a provided image. **BELOW:** Jennifer and Carolyn pose with the musical group Maroon 5. Johnson's art has placed her in close proximity with many musical artists.





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ABOVE: Portrait of musical artist Sara Evans created by Jennifer Johnson. **BELOW:** Portrait of musical artist Sam Hunt. ORIGINAL ART / NO RESALE / WIRE OUT / NO REUSE / TV OUT



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company based in Nashville.

Johnson said she has recently worked on projects for artists — including Sara Evans and Reba McEntire — as well as Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants.

The 37-year-old Lee High School graduate has been doing the merchandise work for about three years, but her appreciation for music started at a young age.

"I always remember music being played in the house, and (my mom) got me interested in numerous types of music as a child," she said.

In the beginning, Johnson drew and painted portraits of artists as a hobby. At concerts, she would give musicians a framed print and took another signed copy home.

But the turning point came when she first discovered Taylor Swift about one decade ago. Johnson said the singer didn't have merchandise at the time, and she created a design that was chosen for her tour bus.

Johnson said the experience made her realize she wanted to do that type of work, and she has since made designs for clothing and accessories. She said she likes the thought that fans all over the world could be wearing one of her designs.

Her mother, Carolyn, said she is proud her daughter pursued a long-time dream of becoming an artist.

"It's kind of fun because sometimes we go to these concerts, and we go to the merch stand and there's all the T-shirts and yoga pants and caps," she said.

To inspire others, Johnson is scheduled to give a presentation to students in Odessa. She plans to share with them how she turned her hobby into a career. She said she enjoys working with children and recently became involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"I just wanted to reach out and make a difference," Johnson said. "Maybe some of my struggles or some of the things that I've gone through can help a kid or maybe steer them into following their passion."

During childhood, Johnson remembers being bullied about her appearance. She noticed some parallels between her experiences and those depicted in "Wonder," a recently-released movie about a child with facial differences.

"It's important to me for people to see this film and realize that there is a person beyond just the physical appearance that you're seeing and that often these people have dreams," Johnson said. "They have the same goals… that anybody would have."

Johnson and her mother this month went to the Children's Craniofacial Association's special screening of "Wonder." The Johnsons have long been involved with the association, a nonprofit that offers support to people with facial differences.

"It was just really cool to be in a room where every single person was affected by a craniofacial difference — where it was a mother, a father, a sibling, medical staff," Johnson said.

Before the movie was released, Carolyn Johnson read the book of the same title. The long-time educator and a parent said the message resonated.

"I read it the first time, and it touched me more as a mother," Carolyn Johnson said. "As I read, I reflected on a lot of the situations in here that really rang true when Jennifer was a child."

To accompany the book, Carolyn Johnson decided to create a curriculum that targets fourth-through sixth-grade students. She has made lessons that address critical thinking skills and the book's concepts.

"I wanted to build something that was connected and was educationally sound and that was tied to actual state and or national educational standards," she said.

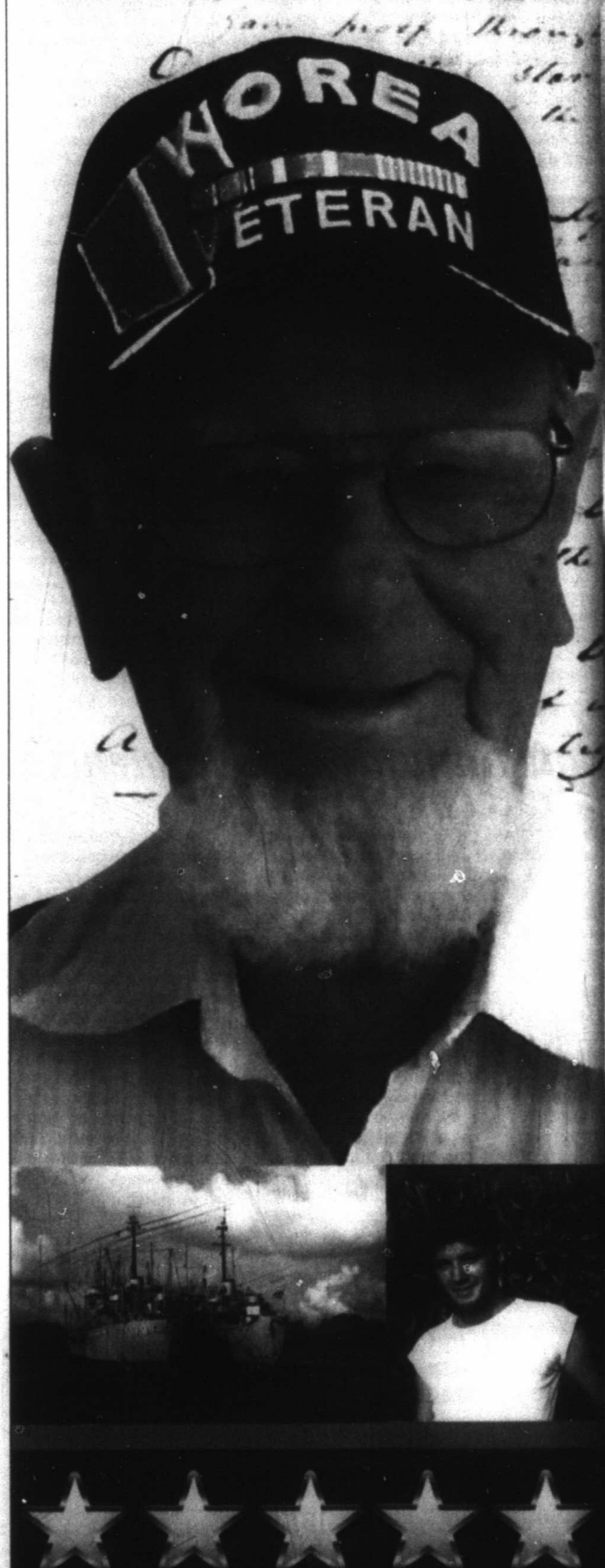
The curriculum includes foldables — three-dimensional graphic organizers that students can create and take home. After five of the lessons were published online this month, Carolyn Johnson said they received about 20,000 hits.

Carolyn Johnson and her daughter have formed a close relationship over the years, and the artist said her difference has made her into the person she is now. She often takes into account a phrase that is tattooed on her arm: 'Today I'll create something beautiful.'

"I try to live by that every single day," Jennifer Johnson said. "Whether it's my art, whether it's the way I act toward people, I want to leave something beautiful behind."

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ERNEST "ERNIE" SHOWALTER





"A man is the sum of his actions, of what he has done, of what he can do, nothing else." Mahatma Gandhi

Ernie Showalter is a man with an incredible moral compass. He has lived his life with integrity and determination to succeed in everything he does. His impeccable character is the result of the foundation built by his family and his faith as a Mennonite. He said, "Mennonites teach responsibility. We are given tasks. It's up to us how to handle them."

Ernest Showalter was born on March 16, 1929 in La Junta, Colorado to Ancil and Bertha Showalter. They had six children. Ernie's siblings are Robert, Jay, Helen, Alta May, and Norma Jean. His father was a dairy farmer, raising 30-35 cows at any given time. He also farmed produce to feed his family and cows. His mother worked on the farm and took care of her family. Ernie helped his father on the farm and learned how to be self-sufficient in the process. He said, "If you have nobody to help you, learn to do it by yourself. And if you see something that needs to be done, get it done. That's part of growing up on a farm. You have to learn how to do things yourself. The general rule is you don't get your meal until the job is done. That's just the way it is."

Ernie found love at the roller rink. A beautiful girl named Minnie captured his heart there and they began dating. A year later they set the date for the big day. They were married on March 20, 1950. He said, "At that age, marriage was something we didn't know anything about. We just did it and done the best we could with what we had." They have been happily married for 67 years, but Ernie says, "It's not long enough!" Sadly, Minnie developed Alzheimer's and has lived in the Vogel Unit at Manor Park for the past year. Ernie lives nearby and is able to visit her often. They have two children together. Their daughter, Teresa Newman and husband Frank, live in Midland. They own Wall Street Antiques. He said, "She does estate sales and calls on Dad every time she has a backyard full of tools and junk. I understand tools and I know what they're worth." Their son, Hans Showalter lives in Richland, Washington. He is the supervisor of demolition at Hanford Nuclear Works, a plutonium enrichment facility. Plutonium from their facility was used to make "Little Boy", the first atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki Japan on August 6, 1945. They have one grandson, Taylor Newman. He laughed and said, "My wife said I raised the hell and she raised the kids!"

During the Korean War, Ernest was subject to the draft. He wanted to be a sailor. He had never been on a boat and didn't even know how to swim, but he said, "I wanted to go to sea!" He said, "When we grew up, we didn't really go swimming. We'd go down and mud paddle in the creek, but we didn't have no place to go swimming. Skinny dipped in the creek. That's all I ever did." So, in January 1952, he enlisted in the US Navy, which caused a stir within the family. Due to their religious beliefs, he was expected to be a conscientious objector. His mother was very upset and didn't think he would ever come back home. He said, "There was a philosophy back then that when you went to war you didn't come home." It also created a hardship for his family on the farm when Ernie left. He said, "There was nobody to do what I did."

Ernie was sent to boot camp in San Diego, California. He said, "That was fun! Most people complain about the food. Only problem I had was I couldn't get enough!" It introduced him to a whole new world, but was a little overwhelming. His job title was Fireman Apprentice, which meant he would be working with propulsion equipment and machinery. He is very proud to have been Honor Man during boot camp.

After boot camp, Ernie spent 3 ½ years aboard ship during the war, but luckily, they were part of the service fleet and did not see combat. He spent 18 months aboard the USS Caliente AO53, a fleet oil tanker that refueled other ships at sea, as First Electrician. They transported fuel from Sesamo to ships on the front lines fighting. This allowed those ships to remain at sea for 3 months. He said, "Everything was big and different and enormous. When you grew up on a farm and you haven't traveled and you get aboard a ship, it's just awesome. The responsibility is beyond belief. You're doing things you didn't even know existed within a short time." Their home port was Long Beach, California.

After leaving the USS Caliente, he attended an electrician school for 12 weeks in San Diego, where he learned the basic fundamentals of repair, maintenance and performance of shipboard electrical equipment. He finished 1st in his class.

After training, he was reassigned to the USS Faribault AK-179, an Alamosa-class cargo ship, where he was Chief Electrician for the next 2 years. He was responsible for all electrical equipment on the ship. He said, "I went on as a kid and I grew to be a man. You don't think about it until you get off, but you're a 22/23-year-old and you're totally in charge of the electrical system on a ship. You don't think about it at the time because you grow into it. But, pretty soon, you're the top-rated electrician on the ship and there's no one else to call to. If they've got a problem, go get Showalter. There was not any electrical equipment on that ship that I could not handle." He had become a master at his craft. He attributes his expertise to devotion. He said, "If you have no devotion, you have no expertise. You don't get to the top because you're smart, you get to the top because you're dedicated." The USS Faribault handled dry goods and supplied food and supplies to the refugees migrating from the north to the south during the Indochina conflict. It was called the "Passage to Freedom". Their home port was Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was promoted to Electrician Mate First Class during his service and received numerous performance awards. Ernie was discharged in December 1955.

After his discharge, Ernie had no desire to go back to the farm life. He laughed and said, "I didn't want to go back to that cow-milking farm!" So, in January 1956, he enrolled at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. He laughed and said, "Where all the farmers went to study something else!" They rented a 2-story house there for just $40 a month. He graduated in June 1959 with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

In 1961, he went to work for General Electric (GE) in Salt Lake City, Utah as a Field Service Engineer. He spent 3 years there and was transferred to San Francisco, California. He was in charge of the West Coast GE Navy and merchant ships. He was there for 6 years, but didn't like San Francisco much. So in 1970, when there was an opening in Midland, Texas, he took it. He spent 12 years with GE in Midland. He said, "It was the best job I ever had!" In 1982, after 18 years, he left GE and formed Roundhouse Electric as one of the principle owners and stayed there for 5 years. Then in 1987, he went to work for Weatherford and was with them until retiring in 1994.

Ernie is an amazing artisan. He refers to himself as an "expert tinkerer." He has a very creative mind and makes the most unique things. He uses bicycle wheels to make windmills and golf clubs to make walking sticks. He is so talented and could make a fortune selling his wares, but he has a giver's heart and prefers to make gifts for others. He said, "Selling is a matter of business, not an exchange of love. I like to make things today and give them to someone tomorrow." Ernie knows no strangers. He loves people and believes in "making everyone a friend and a minimum of enemies." He said, "Greatest thing in life is the friends you have!" He also loves photography. He prefers taking pictures of candid activity and nature. He said, "The things around you become a story."

Ernie very is proud of the life he has lead. He said, "The Navy is actually the foundation of my performance today. I started on the farm, but the Navy was the springboard to teach you how to work with people and machines. If you can't work with the people that's responsible for machinery, the machinery probably won't work either." He thinks that military service should be viewed as an opportunity for growth. He firmly believes everyone should be dedicated to their country and its people and be thankful for the privileges and opportunities we have living here.

"Life is an adventure. Now you can sit at home but what kind of adventures did you have? Try to make every day a new adventure of some type if possible and make every day a new day." Ernie Showalter not only said these words, but chose to live by them for the last 88 years. His adventures have been plentiful, including going on the Honor Flight in 2015. His secret to living a long and happy life is "Keeping busy, a good strong mind and a minimum of stress." Good advice from an expert at a great many things in this crazy thing we call life. Thank you for your service, Ernie!

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New sensors are tracking earthquakes across Texas

■ A new interactive website from state-funded researchers is tracking tremors across Texas — part of an effort to understand the link between earthquakes and oil and gas production.

By Shannon Najmabadi
Texas Tribune

Three years ago, a series of quakes rattled North Texas — and some residents' nerves.

Larry Walden, a Parker County commissioner, remembers a public meeting at the time in which residents complained about cracked houses, damaged foundations and even a hen that had stopped laying eggs.

"They were minor earthquakes unless you're in an area affected by it," Walden said. "Then it's not minor."

So when a state-funded research team approached the county a year and a half ago about installing a sensor to track seismic activity on a piece of farmland, "we were more than happy," Walden said. Local officials were eager for "some outside agency to ... hopefully give us some feedback as to what was going on."

That sensor, installed last year, is just one node in a statewide network called TexNet that monitors quakes and tremors across Texas. Run out of the University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology, the program was created by the Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott in 2015 after a series of temblors shook the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Texas saw an uptick in quakes starting in 2008, and a growing body of research has linked fossil fuel activities — specifically the injection of oilfield wastewater into the ground — to the shaking. Industry representatives and state regulators have been wary of acknowledging a connection, arguing more detailed information is needed.

That's where the TexNet Seismic Monitoring program comes in. The goal is for the network of sensors, now collecting data across the state, to suss out the source of the tremors.

"You have a very complex issue, and a lot of people have tried to oversimplify it," said Steve Everley, a spokesman for the industry-funded group Texans for Natural Gas. "We need to get good data; we need to have good research. This is a program that obviously leads us toward that goal."

Peter Hennings, a research scientist with UT-Austin's Bureau of

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A fracturing operation near Tilden

Study: Human activities are causing earthquakes

By Ben Guarino
The Washington Post

An unnatural number of earthquakes hit Texas in the past decade, and the region's seismic activity is increasing. In 2008, two earthquakes stronger than magnitude 3 struck the state. Eight years later, 12 did.

Natural forces trigger most earthquakes. But humans are causing earthquakes, too, with mining and dam construction the most frequent suspects. There has been a recent increase in natural gas extraction — including hydraulic fracturing, but other techniques as well — which produces a lot of wastewater. To get rid of it, the water is injected deep into the ground. When wastewater works its way into dormant faults, the thinking goes, the water's pressure nudges the ancient cracks. Pent-up tectonic stress releases and the ground shakes.

But for any given earthquake, it is virtually impossible to tell whether humans or nature triggered the quake. There are no known characteristics of a quake, not in magnitude nor in the shape of its seismic waves, that provide hints to its origins.

"It's been a head-scratching period for scientists," said Maria Beatrice Magnani, who studies earthquakes at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Along with a team of researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey, Magnani, an author of a new report published Friday in the journal Science Advances, attempted to better identify what has been causing the rash of Texas quakes.

A cluster of earthquakes around a drilling project can, at best, suggest a relationship. "The main approach has been to correlate the location to where there has been human activity," said Michael Blanpied, a USGS geophysicist and co-author of the new study.

The study authors took a different approach in the new work — they hunted for deformed faults below Texas. "This technique is called high-resolution seismic reflection imaging," Magnani said. Seismic reflection is the same tool that allows extractors to find oil and gas deposits in underground structures.

To collect seismic reflection data, an artificially generated wave ripples through the ground and reflects back to the surface, like light off a mirror. The result is "a little bit like an ultrasound," Magnani said, revealing not baby toes but twisted rock.

The scientists compared the Texas earth with Mississippi, another seismically active region that, like Texas, is not close to a turbulent edge of a tectonic plate. Unlike Texas, though, north Mississippi has a much longer history of recorded earthquakes, going back to the early 1800s.

An underground ultrasound revealed that, beneath Texas, the most recent signs of active faults were in a geologic layer 300 million years old - 70 million years before the first dinosaur took its first step. All the younger layers above it were stable.

"All the displacement was stopping at a layer that is 300 million years old," Magnani said. "The fault did not move after that layer was deposited."

In the Mississippi region, in contrast, the rock told a story of continuous fault activity, unbroken for the last 65 million years.

Given the lack of faults in Texas's most recent 300 million years of history, there is no known geologic process that could explain its sudden quake outbreak. "There is no other explanation" except that these earthquakes are caused by human activity, Magnani said.

The study is in line with what other earthquake experts had surmised using different analyses. "We don't expect a lot of pushback" from the scientific community, Blanpied said.

"This is a landmark contribution in the question of whether the Fort Worth basin earthquakes are man-made," said Cliff Frohlich, a geophysicist at the University of Texas, Austin who was not involved with the study. Frohlich said this research eliminates the possibility, sometimes raised by the oil and gas industry, that the Texas quakes are part of a natural cycle of faults that awaken every few thousand or million years.

The seismic reflection data provide a powerful argument "that these earthquakes are something new and different," he said — activity stemming from the injection of wastewater deep into basement rock. ("Most of the time it's the large volume injection," he said, "not the little frack jobs.")

In March 2016, the USGS published a map of the likely areas where human-made earthquakes will strike in the United States. About 7 million people are at risk of these events, with Texas and nearby Oklahoma among the most susceptible states.

"We hope that the response from our colleagues will be to deploy this (technique) elsewhere," Blanpied said. Magnani said she would like to apply seismic reflection to Oklahoma, which has also experienced an unusual uptick in earthquakes.

But seismic reflection data are difficult and expensive to collect, though the oil and gas industry will sell the information. As for why no one else had attempted to do this before, the authors said Magnani was simply the first person to have the idea to use seismic reflection to look for old faults.

There is still more work to do. Any successful regulatory process, Magnani said, will require an understanding of the physical processes that trigger human-made earthquakes.

Why do Texans have to vote on so many constitutional amendments?

■ One of the reasons lawmakers keep putting changes to the state constitution before voters is because they haven't taken the necessary steps to draft a new document for more than 140 years.

By Alex Samuels
Texas Tribune

Today's Texplainer is inspired by a question from Texas Tribune reader Cynthia Van. Send us your questions about Texas politics and policy by emailing texplainer@texastribune.org or through texastribune.org/texplainer.

Hey, Texplainer: Why do so many seemingly trivial things have to be adopted as constitutional amendments in Texas? Why can't lawmakers address these things through legislation?

Whether it's 2003's Proposition 21, which allowed "a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district," or Proposition 2 from the same year, which established "a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale," Texas voters have grown accustomed to being asked to decide seemingly obscure issues at the ballot box.

The current state constitution takes a highly restrictive view of the powers of state government. In other words, the Legislature and governor's powers are limited to only those specifically outlined in the state constitution. So, even small legislative changes — like allowing El Paso County to finance its own parks with local taxes, for example — can require a constitutional amendment and a referendum.

Understanding why requires some history.

Since becoming a state in 1845, Texas has had four different constitutions, in part because of the state's tumultuous past. The original constitution was replaced in 1861, after Texas seceded from the Union, with a new one that transferred Texas statehood from the U.S. to the Confederacy.

After the Confederacy was defeated, former Confederate states had to adopt new constitutions to rejoin the Union. Texas did so in 1866, but three years later that constitution was invalidated after so-called Radical Republicans — a faction of the party that had advocated for emancipating all slaves — took control of the U.S. Congress and required states to draft new constitutions that included the four laws outlined in The Reconstruction Acts of 1867. That third state constitution declared the U.S. Constitution the supreme law of the land and established biannual legislative sessions in Texas.

Then in 1876, as reconstruction was winding down and Democrats regained control of Congress, Texas adopted a fourth constitution that greatly restricted the size and scope of state government. That's the same document lawmakers are amending today — nearly 140 years after its ratification.

According to House Parliamentarian Chris Griesel, voter approval has been required to change the state constitution since 1836, when Texas first declared its independence.

Texans have been voting on constitutional amendments ever since — and the document keeps growing. Since 1876, Texans have voted on roughly 680 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution (and approved 498), and the constitution has expanded from 289 sections to 388, according to the Texas Legislative Reference Library. It's now the second-longest constitution in the nation.

Attempts to convene a constitutional convention to make the document easier to use and understand have been unsuccessful. The most promising attempt was in 1974, when lawmakers met for a constitutional convention and drafted a simplified constitution. The new constitution failed by only three votes, in part because of the addition of a controversial "right-to-work" provision that was strongly opposed by labor groups.

The latest attempt to revise the state's constitution was in 1998, when then-state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, and then-state Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, proposed a rewritten constitution. It died in a legislative committee the following year.

Giving voters the final decision on changing the state's constitution complexity does have some benefits, according to Sanford Levinson, a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

"If you do put something in the constitution, then by definition that means that your opponents next time around won't be able to simply get rid of it by passing ordinary legislation," Levinson said. "They would have to go through a constitutional amendment process themselves which is presumably more time consuming and more expensive."

Because of the time and money it takes to hold a constitutional convention, some experts are doubtful that Texas lawmakers will try again anytime soon.

But on the bright side, Texas' constitution isn't the most wonky — nationally speaking.

Texas' constitution has the fourth-highest number of amendments, behind Alabama, California and South Carolina. And Alabama's constitution has been amended 827 times and is more than 340,000 words long — compared to Texas' roughly 95,000 words.

The bottom line: As the state constitution is written now, any changes to it must be approved by two-thirds of each chamber and a majority of Texas voters. And lawmakers don't seem inclined to change that process.

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Fraction of revenues go to fight gambling addiction

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SANTA FE, N.M. — New Mexico pulls in millions of dollars in revenue from the state lottery, racetracks, tribal casinos and other operations each year, but little goes to preventing and treating problem gambling.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports that the state earmarked $70,250 to specifically address problem gambling in the last budget year while collecting more than $156 million in lottery profits, revenue sharing from tribal casinos and gambling taxes.

By comparison, gaming tribes and racetracks were required to spend $2.3 million to combat problem gambling.

The newspaper also reported that the state Compulsive Gambling Council, created by law in 2006, hasn't met for several years despite a legal requirement to meet regularly.

Guy Clark, chairman of Stop Predatory Gambling New Mexico, said the state government's efforts to combat problem gambling are a failure.

"No one in the government seems to want to do anything about it," Clark said, suggesting that the government "doesn't want to bite the hand that feeds it?"

The Health Department argues that the state has numerous initiatives aimed at problem gambling and that gaming compacts with the tribes require spending one-quarter of 1 percent of their slot machine winnings on problem gambling programs.

Health Department spokesman Paul Rhien also cited a provision in the latest compacts that requires tribes to create programs to allow gamblers to voluntarily exclude themselves from casinos. Previously, only racetracks were required to have self-exclusion programs for gamblers.

Rhien also described the gambling council as another unfunded legislative mandate.

State Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, said Gov. Susana Martinez could fund the council out of the Health Department's budget.

Under state law, council appointees aren't paid for their work and they don't receive reimbursement for travel expenses. The Health Department secretary or the secretary's designee is supposed to chair the council. Other members include representatives of the industry, experts in compulsive gambling and behavioral health professionals.

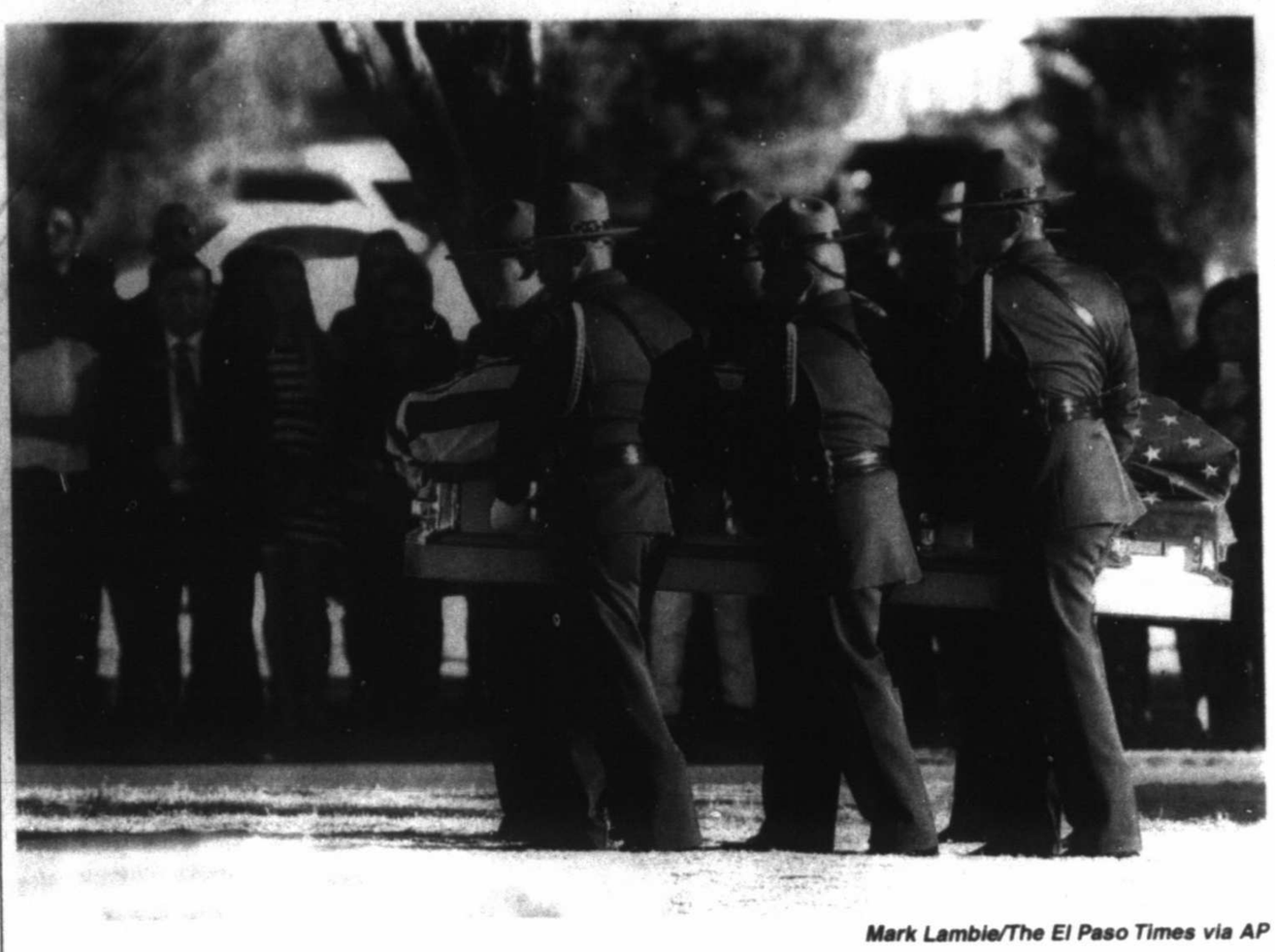
The Health Department budget totaled more than $550 million in the last fiscal year. While the budget didn't include money specifically targeted for problem gambling, it included funds to fight tobacco and alcohol use, obesity, cancer, opioid overdoses, HIV/AIDS infection and more public health concerns.

Clark said the two-term Republican governor should re-establish the Compulsive Gambling Council to help with prevention and treatment.

"We know that we have thousands of people afflicted," he said.

Smith, a senior senator who played a pivotal role in expanding gambling in New Mexico, said efforts to combat addiction have slid over the years to the back burner of state government and that efforts today don't reflect the seriousness of the issue.

"The problem is much larger than anybody wants to talk about," Smith said, adding that he needs to start asking more questions and hold hearings on the government's response to the problem.



Mark Lambie/The El Paso Times via AP

Border Patrol pallbearers carry Border Patrol agent Rogelio Martinez to a graveside service at Restlawn Cemetery on Saturday in El Paso. Martinez was on patrol in the Big Bend Sector when he died in the line of duty.

Funeral held for US border agent whose death not explained

Associated Press

EL PASO — Family, friends and law enforcement officers converged on West Texas on Saturday to mourn a Border Patrol agent whose death last weekend in a rugged, remote area has not been explained.

Bagpipes played as pallbearers carried the U.S. flag-draped coffin of Rogelio Martinez into a Catholic church in El Paso for a private funeral.

He died last weekend of head and other injuries.

"It honors him to see law enforcement agencies from across the United States" attend the service, Border Patrol spokesman Ramiro Cordero told reporters gathered outside Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Martinez died Sunday and his partner, whose name has not been released, was seriously injured. They were found late Saturday in a culvert, in a rugged area near Van Horn, about 30 miles from the border with Mexico and 110 miles southeast of El Paso.

Speculation about the incident has run rampant with several politicians saying the agent was attacked, including President Donald Trump, who used the death to highlight his support for building a wall on the border with Mexico. Special Agent in Charge Emmerson Buie Jr. in the FBI's El Paso office has said investigators were treating the incident as a "potential assault," but they could not rule out other scenarios.

Representatives from the border patrol's union have insisted that the incident was an attack, based on the accounts of other agents who responded to the scene. Chris Cabrera, a spokesman for the National Border Patrol Council, told The Associated Press that agents responding to the scene called it "grisly."

However, a U.S. official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press on Monday that the agents may have fallen, and that the surviving agent had no memory of his duty-shift. The official spoke on condition of anonymity and is not authorized to speak publicly.

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Economic Geology, said initial TexNet data shows "earthquakes happening in key areas in Texas that have really been known about for a few years" — mainly hubs of oil and gas production. As the program amasses more data, "we'll be able to start to look at the earthquake rate and ask the question, 'Is it increasing or decreasing in a given area?'" he said. "We're moving pretty swiftly in the direction of being able to provide answers."

A "vexed relationship"

Scientists have long established that injecting fluid deep underground — a technique used to dispose of oilfield wastewater — can trigger earthquakes. And in recent years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and researchers at Texas universities have pointed to the wastewater disposal process as a likely culprit behind shaking in the state.

Cliff Frohlich, a senior research scientist at the University of Texas at Austin who has studied seismicity for decades, said "some companies in [the] industry have been very forward-looking about getting some of their best people working on this," while "others have stuck their heads in the sand or been very secretive."

The Texas Railroad Commission, the state's oil and gas regulator, also has seemed to have a "vexed relationship" with the issue, Frohlich said. The commission has panned much of the research linking quakes to oil and gas activities. But in 2014, the agency approved regulations requiring disposal well operators to submit more geographical information and hired a staff seismologist.

"There's been, I'd say, a difference between their sort of public face on that and their activities," Frohlich said.

The regulations allow for permits to be amended or wells shut down because of seismicity. Since they took effect, the commission has received 114 disposal well applications in "areas of historic seismicity," said Ramona Nye, a spokeswoman for the commission, in an emailed statement. Of those, 60 were issued with special conditions, including some related to injection volumes and pressure. Another 15 of the applications were returned or withdrawn.

"The commission has long recognized the possibility of induced seismicity related to fluid injection; that's why the (commission) has in place some of the most stringent rules in the nation to address the issue," she said.

Everley, the Texans for Natural Gas spokesman, credited the Railroad Commission's regulatory overhaul with a subsequent decline in earthquakes in the state. In a risk assessment for 2017, the U.S. Geological Survey said the odds that a manmade earthquake would hit Texas this year had plummeted. The year before, the state was pegged as the third-most at-risk for them, behind only Oklahoma and Kansas.

But Luke Metzger, the director of the advocacy group Environment Texas, said the oil and gas industry — backed by government regulators — continues to downplay the link between quakes and disposal wells. There's already a "body of science," he said; officials should now be taking steps to reduce the risk, such as recycling fracking water instead of injecting it into the ground.

"Better data, better information"

While the Railroad Commission oversees more than 8,000 deep disposal wells in Texas, Hennings said "just a tiny number of that 8,000" have been associated with earthquakes.

TexNet's role is not "to try to pin individual wells as problems," he said. "We're looking at the process."

The TexNet program's creation in 2015 came with a $4.5 million infusion from the state. With it, program leaders were able to buy dozens of seismometers – devices that monitor earthquakes – and bring on a team of researchers to wrangle the collected data into useable insight.

Two years later, the program has placed a grid of those sensors across the state. An interactive website that went live in October streams data from those monitoring stations to show every quake that registers above a 1.5 on the Richter scale.

Alexandros Savvaidis, a research scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology, spent months meeting with landowners and scouting out possible sites for the sensors, which track when and how much the ground shakes.

"We had 18 stations before TexNet," Savvaidis said, referencing seismometers operated by Southern Methodist University researchers and the U.S. Geological Survey, a federal agency that generally tracks earthquakes with a magnitude of 2.5 and greater.

"Now, in 2017, we have almost another 60" monitoring stations in the state, Savvaidis said. Permanent stations are spread evenly across the state like a backbone, Savvaidis said, while temporary stations have been deployed to places that reported seismic activity in recent years, including the oil-rich Permian Basin.

"The new network will give us the possibility to work more on the seismicity — to have better data, better information, that will help us understand this phenomenon," he said.

Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, an industry trade group, said the Legislature was smart to fund the TexNet program. Petroleum industry groups have also contributed more than $1 million to related research efforts.

"The data being produced is a good resource for academia and industry," Staples said in a statement. "All Texans benefit from good, science-based research."

Frohlich said seismicity research in Texas can be divided into two eras: pre- and post-TexNet. If the program continues to be funded, he said, it's "going to be a huge change in the way earthquake activity can be met, managed and analyzed."

"I can't say we've solved the induced earthquake problem," he said, "but we know a lot of things that we didn't know before."

Disclosure: The University of Texas at Austin, Southern Methodist University and the Texas Oil & Gas Association have been

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Light pollution increasing around globe

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's nights are getting alarmingly brighter — bad news for all sorts of creatures, humans included.

A German-led term reported Wednesday that light pollution is threatening darkness almost everywhere. Satellite observations during five Octobers show Earth's artificially lit outdoor area grew by 2 percent a year from 2012 to 2016. So did nighttime brightness.

Light pollution is actually worse than that, according to the researchers. Their measurements coincide with the outdoor switch to energy-efficient and cost-saving light-emitting diodes, or LEDs. Because the imaging sensor on the polar-orbiting weather satellite can't detect the LED-generated color blue, some light is missed.

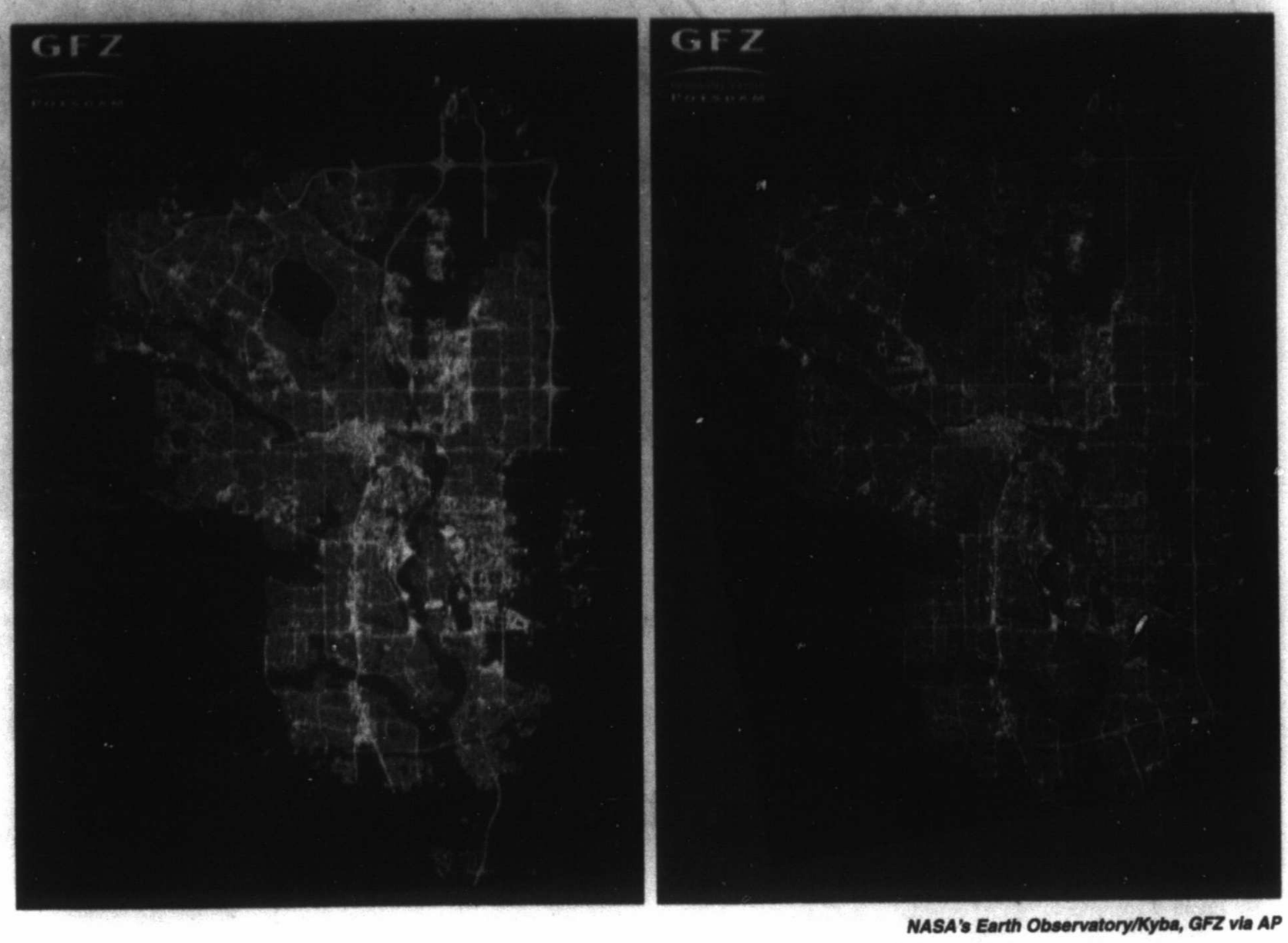
The observations, for example, indicate stable levels of night light in the United States, Netherlands, Spain and Italy. But light pollution is almost certainly on the rise in those countries given this elusive blue light, said Christopher Kyba of the GFZ German Research Center for Geosciences and lead author of the study published in Science Advances .

Also on the rise is the spread of light into the hinterlands and overall increased use. The findings shatter the long-held notion that more energy efficient lighting would decrease usage on the global — or at least a national — scale.

"Honestly, I had thought and assumed and hoped that with LEDs we were turning the corner. There's also a lot more awareness of light pollution," he told reporters by phone from Potsdam. "It is quite disappointing."

The biological impact from surging artificial light is also significant, according to the researchers.

People's sleep can be marred, which in turn can affect their health. The migration and reproduction of birds, fish, amphibians, insects and bats can be disrupted. Plants can have abnormally extended growing periods. And forget about seeing stars or the Milky Way, if the trend continues.



NASA's Earth Observatory/Kyba, GFZ via AP

This photo combo of images provided by NASA's Earth Observatory/Kyba, GFZ shows photographs of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, taken from the International Space Station on Dec. 23, 2010, left, where residential areas are mainly lit by orange sodium lamps; and on Nov. 27, 2015, right, where many areas on the outskirts are newly lit compared to 2010, and many neighborhoods have switched from orange sodium lamps to white LED lamps.

About the only places with dramatic declines in night light were in areas of conflict like Syria and Yemen, the researchers found. Australia also reported a noticeable drop, but that's because wildfires were raging early in the study. Researchers were unable to filter out the bright burning light.

Asia, Africa and South America, for the most part, saw a surge in artificial night lighting.

More and more places are installing outdoor lighting given its low cost and the overall growth in communities' wealth, the scientists noted. Urban sprawl is also moving towns farther out. The outskirts of major cities in developing nations are brightening quite rapidly, in fact, Kyba said.

Other especially bright hot spots: sprawling greenhouses in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

Photos taken by astronauts aboard the International Space Station also illuminate the growing problem.

Franz Holker of the Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries in Berlin, a co-author, said things are at the critical point.

"Many people are using light at night without really thinking about the cost," Holker said. Not just the economic cost, "but also the cost that you have to pay from an ecological, environmental perspective."

Kyba and his colleagues recommend avoiding glaring lamps whenever possible — choosing amber over so-called white LEDs — and using more efficient ways to illuminate places like parking lots or city streets. For example, dim, closely spaced lights tend to provide better visibility than bright lights that are more spread out.

The International Dark-Sky Association , based in Tucson, Arizona, has been highlighting the hazards of artificial night light for decades.

"We hope that the results further sound the alarm about the many unintended consequences of the unchecked use of artificial light at night," Director J. Scott Feierabend said in a statement.

An instrument on the 2011-launched U.S. weather satellite, Suomi, provided the observations for this study. A second such instrument — known as the Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite, or VIIRS — was launched on a new satellite Saturday by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This latest VIIRS will join the continuing night light study.



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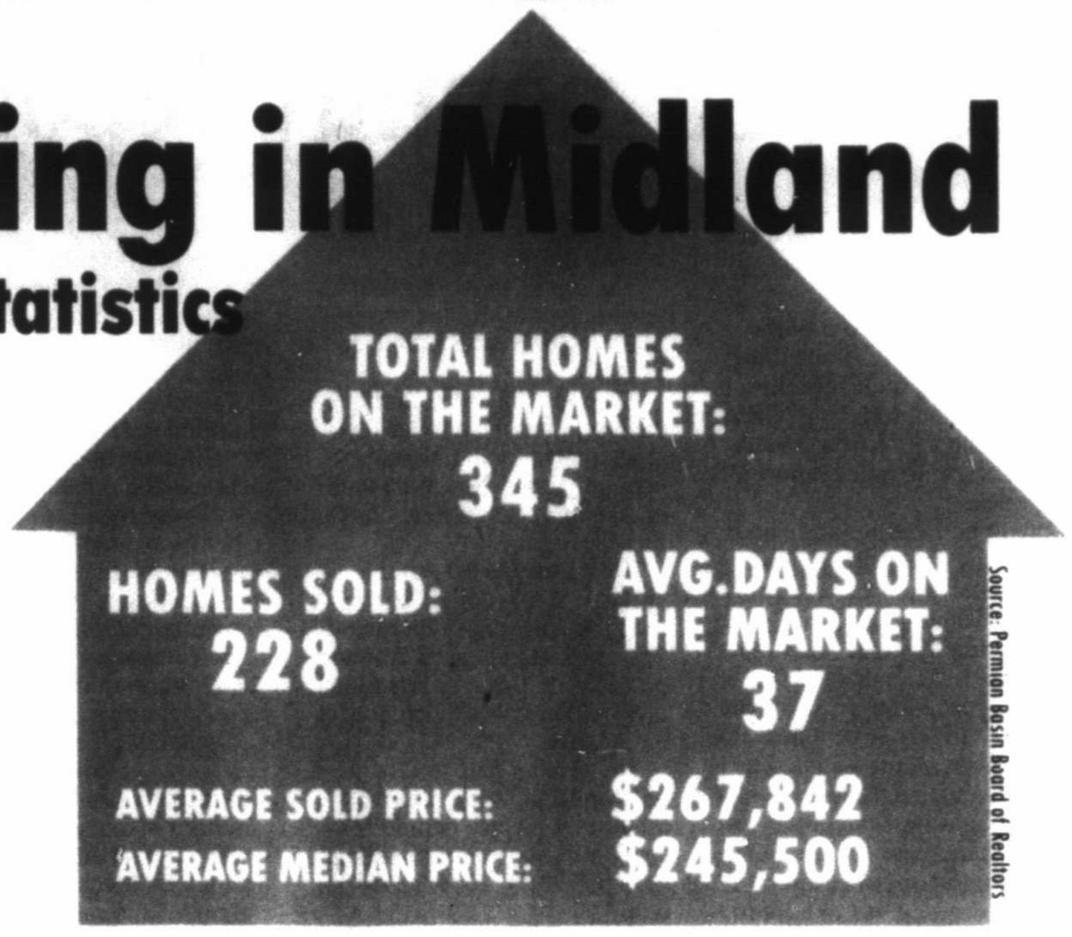
Housing in Midland

October statistics

AVG. NUMBER OF HOUSES ON MARKET

2012: 367	2015: 541
2013: 334	2016: 594
2014: 323	2017: 345

TOTAL HOUSES SOLD	AVG. DAYS ON MARKET	AVERAGE SOLD PRICE
2012: 158	2012: 41	2012: $259,270
2013: 158	2013: 43	2013: $254,923
2014: 198	2014: 37	2014: $304,240
2015: 131	2015: 46	2015: $285,067
2016: 143	2016: 52	2016: $288,249
2017: 228	2017: 37	2017: $267,842



'Workforce' homes lead way as record year for real estate continues

By Stewart Doreen
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What a difference a year makes.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors' latest numbers show a housing market that has taken even more drastic steps toward favoring the buyer.

The number of available homes dropped from 375 homes in September to 345 in October, the second lowest total of the year and a drop of more than 250 compared to October of last year.

The number of homes sold rose from 193 in September to 228 in October, the third most in one month this year and an increase of 85 compared to the same month in 2016.

The average number of days a home sold stayed on the market fell from 39 days in September to 37 in October. The average DOM last October was 52 days.

The only place where market numbers didn't follow recent trends had to do with price because average sales price ($267,842) and median sales price ($245,500) were the lowest since February.

"I said in September that our market remains strong in comparison to many parts of the state of Texas. In spite of our low inventory, that trend continues," said Carroll Nall, MLS/Member Services director for the PBBOR.

Nall said numbers look strong, especially year-to-date. He pointed to a "record number of residential homes sold annually." Through October, 2,088 had been sold, which is more than any other year going back at least 10 years. The most in an entire year recently is 2,048 in 2014, and there are still a couple more months to pad 2017 statistics.

Year-to-date, the average number of homes on the market in a month is nearly 200 fewer than 2016, and the average sales price ($292,867) is more than $15,000 higher than during 2016.

"2017 continues its record trends," Nall said. "As predicted, inventories are down somewhat with the oncoming holiday season but remain steady at just under two months inventory."

Realtors have previously told the Reporter-Telegram that a balanced market has around six to eight months of inventory.

As far as the lower average sales price in October, the statistics show Midland's version of workforce housing — a home sold in the $200,000-$299,999 range — has something to do with it. There were 96 homes sold between $200,000 and $299,999 — an increase of 23 compared to September. There also were 38 homes sold for between $300,000 and $399,999 and 27 homes sold for $400,000 or more.

In September, there were 48 homes sold for between $300,000 and $399,999 and 35 homes sold for $400,000 or more, including three above $1 million. There was one home sold for more than $1 million in October.

Top 10 financially healthiest counties in Texas

1. MIDLAND
2. GILLESPIE
3. WILLIAMSON
4. LAVACA
5. ANDREWS
6. FAYETTE
7. RANDALL
8. KENDALL
9. COLLIN
10. FORT BEND

Looking strictly at poverty rates, Midland County was the ninth lowest. Here are the top 10

1. ROCKWALL, 6 PERCENT
2. WILLIAMSON, 6.6 PERCENT
3. COLLIN, 6.6 PERCENT
4. FORT BEND, 7 PERCENT
T5. KENDALL, 8 PERCENT
T5. DENTON, 8 PERCENT
7. COMAL, 8.3 PERCENT
8. RANDALL, 8.5 PERCENT
9. MIDLAND, 8.9 PERCENT
8. PARKER, 9.4 PERCENT

Study: Midland County the financially healthiest place in Texas

From staff reports

Midland County is the most financially healthy place in Texas and the 10th healthiest place nationally, according to a study by personal finance website SmartAsset.

SmartAsset examined debt as a percentage of income, bankruptcies per 1,000 people, poverty rates and unemployment rates. Each county was weighted and indexed. Financially healthy counties had a low average debt as a percentage of income and a low chance of being affected by personal bankruptcies, poverty and unemployment.

Midland County ranked No. 1. Debt as a percentage of income is 0.86 percent, and there are 0.5 bankruptcies per 1,000 people. Poverty is at 8.9 percent. The average unemployment rate for 2016 was 4.4 percent.

Andrews County placed fifth, Ector County was 17th and Howard County ranked 87th.



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Keys to Texas' economic success are getting fundamentals right

I was recently asked by the House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness to offer a perspective on some of the issues affecting Texas' future performance. The Committee's purpose in the hearing was to address "principles that… should guide the state's pursuit of long-term economic growth." I am pleased that members of the legislature are thinking in these terms, as it is essential to long-term prosperity.

I focused primarily on three issues of concern which could, if not handled appropriately, result in notable and lasting damage. While one issue relates to ongoing changes in the Texas population and how we handle them, the other two are choices that, if made, would be self-inflicted wounds. One of the reasons I chose these topics is because the ability to affect them in a meaningful way lies squarely with the legislature, unlike trade, immigration, and other concerns that, while vitally important, lie more in the hands of the folks in Washington.

My first area of concern is ongoing

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Lubbock economy something to be thankful for, per monthly report

By Sarah Self-Walbrick
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

The continued boom of the Lubbock economy is one thing locals can be grateful for this holiday season, said Chip Gilmour of Lubbock National Bank at the economic index report this past week.

The September monthly and third quarterly report showed modest growth, but growth nonetheless, Gilmour said.

The monthly index increased to a record 151.7, up slightly from August and over 3 percent compared to last September. The third quarter increased at a 1.6 percent annualized rate.

Most measured categories reported an increase for the month.

"The report continues to be great news and gives us a lot to be thankful for," Gilmour said.

Retail sales: Retail sales were up around 3 percent for both the month and the quarter.

The report shows general spending per sales tax receipts has totaled over $3 billion so far in 2017.

Gilmour suggested that this category will increase as the stock market and national economy continues to do well and people feel more confident in their spending.

Auto purchases: After a soft few years, dollars spent on auto purchases has rebounded. The amount increased around 4 percent compared to this time last year and over 6 percent for the quarter.

The year-to-date total, at over $600 million, is the second highest on record, behind only spending totals for those same time periods in 2014, reads the report.

"2014 was a huge year. 2015, 2016 was a little bit soft," Gilmour said. "But this year has been extremely healthy."

Hotel/motel spending: The total spent on staying in hotels and motels continues to be sluggish for the year, down over 4 percent for a total of around $71 million spent.

Gilmour, however, is not concerned about the number.

"Every time I turn around there's another hotel being built, and I think that bodes well for our economy," Gilmour said.

Construction: The construction categories again produced the highest numbers in the report for September.

Value of all construction permits was up over 28 percent for the month, totaling at over $83 million in September.

It was a positive quarter, too, with a 24 percent increase and almost $226 million in construction value.

New home permits also yielded high numbers. For September, the number of permits was up almost 20 percent compared to this time in 2016, with a total of 134 permits issued.

Over the quarter, 329 permits were issued, an increase of almost 7 percent.

Mark Nanny, local realtor with Coldwell Banker, said new homes have greatly helped the residential market, which needs to build up a larger inventory of available homes.

Home sales: Similar to recent months, number of home sales was down 5 percent for the month and 9 percent for the quarter.

Nanny assured that the market is much healthier than these numbers may indicate.

"It's an active market right now," Nanny said.

Nanny said the entry level and "move up" markets are particularly healthy.

People of all ages, and from all places, are looking to buy in Lubbock right now, making it a good market for buyers and sellers, he said.

The average home sale price was around $190,000 for the month and quarter, according to the report.

"We're on the teeter totter," Nanny said. "There are buyers that are sitting, waiting to find the right deal."

Compared to other years, Nanny said he is working with homes truly throughout Lubbock, not just in recently popular areas.

He said existing homes in Central Lubbock have recently sold well.

"We are seeing activity in all of our subdivisions, across the board," Nanny said.

Active listings are up, Nanny said, and days on the market are down, creating a thriving real estate market in town.

Unemployment: The unemployment rate for Lubbock was another bright spot in the report.

Under 3 percent of Lubbockites are unemployed, the lowest amount for September since 1999.

The quarterly unemployment rate was reported as just over 3 percent.

Oil and gas: The price for a barrel of oil was up 11 percent in September, costing $46.06. Gilmour said the increase is expected to last through the rest of the year, from what he has heard.

Oil rig counts in the area were significantly up, over 64 percent to be exact, with 23 rigs total.

The value of oil production was also up, topping over $3 million.

Agriculture: Cotton price was up for the month, at $69.64 per pound, compared to $66.75 in September 2016.

Cattle price remained steady at $107.08, up only slightly from $106.03 last year.

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shifts in the Texas population and the resulting policy challenges. Despite Texas' positive attributes and expectations, areas with better educated workers are achieving superior performance, and long-term success will require continuing improvement in labor characteristics. As I have noted in past columns, Texas' demographic patterns are favorable in that large numbers of young people will be entering the workforce in the coming decades at a time when the "baby boomers" are retiring in large numbers, and there are likely to be tight labor market conditions across of the country. The demographic trends are challenging, however, in that much of the growth is concentrated in groups that have historically experienced relatively low levels of educational attainment. If these potential employees fail to receive proper training, this population increase could quickly transform from an asset to a liability.

In the absence of appropriate and aggressive efforts to enhance education, a vicious cycle will ensue. A less attractive and less employable workforce will simultaneously (1) diminish the ability of the state to attract and retain desirable industry and (2) increase demands on the social service system. As a result, fiscal revenues will be lower and needs will be higher. The future of the Texas economy is defined by the future of the Texas workforce. Meeting this challenge is imperative.

A second concern is potential economic harms of discriminatory social legislation, such as the "bathroom bill" that was extensively considered in the recent Regular and Special Sessions. Irrespective of their stated purpose, controversial laws that are perceived to be discriminatory can reduce travel and tourism. Any law with the potential to reduce attendees, for example, can cause professionals who organize conferences and events to avoid that location. In addition, scheduling an event in a location with a law that is considered to be offensive by some groups can be interpreted as support for the policy, and some organizations will choose to avoid such locations.

If the Texas Legislature passes a law viewed as discriminatory against lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender persons, it is likely that some meetings and events would be canceled and that some leisure travelers will also avoid the state. The resulting reduction in travel and tourism would involve substantial economic costs, which we recently estimated to include the loss of over 35,600 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs (based on 2016 levels of activity), which could be expected to rise to almost 59,600 jobs over time. The State and local governments would also lose substantial revenue, with annual losses of $176.4 million in State revenue and $84.3 million in local fiscal resources (rising to $295.2 million and $141.1 million, respectively, over time). I should note that these numbers exclude major sports events, concerts, and similar large attractions and don't even begin to address the potential effects on corporate locations, retentions, and expansions.

Growing an economy and encouraging prosperity is difficult work, and the last thing Texas needs is to shoot itself in the foot over social policy. Any such legislation has the potential to be perceived in a negative light by the kinds of high-value businesses and individuals the state would like to attract from an economic perspective.

A third concern related to future success is maintaining economic development programs within the state. The most important key to success in economic development is to create an environment where companies want to locate. This task is achieved through a favorable tax and regulatory climate, a fair and predictable judicial system, excellent education and training at all levels, infrastructure that can sustain a growing economy, and a desirable quality of life. No incentive program will attract firms to an area that cannot meet their basic needs and provide a viable platform to thrive, but areas without competitive economic development programs are often shut out of the site selection process entirely (a fate which often befell Texas prior to the passage of new legislation in the early 2000s).

While in an ideal world such tools might not be needed, the fact of the matter is that other states and nations are offering them, and Texas must do so as well if we want to remain competitive.

Texas has a lot of things going for it — a large and growing workforce, abundant natural resources (particularly oil and natural gas), a central location, a competitive cost of living, and excellent incentive programs. We're improving infrastructure, adding top-tier research facilities and medical schools, and emerging as a center for desirable corporate locations and expansions.

Having said that, the state economy is not invulnerable and optimal growth is not guaranteed. Texas faces intense competition from all sides. The future performance of the Texas economy depends on getting the fundamentals right, prudently using incentives to stay competitive, and avoiding actions (such as discriminatory social policy) which can damage the business environment desired by high-growth companies.

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US coal industry shows no sign of comeback

By Shelley Goldberg
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump has made clear his intention of "bringing back coal." He has rolled back environmental regulations and moved to repeal the previous administration's curbs on carbon emissions from power plants.

Earlier this month, adhering to a British-Canadian initiative presented at the 2017 United Nations climate change talks in Bonn, about 20 nations and regions (expected to grow to 50 by 2018) pledged to cease using coal as fuel for power generation starting in 2030. The U.S. and Germany refused to sign the accord, though talks regarding Germany's decision will resume in Berlin.

Despite Trump's rhetoric, the U.S. coal industry continues to shrink, mostly because of issues surrounding the fuel's environmental ramifications, along with an aging industry infrastructure and a greater focus on renewable energy. Solar and wind are the fastest-growing U.S. sources of electricity.

And the U.S.'s partners in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are also reverting to energy sources other than coal.

Further proof of the coal market's demise is evident in its lackluster financial markets, specifically, trading volumes and open interest on futures and options. These instruments are used as hedges by producers and consumers, and as investment and trading instruments for investors, speculators, indices, exchange-traded products, known as ETPs, and hedge funds.

But lack of liquidity hurts market participants, making coal trading a challenging prospect. And the markets are not necessarily signaling that coal is an easy short, particularly when supply may not meet demand in certain regions.

The NYMEX division of the CME Group offers a slate of both thermal and coking coal contracts. The industry standard and reference-priced contracts, calculated by ARGUS-McCloskey, are the AP12 futures, based on coal imported by northwest Europe, and the API4, for coal exported from Richards Bay, South Africa. There are options on these futures as well as contracts based on the U.S. Powder River Basin, and hubs in Australia, Indonesia, the U.K and China. Yet, on any given day, most have zero volume and only a few hundred contracts of open interest.

Nonetheless, there was a 90 percent increase in volumes in September from the previous month to a total of 60,521,000 metric tons, according to the most recent International Coal Report. The volumes across both the coal futures and the options doubled from August. Options were also more active than the previous month, representing 25 percent of the overall CME coal volume. Open interest was down slightly.

These statistics may sound impressive, but they aren't. Volumes on internationally coal futures and options this year have plummeted from levels approaching 500,000 in 2015 and 2016. Furthermore, as far as the option volume, all of the contracts were concentrated in AP12 options. Additionally, open interest has plummeted to a fraction of those in recent history. In fact, the NYMEX/Platts coking coal market was dormant in September: Not a single trade was registered and open interest was flat.

Onc could argue that seasonality is playing a role. Yet comparing the September month to earlier years rules that out. Or one could assume that Asia is still a strong producer and consumer, even as Europe and the U.S. are exiting the coal markets in favor of cleaner fossil fuels such as natural gas and renewable sources,. Yet the volume and open interest on coking coal from Australia — by far the biggest exporter — are also depressed.

Australia faces housing hangover twice size of US subprime

By Chris Bourke
Bloomberg

The party is finally winding down for Australia's housing market. How severe the hangover is will determine the economy's fate for years to come.

After five years of surging prices, the market value of the nation's homes has ballooned to $5.6 trillion (A$7.3 trillion) — or more than four times gross domestic product. Not even the U.S. and U.K. markets achieved such heights at their peaks a decade ago before prices spiraled lower and dragged their economies with them.

Australia's obsession with property is firmly entrenched in the nation's economy and psyche, fueled by record-low interest rates, generous tax breaks, banks hooked on mortgage lending, and prime-time TV shows where home renovators are lauded like sporting heroes. For many, homes morphed into cash machines to finance loans for boats, cars and investment properties. The upshot: Households are now twice as indebted as China's.

So far, the Reserve Bank of Australia has relied on banking regulators to apply the brakes with lending curbs. It reckons the financial system is well-placed to withstand any shocks, but isn't so confident on consumers. That puts it out of step with developed-world peers that are incrementally tightening policy, with Governor Philip Lowe last week making clear local interest rates aren't going anywhere soon.

To be sure, there are key dynamics that differentiate Australia's housing boom with those that soured in recent years around the world. Aussie banks can claim against other income and assets or chase individuals into bankruptcy if borrowers default. Tax deductions for interest paid on investment loans also support demand, as does a rich pipeline of demand from Asian buyers, especially Chinese.

But with prices in major cities like Sydney finally leveling off and a wave of new apartments about to hit markets in Brisbane and Melbourne, it's worth taking a look at housing's out-sized influence on Australia's economy.

The weight of Australian homes on the economy is heavier than policymakers would like. On one hand, the dizzy valuations reflect a desirable location and strong population growth. But they also reflect the massive liabilities that are now tied to these assets.

"The risk is that it leaves the Australian economy extremely exposed, and a minor shock could become far more significant," said Daniel Blake, an economist at Morgan Stanley in Sydney.

The increasing treatment of housing as a financial commodity has seen borrowers rush into a byzantine maze of mortgage-related products. That's made banks very profitable, but very exposed. While the RBA is satisfied that lenders have adequate buffers to cope with any downturn, banks may find it harder to value their collateral in a falling market as investors look to consolidate their portfolios of multiple homes, said Blake.

Aussie households have racked up record private debts and aren't getting the pay rises to help service them. That's a core concern for the RBA and frequently cited as a deterrent for hiking interest rates. Macquarie Bank has said such debt levels mean any hikes will have triple the impact on consumers than tightening cycles in the mid-1990s. With retail sales looking grim and wage growth near record lows, debt will likely vex policy makers for years,

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Bezos fortune hits $100B on Black Friday

By Tom Metcalf
Bloomberg

Jeff Bezos is the world's newest $100 billion mogul.

The Amazon.com founder's fortune is up $2.4 billion to $100.3 billion as the online retailer's shares jumped more than 2 percent on optimism for Black Friday sales.

Online purchases for the day are up 18.4 percent over last year, according to data from Adobe Analytics, and investors are betting the company will take an outsized share of online spending over the gifting season.

The $100 billion milestone makes Bezos, 53, the first billionaire to build a 12-figure net worth since 1999, when Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates hit the mark.

Bezos's fortune rose $32.6 billion this year through Thursday, the largest increase of anyone on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, a daily ranking of the world's 500 richest people.

Amazon have climbed 5 percent this week alone.

As Bezos' wealth flirts with new heights, there's likely to be more questions about what he intends to do with it.

Unlike Gates, who was the world's richest person until Bezos passed him in October, or U.S. investor Warren Buffett, the world's third-richest person with $78.9 billion, Bezos has given relatively little of his fortune to charity.

Bezos is only just starting to focus on philanthropy, and in June tweeted a request for ideas on how to help people.

Since 2002, Bezos has given away Amazon shares worth about $500 million at current prices, according to a Bloomberg analysis of Form 4 filings.

The billionaire said in April that he sells $1 billion of Amazon stock every year to fund his space business Blue Origin.

Gates, 62, who has a net worth of $86.8 billion according to the Bloomberg index, would be worth more than $150 billion if he hadn't given away almost 700 million Microsoft shares and $2.9 billion of cash and other assets to charity, according to an analysis of his publicly disclosed giving since 1996.

The index numbers are based on the close of trading in New York Wednesday.

Bezos's fortune and Amazon share data reflect Friday's closing trading prices in New York.

Rush of pot grows splits rural California before legal sales

By Paul Elias
Associated Press

COPPEROPOLIS, Calif. — The four young men had just started their marijuana harvest in rural Northern California when a dozen sheriff's deputies swooped in with guns drawn, arrested them and spent the day chopping down 150 bushy plants with machetes.

"I could do this every day if I had the personnel," Calaveras County Sheriff Rick DiBasilio said during the operation near the Sierra Nevada foothills town of Copperopolis, about two hours east of San Francisco.

Authorities this year have cut down close to 30,000 plants grown without permits in a county that is reconsidering its embrace of marijuana cultivation ahead of statewide legalization.

"There are just so many of them," the sheriff said of the illegal farms. "It's never-ending."

Marijuana has deeply divided financially strapped Calaveras County, among many where growers are increasingly open about their operations and are starting to encroach on neighborhoods.

DiBasilio estimates the county — population 44,000 and about the size of Rhode Island — has more than 1,000 illegal farms in addition to the hundreds with permits or in the process of obtaining them.

The influx has caused a backlash among residents and led to the ouster of some leaders who approved marijuana cultivation.

Pot farmers operating legally, meanwhile, say they are helping the local economy and have threatened to sue over attempts to stop them.

California is set to issue licenses in January to grow, transport and sell weed for recreational purposes, nearly 20 years after the state first authorized the drug's consumption with a doctor's recommendation.

Farmers can legally grow marijuana for recreational consumption next year but are required to get a local permit before applying for a state license, which has sparked a boom in pot-friendly counties.

Calaveras County legalized medical marijuana cultivation last year, seeking to tax the hundreds of farms that popped up in the region after a 2015 wildfire destroyed more than 500 homes.

County officials expected to receive about 250 applications by the 2016 deadline.

They got 770. About 200 applications have been approved, a similar number rejected, and the others are still being processed.

The sheriff gets some of the nearly $10 million in fees and taxes paid by legal farmers to crack down on illegal grows, many of which the department has mapped from the air.

The new pot farms have brought a bustling industry that includes the sounds of generators, bright lights illuminating gardens at night, water trucks kicking up dust on their way to grows, the distinct odor of marijuana, and tents, trailers and other temporary housing for migrant workers.

Local hardware stores' gardening sections are now stocked with pot farming supplies.

Law enforcement officials say they have raided farms where they have found pesticides that are banned in the U.S.

"It has changed our way of life," said Bill McManus, head of an organization seeking to ban marijuana in Calaveras County. "The environmental impacts are atrocious."

To the north, even the fabled pot-growing mecca known as the Emerald Triangle has been thrown into political turmoil as more farmers set up shop ahead of legalization.

The California Growers Association estimates about 3,500 farmers in Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties have applied for local permits and will be in a position to receive state licenses.

An additional 29,000 farmers there haven't bothered with the paperwork, according to the group.

Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman complained that local laws allowing cultivation are too "gentle" and attract violent crime, including a farmworker's recent homicide.

In Siskiyou County, leaders declared a state of emergency and called on Gov. Jerry Brown to help with an influx of marijuana farmers, who have snatched up inexpensive land even though pot cultivation is illegal there. Two growers were arrested and charged with offering Sheriff Jon Lopey $1 million to leave their farms alone.

"That's all you need to know about the type of money involved," Lopey said. "This isn't confined to the state. There's a big market outside of California they are supplying."

In Calaveras County, voters in January replaced four of the five supervisors who voted to legalize marijuana.

The new majority has vowed to repeal legalization and institute a strict ban.

But a formal vote has been delayed several times amid threats of lawsuits from farmers.

"So much of this is a cultural war," grower Beth Witke said. "I'm tired of being demoralized by the ban supporters."

Witke and other farmers argue they create good-paying jobs for young adults who otherwise would leave the county for the San Francisco Bay Area.

She is among a handful of growers who operated quietly in Calaveras County for decades, attracted by the region's climate and proximity to the Bay Area.

But the devastating 2015 wildfire helped launch the county's green rush. The fire leveled subdivisions and wooded areas, turning them into attractive farmland.

Former homeowners sold their flattened lots to outside growers armed with cash and betting the county would issue permits to grow.

Mark Bolger received the first permit. He said a ban would drive out him and his dozen workers.

"I'm trying to do the right thing," Bolger said. "But the first guy through the door always gets shot."

The sheriff said he's focused on farmers who have never applied for a permit or who grow despite a rejected application.

This year, he has raided about 40 farms and seized close to 30,000 plants.

In late September, deputies raided two farms that share a waterline west of Copperopolis and removed more than 300 plants. Three of the four farmers arrested were new arrivals from Minnesota. All four tended to another plot deputies raided in August.

They were cited and released. One of them — Ryu Lee, 22, of Redding — told deputies taking him to jail that he would return regardless of whether a ban was enacted.

"I'll see you next year," Lee said.

FCC wants to relax one of broadcast media's biggest rules

By Brian Fung
The Washington Post

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Even as the Federal Communications Commission released a proposal Tuesday to give Internet providers more control over what their customers can see and use online, another equally major proposal by the agency could relax key rules for the media industry.

The FCC said Tuesday that it will revisit key regulations determining how many TV stations a single company can own. Revising or rolling back these rules may lead to more consolidation in broadcast media, analysts say — which could help financially struggling stations survive, but also perhaps end up reducing the number of independent voices on the air.

The FCC proposal takes aim at two related policies. The first is a cap on the number of U.S. households that a given broadcaster can reach. The second is what is known as the UHF discount, which is essentially an accounting method used to calculate how close a broadcaster may be to hitting the cap. Both are intended to ensure that no single TV broadcaster gets too big.

The national cap says that companies owning multiple TV stations may only reach 39 percent of all U.S. households. Tuesday's proposal by the FCC explores whether to raise the cap, and even contemplates getting rid of it completely. Doing away with the cap would make it legal for one TV broadcaster to beam its programming into many more homes.

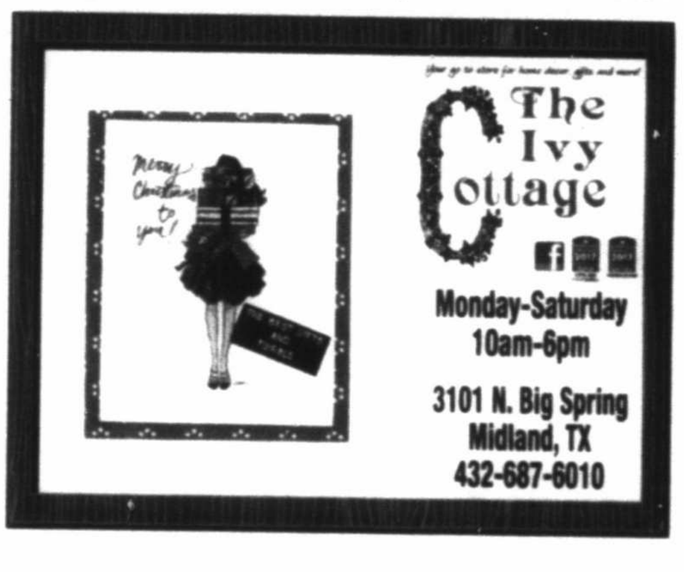
"A comprehensive review of the rule is warranted in light of considerable marketplace changes, such as technological developments and increased video programming options for consumers, since the cap was last modified in 2004," said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai in a statement.

The FCC proposal would also revisit the UHF discount, a policy that today effectively increases the number of stations a company may own by making certain stations count less toward the cap. Stations that transmit signals over UHF channels currently contribute only half as much to reaching the cap as stations broadcasting on VHF channels.

The proposal is in its early stages, with a vote on it unlikely to occur before next year. But one major beneficiary of the policy change may be Sinclair, the conservative broadcaster whose $3.9 billion bid to acquire Tribune Media would allow it to reach nearly 3 out of 4 households in the United States. The proposal could also help other broadcast media entities that might want to merge in the future. Sinclair didn't immediately respond to a request for comment, and the National Association of Broadcasters declined to comment.

The FCC's proposed changes come after a series of votes to relax other media rules. Earlier this month, for instance, the agency voted to lift restrictions that prevented a single media company from owning both a daily newspaper and a TV station in the same market, as well as rules limiting mergers involving multiple TV stations in the same market.

Under the current national cap, Sinclair would likely need to sell off stations in certain markets in order for the combined company to comply with the cap. But lifting the cap, or amending the UHF discount in certain ways, may allow Sinclair to keep more of those stations.





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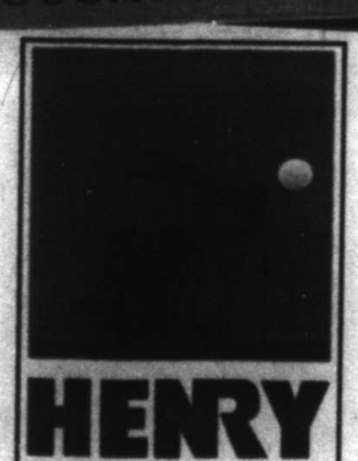
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Who's the boss come Monday at consumer agency?

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press



AP file photo

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray speaks during a panel discussion March 26, 2015 in Richmond, Va. Cordray, the first director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, tendered his resignation Friday and simultaneously named his own successor, setting up the consumer agency for another battle with the Trump White House over control of the powerful federal watchdog.

Who's the boss? That's the awkward question after the departing head of a government agency charged with looking after consumer rights appointed a deputy to temporarily fill his spot. The White House then named its own interim leader.

One job, two people — and two very different views on how to do it.

The first pick is expected to continue the aggressive policing of banks and other lenders that have angered Republicans. The second, President Donald Trump's choice, has called the agency a "joke," an example of bureaucracy run amok, and is expected to dismantle much of what the agency has done.

So come Monday, who will be leading the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?

Senior Trump administration officials said Saturday that the law was on their side and they expect no trouble when Trump's pick for temporary director of the CFPB shows up for work. Departing director Richard Cordray, an Obama appointee long criticized by Congressional Republicans as overzealous, had cited a different rule in saying the law was on his side.

In tendering his resignation Friday, Cordray elevated Leandra English, who was the agency's chief of staff, into the deputy director position. Citing the Dodd-Frank Act that created the CFPB, he said English, an ally of his, would become acting director upon his departure.

Corday's move was widely seen as an attempt to stop Trump from shaping the agency in the months ahead.

The White House cites the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998. Administration officials on Saturday acknowledged that some other laws appear to clash with Vacancies Act, but said that in this case the president's authority takes precedence.

Who prevails in the legal wrangling is seen as important even though this involves just a temporary posting. Getting a permanent replacement approved by the Senate could take months.

The president's pick for temporary appointee, Mick Mulvaney, had been widely anticipated. Mulvaney, currently director of the Office of Management and Budget, has been an outspoken critic of the agency and is expected to pull back on many of Cordray's actions in the six years since he was appointed.

Trump announced he was picking Mulvaney within a few hours of Cordray's announcement on Friday.

"The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, or CFPB, has been a total disaster as run by the previous Administrations pick," Trump tweeted Saturday from his private Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, where he is spending a long Thanksgiving weekend. "Financial Institutions have been devastated and unable to properly serve the public. We will bring it back to life!"

The administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the White House's thinking, called Trump's appointment of an acting director a "routine move." They said the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel has already approved Trump's appointment of Mulvaney and will issue a written legal opinion soon.

The clashing appointments raise the question: What happens when the two new heads show up and try to sit at the same desk and give orders?

One of the administration officials said Mulvaney was expected to start working Monday and that English was expected to also show up — but as deputy director.

The agency has been tangled in partisan politics since its creation, with the two competing appointees a reflection of that.

English is a trusted lieutenant of Cordray's who has helped investigate and punish financial companies in ways that many Republicans, Mulvaney in particular, think go too far. In his announcement Friday, Cordray highlighted English's "in-depth" knowledge of the agency's operations and its staff. Before joining the CFPB, English served at the Office of Management and Budget and Office of Personnel Management.

"Leandra is a seasoned professional who has spent her career of public service focused on promoting smooth and efficient operations," Cordray said in the statement.

Mulvaney was a South Carolina representative to the House before becoming head of the budget office. A founder of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, he was elected in 2010 as part of a tea party wave that brought many critics of the U.S. budget deficit to office. He has taken a hard line on federal spending matters, routinely voting against increasing the government's borrowing cap and pressing for major cuts to benefit programs as the path to balancing the budget.

He also has been unsparing in his criticism of the CFPB. In a widely quoted comment, he once blasted the agency as "joke," saying its lack of oversight by Congress and its far-reaching regulations had gone too far.

"The place is a wonderful example of how a bureaucracy will function if it has no accountability to anybody," he told the Credit Union Times in 2014. "It turns up being a joke in a sick, sad kind of way."

U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling, chairman of the powerful House Financial Services Committee and a longtime critic of Cordray, said Mulvaney would "fight not only to protect consumers from force, fraud, and deception but will protect them from government interference with competitive, innovative markets and help preserve their fundamental economic opportunities and liberties."

Democrats have seized upon Mulvaney's words in criticizing his appointment to the agency.

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California, the top Democrat on the Financial Services Committee, issued a statement Saturday calling Mulvaney "unacceptable" to lead the CFPB because of his "noxious" views toward its mission to protect consumers.

"He was also the original co-sponsor of a bill to completely eliminate the Consumer Bureau," she wrote, "and supported other legislation to harmfully roll back Wall Street reform."



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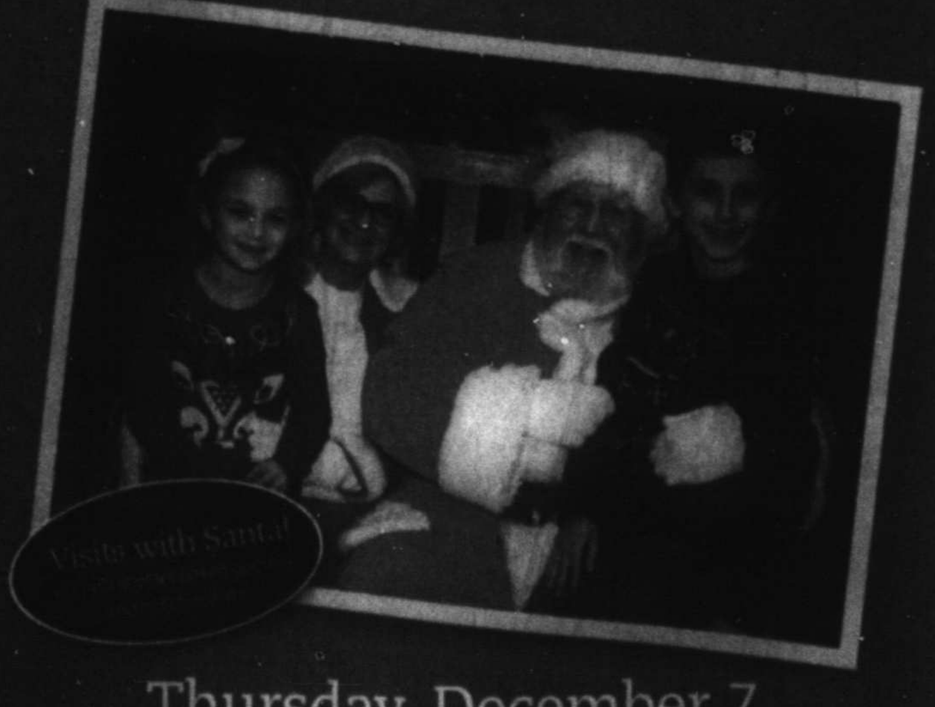
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Republican push tax plan hard, but voters seem uninterested

By Lisa Mascaro
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Republicans are investing enormous amounts of political capital and dollars to pump up support for their tax bill in a risky, last-ditch legislative undertaking ahead of next year's midterm elections.

A group aligned with House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., has spent $20 million so far on ads and outreach in communities across the nation. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is set to fast-track the bill through the chamber next week.

The problem is, voters just don't seem to be that interested.

Polls show most Americans view the tax bill as benefiting the wealthy and corporations, skeptical that it would do much for middle-class taxpayers. Outside analyses of the bill echo those assessments despite revisions.

Republicans are nevertheless rushing ahead on a plan that may please wealthy donors, but it is opposed by most major categories of voters, including independents, women, minorities and young people, according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll. Even among Republicans, support is hardly overwhelming, with 60 percent approving the plan, 15 percent disapproving and 26 percent unsure.

Such lackluster enthusiasm and Republicans' failure so far to sell their tax plan to middle-class Americans raises questions about whether the issue will be the slam-dunk in the 2018 midterm elections that party leaders predict. After the failure to repeal the Affordable Care Act, Republicans are desperate for a political win.

"I don't see any political reward in passing or not passing tax reform legislation," said David Wasserman, who analyzes House races for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. "I don't think the Trump base of the Republican Party sees this as an issue that would suddenly cause them to run to the polls."

Part of the problem has been the unusual speed by which Republicans are muscling through the House and Senate tax bills, which would cut corporate rates to their lowest level in decades, 20 percent, but make only temporary cuts to individual taxes while doing away with popular write-offs and deductions.

Republicans have been unable to build public momentum without the prolonged hearings and debates that would be normal for legislation of this magnitude.

But party donors have lost patience with the lack of legislative accomplishments, telling lawmakers not to bother calling and asking for campaign checks for the midterm elections until they have something to show for their hold on Congress and the White House.

"From the very start, we said that failure is not an option," Ryan said last week after House Republicans passed their version of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Perhaps more than any other Republican, Ryan has taken it upon himself to build support for the tax plan. The Ryan-aligned American Action Network has spent $20 million since August on television and radio ads and other tools to try to bolster lawmakers, shore up voter support for the tax bill and help shape public opinion in more than 50 House districts.

Democrats have launched no comparable effort against the tax bill, even though House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is a fundraising powerhouse whose haul is expected to meet if not surpass Ryan's effort, despite being in the minority party.

Instead, Democrats are relying on the content of the tax bill itself to turn away voters.

"We don't need to match them dollar for dollar because they're pushing bad policy that hurts the middle class," said Charlie Kelly, executive director of the Pelosi-aligned House Majority PAC. "The reality is no amount of money can dress this up and make it look good," he said.

Voter attitudes may certainly shift over time, as happened with the Affordable Care Act, which rarely polled well among voters while Barack Obama was president and became popular only when it was seriously threatened with repeal by President Donald Trump and Republicans.

A similar road may be ahead for the tax bill. Republicans set many of the bill's effective dates _ including the new individual tax rates and end of various itemized deductions _ for the 2019 tax year, which means taxpayers may not begin to fully feel the effect until well after the midterm elections.

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Congress coming back to crush of business in fraught time

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The crush of unfinished business facing lawmakers when they return to the Capitol would be daunting even if Washington were functioning at peak efficiency.

It's an agenda whose core items — tax cuts, a potential government shutdown, lots of leftover spending bills — could unravel just as easily as advance in factionalism, gamesmanship and a toxic political environment.

There's only a four-week window until a Christmas deadline, barely enough time for complicated negotiations even if December stays on the rails. And that's hardly a sure bet in President Donald Trump's capital.

Trump and congressional leaders plan a meeting Tuesday to discuss how to sidestep a shutdown and work though the legislative to-do list.

For the optimistic, it's plain that Democrats and Republicans have reasons to cooperate, particularly on spending increases for the Pentagon and domestic agencies whose budgets otherwise would be frozen. An additional round of hurricane aid should be bipartisan, and efforts to reauthorize a popular health care program for children seem to be on track.

Republicans are advancing their cherished tax cut measure under special rules that mean Senate Democrats cannot use delaying tactics. The measure passed the House just before the Thanksgiving break and moves to the Senate floor this coming week.

After the Senate GOP's failure on health care this summer, the majority party is under enormous pressure to produce a victory on taxes. Still, GOP deficit hawks such as Sens. Bob Corker of Tennessee and Jeff Flake of Arizona remain uneasy about the overhaul.

While Democrats are largely sidelined on taxes, they hold leverage over a mix of budget-related issues.

First, there's the need to avert a government shutdown after a temporary spending bill expires on Dec. 8. The most likely scenario, congressional aides say, is for an additional extension until Christmas. On a parallel track are talks to raise spending limits that are keeping agency budgets essentially frozen unless those caps are raised. If that happens, then negotiations could begin in earnest on a massive catch-all spending measure in hopes of having it signed into law by year's end.

Taxes have gotten all the attention so far, but the showdown over a potential shutdown right before Christmas could soon take center stage. Democrats are counting on GOP fears of a holiday season closure to ensure Republican concessions during December talks.

Both sides would have to make concessions that may upset partisans in either party. Just as House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., fears a revolt on the right, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California risks an uprising on her left. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Senate Minority leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., round out the quartet of top negotiators.

"Everybody's got complicated politics. The chance of short-term failure is pretty high — short-term failure being a shutdown," said Steve Elmendorf, a Democratic lobbyist. "But the four of them, assuming they don't want to shut the government down for a long time, are going to have to come to an accommodation."

Talks on the spending caps are stuck, however, aides say. A GOP offer to lift the Pentagon budget by more than $54 billion next year and nondefense limits by $37 billion was rejected by Democrats demanding balance between the two sides of the ledger.

Long-delayed battles over immigration and Trump's promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border are huge obstacles. Many Democrats whose votes are needed on the spending bills insist they won't vote for any legislation that includes the wall. Trump remains dead set on his $1.6 billion request for a down payment on the project.

Those same Democrats also insist that Congress must act by year's end to protect immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children and whose protected status is set to lapse next year. Trump backs the idea despite issuing an executive order reversing the Obama administration protections, starting next spring. Conservatives oppose drawing in the immigration issue to legislation to keep the government running.

Hurricane relief is adding one more wrinkle.

Congress has approved more than $50 billion in aid in response to a series of devastating hurricanes. The most recent request by the White House is the largest yet at $44 billion, but it's not nearly enough to satisfy the powerful Texas delegation, which is pressing behind the scenes for more.

"Completely inadequate," said Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas. "We must do far more to rebuild, repair and allow Texans to return to normal as quickly as possible."

Trump is a wild card. He warmed to the idea of cutting deals with Democrats after a September pact with Schumer and Pelosi to lift the government's debt ceiling.

He promised Democratic leaders that he would sign legislation to give the young immigrants legal status — provided border security is addressed as well.

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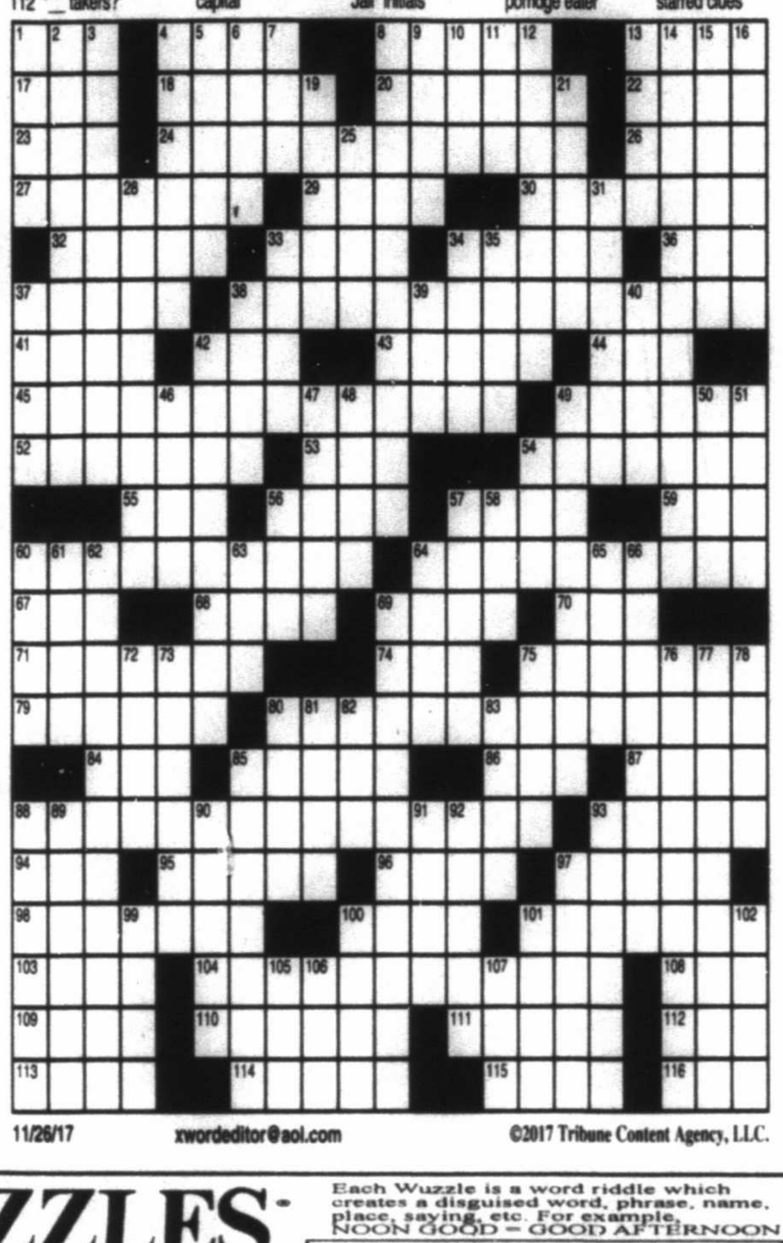
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ACROSS

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4 They can print rcpts. with check images
8 Hooch
13 ___ Soumaria
17 Minor league ice org.
18 Asked too much
20 Chinchilla, e.g.
22 Give temporarily
23 Los Angeles athlete
24 "Trademark on Sealy's home page
26 Lamb pen name
27 "Show me the evidence!"
29 Green Giant morsels
30 Some oral meds
32 Perfect places
33 Nearly 25% of a marathon
34 Marvin Gaye's label
36 Understand
37 "We need to talk"
38 "Like the "Hunger Games" trilogy
41 Chocolate _ cake
42 Oinker
43 Is yet to be decided
44 Descartes' sum
45 "1998 Bullock/Kidman film involving sorcery
49 Make it necessary to decrypt
52 Pepper typically hotter than a jalapeño
53 Paddle
54 Conestoga traveler
55 Bars in aisles, briefly
56 Good name for a funeral director?
57 See 80-Down
59 "Ugh, I've heard enough"
60 "Certain pie lover
64 "One might help find a lost animal
67 "Law & Order: ___"
68 Walk with a pack
69 Brown rectangle?
70 "Ben-__"
71 Outlook alternative
74 Joe dispenser
75 Part-time player
79 Most loyal
80 "Checkout choice
84 "Every kiss begins with ___," jeweler's slogan
85 Trash
86 Long swimmer
87 Gauge on the dash
88 "Furry, green baseball mascot
93 Toast opener
94 Swanson on "Parks and Recreation"
95 Retract
96 1-Across check
97 Bespectacled "Scooby-Doo" character
98 Downward dog surface
100 Two-part tune
101 Mechanics' jobs
103 Ends' partners
104 "Like a 107-Down
108 Came into
109 End of a bed
110 Classic palindrome ending
111 Tuscan hill city
112 "__ takers?"
113 Acronymic anxiety about being excluded from the fun
114 Progress tracker
115 Team of players
116 Veto

DOWN

1 Rain delay cover
2 Some free downloads
3 "Talk to Her" Oscar-winning screenwriter Pedro
4 Tack on
5 One below quatre
6 Ocean spray
7 Chess player's pride
8 Lose cohesion
9 "My bad"
10 Tribute in verse
11 Alphabetiser's ending
12 Puzzles
13 Guinness of "Star Wars"
14 Embarrassingly outdated
15 Tamsui River capital
16 "Gimme one moment"
19 Fools
21 Protective lymphocyte
25 Pay for a pad
28 City named by Cortés
31 Placing, as briefs
33 Ancient wrap
34 Author Morrison
35 Power couple?
37 Swiss high points
38 _ de gallo
39 Board game piece
40 Rabanne of fashion
42 Go to bat (for)
46 Spanish snack
47 Barracks officer, slangily
48 Artist Chagall
49 Another name for abalone
50 God head?
51 Benét or Bellinger of R&B
54 Hip-hop hitmaker Fetty _
56 "Letter from Birmingham Jail" initials
57 Bingo relative
58 Airport screen no.
60 H.S. exam
61 Novello for whom British music-writing awards are named
62 Former South African monarchy
63 Engine stuff
64 Engine sound
65 Arizona retirement city
66 Comedian Alonzo's self-named sitcom
69 TV drama partly set on a Louisiana farm
72 Square serving?
73 Refuge
75 What a script may be written on
76 Grouse family bird
77 Pfaff-like product
78 Publisher Adolph
80 With 57-Across, storied hot-porridge eater
81 Pale
82 School gp.
83 Free __ carte blanche
85 The Irons of soccer's Premier League
88 Remove with force
89 African American folk magic
90 Like Candy Crush purchases
91 Taiwanese PC brand
92 Lines at the door?
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105 First character in this clue
106 Bit of body art
107 Shot surrounding the answers to starred clues



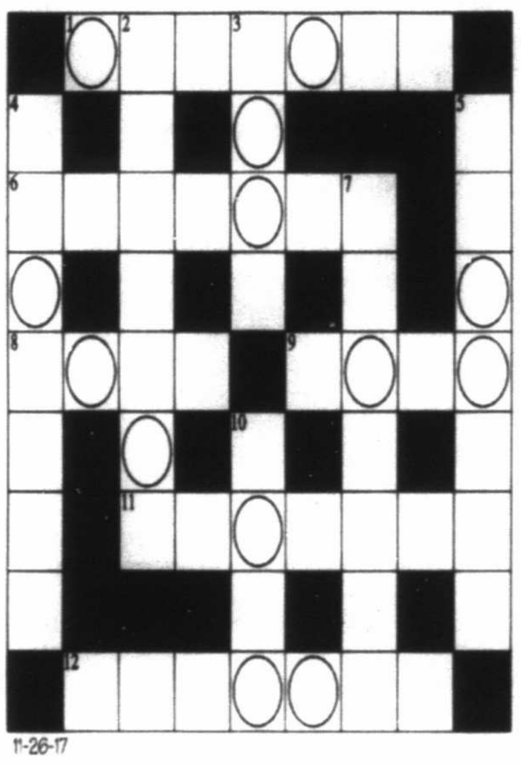
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1. Skilled presenter	AMWOHSN
6. Get better	VORPMIE
8. ___ gel	AHIR
9. Rising ___	ASTR
11. Distance	DGEARAY
12. Purplish red	TENGMAA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. With pleasure	HYLIPAP
3. ___ sweater	WOLO
4. Constrict	TNEHGIT
5. Appeared	RDEGEEM
7. Contestant	TANTENR
10. Cameron film: "___ Lies"	TERU

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BONUS

CLUE: This company was founded on September 16, 1908.

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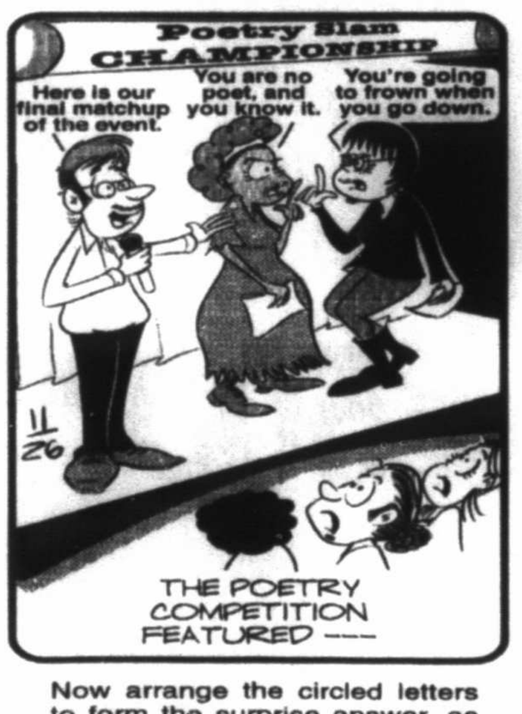
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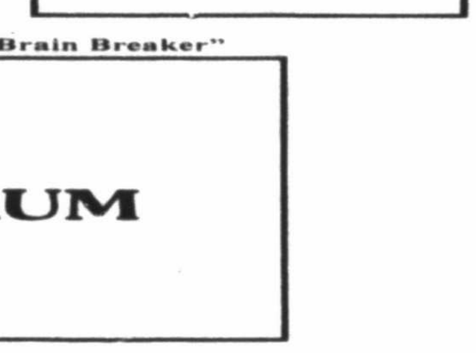
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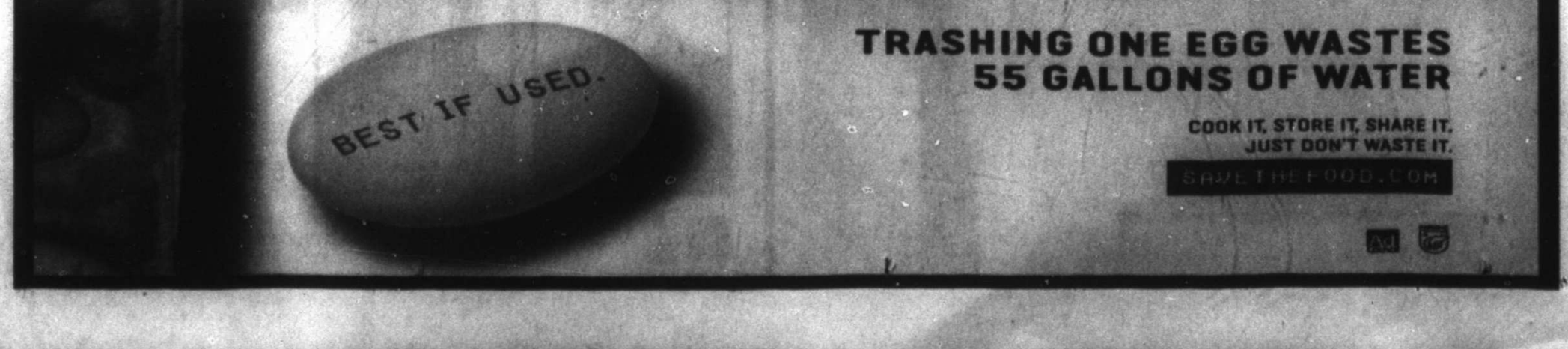
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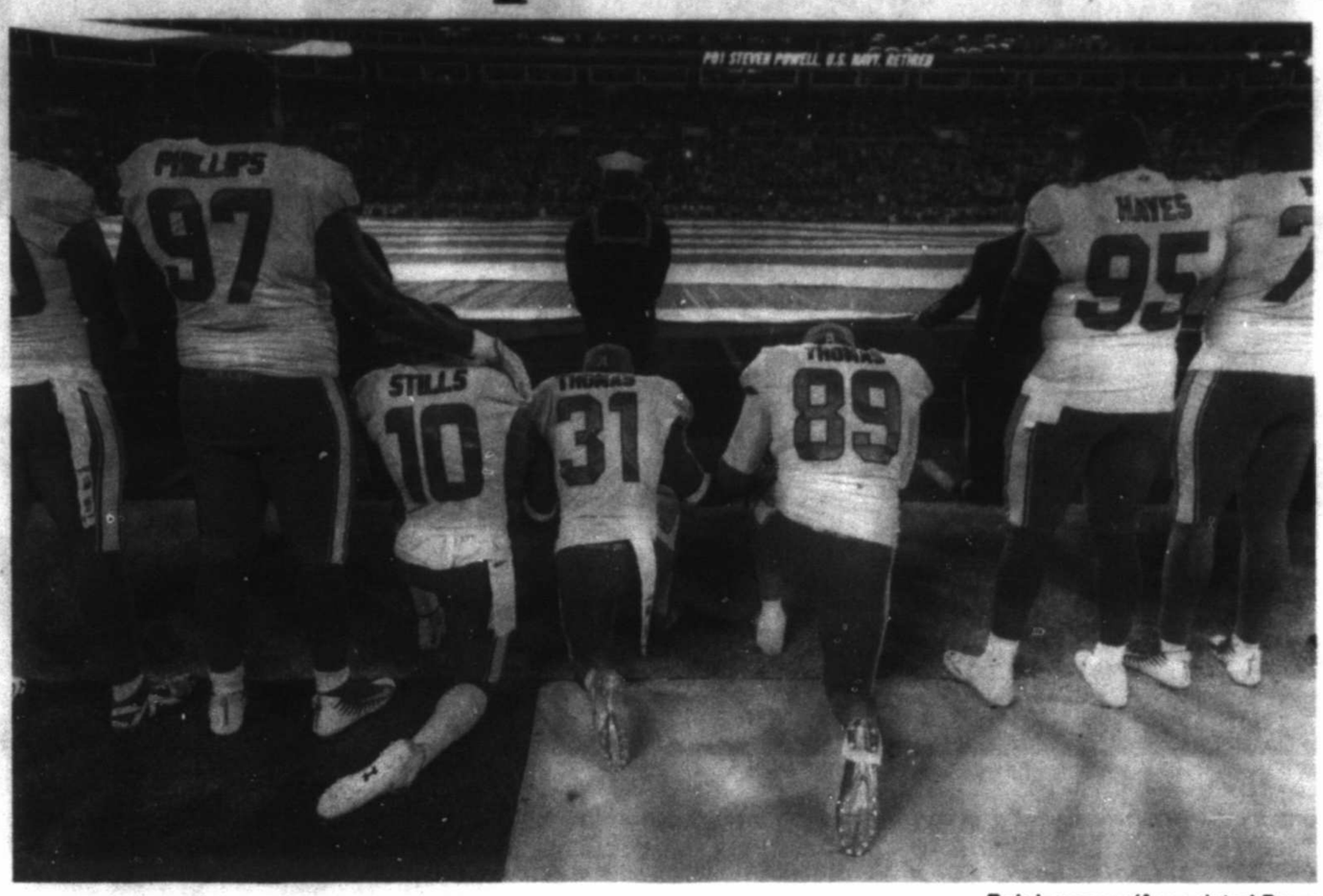
WUZZLES® Answers 11-26

1. A low point
2. A very understanding couple
3. Trauma center



A look at Trump's attacks on athletes

By Kurtis Lee
Los Angeles Times



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Miami Dolphins' Jordan Phillips (97) stands during the national anthem, but shows support for the protest as he puts an arm on the shoulder of kneeling teammate, Kenny Stills (10), Michael Thomas (31) and Julius Thomas (89) before an NFL game against the Carolina Panthers on Nov. 13 in Charlotte, N.C. The Panthers won 45-21.

President Donald Trump has berated them on Twitter and at rallies as disrespectful ingrates who deserve punishment.

Athletes and their surrogates, similar to some political foes and celebrities, have upset him.

As is his nature, the president has responded in ways that have generated intense publicity, often via tweets.

In recent months, Trump has called on the NFL to suspend or fire players who have not stood during the national anthem, a position many players have embraced to draw attention to police brutality against African-Americans.

Nearly 70 percent of the athletes in the league are black.

After an NBA star said he would not attend a White House ceremony, Trump said the player's entire team was no longer invited.

And, after Trump said he helped secure the release of three college basketball players who were in Chinese custody after shoplifting, he criticized the reaction of one player's father who he said did not seem grateful enough.

Here's a recap of some of the tense moments involving Trump and athletics.

Q: What happened with the Oakland Raiders' Marshawn Lynch in Mexico?

A: Last Sunday, the Oakland Raiders played the New England Patriots in Mexico City. Before the game, Lynch, a running back for the Raiders, stood for Mexico's national anthem, but sat during "The Star-Spangled Banner." When Trump saw pictures of the pregame moment, he tweeted in disgust.

"Marshawn Lynch of the NFL's Oakland Raiders stands for the Mexican Anthem and sits down to boos for our National Anthem. Great disrespect!" the president wrote Monday. "Next time NFL should suspend him for remainder of season. Attendance and ratings way down."

Neither the Raiders, who lost the game 33-8, nor Lynch had responded to Trump's tweet as of Thursday.

Q: How often has Trump criticized the NFL protests?

A: He repeatedly criticized NFL players and executives on Twitter this fall and complained about the league during a rally in Alabama in September.

"Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, they say get that son of a bitch off the field right now — he's fired! Fired!" Trump roared at the rally. "That's a total disrespect of our heritage. That's a total disrespect of everything that we stand for, OK?"

Between Sept. 23 and Oct. 23, nearly 12 percent of Trump's tweets directly addressed the NFL or referred to respect for the national anthem, according to an analysis by Business Insider. The only thing he tweeted about more during that time frame was Puerto Rico, which was hammered by Hurricane Maria.

In October, Vice President Mike Pence abruptly left a game between the San Francisco 49ers and Indianapolis Colts after players took a knee during the national anthem.

Q: How has the NFL responded?

A: So far, officials haven't required players to stand for the national anthem.

But last month, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell issued a memo noting he would like to see players "honor our flag and our country, and our fans expect that of us."

He added, "We also care deeply about our players and respect their opinions and concerns about critical social issues."

And yet, Colin Kaepernick, the former 49ers quarterback who began the protests last season, remains out of the league and unsigned, drawing concerns from some who believe he's being barred from the NFL for starting the movement.

Q: When it comes to professional athletes, is the president's criticism limited to the NFL?

A: No. Trump has also scolded NBA players.

In September, days after Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry suggested he would not attend a traditional White House champions visit, Trump opted to not invite the entire team.

"Going to the White House is considered a great honor for a championship team. Stephen Curry is hesitating, therefore invitation is withdrawn!" he tweeted.

In response, the Warriors issued a statement, saying, among other things, "we believe there is nothing more American than our citizens having the right to express themselves freely on matters important to them."

Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James pushed back even harder at Trump.

"U bum @StephenCurry30 already said he ain't going! So therefore ain't no invite. Going to White House was a great honor until you showed up!" James tweeted.

More recently, Trump complained that the father of one of the three UCLA basketball players arrested in China for shoplifting had downplayed his role in winning the players' release. The president suggested that perhaps he shouldn't have spoken with China's president about the matter.

"Now that the three basketball players are out of China and saved from years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!" he tweeted.

Q: Are there racial undertones to Trump's criticism?

A: Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League, said it's important to remember that the athletes — many of whom are black — are protesting racism and racially motivated police brutality.

"It's a missed opportunity to focus on the method, rather than the purpose of the protest," he said. "The sad fact is a significant contingent of the president's most ardent supporters are motivated by racial hostility, and whether it's his intention or not, the president's attacks do reinforce their resentment."

"Protesting injustice," Morial said, "has been a tradition for black athletes from Jackie Robinson to Muhammad Ali to Colin Kaepernick and LeBron James. It's their right as Americans and it's distressing to see the commander in chief vilifying anyone for exercising the constitutional rights that he is sworn to uphold."

Derrick Johnson, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the president "continues to operate like a bully." "The optics speak loudly," he said.

Trump has said his criticism of NFL players who do not stand during the national anthem has nothing to do with race.

"I never said anything about race," he said in September on Air Force One. "This has nothing to do with race or anything else."

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Protestors hold a banner reading "Forever and everywhere against violence against women" during a demonstration for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Saturday in Paris.

France to tackle violence on women; Italy grapples with same

By Elaine Ganley and Frances D'emilio
Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron on Saturday launched an initiative to combat violence and harassment against women in France, aiming to erase a sense of shame that breeds silence among victims and changing what he said is the country's sexist culture.

In a nearly hour-long speech at the Elysee Presidential Palace, Macron noted that 123 women died in attacks against them in France last year.

Holding a moment of silence for them, he declared: "It is time for shame to change camps."

In neighboring Italy, the head of the Chamber of Deputies marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women by noting with dismay that the "Weinstein case" hasn't inspired women to speak out on workplace harassment or assault like it has in the United States and other parts of Europe.

Laura Boldrini was referring to the onslaught of revelations after sexual harassment and assault allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein were made public.

"The Weinstein case lifted the lid on the shame of (sexual) abuse" in the glamorous world of U.S. cinema, "setting off an avalanche in many other areas of society," Boldrini said, addressing a special gathering in which all the 630 seats, usually occupied by lawmakers in Parliament's lower house, were instead filled by guests who came to speak of their rebellion against being victims of men.

Among the invited: a woman who survived being stabbed repeatedly in the back by an ex-beau; the mother of a college student who was strangled and her corpse set ablaze by her former lover after she broke up with him; a woman whose child was slain by her estranged husband to avenge their failed marriage; a Moroccan immigrant whose abusive husband burned down their home after she found the courage to flee to safety with their children; a Nigerian who was trafficked into a prostitution ring the day she set foot in Italy.

Boldrini lamented that Italy hasn't seen a similar outpouring of accusations of workplace harassment.

"In Italy, this certainly hasn't had the same effect," she said, adding: I'd like to think that this has happened because there aren't molesters, but I'm afraid that's not the way it is."

She explained the tendency toward silence, including about rape, saying that women "know that in this country there persists a strong prejudice against them" in terms of their credibility.

In France, Macron's plan would encourage women to take action, strengthen laws against offenders and educating citizens on the issue — starting from nursery school.

He noted that violence takes on other forms, notably in the workplace, a result of inequality and a false sense of men's superiority.

"What should be sanctuaries today becomes a hunting ground simply because (men) can use ... age, authority, their post, or simply force," the French president said.

But Macron cautioned against France becoming a society where every interaction between a man and a woman can come under suspicion. "We are not a Puritan society," he said.

Among proposed measures, Macron said legal complaints will be rushed through the system, and the statute of limitations for suspected sexual crimes against minors would be moved to 30 years from 20 currently as part of a bill to be presented in 2018.

Macron also wants to rectify "intolerable ambiguities" in the penal code surrounding the legal age of consent. Outrage followed a ruling in an assault case that an 11-year-old was of the age of consent. He suggested the age of 15 — the legal age of sexual adulthood in France, and the age at which Macron met his future wife, Brigitte, his school's drama teacher.

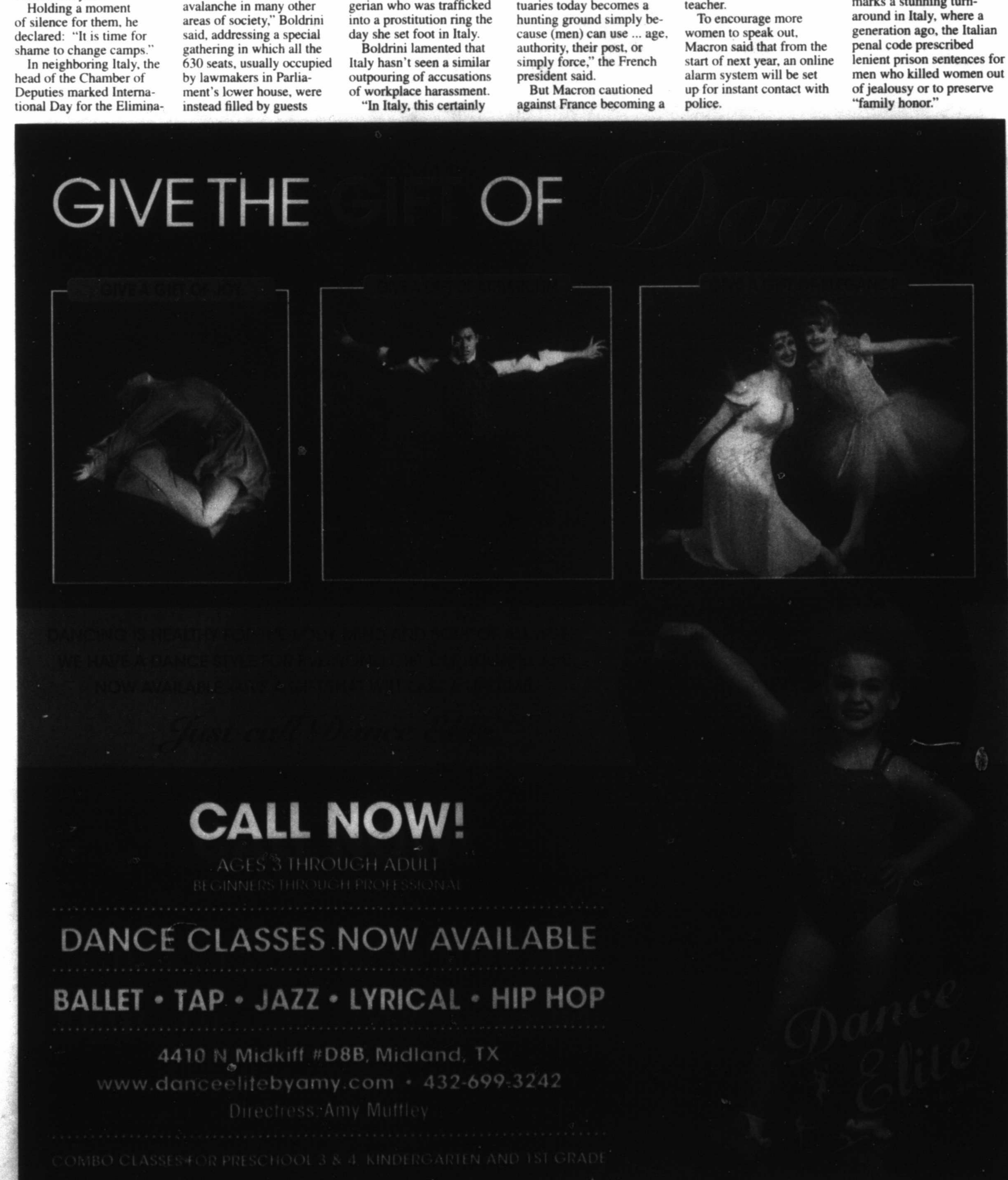
To encourage more women to speak out, Macron said that from the start of next year, an online alarm system will be set up for instant contact with police.

Nursery school teachers will be trained to address "non-negotiable" equality between the sexes.

Macron said violence against women is most often committed where women "should feel protected" — be it at home, in the street or in the office — and the "deafening silence" must end.

Several of those inspiring other women in Italy to refuse to accept violence at the hands of male companions or relatives, carry their scars of being attacked themselves, like Lucia Annibali, a lawyer whose face was devoured by acid tossed by two attackers hired by her ex-boyfriend, and who now advises the Italian government on legislature measures such as anti-stalking laws.

This rebellion by women marks a stunning turnaround in Italy, where a generation ago, the Italian penal code prescribed lenient prison sentences for men who killed women out of jealousy or to preserve "family honor."



Restaurant employees deserve compassion



STEWART DOREEN
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I stood there in the middle of a waiting area of a local restaurant, thankful indeed.

Thankful because I wasn't working there. There is no amount of money in the world that could be earned in tips that would make the experience worthwhile. And on this night, I don't think tips were raining down on employees.

At one register, a patron told the cashier, "I am going to go on every social media site and tell people to avoid this place. ... Every one." The cashier responded that he was sorry for the experience and he would get the manager if she would like to speak to him. Her response? "He won't care."

A few minutes later, the manager popped into the waiting area to take a question from someone who had placed a to-go order. He appeared to be exhausted and overwhelmed. The line of patrons extended beyond the waiting area, out the door and in front of the restaurant.

"Yes, sir. I am sorry. We have run out of ham and turkey," the manager told the man.

I, too, was there to pick up a to-go order for newsroom employees who were working Thanksgiving night. I asked a women at the register about the order. The back-and-forth was memorable.

"What is the name on the order?" she asked.

"Stewart," I said.

"When was it called in?

"About an hour and 15 minutes ago."

She pressed some buttons. Her voice, a little more somber: "I can't find the order ... Would you like to tell me what was on the order?"

I called back to the newsroom and got the four requests. She wrote them down — sides and all.

"I'm sorry, sir, I will go place the order back in the kitchen right now."

I had no problem with this. I was listening to the Cowboys' post-game through my ear buds, and I had seen enough to know this woman didn't need me adding to her regret that she had to work on a holiday. One look around that waiting area made me think she was going to hear more from someone else later that night. About the time, a caller was telling the radio host, "it is time for Jason Garrett to go," a teen told a woman — I think it was his mother — that he finally saw their name on the first page of the waiting list.

"Well, it has been an hour and a half," she said with disgust. "Let's go." He told his mom that would mean the previous 90 minutes would have just been a waste and that he wanted to stick it out. She was none too happy about — and certainly not thankful for — the teen's resiliency.

Some people won't have empathy for the restaurant or the employees who work there.

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MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist

Bonfire tragedy at A&M should remind us to use our energy to help others



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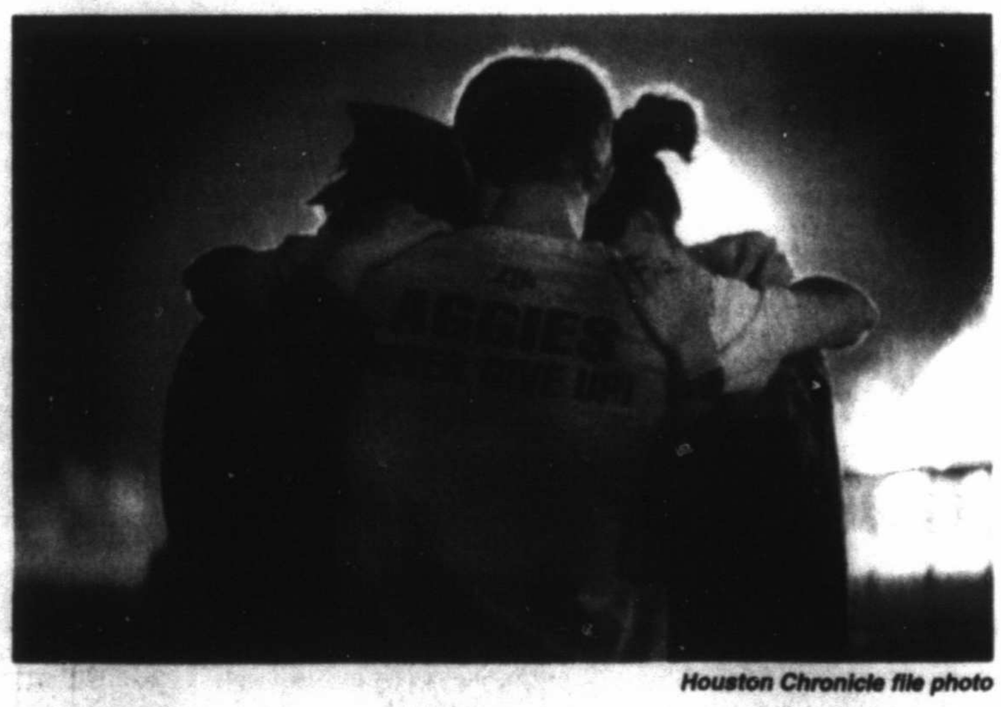
Roses are placed in a fence surrounding the site of the Aggie bonfire tragedy as many makeshift memorials sprung up around the site Nov. 19, 1999.

Each year around Thanksgiving, I take time to remember the 12 young men and women that died in the tragic bonfire collapse of 1999. I had been living in College Station for two years, working in communications for Texas A&M University. Those years had been, well, strange. Up until that time, I felt like a foreigner. Because if you don't grow up an Aggie, there's a lot you just don't understand when you arrive in Aggieland. "From the outside looking in, you can't understand it; and from the inside looking out, you can't explain it," the saying goes.

At that time, A&M was its own microcosm. Working hard to balance the new — more women, more international students, more campus and city growth — with the traditions of the past. Traditions included all-male yell leaders, everyone saying "howdy," jodhpurs and Elephant Walk. I was afraid to step on any grass. It all seemed so hokey and outdated to me. And I really did not get bonfire and this intense rivalry Aggies had with the University of Texas (or t.u. as everyone called it there). Aggies had been building these crazy bonfires around Thanksgiving since 1909, symbolized their "burning desire to beat the hell outta t.u." And by the 1990s, these bonfires were so large that the flames could be seen for miles. It was rumored that the huge stacks of logs that made up the bonfire were doused in rocket fuel before they were set ablaze.

I had become friends with a couple of the student workers in my office. One of those friends was a young woman named Sarah (O'Brien. Sarah is the ultimate Ag. She served in student government, led Fish Camp orientation for incoming students, never met a stranger and was best friends with a California boy named Jeremy Frampton. Jeremy was a member of the Corps of Cadets and worked as a Brown Pot, building the bonfire in 1999. Sarah spent a lot of time explaining cuts and stacks and pots to outsider me. She was extremely proud of Jeremy and the work he and many of their other friends were doing that year. Jeremy was one of the 12 that died when the bonfire collapsed.

So, each year about this time, Sarah and Aggies just like her all over the world, remember those they lost that year. They commemorate their too-short lives in stories and photos, prayers, memorials and poems. They #RememberThe12.



Houston Chronicle file photo

In one of the many heartbreaking scenes photographed after the November 1999 collapse of the traditional bonfire, Texas A&M University students embrace and pray for missing students as the rubble is being dismantled in the background.

What I remember about that day is a little different. As a member of the university's communications staff, I pitched in to assist the reporters and camera crews that came from all over the world to cover the story as it unfolded. Stationed en masse nearby, we watched firsthand the hundreds of stunned and desperate students, the emergency responders working feverishly, the

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KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Uncertain times in media industry with an uncertain future

I recently manned a table at career day at North Austin's Padron Elementary School. It didn't take me long to confront, in my head, the stark reality that I was talking to kids about a career that (a) might not look like it does now or (b) won't exist when they age into the labor force.

I work at a newspaper, which these days means it also includes a robust online operation delivering news. Coincidentally, a headline leading the newspaper's website I had on display for the kids as they came by to hear about what I do for a living read: "Statesman's parent company puts newspaper up for sale."

So that was nagging at me as I checked out the other folks at career day tables near mine and mulled what their line of work will look like in 20 years. Christy Seguin was at a table on one side of mine. A sign identified her as the "rock and roll cake diva." She bakes wonderfully artistic cakes. Cake will be around in 20 years. (At least I hope so because I plan to be around in 20 years.)

At the table on the other side from me were Alma McElroy and Lauren Carberry of Levy Architects. Buildings will be around in 20 years. A few tables away was a Star Flight pilot. First responders will be around in 20 years. They may have individual jetpacks, but it will still be a career. (And, FYI, I still want to be a Star Flight pilot when and if I grow up.)

At another nearby table, the Austin Parks and Recreation Department was represented by Merv Griffin. (Extra points if you remember the other Merv Griffin.) Parks will be around in 20 years. So will recreation. And near Griffin was Bunny Stark, a pastor at Greater Mt. Vernon Zion AME Church, who, about halfway through the two hours of talking with energetic grade-school kids, agreed with me that it was nap-time Faith will be around in 20 years.

Newspapers? In 2037? Who knows? It's important that journalism still exist, despite what our current president thinks of the industry. But the troubled industry is in transition. To what? Stay tuned.

This career day came a day after Atlanta-based Cox Media Group announced its plan to sell the American-Statesman and the company's Palm Beach, Fla., newspapers, as well as the related websites at these papers. This was not a shock. The industry upheaval/demise/metamorphosis is well-known.

I've seen it take the jobs of many top-notch journalists in recent years. But it's jarring nonetheless when it hits your career home. Those of you who've

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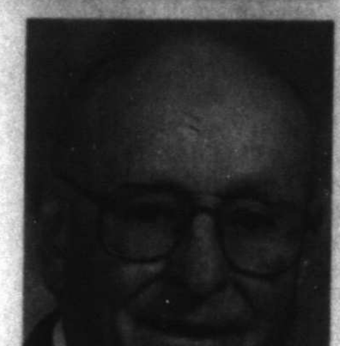
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Obituaries





John Rounseville Kirwan

John Rounseville Kirwan went home to be with our Heavenly Father, his beloved wife Carolyn, and cherished son Daniel the day before Thanksgiving, November 22, 2017.

John was born August 1, 1924 in Oak Park, Illinois to Mathew Joseph and Odanah Kirwan. John was the youngest of three siblings and grew up in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. John loved sharing colorful stories of growing up in this bustling town including overnight campouts in the wilderness with friends, trick or treating at Frank Philips house for silver dollars, and meeting Will Rogers. John was a natural athlete and played varsity basketball, tennis, and golf in school. He graduated from Bartlesville High School in 1942.

John attended one year of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota before joining the United States Naval Reserve training program in Winona Minnesota at St. Mary's College for active duty. After one year, he was sent to Asbury Park, New Jersey for pre-midshipmen school. From there, John was sent to Northwestern University in Chicago where he received his commission as an Ensign. Next, He was sent to Miami, Florida to Navy Sub Chaser School where he completed his training.

John reported to duty in the South Pacific where he served as Captain on the ocean going tug #A TA 175, which aided mighty war ships in distress all over the Pacific. One of such was a large floating dry dock as large as two football fields. It had been in a typhoon in which only 10 members survived. John and crew towed the vessel and remaining crew all the way back to Seattle Washington for repair.

John received an honorable discharge the United Stated Navy in 1945 with the rank of Lieutenant j g. He lovingly joked that his sister Mary always outranked him. Everyone so enjoyed listening to John's World War II memories. John loved to recall how he tried for weeks to get the movie Yankee Doodle Dandy with James Cagney and finally was able to show it under the stars, at sea for the crew. He also shared on occasion, always with a twinkle in his eye, that a fighter plane had to radio in "whoever is flying a kite off the back of the ship needs to pull it in immediately."

John returned to Carleton College to play basketball and complete his degree in history and English. He attended the University of Texas receiving his law degree in 1949. He was then employed by Cities Service Oil Company in Fort Worth, serving in the legal department.

While working as a young lawyer in Fort Worth, John met Carolyn Ecker. The first time he met her he went home and told his roommate he met the gal he was going to marry. Carolyn become his forever Valentine on February 14, 1954. John was transferred to Midland in 1956 where together they raised their five children.

John left Cities Service in 1968 and to join the law firm of Perkins & Kirwan with his brother Matt and Col. John Perkins. John was known in his profession for his sharp, analytical mind and understanding of complex matters. More than that, he was admired by all for his honesty and fairness. John was a lifelong conservative but listened to all sides and respected all points of view. John was a member and served as President (several times) of Children of the American Revolution (CAR) He was also a long time member of Midland County Bar Association and Midland for America. John practiced oil and gas law for over 60 years completing countless Title Opinions for longtime clients.

John was an avid athlete his entire life. He was a member of the YMCA for well over 50 years. Working out was as part of his daily routine as going to work. He played competitive basketball there and was a team member of George W. Bush. Though John was smaller and older, he was a force on the court. John served as President of the Midland Racquet Club. He also served on the Board of Directors of Schreiner College in 1974 and 1975. John was strong tennis player. He won the Midland Tennis Club Championship with his dear friend Miguel Bustilloz in 1978.

John became passionate about running and ran his first marathon at age 55 and kept an eight-minute pace. He ran many marathons, his favorite being the New York Marathon so he could also visit his wife's family. He ran New York six times and recalled shouting to the crowd and high fiving "Brooklyn, Texas, and Heaven" He was also quite proud he made the qualifying time for the Boston Marathon. John credited his friend Doc Dodson for training him and keeping him fit. John into his eighties still rode his bike to Odessa and back, then ran six miles, swam two miles, and would remark to his family "I don't know why I'm so tired."

John Kirwan had a lot of important accomplishments in 93 years but his greatest by far was Patriarch. John was the most faithful husband, loving brother and son, and devoted father and grandfather. He was the strong foundation that held the Kirwan family together. John and Carolyn both oversaw the specialized care of John's brother Matt when he suffered a tragic accident and again when his sister Mary need assistance. John was active in raising his five children and especially dedicated himself to improving the physical condition of his special needs son Daniel.

They became Midland celebrities as they attended every sporting event together in town over the years. John and Daniel also ran every local fun run together and competed in several triathlons. As a family, The Kirwans were members of Midland Community theater for decades, attended Globe Theater, and Permian Playhouse Production. John was a friend to all and all age groups found him interesting and could relate to him. When asked how he was he always replied "nicely, nicely thank you."

John was an eloquent speaker and perfected his presenting skills by being a member of Toastmasters. His sons remember being his "audience" as he practiced his speeches. John Kirwan was the true definition of a true gentleman. He was soft spoken and patient and always had a kind word.

John and all the children and grandchildren spent a lot of time at their second home in Cloudcroft, New Mexico and made many memories there. John enjoyed being a member of Community Bible Study (CBS) where he strengthened his faith in the Lord and studied the Bible in its entirety - more than once. John was a lifelong Episcopalian. He was a member of Holy Trinity Church for many years. Later in life, Monsignor Bridges welcomed him into St. Stephens Catholic Church so he could worship at last with his bride, a devoted Catholic. In John's later years, he looked forward to weekly communion and visits from Christ Church Anglican. He was truly thankful to his dear friend Bob Bledsoe and all who are part of this important ministry to bring the word of the Lord and peace to the homebound. He enjoyed visits from Chuck Howbert and eating lunch up until age 93 with his old doubles partner, Carvel Mills

John is survived by his son, John M. Kirwan - wife, Sharon, and John's daughter, Shay Moore, husband Brian, daughters Alyssa and Audrey and son Joshua, John's son Mathew - daughters Lexie, Evie and Taylor and son Kayden and John's daughter Laura, son Tip Kirwan - wife Brenda and son Thomas Taylor and his wife Faith, daughter Caroline Kirwan - daughter Catherine Eberhard her daughter Carolyn and Caroline's son Christopher his wife Holli Jo and their son Logan, daughter Kathleen Kirwan - Haynie- husband Scott sons Hunter, Christian and daughter Grace, and a cousin Harry Lacey.

John is proceeded in death by his wife of nearly 63 years, Carolyn; his beloved son, Daniel; his parents; brother, Matt; sister, Mary; his dearest friends, Van Howbert and Sue and Les Berry; and so many more precious friends and family.

Visitation will be held Monday, November 27, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Rd. Midland Texas by Father Jonathon Hartzer. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The Kirwan/Haynie family wishes to offer our sincerest gratitude to Martha Ramirez and her team of caregivers for their tender care, love, and compassion you gave not only our Dad but also to our Mother, Daniel, and the rest of our family the last several years.

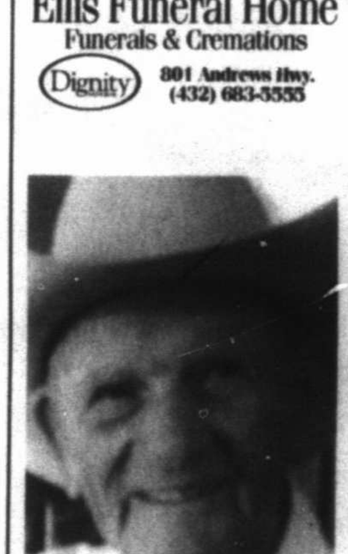
We are truly grateful for the prayers, love, and support during this difficult yet glorious time.

Memorial donations can be made to Senior Link Midland (Meals On Wheels.)

John R. Kirwan was a hero to all who knew him - in War, in business, in athletics, in family, and in faith, and will continue to be through his amazing legacy he created.

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C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald)

C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald), 83, of Midland passed away on November 21, 2017 in his home. C.D. was born February 20, 1934 in Glenn, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Lee and Lois Ann Offield; his wife, Ruby Faye Offield; his daughter, Lenora Faye (Sissy) Manley; and his brothers, Denver, Dudley, and Bobby Offield.

C.D. came to Midland from Littlefield, Texas in 1950, where he met and married the love of his life, Ruby Faye Griffith, on September 19, 1952. They had three children - Lenora Faye, Perry Donald, and Lynn Dale.

C.D. worked as a cabinet maker, then went to work for Pittsburg Plate and Glass; from there he started working for the Building of the Southwest where he managed the building. He then started his own business, C.D.'s Glass and Mirror, which he operated for over 25 years.

After his retirement, he enjoyed farming, raising goats, and working his land. He loved being outdoors, whether he was fishing or riding on his tractor. He also loved square dancing and traveling to Bluegrass Festivals.

C.D. is survived by his sons, Perry and Lynn Offield and families; his three sisters, Freddy Webb of Lubbock, Patsy Grimes of Littlefield, and Topsy Conner of Springlake; numerous grandchildren, Robert, Codi, and Brandon Manley and families, Regina Adams, Shanna, Lamanda, Kelly, Shantee, and Kimberly Offield; and numerous great-grandchildren.

C.D. never met a stranger or failed to have a story to tell. He loved to make people laugh or just see their reactions to his stories. He was loved by everyone and will be truly missed by all.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Robert Manley, Brandon Manley, Justin McMorries, Justin Smith ,and Erick Lucenti.

Honorary pallbearers are Randal and Artie Offield, Colton Dale Manley, Jayden Manley, and Don Manley.

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Ruth Elizabeth Dygert

Ruth Elizabeth Moore Dygert, 94, of Dallas, Texas, passed away on November 22, 2017.

Ruth was born in Plainview, Texas on March 28, 1923 to William Roy and Medina Moore. She graduated from Canyon High School and later attended West Texas State College in Canyon, Texas. Ruth was married to Kenneth Dygert on February 3, 1946 at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas. They were married for 42 wonderful years.

Ruth worked as a secretary for Civil Service at Amarillo Army Airfield beginning in 1942, where she later met Kenneth. She became a teacher in the Midland Independent School District, teaching Special Education and Headstart Development. Ruth spent time entertaining, volunteering, and attending activities of her children and grandchildren.

A stranger to no one, she maintained strong relationships throughout her life in Raton, New Mexico, Midland, Texas, and Dallas, where she spent the remainder of her years. She was also actively involved in Midland Republican Women's Association, Christian Women's Fellowship activities, and many other volunteer charities. She enjoyed attending musicals and symphonies, watching movies immediately upon release, going on cruises, and watching Texas Tech and Dallas Cowboys football.

She had an insatiable zest for life, spending many years travelling the world, seeing places such as St. Petersburg, Russia, swimming with manta rays in the Cayman Islands, admiring the Sistine Chapel in Rome, even kissing the Blarney Stone in Ireland at age 84 and riding the Coney Island roller coaster at age 89. She lived it all.

Ruth's smile could brighten any room, and her motto "make every day count" was evident in every delighted conversation she began. She was protective, loving, kind, compassionate, strong, and resilient. Ruth always maintained abiding love for her family and friends, always remembering their involvements and interests.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; her parents; her brother, Billy Moore' her sister, Pauline Meyers; her son, Randal E. Dygert; and granddaughter, Katherine R. Wheeler Yocam.

Ruth is survived by her daughters, Ilona Wheeler and husband Ed of Vega, Texas and Diana (Dee) Sanders and husband Mickey of Borger, Texas; her grandchildren, Dr. Clayton Wheeler and wife Treasa of Orono, Maine, Sarah Sanders of Borger, Texas, Samantha Flores and husband Jerry of Dallas, and Gene Yocam of Kim, Colorado.

In addition, she is survived by her great-grandchildren, Lauren, Shelby, and Mickala Wheeler, Amanda Hare, and Lance and Rex Yocam; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Wilma Sipes of College Station, Texas, her son-in-law, Dee Swope of Dallas; her sister-in-law, Annie Moore of Colorado Springs, Colorado; her niece, Myrna Thompkins of Amarillo; and other nephews, nieces, family members, and friends.

Visitation will be held at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

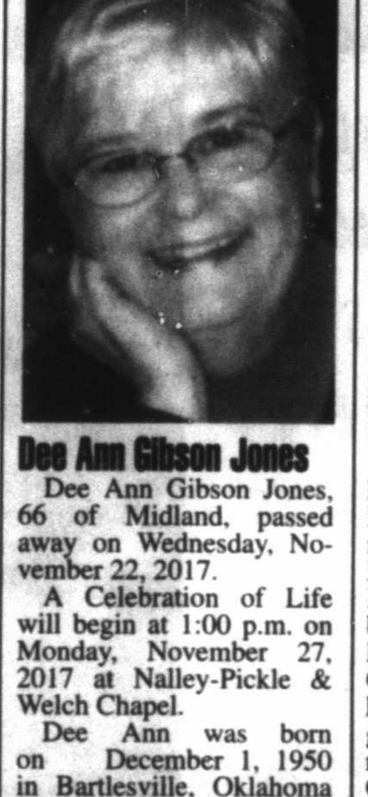
The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Parkland Foundation at https://www.istandforparkland.org/ways-to-give/donate.

The family of Ruth Elizabeth Dygert is extremely grateful to her devoted friends in Dallas who supported her through her illness and wish to thank the many attendants, nurses, and staff members who loved and cared for her at Belmont Senior Living Village, in Dallas, and Kindred Hospice.

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Dee Ann Gibson Jones

Dee Ann Gibson Jones, 66 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Dee Ann was born on December 1, 1950 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Bill and Kay (Jackson) Gibson. She was courageous and independent. She loved her family and friends more than she loved herself. Her work ethic was something she took pride in and she enjoyed being a part of the legal field. Her favorite hobby was pleasing and taking care of the people she loved. She always found a way to help problem solve, whatever it took, she figured it out. She was quick witted, funny, and sarcastic but always genuine and loving.

Her two kids meant the world to her and her grandkids meant even more than that. She had a strong love for her country and enjoyed discussing her hopes and concerns for America. Her favorite sport was whatever sport her grandkids were playing at the time. She lost her parents and siblings at a young age and never took for granted how much her nieces and nephews looked up to her in their absence. Dee Ann was easy going, honest, and fun and will be missed dearly by all.

She is survived by her son and daughter, Daryn Forrest and his wife Sharron Forrest of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Kathy Powell and her husband Michael Powell of Fort Worth, Texas; five grandchildren, Taylor Strickland, Kaydee Strickland, Grant Forrest, Roe Forrest, and Drew Forrest; and by two great-grandchildren, Sophia Tarango and Ryan Strickland.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Kay Gibson; siblings, Arnold Gibson and Linda Boyles; as well as in-laws and numerous relatives.

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Margaret M. Sorey

Margaret M. Sorey, 86, of Midland, Texas, passed away on November 23, 2017.

Margaret was born in Sampson County, North Carolina on August 22, 1931 to Earnie Warren and Myrtle M. Hall Warren. She married Herbert H. Sorey on December 27, 1953. They were married for 54 years at the time of his death in 2008.

Margaret was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved singing hymns and playing the piano. She faithfully attended Greenwood Baptist Church as long as she was able. Margaret enjoyed cooking for her family, canning food from her garden, shopping, and traveling back home to see her family. She loved red birds, magnolias and jewelry. She always made sure every occasion was marked by a card or a package in the mail.

Holidays were a special time for family to gather and Christmas Eve will never be the same without her. Although she will be missed dearly, her family rejoices in knowing that her body has been restored and she is in the presence of her Father and all of her loved ones who've gone before.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, Herbert; parents, Earnie and Myrtle Warren; and her sister, Kathleen Fann.

Margaret is survived by her son, Darrell Sorey of Midland; son, Harold Sorey and his wife Susan of Midland; granddaughter, Kendra Carreon and husband Jonathan of Round Rock; granddaughter, Courtney Kuykendall and husband Bryan of Midland; great-grandchildren, Camryn Kuykendall, Jackson Carreon, and Austin Carreon; brother, Eugene Warren and wife Carolyn of Fayetteville, North Carolina; sister, Annie Dean Warren and husband Howard of Fayetteville; and her longtime caregiver and friend, Sandra Cyphers of Midland.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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William David Malone

September 28, 1968 - November 21, 2017

William David Malone, 49, of Dallas, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 21, 2017. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, devoted son and brother, and a loyal friend to all that knew him.

David was born in Midland, Texas to William and Laura "Skippy" Malone on September 28, 1968. He attended Midland High School where he played football and baseball and then graduated from Texas Tech University as a finance major. He was President of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity where he met many lifelong brothers and friends. David followed in his father's footsteps by

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officiating college football including the American Southwest, Southland, Sun Belt, WAC, and the Big XII conferences.

After graduation, David joined the Midland Police Department as a reserve officer. He then followed his father into banking before gravitating to the oil and gas industry. David maintained a majority of his friendships for over 30 years from each of these industries and was a lifelong member of the Dallas Petroleum Club.

At the encouragement of his Uncle Dave (Clemens), David had the opportunity to partner with friends and colleagues in the ownership of several ranches or "ranchitos," in the state of Texas including The SBR Ranch, The Toothless Mule, and The Rockin' V. His other hobbies included hunting, playing golf, and spending time at Horseshoe Bay with family and friends.

In 2005, David reconnected with Midland High School classmate Shannon Lillis, who was living in Houston at the time. After hours of talking on their first date, they soon realized Shannon's father Mike and David's Uncle Dave had been roommates at Texas Tech. With their many common interests, the pair realized they were made for each other and married in May 2008.

David loved his family. He enjoyed being Uncle Dave to his many nieces and nephews. He considered Shannon's brothers Steve and Chris Lillis to be his own brothers. He was also very proud when Ryan and Ashley Lillis both chose to attend Texas Tech. He spent time with all of his family at the lake or at one of his ranches as often as he could. Seeing his family having fun and smiling was his favorite thing to do and he would capture as many moments on camera that he could.

David is survived by his wife, Shannon; two dogs, Gunner and Jake; his mother, Skippy Malone; sister, Robin Malone Darr and her husband Jeff; father-in-law, Mike Lillis; brother-in-law, Steve Lillis and his wife Gena; brother-in-law, Chris Lillis and his wife Allison; uncle David Clemens; nieces, Malone Sams, Elizabeth Darr, Ashley Lillis, and Abigail Lillis; and nephews, Ryan Lillis, Barrett Lillis, and Cowden Lillis.

David was preceded in death by his father, William H. Malone, and his mother-in-law, Korinna Lillis.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel, Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Sunshine Kids Foundation 2814 Virginia St., Houston, Texas 77098 in David Malone's name.



Griffin Noelle Anderson

Griffin Noelle Anderson, 17, of Stanton, Texas was born January 15, 2000 to Holly Neely and C.W. Anderson. She left this earth to be with her Lord and Savior along with her boyfriend and father of her child, Taylor Bradley, and their dear friend, Diego Picon, on Thursday, November 16, 2017 outside of Clifton, Texas.

Griffin was a vibrant young lady, so full of life, constantly sharing her contagious smile and laugh with everyone. She had a love for softball, taking pictures, baking, music, all things Johnny Cash, and especially her dog, Cowgirl. She regularly took charge of those around her and was a big part of the glue that constantly pulled her family and friends together. Griffin's heart was so full of love and nowhere was it more evident than in the love she had for her sweet baby boy Bentley.

With her strong personality that was ever so sweet yet sassy, she brought sunshine and laughter wherever she went. It was her willingness to help anyone at any time that allowed her to have a lasting effect on so many lives. She had a way of reaching out, touching the hearts of others, and then crawling inside and making herself comfortable. It's that place, that piece of each of our hearts, which she has forever changed.

She leaves her memories to be cherished by her precious 3-month old son, Bentley Knox Bradley; loving parents, Holly Neely, and C.W. and Tanya Anderson, all of Stanton; grandparents, Susan and Travis Griffin of Midland, Rick and Leslie Neely of Greenwood, and Bruce Anderson of Gulf Port, Mississippi; great-grandparents, Bob and Margaret Jean Lambeth of Midland and Bill and Geneva Neely of San Antonio; siblings, Ryann, Colt, Waylon, Curtis, Lanee, Berkley, Braley, Kaitlyn, Blake, and Kamran; aunts and uncles, Hillari (Neely) Gould and husband Zach, Coleton Stewart, C.J. Neely and wife Stevie, all of Midland, and Savanah Neely and fiancé Brandi of Austin; and cousins, Jaylynn, Paxtyn, Jace, Kyle, Sedona, Stevee, Nathan, and Daniel.

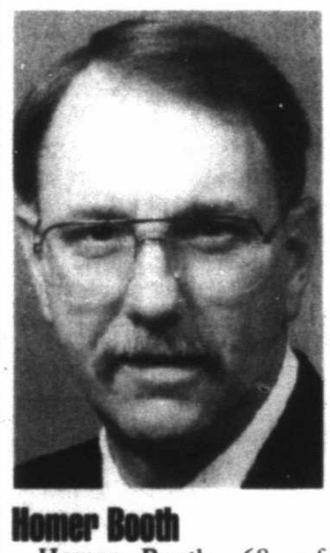
She also leaves behind numerous other great aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who loved her dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 28, 2017 at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, located at 1305 N Midland Drive with Pastor Gary Redwine officiating.

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Homer Booth

Homer Booth, 68, of Midland, passed away on November 6, 2017.

He was born Homer Lee Booth, Jr. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on May 14, 1949 to Mary Buzzard and adopted by Rudolph Buzzard, Jr. He graduated from Bridgeport High School in Bridgeport, Ohio. After high school, he served in the Army. Homer attended Ohio University where he met the love of his life, Linda Carol Crooks. They were married on November 23, 1973 and lived in several different states and overseas before settling in Texas.

Homer worked in several industries including coal, steel, construction, and oil and gas. His career spanned through several companies including Wheeling Steel, Fluor, J-W Operating, Farstad, Oxy, and Cameron. He was an extremely hard worker and those who worked for him had a great respect and loyalty to him. Homer graduated from Letourneau University while working full time and taking care of his family.

Homer enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family. He was a dedicated loving husband, father, and grandfather, an extremely generous person to all family and friends, and a caring compassionate person willing to help others. He will be greatly missed by his daughter and her family. Homer was a source of strength and encouragement. He gave unconditional love to them.

He is survived by his daughter, Gwendolen McGowan.

He was preceded by his wife, Linda Booth; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Buzzard Jr.; and his brother, Charles Buzzard.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made in Homer's name to Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals 4200 N. Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, TX 79705 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Gilmer's Yamboree exceeds expectations

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Columnist



We arrived in Gilmer the day before I was to give the keynote at the all-service club luncheon that kicked off the activities surrounding Yamboree, one of the largest festivals in Texas. It attracts upward of 100,000 people. One of our hosts gave us tickets to the coronation of Queen Yam. I really didn't know what to expect, since Gilmer has a population of around 5,000.

As usually happens in small towns, the event exceeded my expectations by about 1,000 percent. It was true pomp and circumstance on a par with a royal wedding or coronation in England. The queen and her court were presented along with a series of duchesses, the Noble Order of the Garter and the Bearer of the Royal Scepter. Court dancers provided entertainment.

All princesses had a royal promenade around the packed auditorium, and when it came time for Queen Madison Lee of the House of Dean to make her appearance, the crowd showed its appreciation with quiet respect. You could almost hear the smiles breaking across faces and heads nodding up and down. It was an elegant evening. The queen's train was at least 20 feet long. Four train guards managed the folds of material.

The coronation lasted more than two hours, and the entire event was repeated the following night to

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Herman

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worked at a business in transition understand the angst the newspaper staff is enduring. I now work among talented colleagues uncertain about their futures in a line of work that is far more than just a job.

All of this was in my brain as my mouth told the Padron kids — so polite, so bright, so fun to talk with — about what I do for a living. Is it something they'll be able to do for a living?

The answer is a definite maybe. We'll always need professional delivery of the news. How it is delivered is evolving. The big question is whether the new, online way will be a profitable way and one that will offer a career with paychecks that can help support a family.

I tried to explain the industry tradition and transition to the kids at career day, how online is the future and that sometime in the future print — at least in the form of a daily newspaper as we've known it — could be the past. Aware that some of the kids were born around 2010 (several years after I got the shirt I was wearing), I always started by asking if they knew what a newspaper is.

"It's where it tells you the news," said a second grader.

"It's a paper that tells you things that happen in real life," said Padron student.

"You use it to find out ideas," said yet another.

Correct, correct and correct.

And I was happy to see many hands shoot up when I asked if anybody sees newspapers in their homes. It was at that point I tried to explain to them that the day could come when nobody will see newspapers in their homes but that the information in them, so important to a community, increasingly and perhaps exclusively will show up in the new forms we're already using.

I remain bullish enough about journalism to believe our nation needs it to be a viable career, regardless of method of delivery.

Meanwhile, there's great uncertainty here at the newspaper as we wait to see who's going to buy us and what it will mean. Sure, there have been lots of side conversations rife with speculation about whether it will be Gannett or Hearst or another newspaper chain or just some rich folks who think it would be fun to own a newspaper. (The answer is yes, it would be fun, unless you believe guaranteed profit is a necessary component of fun.)

But here's what's been going on the most here at the newspaper in the days since the sale was announced: Journalism for the benefit of the community we serve.

Our thanks to those of you who think it's a product worth supporting. It's support we know must be earned with our product, regardless of how it's delivered and who signs our paychecks.

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Nicholas

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administrators trying to gather information and answer questions. Mostly, I remember that it was cold, frantic and terrifying. But then, like something out of a movie, the "helpers" began to come. They came from everywhere, in droves. They brought blankets, clothes, food, supplies, prayers. They brought hope. The outpouring of support and love for these children, this community of students that most of the helpers would never know, was beautiful. It was what I think of now as servant work; people being the hands and feet of Christ and doing for others.

We are all called to be servants. But sometimes, it is so hard. This year has been rough, folks. Scary. The news is filed with more and more terrible things. Nuclear threats, school shootings, molestation, rape. My dad died, then my sweet dog Milo. I have friends battling serious illnesses and others that are living in fear about their futures. It is enough to make me sad all the time and afraid all the time. It makes me want to keep my children home, pull the shades and lock the doors.

But oh, oh, oh. Y'all. God did not make us to live in fear. He made us to be courageous in the dark places, strong in the face of terror. He made us to love, he made us to be the helpers. And so I too, #RememberThe12, and I pray for their parents and families and friends. They are not forgotten. When you read about each of these Aggies, you learn about how smart and selfless each of them was. You learn that they could not wait to attend Texas A&M, to be part of the Aggie family that values community and the whole over self. I pray for the helpers who finally made me understand what it is to embody the Aggie Spirit. I thank you for your example. And I pray that as we head into a new year, that I will be a helper, that I remember God's promise that He will strengthen and help me.

I want to be more Christ-like in the face of adversity, more like 17-year-old Timothy Kerlee Jr. Though Tim was crushed between massive logs in the collapse, he fought against the pain and his fear, pointing out others he could see in the crumpled Bonfire stack before he allowed rescue workers to pull him free. "Help my buddies first, I'm OK."

Just think about the difference each of us could make if we resisted the temptation to isolate ourselves and used our energy instead to help those we see crumpled in the stack around us. I can think of no better way to #RememberThe12.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two amazing children, Parksalot, 9, and Bodactous, 6. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook @MelNicholas13 and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Reporter-Telegram every other week.

Doreen

From 1B

They might say something like "don't open your doors if you can't give the customer what they want — on Thanksgiving or any other day."

That may be so, but these people are working on Thanksgiving. They gave up part of their holiday to wait on others. Maybe they got paid time-and-a-half. Still, it's not worth it, because if enough people decide to go out instead of enjoying a home-cooked meal or a Hungryman frozen dinner, the employee's night becomes a no-win experience. It doesn't matter how good the meal and service are — it rarely lives up to having to wait 90 minutes or two hours for a table. Odds are, people will go on social media to display their contempt for a sub-standard restaurant experience.

This is not to say everything was grim and glum. About the time the radio host said "the Cowboys flat out gave up out on the field against the Los Angeles Chargers," a man inside the waiting area observed that an older man apparently got skipped over when a table became available. When the older man finally was seated, the other man told the general manager he wanted to pay for that older man's meal.

For me, it was a little hope that good can indeed overcome.

About 45 minutes later, I walked out of the restaurant with the to-go orders in a bag, relieved to leave that waiting area — not because of how long I had been there but because of how disappointed I was in many of the restaurant's patrons.

The woman at the register who took my order and kept checking until the food was ready told me she was sorry for the mix-up and the wait. I said it was no problem, tipped her for going above and beyond, wished her a happy Thanksgiving and went on my way.

Yes, there might be people who have no compassion for those working in a restaurant on a holiday. "They signed up for it" is something you might hear to justify the criticism that follows.

I disagree. No one signs up for the lack of humanity on display by some who frankly think way too much of themselves and not as much of their fellow man.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week

Rent	35 families	$25,489.26
Medical	6 families	$1,120.00
Total		$256,909.26

They are back again...or maybe they never left. Maybe they were just "laying low" for a while. A few years ago we reported of a young man who approached churches after Sunday services or late afternoons or early evenings during the week. He would approach people asking for money so that he could buy formula for his baby. Some church workers became suspicious when they would notice him continuing to solicit donations even after he had received some money. They called us. We told them that there were several places that this man could go to get help for his baby — the Life Center, the West Texas Food Bank and even Helping Hands. Several of these churches took our advice and posted warnings to be careful of people asking for money, and many of them instructed their staffs that, if approached for money, they should instead refer them to our helpline. We never once received a call from anyone needing formula for their baby. We thought that maybe he got discouraged because we quit receiving complaints from churches.

But a year later we received a frantic email from a church wanting to know who could help with formula. A man approached the church office late one afternoon with the same old story. We told the church employee to tell the man to call us and we would be sure the baby got formula. She told us that she passed our helpline number along to him and he assured her that he would call right away. Of course he never did. We are quite convinced that it is the same man or group of men who "worked" the churches back then.

Last week we began receiving reports of women who would approach people leaving church on Sunday begging for money for food. Some held signs, some had stories that they were on their way to San Angelo/San Antonio/Houston and needed money for food/gasoline/transportation.

Please be on the alert and do not fall prey to these predators. Midland is swarming with these panhandlers right now. They are on all of the major intersections in Midland holding their little cardboard signs. They stand outside of major retailers with signs like "my husband left me and the kids." They prey on your sympathy.

The truth is that in Midland there is abundant help available for anyone with a legitimate need. Homeless men and women have places like the Salvation Army. Women and children have Safe Place. Helping Hands, First Presbyterian benevolence, First Baptist benevolence, St. Vincent de Paul and Golf Course Road Church of Christ and many local churches offer assistance for those needing help with housing. By calling 2-1-1 one can get an extensive list of places where one can go to get a food box and free hot meals are offered at the Salvation Army, Midland Soup Kitchen and Breaking Bread ministries, as well as help with any other kind of assistance needed.

Help is available. Rather than giving money to a person on the street who asks for a handout, please prayerfully consider using those funds to support the agencies that are trained to assist those who have legitimate needs. They could certainly use your help. Please, if you want to give money, do so wisely, in the best interests of those who are truly in need. And if approached by any of these panhandlers, please direct them to our helpline, (432) 520-8900. God bless!

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How to argue about net neutrality (and why you should)

CALLUM BORCHERS
Washington Post



This is the net-neutrality debate guide you've been waiting for, because the subject is sure to come up — and you need to be ready.

OK, maybe not. But an argument about net neutrality is worth having, if only with yourself, because internet regulations can affect your browsing and streaming experiences, and an informed consumer should have an opinion on such things, right?

Net neutrality is the principle that internet providers should make all content available at the same speed. That doesn't mean loading Netflix on a 25-megabits-per-second connection just as quickly as on a 100-megabits-per-second connection; it means treating Netflix and Hulu the same on whichever kind of connection a consumer has.

That is what a regulation mandates, but the FCC is poised to vote next month to repeal the Obama-era rule. Below are some leading arguments for repealing and keeping the net-neutrality regulation.

Repeal it

First of all, the current regulation is, as the National Review's editorial board put it, an example of the "kind of lawlessness (that) ran rampant in the Obama administration." The FCC derives its authority from the Federal Communications Act, and the law does not say anything about the power to tell internet providers how they can or can't distribute content.

If there is going to be a net-neutrality mandate, it should come from Congress.

True net neutrality can't be achieved, anyway. Multiple factors affect content delivery speeds, and regulations can't ensure across-the-board equality. Sure, a start-up streaming service could theoretically match Netflix and Hulu; in practice, however, a start-up can't fix bugs and update software rapidly enough to keep pace.

The regulation is a solution in search of a problem. The internet worked just fine before the Democratic-controlled FCC passed the net-neutrality regulation in 2015, and it will work just fine after the rule is repealed. That's because internet providers understand that it is in their own interests to maintain a level playing field.

Could Comcast, a part-owner of Hulu, artificially slow down Netflix? Sure. But it wouldn't do that because it wouldn't risk losing Netflix users to Verizon. Capitalism works.

Keep it

The real threat is not to fair competition between giants such as Hulu and Netflix; the threat is to fair competition between big companies and small ones. Small companies face enough barriers. The last thing they need is for larger competitors to be able to buy faster delivery speeds that start-ups cannot afford.

Imagine a new travel-booking website that always loads slower than Kayak and Orbitz. Impatient customers will quickly give up on it, and the new site will fail. That means fewer competitors in the travel industry, which is bad for consumers.

Free speech could suffer without a net-neutrality regulation. Under the repeal plan outlined by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, internet providers could block websites they don't like.

Market demands would probably prevent them from exercising that right very often, but why give huge corporations that kind of power? Consumers should be free to make their own decisions about content.

A repeal would encourage further consolidation. The Justice Department is suing a major Internet provider, AT&T, to block the company's acquisition of a major content producer, Time Warner. President Donald Trump has said the deal would result in "too much concentration of power in the hands of too few."

So why on Earth would the Trump administration roll back the net-neutrality regulation and give internet providers such as AT&T more incentive to buy content producers such as Time Warner? It makes no sense. If internet providers suddenly have the power to speed up content they own or slow down content owned by rivals, then they will want to own as much content as possible — which means more business deals such as the one Trump opposes.

We must stop the next internet power grab

SEN. TED CRUZ
&
MICHAEL O'REILLY
FCC Commissioner





The Constitution's Commerce Clause provides Congress with the power to regulate interstate commerce. Given that the internet permits consumers and businesses to connect to others in different states (as well as countries), broadband services are inherently interstate services and must therefore be protected from state and local interference. As the FCC rolls back the Obama-era regulations on the internet, it should also take the opportunity to affirmatively recognize this.

The internet has changed how we communicate, engage in commerce, and live our lives. It not only provides a platform that can be used to promote free speech, but serves as a great equalizer when it comes to jobs and opportunity by dramatically reducing the barriers of entry for anyone with a new idea and broadband connection.

Unfortunately, because the nature of government power is to control, tax and regulate, there will always be government officials who will seek to implement policies to increase these inherent powers. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the Obama administration made the decision to set aside decades of bipartisan agreement and enact a radical proposal that reclassified the internet as a regulated public utility. The Obama-era regulations give federal bureaucrats new authority to regulate pricing and terms of service and eventually even collect billions in new taxes.

This policy not only threatens investment across the United States but seeks to force companies of all sizes to ask the government for prior approval of business decisions. The end result is less broadband, less innovation, and less freedom for the American consumer.

Thankfully, relief will soon be on the way as the Federal Communications Commission under Chairman Ajit Pai seeks to repeal the so-called Open internet Order and return the internet to its original classification as an information service, which allowed the internet to flourish.

But, the restoration of internet freedom may be short-lived as there are already scores of politicians and state and local regulators who have indicated an interest in replicating the Obama administration's fatally flawed rules at the state and local level. As harmful as the FCC's rules have been for broadband investment and innovation, replacing such rules with a patchwork of state and local requirements would have an even more detrimental effect on the internet.

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Allowing the Obama administration's dangerous policy to infest the internet through state and local government mandates serves no purpose other than to stifle America's entrepreneurial spirit, frustrate innovation, and block economic opportunity.

Steve Forbes recently raised concerns that allowing state and local regulators to recreate these regulations would create "a crazy quilt-like patchwork of state regulations governing the internet -- unquestionably, the most border-free platform ever known to humanity. It would be chaos, and a massive deterrent to investment, innovation, and growth."

Even former Democratic FCC Chairman Bill Kennard agrees that the internet should not be regulated at the local or state level. He stated in a 1999 speech that, "it is in the national interest that we have a national broadband policy. The FCC has the authority to set one, and we have. We have taken a deregulatory approach, an approach that will let this nascent industry flourish."

Imposing public utility regulations -- which have their roots in the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 -- on the internet is not the right policy to keep America globally competitive. Now is the time to end government micromanagement of the internet and let it thrive without federal, state, or local meddling. The United States' continued leadership in the 21st Century digital economy rests on getting this policy right.

For these reasons, it is imperative that the FCC establish a strong deregulatory federal framework for broadband regulations and preempt state and local regulators from having the opportunity to implement the next internet power grab.

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The internet had already lost its neutrality

MEGAN MCARDLE
Bloomberg



When President Donald Trump's critics have demanded to know what his supporters got in exchange for voting for him, thus far those supporters have had only one concrete achievement they could point to: Neil Gorsuch's appointment to the Supreme Court. Now it looks as if they will have another: the end of the Federal Communications Commission's push into "net neutrality."

A brief history of that effort is in order. Under the Obama administration, the FCC looked to write regulations that would limit the ability of internet service providers to play favorites with certain services on their network. The administration was haunted by the specter of ISPs blocking political content, accepting payments from big content providers like Netflix to prioritize their services (thus making it difficult-to-impossible for upstarts to compete), and otherwise turning the internet into a closed garden rather than the open frontier its architects envisioned.

Unfortunately, the FCC ran into a problem: Courts kept telling the commission that it didn't have the legal authority to force ISPs to keep their networks equally open to all comers. So a couple years ago, the FCC moved to reclassify ISPs as "common carriers" under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934. That offered much more scope for regulation, and finally allowed the FCC to realize the dreams of internet activists everywhere.

Too much scope for regulation, said critics — includingthen Commissioner Ajit Pai, now FCC chairman. Pai wrote a blistering dissent to the FCC's decision, summing up the major problem with the FCC's move: It forced ISPs into an 80-year-old framework designed for the telephone monopolies of a much different era. Those regulations were more concerned about things like controlling market power than, say, promoting innovation. And while the advocates for net neutrality stressed the benefits for competition among content providers, the critics asked what would happen to competition among ISPs, since heavy-handed regulation often acts as a barrier to entry for new startups, which can't afford to negotiate the regulatory apparatus.

Those of us old enough to remember the telephone service looked like in the 1970s, before the FCC unwound a little — which is to say, pretty much like the service our parents had when they were children, down to the astronomical prices for long distance calls, and the chunky plastic rotary telephones — can see why critics were concerned about giving the FCC that kind of power to block innovation. No problem, retorted advocates: The FCC just won't use much of its regulatory power. The technical term is "forbearance," and the FCC offered to do a lot of it when it brought ISPs under Title II, for example by forgoing its statutory authority to set rates.

But offering not to use the power is not the same thing as not having it. A future commission might change its mind, and in the meantime ISPs would have to plan their investments accordingly — knowing that the revenue they'd counted on to make some new project pay off might vanish at the stroke of a commissioner's pen. That kind of regulatory uncertainty does not generally foster innovation, or for that matter, sound business decisions.

Unsurprising, then, that under Pai, the commission quickly announced a proposal to roll back the Obama-era innovations. A contentious public comment period followed, but today, the FCC announced the final word: Tier II regulation of ISPs is going away, and the net neutrality rules with it.

The internet will be filled today with denunciations of this move, threats of a dark future in which our access to content will be controlled by a few powerful companies. And sure, that may happen. But in fact, it may already have happened, led not by ISPs, but by the very companies that were fighting so hard for net neutrality.

Consider what happened to the Daily Stormer, the neo-Nazi publication, after Charlottesville. One by one, hosting companies refused to permit its content on their servers. The group was forced to effectively flee the country, and then other countries, too, shut it down.

Now of course, these are not nice people. Their website espoused vile hate. But the fact remains that what they were publishing was not illegal, merely immoral, and their immoral speech was effectively shut down by a small number of private companies who decided to exercise their considerable control over what we're allowed to read. And what is to stop them from expanding this decision to other categories, forcing the rest of us to conform to Silicon Valley's idea of what it is moral and right for us to see?

Fifteen years ago, when I started blogging, it was common to hear that "the internet interprets censorship as damage and routes around it." You don't hear that so often anymore, because it's not true. China has proven very effective at censoring the internet, and as market power has consolidated in the tech industry, so have private firms.

Meanwhile, our experience of the internet is increasingly controlled by a handful of firms, most especially Google and Facebook. The argument for regulating these companies as public utilities is arguably at least as strong as the argument for thus regulating ISPs, and very possibly much stronger; while cable monopolies may have local dominance, none of them has the ability that Google and Facebook have to unilaterally shape what Americans see, hear, and read.

In other words, we already live in the walled garden that activists worry about, and the walls are getting higher every day. Is this a problem? I think it is. But that doesn't mean that the internet would get better if Google and Facebook and Apple and Amazon were required to make every decision with a regulator hanging over their shoulder to decide whether it was sufficiently "neutral."

The fact that these firms were able to cement their power at the moment when regulators were most focused on keeping the internet open tells you just how difficult it is to get that sort of regulation right; while you are looking hard at one danger, an equally large one may be creeping up just outside the range of your peripheral vision. Indeed, you may be making one problem bigger while trying to solve another. We may indeed be facing a future of less choice and less consumer power. But this decision is unlikely to be what brings us there.

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From 3B

accommodate the people who wanted to see it.

This is the 80th year for Yamboree. It was started in 1935, the same year Johnny Mathis was born in Gilmer. It was canceled for two years during World War II.

The reason for the celebration, of course, is the sweet potato, a major crop in 1935 when the state encouraged communities to stage some sort of event for the state's centennial in 1936. A huge carnival takes place downtown, and there are numerous contests involving yam pie and other delicacies made from the vegetable. Booths offer all kinds of merchandise and there is an antique auto show. The program listing all the events is a narrow booklet with 140 pages.

Modest stands offering sweet potatoes for sale line the streets leading downtown. Schools turn out the Thursday and Friday of Yamboree weekend because kids are showing their animals in the livestock barn.

When I was asked to speak at the luncheon, I had no idea it was the event where presidents, Texas governors, heads of major industries and other prominent people have graced the podium. The crowd filled the high school gymnasium; the entire experience was a humbling one for me.

I did manage to interview some yam farmers, the president of the Yamboree, Brandon Garmon, and Queen Yam Madison Lee Dean. Joyce Raabe is in charge of judging the yam pie contest. She told me no spices are allowed in the preparation of the pies. "It must be just sweet potato." Judges are from out of town.

Franken's 'SNL' era was full of jokes disparaging women

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The photo that emerged recently of the senior senator from Minnesota pawing the breasts of a sleeping woman was heinous, but it wasn't unfamiliar. Nor was the mugging grin on Al Franken's face as he grabbed her, or his initial response that he was trying to be funny. Sexist jokes have long been considered acceptable in American culture — and not only acceptable, but funny, in a way that a certain sketch comedy show perfected.

Franken is, after all, not only a politician, but a creator of "Saturday Night Live." He was one of the show's first writers in 1975, and was a producer from 1985 until 1995. While there, he reportedly once pitched a skit about "60 Minutes" correspondent Andy Rooney drugging and raping Lesley Stahl. Perhaps it's not surprising that someone who thought that rape could be appropriate material for a network TV joke also thought it would be funny to sexually assault a colleague on a USO tour, eyebrows raised, smile wide. More to the point, though, that sort of base humor is in the very DNA of SNL, where frat-boy bluster and aggressive male sexuality have been enshrined for more than four decades.

On the sixth floor of 30 Rock, women have long been portrayed as sexual conquests, victims or aggressors, live on Saturday nights. During the 1990s in particular, SNL excelled at celebrating male libido and a get-away-with-anything approach to sex, while reducing women to their sexual function. The show consistently cheered male sexuality and reinforced its boundlessness (consent be damned), while shaming women who reached for power or were unlucky enough to be publicly associated with sex. The SNL writers' room is famously collaborative, so it's hard to know how many such bits Franken specifically wrote. But as a writer on 285 episodes from 1976 to 2008, he undoubtedly influenced the zeitgeist of the show during that era.

In the 1991 sketch "Clarence Thomas's Pickup Technique," a spoof of the Supreme Court confirmation hearings that centered on allegations of sexual harassment, the Senate Judiciary Committee reduces the whole issue to gags about sex. Joe Biden thanks Anita Hill for talking about "penis size" and "big-breasted women having sex with animals" — to raucous laughs. The joke targets Biden and the committee, too, but what's supposed to be funny is what they're laughing at, as well: body parts and raunch.

In a "Weekend Update" segment that same year, Chris Rock savages Hill for rejecting Thomas's advances. Thomas "could have picked a much better-looking woman to blow his career on," Rock explains. "He never touched her, and he's going to lose the Supreme Court and didn't even get to sleep with her, and that's the real tragedy." Again, the laughs: Thomas's sexual inadequacy is what's supposed to be funny. SNL imagines that sexual harassment is hilarious and that unattractive women deserve it.

Powerful women were also reduced to their sexual function for laughs. One 1996 skit about O.J. Simpson prosecutor Marcia Clark portrays her as an erotomaniac or "fatal attraction type" — a derogation hurled at women during the 1990s, including at Anita Hill and Monica Lewinsky, to discredit them and weaponize their sexuality. Clark, played by Nancy Walls, is less interested in the case's outcome than forcing fellow prosecutor Christopher Darden to sleep with her, or "take the black bronco down the 405," as the show put it. "The only thing I'm guilty of is being extremely horny," Walls says. "Please remove your pants."

If SNL women weren't sexual victims or erotomaniacs, they were not real women at all. Will Ferrell's career was made in part by his "Janet Reno's Dance Party" sketches, which rendered the first woman attorney general as a gangly man with an awkward deep voice, skirt and pearls. Eight versions of the sketch aired from 1997 to 2000. In one, Farrell's Reno slow-dances with Donna Shalala, played by Kevin Spacey. Ferrell said in an interview that he wouldn't have played Reno the way he did if she were a "normal woman." In other words, because Reno didn't always fit neatly into the stereotypical roles SNL ascribed to women — sexually aggressive like Clark or sexually victimized like Hill — the country's chief law enforcement officer became a fake woman, just Ferrell in drag.

In the years since Franken left the show, SNL has made strides with more female writers and cast members, and this has diversified the types of humor showcased on Saturday nights at 11:30. But the show's long tradition of shaming women and exploiting female sexuality is hard to ignore, and even harder to excuse, given the revelation about Franken's behavior. He did, rightly, apologize. But he still said the picture was "clearly" intended to be funny, even though he acknowledged that it wasn't. What's clear, in truth, is that American comedy culture has used sexual abuse as fodder for too long.

From Franken and Harvey Weinstein to Roger Ailes and Bill O'Reilly, women are reckoning with the painful reality that powerful men recently accused of sexual misconduct have long been the media and cultural gatekeepers in America. They've been the arbiter and the lens, determining what is newsworthy, what is socially acceptable and, in Franken's case, what is funny.

At the moment, the question gripping the Beltway and beyond is whether Franken will remain in the Senate. Whether he stays or goes, let's not ignore the bigger issue. What Franken did is bad, but this isn't about bad men. It's about a bad society. You can tell an awful lot about a society based on what it thinks is funny.

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Sen. Franken still hasn't denied grabbing women

Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., has waded into the murky waters of trying to apologize for inappropriately touching women — while asserting that he didn't intentionally do anything wrong. And yet Franken hasn't denied any of the accusations against him, leaving the door open to the possibility that he is a serial groper.

In one week, reports have surfaced of four women accusing Franken of inappropriately touching them. Three women have said that while he was campaigning or was a sitting senator, he grabbed their buttocks while they posed for photos. (The two most recent accusations came from anonymous women who shared their stories with the HuffPost in a story published Wednesday.)

In response to the past three accusations, Franken has said he didn't remember the specific events, much less his accusers. And in an apology to his constituents on Thanksgiving, he suggested his accusers got it wrong. Here's part of Franken's response:

"I'm a warm person; I hug people. I've learned from recent stories that in some of those encounters, I crossed a line for some women — and I know that any number is too many."

If you're confused by what he's trying to say here, you're not the only one. Franken's attempt at clarifying what happened only raises more questions, the central ones being: Did he grab these women's buttocks or not? If he did, how, exactly, was it unintentional? Were the women mistaken?

Here's more of Franken's muddy attempt at a denial-apology, which he provided to the Pioneer Press and other local media outlets Thursday:

"Some women have found my greetings or embraces for a hug or photo inappropriate, and I respect their feelings about that. I've thought a lot in recent days about how that could happen, and recognize that I need to be much more careful and sensitive in these situations.

By contrast, his accusers left no nuance about what happened: Franken's hand clearly grabbed their buttocks, they say, when they were expecting a professional photo with a politician.

Here's Lindsay Menz, who told her story to CNN about posing for a photo with Franken at the Minnesota State Fair in 2010: "He put his hand full-fledged on my rear. It was wrapped tightly around my butt cheek. It wasn't around my waist. It wasn't around my hip or side. It was definitely on my butt."

One of Franken's anonymous accusers told her 2007 story to the HuffPost: "I saw him and asked if we could take a photo together for my mother, and we stood next to each other ... and down his hand went."

His second anonymous accuser told the HuffPost that during a 2008 incident with Franken, "I shook his hand, and he put his arm around my waist and held it there. Then he moved it lower and cupped my butt."

(In both accusations, the HuffPost confirmed that the woman also told the story privately to confidants at the time it happened, which is one way journalists corroborate claims like these. One anonymous accuser said Franken suggested they visit the bathroom together, which Franken denied.)

Franken also hasn't denied the claims of his first accuser, Los Angeles broadcaster LeeAnn Tweeden, who said he forcibly kissed her during rehearsal for a skit and also touched her chest while she slept during a USO tour in 2006.

After originally calling Tweeden story's into doubt and downplaying the photographic proof as meant to be "funny," Franken apologized: "[T]he fact that my own actions have given people a good reason to doubt that makes me feel ashamed." Tweeder. said she accepted his apology.

Is it possibie that Franken simply doesn't remember these incidents, and that's why he's offering hedged apologies? Sure. But that doesn't clear up the broader question of whether this is a habit of Franken. His hands have either grabbed women's private body parts multiple times without their consent, or they haven't.

This is not a murky area. And it's especially confusing coming from a politician who has repeatedly criticized men who cast doubt on their accusers.

Franken tweeted "Sexual harassment and violence are unacceptable. We all must do our part to listen, stand with, and support survivors."

In this post-Harvey Weinstein era, one allegation (and photo) of sexual misconduct was enough for most Senate Democrats to say the Senate Ethics Committee should investigate Franken. Franken himself eventually said he welcomed the ethics investigation, which could result in censure or being removed from the Senate.

As Thursday's statement conveys, Franken seems bent on keeping his job. But he still has a lot of explaining to do about why four women say he groped them.

Time to pass the torch, baby boomers

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George Washington was 43 when the Continental Congress placed him in command of the fledgling army that would eventually drive the British out of their American colonies. At 55, the general presided over the fractious convention that produced the most durable constitution the world has ever seen. He then served two terms as the nation's first president, leaving office for the last time at 65.

Abraham Lincoln moved into the White House shortly after his 52nd birthday and guided the nation through a terrible civil war. Along the way, he ended slavery, started the Transcontinental Railroad, expanded higher education and delivered two of the most eloquent speeches in human history. When he was assassinated on April 14, 1865, he was 56.

Theodore Roosevelt, governor of New York at 40, was persuaded to run for vice president after just a year in office. When an assassin cut down William McKinley, Roosevelt became president at 42. His vigorous and effective leadership was the sun at the dawn of the American Century. He left office at 50.

A distant cousin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was 51 when he became president after crippling polio delayed his career. FDR led the United States through two of its darkest crises, the Great Depression and World War II. He died in office at 63.

Presidential historians typically rank those four as the greatest to occupy the White House. Runners-up often include Harry S. Truman, who took office at 60; Dwight D. Eisenhower, 62; Thomas Jefferson, 57; and John F. Kennedy, 43.

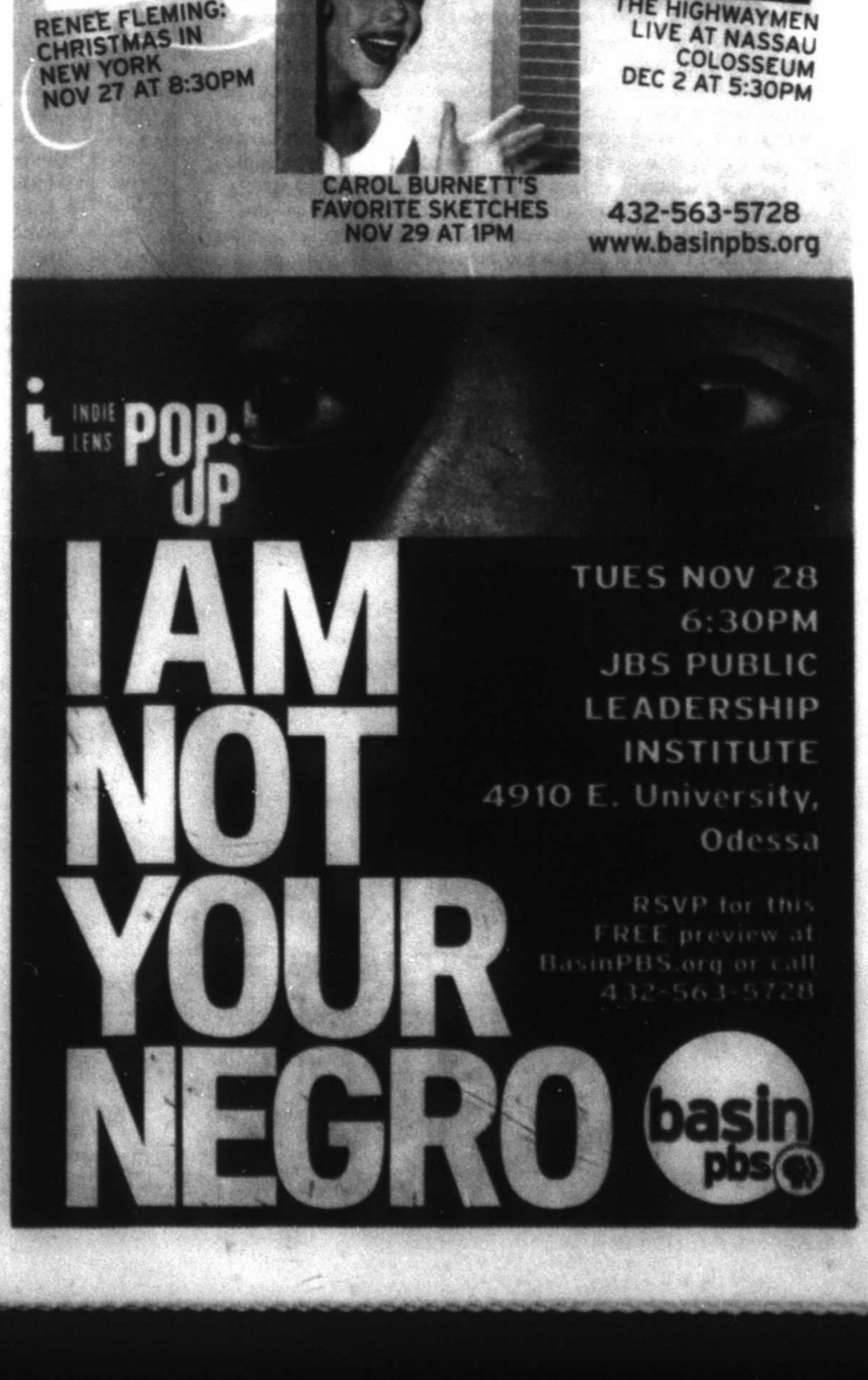
If our four best presidents entered office at an average age of 50, why am I reading about potential candidates for 2020 who will be in their 70s? Former Vice President Joe Biden says he is thinking about making a run. If he won, he would take office at 78. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., has been touted as a front-runner for the Democratic nomination. He would be 79. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., beams as throngs of Democrats chant her name. If she runs and wins, she would take the oath at 71.

Until Donald Trump came along, the United States had never sent a septuagenarian to occupy the Oval Office. (We did keep one there in 1984, when Ronald Reagan was re-elected at 73.) We've sworn in more than twice as many presidents under the age of 50 as over the age of 65. That serious people are discussing candidates who would be pushing 80 is unprecedented — and sclerotic for our political system.

My point is not to disparage the elderly, for I am rapidly becoming one myself. But no thriving society finds its fresh thinking among its oldest leaders. The wisdom of years is a check, not an engine. Though age takes its toll in different ways on different people, in the aggregate the science is clear: Mental agility, executive function and creativity all tend to decline as we pass through middle age. A nice summary of the research, published by the distinguished Dana Foundation, noted: "Older adults tend to be slower in conceptualizing and less ready to change strategies when circumstances shift."

Admittedly, leadership is not a simple matter of speedy thinking. It also requires enough knowledge and experience to make wise decisions, as well as the savvy to read people and situations. For the gifted leader, though, a little experience goes a long way. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was only 39 when he was murdered, younger than any U.S. president. Yet few could match his ability to inspire, to frame the debate, to match strategy with tactics, to seize the moment and to hold coalitions together.

Rapidly changing modes of living and working call for leaders at the peak of their creative and conceptual powers. And decisions that will shape lives long after the baby boomers are gone should not be made by boomers and their older siblings. We're passing a lot of red ink and unsolved problems to the next generation. We should pass the torch, too.



Are we witnessing a small-store renaissance?

■ For people living in small towns and mid-size cities, "local" is the new orange

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Even though an estimated 115 million Americans rushed to malls and big box stores for Black Friday sales, others were reporting that the annual spend-a-thon has lost its bang.

Gone is the thrill of the stampede, the fist-fights over a big screen, the trample to grab the last Soggy Doggy.

In a Washington Post story, one Alabama veteran of weeklong parking lot campouts lamented that his Best Buy store had closed owing to Americans' changing spending habits. But even he admitted to shopping more online these days. Might big stores face the same fate as the small retailers they've put out of business in recent years? Are we witnessing the revenge of Mom and Pop?

It would seem so. By 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, online shoppers had spent $1.52 billion via computers, tablets and smartphones, and the number is expected to break records at $100 billion by the end of the holiday shopping season.

Some of us have wondered why anyone would stand in line — or camp out! — just to shop. But low prices apparently justify the inconvenience for many, while others simply enjoy the fun of the crowd, the energy, as well as the $2.50 coffee maker. What's not to love when the alternative is day-old turkey and all-day football?

Alas, it seems, trends suggest that we'll soon be shopping *while* also catching a game until the human anatomy resembles a large cushion with small hands redesigned only to push buttons.

Lest we despair and trudge over to the fridge for some leftover cold comfort, there are hopeful signs that humanity may yet reinvent itself and resist the summons of mass-marketed gluttonous consumption. A few items that caught my eye: Young people are moving back to farming; small towns are being revitalized and attracting young families who once might have elected to live in the 'burbs; and local governments are finding grant monies to revitalize their downtowns and support small businesses.

For people living in small towns and mid-size cities, "local" is the new orange.

What's at play, one may infer, is that the "human" in human being is enjoying something of a revival. Too much of everything has spawned a backlash manifested in a preference for simplicity. The impulse to acquire celebrated by an older generation has given way to an appreciation for what one has among younger people. This may be a function of generally having less to spend, but something less prosaic might also be at work.

The frantic immersion in material gratification symbolized by Black Friday is the precise opposite of spiritual connection or interpersonal engagement. The person fighting a neighbor for a laptop or powering past a pregnant woman for first dibs on a stroller probably isn't bothering to make eye contact, much less consider the other's well-being. Thus, the lure of the small town or the farm may be seen as an existential rejection of the anonymous life one often experiences in large cities. Just as some find the city essential to a rich and varied life, others seek escape from the grind of the white-collar factory and associated disassociations.

To every upside, alas, is a downside. If the manic pace of the metropolis can be exhausting, small-town life absent a rich cultural dimension and economic prosperity can be soul-crushing. Recognizing this, there has also been an upsurge in downtown revitalization initiatives, from the National Main Street Center Inc. to federal and state grants to help small towns leverage their assets for economic development.

As just one example, the National Main Street Center, which began in 1980 as a non-profit subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has worked with 2,200 communities to rehabilitate close to 246,000 buildings, create more than 500,000 jobs and reinvest $59.5 billion. That's not quite a Black Friday shopping day, but there's hope therein for small businesses to rebound and prosper.

Down the road, rural communities are seeing an uptick in smaller-scale, family-owned operations as young, college-educated families trade concrete for soil. Between 2007 and 2012, the USDA reports 2,384 new farmers between ages 25 and 34. During the same time, however, 100,000 farmers aged 45 to 54 abandoned the plow.

Thus, the numbers don't foretell a renaissance of the small farmer. But a perceptible shift away from quantity toward quality amid an appreciation for authentic human exchanges seems a hopeful sign as we enter the season of giving. Shopping locally is good for everybody. And, let's not forget, the best gifts come in small packages.

OUR VIEW

Thank you to the state for providing extra transportation funding

There often are times that we are critical of what is happening with Austin and the negative impact it has on Midland and the Permian Basin.

This region does not receive dollar-for-dollar what we put into the system. Transportation has been one example of that. However, as the Reporter-Telegram's Trevor Hawes first reported, the state came through with $104.9 million in funding for Interstate 20 frontage road conversions.

This not only allows for the logical transition of those frontage roads from two-way to one-way, but it frees up dollars that can be committed to other projects in the Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

According to Cameron Walker, MPO executive director, the planning group now has $173 million to commit toward projects over the next 10 years. We will take every dollar we can get. As the Midland-Odessa region grows, a quality road system will be mandatory. In fact, when talking infrastructure, it will be the largest box to check, at least in Midland.

Of course, education matters, as does adequate housing for the tens of thousands expected to come to our area. But also factoring into a quality city and regional planning process is a great road system. This extra financial support will help in that area. We can invest in those problem areas, and those state roads that will benefit the entire region. Like the money available to the city after the passage of the road bond, these extra dollars alone will not solve all our problems.

In Midland, more needs to be done moving forward. This newspaper continues to hope the Midland Development Corp. can continue to leverage its dollars to receive more state funding for other transportation projects. We hope the city of Midland continues to make sound decisions when it comes to growing the Traffic Division's maintenance and operations budget. We hope voters ask county judge candidates — currently there are three — what they will do to pay into better roads and what partnerships they envision to help put more of the county's excess sales tax collection to go work for roads in our community.

Lastly, this newspaper would like to see the same people who hoped for sales tax to be used for road bond projects call on community leaders to dedicate the quarter-cent available for the building of roads across the city. That includes the building of new roads in west, northwest, north and northeast Midland.

Again, it will require this community to continue to think outside the box to get ahead of those issues that will come with considerable growth. We aren't always going to get lucky that the state comes through like it did for I-20 frontage roads. When we do, we can get excited. We can be very happy that we receive our fair share, because that is exactly what happened.

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America needs a worthy media

■ Ten mistakes journalists make that hurt our credibility

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There is a debate raging within the media over our favorite subject: the media.

Someone told me recently that Americans are information rich and knowledge poor. One reason for this is that journalism is broken. We just can't agree on how to fix it.

Consider the contrasting views of former New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse and Emmy Award-winning former CBS reporter Sharyl Attkisson. Each has written a book detailing her experience as a journalist and offering thoughts on where the profession is headed.

In Greenhouse's book, "Just A Journalist: On the Press, Life and the Spaces Between," she writes: "The opposite of objectivity isn't partisanship, or needn't be. Rather, it is judgment, the hard work of sorting out the false claims from the true and discarding or at least labeling the false." As Greenhouse sees it, a journalist doesn't just have the right to express opinions but the obligation to do so — if it is in the pursuit of truth. And, she insists, journalists have every right to be voters and activists because they don't stop being citizens when they enter the profession. She also thinks the job's standards can be too rigid.

Attkisson sees things differently. As she spells out in "The Smear: How Shady Political Operatives and Fake News Control What You See, What You Think, and How You Vote," she thinks the media is in a mess of its own making. The public doesn't trust the media anymore, she says, because journalists have violated their own standards. As Attkisson said in a recent video for the digital media organization PragerU: "We in the business of journalism have exempted ourselves from the normal rules that used to govern us, and so the most egregious kinds of reporting errors are becoming more common." She added that most Americans "want their news straight up," and they're not getting it that way.

The secret is out. Organizations used to ask me to speak about stories that the media covers. These days, they ask me to talk about the media itself — and its propensity toward "fake news." How did the Fourth Estate get this far off course?

Here are 10 mistakes that my colleagues and I have made in just the last year that hurt our credibility:

■ *We've broken our own rules.* Reporters are supposed to keep their opinions to themselves. Anchors are supposed to tell you the news, not tell you what to think.

■ *We've divided up into teams.* In the age of Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites that encourage direct interaction, journalists who work for different companies are free to snipe at one another.

■ *We're surrounded by the likeminded.* The industry is not diverse. Many journalists are white, come from the same socioeconomic backgrounds, went to the same schools, and live in cities.

■ *We take criticism personally.* Despite belonging to a profession that thrives on criticizing others — especially elected officials — many journalists have thin skin.

■ *We've become too comfortable with hypocrisy.* The recent wave of sexual harassment scandals involving media figures — Charlie Rose, formerly of PBS and CBS News; Mark Halperin, formerly of ABC News and NBC News; and Michael Oreskes, formerly of NPR and The New York Times, etc. — shows that journalists don't do a good enough job of policing their own backyard.

■ *We try to be social workers and social engineers.* Our job is to constantly try to tell better stories. That's it. Instead, we've gotten sidetracked into the totally different mission of making better people and building a better society.

■ *We take our cues from Washington and New York.* These big cities have been given free rein in shaping the national discussion, while paying too little attention to what matters in small towns and rural areas.

■ *We let our bias show.* Many of us are anti-Trump and pro-Democrat. We don't even bother to hide it anymore. In fact, many of us seem proud of our activism and partisanship.

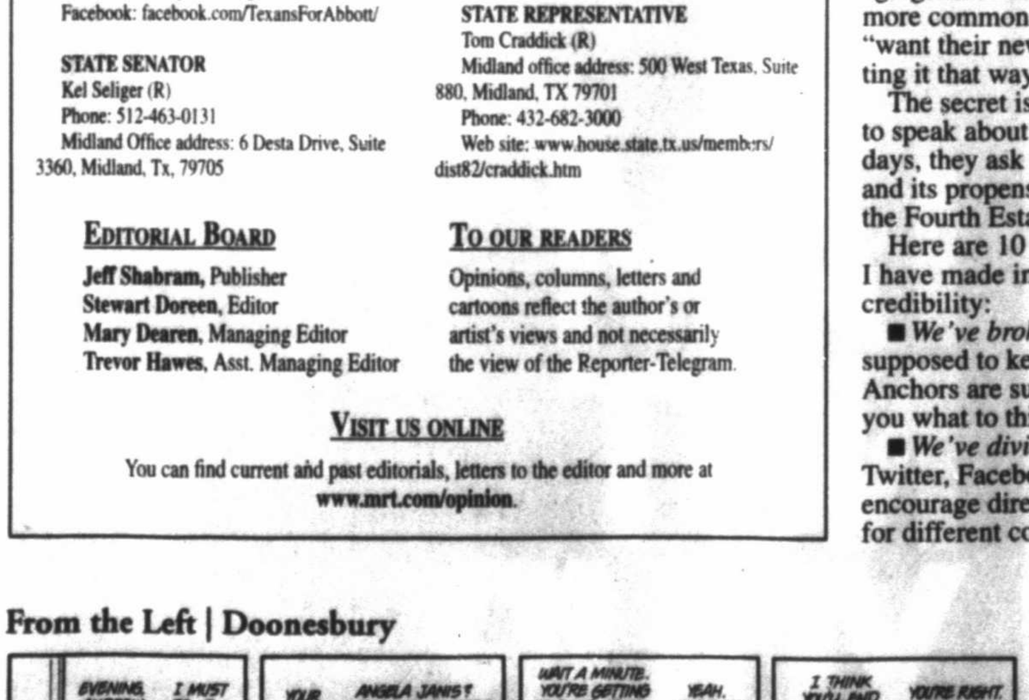
■ *We tell ourselves that the ends justify the means.* This is especially true in our battles against "deplorables," including the one in the White House.

■ *We haven't done a good job of telling our own story.* Readers don't know the difference between editorials, columns and news articles. Television viewers confuse reporters, anchors and commentators. We've mixed it all together.

So how does the media get back on track — and rebuild the public's trust? We have to stop being defensive, be more introspective, and admit we have a problem. We need to look in the mirror and confront what we've done wrong. Then, every day, on the job, we have to make it our mission to improve our craft and win back our audience.

Ours is a remarkable country. We need a media worthy of it.

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Those who find abortion appalling have tough choice in Alabama race

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For many voters in Alabama, the Senate election is more than an agonizing choice. It is an impossible one.

National attention has focused on half the dilemma. Roy Moore, the Republican candidate, is credibly accused of having been a sexual predator, including against girls. His defenders, all too many of them pastors, have been disgraceful: casting the victims as temptresses, excusing him on the basis of idle speculation that other politicians have been guilty of worse.

We have no reason to believe that the Democratic candidate, Doug Jones, is guilty of anything remotely as horrible. He appears to be a run-of-the-mill Democrat. His disqualifications are different in kind. If you take seriously the view that abortion is the unjust taking of human life, as many Alabamians do, then Jones's position on it is a nearly insuperable barrier to voting for him.

Jones opposes legal protection for unborn children, even late in pregnancy (although he has tried to obfuscate his view). He gives every indication that in the Senate he would cast his votes on Supreme Court nominations so as to block states from being able to provide that protection.

If Republican voters merely disagreed with Jones on taxes or immigration or the minimum wage, as important as those issues are, it would be easier to overlook those disagreements and decide that Jones is preferable to Moore. As far as pro-lifers are concerned, though, Jones is wrong on our country's premier human-rights issue.

It is because of Jones's policy views, and especially his views on abortion, that many Republicans who are revolted by news reports about Moore are nevertheless considering voting for him. And it is because of evidence that Moore almost certainly serially abused young women that many Republicans who oppose abortion are considering voting for Jones.

From this perspective, the choice between Moore and Jones is a choice of evils. And those evils are incommensurable: They can't be weighed against each other on a scale so that the lesser evil can be chosen.

The Alabama voter who seeks a candidate with pro-life views and at least average moral rectitude will find nobody on the Senate ballot who meets that description. The political parties have failed that voter. But he still has the power to write a new name on the ballot, and he ought to exercise it.

It seems to be too late to organize a write-in candidacy with a real shot of winning the seat — especially because Moore continues, Lord help us, to have some obdurate supporters. But it remains possible to cast a vote that formally rejects both the options the parties have put forward. I would suggest writing in William Pryor, formerly the state's attorney general and now a federal appeals-court judge.

If you're a voter in Alabama who can't in good conscience vote for either of the party nominees, don't try to overcome your conscience. One of these candidates is going to win the election, and your vote is infinitesimally likely to sway the outcome.

Let that winner triumph without your endorsement, and with your opposition registered. And let politicians in both parties know that you have minimum standards that are not up for negotiation.

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BBB offers tips to holiday travelers on getting to Grandmother's house safely

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

It's the most wonderful time of the year! With Christmas just over a month away, many people are finalizing their holiday travel plans. Whether you are flying or gearing up for a road trip to visit relatives, Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises holiday travelers to prepare for safe travels.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is among the busiest long-distance travel period of the year. According to AAA, upwards of 50.9 million people will journey 50 miles or more just for the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you plan on driving, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends getting your car serviced before you hit the road, especially if you anticipate traveling in inclement weather, like snow and ice. Visit your mechanic for a tune-up and have your entire vehicle thoroughly checked.

Before you hit the highway or tarmac this holiday season, BBB offers the following advice to help you protect your belongings and personal information:

■ Check out the business first. Whether you're looking for a trustworthy travel agency, hotel, resort or auto mechanic, check out a company's BBB Business Profile at bbb.org.

■ Research last-minute travel deals. Bargains on airfare or a hotel may be tempting, but be cautious when booking on an unknown travel website or through an online advertisement. Common travel-related complaints to BBB reported trouble with reservations, online advertisements and incorrect charges. Be sure you understand all anticipated charges to help you compare prices with confidence.

■ Hotel Check-In Tricks. It's common for hotels to call and check in with guests shortly after they arrive, but be on guard if the caller asks for personal information, such as credit card information, to finalize check-in. Never give out financial information over the phone. Instead, visit hotel management in person.

■ Watch for wi-fi scams. Avoid using public Wi-Fi, including hotel internet access, for online banking or other financial account management. Fraudsters can create fake Wi-Fi hubs and can easily gain access to personal information and passwords. If you do any holiday shopping while away from home, look for the lock symbol in the web address to indicate a secure purchasing system. The URL should also start with https (the extra "s" is for secure). Always pay with a credit card, which offers more protection than debit cards, wire transfers, cash, or other payment methods.

■ Wait to post on social media. We all like to share our vacation adventures with friends and family, but wait until you get back from your trip. Giving too much detail about when you will be away, and when your home will be empty, could attract thieves.

■ Check your home insurance. If your home will be unattended while you are away, make sure you know your responsibilities under your home insurance policy.

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Tragedies show need for 'constitutional carry'

JONATHAN GASPARD
Dallas Morning News

When tragedy strikes, as it did recently in Sutherland Springs, Texas, people set aside their differences and unite. We pray, because we know it is powerful even when we feel powerless, and we work to find healing.

Part of that healing is anger. We want to find someone to blame. Beyond just the perpetrator, people may blame the victims for not being prepared, or the police for not being faster, or the Legislature for not having more laws, or God for allowing it to happen at all.

Anger is understandable, but it is also dangerous. People often want to use anger to achieve their own goals. They want the mob to rise up and help them increase their power.

We see this regularly from politicians crying out for more authority so they can "fix things."

One of the most common guises is to call for "common-sense gun control." Common sense is included in an attempt to make you feel nonsensical if you do not happen to hold the same views.

But Texans have historically had a different sense of how to deal with gun legislation. That is why the Republican Party of Texas calls for our state to recognize constitutional carry, so that anyone who legally possesses a handgun may carry it, open or concealed, without a government-granted permit. The Texas Young Republican Federation supports and affirms this priority legislation.

As we saw in Sutherland Springs, good men and women should not only have the right to carry a gun but also to use it. We are thankful for those who were prepared and helped stop the killer from escaping. These armed citizens probably saved countless innocent lives.

Our federation continues to call on elected officials to conduct themselves with tact and to stop using these types of situations to manipulate public sentiment. We oppose any call for committees or commissions whose purpose is to limit the ability of innocent Texans to defend themselves, no matter which side of the aisle they sit on.

We cannot stop evil. We can only empower good people to do the right thing.

As former Texas state Rep. Susan Gratia-Hupp testified before Congress regarding the 1991 mass shooting at a Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, "I'm not a victim of guns, but of lawmakers who legislated me out of the right to protect myself and my family."

Hupp was only 32 when she tragically lost her parents in that attack, but like her, today's Texas Young Republicans respond to terror, not by seeking to limit freedom, but by working to see that more people are prepared to protect their family and their community.

We understand the anger. We know why some want to give the government more power. But history shows that the government's limiting good people is not the answer. We urge lawmakers not to use tragedies to lead Texas down the road of more government but to lead us to a place of greater freedom.

We demand that Texas finally recognize constitutional carry.

Jonathan Gaspard is the policy director for the Texas Young Republicans.

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This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful Hillary Clinton isn't president

MARC A. THIESSEN
Special to The Washington Post



This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for many things — but when it comes to politics, I am especially thankful that Hillary Clinton is not sitting in the Oval Office.

I am thankful that Neil M. Gorsuch is on the Supreme Courtand that President Donald Trump has secured a conservative majority that will protect human life, religious liberty, the Second Amendment and limited government. I am also thankful the president is moving at record pace to fill the federal appeals courts with young conservative judges. While the Supreme Court only hears about 80 cases a year, the federal appeals courts get final say on about 60,000 — and because Democrats ended the filibuster, they can't stop Trump from filling those courts with conservative legal rock stars. The Senate has already confirmed eight of Trump's nine appellate nominees — the most this early in a presidency since Richard Nixon — and Trump will appoint plenty more before his first term expires. As former Clinton adviser Ronald A. Klain complained in The Post, "the next two generations of Americans will live under laws interpreted by hundreds of [Trump-appointed] judges."

That alone is worth it. But there is more to be thankful for.

I'm thankful the New York Times's Linda Greenhouse is complaining that Trump has appointed so many "individuals who have devoted their adult lifetimes to the anti-abortion cause" that federal agencies now resemble an "outpost of the National Right to Life Committee."

While Congress could not repeal Obamacare, I'm thankful that failure now makes passage of conservative tax reform more likely, because House and Senate Republicans know that failure to do so is political suicide. And I'm thankful we have a president who is ready to sign that tax reform into law.

I'm thankful that Trump withdrew from the Paris climate agreement, is dismantling President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, clearing the way for the Keystone XL pipeline, and undertaking the largest regulatory rollback in the EPA's 46-year history.

I am thankful Trump has secured the release of American citizens imprisoned by China, North Korea, Egypt and the Taliban-linked Haqqani Network - without releasing senior Taliban leaders from Guantanamo Bay.

I am thankful that Trump finally enforced Obama's red line on the use of chemical weapons in Syria, took the shackles off of our military in the fight against the Islamic State, got NATO allies to kick in $12 billion more for our collective security, imposed new sanctions on Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, requested emergency funding for ballistic missile defense, declared North Korea a terrorist state, and sent a clear message to Pyongyang that it will not be permitted to threaten American cities with nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles. His foreign policy is far from perfect, but it is a marked improvement over the Obama-Clinton approach.

Trump hasn't ushered in a new era of American isolationism. And despite the dire warnings of creeping authoritarianism, there are no gulags in the United States today. Quite the opposite, there are plenty of checks on Trump's power. Federal judges have narrowed his travel ban, blocked his cut of funding for sanctuary cities, and stopped his ban on transgender troops. He has not changed libel laws to go after a free press, restored waterboarding, or built his border wall. Heck, he could not even repeal Obamacare. Our system of Constitutional checks and balances works — in some cases, too well.

The republic will survive the Trump presidency, and so will the Republican Party. I don't buy the argument that Trump is doing irreversible damage to the GOP or the Republican brand. Nixon resigned in disgrace in 1974, and six years later we were inaugurating Ronald Reagan and then it was Morning in America again. If Trump does end up dragging the Republican Party down, all it takes is one great leader to resurrect it.

In the meantime, I want Trump's presidency to be a success. Trump was not my first choice for president (or my second . . . or third . . . or fourth), and I am well aware of his many deep flaws. When he is wrong, I have called him out and will continue to do so. But I want Trump to fill the courts with conservative judges, reform the tax code, take on North Korea, counter Iran, defeat Islamist radicalism, roll back the regulatory state, expand school choice, and protect the unborn. And I'm thankful that because of his election, we are making progress on these fronts — and that Clinton is hawking books for a living.

That is something worth celebrating this Thanksgiving.



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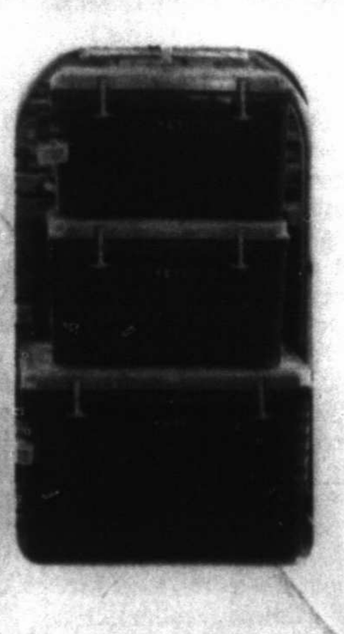
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"WINNERS DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN, WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED"

Cedar Hill Trinity routs MCS, spoils Powell's return

By Christopher Hadorn
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TUSCOLA – The Midland Christian football team had some welcomed news prior to Saturday's TAPPS Division II state quarterfinal game against Cedar Hill Trinity Christian – dynamic playmaking quarterback Peyton Powell was in uniform and in the starting lineup.

Powell had missed the previous five games due to a broken rib.

Even with Powell back behind center, the Mustangs faced a tall order facing an Eagles team that boasted Under Amour All-American Maurice Washington and a slew of other playmakers.


McClendon

Washington and Trinity Christian gashed MCS with big scoring plays during a 41-6 rout at Indian Stadium.

The Eagles (10-1) advanced to face Dallas Christian in the state semifinal, while the Mustangs (8-4) saw a promising season end that began with a 4-0 start prior to a barrage of key injuries.

In Saturday's playoff, the MCS defense had its moments as it stuffed Trinity on seven plays for negative yardage, and even recovered a pair of fumbles.


Powell

But even in long yardage situations, the Eagles showed they were capable of scoring.

In the first quarter, the Mustangs had Washington wrapped short of the first down marker before the Division I recruit broke loose and rushed for a 46-yard touchdown, pushing Trinity to a 14-0 lead with 53 seconds to play.

Washington ran 18 times for 116 yards, had five catches for 71 yards and put an exclamation mark on the win by returning a MCS' onside kick attempt 55 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"They're explosive, really explosive," Mustangs head coach Greg McClendon said. "I didn't feel like we did a very good job of tackling and wrapping up. It's on me. I thought we were a very poorly coached team tonight. That's my responsibility."

Trinity freshman quarterback Shedeur Sanders, the son of Eagles offensive coordinator and Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders, hurt MCS with long passing plays, completing 14 of 22 passes for 252 yards and two TDs.

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Win from behind



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Grant Brown gets away from Arlington Lamar's Daniel Huggins, 3, and the rest of the Vikings' defense for a touchdown Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rebels survive early storm, come back to beat Arlington Lamar 42-38

By Will Korn
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There were numerous opportunities for the Lee football team to panic on Saturday against visiting Arlington Lamar.

A 13-0 deficit in the first quarter and a late 32-28 deficit in the fourth were chief among them.

But playing in front of their home crowd in the playoffs at Grande Communications Stadium for the first time in nearly 10 years, the Rebels did as they have all season: Remain calm within the storm.

Lee took control of the game in the second, stood tall and made a series of critical plays late to fend off Lamar in a thrilling 42-38 victory in a Class 6A Division I area game.

With the win, Lee (10-2) advanced to the regional round for the first time since 2001 and will face Euless Trinity (10-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium. Trinity defeated No. 10-ranked Duncanville, 28-27 on Saturday.

Rebels quarterback Colby Standard passed for 236 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 107 rushing yards and three more scores. Sophomore receiver Loic Fouonji hauled in three passes for 91 yards and two TDs, while also recovering a Vikings' onside kick that sealed the win.

And trailing, 32-28 with 6:24 to play in the fourth, it was Grant Brown's 95-yard kickoff return for a score that provided the Rebels with the last bit of fire they needed to advance. On Lamar's next possession, senior Elijah Prince intercepted a pass by quarterback Jack Dawson, setting up Lee's game-winning score 45 seconds later.

"I believed in everybody next to me, in my teammates," Brown said. "We have such a great brotherhood."

Added Prince, who notched his fourth interception of the season: "Coach told us that all of our key players were going to have make big plays and big situations."

After sailing to a 63-0 rout of El Paso El Dorado in last week's bi-district victory, things started out much differently for the Rebels against Lamar. The Vikings (6-6) drove 74 yards on just six plays to open the game, a drive capped by a 1-yard run by Michael Bradley. Lamar missed the extra point and led 6-0. After the Rebels turned it over on downs, Lamar marched 69 yards downfield and scored on a 7-yard run by Jaylen Jones to make it 13-0.

Grande Communications Stadium's

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Garden City outlasts feisty Rankin in rematch to advance

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WINK – Garden City coach Jeff Jones tried to tell folks that it would be tougher to face Rankin the second time around.

The Red Devils, which got pounded 50-0 in a Sept. 29 meeting against the Bearkats, showed on Saturday how much they had grown since that first contest.

Rankin gave the No. 3-Bearkats all they could handle in their Class 1A Division I regional round game at Wildcat Field before the Bearkats came up with two critical turnovers in the second half of a 54-40 victory.

"It's always tough," Jones said. "(Rankin) made good adjustments and they're well coached. We knew it was going to be a tough game and the Rankin kids played hard. We've got some things we need to work on. That was good to see that right now."


Jones

Garden City (10-2) moves on to face Borden County, a 52-0 winner over Imperial Buena Vista, in a state quarterfinal game at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in Forsan. The game is a rematch of last year's game in this round in which the Coyotes came back for a 66-48 win on the way to state title.


Shelton

Rankin ends its season at 8-4 and Red Devils coach Jeff Shelton said he was proud of his kids' effort.

"Garden City is a heck of a football team. We're a good football team," Shelton said. "I'll put us up against anybody."

On Saturday, the Bearkats had to make a little comeback of their own as they were down 16-14 in the second quarter and trailed 32-30 midway through the third quarter when Kamren Shelton (122 yards rushing) scored on a 41-yard run.

Jeff Shelton said his team's adjustments and improvement on offense was the biggest difference from the first meeting against Garden City.

"We didn't have a great offensive game the first time around but (offensive coordinator Garrett Avalos) went back and re-evaluated what he was doing and his play calling and came out with a more refined game plan this time," he said. "He's really grown as an offensive coordinator this year. And our kids just battled and had made things happen on some broken plays. You've got to have that sometimes."

The Bearkats always had a quick response and they re-took the lead at 38-32, when Josue Gutierrez broke

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Canadian Football League
2017 Grey Cup: Calgary vs. Toronto, 5 p.m., ESPN2

College Hockey
Mercyhurst at Wisconsin, 5 p.m., BTN

Figure Skating
ISU Grand Prix: Skate America, Ice Dance (Free), 1 p.m., OLYHD
ISU Grand Prix: Skate America, Ladies' Free Skate, 3 p.m., NBC

Men's College Basketball
Advocare Invitational, 11 a.m., ESPNU
PK80, Noon, ESPN
Noon- PK80- ESPN2
Advocare Invitational, 1 p.m., ESPNU
PK80 Invitational, 2 p.m., ESPN
PK80 Invitational, 2 p.m., ESPN2
UC Riverside at Michigan, 3 p.m., FS1
Temple at La Salle, 4 p.m., NBCSN
Wooden Legacy, 4 p.m., ESPNU
UIC at Kentucky, 5 p.m., SEC
PK80, 6 p.m., ESPNU
PK80, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
PK80, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
Advocare Invitational, 8:30 p.m., ESPNU
PK80 Invitational, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
Wooden Legacy, 11 p.m., ESPN2

Men's Soccer
Serie A: Genoa CFC vs. AF Roma, 7:50 a.m., beIN
PL: Burnley FC vs. Arsenal FC, 8 a.m., CNBC
Bundesliga: Hamburg SV vs. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, 8:30 a.m., FS1, FXDEP
La Liga: Real Sociedade vs. Las Palmas, 9:10 a.m., beIN E
PL: Huddersfield Town FC vs. Manchester City FC, 10 a.m., NBCSN, TELE
Liga NOS: Maritimo vs. Estoril, 10 a.m., GolTV
Serie A: Lazio vs. ACF Fiorentina, 10:50 a.m., beIN
Bundesliga: 1. FC Köln vs. Hertha BSC Berlin, 11 a.m., FS1, UDN
La Liga: Villarreal vs. Sevilla, 11:20 a.m., beIN E
Liga NOS: Pacos Ferreira vs. Sporting, Noon, GolTV
Jupiler Pro: Club Brugge KV vs. Zulte Waregem, 1 p.m., ELVN
La Liga: Valencia vs. Barcelona, 1:40 p.m., beIN E
Ligue 1: AS Monaco FC vs. Paris Saint-Germain FC, 1:50 p.m., beIN
Uruguay: Nacional vs. Sporting Defensor, 2 p.m., GolTV
Liga NOS: Benfica vs. Vitoria Setubal, 4 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: Monterrey vs. Atlas, 5:30 p.m., UDN
Brazil: Flamengo vs. Santos, 6 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: America vs. Cruz Azul, 7:50 p.m., UNIV, UDN

Motorsports
F1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN, UniMas, UDN

NBA G-League
Greensboro at Maine, Noon, NBAtv

National Football League
Miami at New England, Noon, CBS
Chicago at Philadelphia, Noon, FOX
New Orleans at LA Rams, 3:25 p.m., CBS
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., NBC

National Hockey League
Edmonton at Boston, 4 p.m., NHL

Tennis
Davis Cup Finals: France vs. Belarus, Rubbers 4 & 5, 6:30 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Hawaii Open, Singles Final, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball
Texas A&M at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW, FCSP

Women's College Volleyball
NCAA Selection Show, 8 p.m., ESPNU

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Blaine Hardy on a one-year contract and with RHPs Kevin Comer and Mark Montgomery, INF Niko Goodrum and OF/1B Chad Huffman on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Charlotte C Dwight Howard $35,000 for making an obscene gesture on the playing court during a Nov 24 game at Cleveland.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned F Jarrid Martin to Memphis (NBAG).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS — Waived DE Jeremiah Valoaga.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Activated WR Harry Douglas from injured reserve. Waived WR Darius Jennings.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Winnipeg D Ben Chiarot $3,763 for butt-ending Anaheim F Corey Perry during a Nov. 24 game.
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned F Brooks Laich to Ontario (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended San Antonio D Mason Geertsen three games for an elbowing incident in a Nov. 22 game at San Jose.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Gabriel Verpaelst from the Colorado (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Allen's Vincent Arseneau indefinitely and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Nov. 24 game at Idaho.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Named Mikael Stahre coach.

COLLEGE
NEBRASKA — Fired football coach Mike Riley.
UCLA — Named Chip Kelly football coach and agreed to a five-year contract.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	23	16	5	2	34	86	62
Toronto	25	15	9	1	31	88	77
Detroit	24	10	9	5	25	69	70
Boston	21	10	7	4	24	58	62
Ottawa	22	8	8	6	22	67	74
Montreal	24	9	12	3	21	57	80
Florida	22	8	12	2	18	64	77
Buffalo	24	6	14	4	16	55	83

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	23	14	5	4	32	76	71
Columbus	23	15	7	1	31	68	55
N.Y. Islanders	23	14	7	2	30	84	74
Washington	25	14	10	1	29	74	75
Pittsburgh	25	12	10	3	27	69	86
N.Y. Rangers	23	12	9	2	26	74	69
Carolina	21	9	8	4	22	62	64
Philadelphia	23	8	9	6	22	65	70

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	24	17	6	1	35	84	63
Winnipeg	22	14	5	3	31	73	58
Nashville	22	14	6	2	30	70	62
Chicago	22	11	8	3	25	67	57
Dallas	23	12	10	1	25	67	69
Minnesota	23	11	9	3	25	70	67
Colorado	21	11	8	2	24	71	68

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	22	15	6	1	31	81	66
Los Angeles	23	12	8	3	27	67	55
Calgary	22	12	9	1	25	66	70
Vancouver	23	11	9	3	25	63	64
San Jose	21	11	8	2	24	54	50
Anaheim	22	10	9	3	23	61	64
Edmonton	23	8	13	2	18	60	77
Arizona	26	6	17	3	15	64	95

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Scores & Schedule

Saturday's Scores
Pittsburgh 5, Tampa Bay 2
Montreal 3, Buffalo 0
Chicago 4, Florida 1
Washington 4, Toronto 2
N.Y. Islanders 3, Ottawa 1
New Jersey 4, Detroit 3, OT
Vegas 4, Arizona 2
St. Louis 6, Minnesota 3
Calgary at Colorado, late
Winnipeg at San Jose, late
Anaheim at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Nashville at Carolina, noon
Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Boston, 4 p.m.

JACKS BRIEF

Jacks score 2 in third to beat Corpus Christi

ODESSA – The Odessa Jackalopes scored two goals in the third period and rallied for a 2-1 regulation victory over the visiting Corpus Christi IceRays on Saturday at Ector County Coliseum.

Lucas Andersson tied the game at 1-1 in the third for Odessa (11-10-1), before Ricky Carballo scored the go-ahead goal at the 4:59 mark on assists by James Crossman and Peyton Frantti.

Goaltender Brett Epp stopped 37 of 38 shots Corpus Christi (9-11-2) shots in the win.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 2
At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), Miguel Cotto vs. Sadam Ali, 12, for Cotto's WBO World junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Oscar Negrete, 12s, for Vargas' WBC junior featherweight title.

Dec. 8
At Hialeah Park Racing & Casino, Hialeah, Fla. (FS1), Jean Pascal vs. Ahmed Elbiali, 10, light heavyweights; Chad Dawson vs. Edwin Rodriguez, 10, light heavyweights.

Dec. 9
At The Theater at Madison Square Garden, New York (ESPN), Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO World super featherweight title; Christopher Diaz vs. Casey Ramos, 10, junior lightweights.
At Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas (HBO), Orlando Salido vs. Miguel Roman, 10, junior lightweights; Tevin Farmer vs. Kenichi Ogawa, 12, for vacant IBF junior lightweight title; Francisco Vargas vs. Stephen Smith, 10, junior lightweights; Jaime Munguia vs. Steven Martinez, 10, junior middleweights.

Dec. 13
At Brisbane, Australia (ESPN), Jeff Horn vs. Gary Corcoran, 12, for Horn's WBO welterweight title.

Dec. 16
At Place Bell, Laval, Quebec (HBO), Billy Joe Saunders vs. David Lemieux, 12, for Saunders' WBO middleweight title; Antoine Douglas vs. Gary O'Sullivan, 10, for the WBO Intercontinental middleweight title.

2018
Jan. 13
At TBA, United States (SHO), Errol Spence Jr. vs. Lamont Peterson, 12, for Spence's IBF World welterweight title.

Jan. 18
At Macao, China, Donnie Nietes vs. Juan Carlos Reveco, 12, for Nietes' IBF World flyweight title.

Jan. 20
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO), Errol Spence Jr. vs. Lamont Peterson, 12, for Spence's IBF welterweight title.

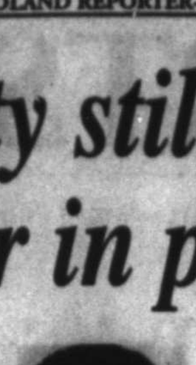
Feb. 24
At Los Angeles, Wisaksil Wangek vs. Juan Francisco Estrada, 12, for Wangek's WBC World super flyweight title.

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CINCINNATI	6½	8	(38½)	Cleveland
PHILADELPHIA	12	13½	(44)	Chicago
NEW ENGLAND	15	16½	(47)	Miami
KANSAS CITY	8	9½	(45)	Buffalo
ATLANTA	8½	8½	(OFF)	Tampa Bay
Carolina	3½	4½	(38½)	NY JETS
Tennessee	5	4	(OFF)	INDIANAPOLIS
Seattle	7½	7	(OFF)	SAN FRANCISCO
LA RAMS	1½	2½	(53½)	New Orleans
Jacksonville	4	5	(38)	ARIZONA
OAKLAND	6½	5	(43)	Denver
PITTSBURGH	13½	13½	(41)	Green Bay
		Monday		
BALTIMORE	8	7	(36)	Houston

Be sure to check out Today's edition to read weekly
VIEWPOINTS

Lee, Garden City still carrying area's banner in playoffs



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It's that time of year again where only a select few from our area are left standing in the high school football playoffs.

And it seems it'll only get tougher to see teams from this part of the state, especially in bigger classifications, make a deep run in the playoffs as the teams out east are loaded with athletic talent, and most of all speed.

It was good to see Lee survive its area round home playoff game against Arlington Lamar on Saturday, which comes out of a very tough District 4-6A.

Not many folks had Lee even going to the playoffs (I admit I had my doubts prior to the season), especially going to the third round.

But here the Rebels are, the last team standing out of District 2 and not San Angelo Central and not Odessa Permian – two teams which had many media members salivating and praising their greatness.

Don't get me wrong, they were good teams but having to play quality metroplex teams on the road was tough and their losses only prove that this district has a ways to go before it can match up with some of those programs.

Now Lee has a tall task of facing traditional power Euless Trinity, which knocked off No. 6-ranked Duncanville 28-27 on Saturday afternoon, next Saturday afternoon in Shotwell Stadium.

The Rebels will be considered underdogs in that game and they will have to play some great football to knock off the Trojans.

But maybe this Lee team will defy the odds and come up with the big upset. And why not? The Rebels have made many into believers this season.

Another big playoff game on tap this coming week is No. 3 Garden City (10-2) taking on No. 2 Borden County (12-0) in a Class 1A Division state quarterfinal at 7:30 pm. Friday in Forsan.

If last year's state quarterfinal game between the teams was any indication, this should be a six-man dandy.

In last year's game, Garden City took a lead into the second half only to see the Coyotes roar back and pull away for a 66-48 win. That game proved to be the last challenge the Coyotes would have as they steamrolled their way to a state championship.

Borden County is once again plowing its way through the playoffs as the Coyotes have not allowed a point since a 60-4 win over Klondike on Oct. 20 and have outscored opponents 695-50 this season.

Garden City got tested in a 54-40 win over Rankin on Saturday and that's probably the best thing that could have happened to the Bearkats, who certainly got a wake up just in time to face Borden County.

■ Switching gears to college football, it was good to see a coach on the hot seat not get shown the door this season. Texas Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt announced after Friday night's 27-23 win at Texas that Kliff Kingsbury will be coming back for a sixth season.

I know that Kingsbury has frustrated a lot of the Red Raider fan base, but this is a program that needs to have some stability. A new coach would mean a new philosophy and the likelihood of starting from scratch yet again. Just ask Baylor and Texas what it's like to go through growing pains with a new coach.

Sure it would be nice to win more but every program in the country would love to win more, from Alabama to UTEP.

It also doesn't surprise me that Kingsbury is being retained as he's still owed more than $6.7 million guaranteed. Now there's no indication that the buyout had anything to do with him coming back, but between me and you, it probably had a little to do with it.

Apparently, the announcement has already done some good in Texas Tech's recruiting as four-star wide receiver Erik Ezukanma out of Fort Worth Timber Creek committed to the Red Raiders on Saturday.

■ And finally, have you given up on the Dallas Cowboys season like I have?

Now if you want to get ticked off at a coaching staff, look at the Cowboys.

We can blame their struggles on Ezekiel Elliott's suspension and we can blame it on general manager Jerry Jones, but this staff has to do a better job of making adjustments. Just look at the past three weeks and you see a team that's lost its way and not even Elliott returning might cure its ills.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NEW MEXICO JC EDGES CHAPS

HOBBS, N.M. – Amari Hale sunk six 3-pointers and scored a game-high 25 points, but the Midland College men's basketball team fell just short in a 77-76 loss to New Mexico Junior College on Saturday at the NMJC Classic.

Kevin Kangu added 17 points for MC (3-6), while Marquell Fraser had 14 points and seven rebounds.

Marcell Haskett scored a team-high 24 points for NMJC (8-2), which led 44-35 at halftime and went 16-for-29 from 3-point range in the win.

MC next opens Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when it hosts South Plains College at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday.

NEW MEXICO JUNIOR COLLEGE 77, MIDLAND COLLEGE 76

Midland College (3-6) – D'Andre McLamb 1-1 2-2 4, Marquell Fraser 6-8 1-2 14, Amari Hale 8-14 3-5 25, Kevin Kangu 6-13 2-5 17, Kayo Goncalves 2-8 2-2 8, Iseri Palacio 0-0 0-0 0, Musa Mohamed 0-1 2-2 2, Erkam Kiris 1-2 1-2 3, Michael Hillebrand 1-3 1-2 3, Jardin van der Korput 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-50 14-22 76.

New Mexico JC (8-2) – Marcell Haskett 9-16 0-2 24, Damontrez Hawes 5-8 0-0 15, Xavier Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, DeAnthony Owens 3-10 3-6 11, Antonio Morales 1-2 0-1 2, Tavion Robinson 1-2 4-4 6, Paul Williams 3-5 3-4 10, Franklyn Penn, Jr. 2-3 0-0 6, Robinson Normil 0-0 0-0 0, Hunter Ladler 0-0 1-2 1, Florian Quedrogo 1-3 0-1 2. Totals 25-50 11-20 77.

Midland College 35 41 –76
New Mexico JC 44 33 –77

3-point goals – Midland College 12-29 (Fraser 1-2, Hale 6-11, Kangu 3-9, Goncalves 2-7), New Mexico JC 16-29 (Haskett 6-10, Hawes 5-7, Owens 2-7, Robinson 0-1, Williams 1-1, Penn Jr. 2-3). Total fouls – Midland College 26, New Mexico JC 19. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – Midland College 26 (Fraser 7), New Mexico JC 31 (Robinson 8). Assists – Midland College 9 (McLamb 3), New Mexico JC 14 (Haskett 5). Turnovers – Midland College 8, New Mexico JC 17.

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Wednesday

LADY CHAPS CRUSH EASTERN ARIZONA

ODESSA – Despite missing 17 of their 25 free throw attempts, Midland College cruised to a 64-43 win against Eastern Arizona on Saturday at the Sonic Thanksgiving Classic.

Midland High grad Alexandrea Washington led the Lady Chaps (5-5) with 13 points, while Matangiora Flavell had 12, Ogechi Nwodo added nine points and Paige Robinson pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds.

MC led 35-20 at halftime.

Miyah Ursery scored a team-high 13 points for Eastern Arizona, which shot 32 percent in the loss.

The Lady Chaps open WJCAC play when they host South Plains College at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 64, EASTERN ARIZONA 43

Eastern Arizona – Kim Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Nirae Peter 5-11 0-0 12, Sariah Winiess 3-16 0-0 6, Seraiah Tyller 2-5 0-0 4, Miyah Ursery 5-15 2-5 13, Tayah De'Bouck 2-4 0-0 5, Kayla Donsela 0-0 1-2 1, Kiara Goseyun 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 18-68 3-9 43.

Midland College (5-5) – Bethany Theodore 3-11 0-0 7, Alexandrea Washington 5-12 0-0 13, Paige Robinson 1-4 1-3 3, Matangiora Flavell 5-9 0-0 12, Lowendle Lapoval 2-3 0-0 4, Ella Tofaseono 1-2 2-4 4, Destiny Byfield 2-7 0-0 5, Abbi Hatton 1-2 0-2 3, Ogechi Nwodo 4-6 1-4 9, Alyssa Hayes 0-3 2-2 2, Wiebke Schwartau 0-0 2-5 2. Totals – 24-59 5-25 64.

Eastern Arizona 11 9 13 10 –43
Midland College 15 20 10 19 –64

3-point goals – Eastern Arizona 4-19 (Petty 2-4, Winiess 0-4, Ursery 1-5, De'Bouck 1-3, Goseyun 0-3), Midland College 8-25 (Theodore 1-7, Washington 5-8, Flavell 2-3, Byfield 1-4, Hatton 1-2, Hayes 0-1). Total fouls – Eastern Arizona 11, Midland College 6. Fouled out – None. Rebounds – Eastern Arizona 32 (Allen 7, Petty 7, Winiess 7), Midland College 49 (Robinson 13). Assists – Eastern Arizona 14 (Petty 6), Midland College 20 (Theodore 7). Turnovers – Eastern Arizona 16, Midland College 16.

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Wednesday

Jason Day takes 3rd-round lead at the Australian Open

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

SYDNEY — Jason Day is prepared for a pressure-filled final round at the Australian Open on Sunday.

Day moved into position for his first Australian Open title after shooting a 2-under 69 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead. Jordan Spieth didn't move up the leaderboard much after a 70 but still feels he still has a chance to win his third title Down Under.

Day, making his first appearance back home since 2013, birdied the 18th for a 54-hole total of 203, 10-under par, after a tough, windy day that made low scoring difficult.

He's expecting more of the same on Sunday.

"It's going to be just as tough, or if not tougher," Day said. "So a lot more patience and hopefully I can pull through with a win."

Day has a strong recent record of converting 54-hole leads into victories on the PGA Tour. He's six for 13, but he's converted five of his past six, including the 2015 PGA Championship.

Second-round leader Lucas Herbert was in second place after a 71. Jonas Blixt of Sweden shot 66 to move into a third-place tie with Australian Matt Jones (68), three behind Day.

Herbert had a two-stroke lead over Day, but on the par-3, 172-meter 11th, he pulled his tee shot into thick native bushes. He and spectators searched but couldn't find his ball, so Herbert jogged back to the tee to hit his third shot, eventually making a double-bogey 5 to fall level with Day.

"I was actually really happy to make three with the second ball," Herbert said. "I tried not to get too stressed about that and just make some more good swings coming in."

Day, who hit only three of seven fairways on his even-par front nine, was in trouble off the first tee when he pushed his shot into the woodchips and trees. But he made a remarkable shot — between two trees and over another — and was just in front of the green for his third shot. He pitched to about five feet and made the putt for par.

"I think anything in the 60s tomorrow will seal the deal," said Day. "I just need to focus on the golf course and not do anything too crazy."

Defending champion Spieth left himself a daunting task, sitting eight strokes behind Day.

Spieth bogeyed the fourth hole after three pars to open his round. He got that shot back with a birdie on the par-4 sixth, then needed putts of 12 feet and three feet to save par on the next two holes.

He hit wayward tee shots on the final three holes of the front nine, bogeying the ninth for a 1-over 36. On the back, he birdied the par-5 14th to get back to even par on the day, then added a tap-in birdie on the 18th.

Emirates Australian Open Leading Scores
Saturday
At The Australian Golf Club Rosebery
Sydney
Purse: $1.25 million
Yardage: 7,239; Par: 71
Third Round
a-amateur

Jason Day, Australia	66-69-68—203
Lucas Herbert, Australia	67-68-71—204
Jonas Blixt, Sweden	68-72-66—206
Matt Jones, Australia	71-67-68—206
Cameron Smith, Australia	69-69-69—207
Rhein Gibson, Australia	72-69-68—209
Anthony Quayle, Australia	67-69-72—208
a-Takumi Kanaya, Japan	71-73-65—209
Mark Brown, New Zealand	72-70-67—209
a-Matias Sanchez, Australia	71-70-68—209
Matthew Guyatt, Australia	69-72-69—209
Cameron Davis, Australia	65-72-74—209
James Marchesani, Australia	73-70-67—210
Craig Parry, Australia	73-67-70—210
Jason Scholenz, Australia	69-70-71—210
Dale Brandt-Richards, Australia	73-66-71—210
Also	
Jordan Spieth, United States	70-71-70—211
Kramer Hickok, United States	69-73-71—213
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	73-69-73—214
Mike Miller, United States	75-69-72—215
Rod Pampling, Australia	69-74-73—215
Adam Blyrid, Australia	69-72-74—215
Geoff Ogilvy, Australia	69-73-75—218
a-Charles Reiter, United States	75-69-75—219
Nick O'Hern, Australia	70-74-76—220

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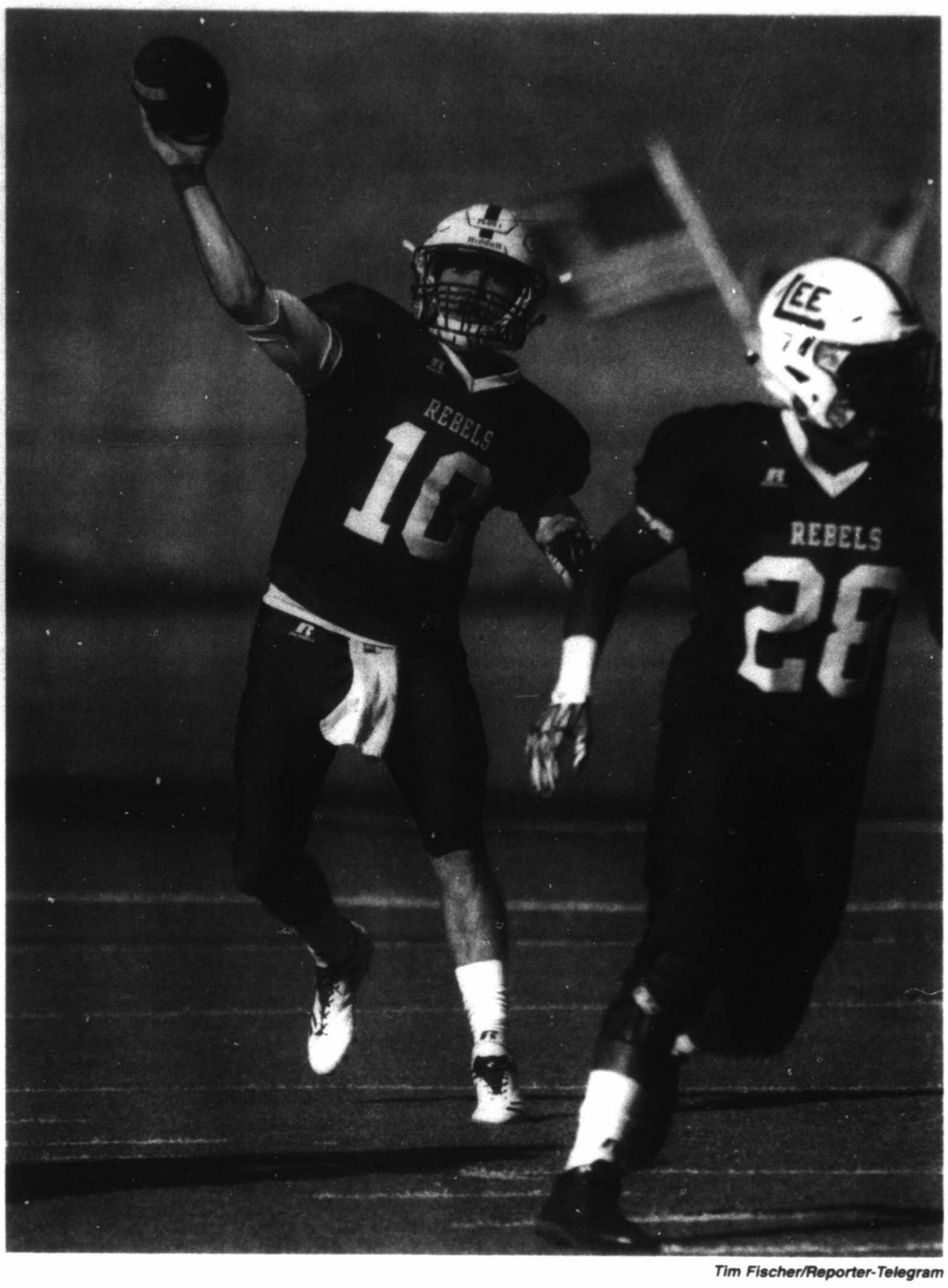
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Coach Clint Hartman holds up the area round trophy for his players Saturday after they beat Arlington Lamar 42-38 at Grande Communications Stadium.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Colby Standard looks to pass Saturday against Arlington Lamar at Grande Communications Stadium

MCS

From 1C

Shedeur Sanders led Trinity into the end zone on its opening drive by tossing a 20-yard TD pass to Kentavon Hawkins.

In the second quarter, Shedeur Sanders heaved a precision deep ball to Camiron Smith for a 46-yard score, extending Trinity's lead to 21-0 with 9:43 left.

"It's all a part of the game plan," Eagles head coach Aveion Cason said. "Deion did a great job with game planning and I help him out with things like that. We just responded. We always tell our kids there's going to be ups and downs and you're going to play against adversity. When you get behind the chains, you just try to take a shot at getting a big chunk play."

Despite Trinity's big plays, the Mustangs had their offensive opportunities as they had three first-half possessions that ended with fourth down stops, and two more drives in the third quarter that were stymied in the red zone on fourth down.

In the third quarter, Powell slipped on a fourth-and-5 passing play at the Eagles' 15, turning the ball over on downs. After MCS got the ball back on a Micah Strahan fumble recovery, the Mustangs were stopped again when Powell completed a 6-yard pass to Ben Gibbs on fourth-and-7 at the Trinity 9.

"We could never could get into our game plan," McClendon said. "They've got linebackers running through on us. That's on me. That's right back on me. It's a sad way to end and I hate it. I'm proud of our kids. They play hard. They work hard. I'm sad for them. We just didn't do a very good job this week for some reason."

MCS scored its only touchdown when Powell tossed a 12-yard pass to senior David Threadgill with 4:22 left, cutting Trinity's lead to 35-6.

Powell was held to 62 yards on 19 carries and he was limited to 92 yards passing, to go along with two interceptions. Powell's biggest impact was on special teams, as he averaged 61.7 yards on three punts.

"We didn't know if (Powell) was going to play," said Washington, who has an offer from Ohio State. "We knew he was a big factor, so we studied film from a long time ago. We knew he was a really good player. We watched a lot of film. We were ready for everything on defense. The defense played great."

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CEDAR HILL TRINITY CHRISTIAN 41, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6

Midland Christian	0	0	0	6	–6
Trinity Christian	14	13	7	7	–41

First Quarter

TC – Kentavon Hawkins 20 pass from Shedeur Sanders (Jamich Hawkins kick), 7:10

TC – Maurice Washington 46 run (Hawkins kick), 0:53

Second Quarter

TC – Camiron Smith 46 pass from Sanders (Hawkins kick), 9:43

TC – Qualan Jones 9 run (kick failed), 0:20

Third Quarter

TC – Jones 6 run (Hawkins kick), 0:56

Fourth Quarter

MCS – David Threadgill 12 pass from Peyton Powell (kick failed), 4:22

TC – Washington 55 kickoff return (Hawkins kick), 4:09

	MCS	TC
First downs	16	20
Rushes-yards	37-123	38-224
Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-30-2	14-22-0
Passing yards	103	252
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-2
Punts-avg.	3-61.7	2-35.5
Penalties-yards	3-19	11-106

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Midland Christian, Peyton Powell 19-62, Silas Crews 10-31, Bryson Harper 5-20, Garrison Breeding 2-6, Randall Blanscett 1-2. Trinity Christian, Maurice Washington 18-116, Qualan Jones 11-57, Ja'marvin Hartfield 6-37, Camiron Smith 1-10, Laron Green 1-2, Jalen Haynes 1-2

PASSING – Midland Christian, Powell 8-27-2—92, Crews 1-3-0—11; Trinity Christian, Shedeur Sanders 14-22-0—252

RECEIVING – Midland Christian, Crews 1-23, Blanscett 2-23, Josh Bailey 1-16, Gibbs 2-12, David Threadgill 1-12, Joe Rawicki 1-10, Harper 1-7. Trinity Christian, Kentavon Hawkins 2-78, Smith 5-75, Washington 5-71, Emon Taylor 1-16, Jones 1-12

INTERCEPTIONS – Trinity Christian, Jalen Haynes 1-14, K. Hawkins 1-7.

LEE

From 1C

home side fell silent. But Lee head coach Clint Hartman, his staff and his players refused to back down.

"Our kids have been resilient all year," Hartman said. "The one thing I did tell our coaches in the press box was 'There's nobody scared down here. Everybody is still fighting.' We felt like the first two series were mental mistakes and a little bit of jitters. Once we settled down and played, we were fine."

Lee proceeded to reel off 21 unanswered points – touchdown passes of 52 and 21 yards from Standard to Fouonji and then a 50-yard catch and run TD by Brown. The Rebels defense settled into rhythm and took a 21-19 lead into halftime, despite missing a golden scoring chance on the Vikings 2-yard line with a Standard interception.

"Coach tells us all the time to be calm within the storm," said Lee senior defensive lineman Isaiah Garza. "That's all we did. We stayed calm, focused and did our jobs."

Standard opened the second half with a 38-yard touchdown run, before Lamar answered with a 35-yard scoring dash by Jones to make it 28-26 with 4:43 to play in the third. The two teams then exchanged turnovers prior to the Vikings taking a 32-28 lead on an 8-yard pass from Dawson to Matthew Shaw midway through the fourth.

Hartman said seeing his players overcome a fourth-quarter deficit in the playoffs was special.

"We got into the fourth quarter and it was really huge to see us lose the lead in the fourth quarter and then be resilient, play, make stops," Hartman said. "When we needed it, they made plays."

Lamar head coach Laban Delay said his team fought just as hard in a memorable game.

"They believed in themselves, they believed in each other, they believed they would win," Delay said. "Forget about the records, they just kept believing and kept fighting. We just came up a little bit short."

Lamar kicker Juan Villegas missed two extra point attempts in the loss. The Vikings also failed to convert a 2-point conversion – a dropped pass – after their score in the fourth.

Dawson passed for 354 yards and two touchdowns for the Vikings. Jones caught a team-high nine passes for 98 yards and added 77 rushing yards and two scores on the ground.

Lee outgained Lamar, 538-482 in the game.

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Lee's Josh Traylor looks to get away from Arlington Lamar's Deshawn Gaddie, 1, and James Douglas, 18, Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium

LEE 42, ARLINGTON LAMAR 38

Lamar	13	6	7	12	–38
Lee	7	14	7	14	–42

First quarter

Lamar – Michael Bradley 1 run (Villegas kick failed), 10:38

Lamar – Jaylen Jones 7 run (Villegas kick), 4:22

Lee – Lee Fouonji 52 pass from Colby Standard (John Thompson kick), 2:25

Second quarter

Lee – Fouonji 21 pass from Standard (Thompson kick), 9:58

Lee – Grant Brown 50 pass from Standard (Thompson kick), 7:56

Lamar – Jack Dawson 3 run (Villegas kick failed), 1:53

Third quarter

Lee – Standard 38 run (Thompson kick), 8:46

Lamar – Jones 35 run (Villegas kick), 4:43

Fourth quarter

Lamar – Matthew Shaw 8 pass from Dawson (pass failed), 6:24

Lee – Brown 95 kickoff return (Thompson kick), 6:10

Lee – Standard 1 run (Thompson kick), 1:33

	Lamar	Lee
First downs	24	21
Rushes-yards	20-128	46-302
Passing yards	354	236
Comp.-Att.-Int.	26-46-1	15-18-1
Punts-avg.	1-41.0	1-23.0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	7-36	9-70

INDIVIDUALS STATISTICS

RUSHING – Lamar, Jaylen Jones 7-77, Jack Dawson 3-31, Michael Bradley 8-28, Matthew Shaw 1-8, Kaden Hadaw 1-0, Lee, Colby Standard 17-107, Avery Akbar 21-98, Josh Traylor 6-89

PASSING – Lamar, Dawson 26-46-1—354, Lee Standard 15-18-1—236

RECEIVING – Lamar, Trevon West, 6-104, Jones 9-98, Shaw 4-71, Dayton Dubs 4-46, Hadaw 2-22, James Grando 1-13, Lee, Loic Fouonji 3-91, Grant Brown 4-67, Akbar 3-43, Sheldon Bass Jr. 1-27, John Henry Garcia 1-9, Tyler Madrid 1-1, Jordan McDonald 1-0, Traylor 1-(-2).

MISSED FIELD GOALS – Lee, Fouonji 34 (wide short right)

INTERCEPTIONS – Lamar, Cade Thesch 1-2, Lee, Elijah Prince 1-2

REMATCH

From 1C

free for a 24-yard TD run.

Then after a Red Devil fumble, Amando Alegria scored on a 10-yard run to give the Bearkats some cushion, 46-32 late in the third quarter.

"It took us a while to get on track in what we were trying to do," said Alegria, who had a team-high 115 yards rushing and three touchdowns. "After a while, we picked it up, got on track and worked as a team."

Jones said once again, his defense was able to step up and give his offense an opportunity. The Bearkats came up with four turnovers on the day.

"Defense has played good all year and they came up big today," he said. "That's what we need at this time of year and they just need to continue to keep doing what they're doing."

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NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 54, RANKIN 40

Rankin	8	8	16	8	–40
Garden City	0	22	24	8	–54

First Quarter

Rankin – Calen Fouts 7 pass from Cody Wyatt (Titan Quigg kick), 0:42

Second Quarter

Garden City – Amando Alegria 51 run (Scott Miller kick), 8:14

Garden City – Raul Almazan 13 pass from Trent McMillan (kick failed), 3:56

Rankin – Fouts 1 run (Quigg kick), 1:37

Garden City – Alegria 21 run (Miller kick), 0:10

Third Quarter

Rankin – Kamren Shelton 28 run (Quigg kick), 8:44

Garden City – Hunter McMillan 41 run (Josue Gutierrez kick), 7:35

Rankin – Shelton 41 run (Quigg kick), 6:22

Garden City – Gutierrez 24 run (Miller kick), 5:12

Garden City – Alegria 10 run (Miller kick), 3:43

Fourth Quarter

Rankin – Markus Black 44 pass from Quigg (Quigg kick), 4:48

Garden City – Cade Braden 3 run (Miller kick), 2:25

	Rankin	GCHS
First downs	13	15
Rushes-yards	19-120	39-308
Passing yards	166	30
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-30-2	3-7-10
Punts-Avg.	3-36.0	1-50.0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	10-80	7-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING – Rankin, Kamren Shelton 13-122, Markus Black 2-12, Calen Fouts 2-1, Titan Quigg 3-(-15); Garden City, Josue Gutierrez 15-84, Amando Alegria 5-115, Hunter McMillan 11-99, Cesar Chavez 2-10, Caden Braden 3-44, Scott Miller 2-2, Trae Jost 1-(-6)

PASSING – Rankin, Quigg 16-22-1—143, Cody Wyatt 3-4-0—20, Shelton 1-4-1—3; Garden City, Trent McMillan 3-4-0—30, H. McMillan 0-1-0-0, Trae Jost 0-2-0—0

RECEIVING – Rankin, Fouts 5-38, Dalon Owen 5-56, Shelton 2-20, Black 5-58, Benjamin Rios 1-2, Cody Wyatt 1-(-5), Justin Gaddis 1-12; Garden City, Scott Miller 1-8, Braden 1-9, Raul Almazan 1-13

INTERCEPTIONS – Garden City, Trent McMillan 1-0, Cesar Chavez 1-9

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SCORES

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 6A Division I
Region I Area

Euless Trinity 28, Duncanville 27
Midland Lee 42, Arlington Lamar 38

Class 6A Division I
Region II Area

Garland Sachse 24, Rockwall 17, OT

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Class 6A Division I
Region III Area

Katy 55, Cypress Ranch 7

Class 6A Division I
Region IV Area

Lake Travis 47, Converse Judson 39
Los Fresnos 47, SA Southeast 35

Class 6A Division II
Region I Area

Arlington 77, EP Montwood 42

Class 6A Division II
Region II Area

Longview 75, Dallas Jesuit 43
Lufkin 35, Richardson Pearce 19
Spring Westfield 47, San Marcos 3

Class 6A Division II
Region III Area

Humble Kingwood Park 38, Houston Clear Lake 30

Class 5A Division I
Region IV Area

Richmond Foster 28, Dripping Springs 21

Class 5A Division II
Region II Area

North Forney 50, Lake Dallas 20

Class 5A Division II
Region III Area

College Station 34, Georgetown 31

Class 4A Division II
Region III Area

Bellville 35, Fairfield 34, OT
Salado 63, Liberty 14

Class 3A Division I
Region III Area

EP Franklin 45, La Marque 7
Franklin 45, La Marque 7

Class 3A Division I
Region III Area

Price Carlisle 41, Kerens 31

Class 2A Division II
Region II Area

Lindsay 28, Menard 0
Muenster 60, Iraan 0

Class 1A Six-Man Division I
Region I Regional

Happy 94, Ropesville Ropes 46
McLean 77, Knox City 45

Class 1A Six-Man Division I
Region II Regional

Garden City 54, Rankin 40

TAAD Division II
Semifinal

Austin NYOS 80, West Texas Homeschool 32

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Lubbock Home School Titans 80, SA FEAST 30
Stephenville Home School 64, Williamson County Home School 16

TAPPS 8-Man D1
Regional

Amarillo San Jacinto 70, Abilene Christian 42
Katy Faith West 58, Austin Hill Country 57

TAPPS 6-Man D2
Regional

Bulverde Bracken 72, New Braunfels Christian 56
Fredericksburg Heritage 52, Lake Jackson Brazosport 46
Pearsview Christian 97, Longview Heritage 76
Waco Live Oak Classical 90, All Saints Episcopal 45

TAPPS 6-Man D3
Regional

Weatherford Christian 44, Longview Trinity 27

TAPPS D1
Regional

Dallas Bishop Lynch 42, Dallas Parish Episcopal 7
Houston St. Pius X 35, Dallas Bishop Dunne 28

TAPPS D2
Regional

Austin Hyde Park 20, Houston Second Baptist 9
Cedar Hill Trinity 41, Midland Christian 6
Dallas Christian 45, Fort Worth Christian 35

TAPPS D3
Regional

Lubbock Christian 34, Dallas Shelton 24

TAPPS D4
Regional

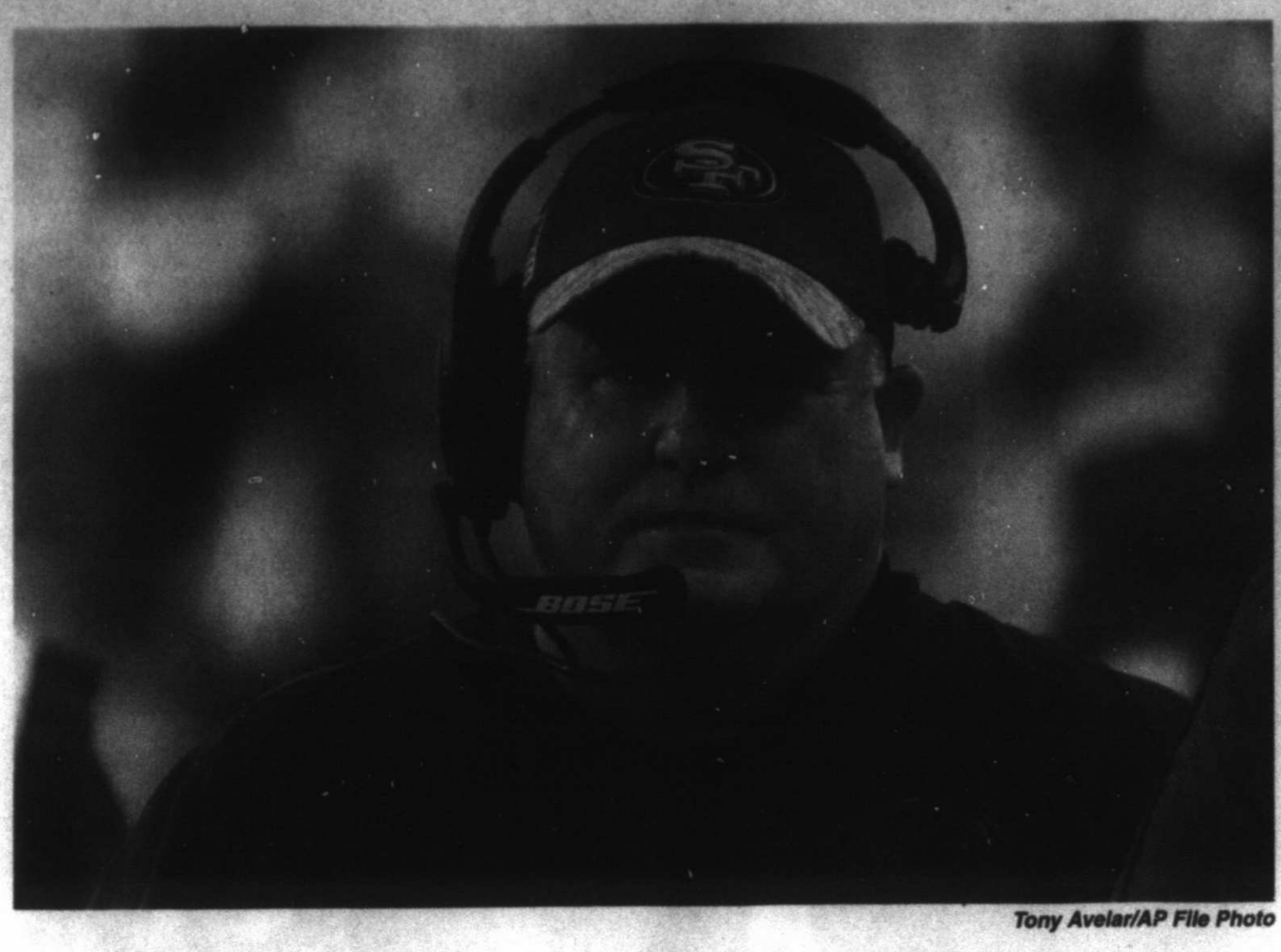
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Magnolia Legacy 28, Hallsville Sacred Heart 21

TCAL 11-Man
Championship

Pro-Vision Academy 36, Tomball Homeschool 31

TCAL Six-Man Division I
Championship

Marshall Christian Academy 70, Houston Mt. Carmel 20



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Former San Francisco 49ers head coach Chip Kelly stands on the sideline during the second half against the Seattle Seahawks on Jan. 1 in Santa Clara, Calif. Kelly agreed to a five-year, $23.3 million deal to become UCLA's football coach on Saturday, Nov. 25. The former Oregon coach returns to the Pac-12 to replace Jim Mora, who was fired Monday with one game left in his sixth season in Westwood.

Kelly back, Riley out, Frost wanted as coaching season spins

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Chip Kelly is back, Mike Riley is out and Scott Frost is a wanted man.

College football's silly season went into overdrive Saturday as UCLA announced it had hired Kelly, the former Oregon coach, and Nebraska fired Riley within about 15 minutes of each other, closing one high-profile search after less than a week and officially opening another.

There figures to be more activity in the next day or so. Texas A&M plays LSU later Saturday, and there has been lots of speculation that Aggies coach Kevin Sumlin could be the fifth SEC coach to be dismissed.

Arkansas became the fourth SEC school with an opening on Friday. Bret Bielema was fired immediately following a loss to Missouri that ended Arkansas' season with a 4-8 record. Mississippi, Florida and Tennessee are already searching for coaches. The Gators tried to woo Kelly, but he decided to return to college football in the conference where he has already had so much success.

Kelly went 46-7 with three Pac-12 titles in four seasons at Oregon before trying his hand in the NFL. He had three seasons at Philadelphia and one with San Francisco, going 28-35, including 2-14 with the 49ers. He spent this season working for ESPN as an analyst.

With Kelly off the board, one of his former assistants at Oregon becomes the most-sought after coach on the market. Frost is in his second season as UCF coach after leaving the Ducks. He has the 13th-ranked Knights 11-0 and heading to the American Athletic Conference championship game next week against No. 17 Memphis and coach Mike Norvell, who is also expected to draw interest from Power Five schools with openings, such as Ole Miss and Arkansas.

Frost figures to be the next focus for Florida, where athletic director Scott Stricklin said he was looking for a coach who could bring offensive excitement back to Gainesville. UCF is the highest-scoring team in the country.

The Gators will again have competition. Frost is a Nebraska native and former Cornhuskers quarterback who played under Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne in the mid-1990s. Nebraska fans are pining for Frost, who has consistently said he would not be discussing any other jobs while UCF is pursuing a major bowl bid.

Nebraska athletic director Bill Moos said the search is already well underway, and "Scott is somebody I'm considering. But I am sensitive to that he is still coaching a team."

Moos was hired away from Washington State in October, leading to speculation that Cougars coach Mike Leach could follow his former boss, or be a candidate to move to another job. Leach is in his sixth season at Washington State. The 14th-ranked Cougars play No. 15 Washington in the Apple Cup on Saturday. A victory would send Washington State to the Pac-12 championship game.

Florida could also turn to Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen, a former Florida assistant under Urban Meyer who worked with Stricklin when the AD was leading the athletic department in Starkville, Mississippi.

Mullen has also been speculated to be a target for Tennessee, along with Leach.

Texas Tech decided to stick with its coach after Kliff Kingsbury led the Red Raiders to a victory at Texas on Friday night that made the team bowl eligible. Athletic director Kirby Hocutt said after the game that Kingsbury, a former Texas Tech quarterback, would be back for a sixth season. He is 30-32 with his alma mater.

Another man who could be coaching for his job is Todd Graham of Arizona State. The Sun Devils (6-5) are already bowl eligible, and a victory better than last season, heading into Saturday's game against rival Arizona. If Arizona State opens up, it could be a landing spot for Sumlin.

Mississippi was to interview interim coach Matt Luke before digging into outside candidates. Luke, a former Ole Miss offensive lineman who was promoted when Hugh Freeze was fired before the season, gave himself a shot to land the job permanently by finishing 6-6 with a team that is serving a school-imposed bowl ban for NCAA violations.



Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) celebrates with fans following an NCAA football game against West Virginia in Norman, Okla., on Saturday Oklahoma won 59-31.

Mayfield leads No. 3 Oklahoma past West Virginia, 59-31

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Baker Mayfield began the week with tears and an apology.

He ended it as he so often has — by celebrating a victory.

The Oklahoma quarterback passed for 281 yards and three touchdowns after being punished for directing a lewd gesture toward the Kansas bench last week, and the third-ranked Sooners routed West Virginia 59-31 on Saturday to maintain their momentum heading into the Big 12 Championship game.

Mayfield was stripped of his captaincy and starting job for Saturday's contest, his final home game as a Sooner. He received the loudest cheers when the seniors were announced, then more loud cheers when he entered the game to start Oklahoma's second drive.

"The first steps on the field made that all go away," Mayfield said. "They (the fans) are always going to have my back. It's OK for me to grow and learn and move on. If I'm progressing and becoming a better man in their eyes that's something I'm proud of. I'm going to learn from my mistakes and move forward."

The Sooners scored touchdowns on all five possessions Mayfield played in before halftime, and on all six drives he completed in the game. Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley was pleased with the way Mayfield handled the week's events.

"His last game here, no matter how you draw it up, was going to be emotional," Riley said. "I was proud of him. I thought he held it in check. He was definitely emotional before — I know a lot of thoughts were running through his head. So for him to play the way he did considering all the circumstances was again why the guy is the best."

Mayfield completed 14 of 17 passes in a nearly flawless performance likely kept him at the front of the Heisman Trophy race.

"(No.) 6 is the best player in college football," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "He has a lot of really good people around him."

Rodney Anderson ran for 118 yards and four touchdowns for the Sooners (11-1, 8-1 Big 12, No. 4 CFP). They will play TCU for the Big 12 title next Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

Oklahoma gained 646 yards in its straight win. It was the most points the Sooners have scored against the Mountaineers.

"This is going to be short and sweet," West Virginia defensive coordinator Tony Gibson said. "Defensively, we sucked up front, we sucked at linebacker, we sucked at DB. Dana should probably fire me after that."

West Virginia's Chris Chugunov passed for 137 yards in his first start. He stepped in for Will Grier, who injured a finger the previous week against Texas. Kennedy McKoy ran for 137 yards and three touchdowns for the Mountaineers (7-5, 5-4).

It was a chippy contest in the first half, and it reached its peak when Oklahoma right guard Dru Samia was ejected after an altercation in the second quarter. It didn't stop the Sooners — just two plays later, Anderson scored his third touchdown of the game from 17 yards out to give the Sooners a 28-10 lead. Mayfield ran over to the sideline, jumping up and down, waving his arms up and exhorting the crowd.

Kyler Murray, a transfer from Texas A&M, started in Mayfield's place and took off for a 66-yard run on the first play from scrimmage. Anderson scored on the next play to put the Sooners up 7-0.

Mayfield took over and completed 11 of 12 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns in the first half. He sat for good with about three minutes left in the third quarter and the Sooners up 52-24.

The takeaway

West Virginia: The Mountaineers tried getting inside the Sooners' heads with the extra pushing and shoving and it backfired. The Sooners scored on every first-half possession and led 45-10 at the break.

Oklahoma: The Sooners rallied behind Mayfield and played one of its most complete games of the season. Oklahoma's defense had a third consecutive solid effort, controlling the first half and holding the Mountaineers to 387 total yards.

Poll implications

With No. 2 Miami losing to Pitt on Friday and No. 1 Alabama losing to Auburn on Saturday, Oklahoma is positioned to move up to No. 1.

Atypical backup

Murray, a transfer from Texas A&M, completed both of his passes for 52 yards and a touchdown and ran three times for 80 yards. For the season, he has completed 18 of 21 passes for 359 yards and three touchdowns and rushed 13 times for 142 yards and another score.

Stat lines

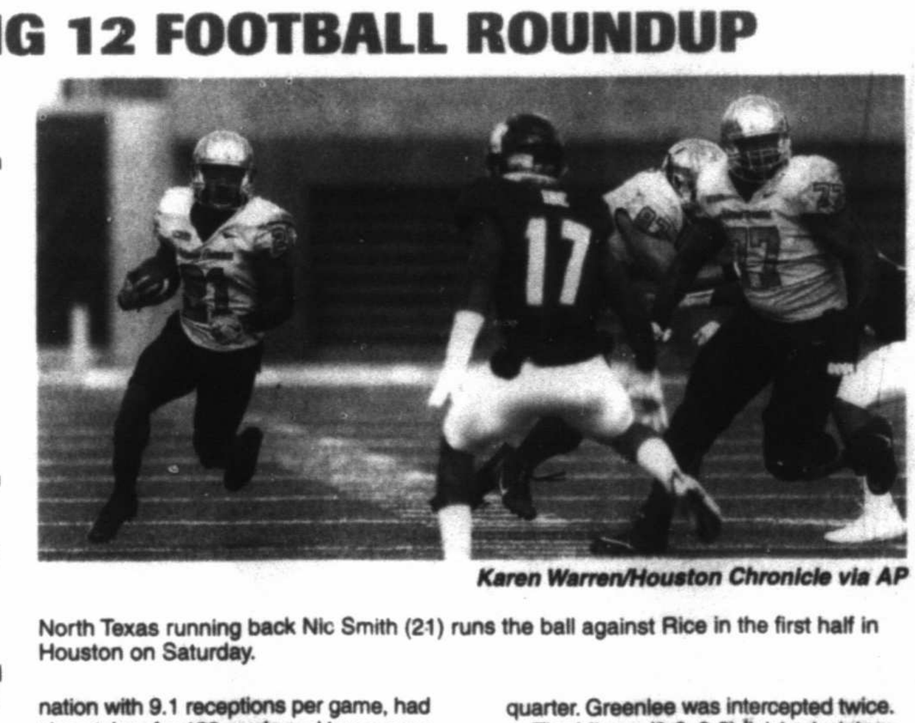
Oklahoma tight end Mark Andrews broke the school record for career yards receiving by an Oklahoma tight end. He ended the game with 1,655 yards, surpassing Jermaine Gresham's mark of 1,629 yards.

I do

Oklahoma's D.J. Ward proposed to his girlfriend during Senior Day introductions. She said yes.

Ward also won the Don Key Award, which is given to Oklahoma players who exemplify the best qualities on and off the field. Dimitri Flowers and Jordan Smallwood were the other winners.

TEXAS/BIG 12 FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



Karen Warren/Houston Chronicle via AP

North Texas running back Nic Smith (21) runs the ball against Rice in the first half in Houston on Saturday.

NORTH TEXAS 30
RICE 14

HOUSTON — Nic Smith rushed for a career-high 178 yards and a score and North Texas warmed up for the Conference USA championship game with a 30-14 victory over Rice on Saturday.

The Mean Green (8-4, 7-1) will go after their first C-USA championship when its plays at Florida Atlantic next Saturday after losing at FAU 69-31 in a regular-season meeting on Oct. 21.

Mason Fine passed for 195 yards and a touchdown, setting a North Texas single-season record with 27 TD passes.

Rice (1-11, 1-7) scored first on Brandon Douglas-Dotson's 75-yard interception return before Smith tied it in the first quarter with a 13-yard run. Fine put North Texas ahead to stay with a 51-yard pass play to Rico Bussey Jr. in the second quarter.

Jaelon Darden returned a punt 81 yards for a Mean Green touchdown, the Owls responded with Mikio Smalls' 52-yard scoring run and North Texas' Trevor Moore kicked the first of three field goals as the half ended 24-14.

Rice running back Sam Stewart was taken off the field on a stretcher after being injured on a run in the second quarter. He remained on the turf for approximately 20 minutes before being taken by stretcher to an ambulance. The school reported during the game that Stewart was "alert and responsive to questions from the medical staff while being treated on the field. He was transported to Methodist Hospital for further evaluation."

SMU 41
TULANE 38

DALLAS — Ben Hicks threw for 375 yards and four touchdowns, and SMU needed a goal-line stand, confirmed by a review, in the closing seconds to edge Tulane 41-38 on Saturday.

SMU (7-5) reached seven wins for the first time since 2012.

On the final drive of the game, Tulane receiver Darnell Mooney made a leaping catch over the middle in traffic for 19 yards with 46 seconds left and Terren Encalade added an 18-yard grab 10 seconds later to reach the SMU 5.

After a pass interference penalty with 25 seconds left, Tulane quarterback Jonathan Banks missed an open Mooney and was stopped on a sneak on second down. On third, SMU was called for a penalty to make it first-and-goal at the 1, but Banks was called short of the end zone on a sneak as time ran out. Officials reviewed the questionable call and stayed with the ruling on the field.

Xavier Jones ran for 38 yards to top 1,000 yards on the season for SMU and Courtland Sutton had 107 yards receiving to also reach the plateau. Trey Quinn, who leads the nation with 9.1 receptions per game, had six catches for 139 yards and two scores, including a 77-yard catch-and-run in the second quarter.

Banks threw for 314 yards and two scores, and added 48 yards rushing on 19 carries for Tulane (5-7), which had two 50-plus yard touchdowns in the first half.

Ahead 38-34, the Green Wave went for it on fourth-and-2 near midfield, but Banks was sacked with 7:06 remaining by SMU senior Justin Lawler. Eleven plays later, Quinn was open over the middle for a 19-yard touchdown for a 41-38 lead.

UAB 28
UTEP 7

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A.J. Erdely passed for two touchdowns and ran for another, and UAB celebrated its return to football with its sixth home win without a loss in its regular-season finale, 28-7 over UTEP on Saturday.

The UAB was shut down at the end of the 2014 season for financial reasons, but it was reinstated six months later after a fundraising effort. The Blazers sat out the 2015 and 2016 seasons in order to rebuild their roster. Now the Blazers (8-4, 6-2 Conference USA) await a bowl bid after setting a school record for FBS and Conference USA victories in a season.

Erdely threw for 159 yards and rushed for 29 more, throwing a 30-yard score to Collin Lisa for a 14-7 halftime lead and an 11-yarder to Logan Scott in the third quarter after Erdely ran for a 10-yard score. Nick Vogel added two field goals.

The Miners had only 208 yards offense. Their only score came on Zack Greenlee's 2-yard pass to Josh Weeks in the first quarter. Greenlee was intercepted twice.

The Miners (0-6, 0-8) finished winless during a season in which coach Sean Kugler was fired after a 0-5 start and former UTEP coach Mike Price was brought back as interim coach.

KANSAS STATE 20
IOWA STATE 19

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Skylar Thompson scrambled from pressure and threw a touchdown pass to Isaiah Zuber on the final play of the game, giving Kansas State a stunning 20-19 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night.

Thompson threw for 152 yards, none bigger than the one yard that he needed on the final play. The freshman quarterback took the snap with 11 seconds left, rolled to his left, then headed back to his right as the Cyclones gave chase and zipped a dart to Zuber for the touchdown.

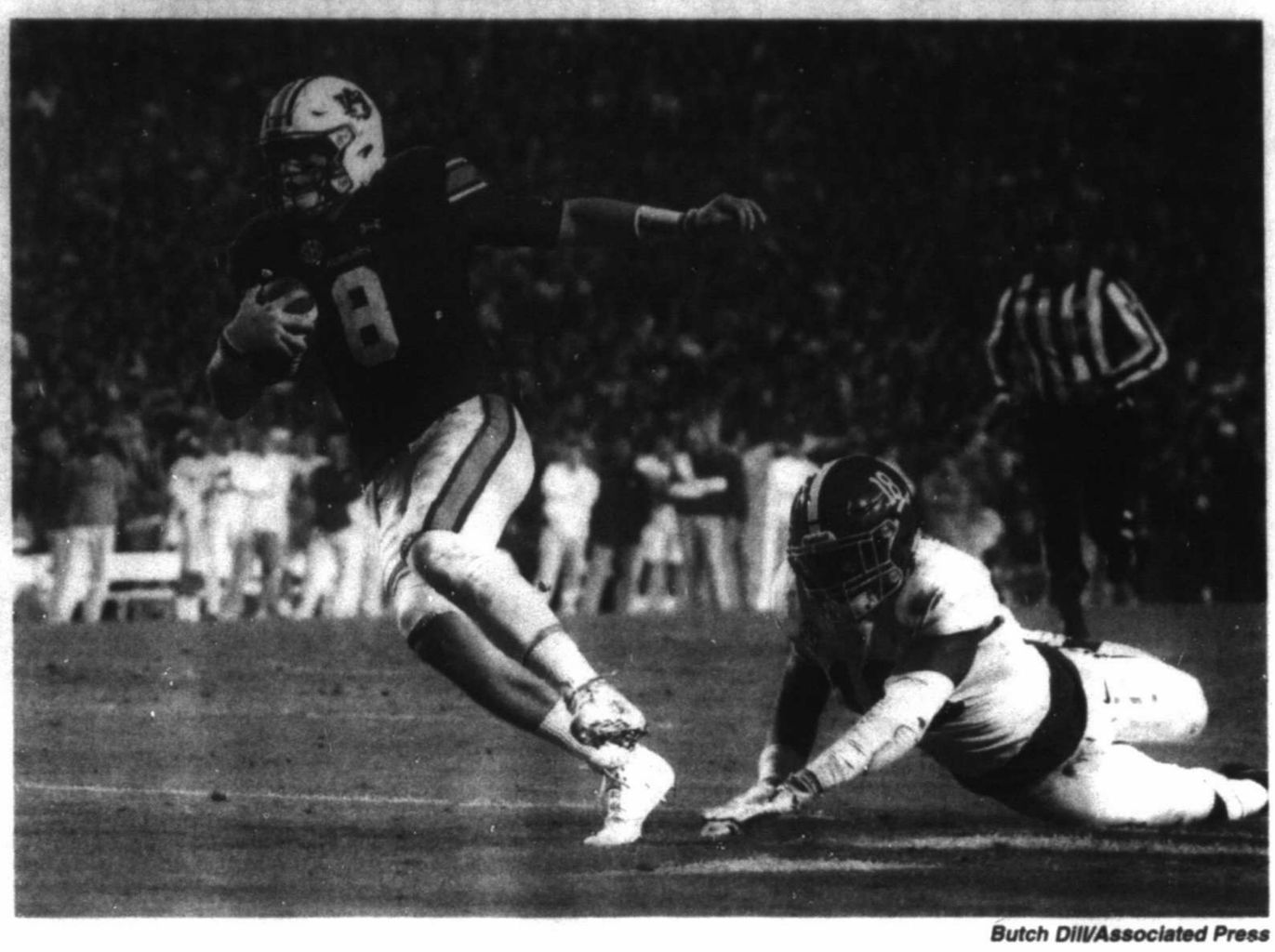
The 10-play, 87-yard drive took every second of the 1 minute, 55 seconds left in the game.

The Wildcats (7-5, 5-4 Big 12) rallied from a 19-7 fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Cyclones (7-5, 5-4) for the 10th straight time. They also likely improved their bowl destination with the win.

Kyle Kempt threw for 264 yards and two touchdowns for Iowa State, but he was unable to complete a pass on third-and-6 at the Kansas State 49 that would have allowed his team to put the game away.

The game lived up to its "Farmageddon" nickname: Two old-school, ground-and-pound teams going at it, a slobber-knocker reminiscent of when these teams met in the old Big Eight days.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 ROUNDUP



Butch Dill/Associated Press

Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham (8) gets past Alabama linebacker Dylan Moses (18) to carry the ball in for a touchdown during the second half on Saturday, in Auburn, Ala.

NO. 6 AUBURN 26, NO. 1 ALABAMA 14

AUBURN, Ala. — Jarrett Stidham and No. 6 Auburn dominated top-ranked Alabama 26-14 Saturday, earning a berth next week in the Southeastern Conference title game.

Stidham passed for 237 yards and ran for a fourth-quarter touchdown to set up a rematch with No. 7 Georgia in the SEC championship game Dec. 2 with a playoff spot almost certainly on the line.

Auburn (10-2, 7-1 SEC, No. 6 CFP) mostly shut down the league's top scoring offense for their second win in three weeks over the top team in the playoff rankings. They won the Western Division a week after dispatching the Bulldogs with similar precision.

The Crimson Tide (11-1, 7-1) made a rare assortment of mistakes for a team that had appeared to be headed toward a shot at a fourth consecutive SEC title and playoff berth.

With No. 2 Miami losing Friday night to Pittsburgh, it's the first time the top two teams in the AP poll have fallen on the same regular-season weekend since Nov. 17, 2012. Then, No. 1 Oregon lost to No. 14 Stanford and No. 2 Kansas State went down to Baylor.

Auburn's Kerryon Johnson delivered a jump pass for a touchdown and ran 30 times for 104 yards before leaving in the fourth quarter with an injury.

NO. 8 OHIO STATE 31, MICHIGAN 20

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Dwayne Haskins replaced injured star J.T. Barrett in the third quarter and No. 8 Ohio State rallied to beat Michigan, the Buckeyes' sixth straight win in the rivalry.

The Buckeyes (10-2, 8-1 Big Ten) head to the conference championship game next week to face No. 5 Wisconsin, with hopes of making the College Football Playoff. The Wolverines (8-4, 5-4) have lost 13 of 14 to Ohio State, including the last three with coach Jim Harbaugh.

Michigan was relegated to starting John O'Korn because Brandon Peters wasn't cleared to play after having a concussion and Wilton Speight is still out with cracked vertebrae. The fifth-year senior O'Korn simply didn't make the most of the opportunity, completing fewer than half of his passes. He threw an interception with about two minutes left and the Buckeyes ahead 24-20.

Mike Weber sealed it for Ohio State with a 25-yard touchdown run with 1:44 left.

Haskins, a redshirt freshman, was 6 of 7 for 94 yards and had a 22-yard run that set up J.K. Dobbins' 1-yard touchdown gave Ohio State a 21-20 lead late in the third quarter.

Barrett appeared to hurt his right knee on a run midway through the third quarter. He limped off the field and toward the locker room before returning to watch the rest of the game from the sideline.

NO. 4 CLEMSON 34, SOUTH CAROLINA 10

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Kelly Bryant threw two touchdowns to Hunter Renfrow and Clemson kept on track for a third straight trip to the College Football Playoff with the victory over rival South Carolina.

The Tigers (11-1, No. 3 CFP) won their fourth straight game in the Palmetto State's most cared-about sporting event, tying their second-longest run of dominance in the series.

The win was the 100th in Clemson coach Dabo Swinney's career. And combined with the CFP's top teams — Alabama and Miami — losing this weekend, the Tigers solidified their position among the top four heading into the Atlantic Coast Conference title game next week.

The Tigers entered wary of a rejuvenated South Carolina (8-4, No. 24 CFP), which finished second in the Southeastern Conference East and had its most victories in a season in four years. But Clemson's defense bottled up the Gamecocks and quarterback Jake Bentley for a second consecutive season.

NO. 5 WISCONSIN 31, MINNESOTA 0

MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Hornbrook threw three touchdown passes without an interception and Wisconsin remained unbeaten by overwhelming rival Minnesota for its 14th straight victory over the Gophers.

Jonathan Taylor rushed for 149 yards on 20 carries, including a 53-yard scoring sprint on the first play of the fourth quarter that gave the Badgers (12-0, 9-0, No. 5 CFP) their largest winning margin in a Big Ten game this season. The only other time Wisconsin completed the conference slate without a loss was in 1912, when there were only five contests on the schedule.

With help from Miami's stunning loss at Pittsburgh on Friday, the Badgers headed to the Big Ten championship game weekend next against Ohio State in prime position to crack the top four spots in the College Football Playoff.

Rodney Smith rushed 16 times for 82 yards for the Gophers (5-7, 2-7). They finished coach P.J. Fleck's first season by suffering the program's first consecutive shutouts since 1950.

NO. 7 GEORGIA 38, GEORGIA TECH 7

ATLANTA — Sony Michel ran for 85 yards and a touchdown, Jake Fromm threw two touchdown passes and Georgia protected its playoff hopes.

The Bulldogs had 247 yards rushing. Michel, Nick Chubb and D'Andre Swift ran for touchdowns. Fromm threw scoring passes of 21 yards to Javon Wims and 78 yards to Ahkil Crumpton.

Georgia (11-1, No. 7 CFP) will play in the Southeastern Conference championship game next week against the winner of the game Saturday between No. 1 Alabama and No. 6 Auburn.

Georgia Tech (5-6) was denied the win it needed to become bowl-eligible. The Yellow Jackets now must hope for a bowl waiver based on their academics if there is a shortage of bowl-eligible teams.

NO. 12 PENN STATE 66, MARYLAND 3

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Trace McSorley threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score to cap an outstanding regular season and carry Penn State past Maryland.

The Nittany Lions (10-2, 7-2 Big Ten, No. 10 CFP) built a 31-0 halftime lead and cruised to their third straight victory. The streak began after successive losses at Ohio State and Michigan State by a combined four points.

McSorley went 22 for 33 for 237 yards and ran seven times for 36 yards. The junior has thrown for 3,228 yards and 26 touchdowns this season and run for 589 yards and 11 TDs.

McSorley left with 5:46 left in the third quarter, after Saquon Barkley made it 45-0 with two third-quarter touchdown runs. Backup quarterback Tommy Stevens completed the rout, running for 113 yards and three scores. enn State has won 10 games in successive seasons for the first time since 2008-09.

The one bright spot for Maryland (4-8, 2-7) was the record-setting play of DJ Moore, who had eight catches for 100 yards. Moore set the school single-season mark of 80 receptions, breaking the record of 77 held by Geroy Simon in 1984, and became only the third Maryland receiver to have a 1,000-yard season.

NO. 17 MEMPHIS 70, EAST CAROLINA 13

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Riley Ferguson threw for three touchdowns, Darrell Henderson scored twice and rushed for 122 yards and Memphis dominated in a tuneup for the American Athletic Conference title game.

Patrick Taylor ran for 127 yards and scored twice for Memphis.

The Tigers (10-1, 7-1, No. 20 CFP) completed their first undefeated home season at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium since it opened in 1965. Memphis won its sixth straight, the lone loss coming Sept. 30 against No. 13 Central Florida, which the Tigers will face in next Saturday in Orlando, Florida.

Memphis scored on its first play from scrimmage on an 89-yard pass from Ferguson to Anthony Miller.

Even when the Pirates (3-9, 2-6) were able to reach the end zone — the first time on a 33-yard pass from Gardner Minshew to Jimmy Williams in the third quarter — the ensuing extra point was blocked. And to make things worse, when the Pirates kicked off, Memphis' Tony Pollard returned it 100 yards for his fourth kickoff return for a touchdown this season.

NO. 18 OKLAHOMA STATE 58, KANSAS 17

STILLWATER, Okla. — Mason Rudolph passed for 438 yards and two touchdowns and ran for two scores in his final home game to lead Oklahoma State.

James Washington, Dillon Stoner and Marcel Ateman each went over 100 yards receiving for Oklahoma State (9-3, 6-3 Big 12).

Peyton Bender was 17 of 32 passing for 172 yards and two touchdowns for Kansas (1-11, 0-9). The Jayhawks lost their 45th consecutive road game.

Oklahoma State's big-play offense delivered again, scoring on five consecutive first-half possessions en route to a 34-10 lead at halftime. The Cowboys then made it 41-10 a minute into the third quarter on Rudolph's 36-yard touchdown pass to Washington. Randolph has been responsible for 45 touchdowns this season, breaking the school record of 44 set by Barry Sanders in his 1988 Heisman Trophy season.

NO. 21 MICHIGAN STATE 40, RUTGERS 7

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Brian Lewerke threw for a touchdown and ran for another and Michigan State held the ball for more than 47 minutes against Rutgers.

Redshirt freshman Matt Coghlin kicked a career-best four field goals and Gerald Holmes ran 2 yards for a touchdown as Michigan State (9-3, 7-2 Big Ten) flipped its overall record from a year ago.

This was a dominant performance by Mark Dantonio's team. Michigan State had the ball for 47:50, had a 431-112 advantage in total yards and limited Scarlet Knights' running game to a season-low 14 yards in sending Rutgers (4-8, 3-6) to its third straight loss.

Still, this was a better season for Rutgers coach Chris Ash, who endured a 2-10 overall record and an 0-9 conference record in his first season.

NO. 23 NORTHWESTERN 42, ILLINOIS 7

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Justin Jackson ran for 144 yards and a touchdown and Northwestern won its seventh straight, beating Illinois.

The bowl-bound Wildcats (9-3, 7-2 Big Ten) held Illinois scoreless after giving up a first-quarter touchdown, and put 42 straight points on the board.

Jackson finished the regular season with 1,154 yards, one of two Big Ten players along with former Wisconsin star Ron Dayne to top 1,000 yards for four straight seasons. Clayton Thorson was 13 of 21 for 140 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

In a quiet stadium where the Illinois band far outnumbered the student section, the Illini (2-10, 0-10) lost their 10th straight and finished winless in the Big Ten for the first time since 2012.

FRESNO STATE 28, NO. 25 BOISE STATE 17

FRESNO, Calif. — Marcus McMaryion threw for 332 yards and two touchdowns and Fresno State beat Boise State in a preview of the Mountain West title game.

West champion Fresno State (9-3, 7-1) and Mountain winner Boise State (9-3, 7-1) had already wrapped up the division titles. They will meet Saturday in the MWC championship game at a site to be determined.

A summer transfer from Oregon State, McMaryion was 23 of 36 with no interceptions. He put away the game with an 81-yard strike to KeeSean Johnson midway through the fourth quarter.

Fresno State held Boise State's to its fewest points of the season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
North Texas 30, Rice 14
Oklahoma St. 58, West Virginia 31
Oklahoma St. 58, Kansas 17
SMU 41, Tulane 38
Temple 43, Tulsa 22

SOUTH
Appalachian St. 31, Georgia St. 10
Arkansas St. 67, Louisiana-Monroe 50
Auburn 26, Alabama 14
Clemson 34, South Carolina 10
Duke 31, Wake Forest 23
FAU 31, Charlotte 12
Florida St. 38, Florida 22
Frostburg St. 46, Washington & Jefferson 23
Furman 28, Elon 27
Georgia 38, Georgia Tech 7
Georgia Southern 34, Louisiana-Lafayette 24
Grambling St. 30, Southern U. 21
Kennesaw St. 28, Samford 17
LSU 45, Texas A&M 21
Louisiana Tech 20, UTSA 6
Louisville 44, Kentucky 17
Memphis 70, East Carolina 13
Middle Tennessee 41, Old Dominion 10
NC State 33, North Carolina 21
Penn St. 66, Maryland 33
Reinhardt 17, Georgetown (Ky.) 10
South Dakota 38, Nicholls 31
Southern Miss. 24, Marshall 27
UAB 28, UTEP 7
Vanderbilt 42, Tennessee 24
West Alabama 27, Delta St. 20
West Florida 17, West Georgia 14

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 42, Arizona 30
Fresno St. 28, Boise St. 17
Nevada 23, UNLV 16
New Mexico St. 17, Idaho 10
San Jose St. 20, Wyoming 17
Weber St. 21, W. Illinois 19

EAST
Boston College 42, Syracuse 14
Michigan St. 40, Rutgers 7
New Hampshire 14, CCSU 0
Stony Brook 59, Lehigh 29

MIDWEST
Augsburg 50, Concordia (Moor.) 63
Ball St. 63, Indiana St. 65
Bethel (Minn.) 73, Wis.-La Crosse 63
Bradley 62, Georgia Southern 57
Charleston Southern 64, Illinois St. 62, OT
Columbia (Mo.) 92, Peru St. 75
Creighton 103, SIU-Edwardsville 66
Crown (Minn.) 95, Cornell (Iowa) 60
Dayton 73, Akron 60
Detroit 131, Siena Heights 69
Edgewood 66, Aurora 65
Fairfield 75, Gardner-Webb 64
Ferris St. 69, Findlay 68
Graceland 98, Governors St. 58
Grambling St. 82, Rio Grande 76
Hope 80, Aquinas 63
Illinois Tech 67, Kalamazoo 58
Indiana-East 103, Robert Morris-Chicago 74
Iowa St. 70, W. Illinois 45
John Carroll 126, Olivet 105
Kentucky Wesleyan 74, Delta St. 44
Lakeland 91, Concordia (Wis.) 89
Michigan Tech 69, Concordia (St.P.) 57
Milwaukee Engineering 80, Dominican (Ill.) 70
Minn.-Crookston 83, Bemidji St. 57
Minot St. 91, Mary 61
Mount Union 86, Albion 62
N. Colorado 63, South Dakota 62
N. Dakota St. 94, Stetson 58
Rockford 91, Wis. Lutheran 78
Sioux Falls 91, SW Minnesota St. 85, OT
Southern Miss. 71, Youngstown St. 64
Spring Arbor 120, Mid-Atlantic Christian 64
St. Cloud St. 72, Minn. St.-Mankato 64
St. Norbert 58, Wis. Stevens Pt. 54
St. Scholastica 84, Wis.-Stout 63
Utah Valley 83, North Dakota 75
W. Michigan 88, Northwood (Mich.) 59
Winona St. 90, Upper Iowa 80
Wis.-Eau Claire 85, Minn.-Morris 83
Wis.-River Falls 38, Hamline 60
Wis.-Superior 82, Luther 73
Wis.-Whitewater 79, Anderson (Ind.) 70

Etling's big night helps No. 19 LSU beat Texas A&M 45-21

By Brett Martel
Associated Press



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

LSU running back Derrius Guice (5) carries in the first half of an NCAA football game against Texas A&M on Saturday in Baton Rouge, La.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Danny Etling passed 347 yards and three touchdowns and No. 19 LSU beat Texas A&M 45-21 on Saturday night in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Etling, a senior playing his final game in Tiger Stadium, completed 19 of 30 passes and had six completions longer than 25 yards, including a 56-yarder on a short pass to running back Darrel Williams and a 49-yarder deep downfield to D.J. Chark.

Etling's touchdowns went for 11 yards to Russell Gage, 10 yards to J.D. Moore and 6 yards to D.J. Chark as LSU (9-3, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) won for the sixth time in seven games to finish with its best SEC record since 2012.

The Aggies (7-5, 4-4) entered the game with questions swirling about the future of coach Kevin Sumlin, who has never had a losing season since taking over at A&M in 2012, but who will go a fourth straight year without as many as nine victories.

Nick Starkel passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns for the Aggies, who twice cut LSU's lead to just six points in the third quarter. But he also was intercepted three times.

Christian Kirk caught seven passes for 78 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown which made it 27-21.

But LSU responded with a five-play, 71-yard touchdown drive that included Etling's 33-yard completion to Gage and his scoring pass to Moore.

Gage, who also had a 31-yard catch, finished with 81 yards on just four receptions. Chark caught five passes for 86 yards.

Running back Derrius Guice rushed for 127 yards on 28 carries, including powerful 1-yard TD in which he willed his way across the goal line, twisting and churning through several tacklers. Williams rushed for 106 yards, highlighted by his 77-yard gain on a direct snap to set up Chark's TD.

Etling's outing represented his best day yet at LSU, where he transferred from Purdue.

Etling's previous LSU high for yards passing was 324 against Texas A&M last season. His career-high remains 485 yards passing for Purdue against Indiana in 2013.

The game was filled with miscues, including three turnovers on the first four series combined.

On the game's first play from scrimmage, Moore was stripped by Aggies' cornerback Charles Oliver after a short catch and safety Armani Watts recovered.

Three plays later, LSU cornerback Andraez "Greedy" Williams intercepted his fifth pass this season. Two plays into A&M second series, running back Keith Ford fumbled on a hit by cornerback Kevin Toliver II and linebacker Donrie Alexander scooped and returned the ball 33 yards, setting up a field goal to make it 6-0.

While LSU led 20-0 in the second quarter, the Tigers squandered chances for more. One drive inside the A&M 10 stalled with a failed run on third-and-1, followed by Jack Gonsoulin's shanked field goal attempt. When Gonsoulin missed again from 48 yards late in the second quarter, LSU had outgained the Aggies 321-91.

The Aggies took momentum into halftime, converting a fourth-and-4 play and completing a 31-yard pass to Kirk to set up Trayveon Williams short touchdown run, which made it 20-7.

The takeaway

Texas A&M: The Aggies came in having won two straight and with a chance to finish equal with LSU and Mississippi State at 5-3 in the SEC. Instead, the Aggies looked anemic and out of sorts on offense much of the game, and their defense eventually wore down.

LSU: The Tigers, who outgained the Aggies 601-282 in total yards, largely dominated and had only themselves to blame for the Aggies getting close in the third quarter. But LSU didn't tighten up and continued to play relentlessly until finally pulling away for a convincing victory that should help secure a bid to one of the more attractive bowls around New Year's Day.

TEXAS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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LUBBOCK — Texas Tech withstood the pressure defense and the barrage of 3-point shots to stay undefeated while the freshmen keep producing for the Red Raiders.

Hometown freshman guard Jarrett Culver had 18 points and Zhaire Smith, another of Tech's seven freshmen, had 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting with a handful of dunks in a 103-69 win over Savannah State on Saturday.

"I feel real comfortable. Coaches believe in me and the players believe in me. I give them all the credit," said Culver, who was coming off a 21-point game three days earlier. "They give me the ball ... I just try my best to make a play, practice a lot and everything ties in together. Just playing aggressive and stay focused."

Izaiah Brockington led the Bonnies with 20 points followed by Matt Mobley with 18, Courtney Stockard with 16 and Ladarien Griffin with 13.

The score was tied four times and the lead changed five times in the first seven minutes. The Horned Frogs then broke a 12-12 tie on a pair of free throws by Ahmed Hamdy and maintained a lead that ranged from one to eight points before the first half ended with TCU up 39-36.

TCU 89 ST. BONAVENTURE 79

NICEVILLE, Fla. — Jaylen Fisher scored 20 points to lead undefeated Texas Christian to the Emerald Coast Classic championship on Saturday night with an 89-79 victory over St. Bonaventure.

There was plenty of back-and-forth before TCU (6-0) eventually overpowered the scrappy Bonnies (3-2) at Northwest Florida State College.

Five players scored in double figures for the Horned Frogs. Adding to Fisher's total were Kenrich Williams with 17 points, Kouat Noi with 14, Desmond Bane with 12, Vlad Brodziansky with 11.

Williams, who led TCU with 11 rebounds, was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

HOUSTON 97 INCARNATE WORD 58

HOUSTON — Wes VanBeck and Rob Gray scored 16 points apiece and led six players in double figures as Houston rolled to a 97-58 win over Incarnate Word on Saturday night.

Fabian White Jr. added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Cougars (4-1). Corey Davis Jr. also had 14 points and Devin Davis and Armoni Brooks had 10 apiece. The team averaged 53 percent from the field compared to 32 percent for incarnate Word.

Houston took a 16-15 lead on a VanBeck layup six minutes into the first half and led the rest of the way, building to a 44-30 advantage at the break.

The Cougars opened the second half on a 10-2 run capped by a Corey Davis 3-pointer and they were up 54-32 with 15:32 left to play and cruised to the win.

Simi Socks led the Cardinals (3-2) with 17 points and seven rebounds. Christian Peevy and Keaton Hervey added 10 points each.

NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 97, THUNDER 81

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 19 points, rookie Dennis Smith held his own against Russell Westbrook on the rookie Dallas guard's 20th birthday and the Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 97-81 on Saturday night.

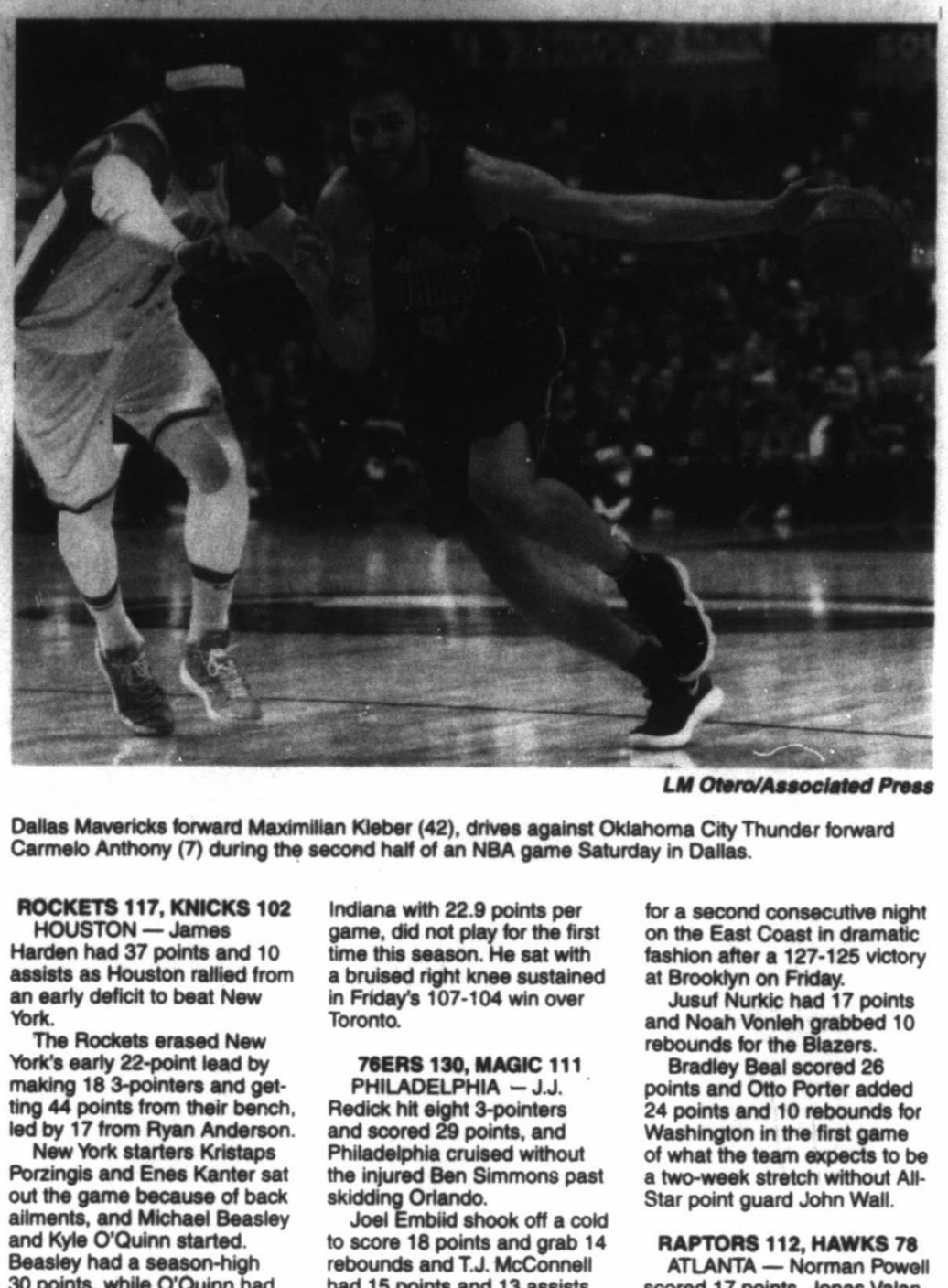
A night after blowing a 15-point lead in the second half of a one-point loss to Detroit that followed a dominant win over Kevin Durant and Golden State, the Thunder fell behind for good in the first quarter of the best performance of the season from the suddenly surging Mavericks.

Smith finished with 15 points and four assists while Westbrook had 28 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists but just 12 points after a dominant quarter as the Mavericks won their third in the past four games following a 2-14 start.

Carmelo Anthony hit three of his four 3-pointers in the third quarter to help Oklahoma City close within 10, but got called for an offensive foul, his fourth, and then traveling the next time down. Yogi Ferrell's 3-pointer after the travel put Dallas up 70-53.

Anthony finished with 16 points, while Paul George scored just two points on 1-of-12 shooting but had a game-high 10 assists for the Thunder.

Nowitzki hit his season high on a 3-pointer that gave the Mavericks their biggest lead at 26, 83-57, early in the fourth quarter.



LM Otero/Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks forward Maximilian Kleber (42), drives against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony (7) during the second half of an NBA game Saturday in Dallas.

SPURS 106, HORNETS 86

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Pau Gasol and LaMarcus Aldridge each had 17 points and seven rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs held the Charlotte Hornets to 37 percent shooting in a 106-86 victory on Saturday night.

Rudy Gay added 15 points for the Spurs, who snapped Charlotte's three-game home win streak.

The Hornets entered the game 7-2 at the Spectrum Center, but shot just 22 percent from the field in the first half, fell behind by 11 at halftime and could never make a serious run at the Spurs.

Kemba Walker, who left the game briefly in the third quarter with a left shoulder injury, returned to finish with 18 points on 8-of-12 shooting. He didn't get much help as Charlotte's four other starters — Nic Batum, Dwight Howard, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marvin Williams — were a combined 6 of 29 from the field.

ROCKETS 117, KNICKS 102

HOUSTON — James Harden had 37 points and 10 assists as Houston rallied from an early deficit to beat New York.

The Rockets erased New York's early 22-point lead by making 18 3-pointers and getting 44 points from their bench, led by 17 from Ryan Anderson.

New York starters Kristaps Porzingis and Enes Kanter sat out the game because of back ailments, and Michael Beasley and Kyle O'Quinn started. Beasley had a season-high 30 points, while O'Quinn had his first double-double of the season with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

CELTICS 108, PACERS 98

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyrie Irving scored 25 points and Al Horford added 21 to lead Boston over Indiana.

Boston (18-3) outscored Indiana 37-16 in the third quarter to turn a nine-point deficit into an 82-70 lead entering the final quarter. Horford had 12 points during a period that saw Indiana record two three-minute scoring droughts.

The Pacers (11-9) were led by Myles Turner, who had 19 points but spent much of the night in foul trouble. Lance Stephenson had 16 points and eight rebounds, and Damontas Sabonis had 17 points and eight boards.

Victor Oladipo, leading Indiana with 22.9 points per game, did not play for the first time this season. He sat with a bruised right knee sustained in Friday's 107-104 win over Toronto.

76ERS 130, MAGIC 111

PHILADELPHIA — J.J. Redick hit eight 3-pointers and scored 29 points, and Philadelphia cruised without the injured Ben Simmons past skidding Orlando.

Joel Embiid shook off a cold to score 18 points and grab 14 rebounds and T.J. McConnell had 15 points and 13 assists filling in at point guard for Simmons, who missed his first game of the season with swelling in his left elbow.

Redick hit six first-half 3s, four coming in the final 3:10 of the second quarter, as the Sixers built a 70-55 halftime lead.

Elfrid Payton had 22 points, eight rebounds and nine assists in another miserable defensive performance for the Magic, who have lost eight straight.

TRAIL BLAZERS 108, WIZARDS 105

WASHINGTON — C.J. McCollum scored 26 points, including seven straight during a 10-0 game-closing run, and Portland overcame a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat short-handed Washington.

Damian Lillard scored 29 points for Portland, which won for a second consecutive night on the East Coast in dramatic fashion after a 127-125 victory at Brooklyn on Friday.

Jusuf Nurkic had 17 points and Noah Vonleh grabbed 10 rebounds for the Blazers.

Bradley Beal scored 26 points and Otto Porter added 24 points and 10 rebounds for Washington in the first game of what the team expects to be a two-week stretch without All-Star point guard John Wall.

RAPTORS 112, HAWKS 78

ATLANTA — Norman Powell scored 17 points, Jonas Valanciunas added 16 and Toronto blew out Atlanta.

Toronto dominated the game so completely that it needed just 28 minutes from DeMar DeRozan, one of the NBA's most prolific scorers. DeRozan handed out a game-high eight assists and finished with just two points on 1-for-5 shooting before sitting out the fourth quarter.

Kyle Lowry had 15 points and a career-high 13 rebounds as the Raptors snapped a two-game skid. Seven players finished in double figures for the Raptors.

Dennis Schroder scored 14 points and Taurean Prince and Marco Belinelli each had 10 for the Hawks. Atlanta was coming off Friday's rally to beat New York, but it had nothing left after leading by one point late in the first quarter.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Houston 97, Incarnate Word 58
Rice 70, St. Thomas (TX) 59
Robert Morris 78, UALR 64
Texas Tech 103, Savannah St. 69
Texas-Arlington 95, Niagara 90
Tulsa 92, Cent. Arkansas 72
FAR WEST
BYU 68, UMass 66
CS Bakersfield 64, Idaho 62
Denver 60, St. Francis Brooklyn 50
Nevada 67, Hawaii 54
Sam Houston St. 73, Santa Clara 59
Texas State 85, Pacific 78
Utah St. 77, New Hampshire 63
Weber St. 105, Black Hills State 52
SOUTH
Alcorn St. 103, Concordia (AL) 56
Appalachian St. 78, Davidson 62
Bethune-Cookman 95, Florida College 67
Bowling Green 78, Campbell 72
Chattanooga 95, Tennessee Wesleyan 60
Coll. of Charleston 55, Alaska Anchorage 46
E. Kentucky 99, Asbury 71
ETSU 83, Fort Wayne 73
Fairfield 75, Gardner-Webb 64
Florida Gulf Coast 70, Navy 54
Furman 78, Northeastern 67
Georgetown 82, Richmond 76
Jackson St. 75, Nebraska-Omaha 73, OT
Liberty 96, Toccoa Falls 50
Maryland 80, New Mexico 65
McNeese St. 103, Southern University at New Orleans 79
Memphis 76, N. Kentucky 74
Miami 86, North Florida 65
Murray St. 81, S. Illinois 73
Radford 69, James Madison 68
SC-Upstate 88, Abilene Christian 78
SE Louisiana 73, MVSU 59
Southern Miss. 71, Youngstown St. 64
Tennessee St. 77, Kennesaw St. 74, OT
Virginia Tech 96, Morehead St. 63
W Carolina 82, Alabama A&M 72
William & Mary 79, Old Dominion 77
EAST
Albany (NY) 78, Holy Cross 62
American U. 69, VMI 64
Brown 94, LIU Brooklyn 86
Colgate 77, Columbia 71
Delaware St. 68, Georgian Court 51
Michigan St. 77, UConn 57
NJIT 65, Drexel 53
Penn 101, Monmouth (NJ) 96, 4OT
Pittsburgh 80, Lehigh 68
Providence 88, Boston College 66
Siena 85, Hofstra 76
TCU 89, St. Bonaventure 79
Tennessee Tech 90, Md.-Eastern Shore 60
Vermont 79, Yale 73
MIDWEST
Ball St. 93, Indiana St. 85
Bradley 82, Georgia Southern 57
Creighton 103, SIU-Edwardsville 66
Dayton 73, Akron 60
Detroit 131, Siena Heights 69
Grambling St. 82, Rio Grande 76
Iowa St. 70, W. Illinois 45
Loyola of Chicago 75, Kent St. 60
Minnesota 89, Alabama 84
N. Colorado 83, South Dakota 62
N. Dakota St. 94, Stetson 58
Utah Valley 83, North Dakota 75, OT
Valparaiso 79, UNC-Wilmington 70
W. Michigan 88, Northwood (MI) 59
Wright St. 68, Jacksonville 44

Top 25 Fared

1. Duke (7-0) did not play. Next: No. 7 Florida, Sunday.
2. Arizona (2-3) did not play. Next: vs. Long Beach State, Wednesday.
3. Kansas (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Toledo, Tuesday.
4. Michigan State (4-1) did not play. Next: No. 9 North Carolina, Sunday.
5. Villanova (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Pennsylvania, Wednesday.
6. Wichita State (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Savannah State, Tuesday.
7. Florida (5-0) did not play. Next: No. 1 Duke, Sunday.
8. Kentucky (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. UIC, Sunday.
9. North Carolina (5-0) did not play. Next: No. 4 Michigan State, Sunday.
10. Southern Cal (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Texas A&M, Sunday.
11. Miami (4-0) beat North Florida 86-65. Next: at No. 14 Minnesota, Wednesday.
12. Cincinnati (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State, Monday.
13. Notre Dame (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Michigan State, Thursday.
14. Minnesota (7-0) beat No. 25 Alabama 89-84. Next: vs. No. 11 Miami, Wednesday.
15. Xavier (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Baylor, Tuesday.
16. Texas A&M (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Southern Cal, Sunday.
17. Gonzaga (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Sunday.
18. Purdue (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Louisville, Tuesday.
19. Louisville (4-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Purdue, Tuesday.
20. Seton Hall (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Thursday.
21. Saint Mary's (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Sunday.
22. Baylor (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Xavier, Tuesday.
23. UCLA (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. UC Irvine, Sunday.
24. West Virginia (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Sunday.
25. Alabama (5-1) lost to No. 14 Minnesota 89-84. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Wednesday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 69, New Mexico St. 60
Houston 72, Northeastern 64
Lamar 90, N. Illinois 80
North Dakota 60, UTSA 47
Oral Roberts 78, Houston Baptist 56
Texas 92, Washington 69
Texas A&M-CC 72, Prairie View 62
Texas State 76, Fresno St. 59
UTEP 85, Texas Southern 55
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 58, FIU 51
Baylor 80, Georgia Tech 57
Belmont 75, Florida Gulf Coast 65
Bowling Green 66, FAU 55
Campbell 72, UNC-Greensboro 61
Duke 72, Oregon St. 65
Gardner-Webb 83, Montreat 26
Hartford 62, Charleston Southern 43
Jacksonville 64, Webber International 43
Jacksonville St. 82, East Carolina 73
Manhattan 74, Coppin St. 56
Mississippi St. 67, Green Bay 46
Monmouth (NJ) 67, North Florida 57
N. Kentucky 103, Oakland City 25
Nicholls 72, Evangel 55
Norfolk St. 52, St. Francis Brooklyn 51
Princeton 63, Davidson 57
S. Dakota St. 71, Charlotte 70
South Carolina 76, St. John's 58
Southern Miss. 72, Alabama St. 35
Stephen F. Austin 83, Alcorn St. 79
Tennessee 89, South Dakota 49
UCF 63, IUPUI 59
Virginia 50, Harvard 48
Washington St. 80, ETSU 76
William & Mary 70, Loyola (Md.) 49
Wisconsin 73, Vanderbilt 71
EAST
Chattanooga 54, Georgetown 41
Duquesne 73, NC A&T 60
James Madison 68, Vermont 56
Kansas St. 70, Penn St. 65
La Salle 59, New Hampshire 51
Lafayette 69, LIU Brooklyn 53
Lehigh 56, Fairfield 53
Louisiana-Lafayette 88, Niagara 52
Mississippi 64, Temple 48
Navy 67, N. Dakota St. 54
Pittsburgh 87, Arkansas St. 47
Rutgers 75, W. Michigan 54
Saint Joseph's 80, E. Illinois 62
Seton Hall 85, Rider 49
Siena 72, Hofstra 68
St. Bonaventure 63, UMBC 54
St. Peter's 90, Delaware 87
Syracuse 74, Kennesaw St. 54
UConn 96, Michigan St. 82
UMass 64, Liberty 61
Villanova 65, American U. 60
West Virginia 79, Virginia Tech 61
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 81, Iowa St. 60
Cincinnati 64, E. Kentucky 53
Dayton 81, Ark.-Pine Bluff 43
Drake 96, MVSU 60
Drexel 76, Butler 62
Fort Wayne 73, Quincy 72
Illinois 68, Wichita St. 67
Iowa 74, Elon 61
Kent St. 70, Memphis 55
Michigan 74, Ohio 61
Minnesota 93, Wake Forest 81
N. Iowa 85, Wyoming 40
Northwestern 49, Auburn 48
Notre Dame 76, South Florida 66
Rio Grande 51, Florida A&M 38
SE Missouri 57, Bradley 53
Santa Clara 45, Ill.-Chicago 36
UCLA 72, Creighton 63
Valparaiso 70, Grand Canyon 75
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 72, Columbia 46
Brown 74, Pacific 57
CS Northridge 66, Arizona 63
Cal St.-Fullerton 66, Portland 61
Colorado 76, George Mason 61
Colorado St. 85, NC Central 48
DePaul 88, Gonzaga 71
E. Washington 61, Utah Valley 41
Georgia 79, BYU 63
Hampton 81, San Jose St. 73
Loyola Marymount 73, E. Michigan 64
Miami (Ohio) 69, Denver 52
Missouri 55, California 52
Montana St. 67, Montana State Billings 47
New Mexico 83, UC Irvine 61
Oregon 92, Oklahoma 74
Portland St. 95, Multnomah 32
Saint Mary's (Cal) 88, Indiana 82
San Francisco 57, Robert Morris 45
Southern Cal 78, Marist 57
Tulane 80, San Diego St. 46
UAB 67, UC Santa Barbara 54
UNLV 69, Hofstra 52
Weber St. 79, Incarnate Word 55

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (5-0) beat Michigan State 96-62. Next: at Nevada, Tuesday.
2. Texas (5-0) beat Washington 90-68. Next: vs. Louisiana Tech, Thursday.
3. South Carolina (6-0) beat St. John's 76-58. Next: vs. No. 8 Notre Dame, Sunday.
4. Louisville (6-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
5. UCLA (5-1) beat Creighton 72-63. Next: vs. UC Riverside, Tuesday.
6. Notre Dame (5-0) beat No. 17 South Florida 76-66. Next: vs. No. 3 South Carolina, Sunday.
7. Mississippi State (6-0) beat Green Bay 67-46. Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Wednesday.
8. Baylor (5-1) beat Georgia Tech 80-57. Next: vs. No. 22 Kentucky, Thursday.
9. Ohio State (6-1) vs. No. 14 Stanford. Next: at No. 16 Duke, Thursday.
10. Oregon (5-1) beat Oklahoma 92-74. Next: vs. Hampton, Tuesday.
11. West Virginia (6-0) beat Virginia Tech 79-61. Next: at No. 19 Texas A&M, Sunday, Dec. 3.
12. Tennessee (6-0) beat South Dakota 89-49. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Thursday.
13. Florida State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Samford, Sunday.
14. Stanford (4-2) vs. No. 9 Ohio State. Next: at San Francisco, Wednesday.
15. Maryland (4-2) did not play. Next: at Miami, Sunday.
16. Duke (4-1) beat No. 18 Oregon State 72-65. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Sunday.
17. South Florida (5-1) lost to No. 6 Notre Dame 76-66. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.
18. Oregon State (3-2) lost to No. 16 Duke 72-65. Next: vs. Nevada, Friday.
19. Texas A&M (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Sunday.
20. Marquette (2-2) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Tuesday.
21. California (3-2) lost to No. 23 Missouri 55-52. Next: vs. Seattle, Thursday.
22. Kentucky (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Marshall, Sunday.
23. Missouri (5-1) beat No. 21 California 55-52. Next: vs. Kansas State, Thursday.
24. Arizona State (5-2) beat Columbia 72-46. Next: vs. Buffalo, Saturday.
25. Michigan (4-1) beat Ohio 74-61. Next: vs. No. 6 Notre Dame, Wednesday.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	18	3	.857	—
Toronto	12	7	.632	5
Philadelphia	11	7	.611	5½
New York	10	9	.526	7
Brooklyn	6	12	.333	10½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	9	.526	—
Miami	9	9	.500	½
Charlotte	8	11	.421	2
Orlando	8	12	.400	2½
Atlanta	4	16	.200	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Cleveland	12	7	.632	½
Indiana	11	9	.550	2
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	2½
Chicago	3	14	.176	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	15	4	.789	—
San Antonio	12	7	.632	3
New Orleans	11	8	.579	4
Memphis	7	11	.389	7½
Dallas	5	15	.250	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	12	8	.600	—
Minnesota	11	8	.579	½
Denver	11	8	.579	½
Utah	8	11	.421	3½
Oklahoma City	8	11	.421	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	14	5	.737	—
L.A. Lakers	8	11	.421	6
L.A. Clippers	6	11	.353	7
Phoenix	7	13	.350	7½
Sacramento	5	13	.278	8½

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 130, Orlando 111
Portland 108, Washington 105
San Antonio 106, Charlotte 86
Toronto 112, Atlanta 78
Boston 108, Indiana 98
Houston 117, New York 102
Dallas 97, Oklahoma City 81
New Orleans at Golden State, late
Milwaukee at Utah, late
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Miami at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Bottas spoiling Hamilton's celebrations after another pole

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Valtteri Bottas is doing a good job of spoiling Lewis Hamilton's title celebrations.

The Finnish driver took pole position for the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Saturday, beating his Mercedes teammate for the second straight qualifying.

Hamilton earned his fourth Formula One title last month, but the British driver is keen to avoid a third straight race without a win, and to possibly avoid a repeat scenario in the making.

Two years ago, he won the title with three races to spare then went eight without a win. Dropped points were made to count when he was narrowly beaten to the 2016 title by then-Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg.

In the closely contested qualifying session between the friendly teammates, Hamilton led but faded on the final sector.

Bottas bagged the fourth pole of his career — all since joining Mercedes this season from Williams — and intends to go one better than Interlagos two weeks ago, when he was beaten to the checkered flag by Sebastian Vettel.

"I was so gutted in Brazil to be on pole and miss out on the win," said Bottas, who had a narrow escape earlier Saturday in the third and final practice. "I have a clear target for tomorrow."

The Finn set a lap record on Yas Marina circuit of 1 minute, 36.231 seconds. He was .172 seconds ahead of Hamilton and about half a second clear of Vettel.

"I've only won once from pole, but I've not had so many poles," said Bottas, who won the Austrian GP from the front in July.

Hamilton just missed out on a 73rd career pole, and a personal best-equaling 12th of the season. He hugged Bottas afterward.

"I lost it on turn five or six ... I gave it everything I could but it was really on a knife edge," Hamilton said.

Vettel was followed by Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo and Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen in fifth.

A sixth win of the season will lift Vettel's confidence after his title bid spectacularly collapsed in September and October.

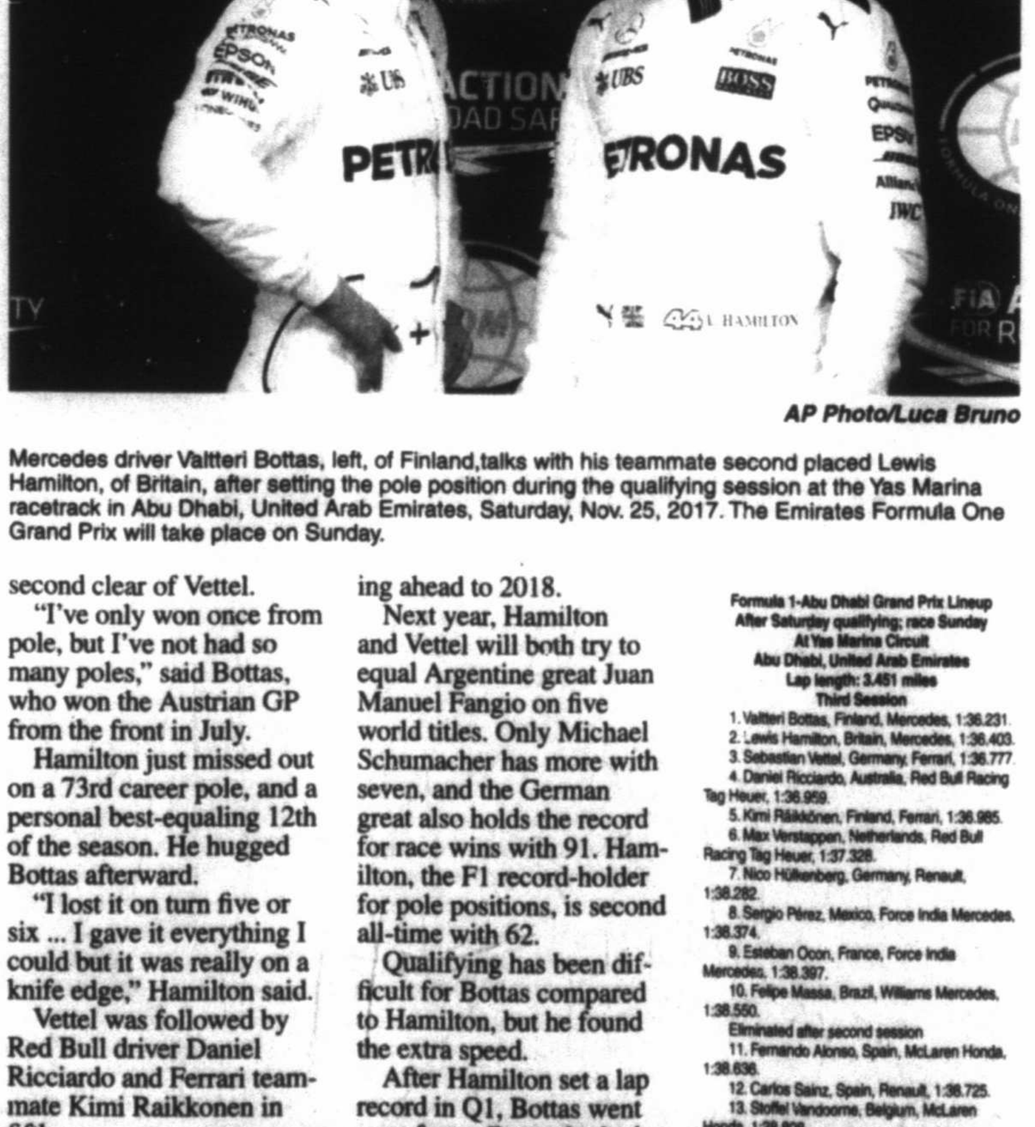
"It's important to set yourself up for the winter and give the whole factory a boost," Vettel said, looking ahead to 2018.

Next year, Hamilton and Vettel will both try to equal Argentine great Juan Manuel Fangio on five world titles. Only Michael Schumacher has more with seven, and the German great also holds the record for race wins with 91. Hamilton, the F1 record-holder for pole positions, is second all-time with 62.

Qualifying has been difficult for Bottas compared to Hamilton, but he found the extra speed.

After Hamilton set a lap record in Q1, Bottas went even faster. Bottas looked sharp again as he led Q2 before Hamilton moved top, with Vettel and Raikkonen following.

Meanwhile, Brazilian veteran Felipe Massa just sneaked into Q3 at the expense of McLaren driver Fernando Alonso.



AP Photo/Luca Bruno

Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas, left, of Finland,talks with his teammate second placed Lewis Hamilton, of Britain, after setting the pole position during the qualifying session at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017. The Emirates Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday.

Formula 1-Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Yas Marina Circuit
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Lap length: 3.451 miles

Third Session

1. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 1:36.231.
2. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 1:36.403.
3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1:36.777
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 1:36.959.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:36.985.
6. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 1:37.328.
7. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 1:38.282.
8. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, 1:38.374.
9. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 1:38.397.
10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams Mercedes, 1:38.550.

Eliminated after second session

11. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Honda, 1:38.638.
12. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 1:38.725.
13. Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Honda, 1:38.808.
14. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 1:39.288.
15. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams Mercedes, 1:39.648.

Eliminated After First Session

16. Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 1:39.516.
17. Pierre Gasly, France, Toro Rosso, 1:39.724.
18. Pascal Wehrlein, Germany, Sauber Ferrari, 1:39.930.
19. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 1:39.994.
20. Brendon Hartley, New Zealand, Toro Rosso, 1:40.471.

Saints can run and play defense; Rams have dynamic offense

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Suppose you were told the New Orleans Saints could run the ball and play defense, and Drew Brees was still their quarterback.

And you were informed that the Los Angeles Rams had a dynamic offense to go with a physical defense.

What you would have is a terrific matchup of division leaders. It happens Sunday at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

New Orleans (8-2) is showing more balance than at any time since Brees arrived in 2006 and began setting passing records.

Los Angeles Rams has made a swift and impressive turnaround under first-year coach Sean McVay, who has quarterback Jared Goff playing like a first overall draft selection should.

The Saints started with two losses and haven't been on the short end of the score since.

"Specifically, we opened at Minnesota, which is obviously a good football team and a tough place to play, and didn't play well enough," coach Sean Payton says.

"And then the following week versus New England. I think we did as a team feel like those next two weeks on the road at Carolina and then on the road to London — we went right from Carolina to London — we felt that two-game stretch was going to be critical for this team if we were going to aspire to do something.

"I think Carolina was a good win for us ... and then carried it over to London for the second win before our bye. That two-game stretch would certainly be, not just because it was our first two wins, but it was building some confidence and that you can think it or wish it or hope to have it, but it generally just comes from demonstrated ability."

The similar demonstrated ability has been present with the Rams. Except they didn't struggle early, instead winning three of their first four. Wade Phillips' defense has scored 84 points off 19 turnovers. Phillips was the Saints defensive coordinator from 1981-85, and interim head coach for four weeks after father Bum was fired.

In the three Thanksgiving games, the Los Angeles Chargers beat Dallas 28-6, Minnesota topped Detroit 30-23, and Washington beat the New York Giants 20-10,

In Arlington, Philip Rivers threw for 434 yards and three touchdowns, and Desmond King returned an interception 90 yards for the punctuating touchdown for San Diego. The Chargers (5-6) moved within 1 1/2 games of AFC West-leading Kansas City. The defending NFC East champion Cowboys (5-6) lost their third straight by at least 20 points, all without star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

In Detroit, Case Keenum threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score — all in the first half — for Minnesota. The Vikings (9-2) won their seventh straight and took a three-game lead over second-place Detroit (6-5) in the NFC North.

In Landover, Maryland, Kirk Cousins threw two touchdown passes to compensate for a pick-6, and Washington beat New York.

Cousins led Washington (5-6) on two TD drives in the second half, connecting with Jamison Crowder on a 15-yarder in the third quarter that broke a 3-all tie, and with Josh Doctson on a 14-yarder with 3 1/2 minutes remaining in the game.

The Giants dropped to 2-9.

Carolina (7-3) at New York Jets (4-6)
Tampa Bay (4-6) at Atlanta (6-4)

This is the epitome of the trap game for the Panthers, who next face division leaders New Orleans and Minnesota. But they also come off a bye, when coach Ron Rivera surely was reminding his players not to get careless.

Carolina is showing lots of balance now as Cam Newton has overcome an inconsistent early portion of the season. The defense has been lights-out.

New York also was off last week.

Here's a cool fact: Panthers DE Julius Peppers and Jets QB Josh McCown are two of three players still active who were drafted in 2002. Peppers went No. 2 overall to Carolina, while McCown was a third-round selection (No. 81 overall) by Arizona.

Dwight Freeney, now with Detroit, is the other.

The Falcons escaped in Seattle on Monday night, and now face one of Matt Ryan's patsies. In the past seven home games against Tampa Bay, Ryan has 14 TDs and one interception.

The Bucs come off their best performance this season, routing Miami and forcing five turnovers while not having any. Mike Evans has prospered against Atlanta, with five TDs in his past five meetings. He won't have Jameis Winston throwing to him, though, as Ryan Fitzpatrick, a winner in the past two games, goes again for the injured starter.

Fitz needs to look out for Adrian Clayborn. The DE has six sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one touchdown in the past two games.

Jacksonville (7-3) at Arizona (4-6)
Tennessee (6-4) at Indianapolis (3-7)

The AFC South's leader and runner-up hit the road against teams they should handle.

Jacksonville handles everyone roughly with that sack-happy defense ranked No. 1 overall. Teams can run a bit on the Jaguars, so Adrian Peterson might be busy for Arizona.

But the Cardinals are down to their No. 3 quarterback, Blaine Gabbert, who had better know where former Cardinals DE Calais Campbell is at all times.

This is Jacksonville's first appearance at University of Phoenix Stadium, which opened in 2006.

Winning at Indy has been problematic for the Titans. They have lost nine straight road games to the Colts and are still seeking first win at Lucas Oil Stadium. They will need better work from Marcus Mariota, who threw four picks in last week's loss to Pittsburgh. With the Colts ranking 30th in pass defense, Mariota should do well.

A big game by Indy RB Frank Gore will move him up the career rushing list. Gore needs 89 yards to pass Jerome Bettis (13,662) for sixth place, and 111 yards to pass LaDainian Tomlinson (13,684) for fifth.

Green Bay (5-5) at Pittsburgh (8-2)

Brett Hundley and the Packers took a Lambeau Leap backward in being blanked by Baltimore. Any playoff aspirations are fading fast on the tundra, and the Pack hasn't won in Pittsburgh since 1970. That was even before the Steel Curtain emerged.

Pittsburgh has won five straight since a 3-2 start. This is the second of four straight prime-time games for the Steelers, who are 32-16 in prime time under coach Mike Tomlin. Pittsburgh is 23-7 in night games at Heinz Field since it opened in 2001.

Houston (4-6) at Baltimore (5-5) Monday night

Even though this seems to have little attraction, the fact both of these squads are alive in playoff scenarios brings some interest.

Baltimore already has three shutout wins, including last weekend in Green Bay. The previous time the Ravens had such gaudy defensive stats, they were winning Super Bowls with Ray Lewis at inside linebacker. The Ravens are 11-1 in prime time under coach John Harbaugh. Their nine-game winning streak in prime time is the longest active run in the NFL.

Players to watch on injury-ravaged Houston are DE Jadeveon Clowney, who aims for a fifth straight game with a sack, and WR DeAndre Hopkins, who has 62 catches for 879 yards and nine TDs.

Miami (4-6) at New England (8-2)

That freight train running through the AFC is what everyone feared when the season began: New England on a roll.

The Patriots have won six in a row, and they are blowing out opponents. Now, they get an undermanned Dolphins squad that last won in Foxborough in 2008, when Tom Brady was sidelined by a knee injury.

Overall, Miami has dropped four straight and hasn't led at the start of a fourth quarter all season. The Dolphins have one rushing touchdown, last in the NFL.

With a victory, the Patriots will guarantee a winning record for the 17th straight season, breaking a tie with the 49ers (1983-98) and Cowboys (1970-85) for most consecutive winning seasons since the 1970 merger.

Buffalo (5-5) at Kansas City (6-4)

While the Chiefs' Alex Smith is struggling, at least he doesn't have to worry about a QB carousel. Smith had 18 TD throws without a pick to start the season. He's thrown three interceptions without a touchdown since as KC has lost four of five.

Bills coach Sean McDermott goes back to veteran Tyrod Taylor after McDermott's gamble to start Nate Peterman backfired at San Diego as the untested rookie was picked off five times in one half. Also of concern is how Buffalo's defense has sprung leaks.

Chicago (3-7) at Philadelphia (9-1)

Mismatch City? It would look that way, particularly because the one thing the Bears do pretty well is run the ball with Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen. Philly, however, has the NFL's top rushing defense.

The Eagles are at 9-1 for the fifth time in franchise history. They won the NFL championship the first two times (1946, 1960), lost the Super Bowl in the other two (1980, 2004). They also have scored 20 points in 14 straight games, the league's longest current streak.

"Listen, this is the National Football League and you're seeing it every week. If you don't come ready to play, you'll get your tail beat," Eagles coach Doug Pederson says.

"This is no different this week. This is a good football team we're playing. Their record might be a different way and they have had some injuries, particularly on defense now, but it's still a good football team, and they probably should have won that game last week, and they have been in some close games this year. So you can't go to sleep on these (guys)."

Seattle (6-4) at San Francisco (1-9)

Once a bitter rivalry that extended into playoff games, this one has hit the rocks because the 49ers have, well, hit the rocks. The Seahawks have won eight straight in the series beginning with the NFC title game in January 2014.

With all of their injuries on defense, though, they might need another heroic performance from Russell Wilson, even against the lowly Niners. Wilson needs one win to break a tie with Joe Flacco and become the winningest QB in his first six years with 63.

San Francisco comes off



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New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) greets Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jared Goff after 2016 game in New Orleans. Goff faces Brees at the Coliseum today in a game that could have playoff position implications for two franchises that have not been on the league's biggest stage in the past few years.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0	.800	290	209
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	208	250
Miami	4	6	0	.400	187	254
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	201	222
South						
Jacksonville	7	3	0	.700	245	141
Tennessee	6	4	0	.600	222	253
Houston	4	6	0	.400	267	282
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	179	280
North						
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	227	165
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	213	171
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	169	199
Cleveland	0	10	0	.000	150	259
West						
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	262	220
L.A. Chargers	5	6	0	.455	249	232
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	204	247
Denver	3	7	0	.300	183	259

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	320	188
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	248	270
Washington	5	6	0	.455	258	276
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267
South						
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	302	196
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	213	180
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	231	210
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	203	228
North						
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	204	230
Chicago	3	7	0	.300	174	221
West						
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	303	186
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	242	199
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	178	254
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	174	280

Thursday's Scores
Minnesota 30, Detroit 23
L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6
Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 10

Today's Games
Tennessee at Indianapolis, noon
Carolina at N.Y. Jets, noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon
Miami at New England, noon
Buffalo at Kansas City, noon
Chicago at Philadelphia, noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m
Jacksonville at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Houston at Baltimore 7:30 p.m

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

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To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
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 296-2436

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-6487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

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

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $35 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midandhoops32.com; venzantedie@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 884-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes

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Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3820 W. Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

CCM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
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, adult, 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

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

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7-8 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

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Jucb-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7487 or 689-8444

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

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: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

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 Holley, president at holleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0999

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 682-1402.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

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.midland-soccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

CCM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwest Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Diving instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CCM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of CCM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for CCM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up

For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

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 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Ballcon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4; Redball 56 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 520-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 854-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midla"dutimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gary.peterson@myrgrande.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com



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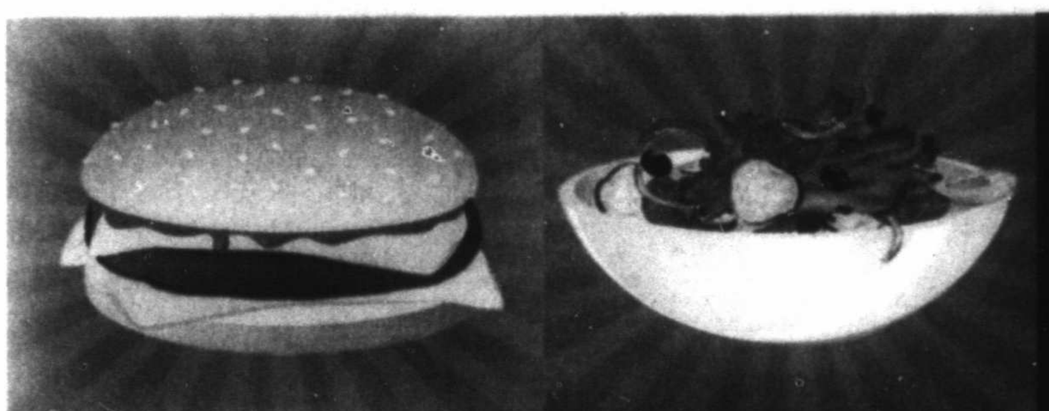
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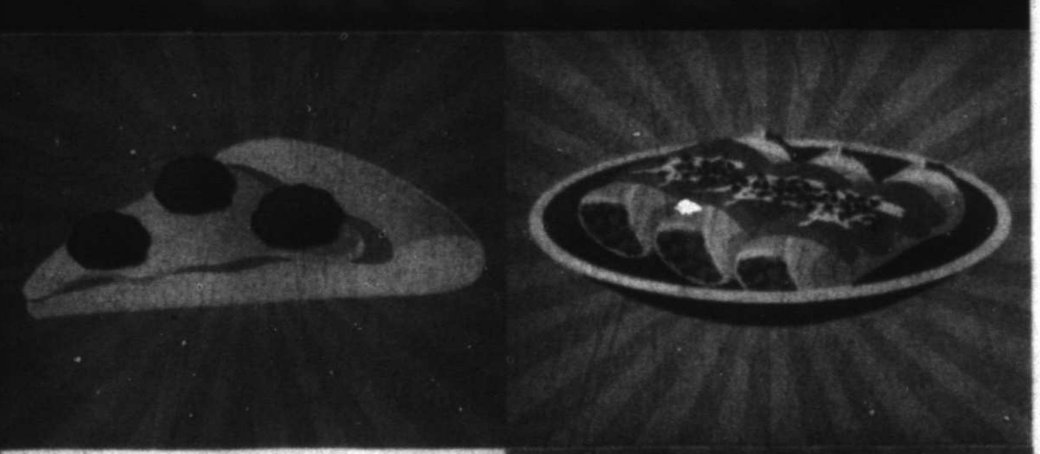
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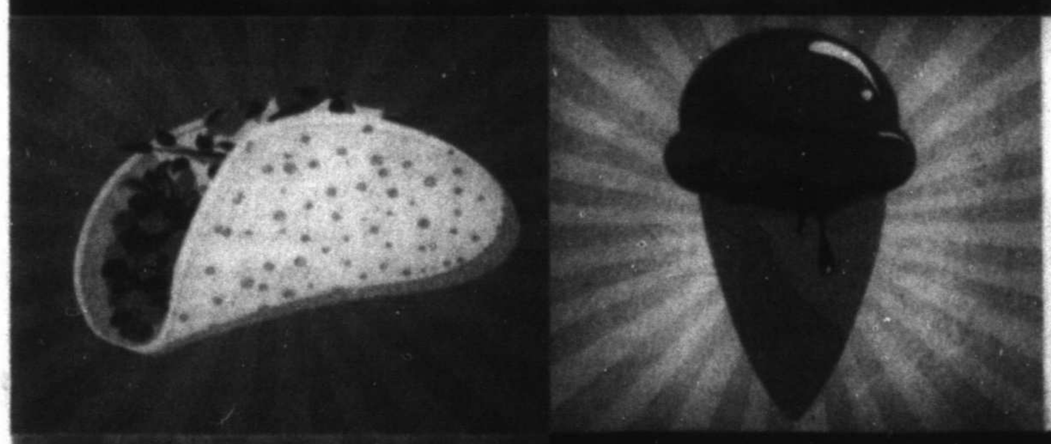
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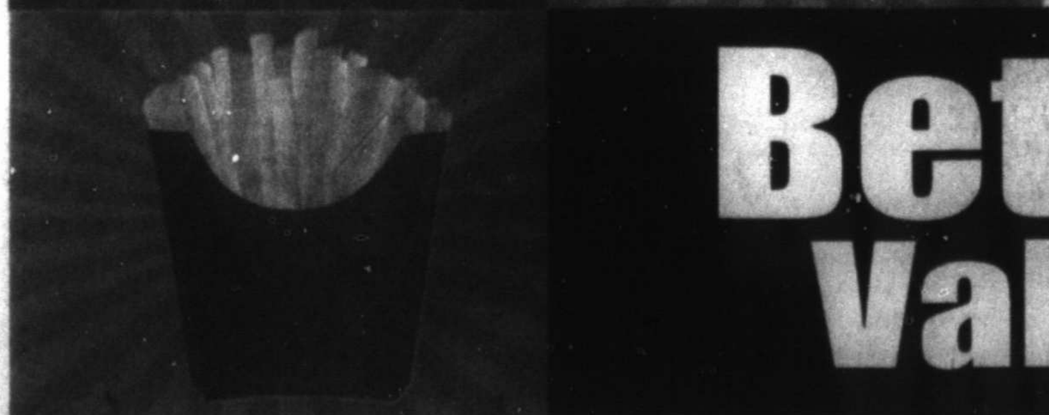
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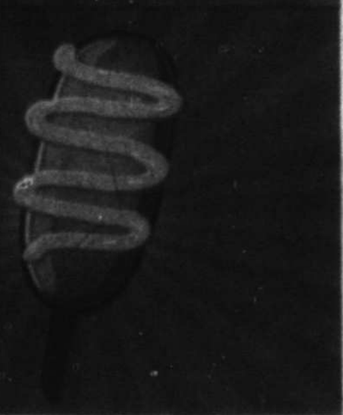


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Upscale neighborhood with gorgeous homes and tree lined boulevard street! Centrally located in Midland, you will have quick access to shopping and dining. This home has been totally updated in the master bath and other areas including the kitchen. You will love the open floor plan, gorgeous landscaping and pool area with play yard. The owners have taken immaculate care of their house and it shows!

Built in 1982 by Wallco and extensively remodeled in 2010 by Ralph Alano, it has 5,070 square feet with six bedrooms, four full baths, one half bath, two dining areas, two living areas and two fireplaces. Schools for this neighborhood include Emerson Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High.

Doors open to marble flooring, Plantation shutters, various ceiling styles and a beautiful view out two walls of windows of the backyard pool/spa, seating areas and spacious covered porch. Formal dining is on the right and is open to the formal living area. One wall features a brick fireplace surrounded by bookshelves and cabinets while the opposite wall also has a built-in wall unit. The den has an arched ceiling, wooden flooring and brick wall with fireplace which adds to the ambiance of the room. Windows look out to the pool/spa and yard. Beautifully landscaped, it is surrounded by a brick fence and includes a children's play yard complete with tree house.

A Saltillo tile hallway leads to a mudroom and guest wing! Two large bedrooms with jack and jill bath enjoy atrium doors overlooking the pool. Ideally, one could be used as a sitting room thus making a private in-law suite. A door in the hallway leads to the three-car garage where there are several closets for storage including one with a built-in work bench.

As you walk back through the den, a butler's pantry between this room and the kitchen includes a small refrigerator, wine storage and access to the utility room.

The updated kitchen has tile flooring, black granite countertops with white washed cabinets containing pull out organizational drawers, stainless appliances including a Viking gas stove, built-in hutch, bar seating, granite topped island and great pantry with tiered shelves for organization. Swinging door provides access to formal dining room.

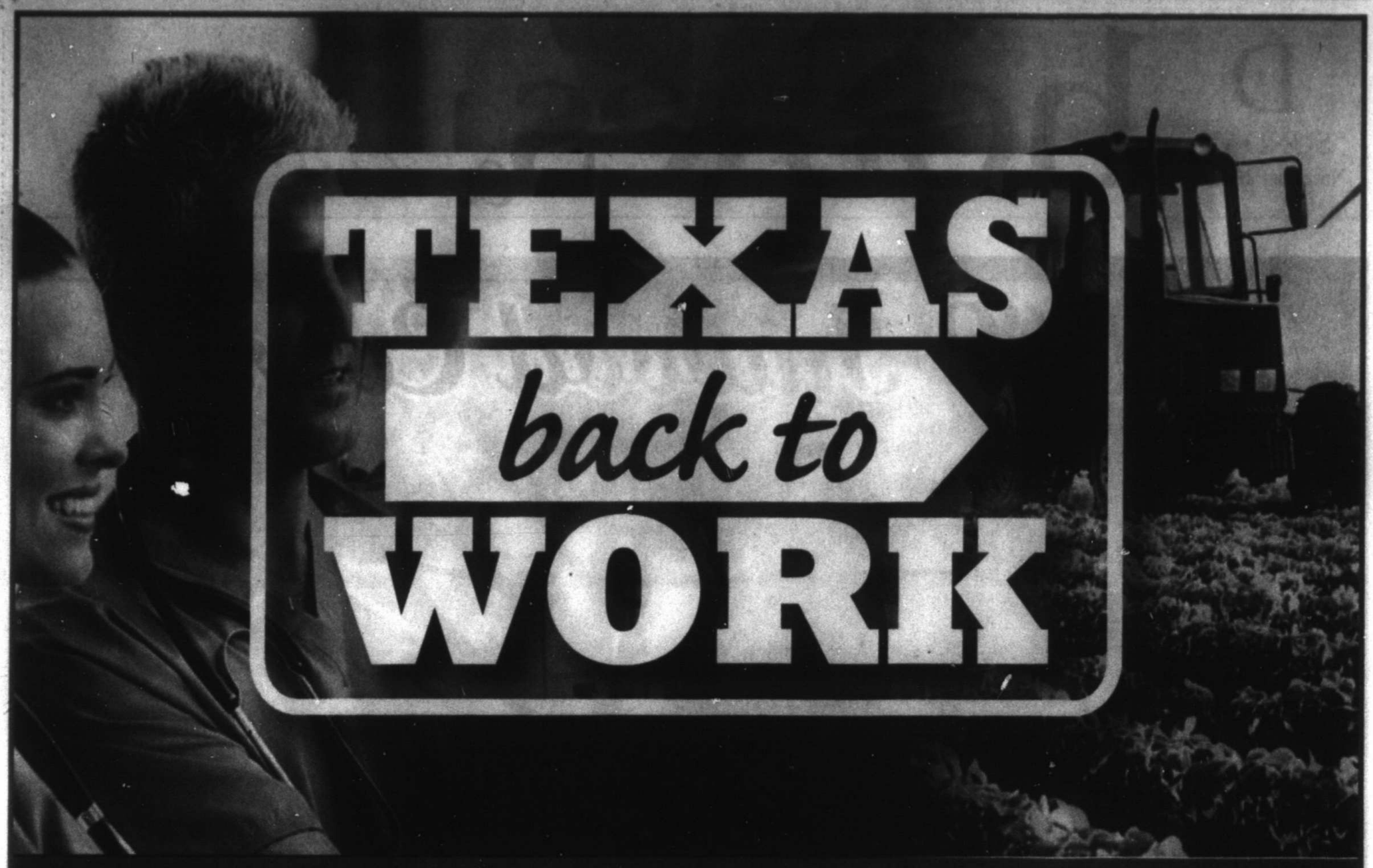
The master suite is spacious and inviting! A window seat is perfect for curling up with your favorite book as you look out to the pool and yard. The ensuite features his and hers dressing areas and sinks, oversized corner shower, Jacuzzi tub, nickel faucets and lighting and a walk-in closet with built-in dressers and shoe storage.

A bedroom next to the master could be used as a study if desired. It has a side porch and two large closets as well as access to a full bathroom. Two more bedrooms on a front hallway share a jack and jill bathroom and have views of the front yard.

This is a beautiful home with wonderful features, location and style! Listed at $845,000 call Jana Tucker GRI, Co-Owner/Broker for Real Estate One at (432) 553-0293 or e-mail her at jana@janatucker.com. MLS#5001482

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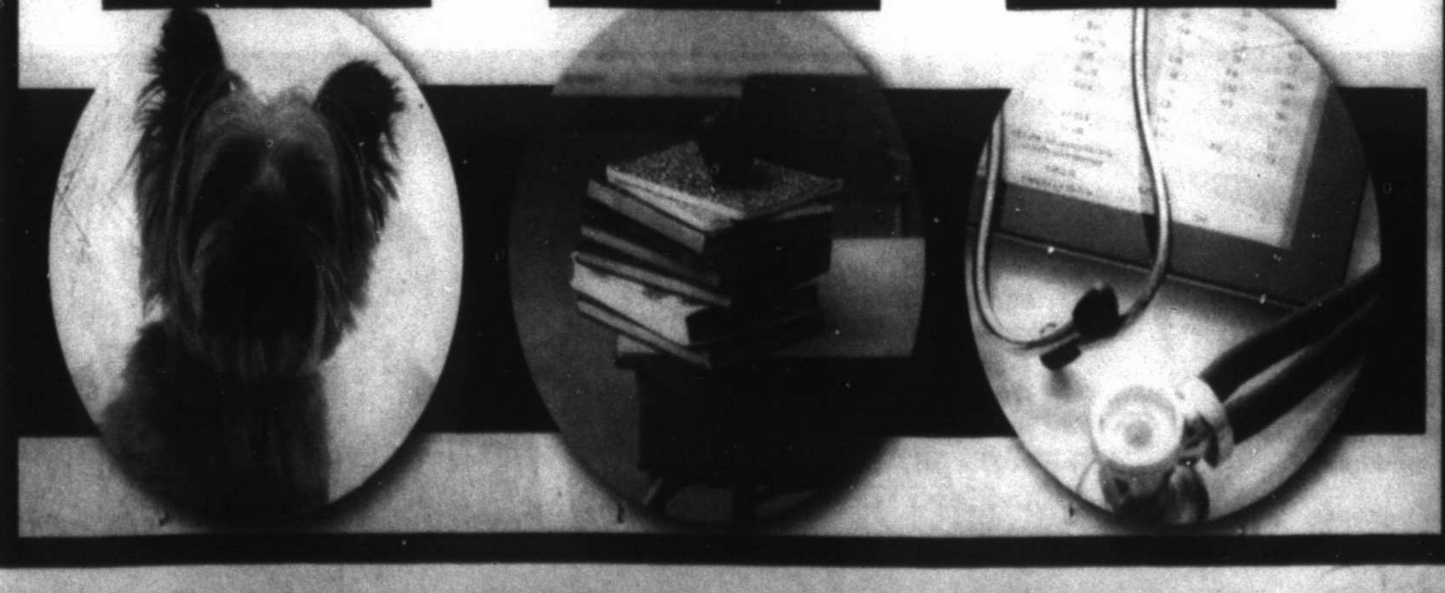
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What do you remember about your last experience as a patient? Was it enjoyable and professional, or have you changed providers because of a less-than-positive visit?



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Now think about how you have shared your story with friends and family members. How many of them have pledged to change providers due to your personal experience?

Hospitals and physicians are more vigilant than ever before about the importance of outstanding patient care, and not just in terms of evidence-based outcomes. They want you, the patient, to have an amazing experience filled with positive hospitality and responsive service. In addition to the fact that your positive review could bring more business in the future, there is funding attached to insurance reimbursements that are based on patient satisfaction scores.

If you're entering the health care space, it's important to understand the science behind this new shift in focus. In a HealthLeaders Media study, 88 percent of senior health care executives said patient experience is among their top five priorities. That number increased even higher when executives were asked about their priorities five years into the future.

PATIENTS HAVE POWER

When it comes to health care, patients aren't just patients anymore. They are customers, able to take their experience and review of your organization to the masses. With the onset of social media, anyone and everyone has the power to broadcast a message to their network.

As a health care professional, you want to make sure you stay on your patients' positive side. You can do this by remaining courteous at all times and working hard to make sure their needs are met in a prompt, receptive manner.

MORE FINDINGS

Many studies back up the importance of the patient experience, including the following:

• The Journal of Ambulatory Care Management shows that systematic efforts to measure and improve the patient experience "can increase the effectiveness of primary care, improve patient outcomes and control costs."

• The UK's National Health Service found that "patients who are well informed and feel comfortable in their surroundings tend to be less prone to complications and subsequent readmission to hospital."

• The American Journal of Managed Care reports that "higher hospital-level patient satisfaction scores (overall and for discharge planning) were independently associated with lower 30-day readmission rates."

Top 20 Salaries in the Field

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, health care occupations was projected to grow 19 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations, adding about 2.3 million new jobs.

This is welcome news to high those considering a career in health care. Salaries and benefits are on the mind of our next generation of health care workers as they weigh their various options in working while they gain their education or taking on student debt.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the median annual wage for health care practitioners and technical occupations (such as registered nurses, physicians, surgeons and dental hygienists) was $61,710 in May 2014, which was higher than the median annual wage for all occupations in the economy of $35,540.

Here are the top 20 salaries by profession in the industry, as researched and reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

Field	Salary
Physicians and Surgeons	$187,200
Dentists	$154,640
Pharmacists	$120,950
Podiatrists	$120,700
Nurse Practitioners	$102,670
Optometrists	$101,410
Physician Assistants	$95,820
Veterinarians	$87,590
Physical Therapists	$82,390
Radiation Therapists	$80,090
Occupational Therapists	$78,810
Audiologists	$73,060
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	$72,100
Speech-Language Pathologists	$71,550
Dental Hygienists	$71,520
Occupational Safety Specialist	$69,210
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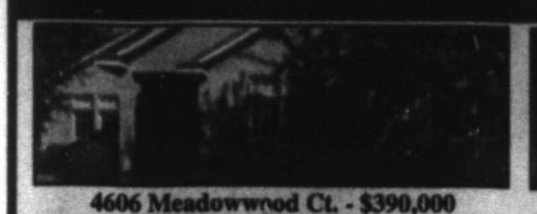
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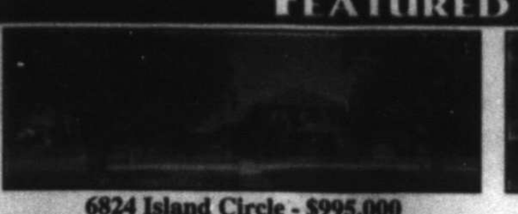
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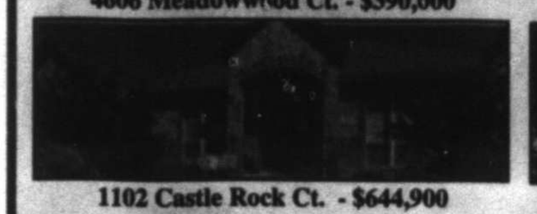
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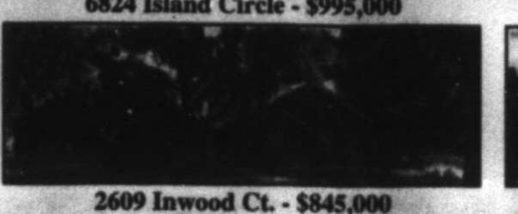
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One Bedrooms

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Two Bedrooms

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4700 Boulder unit 1505-Furnished 2 story move in ready 2BR/2.5BA condo w/many updates! Washer and Dryer included! ..... **U/C. $80,000**

Three Bedrooms

27 Oaktown Park-Beautiful neighborhood w park-like setting! Open floor plan w/high ceilings and so many updates! Shady and lush private patio! **$400,500**

2508 Quail Point - Perfect Patio home!!! Don't miss this lovely, move-in ready 3 bedroom home. Beautiful patio, gorgeous and complete kitchen. Spacious living area and dining room. Hurry to see!! ..... **U/C. $479,500**

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2203 Sinclair Ave-Charming 3BR/2BA Old Midland home in Berkshire Place with beaming hardwood floors and 5 sets of french doors **$259,900**

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4823 46 Spring Meadow Ln -Lovely Meadow Park townhouse w/tall ceilings, tile floors, spacious rooms, open plan, lots of windows, tons of storage! Great buy! ..... **SOLD. $240,000**

2229 Cimarron Ave - Adorable 3/2, w/2Lv & 2DA. Great kitchen w/dbl. ovens & gas range, island, dsh. pantries, & updated tile countertops. Spacious bedrooms. Large storage bldg in back ..... **U/C. $235,000**

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4739 Boulder Dr - Low maintenance 3 Bedroom 2.5 Bath, 2-story Townhome in Skyline Terrance Subdivision ..... **U/C. $165,000**

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3100 Shell Ave-Custom home on 1/2 acre lot. 6' brick/block fencing w/ornamental metal gates, steel roof, chosen neighborhood w/great storage, large sunroom, outside dining area & workshop! ..... **U/C. $425,000**

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810 Trinidad Place #BR - 3 Bath home in Woodland Park. all granite counters, wood look tile, immaculate and gorgeous! ..... **U/C. $379,900**

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0 Cotton Flat Rd - Zoned industrial Park **$100,000**

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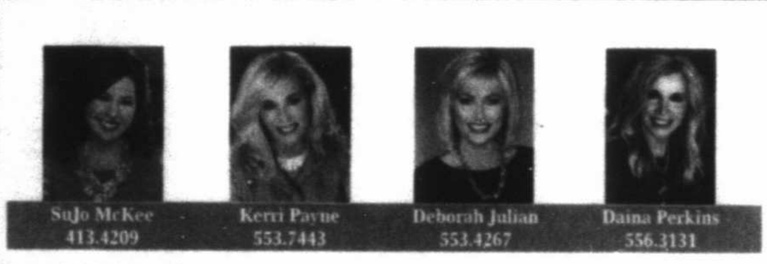
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6312 Edinburgh Drive-Magnificent mansion on 2.5 acres(7400 sqft)- Totally updated! 4 bed/4 full bath/3 half bath/6 living/3 fireplaces & dazzling pool, outdoor kitchen & bar on lushly landscaped grounds! No detail left undone! Hardwoods, soaring ceilings & winding staircase! **$995,000**

13201 ECR 110-Stunning 4 bed/4.5 bath/4 living (great, game, study, upstairs loft)/3 gar home w/workshop on 1.8 acres in gated community! Irrigated, fenced, grounds w/enormous patio w/living area & fireplace! Triple side-entry garage! **$845,000**

6010 Island Cir.-Fabulous location on the lake in Green Tree North (625 acre lot)! 2-story home w/ 5 bedrooms/4.5 bath/4 living (formal, great room, study, game room)/2 dining/5 car garage! 2 fireplaces! Lg. back patio & pergola! **$825,000**

4310 Coyote Trail-Absolutely fabulous home on 3.33 Acres---country living w/city convenience! 4 Spacious bed/3.5 **bath/2 dining/4 living** (great room, media room, formal living, study)/3 car gar+rv-parking in workshop (1225 sqft) w/2 gar doors & rv parking! Fantastic swim spa recently added **$769,000**

809 Crested Butte Ct.-Spectacular custom 4 bed/4.5 bath/3 living (media, great, formal) or 5 bed (media has closet)/4 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/huge island, stainless appli, gas cooktop, ice maker & granite thru-out! Lovely landscaped! **$740,000**

7004 Calen Ct.-Spectacular 5 bed/5 living (great room, formal, game/media room, study, sunroom)/2 dining/4 car garage home w/ dazzling pool & high brick privacy fence! 2 fireplaces, built-ins, gourmet kitchen w/ granite! **$639,900**

10310 SCR 1210-Fantastic unique property! 1.2 acres w/ runway, hangar, office & living accommodations! 50x76 hangar w/ retractable door! 2-story w/ 5 bedrooms/6 full baths/3 living/3 dining/2 car garage w/ workshop! **$569,500**

4100 ECR 01-Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/3 gar home on lush landscaped grounds! Gourmet kitchen w/ granite thru-out, custom cabinetry, stainless appli, modern light fixtures & stained concrete floors! Large backyard! **$545,000**

2501 HCR 1278-Spectacular 4 bed/ 3 bath/2 living/2 dining home w/3 gar & RV hookup on 1.24 acres in lovely Estrada Estates! Granite thru-out, gourmet kitchen, w/ top stainless appl! Private backyard that extends beyond fencing! **$489,900**

2800 Parton Way-1% buyer incentive! Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living or 2 dining w/ 3 gar & dazzling pool w/ waterfall & slide! Gourmet kitchen, stainless appl, gas cooktop & granite thru-out! Outdoor living space & 7ft fence! **$462,500**

2800 N Garfield St.-Executive style townhouse w/ 3 bed (downstairs master w/ 2 baths)/4.5 baths/2 living areas (great room+upstairs study)/2 dining/wet bar/2 fireplaces & 3 car gar! Low maint front courtyard & pool/hot tub & cabana area in back! **$390,000**

4004 Crestwood Ave.-Spectacular find on quiet cul-de-sac! Huge 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 dining/2 living home w/ dazzling pool! Very spacious bedrooms, closets & lg. living areas! Lovely landscaped front yard & low maintenance backyard! **$389,900**

5700 San Miguel Ave.-Better than new! 4 bed/2.5 bath/3 living (den, game, media) 2-story home in Adobe Meadows! Downstairs seq, master suite, gourmet kitchen w/ granite & stainless appl! Low maint, front w/ huge backyard! **$334,900**

6000 Cowboy Dr.-Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath/2 living or 2 dining area home on corner cul-de-sac lot! "Hardwood" tile flooring thru-out (carpet in beds), & gourmet kitchen w/ granite & stainless appl! Fantastic patio w/ lg backyard! **$329,900**

1300 W Tennessee Ave-This great Old Midland location holds 2 properties! Spacious 4 bed/2 bath/lg. kitchen & den home w/ guest house w/ 2 beds & 1 full bath! Both houses have their own yards! New roof 9/1/2017! **$299,900**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5311 Wimberley Spring Court-Beautiful 3 bed/2.5 bath plus office/study w/ oversized 2 car gar in Greenhouse! Spacious open concept w/tile flooring & granite thru-out! Covered porch, storage shed & rv pad in backyard! **$410,000**

2302 Haynes Dr.-Incredible find- fantastic price! Superbly updated 3 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 car gar low maint townhouse w/lovely (small) landscaped backyard! Master suite is huge- 2 full baths & 2 walk-in closets! **$275,000**

2602 Shandon Avenue - Wonderfully updated 3 bed/2 full baths/2 living areas/2 dining & 2 car garage home! Spacious open floor plan w/windows & plantation shutters! Beautiful back yard with enclosed a/c & heated patio! A 224 sq.foot a/c workshop & storage! **$263,500**

1300 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$230,000**

1310 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$219,900**

1312 E Spruce-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$219,900**

1304 Spruce Ave.-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$219,900**

1306 Spruce Ave.-Wow! What a fantastic find! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car gar! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances: gas cooktop, dishwasher, microwave & pantry! Custom finishes on cabinets & gorgeous bronze fixtures! **$219,900**

3010 W Ohio Ave.-Cute! 3 bed/2 bath/2 living (great room+ den/sunroom)/1 dining/2 car gar home with low maintenance yard w/storage building! Light & bright w/ walls of windows & exposed wood beams w/ fireplace! Tile, carpet & cement thru-out! **$179,900**

7202 ECR 80-Fantastic and well maintained 3 bed/2 bath mobile home sitting on a 1.1 acre corner lot! Open floor plan w/kitchen/breakfast dining & great room! Sequestered master w/garden tub & dual sinks! **$165,000**

308 Sunset St.-Cozy & cute! 2 bed/1 bath home w/ 1 car garage! Large landscaped private backyard w/ covered patio centrally located to everything! **$99,900**

806 Roosevelt Ave (Coleman)-Acreage with in-town amenities! 2.7 acres outside of the city w/ city utilities! No restrictions! 3 bed/1 bath/bonus room! Washer & dryer stay! Detached gar w/ 2 storage areas plus small shed! A few livestock! **$40,000**

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

0000 CR 258, Coleman, TX 76834-95 acres of beautiful country! Native grass, 2 stock ponds & oil production! 14x60 Morgan bldg 1 bed/1 bath/ central HVAC, septic & satellite tv. Storage bldg, worker rig, tools, xtra fencing & mower! **$350,000**

1414 Texas-7.9 Acres in 349 ranch estates (just north on big spring across from midland country club) **$200,000**

713 Indiana Avenue-Vacant lot in great downtown location! Approx. acres 0.321 in West End Subdivision! Zoned for commercial or residential (C-1, LR3) **$110,000**

Timber Wolf Estates-Fast growing subdivision timber wolf estates--city of midland, martin co. Appr 5 acre lots @ $13k/acre, plat available. Water wells/septic system/fence can be added to price but @ buyers expense. Shoryland electric. Can attend midland isd or stanton isd. Min home 2,500 sq ft **$62,400**

2010 Carver-0.134 acre lot in Sun Garden Village! **$44,500**

2014 Carver-0.133 acre lot in Sun Garden Village! **$44,500**

2012 Carver-0.134 acre lot in Sun Garden Village! **$44,500**

Cotton Estates-Fabulous subdivision conveniently located to gardendale cotton estates 10 lots (appr. 75 Acre) plat available. Roads will be paved by developer. Water well/septic sys/fence can be added to sales price but @ buyers exp. min home 2800 sq. ft. buyer has choice of builder, plans approved by developer **$30,000**

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

5215 Quicksand Dr	UNDER CONTRACT
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2530 Faulkner	UNDER CONTRACT
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266 CR 138	UNDER CONTRACT
2405 Testand Circle	UNDER CONTRACT
1108 Godfrey St	SOLD!
11911 WCR 56	SOLD!
1501 W Pine	SOLD!
1214 Burchill Drive	SOLD!

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5200 Ellen Joyce Way - 3 bed/3 bath	$3,500
107 Mockingbird Ln #202 - 3 bed/2 bath	$2,700
5314 Conroe Court - 3 bed/2 bath	$2,400
6408 Hall of Fame - 3 bed/2 bath	$2,200
3014 W. Kansas Ave - 3 bed/2 bath	$1,600
3223 W. Golf Course Rd - 2 bed/2 bath	$1,700
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HILITES INCLUDE: Over 50-Tractor Loader Backhoes: (10)JD 310J(4x4), (10)JD 310G(4x4). (5)New Holland(4x4), (15)Case(4x4). **50-Crawler Tractors:** (10)JD 700J, (5)JD 650J. (5)JD 550J, (2)Cat D5K, Komatsu D65PX, (2)Cat D6R, (2)Cat D4G, (2) Case 550H. **15-Hydraulic Excavators:** (3)Cat 320CL, JD 200D, JD 120D. **10-Rubber Tired Loaders:** Case 821E, Case 821C, Cat 938F, JD 544K. **6-Crawler Loaders:** Cat 963D, (3)Cat 963C. **10-Telescopic Forklifts, 15-Mini Excavators, 10-Motor Graders, 3-Dump Trucks:** (3)2012 Mack GU813. **5-Walk Behind Trenchers, Utility Vehicle:** Kubota RTV900. **Zero Turn Mowers, 4-Air Compressors:** (4)Sullair 185cfm. **Diesel Welders, Light Towers, 4-Trenchers:** (4)Ditch Witch RT45, Ditch Witch RT95 **Loader Landscape Tractors, 5-84" Smooth & Pad Foot Compactors, Forklifts, 8-Ag Tractors:** (8)Kubota. **5-Warehouse & All Terrain Scissor Lifts, Over 50-Skid Steers, Several Implements:** Bush Hogs, Augers, Grapples, Forks, All sorts of Skid Steer Attachments. **Over 100-Backhoe & Excavator Buckets, Misc Shop Tools:** Tools, Welders, Plasma Cutters, Jacks, Battery Chargers, Shop Manuals

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MIDLAND SELF STORAGE

Sale is December 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. at 3600 N. Big Spring. Goods will be sold as a live bid for cash. Property includes contents of spaces for the following tenants

Kim Yancy- Miscellaneous Furniture, house hold items.
Mae Brackens- Lamps, Miscellaneous house hold items.
Manuel Ortega- couch, mini bike, miscellaneous house hold items.
Rene Garcia- Carpet/rugs, dishwasher, miscellaneous house hold items, mini trampoline.
Forest Randall- Crib, Miscellaneous baby items, miscellaneous furniture.
Chanita Macklin- Miscellaneous house hold items, miscellaneous furniture.
Beatrice Sanchez- Lawn chairs, clothes, miscellaneous items.
Roger Primera- Jackets, Miscellaneous items.
Karen Pagan- Miscellaneous house hold items.
Larry Givens- Miscellaneous Lawn equipment and tools

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION
TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT:

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 #217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the Exception to Statewide Rule (SWR) 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from the following oil and gas leases: Gridiron S001MS, S001WA, S001WB, S002LS, S002MS, S002WA, S003LS, S017LS, S018WB, S017WB, S017WA and S018MS (RRC Identifier #45236), Line Drive A 1LS (RRC Identifier #46870) and Gridiron JV S000WA (RRC Identifier #826322). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for common storage, common separation and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to the P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

Midland Memorial Legacy A/R Insurance Collections
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **Wednesday, November 22, 2017.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon, Tuesday, December 19, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1234-112217"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **June 19, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director, Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

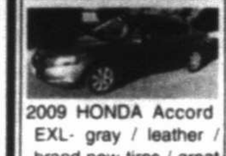
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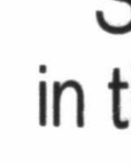
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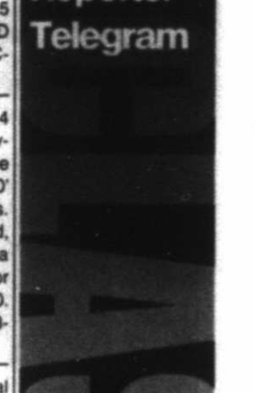
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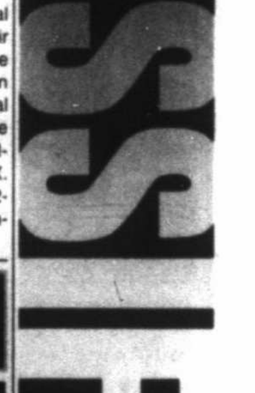
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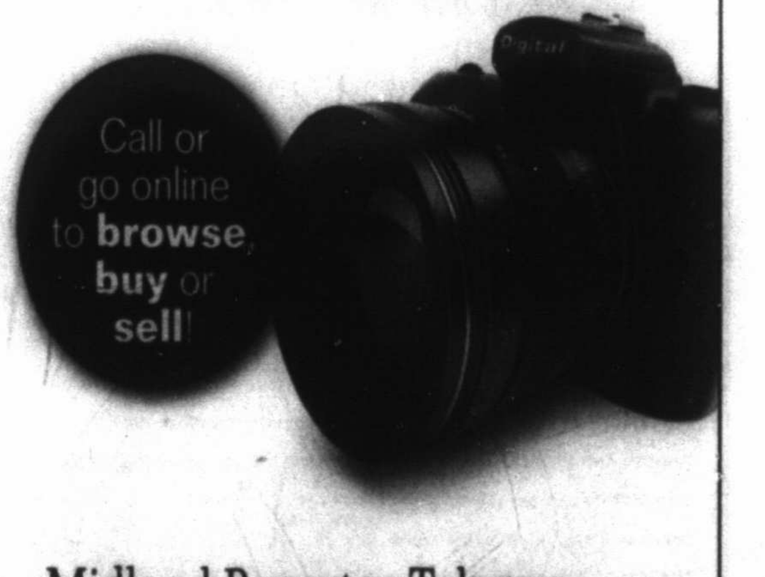








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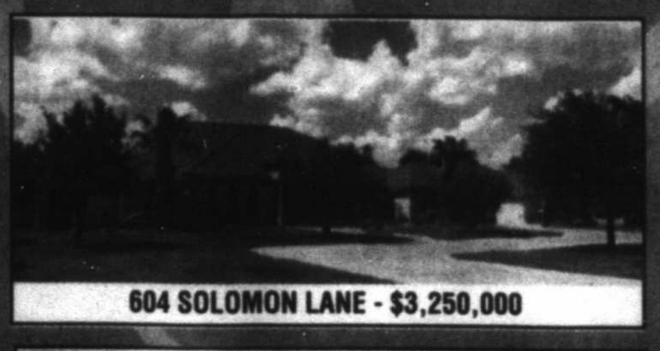
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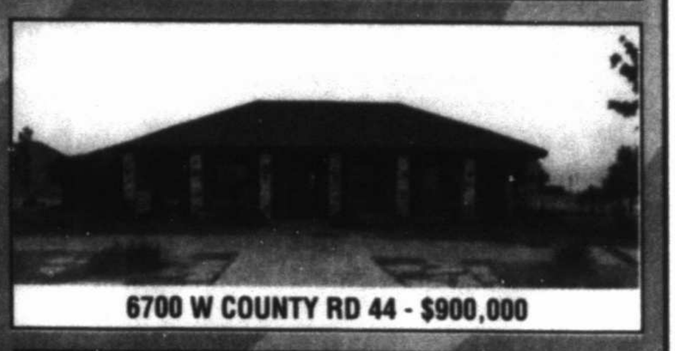
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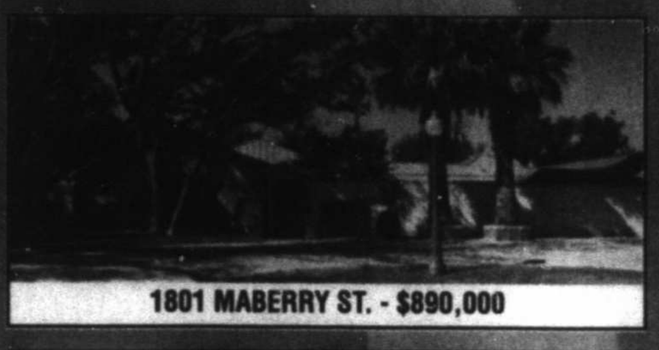
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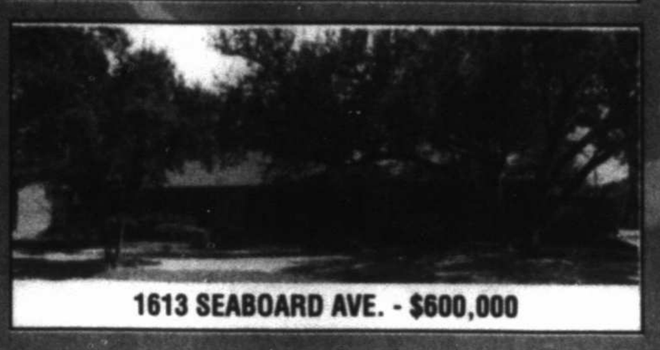
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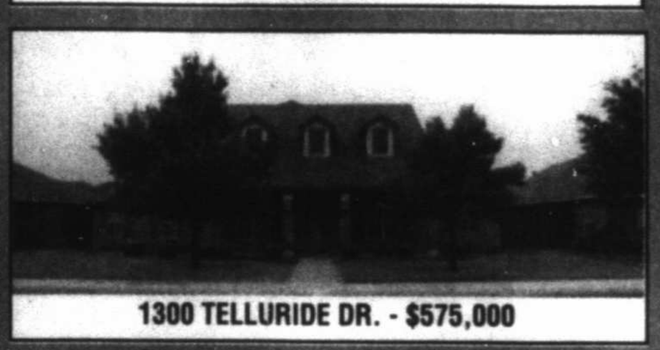

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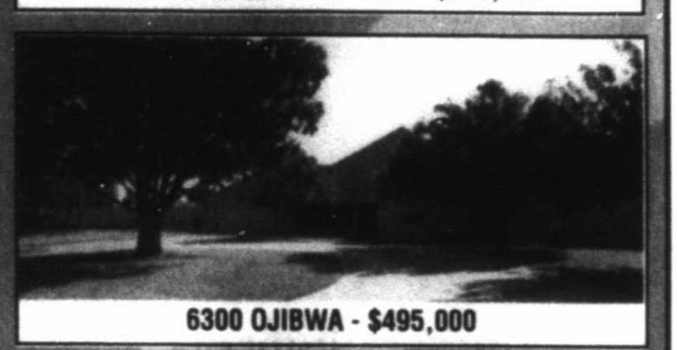

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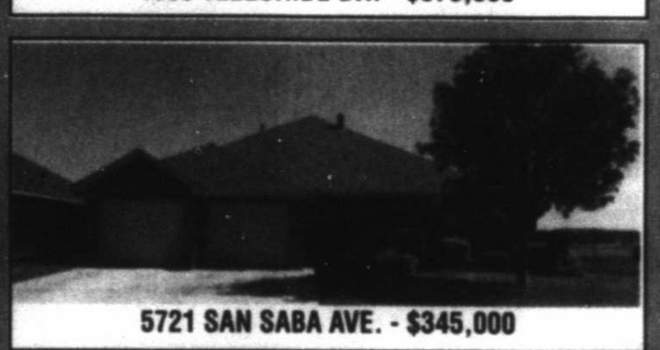

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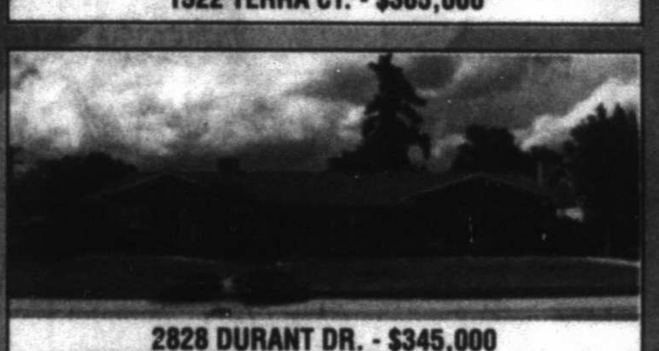

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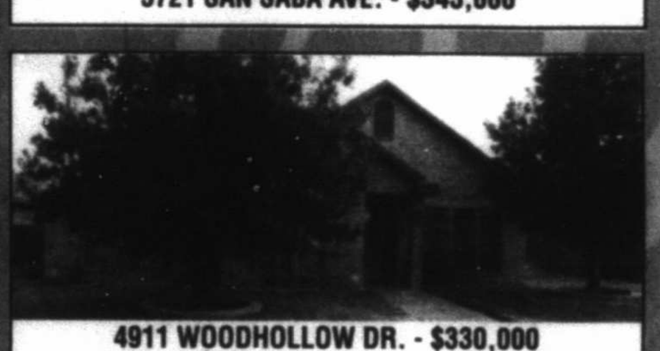

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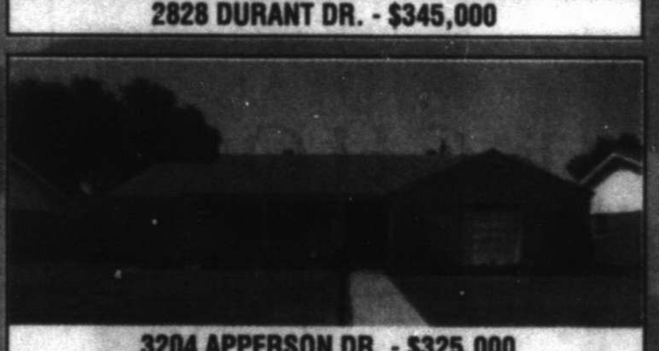

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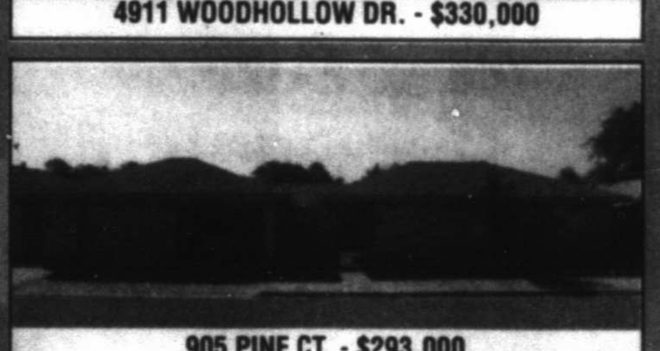

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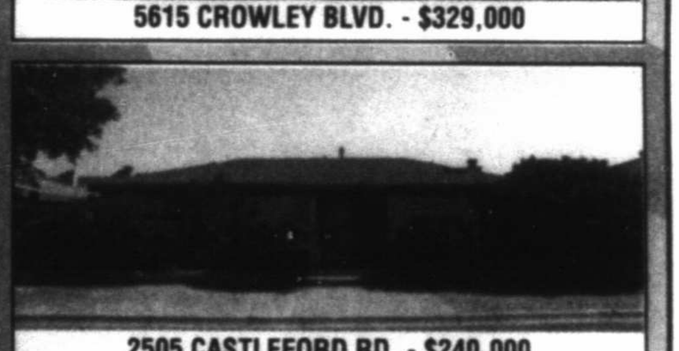

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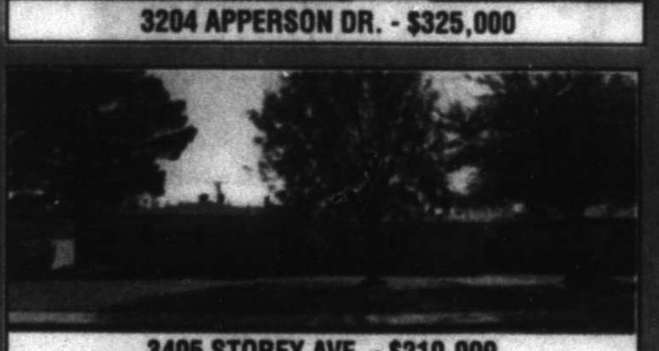

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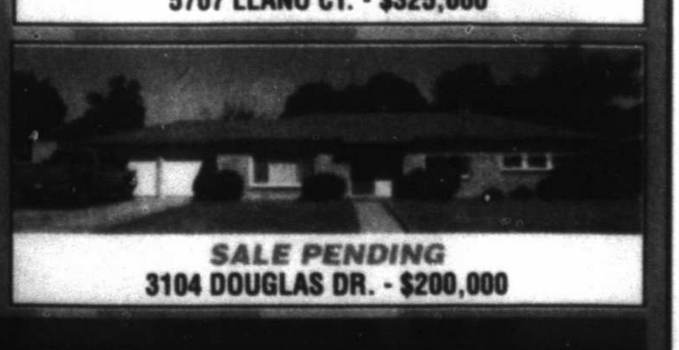

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4701 FROST PL. - $325,000


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5707 LLANO CT. - $325,000


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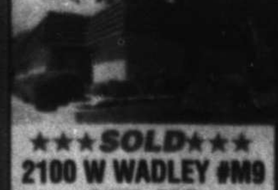

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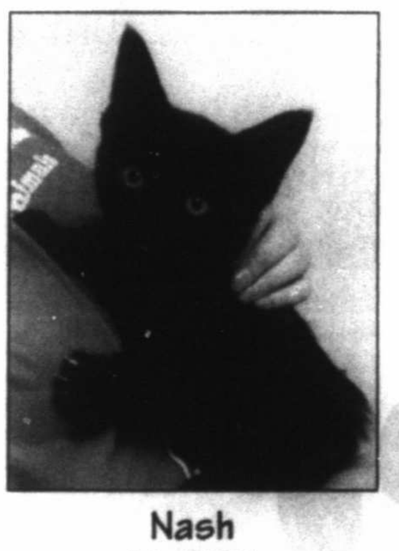
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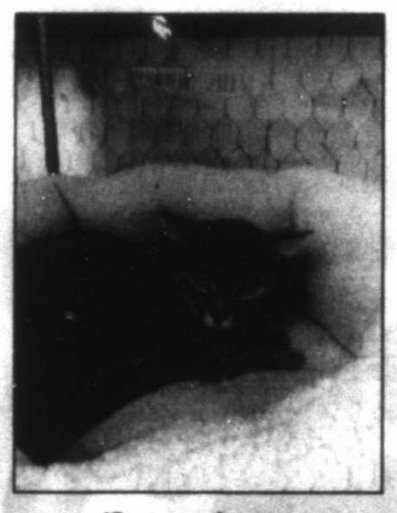
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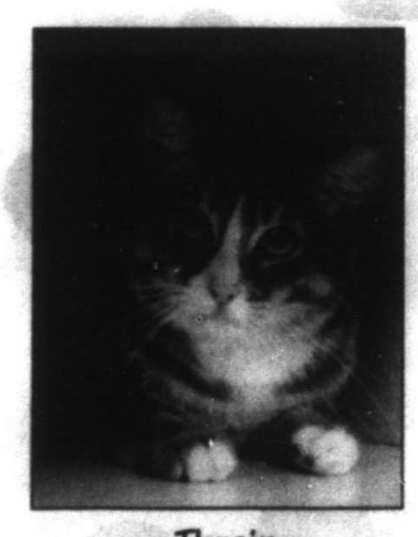
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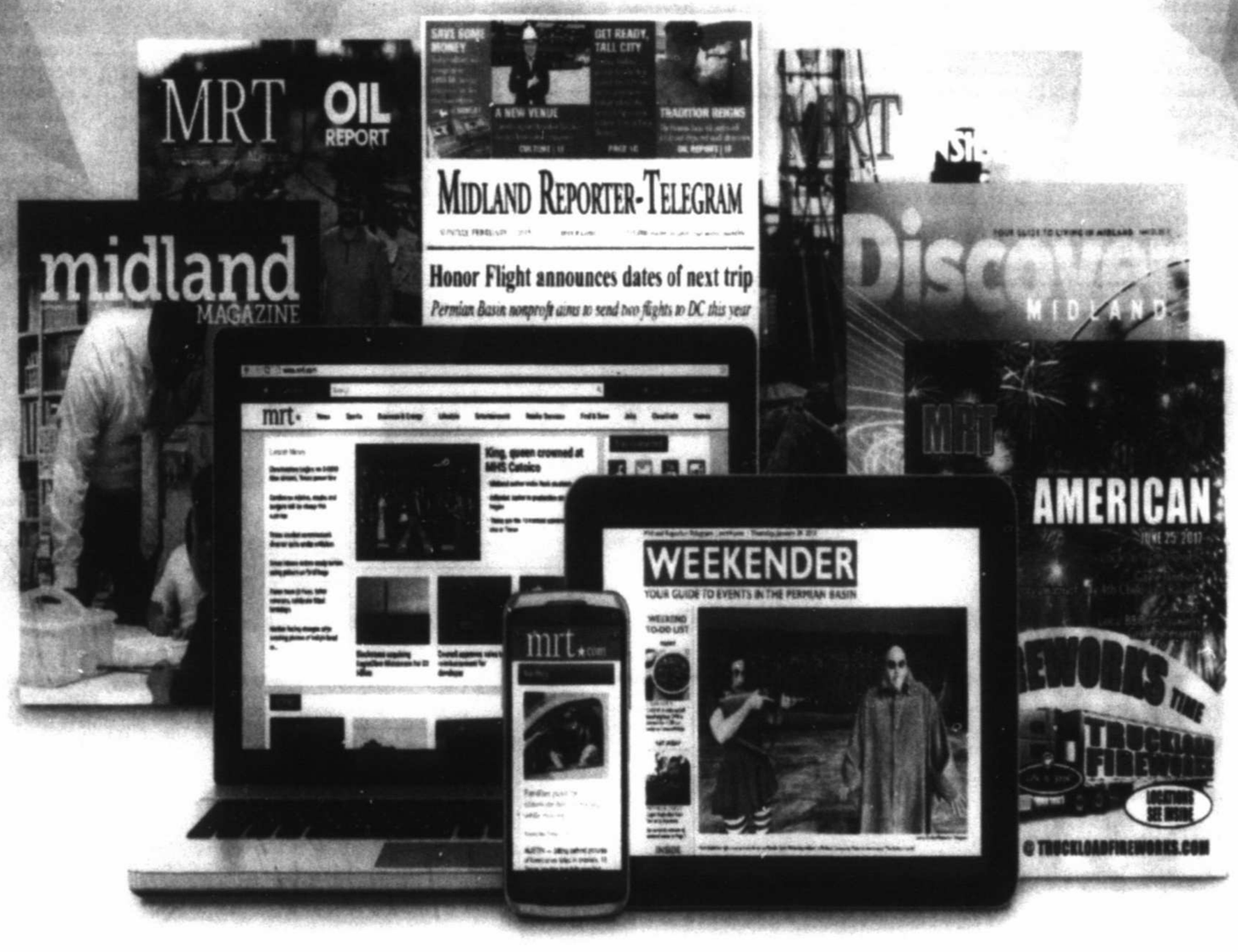
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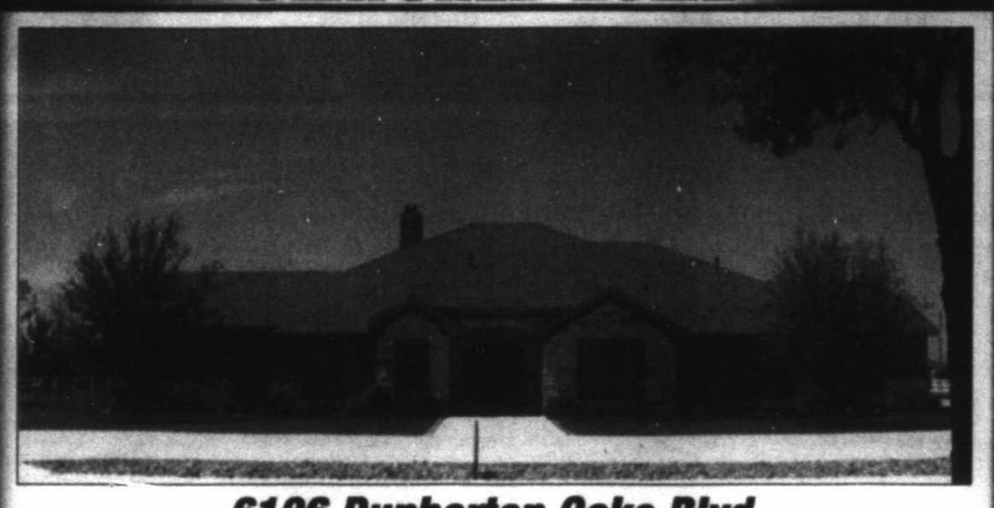
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4607 Ric Dr	3 Bdrm/1.5 Ba/1 Car Garage	U/C
1411 Custer Ave	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$174,500
1214 Sinclair Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$230,000
1214 Terrace Circle	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
1500 Navajo Drive	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5516 Rio Grande Ave	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$384,000
5907 Sabine Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$393,000
2001 Princeton Ave	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4800 Stonehegh Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$415,000
5910 Wagner	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3513 Woodhaven Dr	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$599,000
6106 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$959,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5303 Torrey Vista	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1302 Connair Court	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5510 Casa Grande Trail	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4302 Saltillo Ct	Sanchez Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5517 Camino Reale	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4301 San Pedro Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5309 Balfour Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
7305 E. Co. Rd. 113	Michael Davis Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$543,210
5311 Balfour Ct	Diamond Homes, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba, 3 Car Garage	U/C
5309 Dunraven Ct	Ashingdon Homes, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
7209 E. Co. Rd. 114	Crystal Homes/5 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$649,500
7213 E. Co. Rd. 113	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	$698,500

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

2372 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$138,500
2363 Co. Rd. 2631	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$169,000
6800 FM 307	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
12200 W. Co. Rd. 98	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2.5 Acres	$349,000
3706 S. Co. Rd. 1184	3 Bdrm/2 Fc/l Ba/2 Half Ba/1 Carport	$376,000
12215 E. Co. Rd. 101	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
12044 E. Goldenrod Drive	Gardendale/20.64 Acres	$921,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Co. Rd. 130	10.306 acres	$300,000
43 East Industrial Loop	4900 Sq. Ft./1.75 Acre	$325,000
302 S. Marienfeld	11,000 Sq. Ft.	$790,000

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

SE Co. Rd. 2001	Andrews/10 acres	$95,000
1980 E. Co. Rd. B 3501	Stanton/10 Acres	$135,000
1401 HWY 176	Big Spring/20 Acres	$199,500
W. Co. Rd. 2300	Stanton/10 acres	$200,000
E. Co. Rd. 2300	Stanton/11.04 acres	$220,000
0 E. Co. Rd. 0 3501	Stanton/41.76 Acres	$313,200
135 Antler Dr.	Alto, NM/5 Bdrm/5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$485,000
Co. Rd. 2300	Stanton/31.4 acres	$220,000
US Hwy. 87	Big Spring/20 Acres	$1,000,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES



5907 Sabine Drive
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $393,000



5516 Rio Grande Avenue
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MLS#R50009355A. Prestigious custom designed 5 bed 5.5 Bath 3 living with guest quarters plus huge trophy room! Exquisite detail through out! Marble & granite flooring in entry! Main living area offers soaring ceilings! Custom steel doors at each entry! Wood ceiling in kitchen & den/gameroom includes wood wainscoting & slate tile! Hadrian limestone wainscoting in den & back patio! 8 Car garage+workshop+gym! Entire house recently painted & updated! Huge master suite includes double door entry, double sided fireplace, wrap around bathroom with separate jetted tub & walk in shower, amazing walk in closets with built in vault! Recent carpet in bedrooms, baths updated with granite countertops, tile & paint! Commercial sized pool with double filtering system!



1801 Maberry - $890,000

MLS#R50011405A. Immaculate home in prestigious location! Beautiful mature trees in neighborhood! Walk through front gate & feel like you're at a resort! Stamped concrete around pool! Spacious 4 bed 5 bath with 2 living areas! Wood burning fire place in den with wood beam ceilings! Amazing master includes jetted tub & huge walk in closet! Beautiful granite in kitchen offers tons of space! Each bedrooms has amazing closet space & built ins! Buyer could turn office into hall closet & bedrooms closet space! Inside utility room includes sink and closet/storage space! Side courtyard off bedroom! Living, kitchen & master all have breathtaking views of pool area! Low maintenance!



1300 Telluride Dr. - $575,000

MLS#R50011210A. Immaculate 4 bed 4 bath 2 living area in woodland park! Beautiful builder upgrades & finishes! Tom woodruff resale! 2Nd living upstairs has full bath! Stunning granite countertops in spacious kitchen, opens to living area overlooking covered patio in backyard! Huge sequestered master suite offers double sinks in vanity, jetted tub, walk in shower with bench & amazing walk in closet! Spacious bedrooms! 3 Car garage!



5721 San Saba Ave. - $345,000

MLS#R50011516A. Amazing 4 bedroom 2.5 Bath in newer neighborhood offers close access to schools & main roads! Corner lot! Spacious living area includes gas log fire place & opens to kitchen/dining area! Huge master suite offers double vanities, walk in shower, jetted tub & spectacular walk in closet! Other bedrooms are a great size with amazing closet space! Beautiful counter tops! Inside utility room! Fantastic backyard!



2512 Keswick Rd. - $325,000

MLS#R50011889A. Location location location! 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath on it's own lot! Large living area with vaulted, wood beams ceilings & fireplace! Breakfast nook with glass door to gorgeous back patio & backyard! Tons of storage in kitchen! Spacious bedrooms with great storage/closet space! Amazing utility room with half bath! Covered patio includes brick bbq pit & nice fences! Storage building! Extra parking! Bonus room!

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HOMEWISE

Real Estate Tips and Advice



Furnishing Your First Home

By ANNA CHANG-YEN | Green Shoot Media

You've forked over massive sums of cash for the down payment, closing costs and other expenses related to buying a home. It's no wonder you might find yourself needing to furnish it on a budget.

As with most things done on a shoestring, you'll have to get your hands dirty to save some cash.

FURNITURE

If you've suddenly got a lot of space to fill, thrift stores are a great place to find bargains on furniture. Look for pieces made of real wood, and don't get tripped up by small blemishes. A piece that has the right shape and size can probably be easily transformed with paint or refinishing. You can find a treasure for a quarter to half the price of a new item.

If you want to add designer touches to your decor, take a class in furniture refinishing. You can learn to use trendy chalk paint and apply faux finishes that make simple pieces of furniture appear more ornate. If you're oblong together a collection of furniture from multiple sources, consider painting most of them black for a cohesive appearance and use brighter colors for a few accent pieces or details, such as drawer knobs or accent pillow fabrics.

Learn to re-upholster chairs with worn out fabrics to breathe new life into otherwise outdated furniture.

Another great way to save on furniture is to re-purpose pieces you find at thrift stores. For example, a dresser can make a nice TV stand, with plenty of storage for DVDs, CDs and other media. A bookshelf can hold light components, such as speakers, DVD players and gaming systems.

(Just be sure your re-purposed piece can handle the weight it will need to hold and reinforce the shelves, if needed.)

Another budget-friendly option is the scratch-and-dent and clearance section at your local furniture store. Bargains can be had on items with only minor blemishes that make them unsuitable for the regular showroom floor.

INTERIOR DESIGN

If the services of an interior designer are out of your reach while you're rebuilding your savings after a home purchase, there are some resources you can use to put a designer's touch on your decor.

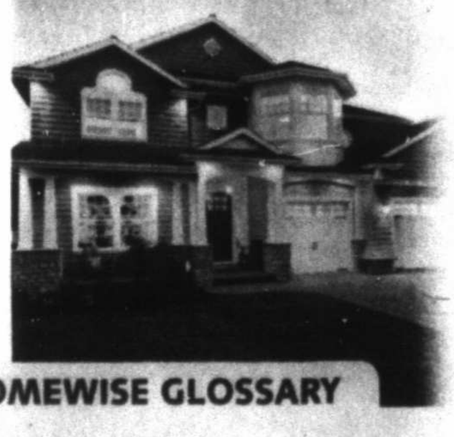
Many big-name paint manufacturers offer online tools to mix and match their colors to achieve a particular aesthetic. For example, Behr's ColorSmart tool offers pre-arranged palettes of paints put together by designers, grouped by color families and by current trends. If you already have a color in mind and would like to build a palette around that shade, ColorSmart can recommend coordinating paint colors.

Sherwin-Williams offers its own paint collections, as well as palettes inspired by home decor retailers Pottery Barn and West Elm and cable network HGTV.

Visit your local paint store for printed color guides that can help you visualize the colors in your space or match an existing paint color.

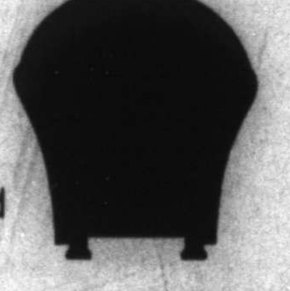
If you're buying furniture from a local retailer, ask if they offer any complementary design services. Some furniture stores make their showroom merchandiser available to help clients choose pieces that will work in their homes.

REAL ESTATE 101



Keeping It Simple (and Inexpensive)

HGTV offers six tips for people furnishing their first homes. The sixth tip suggests ideas for inexpensive updates, such as refinishing outdated kitchen cabinets and adding new hardware, and changing the lighting in a bathroom for a less yellow hue. Read the entire list of tips at **http://bit.ly/1tXF8Ju**.



HOMEWISE GLOSSARY

Acceleration clause: part of an agreement that gives a lender permission, under certain conditions, to demand all the money owed on a loan.

Acceptable debt: how much debt a lender thinks a borrower can handle before agreeing to give them a loan.

SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions



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The Bottom Line

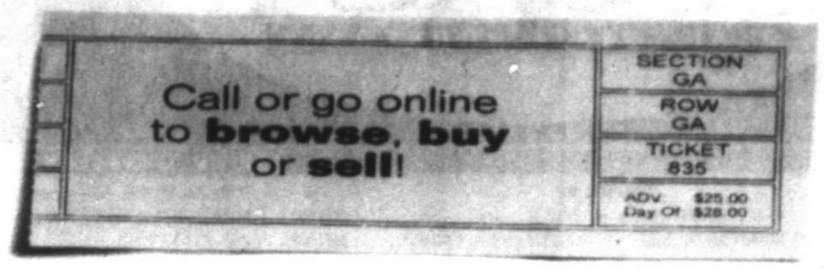
76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

Source: Scarborough Research, 2005

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College and Homeownership

A new study by Redfin has concluded it is more cost-effective for students at some public colleges to buy their own condo rather than rent an on-campus dorm room. According to Redfin, dorm rents range from $232 to $1,817 per month, with a median monthly rate of $705. Redfin compared the monthly dorm rate at 195 public colleges with the median monthly payment on a condo in each of those cities and found 47 locations where owning was a better financial option than renting. Redfin real estate broker Misty Hurley noted that this solution could ultimately benefit students in their post-college lives. "Homeownership can be a great way to build wealth," said Hurley. "Students will build equity that they can one day use as a down payment on a move-up home or to pay off student loans. If they choose not to sell right away, they'll have a piece of property that's ripe for renting, as there are always new college students looking for rentals." *Source: National Mortgage Professional*



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Who is Who? Learn Your Home Improvement Professionals

From contractors to architects and everyone in between, building a new home or remodeling your exisiting space can be a confusing process involving many different parties. Read on to learn the roles of different home improvement professionals.

General contractors - General contractors are companies or individuals who contract with you to manage all aspects of the project, including hiring and supervising subcontractors, obtaining building permits, and supplying materials and labor equipment needed to do the project. The contractor is responsible for pricing the project and ensuring that it is completed in a timely fashion.

Specialty contractors - Specialty contractors are mainly concerned with installing products, such as cabinets and fixtures.

Design/build contractors - Design/build contractors basically offer one-stop service, providing design and construction services and overseeing a project from start to finish.

Architects - Architects design homes, additions, major renovations, and are responsible for getting the construction drawing completed with proper specifications and architectural detail. Since many jurisdictions require architectural drawings to be reviewed to ensure the plans sufficiently meet local codes, the architect may also be responsible for applying for and securing the permits.

Now that we've outlined the roles of each professional, it's important to note a few other things, like who to bring aboard a project first – the architect, or the contractor? This argument runs parallel to the old chicken or egg question, and opinions vary about which professional to call first.

Some say the architect comes first because you have to design a project before you can build it. The architect, who is trained to resolve problems creatively, can help define the project in ways that provide meaningful guidance for the design. The architect can also do site studies, help secure planning and zoning approvals, and perform a variety of other pre-design tasks.

On the other hand, a contractor will be the one you interact with on a regular basis and the person who will likely be in your home every day, possibly for an extended period depending on the scope of your work. Also, it's important to note that many contractors have in-house design services, or design build firms, and can possibly offer better price and integration between design and implementation. Others may have several architects with whom they work directly, which could also provide a smooth integration between design and implementation.

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7106 ECR 114	4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living, 3 car garage, New Const...Chaney Ranch	MLS #50009494	NEW PRICE	$574,950
7110 ECR 114	4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, New Const. Chaney Ranch	MLS #50010571	NEW PRICE	$510,000
4902 N. Midkiff	Gorgeous Commercial Property	MLS #50011741	NEW LISTING	$425,000
2104 Woodlawn Drive	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50011608	UNDER CONTRACT	$330,000
10909 E. Co. Rd. 108	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + shop	MLS#50010772	UNDER CONTRACT	$310,000
4802 Melville	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50011638	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,900
409 Mel Ott	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010639	UNDER CONTRACT	$294,600
6101 S. Co. Rd. 1065	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage + carport, 10 acrest	MLS #50011142	UNDER CONTRACT	$249,000
2603 Boeing Dr	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50010224	UNDER CONTRACT	$210,500
4309 Trevino Street	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage	MLS #50011433	UNDER CONTRACT	$185,900
5252 Lake Co. Rd. 256	3 Bed, 2 Bath, On Lake Colorado City	MLS #106038	OWNER CARRY	$99,400
11070 Graham Way	3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1LA on 1.3 Acres near Lake Ivie	MLS #50006064		$99,000
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6400 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 6, 3.950 Acres	MLS#50010602		$99,900
6401 WCR 41	Lot 1, Block 8, 3.858 Acres	MLS#50010603		$99,900
6407 WCR 41	Lot 2, Block 8, 3.548 Acres	MLS#50010604		$99,900

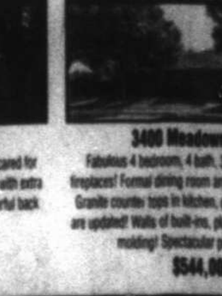
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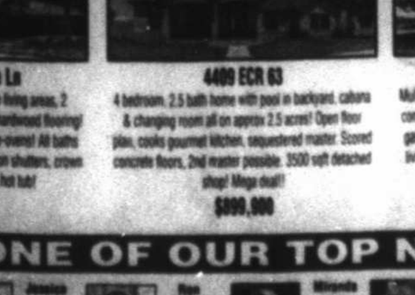
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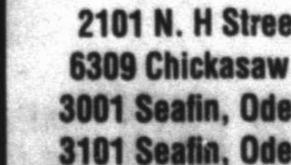


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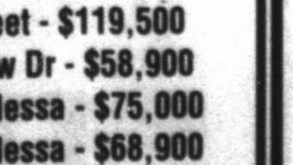
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219 Plaza Dr
Cute trendy 3 bed, 2 bath, 1 living, 1 dining. French doors, large master bath w/ walk in closet! Open kitchen, pantry, walk-thru laundry room, good-size bedrooms w/hall bath/shower, granite counter tops, 2-car garage, small yard, large private patio!
$179,900



OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30
4503 Brookdale Dr
Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 luxury bath, 2 Living, master suite with large walk-in closet, gorgeous double vanities, trendy light fixtures, new stove, dishwasher, paint, light wood tile floors, tubs, carpet, faucets, vanities, toilets, knobs. Loaded!!
$259,900



CHARMING!!
1303 Godfrey St
Move-in ready townhouse w/lots of updates! Granite in kitchen, stainless steel appliances, open floorplan/high ceilings in the living room w/gorgeous fireplace and wet bar. Bedrooms are HUGE - master upstairs, 2nd bedroom downstairs
$200,000



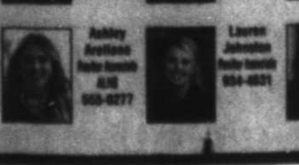
ADORABLE!!
1123 E. Hanby Ave
Very Special Property! Corner Lot! Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with hardwood floors. Not to mention a 900 square foot unfinished building which could be income property, guest quarters, you decide it's use. Must See!
$180,000



SUPER!!
4504 Storey Ave
Cute as a button and move-in ready! This well cared for home has two living rooms, a huge utility room with extra storage and a great covered patio with a wonderful back yard. Come take a look!
$139,000



FANTASTIC!!
3400 Meadowridge Ln
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 3 huge living areas, 2 fireplaces! Formal dining room area w/hardwood flooring! Granite counter tops in kitchen, double-ovens! All baths are updated! Walls of built-ins, plantation shutters, crown molding! Spectacular yard & hot tub!
$544,900



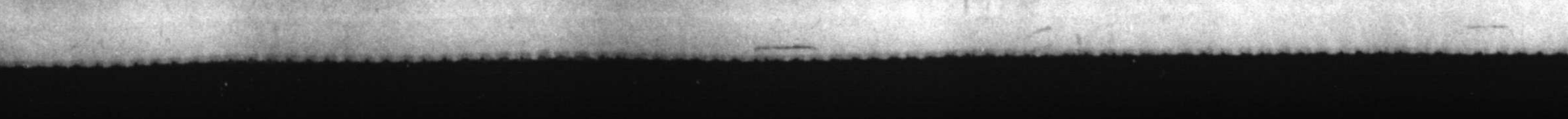
SPECTACULAR!!
6400 ECR 63
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$800,000



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1908 SCR 1121
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7209 E. CO. RD. 112, CHANEY RANCH...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50009525 ... $499,000
7201 E. CO. RD. 96, VISTA DEL SOL...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ... SALE PENDING
12829 E. NOBLES...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50009491 ... $149,900

MASTER BUILT HOMES

907 CHEYENNE ST....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... SALE PENDING

KSB BUILDERS, LLC

7106 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50009494 ... $574,950

7110 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50010571 ... $510,000
3000 CO. RD. 143...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50006692 ... $429,000

SD HOMES MIDLAND LLC

7400 E. CO. RD. 91...Josie Rendon 689-8394 ... SALE PENDING

JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

1306 E. PENNSYLVANIA AVE...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50010695 ... SALE PENDING
505 S. WEATHERFORD...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50010696 ... SALE PENDING

LIPPTA HOMES

423 OAK AVE...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666...MLS #50010843 ... $240,000

1101 PENNYSLVANIA AVE...Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666...MLS #50010702 ... $225,000

ANDARELLA HOMES, LLC

7307 E. CO. RD. 91...Melody Carroll ...MLS #50006626 ... $370,000

CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

906 S. BAIRD ST...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50011285 ... $185,000

BANKS HOMES

4305 SALTILLO CT....Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666...MLS #50011879 ... $414,895

LBG HOMES

1212 BURGANDY DR....Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666...MLS #50011895 ... $342,781

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604 SOLOMON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50006355 ... $3,250,000
1601 HABERRY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50011405 ... $900,000
6607 W. CO. RD. 41...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50010824 ... SALE PENDING
4208 GREENVILLE...Susan Palmer...MLS #50010426 ... $775,000
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4217 BAYBROOK PL...Karen Foster...MLS #50011851 ... $525,000
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5114 GREATHOUSE....Stephanie Rogers 432-978-9757...MLS #50011578 ... $415,000
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3202 SEABOARD....Larry Hatfield ... $399,900
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5721 SAN SABA AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50011516 ... $345,000
2903 EMERSON PL....Karen Foster...MLS #50011909 ... $335,000
3000 WESTMINISTER DR....Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50011849 ... $334,500
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2711 MARIE DR....Brittany Boyd ... $549,000
5017 CASA GRANDE TRAIL....Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50011517 ... SALE PENDING
1804 NORTH H....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ...MLS #50008505 ... $369,900
4911 WOODHOLLOW DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50011398 ... $330,000
2104 WOODLAWN DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50011608 ... SALE PENDING
1802 W. OHIO AVE....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50011310 ... SALE PENDING
4700 ROSEWOOD....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ...MLS #50009562 ... SALE PENDING
3204 APPERSON DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50008513 ... $325,000
4108 CYNTHIA DR....Lisa Russell ... $310,000
3102 PRINCETON....Leah Watkins ...MLS #50010427 ... $299,500
4709 BISHOPS CASTLE....Susan Palmer ...MLS #50009643 ... $297,000
5406 SAN SABA CT....Gina Reyes ...MLS #50008830 ... $295,000
905 PINE CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50010956 ... $293,000
409 MEL OTT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50010639 ... SALE PENDING
4805 SPRING MEADOW LANE. #5....Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... SALE PENDING
2821 MOSS AVE....Cheryl Parrish ...MLS #50009731 ... $279,900
6408 SHAWNEE ..Yvonne Gabaldon 210-6666 ...MLS #50010926 ... SALE PENDING
2906 SKYLINE....Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... $279,000
2905 DOUGLAS....Karen Foster ... SALE PENDING
414 W. SPRUCE....Susan Palmer ... SALE PENDING
6001 MEDINA DR....Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... SALE PENDING
6909 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd ... $260,000
1200 PRAIRIE LANE....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ...MLS #1000034433 ... $255,000
2818 MOSS....Denise Brasher ... $255,000
5306 CANADIAN....Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... SALE PENDING

6909 KING RANCH RD....Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $250,000
4802 MELVILLE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50011638 ... $249,900
1608 VENTURA...Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011390 ... SALE PENDING
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3501 CLAREMONT DR....Darla Davis 260-8077 ...MLS #50001061 ... $240,000
3313 DEWTCREST DR....Stacy Gonzalez...MLS #50011594 ... $245,000
2609 CULVER....Lavonne Johnson ...MLS #50011907 ... $239,000
3305 EDGEMONT DR....Leah Watkins ... $239,000
513 COLISEUM CT....Tina Atkins 661-0062 ...MLS #50009916 ... SALE PENDING
5210 CANADIAN....Donna Omar ...MLS #50003775 ... $235,000
2901 DOUGLAS....Pam Dodd ... SALE PENDING
1603 NEELY AVE....Martha Manulik 557-8744 ...MLS #50004091 ... $232,500
604 S. JACKSON....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50007040 ... $230,000
1109 MILLTOWN RD....Darla Davis 260-8077 ...MLS #50008001 ... $229,900
2412 EMERSON CT....Cheryl Parrish ...MLS #50009158 ... $229,900
405 CRENSHAW DR....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ...MLS #50004711 ... $225,000
2202 N. D ST....Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011463 ... $225,000
3601 STANOLIND....Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $225,000
3405 BOYD AVE....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ...MLS #50007035 ... $225,000
3604 SINCLAIR....Darla Davis 260-8077 ...MLS #50009605 ... $224,900
908 SHEA LN....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ...MLS #50003252 ... $223,000
3611 PRINCETON....Donna Omar ... $220,000
3203 W. SHANDON....Martha Manulik 557-8744 ...MLS #50001315 ... $215,000
3605 JORDAN AVE....Skye Farris ... $213,000
2603 BOEING DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50010224 ... SALE PENDING
3104 DOUGLAS DR....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50011368 ... SALE PENDING
506 WAVERLY DR....Skye Farris ...MLS #50006416 ... $200,000

2508 HOYA DR....Leah Watkins 599-2187 ...MLS #50002192 ... $195,000
307 S. ESKINOWER....Wendy Waddell ... $187,000
720 SHELL AV....Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ...MLS #50011999 ... $185,000
4309 TREVINO ST....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50011433 ... SALE PENDING
3905 MONTY...Susan Palmer ...MLS #50010963 ... SALE PENDING
4405 PARKDALE DR....Cheryl Parrish ...MLS #50009781 ... $179,900
3407 W. STOREY....Mark Phillber ...MLS #50010929 ... $176,900
4315 ERIE....Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011231 ... $174,900
4323 PRINCETON AVE ..Josie Rendon 689-8394 ...MLS #50011266 ... $169,000
4007 STOREY AVE....Ashley St. John...MLS #50011094 ... SALE PENDING
3230 WHITTLE WAY...Leah Watkins 559-2187 ... $169,000
305 S. DALLAS ST....Darla Davis ...MLS #50002162 ... $167,000
3021 W. MICHIGAN....Susan Palmer ...MLS #50011506 ... SALE PENDING
5206 SUNNYSIDE DR....Martha Manulik ...MLS #50004108 ... $165,000
4700 CUTHBERT AVE....Melody Carroll ...MLS #50011040 ... $160,000
5204 SAN ANTONIO....Danny Norwood ...MLS #50004827 ... $160,000
3105 DELANO AVE....Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ...MLS #50006353 ... $150,000
4702 COMANCHE....Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ...MLS #50006821 ... $140,000
3100 FRANKLIN AVE....Josie Rendon 689-8394 ...MLS #50011869 ... $139,000
3500 ROOSEVELT....Ashley St. John...MLS #50011617 ... SALE PENDING
3008 W. OHIO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ...MLS #50011286 ... $135,000
619 W. KANSAS....Reece Bivens 230-8647 ...MLS #50008662 ... $135,000
1009 MOGFORD....Cheryl Parrish ...MLS #50009370 ... $134,900
1510 E. SCHARBAUER DR....Lisa Russell 741-5964 ...MLS #50004057 ... $128,000
4405 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $124,900
4613 CHEROKEE DR...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50011055 ... SALE PENDING

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2505 CASTLEFORD RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50010947 ... $249,900
4201 CRESTWOOD...Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011736 ... SALE PENDING

4724-B HARVARD AVE....Stephanie Masterson 556-1564 ... $158,000
4706 HARVARD...Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011259 ... SALE PENDING

3330 CALDERA #146...Cheryl Parrish ...MLS #50006509 ... $110,000

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4409 E. CO. RD. 63...Danny Norwood 413-2764...MLS #108422 ... $999,900
6700 W. CO. RD. 44...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50010101 ... $900,000
6607 W. CO. RD. 41...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50010824 ... SALE PENDING
5263 S. CO. RD. 1065...Ashley St. John...MLS #50009655 ... $899,900
7213 E. CO. RD. 114, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50009497 ... $838,000
7199 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50009494 ... $574,900
7110 E. CO. RD. 114...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50010571 ... $510,000
3009 S. CO. RD. 1057, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50011257 ... $498,000
12107 W. CO. RD. 52...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #108236 ... $484,900

10909 E. CO. RD. 108...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50010772 ... SALE PENDING
2205 E. CO. RD. 140...Donna Omar ... $310,000
1508 S. CO. RD. 1110, GREENWOOD...Darla Davis ...MLS #50011618 ... $310,000
1902 E. CO. RD. 120...Andrea Snell 559-4417...MLS #50008114 ... SALE PENDING
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... $309,900
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ...MLS #50008046 ... 10 Acres/$305,000
7300 E. CO. RD. 61...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276 ... SALE PENDING
10900 E. CO. RD. 108...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ...MLS #108961 ... 0.51 Acres/$295,000

9103 W. CO. RD. 160...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #50001570 ... $265,000
4610 N. CO. RD. 1278...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ...MLS #50008485 ... $249,500
6101 S. CO. RD. 1065...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ...MLS #50011142 ... SALE PENDING
4607 S. CO. RD. 1177...Darla Davis 260-8077 ...MLS #50005740 ... $249,000
6100 E. CO. RD. 90...Tracy Farrow 413-441 ...MLS #50011504 ... SALE PENDING
10601 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... SALE PENDING
4610 N. CO. RD. 1278...Kay Bivens 934-5995 ...MLS #50008450 ... SALE PENDING
7606 E. CO. RD. 60...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #50011838 ... $194,900

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

1480E 585 N., BROWNWOOD, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458...MLS #50008668 ... $996,500
CO. RD. 248A, COMANCHE TX....Melody Carroll...MLS #50011044 ... 196.301 Acres/$750,000
401 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Lisa Russell...MLS #50004541 ... $400,000
14 SUSSEX DR., ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #105380 ... $340,000
3816 SAN PEDRO, ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #50005362 ... $315,000
COLORADO CITY...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #50006943 ... 10 Acres/$300,000
3630 CO. RD. 318, HUBBARD CREEK LAKE-BREKENRIDGE...Josie Alvarez ... $275,000
9909 KING RANCH RD., ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $260,000

4610 N. CO. RD. 1278...Kay Bivens 934-5995...MLS #50008485 ... $249,500
6055 JIT, ODESSA...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... SALE PENDING
9203 SCR 1185.....Kay Bivens 934-5995 ...MLS #50008719 ... $210,000
1716 ROSEWOOD AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis ...MLS #50011952 ... $205,000
6725 CORNELL AVE., ODESSA...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #102876 ... $204,000
1100 E. 44TH, ODESSA...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ...MLS #50007312 ... $200,000
2201 S. 3RD, LAMESA...Larry Hatfield 349-4788...MLS #50008073 ... $190,000
409 OLD COURSE RD....Amanda Gunter ...MLS #104104 ... $195,000

409 E. 98TH STREET, ODESSA...Amanda Gunter 413-7330 ... $189,000
14241 LOYOLA, GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins...MLS #50002358 ... $180,000
9421 LAMAR AVE., ODESSA...Darla Davis...MLS #105231 ... $175,000
812 CORONADO...Jerrilyn Garrison 202-0276...MLS #100010 ... $160,000
10675 E. EMERSON ST., GARDENDALE...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #50004438 ... $133,000
5252 LAKE CO. RD. 256...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #106038 ... $99,400
11070 GRAHAM WAY...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50006064 ... $99,000
308 N. AVENUE O, LAMESA...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50007972 ... SALE PENDING

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0 LOOP 250...Susan Palmer...MLS #50010731 ... $1,717,500
4300 S. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50009725 ... 43 Acres/$1,375,000
6708 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50005743 ... $860,000

5904 N. CO. RD. 1150...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #50011407 ... $600,000
4902 N. MIDKIFF...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50011741 ... $425,000
1291 N. CO. RD. 1151...Josie Rendon 689-8394...MLS #50010162 ... SALE PENDING

200 S. COLLEGE, STANTON...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50007763 ... $395,000
1913 MCCALL, ODESSA...Ashley St. John...MLS #50010655 ... $299,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200...MLS #103887 ... $90,000

LAND AND LOTS

3302 S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50010433 ... 80 Acres/$1,943,955
4300 S. CO. RD. 1131, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50011832 ... 43 Acres/$1,375,000
9708 FM 307...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #50005743 ... $860,000
3701 CARDINAL LN....Pam Dodd ... $850,000
N. CO. RD. 1250...Reannah Glover...MLS #107925 ... 70.5 Acres/$493,500
CO. RD. 1130...Mark Phillber 222-5071...MLS #50007560 ... 20 Acres/$250,000
4110 E. CO. RD. 130...Kim Merrill...MLS #50011627 ... 10 Acres/$200,000
2900 S. CO. RD. 1200...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #50001167 ... 2 Acres
CO. RD. 60 W. AND 1283...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ...MLS #50007449 ... 3 Acres/$150,000

MARTIN CO....Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #50007174 ... 10 Acres/$119,000
6400 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 1, BLOCK 6...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50010602 ... 3.900 Acres/$69,900
6401 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 1, BLOCK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50010603 ... 3.858 Acres/$69,900
6407 W. CO. RD. 41, LOT 2, BLOCK 8...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 MLS #50010604 ... 3.548 Acres/$99,900
QUAIL RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... 64 Lots Available/Starting At $43,500
3366 SENNA LANCE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $34,500
3372 SENNA LANCE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $32,500
3373 SENNA LANCE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $30,400

2904 FOXGLOVE ST., GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $29,504
3377 SENNA LANCE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $28,400
3376 SENNA LANCE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $28,200
253 N. CARVER....Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #50007179 ... $28,000
3367 SENNA LANE, GRADY ISD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... $26,240
1209 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$10,900
1205 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$11,500
1207 E. HICKORY...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... Lot/$11,500

TOWNHOMES-PATIO HOMES

905 PINE CT....DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50010956 ... $300,000
4420 LANHAM ST....Denise Brasher ...MLS #50011413 ... SALE PENDING
2818 MOSS AVE....Denise Brasher...MLS #50011498 ... $255,000
4805 SPRING MEADOW LANE. #5....Kay Bivens 934-5995 ... SALE PENDING
3010 MOSS....Karen Mason...MLS #50001761 ... $229,900
4616 FAIRGATE DR....Gina Reyes...MLS #50009741 ... SALE PENDING
3102 TEALWOOD...Danny Norwood 413-2764...MLS #50007620 ... $191,900
4608 LANHAM...Susan Palmer...MLS #50010853 ... SALE PENDING
2415 IDLEWILDE, UNIT 13...Wendy Waddell 638-9955...MLS #50007200 ... $125,000

4706 HARVARD...Larry Hatfield ...MLS #50011259 ... SALE PENDING
4406-A THOMASON...Larry Hatfield 349-4788 ...MLS #50010957 ... SALE PENDING
500 LIDDON AVE. #4B...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50010922 ... $80,000
4700 BOULDER DR. #407...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ...MLS #50010842 ... $50,000

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2401 DARTMOUTH...Denise Brasher ...MLS #50011789 ... $3,500/MONTH
4311 ST. ANDREWS...Pam Dodd 413-0780 ... $2,400/MONTH



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'Tis the season

A guide to this year's holiday events







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Thanksgiving may be over, but the holidays are in full swing. As you finish your leftovers, decorate the tree and begin shopping, the season can still be enjoyed with a hefty calendar of special events. Many tastes should be satisfied with an eclectic schedule that includes stage events, dance performances, skating and even some beer.

Here is our guide to your Midland holidays.

Holiday Calendar

Christmas at the Mansion at Museum of the Southwest

The museum has cultivated quite a holiday tradition with this premier celebration. This year's theme is "An Illustrated Christmas" with events beginning Wednesday. Some events are free, while others have an admission. Popular events also sell out fast so consider getting your tickets early.

All events are on the Museum of the Southwest campus at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free admission on Sundays. Visit museumsw.org for more information.

Wednesday | "An Illustrated Christmas" preview party allows you to be among the first to enjoy a dinner buffet, live music, cocktails and the decorations throughout the museum. 7-11 p.m., $75 members, $100 nonmembers, $125 door.

Saturday and Dec. 9 | Open house throughout the campus with carolers, Santa Claus and more. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free.

Saturday | Mother-daughter brunch. 10 a.m.-noon. $60 per mother and daughter, $20 additional child.

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5 QUESTIONS

With Aaron Beaver | Midland Community Theatre

Aaron Beaver earned a master's degree in Musical Theatre from the University of Illinois and he moved to Midland to serve as MCT's Director of Education. He played Jacob in MCT's 2016 production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and will direct "Ragtime" in January. He's married to Michael Beaver, a local attorney, and they have two children, Ella Mae and Jack. Beaver is also a member of the Midland Symphony Chorus and performed in the Midland Symphony's "Messiah" sing-along. He's a graduate of Midland High School and has a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts Administration and a master's degree in Musical Theatre, both from the University of Illinois. On My Alpha Degree of Separation, I'm under 2 degrees from Broadway. The best thing I've ever cooked is Grandma's Pot Roast. My favorite holiday tradition is watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. My favorite holiday food is my mother's cranberry salad. My favorite holiday movie is "Elf." My favorite holiday song is "Sleigh Ride." My favorite holiday gift is anything that supports reading and hanging out with my nieces and nephews.

MRT: What's been your proudest achievement in theatre/music?

Beaver: My proudest musical achievement would have to be my conducting debut with MSO's Symphony at the Movies: A Tribute to Disney. I was able to conduct the Overture from "Beauty and the Beast," Mozart's Laured Love Theme from "Amadeus," Florence and the Machine's "Hunger" and the Brass Symphony by Jan Koetsier. The months of preparation and hard work were amazingly fulfilling.

MRT: What is the best thing you cook?

Beaver: I like to make my own pasta sauce. It's very easy to do and it tastes so much better than the store-bought stuff.

MRT: Who is a fictional hero and why?

Beaver: My fictional hero is Jean-Luc Picard of Star Trek. He's a steadfast leader with an unshakable moral compass.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence?

Beaver: That would have to be jamming out to the "Hamilton" soundtrack. It's definitely not secret, especially if you ask the Cast to do it in public.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

Beaver: I always love to recommend "The Art of Possibility" by Benjamin and Rosamund Zander. The book is all about re-framing the circumstances in life to gain new perspective. Anyone can find a lesson in this book that applies to their life.



OUT&ABOUT



by Julie Donnelly



HOLY TRINITY

Staci Grant, from left, Monica Aleman and Bianca Porras



HOLY TRINITY

Kevin Irwin, from left, Megan Irwin and Amber Stephenson



HOLY TRINITY

Kara Mittelsted and Lindy Larson

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

HOLY TRINITY, PETROLEUM MUSEUM HOST HALLOWEEN EVENTS

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity hosted its annual trunk or treat at the church's parking lot.

Themes of the transformed trunks included "Alice in Wonderland," Dr. Seuss, Batman, a medieval castle, "Sesame Street," "Jurassic Park" and Monsters Inc. Trick or treaters walked truck to trunk to participate in games and receive prizes and candy.

A dog supper was served. Diners donated canned goods for the Jubilee Center.

More than 500 pounds of food was collected.



HOLY TRINITY

Perla Mancha, from left, Liliana Galindo and Brooke Hale



Courtesy photo

Endeavor Energy Resources, Energy Services Trucking Division, has donated a tanker trailer to the Midland College Transportation Training department. The equipment will be used in the college's professional truck driving courses. On hand for the presentation on Nov. 7 were Richard Jolly, MC executive vice president, from left; Dale Beikirch, dean of Continuing Education at MC; Patrick Martinez, Endeavor Energy Resources; Simon Barr, Energy Services manager, Endeavor Energy Resources; and Gena Alvarado, McMillan Welding, which sandblasted and painted the trailer using paint donated by TCI Coatings Inc.

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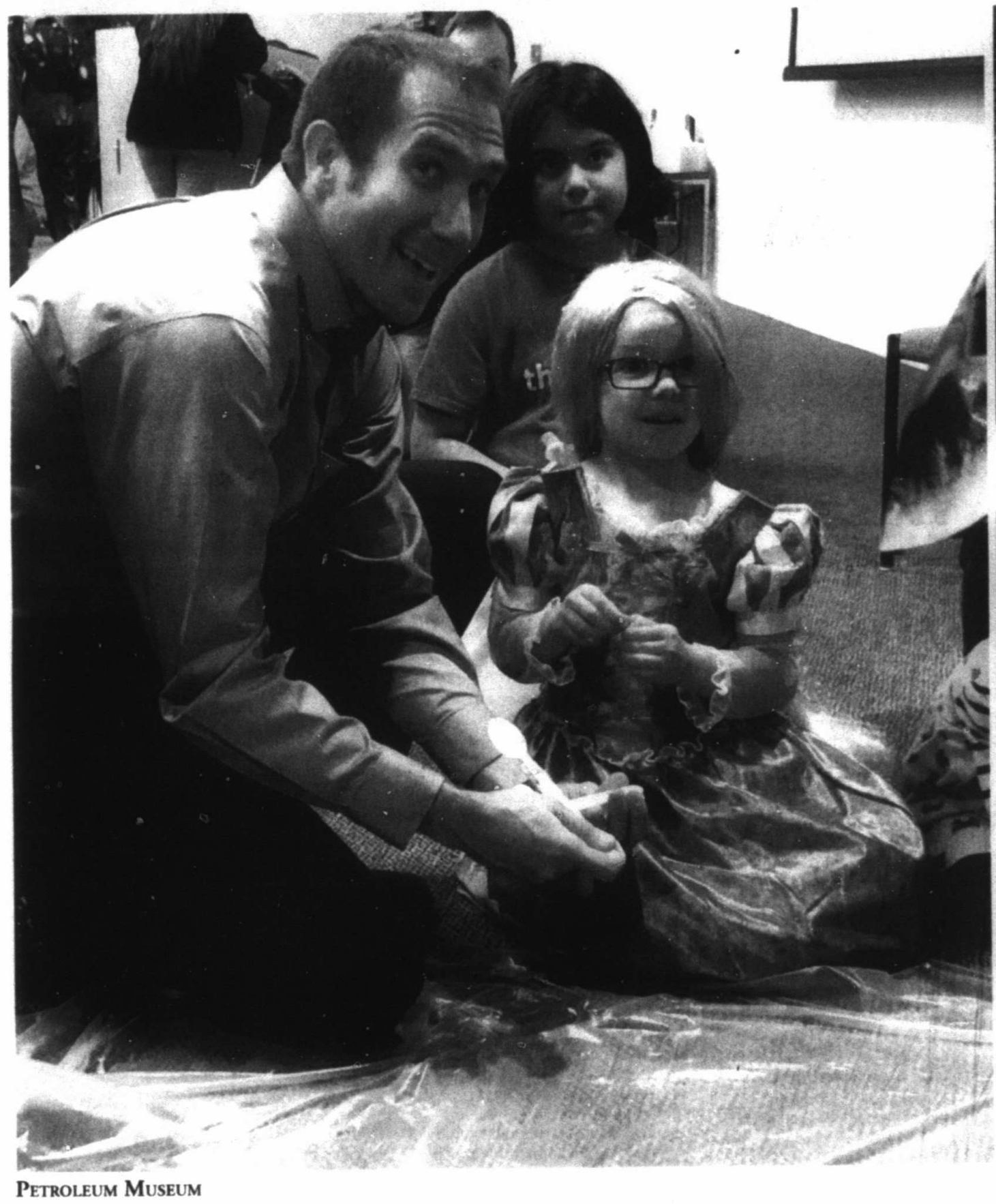
Maira Carrillo and Boston Pruitt

PETROLEUM MUSEUM HOSTS HALLOWEEN NIGHT

Medicine was brought to life on Halloween night at the Petroleum. Medical students from The Texas Tech Health Science Center of the Permian Basin teamed up with museum volunteers to host the almost 2,000 people who attended.

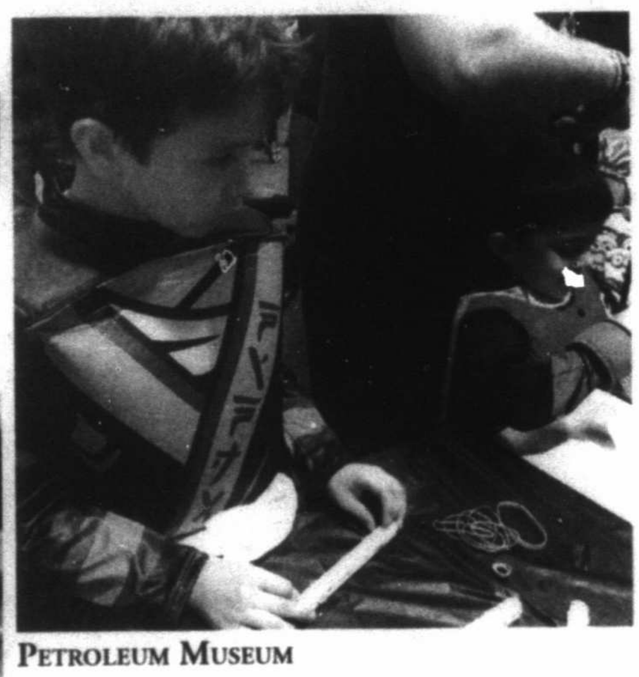
One of the biggest hits of the night was the sonogram booth. Kids could put gel on their hands and move the sonogram stick over it while viewing the inside of their hand on the nearby screen. Other booths included building skeletons on black paper using Q-tips, making "spooky structures" out of magna-tiles, using slime to make spider webs and launching candy corn pumpkins from catapults the children made out of popsicle sticks and rubber bands.

The event was sponsored by Chevron.



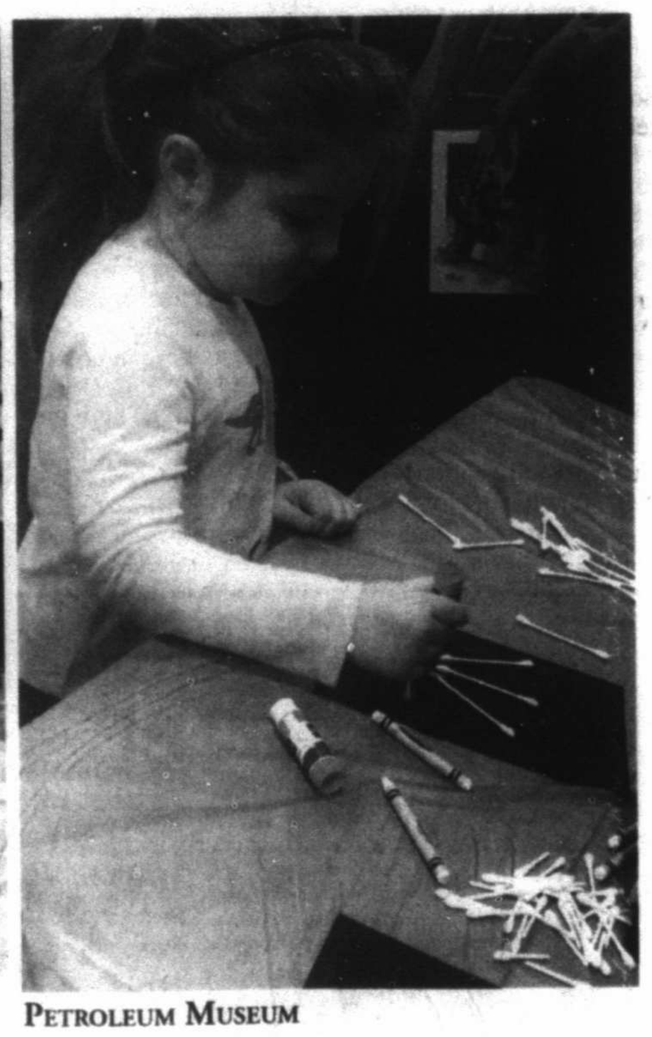
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Diego Guigon and Lisa Platner



PETROLEUM MUSEUM

Malina Ramos



Leaf mold is excellent soil amendment

DEBBIE ROLAND
Permian Basin Master Gardeners

Folks in the Permian Basin soon will be raking in and bagging leaves. If you don't have a compost pile to put them in or a friend who wants them, consider making leaf mold. It is an excellent and free soil amendment that will have a huge impact on your soil's health. The best part is that it's simple to make.

Leaf mold is what happens when you let leaves decompose. It is dark brown to black, crumbly and has an earthy smell. It is compost made with only leaves.

The mold is a soil conditioner and increases water retention, improves soil structure and provides a habitat for earthworms and beneficial bacteria.

You can pile your leaves into a 3-foot square wood or wire bin and dampen the entire pile. Let it sit, checking the moisture level occasionally and adding water when necessary.

The second method requires a large, plastic garbage bag. Fill the bag with leaves and moisten them. Seal the bag and cut some slits in the bag for air flow. Now just let it sit. Check the bag every week and add water if the leaves are dry. After a few months, you will have finished leaf mold.

If you are an impatient person, run over the leaves with your lawn mower before adding to the bin or bag because smaller pieces will decompose faster. You can also turn the leaves in the bin with a spade or turn the plastic bag over frequently. If you are using a bin, cover your pile with a plastic tarp to keep the leaves moist and warm.

When ready to use, your leaf mold can be turned into the soil or used as a mulch in beds, gardens or containers.



Burgundy Glow ajuga is option for cool-season containers

NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service

If I asked if you had bugleweed in your garden you would probably gasp and say, "I hope not." That's just one of those unfortunate names for not only a great ground cover but a terrific plant to use in your cool-season mixed containers.

Think of it as not a weed but ajuga, which is a plant for the entire country as it is cold hardy from zones 3-10. It is in the mint family making it related to other garden plants like salvias and coleus.

Burgundy Glow, which exhibits green, cream and pink with royal violet-blue flowers is one of my all-time favorites. While I like it for the low growing 8- to 12-inch texture it offers the front of the landscape, I love it in mixed containers as it gently tumbles over the edge. Simply put, this one of the best spiller or even filler plants you can use.

In the landscape, Burgundy Glow and other ajugas can be aggressive and seem to tolerate a wide variety of soils and light conditions. It quickly spreads by runners, forming a dense mat of colorful foliage, accompanied by showy blue or pink spring flowers. I will say, in my 40 years of gardening, I have never had it be a nuisance.

I believe that most gardeners have not taken advantage of the artistic possibilities in cool-season, designer-type containers. Combined with other foliage like Goldilocks lysimachia and Ogon Japanese sweet flag, Burgundy Glow is stunning in the contrast it provides. Use it with pansies and violas, and it will add even more interest to your container.

In the landscape, I have admired it in combination with flowers like perennial pink verbenas and other foliage plants among stepping stones.

Despite its durability, Burgundy Glow ajuga and others do best in fertile, well-drained soil. A site in morning sun and afternoon shade, or high filtered light, allows them to look their best, although it is not uncommon to find exceptional plantings in full sun.

Nursery-grown plants can be set out anytime during the growing season, with early spring or fall being the best choice. Space plants 6 to 12 inches apart. Ajuga is very easy to grow. After the spring bloom, deadhead the flowers for a tidy look and to maximize air circulation. This can be accomplished with a string trimmer, high-set mower or by hand pruning.

Dividing every 2 to 3 years will also increase air movement. Reduced air circulation can cause crown rot. You may find keeping it confined to the designated area requires a little digging, but it usually is not overwhelming.

While I have been touting Burgundy Glow, there are more varieties. Bronze Beauty with metallic bronze foliage, Catlin's Giant with large bronze/green leaves, and Mahogany with the dark, glossy, purple leaves are some of the best selections. Multicolor, an unfortunate name used for marketing purposes, is dazzling with red, bright green, gold and pink.

Designing cool season containers can be so much fun. Make foliage plants like Burgundy Glow and other ajugas part of your recipe.

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Suggestions that can help deal with moochers

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate



Editor's note: In hint from him, the word 'voila' has an accent over the a.

Dear Heloise: If one of our family members calls and asks to come over and bring the kids, we usually say "yes," because we're not busy. Then after a while they'll say, "Where are we going for lunch?" We're always put off, because "lunch" wasn't part of the plan, but we graciously go to a restaurant and eat with them. When the bill arrives, they always hesitate and never offer to pay, so my husband pays the bill. How do we stop this selfish behavior from moochers? — A Reader, Lebanon, Ohio

Here are some suggestions from my staff:

■ Schedule all arrivals after 2 p.m. If they ask where you're going for lunch or dinner, tell them, "Anyplace you can afford to take us." (Say it while smiling.)

■ When they ask where you're going for lunch, say you're not hungry, but you don't want to stop them from going out to lunch.

■ When they ask if they can come over, say: "Not today. We're busy (or just about to walk out the door.)"

■ Go out to lunch and request separate bills. Pay only for your lunch. Or, when the bill arrives, just say, "Your half is (whatever the amount happens to be)."

— Heloise

HINT FROM HIM – CLEANING GARBAGE DISPOSAL

Dear Heloise: Here's my method for cleaning my garbage disposal:

1. Rinse with cold water.
2. Sprinkle a generous amount of powdered cleanser in the disposal.
3. Pack the disposal with ice cubes, and run the water.
4. Turn on the garbage disposal.

Voila — clean, fresh disposal! — Buck J., Kernville, Calif.

Cover your eyes, nose and mouth to ensure you don't ingest any powdered cleanser, or better yet, use my tried-and-true household helper, baking soda! It's cheap, nontoxic and available everywhere. Baking soda cleans without scratching, and deodorizes, too! — Heloise

ICEBERG LETTUCE LACKS NUTRITION

Dear Heloise: How much nutritional value is there in iceberg lettuce? — Merriann S., Montezuma, Kan.

Merriann, according to the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, iceberg lettuce has very little nutritional value. One and a half cups of iceberg lettuce has 10 calories, 0 grams of total fat, 2 grams of carbs and 0 grams of protein. It has about 6 percent of the daily value of vitamin A, 2 percent of vitamin C, 2 percent of iron, 0 percent of vitamin D and 0 percent of calcium. — Heloise

Husband won't lend an ear to wife with hearing loss

DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate



DEAR ABBY: I have hearing loss. My insurance isn't very good, and the monthly payments for hearing aids are the equivalent of a car payment, so I try my best and do without. People who know about my hearing loss will talk louder for me or let me know when they need my attention. Even strangers will repeat themselves or talk louder if I say I'm hard of hearing.

The problem is that my husband refuses to talk louder for me or make any attempt to improve our communication. He has gone as far as to threaten that he just won't talk to me anymore because he's sick of repeating himself. No matter how many times I say I can't hear, he practically whispers or will scream at the top of his lungs at me to make a point. It's like he's taking my hearing loss personally, as though somehow my hearing loss is my fault. I also feel he may have an ulterior motive for talking softer.

I feel depressed and isolated, and I'm not sure what to do. My marriage is falling apart. Any advice is appreciated. — I CAN'T HEAR YOU IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAN'T HEAR: Of course you feel depressed and isolated! Your husband either doesn't like or hasn't accepted the fact that you have a hearing disability, so he's punishing you for it. What he's doing is emotionally abusive.

Please have your hearing checked by an audiologist to determine how much of your hearing you have lost. Take your husband along so a professional can explain it to him. And be sure to ask if there may be lower-cost options for an assistive device that won't bust your budget.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 17, I was engaged to a serviceman. I broke the engagement because my mother disapproved. I was young, naive, had no job or money, and I had never disobeyed my mom.

Big mistake! I have paid for it for more than 50 years. I have raised a family, but my heart is still with my young military man. I wake up in the middle of the night thinking of him. I've dreamt about him all these years. I still cry and feel I can hardly breathe sometimes. I still love him. Thoughts of him are consuming my life. I wonder if anyone else has had these feelings this long.

I don't want to risk disturbing two families by contacting him in another state to apologize. Please advise me about what to do. — SEEKING CLOSURE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SEEKING CLOSURE: There is no magic wand I can wave to make those feelings go away. I can, however, point out that your memories of that young man are from the perspective of a 17-year-old girl with little life experience. Viewed from that perspective, the life (and person) you have idealized may be far from reality.

Because these thoughts have become obsessive, it would benefit you to talk them through with a licensed mental health professional. Please don't put it off any longer, because it's clear from what you have written that you are hurting and need professional help.

BRIDGERESULTS

PERMIAN BRIDGE CLUB

Nov. 13

Sonya Hopkins-Greg Keys, Lonnie Yee-Pat Lawrence, Belle Harris-Don Troy, Helen Davis-John Seymour, Linda McDonald-Terri Melton, Marilyn Higgins-Linda Farrar

Nov. 16

Dorothy Brenneman-Paula Baggett, Georgia Temple-Phyllis Maxwell, Jean Pistole-Scott Vaughan, Marlene Blumentritt-Dianne Anderson, McDonald-Farrar

Mike Schlueter-Harris, Mary Tift-Ann Brooks, Yee-Hopkins, David Hudson-Keys

Schlueter-Harris, Brenneman-Baggett, Tift-Brooks, Temple-Maxwell, Yee-Hopkins, Pistole-Vaughan, Blumentritt-Anderson, Keys-Hudson, McDonald-Farrar

Nov. 17

Kay Arrell-Patti Heard, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Ricki Perry-Tommie Strack, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder, Bonnie Hubbard-Janet Stoltz

Nov. 19

Perry-Strack, Curry-K.C. Evans, Bob Bacon-Yee, Shirley Davenport-Debra Jones,

Edward McPherson-Ann Parish, Stewart Doreen-Brenneman

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Like father, like son

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠A102
♡AK9
◇AK4
♣10742

WEST
♠83
♡Q5
◇Q1097
♣AJ653

EAST
♠KQ974
♡87
◇J832
♣K9

SOUTH
♠J65
♡J106432
◇65
♣Q8

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♠	Pass	Pass
INT	2◇	3♡	Pass
4♡	All pass		

Opening lead: Eight of ♠

The recent World Youth Open Championships drew a large number of young bridge players from around the world. There were 180 players from China alone. South in today's deal was 15-year-old Noah Apteker, son of South African star Alon Apteker. The lively auction, especially East's bidding, reflects the exuberance of youth.

Apteker ducked the opening spade lead in dummy and lost to East's queen. East shifted, remarkably, to the king of clubs and continued clubs to his partner's ace. West continued with a third club, hoping East held the jack of hearts. East ruffed with the seven of hearts and Apteker over-ruffed. Young Apteker recognized that all of the ingredients were there for a squeeze, and he played the hand accordingly.

Apteker led a heart to the ace and cashed the king of hearts, drawing trumps. He now made the key play of cashing the ace of spades before overtaking the nine of hearts back to his hand. He cashed two more hearts, discarding spades from dummy. West discarded a diamond and two clubs on the hearts, and East three spades and a diamond. On the last heart, West had to discard another diamond in order to keep the jack of clubs. The 10 of clubs, no longer needed, was discarded from dummy. East also had to discard another diamond in order to keep the king of spades. As Apteker hoped, the ace, king, and four of diamonds took the last three tricks. Well done!



ON DISPLAY

CLOSING: The 29th annual Midland Southwest Impressionists Art Show and Sale runs through Wednesday at Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. - haleylibrary.com.

CLOSING: Midland Arts Association: Sue Daniel. Works will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays throughout November at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave. midlandartsassociation.org.

"Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective" through Dec. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

"William Cordova: Ankaylli: Spatial and Ideological Terrain" on display through Dec. 22. Marfa Contemporary, 100 E. San Antonio St., Marfa. Marfacontemporary.org.

"What If," University of Texas of the Permian Basin Senior Art Exhibition by Iamhilex Fernandez On display through Jan. 5 at the Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. acmidland.org.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Free admission. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 432-682-5447.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. pbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.









Library patrons met Miss America 2018 Cara Mund on her visit to Midland at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.Nov. 9. She spoke with children about the importance of literacy and having big dreams. **Photo credit Mary Powers.**



CALENDAR

Nov.26-Dec. 2

Compiled by staff reports and the Arts Council of Midland. acmidland.org

TODAY

Studio Ghibli Fest 2017: "Howl's Moving Castle" (dubbed). 12:55 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

Wood and Wine ornament make and take. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Kidd's and Canvas Parties, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. $75-$95. kiddsandcanvasparties.com

MONDAY

Open Shop Nights are every Monday hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays at 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Studio Ghibli Fest 2017: "Howl's Moving Castle" (subtitled). 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Basin PBS Indie Lens Pop-Up: "I Am Not Your Negro." The Oscar-nominated documentary based on the unfinished book by James Baldwin will be screened as part of Basin PBS' series. The screening will also feature a community discussion. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at JBS Public Leadership Institute, 4910 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. basinpbs.org.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m. at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. $6. For more information, call 432-638-3707 or 432-250-8215.

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An Illustrated Christmas preview party. 7-11 p.m.at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $75 members, $100 nonmembers, $125 door. museumsw.org.

THURSDAY

Centennial Family Night feature a variety of games for the entire family. 4:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Boom or Bust: "The World Without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 7 p.m., Nov. 30 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 208 W. VFW Way in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

Koe Wetzel, 8 p.m. at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $12. rockinrodeomidland.com.

FRIDAY

"Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical" runs through Dec. 17 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An Illustrated Christmas open house. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Christmas mother-daughter brunch. 10 a.m.-noon. Gingerbread Workshop. 1-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Belles in the Basin Christmas Bazaar with local vendors, an appearance by Santa Claus and children's activities. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free.

Boom or Bust: "The World Without Us" is a discussion on Alan Weisman's book. 1 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Christmas Tree Lighting by the city of Midland. 6-9 p.m. at Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" St.

Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Gala by the Young Professionals of Midland. 7-10 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. $15. Dress code encouraged. Ypmidland.org.

MOSC: Sounds of the Season, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25.80-$50. MOSC.org.

Gary Allan, 8 p.m.at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $45-$75. Haciendamidland.com.



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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid		This Week		Church	J.Jones	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Homeo.	Carrasco	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)				Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Extra	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Garret	NFL Kickoff (L)		Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of Southwest		Essentials	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Secrets		In Search	B&N Min.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid		Paid	Southern Weekend
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	A Sesame Christmas		Speaks	Splash8.	Sid	Cat	Jet Go!	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	Sit Fit
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Aqui y ahora		Fútbol	Fútbol
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		LatiNat.	Latino	Spaces	Homeo.	Green	Hazelton	PosPaula	Garden	First Baptist Church		The NFL Today (L)	
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	★★ Weird Science					★★ The Cookout (a Rule		★★ Who's Your Caddy?		Movie	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	(:25) ★ The Fast and the Furious			(:15) Boxing HBO After Dark Site: Madison Square Garden						Cotto	Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:35) Brilliant Thing			(:45) ★ Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy.				(:45) Too Many Stars			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:13) ★ Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.				(:55) ★ Loving ('16, Bio) Joel Edgerton.				★★ Shakespeare in Love Joseph Fiennes.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★ CHIPS ('17, Act) Dax Shepard.			(:25) ★★ The Rookie Clint Eastwood.				(:25) ★★ Absolute Power			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:45) ★★ Paradise Melanie Griffith.			(:40) ★★ Laurel Canyon				(:25) ★ My Big Fat Greek Wed.			
PLEX			96			(4:55) ★ What's Eat...	(:55) ★	★★★★ Sabrina		(:50) ★ Enchanted Kingdom				(:20) ★★ A Good Woman			
SHOW	320	585	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Sign O' the...	Inside the NFL			★ Bridge of Spies ('15, Thril) Mark Rylance, Tom Hanks.				(:25) ★ 11:55		Movie	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie	★ Comet Justin Long.			(:05) ★ Bravetown ('15, Dra) Josh Duhamel.				★★★★ Religulous		Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:10) MASH	(:40) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:40) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:40) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:40) MASH	★★★ Ghostbusters ('84, Com) Bill Murray.			
BET	58	-		40		D. Grier	Walk Word	Fellow.	Abundant	Lip Sync Battle		★ Madea's Big Happy Family ('11, Dra) Tyler Perry.				NewEditi	
BRAVO	65	76		41		6:30 RealH.	Housewives Atlanta		Xscape-Kickin' It!		Xscape-Kickin' It!		Xscape-Kickin' It!	Kandi's Wedding		Wedding	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(5:30) Paid Program			Pre-game	EPL Soccer Arsenal at Burnley (L)				Paid Program			
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush	Paid	Gold Rush "Inferno"		Bushcraft Build-Off		Bushcraft Build-Off	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Puppy	Mickey	Puppy	Vamp	Elena	Tangled	Transyl	Andi M.	★★ Tooth Fairy		AndiM.	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	College Football Final		Football Final		E:60 (N)		Fantasy Football Now (L)					
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		America`s News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Patricia H	S. Kitchen	Rules	Heart	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Bob./Da.	Guy's R.	Cooking
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.								(:40) ★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix			
FSSW	37	38	45		28	Diaries	UEFA Mag.	UEFA Europa League		Paid	Paid	Fantasy Hour		XPoints	Texans	Focused	Spotlight
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★ The Heat	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ 12 Gifts of...		★ Love You Like Christmas						★ Marry Me at Christmas Trevor Donovan.		★ With Love, Chr...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	The Cars that Made America				The Cars That Made America: Drive (N)							
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★ Becoming Santa ('15, Dra) Michael Gross.				★ Crazy for Chris...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC	Business	PoliticsNation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AAC Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Pre-race	F1 Auto Racing	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (L)				F1 Extra (L)		(:55) EPL Soccer Man. City vs Huddersfield (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	ALVINNN	ALVINNN	P Ranger	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Henry Danger "Danger Games"		Loud H.	
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	★★ Repo Men ('10, Sci-Fi)			Forest Whitaker, Jude Law.		★★★ Immortals ('11, Act) Henry Cavill.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Search	Search	★★ Vacation ('15, Com) Ed Helms.				★ The Change-Up	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★ Rhapsody in Blue ('45, Bio) Al Jolson.							★★★★ Strangers on a Train		★ One Way Passage	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Liga extra	EPL Fútbol Man. City vs Huddersfield (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "Marathon"		Law & Order	★ Patsy"	Law & Order		LawOrder "Sundown"		Law & Order		★ Back to the Fu...	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:25) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25)	The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Cromarts	Chrisley	Damnat "One Penny"		SVU "Witness"		SVU "Disabled"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Paid	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	X Games	X Games	James Beard (N)		American Ninja War.		News (N)	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots Site: Gillette Stadium (L)								(:25) NFL Football New Orleans vs. L.A. Rams (L)			
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Petticoat	Hillbillies	Honeym	O.Couple	Dr. Quinn	Med. W.	The Love Boat		The Love Boat	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Chicago Bears at Philadelphia Eagles (L)						The OT	89 Blocks (N)			Paid	Paid
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shofar	Mani Erfan	Aleph	Creation	Light of Southwest		Light of Southwest		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	FIS Alpine Skiing (L)			Red Bull Signature	Joy Ride		ISU Figure Skating Skate America (L)				Inside Ed.	News (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Wilderness	Martha	Martha	New Rules of Food (N)			How Not to Die With (N)			News. (N)	Japan
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:30) MFL Fútbol (L)				Republica deportiva		Como dice el dicho		Al punto		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Wonder	Bucket List	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Carrasco	Outdoor	Outdoor
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:45) ★ Death Becomes Her				★★ Heartbreakers Sigourney Weaver.			(:35) ★ Three Men and a Baby			(:20) ★ Weird Scien...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(11:45) ★ The Great Wall				Baltimore Rising		(:10) ★ Mechanic: Resurrection			(:50) ★★★★ Suicide Squad		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	★★★★ Get Out			(:45) Boxing	HBO After Dark Site: Madison Square Garden				M.Cotto	Boards	(:20) Baltimor	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:05) ★★★ Catch Me If You Can Leonardo DiCaprio.						(:40) ★★ Mission: Impossible II Tom Cruise.		(:35) Curb		★ Ullman	Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	★★★ Unforgiven Clint Eastwood.						(:45) ★★ A Perfect World ('93, Dra) Kevin Costner.			(:05) ★ Blood Work	
MAX2	382	558	18	122			★★★ Joy ('15, Com/Dra) Jennifer Lawrence.			(:40) ★★ Ride Along 2 Ice Cube.			(:50) ★★★ Die Hard II: Die Harder Bruce Willis.				
PLEX			96			(:55) ★★ Scoop				(:35) ★★★★ Sabrina Humphrey Bogart.			★ Love Wrecked Amanda Bynes.		★ What's Eating ...		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:45) ★★★ Bewitched				Tim and Faith: Soul2Soul		(:15) ★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Lindsay Lohan.				III	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:45) ★ The Fifth Estate Peter Capaldi.				★★ Cold Creek Manor Dennis Quaid.				★★ Disaster Movie		Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars		OzzyandJack		OzzyandJack		★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.			
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:10) ★★★ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Bill Murray.						(:40) Dead "Mercy"		(:50) Walking Dead		(:50) Dead "Monsters"	(:50) Dead
BET	58	-		40		(11:50) NewEdition Story Pt. 1 of 3 cont'd next				(:55) NewEdition Story Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd next				The New Edition Story Pt. 3 of 3			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Wedding	Kandi's Wedding			Kandi's Wedding		Wedding	"Meet the Tuckers."			Housewives Atlanta	Housewives Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	(10:00) Paid Program										Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Edge of Alaska		Edge of Alaska		Edge of Alaska		EdgeAla "Barnstorm"		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	AndiM.	Underc.	Underc.	Jessie	Raven's.	Bunk'd	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Bunk'd	StuckMid.	Bizaard
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball PK80 (L)				NCAA Basketball PK80 Site: Moda Center (L)					Score.	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball PK80 (L)				NCAA Basketball PK80 (L)					Champ	CFL Football	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal Editorial R.		America's News HQ		Greg Gutfeld Show		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Holiday Baking		Dessert Games		Outr. Christmas		Iron Chef: Behind		Iron Chef Showdown	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Adv) Daniel Radcliffe.									★ Harry Potter & the Deathly	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Champions Tennis Champions Cup				NCAA Basketball Tex. A&M/Tex Tech (L)				UFC FB	Focused	UFC Unleashed (N)	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(11:00) ★★★ The Heat				★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr.						★★★ Thor Chris Hemsworth.	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(11:00) ★ With Love, ...		★ The Christmas Train Dermot Mulroney.						★ My Christmas Dream Danica McKellar.		★ Christmas Und...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Crazy for C...		★ All About Christmas Eve Haylie Duff.						★ The Christmas Gift Michelle Trachtenberg.		★ Dear Santa	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press	
NBCSN	38	43				League Goal Zone (L)		RFU Rugby English Premiership Exe./Sar				FEI Equestrian		NCAA Basketball Temple at La Salle (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Thunder	Henry Danger	"Danger Games"		
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		★★ Road House ('89, Act) Sam Elliott, Patrick Swayze.						★ Fast Five	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★ Underworld: Rise of the Lycans			★★ The Last Airbender Noah Ringer.				★★ Pan ('15, Fam) Levi Miller.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) ★ The Chang...	BobBurg.	BobBurg.	BobBurg.	BobBurg.	BobBurg.	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Fam.Guy	Family Guy	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★ The Petrified Forest			★★★★ Test Pilot ('38, Dra) Myrna Loy, Clark Gable.						★★★★ Gigi Leslie Caron.	
TELE	20	-	10	20		La Liga Premier (L)		Enfoque	★ El Infiltrado ('13, Act) Dwayne Johnson.					★★★ Ice Age Ray Romano.		Decision	Noticias
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Hodges Half Dozen		Hodges Half Dozen		Hodges Half Dozen		Unexpected				90 Day Fiancé (N)	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★ Back to the Future				★★★ Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning T...				★★★ Real Steel ('11, Sci-Fi) Hugh Jackman.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Delinquent"		SVU "Russian Brides"		SVU "Lost Traveler"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	★★★ Contact ('97, Sci-Fi) Matthew McConaughey, Jodie Foster.						★★★ Inception Joseph Gordon-Levitt.			

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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		America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Shark Tank (N)		Shark Tank		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Blue Bloods		(:35) Extra Weekend
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:25) NFL Football	60 Minutes		Wisdom of Crowd "Proof of Concept" (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Fool Me Twice" (N)		Madam Estate" (N)	"The Fourth	CBS 7 News (N)	(:05) CBS 7 Wire	(:35) Falcon	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Touched by An Angel "Fear Not"		Columbo "Columbo Likes the Nightlife" 1/2		Columbo "Columbo Likes the Nightlife" 2/2		Touched by An Angel "The Feather"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Miss Universe Pageant compete to become the next Miss Universe. (N)		The most beautiful women in the world				Big Bang Theory	Mom	2 Broke Girls	Inside the Game	Robert Jeffress	Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart	The Essentials	Light of the Southwest			Light of the Southwest		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Our Messiah
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:28) NFL Football Pittsburgh, Pa. (L)	Green Bay Packers at Pittsburgh Steelers Site: Heinz Field						NewsW-est 9 (N)	County Reporter	Film Flickers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nature "Nature's Miniature Miracles"		The Crimson Field		The Crimson Field		The Crimson Field		Finding Your Roots (N)		American Experience "The Perfect Crime"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y ahora		Festival Humor		Festival Humor		100 Mexicanos Dijeron		Maria de Todos	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Bones		Rizzoli "Knockout"		CSI "Man Down"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal "Tick, Tock"	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:20) ★ Weird Scien...		★★ The Recruit ('03, Thril) Colin Farrell.						★★★ Breach ('07, Susp) Ryan Phillippe.		★ The Descent	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★ Godzilla Squad		(:35) ★★★ Bones: Skull Island				Curb (N)	T.Ullman	(:15) Curb Your Enth.		★ Warcraft	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:20) Baltimore Rising		★ Lights Out Teresa Palmer.				★ The Purge: Election Year		(:20) ★ From Within ('08, Thrill) Elizabeth Rice.			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:50) ★ The La La Land ('16, Com) Emma Stone.						★ Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.		(:45) ★★★ Jason Bourne Matt Damon.		Movie	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) ★ Blood Work		★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.				★ CHIPS ('17, Act) Dax Shepard.		(:40) ★ A Low Down Dirty Sha...			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★★ Orphan ('09, Hor) Vera Farmiga.				★ The Incantsman: Winter's War				(:55) ★★★ Space Cowboys			
PLEX			96			(5:00) ★ What's Eat...		★★ Scoop Scarlett Johansson.		(:40) ★★ A Good Woman				(:15) ★★★★ Sabrina Humphrey Bogart.			
SHOW	320	585	19	140	25	Shameless		White	SMILF	Shameless (N)		SMILF (N)	White (N)	Shameless		White	SMILF
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Killing Seas...		★★★ Ray ('04, Bio) Kerry Washington, Jamie Foxx.						(:25) ★★★ Gangs of New York Leonardo DiCaprio.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	(5:30) ★ Armageddon		★★★ Con Air ('97, Act) John Cusack, Nicolas Cage.				Dog&H.	Dog&H.	Dog&H.	(:05) ★	Con Air	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:50) Dead (:50) Dead		The Big Scary U		Walking Dead (N)		(:05) Talking Dead (N)		(:05) Walking Dead		ComicB.	(:35) Dead
BET	58	-		40		Pre-Show		Soul Train Awards (N)				PostShow	Soul Train	Honoring the best in Soul and R&B		Martin	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Atlanta's Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Xscape-Kickin' It! (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch	Housewives Atlanta	Xscape	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit		The Profit		Profit "Courage, b"		The Profit	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		A. Bourdain (N)		Life "Transbeauty" (N)		Life "Lost Vegas"		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska: Exposed (N)		Alaska/Frontier (N)		Edge of Alaska (N)		Alaska/Frontier		(:05) Homestead	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	★ Descendants 2 ('17, Fant) Dove Cameron.				Descend.	AndiM.	Underc.	StuckMid.	Raven's.	Underc.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	SportsCenter (P)		NCAA Basketball PK80 (L)				NCAA Basketball PK80 Site: Moda Center (L)				
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00) CFL Football Grey Cup Championship Cal./Tor. (L)				NCAA Basketball AdvoCare Invitational (L)			SportC (N)	NCAA Basketball			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		OBJECTified		The Next Revolution		Fox News Sunday		OBJECTified		The Next Revolution	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Guy's Big Project (N)		Holiday Baking		Cookie Challenge		Guy's Big Project	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallo...				★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2						★ Home Alone	
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Apricot-almond coffee cake is a special treat for holidays

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

If you're expecting overnight guests during the holiday season, you might want to stock up on the ingredients for this recipe.

Doing so will allow you to throw together a knockout coffee cake for breakfast, a special treat that features a cream biscuit dough packed with intensely flavored, dried apricots, layered with almond paste and glazed with apricot jam.

The right ingredients are crucial. You want California apricots because they're much more tart and apricot-y than the Turkish variety. As for the jam, the first ingredient listed on the label should be apricots, not sugar, because this cake is all about the balance between the sweet almond paste and the tart apricots and jam. Likewise, be sure you're using almond paste and not marzipan. The latter is too sugary.

The dough is also key, so take care to measure it correctly. The best way is with a scale not a measuring cup. One cup of flour should weigh 4 1/4 ounces, but if you pack it tightly into a measuring cup, it'll weigh much more ... and your cake will turn out tough and dry.

If you don't own a scale, fluff up your flour, sprinkle it loosely into a one-cup, dry-cup measure and scrape off the excess with a straight edge.

Finally, when adding the heavy cream to the flour mixture, take care not to overmix the dough. The longer you work it, the more the gluten develops and the chewier the dough becomes. Not good. It takes a careful baker to make a tender coffee cake.

APRICOT ALMOND COFFEE CAKE

Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (40 active)
Servings: 12

- 8 1/2 ounces (about 2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 3/4 cup (about 3 1/2 ounces) finely chopped apricots, preferably California apricots
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 6 tablespoons apricot jam
- 3 ounces very thinly sliced almond paste

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Into a large bowl sift together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add the apricots and lemon zest; stir well.

Pour in the heavy cream and stir just until combined.

Dump the dough on the kitchen counter and knead it a few times or just until it comes together.

Divide the dough into two parts and roll out one-half on a lightly floured surface into a 9-inch round.

Transfer the round to an ungreased 9-inch round pan and gently press it to fit evenly.

Brush the top of the rolled-out dough in the pan all over with about half of the jam and arrange all of the almond paste slices in one layer on top.

Roll out the second piece of dough into a 9-inch round and transfer the round to the pan, placing it on top of the almond paste.

Press gently to fit it in the pan and make sure the cake is even in thickness.

Bake the cake on the middle shelf of the oven for 18 minutes or until a toothpick, when inserted in the middle, comes out clean.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the remaining jam.

When the cake comes out of the oven, run a knife around the edge of the cake to loosen it and let it stand for 5 minutes.

Invert the cake onto a large plate, re-invert it on to a rack and brush the top with the warm apricot jam. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 229 calories; 100 calories from fat; 11 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 34 mg cholesterol; 200 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 11 g sugar; 3 g protein.

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Saturday | Gingerbread workshop. 1-3 p.m. Free but registration is required by calling 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Dec. 5 | Reinbeer VII. Guests can enjoy a variety of craft beer samples along with hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. 7-10 p.m. General admission is currently sold out but a wait list is available by calling 683-2882.

Dec. 8 | Holiday Tea Party will feature hot tea, finger sandwiches and treats. The museum asks guests to have a total head count and time preference when registering. 3:45-4:45 p.m. Free but registration is required by calling 683-2882.

Dec. 9 | Fifth Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. $30 members, $35 nonmembers, before Nov. 15; $35 members, $40 nonmembers after Nov. 15; $40 members, $45 nonmembers day of event. museumsw.org.

Dec. 14 | Christmas luncheon. Noon-1 p.m. $50 per seat, $375 per table. museumsw.org.

Ongoing | "Guardian of Childhood: William Joyce" in the Wagner Galleries. This exhibition features illustrations by the author and creative consultant for Pixar.

Ongoing | "Season's Greetings: Photographers' Holiday Cards" in the Concho Resources and Wagner Galleries. This exhibition displays a variety of cards for Christmas and Hanukkah used by photographers. The cards range from religious and traditional to contemporary and light-hearted.

Helping Hands

Friday | Twelve Days of Christmas Wine 'n Song Open House will feature Spectrum of Solutions youth performing holiday music as well as wine, cheese, hot chocolate and more. 4-6 p.m. at MARC's Spectrum of Solutions, 2409 W. Illinois Ave.

Saturday | Jingle Bell Run: A Night Time Christmas light Experience benefiting Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin. This year's run will go through Grasslands Estates lit by Christmas lights. 4:30 -7:30 p.m. at Heritage USA FCU, 5507 W. Wadley Ave. $10-$35. endurancecui.active.com.

Dec. 3 | Caring Santa — private photo sessions exclusively for families of children with special needs. 9-11 a.m. at Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com/caringsanta.

Dec. 5 | The sixth annual Gingerbread Haven Extravaganza benefiting Midland Fair Havens will feature gingerbread house decorating and luncheon and a family house decorating party in the afternoon. Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; party, 4:30-6 p.m., Dec. 5 at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $95 luncheon, $80 party. mfh.org.

Dec. 8 | Torino's seventh annual Toy Drive Charity Benefit Party. The event, hosted by party with a Purpose, will feature live music, silent auction and more. Bring a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation to Torino's for entry. 8 p.m., Dec. 8 at The Boardroom, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

Dec. 9 | Grasslands Carriage Rides take guests on a tour of Christmas lights via horse-drawn carriage. The rides benefit Vicky's Kids, a nonprofit home in Odessa for terminally ill children. 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Lowe's Home Improvement, 3315 N. Loop 250 W. For reservations and prices, call 432-940-3161.

Dec. 31 | Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Bash: A Night in Hollywood with the Plush Party Band. The event benefits the Midland Humane Coalition. Tickets include one drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres, dessert bar, photo booth, silent auction and midnight champagne toast. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. $75. midlandhumane.org.

The Holiday Experience

Dec. 1 | Christmas in Alpine 2017 will feature a Christmas Light Parade, tree lighting, an appearance by Santa Claus and more. 5:30-9 p.m. in downtown Alpine. Alpinetexas.com.

Dec. 2 | Belles in the Basin Christmas Bazaar with local vendors, an appearance by Santa Claus and children's activities. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free.

Dec. 2 | Very Merry Midland: Reindeer Games. The second annual event downtown will feature Santa's workshop, ice skating, the giant human snow globe, live holiday window displays and a new reindeer exhibit. Stay tuned for information about "Elf on a Falling Shelf" and the "Great American Snowball Fight." Events run weekends through Dec. 23 at 303 W. Wall St. doyourcity.us.

Dec. 2 | Christmas Tree Lighting by the city of Midland. 6-9 p.m. at Wadley Barron Park, 1001 N. "A" St.

Dec. 2 | Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Gala by the Young Professionals of Midland. 7-10 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 N. Loop 250 N. $15. Dress code encouraged. ypmidland.org.

Dec. 3, 10 and 17 | West Texas North Pole Village will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus, hayrides, Rudolph's Candy Store and more. Noon at Rolling 7's Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. $10 adults, $5 with unwrapped gift.

Dec. 3, 9 and 17 | Santa, Milk and Cookies, 2-5 p.m. at Miss Cayce's Christmas, 1012 Andrews Highway.

Dec. 7 | Midland College's Holiday Evening with a visit from Santa Claus, art show and sale, music by the MC Jazz Band, hayrides and complimentary refreshments. 5:30-8 p.m. at MC's Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu/holiday.

Dec. 8 and 9 | The 39th annual Candlelight at the Ranch. Celebrate a frontier Christmas amid holiday scenes recreated in historic structures. The event features refreshments, an appearance by Santa Claus, walkable pathways and a pre-Candlelight party featuring German Christmas traditions. The National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth St. on the Texas Tech University campus. Free but donations welcome. $50 VIP. nrhc.ttu.edu.

Dec. 9 and 16 | Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmer's Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Dec. 10 | Pet Photos with Santa — private photo sessions exclusively for families of children with special needs . 6-8 p.m. at Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com/petphoto.

Dec. 12 | Holiday Open House, 4-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Dec. 14 | Holiday Open House, 4-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Dec. 14 | Winter Art Exhibit featuring works by area art associations. Live music by MOSC principal cellist Amy Huzjak. Opening reception begins at 5:30 p.m. at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Music Playlist

Saturday | Tuba Christmas led by Kevin Young with guest conductor Nick Conn. 6:30 p.m. at Mason Hall in the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.Free with MOSC ticket.

Saturday | "Sounds of the Season" by the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale will feature performances by the chamber ensembles, Voices of the Permian Basin and tenor Brian Gravelle, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25.80-$50. MOSC.org.

Dec. 3 | Shane and Shane, Phil Wickham Christmas concert, 7 p.m., at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191. $15 advance, $20 door. midcities.org.

Dec. 6 | Mannheim Steamroller Christmas, 7:30 p.m.at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $56-117. Wagnernoel.com.

Dec. 7 | Clint Black's Holiday and Hits. Hudson Moore opens the show. 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$75. wagnernoel.com.

Dec. 9 | Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

Dec. 14 | "Merry Texas Christmas Y'all" with Asleep at the Wheel benefiting the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$75. MOSC.com.

Dec. 17 | "Jingle Brass" with Lone Star Brass, 3 p.m. at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $15. MOSC.org.

Dec. 19 | "Merry-achi Christmas": with Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $29.50-$45.50. wagnernoel.org.

Dec. 22 | Tejano Christmas with David Lee Garza, Jay Perez, Gary Hobbs and La Dezz. 8 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $25. Haciendamidland.com.

On stage

Through Dec. 16 | "Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical." 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 today at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.

Dec. 8 and 9 | Yuletide at the Yucca featuring performances by Absolute Dance, Aloha O'Hawaii, Ballet Folklorico and more. 7 p.m., Friday and 1:30 p.m., Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $8-$14. mctmidland.org.

Dec. 8 | "A Place Called Christmas" and "Twelve Daze of Christmas" is a double feature of Christmas plays that run through Dec. 17. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St., Odessa. $10. permianplayhouse.com.

Dec. 9 and 10 | "The Nutcracker" by Midland Festival Ballet, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, $18-$59. midlandfestivalballet.org.

Dec. 12 | Cirque Dreams Holidaze, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $42.50 to $90. Braodwayinthebasin.com.

Dec. 13 | "The Forgotten Carols" is a stage production of a new telling of the Nativity starring Michael McLean. 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $22-$38. Wagnernoel.com.

Dec. 29 | Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $25-$177. Wagnernoel.com.

Silver Screen Holidays

Saturday | Saturday Movie: "Frozen," 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Free.

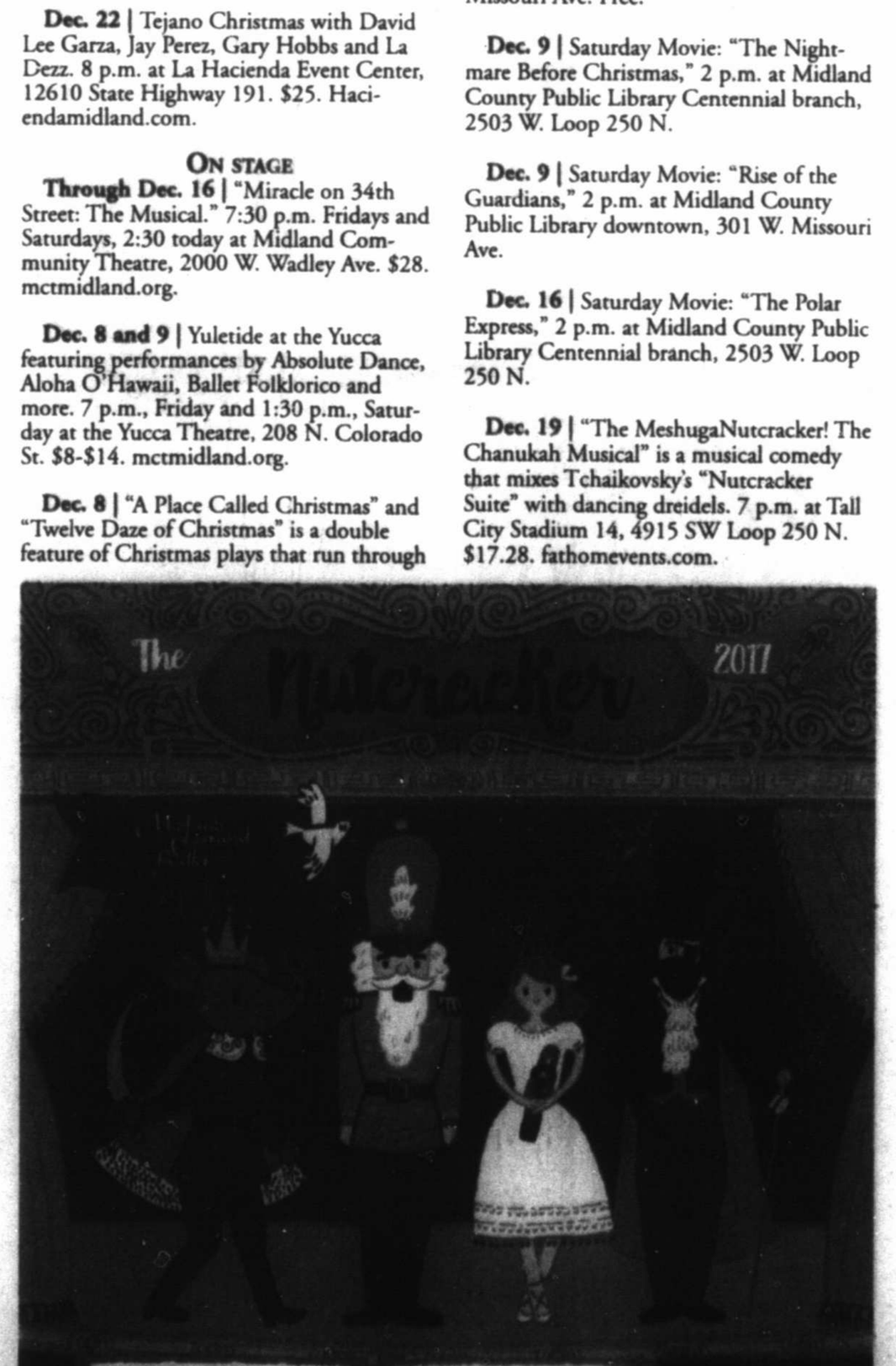
Saturday | Saturday Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Dec. 9 | Saturday Movie: "The Nightmare Before Christmas," 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Dec. 9 | Saturday Movie: "Rise of the Guardians," 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Dec. 16 | Saturday Movie: "The Polar Express," 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Dec. 19 | "The MeshugaNutcracker! The Chanukah Musical" is a musical comedy that mixes Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" with dancing dreidels. 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $17.28. fathomevents.com.



CHEMICAL CONCERNS



Michael Ciaglo / Houston Chronicle

A WellAware sensor sits on a telephone pole near a Welder Exploration & Production, Inc. compressor in 2015, in Beeville. The sensor monitors the oil systems and allows operators to view the operational data remotely.

San Antonio firm uses 'internet of things' to focus on monitoring oil field chemicals

By Mella McEwen
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Once the drilling rigs and frac crews have moved on to new wells, operators are left with a producing well that will generate years of crude and natural gas, along with years of operating expenses.

Managing those expenses, especially with crude prices at half their triple-digit peak, has become a focus of a number of companies helping their clients monitor supplies and equipment usage to help control costs.

San Antonio's WellAware, the self-described "internet of things oilfield monitoring and data optimization company," is one such firm that has a number of Permian Basin operators on its client roster. WellAware, however, has decided to train its focus not just on production expenses but specifically on chemicals.

"When we ask operators, what does it cost to run that lease, the top cost is labor and transportation, followed by utilities and then production chemicals," explained Dave Milam, the company's chief product officer.

"That's where we're seeing huge interest; it's one of the biggest opportunity areas," said Milam, who was in Midland recently hosting a chemical management best practices luncheon.

The typical production site includes a chemical tank and a pump that injects chemicals downhole to treat issues, which in the Permian Basin can include paraffin and the poisonous gas hydrogen sulfide, he said. Operators outsource chemical needs to providers like Tech Manager, WadeCo, Halliburton's Multi-Chem or Nalco Champion, all WellAware customers.

What's driving demand for services such as those WellAware offers are, first, reducing costs second, reducing downtime and third, improving health, safety and the environment, Milam said.

Rather than chemical service providers having to send personnel to well sites to manually check tank levels every couple of day, remote monitoring can notify personnel if a tank or injection pump needs servicing.

Most service companies put technicians on routes, "telling Jimmy to go by 20 or 30 well sites a day to see if the tanks need to be refilled or the pumps are running," Milam said. "Most of the time there's still chemicals in the tank so it's a wasted trip. Or Jimmy can see the pump has stopped and he wonders how long it's been stopped."

Ensuring technicians don't make wasted trips is a more efficient use of their time and improves safety, he said. "The most common injury in the oil field is a traffic accident," he noted.

Being alerted to problems with the tanks or pumps prevents problems such as paraffin build-up or H2S build-up, which increases maintenance and service costs, and reduces downtime, which also costs the producers.

And ensuring the wells are receiving the proper amount of chemicals not only keeps them running smoothly but eliminates the

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MMEX Resources begins construction of crude distillation unit at Fort Stockton

■ Permitting process for 100,000 barrel-a-day refinery to begin in the first quarter of 2018

By Mella McEwen
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MMEX Resources has taken a major step toward realizing its Pecos County Refinery project, launching construction of its Phase I crude distillation unit in Fort Stockton this past week.

"We've accomplished a great deal" since announcing the project back in March, Jack Hanks, MMEX chief executive officer told the Reporter-Telegram by telephone.

"We bought the land, we got the permits, obtained an easement from University Lands, we've graded the road to the hardtop," he recounted.

Approximately 150 attended the groundbreaking ceremonies for the unit, including investors from as far away as Florida and Maryland, Hanks said.

The distillation unit, when completed by the end of 2018, will generate 10,000 barrels a day of mid-range diesel that will be used for non-transportation purposes such as in hydraulic fracturing fluids, naptha and residual fuel oils.

While the distillation unit could be seen as a foot in the door to the larger refinery project, Hanks stressed that the two are separate projects, requiring separate application processes.

He expects to start the application process for the refinery in the first quarter of 2018, a process he calls much more complicated than the application for the distillation unit. The refinery will offer a full slate of fuels, from gasoline to diesel, jet fuels to some propane.

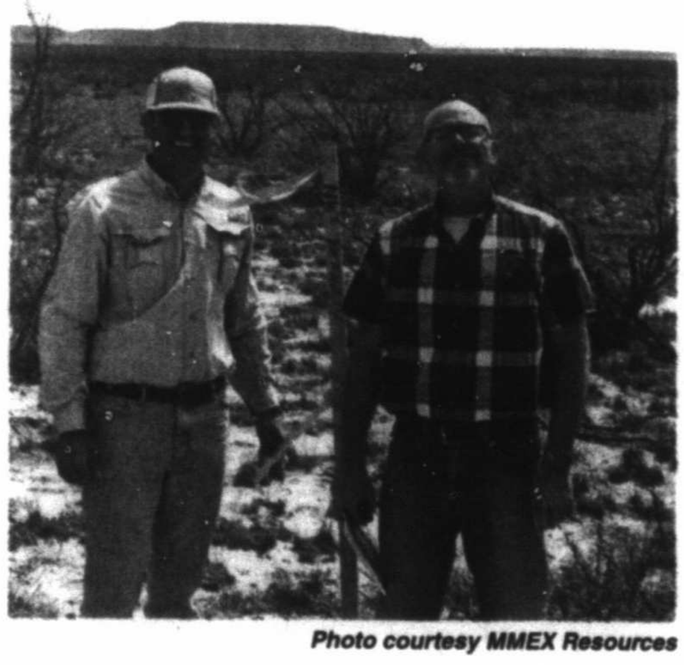


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Ken Ross with MMEX Resources and Mike Bobo, managing consultant with Trinity Consultants, stand at the northwest corner state for the Pecos County Refinery project. Trinity is working with MMEX on the air-quality environmental permits needed for the refinery.

When MMEX announced plans for the refinery this past March, it was for a 50,000-barrel-a-day facility. But that has been doubled to 100,000 barrels a day, Hanks said.

"We found that, for a little more incremental cost, we could double the size," he explained. The larger refinery will mean more jobs and a larger tax base for Fort Stockton, he pointed out.

"I still think it will be 400-plus technical and construction jobs at the peak. It's hard to estimate but I know what happens is this will accelerate other jobs, from transportation to catering to housing. So it will be far above 400 jobs," Hanks said. "And with a large-scale refinery, it's a sizable tax base for Pecos County. This is a $1 billion investment."

There is plenty of crude supply from the Permian Basin, "and the market seems to be there," he said.

While construction of the distillation unit is underway, he expects a 12 -15-month process to receive permits for the refinery and another 12 to 15 months for construction, putting completion around 2020. "We're looking at a three-year window," Hanks said.

Both facilities are designed to be accessible by rail and truck and eventually pipeline. The site for both facilities connects to roads that lead to Interstate 10 and Interstate 20 and they are right on the Texas Pacifico railroad, which leads to interconnections at Dallas-Fort Worth and the Gulf Coast.

There is also the potential for exports of the refinery's products to Mexico, Hanks said, because Texas Pacifico connects with FerroMex at Presidio, giving access to markets in western Mexico.

Kruse Energy sells $25 million at oil, gas equipment auction

■ Results from Odessa event are company's largest of year and included BJ Services coiled tubing assets

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When the final "Sold" was shouted at Kruse Energy's auction in Odessa, the company had sold over $25 million in equipment, making it the company's largest auction this year.

Over 1,500 pieces of equipment and trucks were sold, including over 180 pieces sold on behalf of BJ Services, which decided to close its domestic coiled tubing division and enlisted Kruse Energy to sell all its coiled tubing assets.

"The BJ Services equipment played a key role in the results of the auction," Greg Owens, Group President (New Sectors & Ventures) with Kruse' parent company, Ritchie Bros., told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

"BJ Services is one of the biggest names in the energy business and they have one of the best fleets. We were honored that BJ Services chose us to sell all their coil tubing assets as they increased their focus on their hydraulic fracturing and cementing services businesses," he continued.

The two-day event attracted bidders from 14 countries, including Thailand, Egypt, the Philippines and the Ukraine. Kruse estimates online bidders bought approximately 30 percent of the equipment sold. The auction included 24 drilling rigs, 15 coiled tubing units, 15 double pumpers, 35 nitrogen pump units, six boom truck

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Six oil operators, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation form partnership

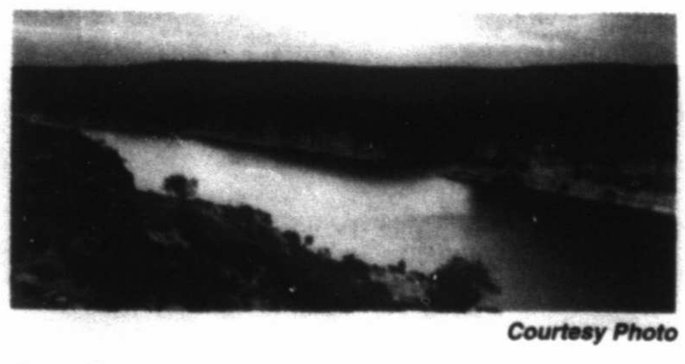
■ Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative to fund conservation projects in region

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Partnerships and joint ventures are nothing new among Permian Basin oil operators, but a new partnership just announced takes a unique approach.

Six companies with significant operations in the Permian Basin – Anadarko Petroleum, Chevron, ExxonMobil's subsidiary XTO Energy, Noble Energy, Occidental Petroleum and Shell Oil are teaming up with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to form the Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative to support conservation projects in the region.

The initiative is designed to identify significant conservation opportunities to improve habitat, address water scarcity, improve water quality and engage the area's communities.



Courtesy Photo

Pecos River

"Partnerships between industry and conservation interests are the best path forward to support economic growth while conserving our nation's natural heritage," Jeff Trandahl, executive director and chief executive officer of the foundation, told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

He continued, "The Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative is a new way for both those who care about wildlife and those seeking to tap the vast Permian Basin oil reserves to work together. All of the partners believe that we will be able to achieve long-term conservation benefits for species and for local communities."

The six companies are providing a total of more than $3.5 million over the next three years in initial funding for conservation projects. That funding will be matched by the foundation and other partners, including the U.S.

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For Murkowski, tax overhaul isn't just business — it's personal

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Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chair Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, right, speaks as committee's ranking member Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., looks on, during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Nov. 15. Oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge moved closer Wednesday as a key Senate panel approved a bill to open the remote refuge to energy exploration. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved the drilling measure, 13-10.

WASHINGTON — Twelve years ago, Sen. Lisa Murkowski sat at the breakfast table with her youngest son, who was in junior high school at the time. It was a big day. The chamber was set to vote on opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for drilling, a priority of Alaska lawmakers for the previous three decades.

"My son looks up at me and he says, 'Mom, I thought grandpa passed ANWR years ago,'" the Republican senator recalled recently in her Hart Building office, referencing her father, former Sen. Frank H. Murkowski. "You have to kind of say, 'Well, yeah, they kinda passed it, but it didn't really pass. And so it's back before us again and we're going at it.'"

That vote ended up failing. But now her son has a graduate degree and Murkowski could very well have another big day again in the next few weeks.

Drilling in the 19 million-acre wildlife refuge has long been a priority for the Last Frontier's elected officials. It was the proverbial "white whale" for the late GOP Sen. Ted Stevens. Rep. Don Young, the Republican who has served since 1973 as the state's at-large representative, has shepherded bills out of the House that die elsewhere.

Now, an ANWR drilling measure is attached to the tax overhaul Senate Republicans are considering, with drilling revenues used to raise money to offset tax cuts. But getting it to President Donald Trump's desk won't be easy.

And for Murkowski, it may mean voting for a bill that could do damage to a health insurance system she famously helped save earlier this year.

"There will be many parts of this that I think have a lot of warts on that I don't particularly like," she said. "Overall, is this going to result in a better tax policy overall for us to help with our economic growth? To help families? That's what I need to be looking to."

Included in the budget resolution that allows Republicans to advance the tax measure with only GOP support was a portion instructing the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to find $1 billion in savings. While it did not explicitly say, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle knew exactly what it was for.

"It is significant that ANWR is included; it certainly is one of those factors that make me want to get to yes," said Murkowski, the Energy panel's chairwoman.

Originally established as part of an Alaskan public lands bill compromise in 1980, ANWR is home to migrating caribou, denning polar bears and more than 200 different species of migratory birds. It is one of the last big untouched wildernesses on the North American continent.

That law also left open a window for a future Congress to vote to allow oil production activities in the so-called 1002 area, kicking off a decadeslong Capitol Hill policy battle as large as the state affected by it.

"This has been a decades-long fight, a generational fight," Murkowski said. "And so for Alaskans, when you ask them about whether or not we should open up a small portion of the 1002 area, most will say the bigger question is: Why haven't we, to this point in time?"

Republicans have long sought to launch oil drilling in the area, citing the economic and national security boon of the estimated 10.4 billion barrels of oil and 8.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas contained in the deposit, according to a U.S. Geological Survey analysis.

Those efforts have repeatedly been turned back by most Democrats and a collection of moderate Republicans over the years in the Senate. Alaska lawmakers have gotten close before. Congress passed a reconciliation measure opening the area 22 years ago that was swiftly vetoed by President Bill Clinton.

And in December 2005, Stevens tried, and failed, to shepherd a defense spending bill with ANWR language through the Republican-controlled Senate to a waiting President George W. Bush, but members of his own party were key to voting it down, 56-44.

"It's long overdue," Tennessee GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander said. "It has become an exaggerated environmental debate, and I feel like I'm a strong conservationist. … It's a big win for Sen. Murkowski. I mean, she has worked hard on it and just to get through the committee as she did and into the tax bill is a significant accomplishment by her."

For Alaskans, though, the initiative has remained the state's No. 1 policy goal, regardless of party, since that law went into effect in 1980. Murkowski has introduced some type of ANWR drilling legislation in every Congress she has served in since she took office in 2002.

Support is such a given for Alaskan officials that when Murkowski met with Stevens before she was officially sworn into office, the two did not even need to broach the subject of ANWR.

"It was just known that that was No. 1," Murkowski said.

The duo led the charge in 2005 when Republicans attempted to move the policy through two separate measures: as part of the reconciliation instructions of the fiscal 2006 budget and then later as part of the fiscal 2006 defense spending bill. Both measures failed as moderate Republicans took issue with the potential environmental impacts.

Stevens, the longest serving Republican senator in the chamber's history at the time he left office, would consider the defeats as among the biggest disappointments of his 40-plus-year career, according to Karina Waller, the executive director of the Ted Stevens Foundation.

Those defeats, while heartbreaking at times for backers, have helped shape how Murkowski has approached this go-around — her first as chairwoman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Don't assume that anyone is going to be with you, because we were disappointed in 2005," she said. "We thought we had the one extra vote we needed from a Republican colleague, and it wasn't there. It was very, very disappointing." That lesson — that every vote matters — was on full display earlier this summer as Murkowski, along with fellow Republicans Susan Collins of Maine and John McCain of Arizona, scuttled the GOP attempt to repeal the 2010 health care law.

And the lesson will only shine brighter as the Republican tax effort goes under the Senate spotlight.

Senate Republicans saw a potentially easy $1.1 billion in savings, the revenue ANWR drilling is estimated to produce over the next 10 years.

But for Murkowski, she knew her goal could become a reality on election night.

"You learn how and when to pick your battles around here. And with President (Barack Obama) in office, it was just not going to be a possibility," she said. "But when the administration turned, when it was clear that we had majorities, it presents itself as the time, the time to make the effort."

The Energy panel approved the drilling plan last Wednesday, 13-10. One Democrat — Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia — supported it. And the Senate Finance Committee advanced its tax plan Thursday, 14-12. No Democrats voted for it.

A key decision by the Finance panel, however, now places a giant asterisk next to the tax effort.

Republicans decided after Tuesday's weekly policy lunch to include in the tax plan an effective repeal of the health care law's individual mandate, eliminating the need for the government to spend $338 billion to provide health insurance subsidies.

For GOP lawmakers still hung up on their recent health care defeats, it seemed like a no-brainer. But for Murkowski, it could mean voting for a bill that would undermine a health insurance system she voted to save in July.

Still, she said a repeal of the health care law "means a heck of a lot more than just the individual mandate."

"We recognize that the individual mandate is one of those underpinnings … but it is not the wholesale repeal of the ACA," she said, referring to the law by its abbreviation. Murkowski believes legislation from Alexander and Patty Murray, leaders on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, is necessary before the mandate — which supporters of the law say is a critical foundation for the current insurance markets — is repealed.

"I think that there is a path and I think the path is a reasonable path," she said of her support for the measure. "If the Congress is going to move forward with repeal of the individual mandate, we absolutely must have the Alexander-Murray piece that is passed into law."

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that repeal of the mandate could lead to 13 million more uninsured individuals over the next 10 years. Republicans argue that those are people simply deciding not to buy insurance.

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waste of chemicals, which Milam estimated can range from $10 to $15 per gallon.

Those concerns extend beyond producing wells to water disposal, he said. He cites another customer, Oilfield Water Logistics, and its water line. "Their problem was, like operators, they have to inject chemicals into produced water so it doesn't corrode the pump or grow mold," Milam said. "They have a pipeline with capacity that ranges from zero to 25,000 barrels, but the amount varied. So they had to set the injection rate at the high end. Bad things happened if they underinjected chemicals, and overinjecting chemicals cost them money. Our integrated controller monitors the flow meters on OWL's pipeline and speeds up or slows down the injection pump accordingly. They said we saved them over 50 percent of the chemical usage on their pumps."

WellAware has set up what Milam called a full-stack solution which combines the hardware, software and network for monitoring equipment. It wasn't as easy as it sounds, he said, because first the proper equipment had to be chosen, then how to relay the data: Satellite or cellular service? Then the software to collect and analyze the data had to be chosen. "We can monitor any piece of equipment on site: Oil and water tanks, artificial lift systems, gas compressors, chemical tanks and pumps," Milam said.

"Our goal is to monitor every asset in the oil field that could cause down time and to spot problems before they occur."

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cranes, over 120 trucks as well as gas compressors, water and well service equipment, vacuum trucks and trailers.

Owens said the company is seeing increased activity in selling oil and gas equipment, particularly in the Permian Basin.

"Auctions have long been a powerful way of buying and selling assets for the oil and gas and other industries," he said. "At Kruse we have been in the energy auction business for more than 25 years, and our parent company, Ritchie Bros., has been selling heavy equipment and trucks for 55 years."

The company has scheduled another auction in Odessa for this coming February. Owens said he expects to have a wide variety of oil and gas assets available at the auction, "but since the auction is still a few months way, it's too early to say how big it will be."

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Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Texas and New Mexico, bringing total funding to at least $7 million.

The program is in its initial phases and the initiative is expected to release its request for proposal this coming week and to make its first grant announcements in the late spring of next year. Requests for proposals will be available online at http://www.nfwf.org/swrivers/pecos/Pages/hoe.aspx.

"I applaud the tremendous commitment our members have made through this effort. Supporting the Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative is a major step forward in our commitment to enhancing the Permian Basin environment for all concerned," Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, told the Reporter-Telegram by email.

Nick Owens, Senior HSE Representative with Anadarko, told the Reporter-Telegram by email, "Wherever we operate, we look for conservation-based opportunities for partnership and this is a great example of those efforts in action. We are very proud to have been a part of the push to get this unique conservation effort afloat and are excited to now see measureable conservation outcomes that will result from the combined talents of multiple federal agency, state agency, NGO and industry partners."

Jeremy Eikenberry, media and communications advisor with XTO Energy, told the Reporter-Telegram by email, "XTO Energy is pleased to join our industry partners in supporting the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's conservation efforts in the Pecos Watershed. This partnership underscores our commitment to conducting business in a manner that respects the environmental and economic needs of the communities where we operate."

Noble Energy referred the Reporter-Telegram to the joint statement issued by the six companies that says, "The Pecos Watershed is a unique and extraordinary resource. We are proud to partner with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to help ensure that development of our nation's oil and natural gas resources goes hand in hand with protecting wildlife and improving the quality of life for local communities.

Clint Williamson, manager of communications and public affairs with Occidental Petroleum, told the Reporter-Telegram by email, "In our commitment to environmental stewardship, Occidental is proud to be an inaugural partner in the Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative, a proactive approach to the Endangered Species Act, involving landscape-based management of multiple species and their habitat within the Pecos River watershed. The Initiative is a collaborative endeavor between industry and state, local and federal agencies to improve habitat and species health while allowing for responsible economic development."

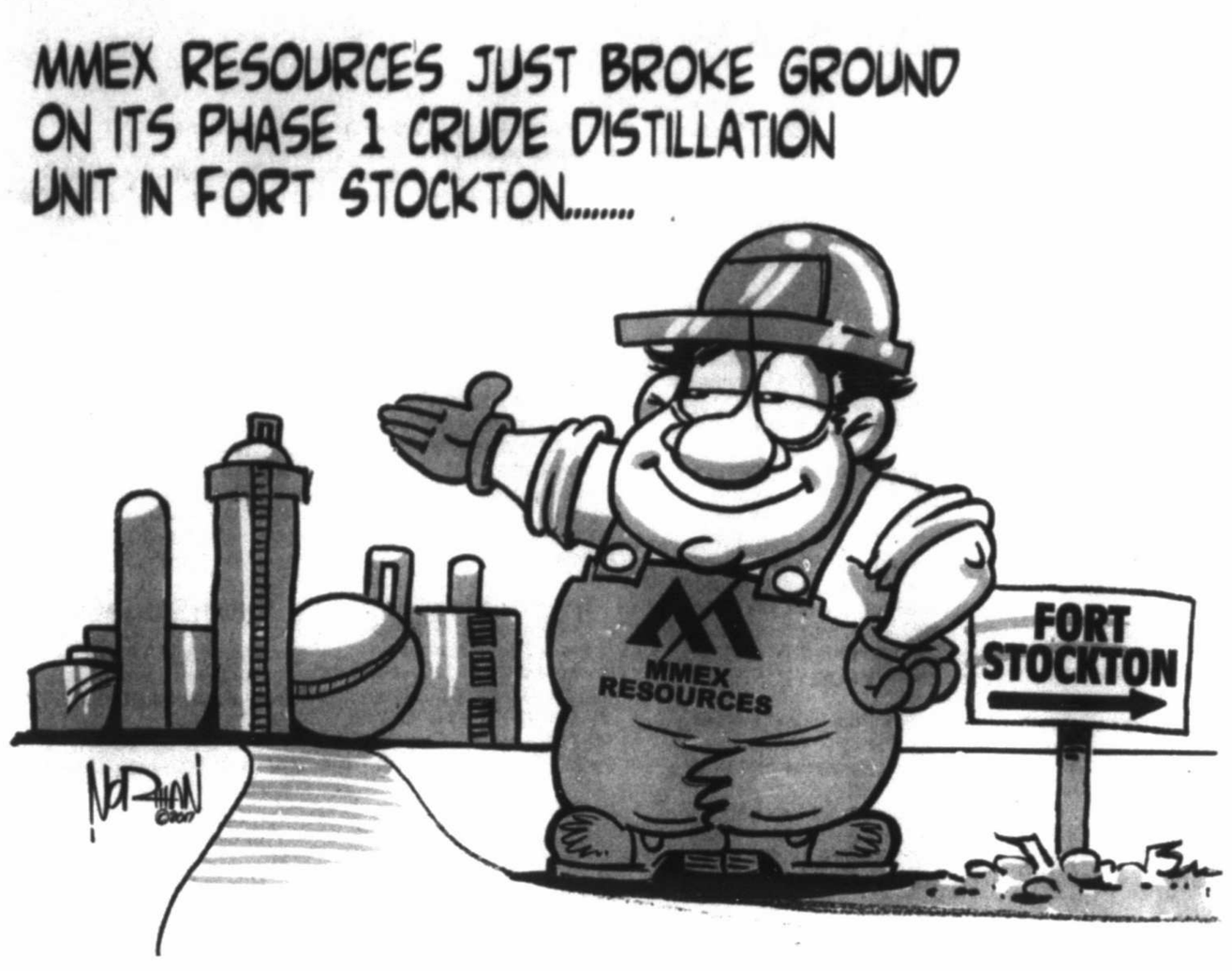
Margaret Cooper, PGPA manager with Chevron, told the Reporter-Telegram by email, "Chevron is pleased to partner with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other operators to support this significant conservation effort in the Permian Basin. Energy can be developed responsibly while protecting wildlife species, habitat and our local communities. The Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative is a new approach that will work across industry, nonprofit organizations, landowners and communities to do this in a thoughtful and impactful way."

"The Pecos River Watershed is important to the sustainability of wildlife and countless species in the Permian Basin. Shell is committed to being a good neighbor and protecting the environment where we live and work. Collaborating with key organizations, such as NFWF, has enabled us to leverage our conservation program to ensure we are achieving the highest impact. We are pleased to be able to join NFWF in providing funding that will directly impact conservation projects in the Permian Basin and are proud to be a part of this effort," said Scott Scheffler, external relations manager for Shell, by email.

The initiative is expected to work closely with federal agencies and state agencies in Texas and New Mexico as well as private landowners and nonprofit conservation agencies to solicit, review and provide grants for conservation projects,

The objective is to invest in projects that will advance science-based and cost-effective conservation strategies for wildlife and habitat in the region, including:

- Strengthening the health of existing habitats along the Pecos River and its tributaries in West Texas and southern New Mexico, including some of the last remaining populations of fish and other aquatic species found only in the Chihuahuan Desert;
- Improving the management and function of native grasslands, many of which have been negatively impacted by past management and fragmentation;
- Addressing water quality and scarcity concerns for wildlife and agricultural uses; and
- Identifying opportunities to re-establish species to areas of their range where they have been lost or to bolster small remnant populations.



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$53.00	Shell Trading	$54.60
Energy Transfer Partners*	N/A	Nymex futures	$56.53*
Flint Hills Resources*	$54.50	*Net price without transportation charge	
Phillips 66	$54.64		
Plains*	$54.50	Note: Posted prices as of Nov. 22	

The OPEC-shale showdown continues

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

The oil industry is in an increasingly bullish mood, but the ongoing push-pull between U.S. oil producers and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries isn't over yet.

Jeff Quigley, director of energy markets for the consulting and research firm Stratas Advisors, said that the outlook for the U.S. oil industry is upbeat, but noted that OPEC members are well positioned for 2018, too — as long as they can keep shale drillers in the U.S. a little off balance. Quigley, who spoke at the recent Hart Energy DUG Eagle Ford Conference in San Antonio, said he expects some volatility on the horizon.

"OPEC has really been emboldened by what has happened up to this point," Quigley said. "A lot of the conditions we're seeing now, they really couldn't have written the script any better."

Much has been made about a showdown between U.S. shale producers and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, the cartel that formed in 1960 to influence oil prices. Millions of barrels of new production coming out of U.S. shale fields the last few years has disrupted the world oil market, though, and helped create a world awash in crude oil.

The International Energy Agency this month said in its latest World Energy Outlook that the U.S. is "set to become the undisputed global oil and gas leader." The production boom will turn the U.S. into a net exporter of fossil fuels.

OPEC last November agreed to cut its production by 1.2 million barrels a day, the first reduction by the group since 2008. Other countries, including Russia, pledged in December to cut an additional 558,000 barrels daily. The move immediately boosted oil prices.

The stability in oil prices late in 2016 and early in 2017 — in large part thanks to the OPEC cuts — sent U.S. shale drillers into the field. Billions of investment dollars flooded into West Texas' Permian Basin, where production grew even during the lowest points of 2016, and the number of drilling rigs started to recover from oil bust lows in South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale.

The next OPEC meeting is Nov. 30, and most people expect last year's production cuts to be extended. Quigley, though, doesn't expect any clarity out of this or any other OPEC meeting. He expects OPEC to delay any agreement to its next meeting in March 2018, or to start to talk about how it might unwind the deal.

Uncertainty benefits OPEC, but hurts shale producers, Quigley said.

"Right now the only way they win is to keep volatility high," he said.

The market, though, expects the OPEC deal to be extended, so prices could dip if there's no deal extension, Quigley said.

OPEC is happy with current oil prices, but is in something of a jam. Its members need the revenue that will come from rising oil prices. But if prices rise too high, U.S. drillers will rush to produce more oil and flood the market. The benchmark West Texas Intermediate closed just under $57 per barrel Tuesday, while the international benchmark Brent crude closed at $62.60.

"It's quite a needle they have to thread," Quigley said.

In the U.S., the roller coaster oil industry went through all the emotions this year.

"It's only been 11 months since January, but the way we talk about the market has shifted in an incredible way. Earlier in the year, OPEC had just announced that they were going to cut production which was a little bit a surprise," Quigley said. "Then all of the sudden there was this talk about how the year was going to look, and it wasn't super rosy."

Exuberance at the OPEC cut soon turned to thoughts that the world had reached peak oil demand, and the idea that shale would come back with such force that it would overwhelm the market with oil, depressing prices.

"You actually had this really macro view, this long-term view that demand for oil was actually going to go away. If you look up the term 'peak demand' from the second quarter to the third quarter of this year, it became an enormous topic," Quigley said. He called it a "confluence of negativity."

Starting in July, the sentiment improved.

"A lot of that has totally shifted. Now we're in a very bullish mind set about global demand," Quigley said.

Quigley said U.S. operators will have to figure out how to respond to oil price volatility, but he expects to see increasing activity in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas next year.

Talos Energy acquiring Stone Energy in nearly $2B merger

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Houston offshore oil and gas company Talos Energy said Tuesday it will acquire Louisiana-based Stone Energy in a nearly $2 billion merger.

Private equity-backed Talos will go public on the New York Stock Exchange through the merger with the publicly traded Stone.

Talos was founded five years ago to focus on exploration and production in the Gulf of Mexico with the financial backing of major private equity firms Apollo Global Management and Riverstone Holdings. The idea was to take Talos public through an initial public offering in 2014 or 2015, but the oil bust sunk those plans until now.

Stone Energy has operated out of Lafayette for more than 20 years, but filed for bankruptcy protection last year amid the collapse in oil prices before emerging earlier in 2017.

Talos struck it big this summer with the so-called Zama discovery offshore of Mexico after the company successfully won some of the first offshore bids in Mexico's energy reform process that opened offshore blocks up to foreign investors. Zama is the first major discovery in the country's deregulation process

The Talos Energy LLC merger with Stone will create a new company, Talos Energy Inc., that trades under the "TALO" stock ticker. The deal is expected to close in the second quarter of 2018.

Talos Chief Executive Timothy Duncan will remain CEO of Talos, which will maintain its Houston headquarters and keep offices in Lafayette and New Orleans. A 10-person corporate board will have six Talos members and four from Stone

Talos will own 63 percent of the combined company and Stone shareholders will hold 37 percent. Stone's combined shares were valued on Wall Street on Monday at a total of $710 million. Talos said the combined company will have a Wall Street market capitalization value of $1.9 billion.

The goal is to create an offshore leader on both the U.S. and Mexican sides of the Gulf as much of the energy sector instead focuses on onshore U.S. shale.

"This combination represents an important step in our goal of becoming the premier offshore exploration and production company," Duncan said. "We will have two core areas in the deepwater U.S. Gulf of Mexico and the outstanding new Zama discovery located in the shallow waters of offshore Mexico."

Stone Chairman Neal Goldman called the deal the successful culmination of the company's bankruptcy restructuring. Stone already had sold off most of its onshore assets, leaving it as a Gulf-focused company.

Talos and Stone aren't strangers to each other either. Three years ago, Talos acquired some of Stone's Gulf acreage for $200 million.

WILDCATS

Courtesy DrillingInfo

Texas RRCD 8

Ward County

Williams Oil Company
Bel Terra A #2
Wildcat; 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 25, Blk B-18, Abst. 1217, PSL, 6 se Monahans; TD 6700; API #42-475-37382 Permit issued 11/15

Texas RRCD 8A

Dawson County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Cunningham 18 #1

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ENERGYBRIEFS

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DALLAS

Energy Hunter Resources closes Midland Basin mineral rights divestment

Energy Hunter Resources, Inc., an exploration and production company headquartered in Dallas, has reached an agreement with an undisclosed purchaser to divest its ownership interest in certain mineral rights located in Howard County.

The lower Spraberry and Wolfcamp A were horizontal targets on these mineral rights with potential horizontal development also exists in the Wolfcamp B and Wolfcamp C benches. Since acquiring these ownership rights late last year for approximately $300,000, a total of three wells have been drilled and completed on these mineral rights with additional wells currently in the permitting stage.

Under terms of the agreement, Energy Hunter Resources sold 100 percent of its ownership interest in the mineral rights outlined above for $750,000, with a November 1 2017 effective date. This resulted in a 150 percent return on its investment in less than one year.

Gary C. Evans, chairman & chief executive officer Energy Hunter Resources, Inc., said, "The reason to acquire mineral rights in the Permian Basin was always a short-term focused decision designed to leverage our expertise in the sector and obtain a minor ownership position in a core area of the Permian Basin. We watched the value of our mineral rights in the Permian Basin significantly increase as additional wells were drilled and completed on the properties. The decision to sell these assets now will enable us to reinvest the proceeds in our new core region of the San Andres oil play located in the Permian Basin and provide additional working capital to the company."

DALLAS

Oilfield Water Logistics, Boyd & McWilliams execute water gathering and disposal agreement

Oilfield Water Logistics and privately-held Midland Basin operator Boyd & McWilliams have executed a long-term produced water gathering and disposal agreement. The mutually beneficial arrangement allows Boyd & McWilliams to direct more capital and operating attention to developing its oil and gas assets and dedicates its unique acreage position in Winkler County to OWL to expand permanent water handling infrastructure in the region.

"On behalf of the OWL team, we appreciate the opportunity work with Boyd & McWilliams and add to our diversified, best-in-class customer list," says Chris Cooper, CEO. "This agreement is a win-win, allowing them to reduce capex and LOE and focus on oil and providing us the opportunity to expand our midstream water systems."

Toby McWilliams of Boyd & McWilliams agrees, saying, "We need to use our time and money finding and producing oil and gas and leave water disposal to those who do it for a living."

THE WOODLANDS

CSI Compressco LP announces new president

CSI Compressco LP has appointed Owen Serjeant as President.

Serjeant will be responsible for working with the leadership team to build upon the strengths of the organization and its asset base in order to achieve the growth objectives and financial performance of CSI Compressco, as well as driving a culture that operationalizes the company's values of service, customer focus, integrity and reliability.

Serjeant will report to Stuart M. Brightman, chairman of the board of directors of CSI Compressco GP, the general partner of CSI Compressco, and president and chief executive officer of TETRA Technologies, Inc., which owns CSI Compressco GP and various equity interests in CSI Compressco.

Serjeant has more than 35 years of global management and operational experience in a variety of areas within the energy industry, including the Compression, Subsea Production and Hydrocarbon Processing areas. Most recently he served as Group Vice President, Global Operational Support for Cameron, a Schlumberger Limited Company.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Minnesota man sentenced to 10 years for $2M Bakken fraud

A Minnesota man has been sentenced to more than 10 years in prison for stealing $2 million from investors hoping to make money off North Dakota's oil boom.

A federal judge sentenced 51-year-old Ronald David Johnson of Corcoran on Monday. A jury in June found Johnson guilty of wire fraud and money laundering.

Prosecutors said Johnson came up with an investment idea to house oil workers in the Bakken in North Dakota and Montana. The idea would allow oil workers to park their recreational vehicles in warehouses and share laundry and vending machines.

Instead of using the money for RV parks, Johnson used the money to fund his cattle farm, take vacations, buy vintage Chevrolets and purchase real estate, including a 17-acre island on Mink Lake in Maple Lake, Minnesota.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Texas RRCD 7C

Reagan County

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Eaglehead "A-A3" #3LH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 230 fnl, 1752 fwl, Sec 1, Abst. 215, HE&WT RR, 20.67 nw Big Lake; TD 9200; API #42-383-40054 Permit issued 11/14

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Fuchs D 46-39 (Alloc-E) #5NU
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 219 fsl, 552 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 43, T&P RR, 15.1 s Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-383-40050 Permit issued 11/14

Laredo Petroleum Inc.
Fuchs D 46-39 (Alloc-F) #6NM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 219 fsl, 577 fwl, Sec 46, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 43, T&P RR, 15.1 s Garden City; TD 9000; API #42-383-40051 Permit issued 11/14

Runnels County

Tam2 Squared Operating LLC
Reveille #1
Burt-Ogden-Mabee (Palo Pinto A); 330 fwl, 822 fsl, Sec 122, Abst. 1326, W.E. Pritchard, 4.19 nw Talpa; TD 4000; API #42-399-35538 Permit issued 11/16

Tam2 Squared Operating LLC
Aggie #2
Burt-Ogden-Mabee (Palo Pinto A); 1167 fsl, 2550 fwl, Sec 121, Abst. 147, ET RR, 4.73 nw Talpa; TD 4000; API #42-399-35537 Permit issued 11/16

Upton County

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Goodbar 89 #3H
McElroy-Horizontal; 512 fsl, 753 fel, Sec 5, Blk X, Abst. 151, J.H. Gibson, 6.5 se Crane; TD 4000; API #42-461-40724 Permit issued 11/17

Hunt Oil Company
University 1-12 30 #103HB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2290 fwl, 9873 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 3, Abst. 36U, ULS, 4.69 se Rankin; TD 8400; API #42-461-40723 Permit issued 11/16

XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch 4-40 Alloc 4004 #4004BH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2415 fel, 334 fsl, Sec 9, Blk 37, T-5-S, Abst. 401, T&P RR, 29.8 sw Midland; TD 9734; API #42-461-40678 Permit issued 11/13

XTO Energy Inc.
LHS Ranch 4-40 Alloc 4014 #4014AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2365 fel, 335 fnl, Sec 9, Blk 37, T-5-S, Abst. 401, T&P RR, 29.8 sw Midland; TD 9392; API #42-461-40679 Permit issued 11/16

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Andrews County

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Benson Unit #801LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1271 fwl, 442 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 7, Abst. 192U, ULS, 16.8 ne Andrews; TD 10610; API #42-003-47665 Permit issued 11/14

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Benson Unit #802LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1301 fwl, 442 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 7, Abst. 192U, ULS, 16.8 ne Andrews; TD 10610; API #42-003-47666 Permit issued 11/14

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Benson Unit #803LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1331 fwl, 442 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 7, Abst. 192U, ULS, 16.8 ne Andrews; TD 10610; API #42-003-47667 Permit issued 11/14

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Benson Unit #804LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1361 fwl, 442 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 7, Abst. 192U, ULS, 16.8 ne Andrews; TD 10610; API #42-003-47668 Permit issued 11/14

Diamondback E&P LLC
UL Benson Unit #805WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1391 fwl, 442 fsl, Sec 7, Blk 7, Abst. 192U, ULS, 16.8 ne Andrews; TD 10610; API #42-003-47669 Permit issued 11/14

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #5920
Fullerton-Clearfork; 4865 fwl, 7944 fnl, Sec 6, Blk A-32, Abst. 1974, PSL, 19 nw Andrews; TD 7550; API #42-003-47671 Permit issued 11/17

Culberson County

COG Operating LLC
Elbow Down #824H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal;; 1006 fnl, 1125 fwl, Sec 8, Blk 59, T-1, Abst. 4772, T&P RR, 58 n Kent; TD 10000; API #42-109-33225 Permit issued 11/17

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Wise West State #801H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10167 fwl, 10230 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 111, Abst. 6396, PSL, 19.9 sw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-109-33227 Permit issued 11/15

Ector County

Cross Timbers Energy LLC
Connell Heirs #2
Penwell (Fusselman); 470 fel, 770 fsl, Sec 12, Blk B-16, Abst. 900, PSL, 3.4 sw Penwell; TD 9500; API #42-135-43553 Permit issued 11/15

Glasscock County

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Quahadi B #0316HA
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 497 fsl, 685 fel, Sec 3, Blk 34, T-2-S, Abst. 196, T&P RR, 12.4 sw Big Spring; TD 8000; API #42-173-37771 Permit issued 11/15

Cinnabar Operating LLC
Quahadi B #0316HB
Garden City South (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 497 fsl, 635 fel, Sec 3, Blk 34, T-2-S, Abst. 196, T&P RR, 12.4 sw Big Spring; TD 8000; API #42-173-37772 Permit issued 11/15

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Glock 33 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 480 fnl, 1920 fwl, Sec 33, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 407, T&P RR, 5.7 se Spraberry; TD 12000; API #42-173-37724 Permit issued 11/16

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane E36G #107H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1060 fel, 250 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37730 Permit issued 11/16

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane W36G #7H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1350 fwl, 655 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37733 Permit issued 11/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane E36H #108H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1040 fel, 250 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37731 Permit issued 11/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane W36H #8H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1370 fwl, 655 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37734 Permit issued 11/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane W36I #9H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1390 fwl, 655 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37735 Permit issued 11/17

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Druver-Lane E36I #109H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1020 fel, 250 fnl, Sec 36, Blk 37, T-4-S, Abst. 1012, T&P RR, 18.7 sw Garden City; TD 10425; API #42-173-37732 Permit issued 11/17

XTO Energy Inc.
Zant #3818AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1076 fel, 7089 fsl, Sec 2, Blk 36, T-3-S, Abst. 919, T&P RR, 15.52 nw Garden City; TD 8600; API #42-173-37749 Permit issued 11/14

Howard County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Tubb A #301
Petty 48 (Upper Strawn); 688 fel, 1411 fnl, Sec 30, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1226, T&P RR, 4.13 ne Elbow; TD 12000; API #42-227-39373 Permit issued 11/16

Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Morgan Ranch #3803
Petey (Fusselman); 1980 fwl, 2065 fsl, Sec 38, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1291, T&P RR, 8.02 se Big Spring; TD 10500; API #42-227-39371 Permit issued 11/15

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
H. Denton D #4SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 980 fel, 335 fsl, Sec 46, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 1118, T&P RR, 8.5 n Big Spring; TD 8000; API #42-227-39368 Permit issued 11/14

SM Energy Company
Miracle Max A #1744WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 291 fnl, 2335 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 31, T-2-N, Abst. 185, T&P RR, 13.6 ne Big Spring; TD 9500; API #42-227-39372 Permit issued 11/15

Loving County

BHP Billiton Pet (TXLA OP) Co.
Sweet Marilyn 57-T1-12 #W108H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 722 fsl, 1660 fel, Sec 12, Blk 57, T-1, Abst. 1146, T&P RR, 10.18 ne Orla; TD 14000; API #42-301-33740 Permit issued 11/14

EOG Resources Inc.
State Magellan 7 #28H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 590 fnl, 2394 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 54, T-1, Abst. 51, T&P RR, 18.3 nw Mentone; TD 14000; API #42-301-33745 Permit issued 11/16

Headington Energy Partners LLC
State-Judge 48-3 WS #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 465 fwl, 266 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33739 Permit issued 11/13

Headington Energy Partners LLC
State-Judge 48-3 WS II #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 490 fwl, 265 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33741 Permit issued 11/13

Headington Energy Partners LLC
State-Judge 48-3 WS III #eH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2448 fwl, 268 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 12500; API #42-301-33742 Permit issued 11/13

RSP Permian LLC
Taylor EC26-17 #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 1800 fel, Sec 15, Blk C-26, Abst. 498, PSL, 15.4 ne Mentone; TD 14500; API #42-301-33743 Permit issued 11/16

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Gus 35 #3
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian); 1100 fsl, 1200 fel, Sec 35, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 101, T&P RR, 6 sw Ackerly; TD 12000; API #42-317-41129 Permit issued 11/15

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319S #4HC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1123 fnl, 1170 fel, Sec 319, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 23.8 nw Stanton; TD 10500; API #42-317-41117 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319T #5HF
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 276 fsl, 1080 fel, Labor 1, League 39, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 9.39 nw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41121 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319T #6HD
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 276 fsl, 1130 fwl, Labor 1, League 319, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 9.39 nw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41122 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319T #7HE
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 276 fsl, 1180 fwl, Labor 1, League 319, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 9.37 nw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41123 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319T #8HC
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1273 fel, 276 fsl, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 9.32 nw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41124 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
HSC 319U #9HF
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 276 fsl, 1223 fel, Labor 1, League 319, Abst. 998, Garza CSL, 9.32 nw Tarzan; TD 11000; API #42-317-41125 Permit issued 11/14

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
UL Comanche A4144 Unit #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1790 fnl, 1610 fel, Sec 41, Blk 6, Abst. 10U, ULS, 20.2 s Lamesa; TD 11000; API #42-317-41106 Permit issued 11/14

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
UL Comanche A4144 Unit #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1650 fel, 1790 fnl, Sec 41, Blk 6, Abst. 10U, ULS, 20.2 s Lamesa; TD 11000; API #42-317-41109 Permit issued 11/14

ExL Petroleum Operating Inc.
UL Comanche A4144 Unit #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 1790 fnl, 1690 fel, Sec 41, Blk 6, Abst. 10U, ULS, 20.2 s Lamesa; TD 11000; API #42-317-41110 Permit issued 11/14

Lario Oil & Gas Company
Steuben 2 #101WB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 413 fnl, 508 fel, Sec 23, Blk 35, T-1-N, Abst. 54, T&P RR, 8.2 ne Stanton; TD 9000; API #42-317-41054 Permit issued 11/15

SM Energy Company
Berlinda Ann #2345WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 522 fsel, 2434 fswl, Sec 14, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 939, T&P RR, 14.4 sw Big Spring; TD 10700; API #42-317-41118 Permit issued 11/14

SM Energy Company
Berlinda Ann #2363WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 522 fsel, 2404 fswl, Sec 14, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 939, T&P RR, 14.4 sw Big Spring; TD 10700; API #42-317-41119 Permit issued 11/14

SM Energy Company
Duke #2346WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 522 fsl, 2464 fwl, Sec 14, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 939, T&P RR, 14.4 sw Big Spring; TD 10700; API #42-317-41120 Permit issued 11/14

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0031WB Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1180 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42061 Permit issued 11/14

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0032LS Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1155 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42062 Permit issued 11/14

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0033WB Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1130 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 10200; API #42-329-42063 Permit issued 11/14

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0034LS Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1105 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42064 Permit issued 11/14

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0035WB Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1080 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 10200· API #42-329-42065 Permit issued 11/14

Chevron USA Inc.
C. Scharbauer #0036LS Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 435 fsl, 1055 fel, Sec 23, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 59, T&P RR, 7.3 sw Midland; TD 9700; API #42-329-42066 Permit issued 11/14

COG Operating LLC
Windham TXL-C9 #5206BH Pegasus (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 1466 fel, Sec 21, Blk 40, T-4-S, Abst. 303, T&P RR, 19.9 s Midland; TD 11000; API #42-329-42078 Permit issued 11/16

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Unobtanium 1411 #1HA
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 672 fwl, 336 fsl, Sec 23, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 481, T&P RR, 3.54 s Spraberry; TD 9400; API #42-329-42006 Permit issued 11/13

CrownQuest Operating LLC
FR Unobtanium 1411 D #8BB
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 337 fsl, 951 fel, Sec 23, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 481, T&P RR, 3.54 s Spraberry; TD 10000; API #42-329-42007 Permit issued 11/13

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Mars ET 9 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 476 fel, 1044 fsl, Sec 9, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 132, T&P RR, 3.2 sw Spraberry; TD 12000; API #42-329-42089 Permit issued 11/17

Diamondback E&P LLC
Blackfoot East Unit #705WB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2420 fwl, 370 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 34, T&P RR, 7.4 nw Midland; TD 10750; API #42-329-41997 Permit issued 11/16

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32A #2HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1045 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42068 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32A #3HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1095 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42069 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32B #4HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1145 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42070 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32B #5HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1195 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42071 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32C #6HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1167 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42072 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32C #7HL
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1117 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42073 Permit issued 11/14

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32C #8HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1067 fwl, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42075 Permit issued 11/14

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Wildcat-Directional; 873 fsl, 712 fwl, Sec 18, Blk M, Abst. 546, EL&RR, 13 nw Lamesa; TD 12000; API #42-115-33767 Permit issued 11/13

Dawson County

Smith Energy Operating Company
Wheels 14 #1
Wildcat-Directional; 495 fnl, 346 fwl, Sec 14, Blk M, Abst. 544, EL&RR, 12 nw Lamesa; TD 12000; API #42-115-33768 Permit issued 11/17

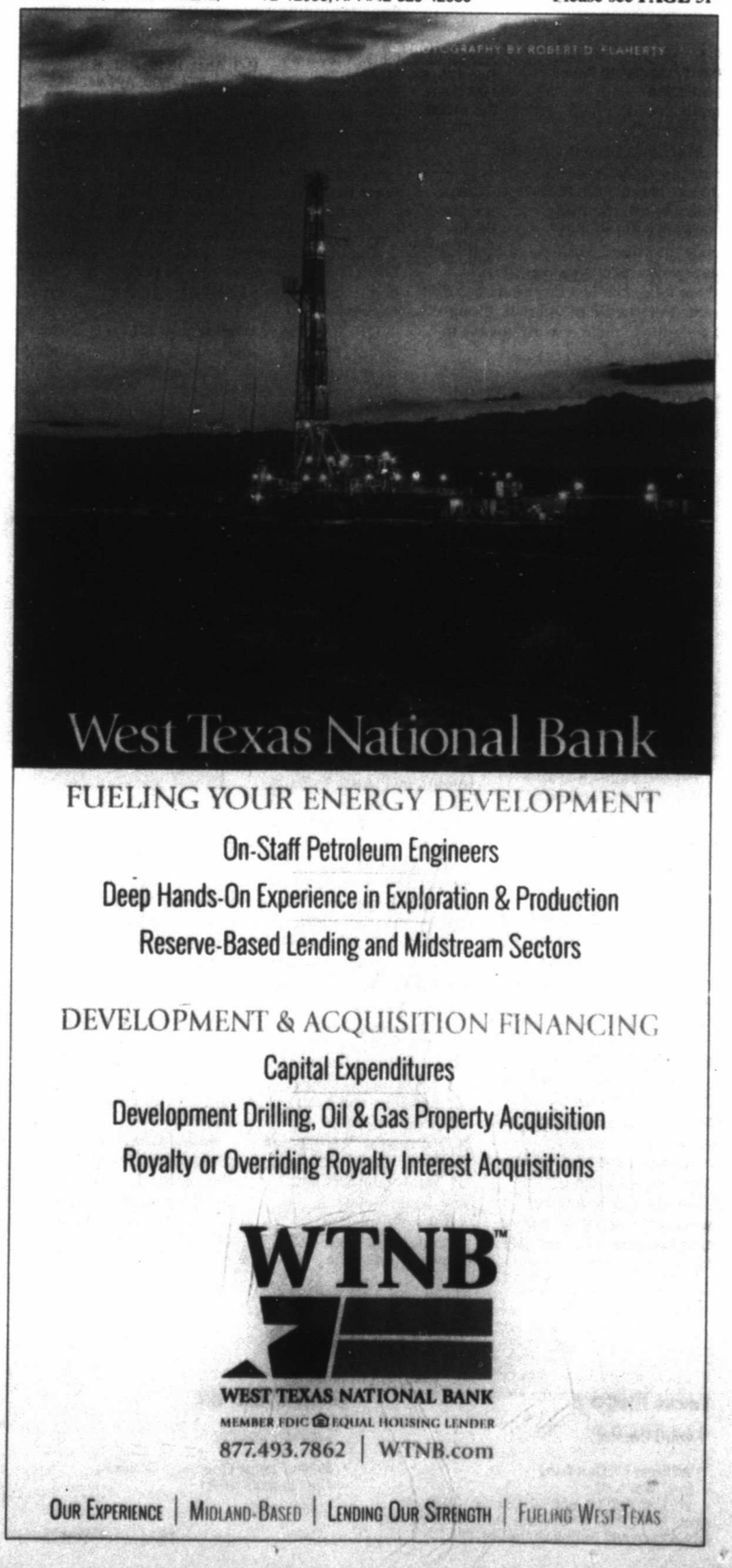
Motley County

Esco Oil Operating Company LLC
Crazy C #2
Wildcat; 554 fsl, 11580 fel, Sec 12, Blk GP, Abst. 1160, C&M RR, 11 nw Matador; TD 990; API #42-345-30341 Permit issued 11/17

New Mexico

Lea County

OneEnergy Partners Operating LLC
Convert Fee WCB #1
Wildcat; Sec 18 T25S R36E; 2260/S & 2260/W; 6 mi NW Jal; Rot 21156 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44109
Impetro Operating LLC
Prizehog BWZ State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R36E; 286/N & 1188/E; 7 mi SW Jal; Rot 17400 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44111



DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.
Cowden 32D #9HJ
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 381 fnl, 1017 fel, Sec 32, Blk 39, Abst. 1420, T&P RR, 22.2 s Midland; TD 10300; API #42-329-42076 Permit issued 11/14

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CK" #4H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 463 fnl, 234 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland townsite; TD 9900; API #42-329-42074 Permit issued 11/16

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "CK" #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 463 fnl, 209 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 39, T-1-S, Abst. 699, T&P RR, within Midland townsite; TD 10300; API #42-329-42050 Permit issued 11/14

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Judkins-TXL 38A #1H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2316 fwl, 666 fnl, Sec 38, Blk 37, T-3-S, Abst. 935, T&P RR, 19.5 se Midland; TD 8800; API #42-329-42020 Permit issued 11/13

Pecos County

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Jose-Katie West #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 167 fnl, 2450 fel, Sec 17, Blk 48, T-9-S, Abst. 906, T&P RR, 18.4 nw Fort Stockton; TD 13000; API #42-371-39642 Permit issued 11/15

Halcon Operating Co. Inc
Ethel-Jesper West #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 323 fnl, 1475 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 49, T-9-S, Abst. 8532, T&P RR, 22.8 nw Fort Stockton; TD 13000; API #42-371-39641 Permit issued 11/17

Reeves County

Apache Corporation
Grant #405AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2000 fel, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 3699, T&P RR, 11.7 s Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36523 Permit issued 11/13

Apache Corporation
Grant #406BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2030 fel, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 3699, T&P RR, 11.7 s Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36529 Permit issued 11/14

Apache Corporation
Grant #407AH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2460 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 3699, T&P RR, 11.7 s Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36530 Permit issued 11/14

Apache Corporation
Grant #408BH
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fsl, 2430 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 56, Abst. 3699, T&P RR, 11.7 s Orla; TD 15000; API #42-389-36531 Permit issued 11/14

BHP Billiton Pet (TXLA OP) Co.
Houston Fuller C20-4X43 #W101H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 312 fsl, 417 fel, Sec 3, Blk C-20, Abst. 1960, PSL, 29.03 nw Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36446 Permit issued 11/15

BHP Billiton Pet (TXLA OP) Co.
State Blankenship 56-T2-14X11 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 437 fsl, 1092 fel, Sec 14, Blk 57, T-2, Abst. 2748, T&P RRL, 4.98 ne Orla; TD 14000; API #42-389-36507 Permit issued 11/16

Centennial Resource Production LLC Balmorhea State G #8H Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1150 fel, Sec 44, Blk 6, Abst. 4902, H&GN RR, 6.9 sw Pecos; TD 10600; API #42-389-36441 Permit issued 11/17

Centennial Resource Production LLC Balmorhea State H #9H Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1120 fel, Sec 44, Blk 6, Abst. 4902, H&GN RR, 6.9 sw Pecos; TD 10600; API #42-389-36442 Permit issued 11/17

Centennial Resource Production LLC Balmorhea State I #10H Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 1090 fel, Sec 44, Blk 6, Abst. 4902, H&GN RR, 6.9 sw Pecos; TD 10600; API #42-389-36443 Permit issued 11/17

ConocoPhillips Company
Blue Marlin State Unit #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 524 fsl, 388 fel, Sec 2, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 4328, T&P RR, 7.7 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-389-36533 Permit issued 11/16

ConocoPhillips Company
Blue Marlin State Unit #3H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 525 fsl, 454 fel, Sec 2, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 4328, T&P RR, 7.7 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-389-36534 Permit issued 11/16

ConocoPhillips Company
Blue Marlin State Unit #4H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 525 fsl, 487 fel, Sec 2, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 4328, T&P RR, 7.7 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-389-36535 Permit issued 11/16

ConocoPhillips Company
Everythings Bigger #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 524 fsl, 421 fel, Sec 2, Blk 58, T-2, Abst. 4328, T&P RR, 7.7 nw Orla; TD 10000; API #42-389-36537 Permit issued 11/17

Invictus Energy LLC
State GRB #2H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 200 fsl, 1945 fel, Sec 2, Blk 56, Abst. 2219, T&P RR, 5.18 s Orla; TD 10755; API #42-389-36528 Permit issued 11/15

Ward County

COG Operating LLC
Whatcha Want B #7353H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 415 fnel, 1180 fnwl, Sec 173, Blk 34, Abst. 264, H&TC RR, 1.52 ne Barstow; TD 11000; API #42-475-37369 Permit issued 11/13

COG Operating LLC
Whatcha Want Unit #7303H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 325 fnel, 1180 fnwl, Sec 173, Blk 34, Abst. 264, H&TC RR, 1.52 ne Barstow; TD 11100; API #42-475-37366 Permit issued 11/13

COG Operating LLC
Whatcha Want Unit #7305H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 370 fnel, 1180 fnwl, Sec 173, Blk 34, Abst. 264, H&TC RR, 1.43 ne Barstow; TD 11100; API #42-475-37367 Permit issued 11/13

COG Operating LLC
Whatcha Want Unit #7374H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 280 fnel, 1180 fnwl, Sec 173, Blk 34, Abst. 264, H&TC RR, 1.52 ne Barstow; TD 11300; API #42-475-37368 Permit issued 11/13

Felix Energy Holdings II LLC
UL Copeland 2425-17 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 237 fsl, 1549 fel, Sec 24, Blk 17, Abst. 63U, ULS, 4.19 nw Pyote; TD 14000; API #42-475-37379 Permit issued 11/15

Four Corners Petroleum II LLC
G.W. O'Brien et al #2022
Wagon Wheel (Pennsylvanian); 660 fel, 11205 fsl, Sec 18, Blk F, Abst. 4, G&MMB&A, 2.05 ne Wickett; TD 12000; API #42-475-37383 Permit issued 11/15

Shell Western E&P
Humane Society 34-198 WRD Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 337 fswl, 1232 fnwl, Sec 198, Blk 34, Abst. 462, H&TC RR, 3 ne Barstow; TD 11400; API #42-475-37380 Permit issued 11/15

Shell Western E&P
University 19 TG Unit #2806H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 1386 fnel, 405 fsel, Sec 28, Blk 19, Abst. 127U, ULS, 11.9 ne Barstow; TD 12100; API #42-475-37381 Permit issued 11/15

Winkler County

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #101
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fnl, 4010 fel, Sec 22, Blk B-3, Abst. 1358, PSL, 2.64 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33980 Permit issued 11/15

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #103
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fnl, 1650 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-3, Abst. 1359, PSL, 1.85 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33981 Permit issued 11/15

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #105
Keystone (Consolidated); 2630 fs, 330 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-3, Abst. 1359, PSL, 1.4 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33982 Permit issued 11/17

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #106
Keystone (Consolidated); 1470 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 23, Blk B-3, Abst. 1359, PSL, 1.29 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33983 Permit issued 11/15

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #117
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 18, Blk B-3, Abst. 1356, PSL, 2.51 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33984 Permit issued 11/15

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #118
Keystone (Consolidated); 332 fnl, 1232 fwl, Sec 18, Blk B-3, Abst. 1356, PSL, 2.35 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33985 Permit issued 11/15

Apache Corporation
Seth Campbell #119
Keystone (Consolidated); 354 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 18, Blk B-3, Abst. 1356, PSL, 2.2 ne Kermit; TD 5700; API #42-495-33986 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #102
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fsl, 2310 fel, Sec 14, Blk B-3, Abst. 1854, PSL, 3.1 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33971 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #103
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fsl, 1535 fwl, Sec 14, Blk B-3, Abst. 1854, PSL, 3.1 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33972 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #104
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fsl, 330 fwl, Sec 14, Blk B-3, Abst. 1854, PSL, 3 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33973 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #1J5
Keystone (Consolidated); 330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 4, Blk B-3, Abst. 1849, PSL, 5.3 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33974 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #106
Keystone (Consolidated); 1650 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 4, Blk B-3, Abst. 1849, PSL, 5 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33975 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #107
Keystone (Consolidated); 2966 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 4, Blk B-3, Abst. 1849, PSL, 4.8 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33976 Permit issued 11/15

Blackbeard Operating LLC
State-Walton "E" #108
Keystone (Consolidated); 4286 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 4, Blk B-3, Abst. 1849, PSL, 4.5 n Kermit; TD 7500; API #42-495-33977 Permit issued 11/15

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Fenrir Unit A 10-03 #2AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 298 fsl, 1227 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 32, T-3-N, Abst. 1144, T&P RR, 18 sw Gail; TD 10000; API #42-033-32441 Permit issued 11/13

Gaines County

Ring Energy Inc.
Loki #1
ODC Northeast (San Andres); 2173 fsl, 2173 fel, Sec 305, Blk G, Abst. 69, CCSD&RGNG, 12.3 nw Seminole; TD 6500; API #42-165-38640 Permit issued 11/15

Motley County

Esco Oil Operating Company LLC
Cogdell C #8
Grimm (Permian Sand); 5500 fnl, 761 fel, Sec 13, Blk GP, Abst. 252, C&M RR, 11 nw Matador; TD 990; API #42-345-30340 Permit issued 11/13

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Bennett Ranch Unit #4413
Wasson; 6874 fsl, 178 fel, Sec 679, Blk D, Abst. 567, J.H. Gibson, 9.1 ne Denver City; TD 5800; API #42-501-36877 Permit issued 11/15

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Bennett Ranch Unit #4411
Wasson-Directional; 7751 fsl, 127 fel, Sec 679, Blk D, Abst. 567, J.H. Gibson, 9.1 ne Denver City; TD 5800; API #42-501-36880 Permit issued 11/15

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Bennett Ranch Unit #4410
Wasson; 8536 fsl, 169 fel, Sec 679, Blk D, Abst. 567, J.H. Gibson, 9.4 ne Denver City; TD 5800; API #42-501-36878 Permit issued 11/15

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Bennett Ranch Unit #3420
Wasson; 2883 fsl, 242 fel, Sec 630, Blk D, Abst. 550, J.H. Gibson, 10.3 ne Denver City; TD 5800; API #42-501-36888 Permit issued 11/17

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Bennett Ranch Unit #5419
Wasson-Directional; 216 fsl, 1221 fel, Sec 694, Blk D, Abst. 1058, J.H. Gibson, 8.3 ne Denver City; TD 5800; API #42-501-36906 Permit issued 11/14

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Horned Frog 400 #1XH
Sable (San Andres)-Horizontal; 220 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 400, Blk D, Abst. 1605, J.H. Gibson, 9.56 w Plains; TD 9000; API #42-501-36905 Permit issued 11/15

New Mexico

Chaves County

Jalapano Corp.
Harperlou 18 Fee #3
Race Track; Sec 18 T10S R28E; 1923/N & 330/E; 16 mi SW Elkins; Rot 2320 San Andres; API #30-005-64302

Eddy County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ghostrider 25 36 W2AP Fed #1
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R26E; 185/N & 450/E; 5 mi NE Black River; Rot 19273 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44481

Matador Production Co.
Michael Collins 11 23S 27E RB #206
Purple Sage; Sec 11T23S R27E; 2051/S & 405/W; 1 1/2 mi SE Otis; Rot 14400 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44472

Titus Oil & Gas LLC
Salt Lake #504
Purple Sage; Sec 8 T23S R29E; 2421/S & 341/W; 6 mi NE Loving; Rot 21024 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44482

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
EL Presidentestate 24 27 2 WA #5
Purple Sage; Sec 2 T24S R27E; 285/S & 882/E; 4 mi SW Loving; Rot 13756 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44483

Marathon Oil Permian LLC
EL Presidentestate 24 27 2 TB #6
North Malaga; Sec 2 T24S R27E; 283/S & 832/E; 4 mi SW Loving; Rot 13527 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44484

Oxy USA Inc.
Sunrise MDP1 8-5 Fed C #3
Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 432/S & 2202/W; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 20227 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44474

Oxy USA Inc.
Sunrise MDP1 8-5 Fed C #4
Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 432/S & 2262/W; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 10296 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44475

Oxy USA Inc.
Sunrise MDP1 8 5 Fed C #5
Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 834/S & 1555/E; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 20303 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44476

Oxy USA Inc.
Sunrise MDP1 805 Fed C #6
Cotton Draw; Sec 8 T24S R31E; 457/S & 177/E; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 20258 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44473

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9 4 Fed #2
Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 250/N & 1438/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18596 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44478

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9 4 Fed #6
Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 260/N & 355/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18596 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44479

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Tucker Draw 9 4 Fed #7
Purple Sage; Sec 16 T26S R30E; 260/N & 330/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 18767 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44480

Lea County

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #601
Bradley; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 641/N & 539/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17177 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44121

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #602
Bradley; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 642/N & 1750/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17147 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44122

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #704
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 641/N & 504/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17721 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44115

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #705
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 220/N & 991/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17398 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44116

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #706
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 642/N & 1715/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17725 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44117

EOG Resources Inc
Condor 32 State #707
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 220/N & 1061/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17403 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44118

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #708
Bobcat Draw; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 200/N & 1026/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17704 Bone Spring; API #30-025-44119

EOG Resources Inc.
Condor 32 State #709
Bradley; Sec 32 T25S R34E; 642/N & 1785/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17426 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44120

OneEnergy Partners Operating LLC
Brandy Fee WCB #1
West Jal; Sec 18 T25S R36E; 380/S & 2260/E; 6 mi NW Jal; Rot 15737 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44107

OneEnergy Partners Operating LLC
Pinch Fee WCB #1
West Jal; Sec 18 T25S R36E; 2260/S & 380/W; 6 mi NW Jal; Rot 21272 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44110

OneEnergy Partners Operating LLC
Shift Fee WCB #1
West Jal; Sec 18 T25S R36E; 380/S & 380/E; 6 mi NW Jal; Rot 15709 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44108

Chevron USA Inc.
SD EA 18 19 Fed Com P13 #8
Sanders Tank; Sec 18 T26S R33E; 455/N & 1151/W; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 23000 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44113

EOG Resources Inc.
Dogwood 23 Fed #710
Sanders Tank; Sec 23 T26S R33E; 195/S & 338/W; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 22587 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-44114

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Reagan County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw #1246NH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7200 fsl, 3796 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7346 TVD, 15903 MD; Comp 10/20/2017; producing from 8090-15856, fracture stimulated; gas lift 305 BO, 827 MCF, 1550 BW, FTP 80 psi, 40.38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39298

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Divide Draw #1245AN
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7199 fsl, 3716 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7422 TVD, 15725 MD; Comp 10/19/2017; producing from 7785-15671, fracture stimulated; gas lift 510 BO, 961 MCF, 1309 BW, FTP 80 psi, 40.38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-39296

Texas RRCD 8

Midland County

XTO Energy Inc.
TXL 11 Unit 4 #1407BH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 844 fsl, 1596 fnl, Sec 11, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 223, T&P RR, 18.2 se Midland; TD 9732 TVD, 18426 MD; Comp 10/26/2017; producing from 10586-18300, fracture stimulated; flow 1042 BO, 1049 MCF, 2644 BW on 64/64 inch choke, FTP 363 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41541

Texas RRCD 8A

Crosby County

Surge Operating LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #K160
Hoople (Clearfork); 1082 fsl, 574 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 7.7 e Slaton; TD 4450; Comp 10/22/3017; producing from 4103-4190, fracture stimulated; pump 11 BO, 114 BW, 40.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-32080

Surge Operating LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #K150
Hoople (Clearfork); 1708 fsl, 440 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 7.7 e Slaton; TD 4458; Comp 10/19/2017; producing from 4109-4201, fracture stimulated; pump 32 BO, 86 BW, 26.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-32079

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Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: November 28, 2017 – Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State: $375

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Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: November 29 – 30, 2017
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

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Instructor: Don Valden
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Instructor: Don Valden
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Cost: $500; $525 Out of State

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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 3 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Lease Interpretation, Negotiation and Interest Calculations
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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PetroSkills: Fundamentals of Pump & Compressor Systems – ME- 44
Instructor: Gerald Guidroz
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Well Control Drilling/ Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: December 4 - 8, 2017 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: December 4-5, 2017 – Monday- Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Hydraulic Fracturing In Horizontal Wells
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: December 6-7, 2017 – Wednesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: December 8, 2017 - Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

Log Analysis of Shaly Sandstones
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 11, 2017 – Monday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $425; Out of State: $450

New Course: An Overview of Multistage Completion Systems for Hydraulic Fracturing
Instructor: W. Aaron Burton
Start Date: December 12, 2017 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

Quick Guide to Carbonate Well Log Analysis
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 12, 2017 – Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
Start Date: December 13, 2017 – Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

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Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: Jan 4- January 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Law and its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: Jan 4 – Jan 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Petroleum Geology for Non Geologists
Instructor: Paul Pause
Start Date: January 16-19, 2018 – Tuesday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $1835; Out of State $1860

Energy Land Management Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: January 17 -18, 2017 – Wednesday – Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $675; Out of State $700

Critical Title Issues Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
Start Date: January 19, 2017 – Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $350; Out of State $375

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: January 22 -23, 2018 – Monday – Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $400; Out of State: $425

4 Day ROZ and CO2 School – Includes Field Visit
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 23 – 26, 2018 – Tuesday – Friday – see website for times: www.midland.edu/ppdc
Cost: $2000; Out of State $2025

ROZ and CO2 School – Day 1 of 4 Only
Day 1: Residual Oil Zones and Commercial Exploitation
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 23, 2018 – Tuesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

ROZ and CO2 School – Day 2 of 4 Only
Day 2: Horizontal Well Reservoir Depressuring of the ROZ
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 24, 2018 – Wednesday – 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

ROZ and CO2 School – Day 3 of 4 Only (Field Visit Included)
Day 3: Field Visit plus CO2 Recycle Processing for CO2 Flooding
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 25, 2018 – Thursday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $575; Out of State $600

ROZ and CO2 School – Day 4 of 4 Only
Day 4: CO2 EOR Fundamentals
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Dr. Robert C. Trentham, Ron Wackowski, Russell K. Hall, George Koperna
Start Date: January 26, 2018 – Friday – 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $550; Out of State $575

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: January 23-24, 2018 – Tuesday - Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Valuation of Upstream Oil & Gas Properties
Instructors: Edwin C. Moritz & Dr. Mark Cronshaw
Start Date: January 24-25, 2018 – Wednesday – Thursday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1250; Out of State $1275

Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellSharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: January 29 – February 2, 2018 – Monday – Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

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Lamb County

M.E. Operating & Services Inc.
Day #2
Littlefield (San Andres); 470 fnl, 1103 fwl, Sec 673, Abst. 348, SCL. 1 s Littlefield; TD 4200; Comp 11/5/2017; producing from 4046-4050, treated with acid; pump 12 BO, 5 MCF, 97 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-279-30418

New Mexico

Eddy County

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Nosier 12 Federal MO #8
Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 750/S & 200/E. BHL: 391/S & 1596/E; EL 3950 GL, TD 9248 MD, 5470 TVD, PBTD 89226 MD, 5470 TVD; Spud 7-29-17, Comp 9-2-17; production is through treated perfs: 6130-9188. Treat: 2447 bbls 15% acid, 70,938 BBLs SW, 1,615,835# 100 mehs, 978,727# 40/70 WI, 573,062# 40/70 RC. IP: 9-7-17 Pump 24 hrs 257 BO, 1797 BW, 155 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 750 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2006 w/735 sx, 7 @ 4771 w/765 sx, 5 ½ @ 4771-9226, 2 7/8 @ 4971; API #30-015-44276

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14-15 State #2
SW Palmillo; Sec 15 T19S R28E; 285/S & 315/E. BHL: Sec 14 430/S & 280/E; EL 3420 GL, TD 12,300, PBTD 12,201; Spud 4-4-17, Comp 9-5-17; production is through treated perfs: 7518-12,203. Treat: 6,525,818# sd, 1662 bbls acid. IP: 9-16-17 Pump 24 hrs 239 BO, 875 BW, 272 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 431 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3034 w/1220 sx, 7 5/8 @ 6661-12300 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6646.5; API #30-015-44043

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Harroun Ranch Fed Com 20702 #2
Purple Sage; Sec 20 T23S R29E; 680/S & 180/W BHL: Sec 17 29.2/N & 363/W; EL 2966 GL, TD 21090 MD, 10839 TVD; Spud 2-7-17, Comp 10-5-17; production is through treated perfs: 11200-20800. Treat: 438,128 bbls total fluids & 20,279,912# 100 mehs 40/70 sd. IP: 10-5-17 Flow 24 hrs 1500 BO, 1100 BW, 8000 MCF, 12/64" Ch, CP 3250. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 345 w/375 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2743 w/955 sx, 7 @ 10829 w/800 sx, 4 ½ @ 21090 w/765 sx; API #30-015-43360

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hornsby 35 Federal Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 35 T26S R27E; 290/S & 2110/W. BHL: Sec 26 330/N & 1708/W; EL 3225 GL, TD 14536 MD, 7709 TVD, PBTD 14512 MD, 7709 TVD; Spud 4-12-17, Comp 7-21-17; production is through treated perfs: 7853-14463. Treat: 299668 bbls total fluid, 16118910# sd. IP: 8-7-17 Flow 24 hrs 308 BO, 1746 BW, 951 MCF, 40/64" Ch, TP 520, GOR 3088, Gty 49.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 410 w/515 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2195 w/900 sx, 5 ½ @ 14502 w/2650 sx 2 7/8 @ 7236; API #30-015-42166

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hornsby 35 Federal Com #10
Wildcat; Sec 35 T26S R27E; 2090/S & 820/E. BHL: Sec 26 330/N & 584/E; EL 3225 GL, TD 14536 MD, 7708 TVD, PBTD 14512 MD, 7708 TVD; Spud 5-20-17, Comp 7-21-17; production is through treated perfs: 7857-14497. Treat: 301758 bbls total fluid & 15439086# sd. IP: 8-06-17 Flow 24 hrs 533 BO, 1591 BW, 1022 MCF, 34/64" Ch, TP 680, GOR 1917, Gty 49.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 410 w/515 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2193 w/900 sx, 5 ½ @ 14536 w/1937 sx; API #30-015-42170

Lea County

EOG Y Resources
Date BTB State Com #8
North Berry; Sec 14 T21S R33E; 15/N & 680/E. BHL: 320/S & 681/E; EL 3791 Gr, TD 15,637 MD, 10,980 TVD, PBTD 15,595 MD, 10,980 TVD; Spud 7-20-14, Comp 8-26-17; production is through treated perfs: 11070-15595. Treat: Frac w/10,662,040# proppant, 179,226 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-5-17 Flow 24 hrs 1762 BO 3840 BW, 1326 MCF, 128 Ch, CP 295, GOR 753, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1892 w/100 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5645 w/1470 sx, 5 ½ @ 15632 w/2030 sx; API #30-025-41671

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #131
Triple X ; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 574/S & 2182/W. BHL: Sec 27 2629/S & 2211/W; EL 3649.8 GL, TD 17,736 MD, 10,063 TVD, PBTD 17,543; Spud 3-12-17, Comp 6-30-17; production is through treated perfs: 10,300-17,602. Treat: Frac w/21,168 gals acid, 10,654,720# prop. IP: 7-16-17 Flow 24 hrs 132 BO, 3637 BW, 214 MCF, TP 319, CP 458, GOR 1617.424. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1337 w/1440 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5138 w/1465 sx, 5 ½ @ 17726 w/2245 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9789; API #30-025-43485

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #132
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 248/S & 2022/E. BHL: Sec 27 2331/S & 2607/E; EL 3644 GL, TD 16,973 MD, 9696 TVD, PBTD 17,184; Spud 12-29-17, Comp 7-27-17; production is through treated perfs: 10300-16913. Treat: Frac w/34,398 gals acid, 10,650,000# prop. IP: 8-13-17 Flow 24 hrs 846 BO, 1576 BW, 1049 MCF, TP 900, CP 99, GOR 1239.953. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1345 w/1330 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5136 w/1650 sx, 5 ½ @ 17040 w/2170 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9513; API #30-025-43486

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 State Com #704
Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 300/S & 1386/W. BHL: Sec 27 345/N & 1280/W; EL 3457 GR, TD 22,347 MD, 12,440 TVD, PBTD 22,223 MD, 12439 TVD; Spud 4-20-17, Comp 9-13-17; production is through treated perfs: 12,686-22,223. Treat: Frac w/23,999,800# proppant, 395,757 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-18-17 Flow 24 hrs 2269 BO, 3389 BW, 4527 MCF, 38 Ch, CP 3075, GOR 1995, Gty 41. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1308 w/990 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11739 w/3529 sx, 5 ½ @ 22327 w/1040 sx; API #30-025-43720

EOG Resources Inc.
Antietam 9 Federal Com #701
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R33E; 59/N & 348/W. BHL: Sec 16 2322/N & 364/W; EL 3438 GL, TD 19735 MD, 12448 TVD, PBTD 19623 MD, 12448 TVD; Spud 5-15-17, Comp 8-24-17; production is through treated perfs; 12625-19623. Treat: Frac w/18,233,355# proppant, 293,750 bbls load fluid. IP: 8-29-17 Flow 24 hrs 4228 BO, 10505 BW, 7722 MCF, 42 Ch, CP 3572, GOR 1826, Gty 41. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1189 w/905 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11683 w/4631 sx, 5 ½ @ 19721 w/810 sx; API #30-025-43477

EOG Resources Inc.
Antietam 9 Federal Com #702
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R33E; 59/N & 378/W. BHL: Sec 16 2424/N & 342/W; EL 3438 GL, TD 19725 MD, 12378 TVD, PBTD 19592 MD, 12378 TVD; Spud 5-13-17, Comp 8-24-17; production is through treated perfs: 12711-19592. Treat: Frac w/18,159,200# proppant, 426,243 bbls load fluid. IP: 8-29-17 Flow 24 hrs 3429 BO, 9240 BW, 6686 MCF, 48 Ch, CP 2937, GOR 1950, Gty 41. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1168 w/905 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11689 w/2335 sx, 5 ½ @ 19697 w/733 sx; API #30-025-43478

EOG Resources Inc.
Antietam 8 Federal Com #703
Wildcat; Sec 9 T25S R33E; 164/N & 2003/W. BHL: Sec 16 2312/N & 988/W; EL 3465 GL, TD 19824 MD, 12497 TVD, PBTD 19715 MD, 12497 TVD; Spud 5-3-17, Comp 8-23-17; production is through treated perfs: 12708-19715. Treat: Frac w/18,678,164# proppant, 294,851 bbls load fluid. IP: 8-29-17 Flow 24 hrs 2830 BO, 9684 BW, 7383 MCF, 48 Ch, CP 3255, GOR 2609, Gty 41. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1201 w/905 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11670 w/2326 sx, 5 ½ @ 19814 w/1125 sx; API #30-025-43479

Devon Energy Production Co. LP Billiken 7 Federal #2 SW Jabalina; Sec 7 T26S R35E; 710/S & 200/W. BHL: 1960/S & 470/E; EL 3267 GL, TD 13818, PBTD 13726; Spud 10-6-15, Comp 5-20-17; production is through treated perfs: 9413-13712. Treat: Frac w/3528 gals acid, 3,687,540# proppant. IP: 6-6-17 Pump 24 hrs 209 BO, 1709 BW, 237 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1191 w/1255 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5331 w/1765 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13815 w/2040 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8894; API #30-025-42688

Steward Energy II LLC
Say My Name State #6
South Bronco; Sec 9 T14S R38E; 225/S & 380/W. BHL: 41/N & 385/W; EL 3791 Gr, TD 10158, PBTD 9869; Spud 4-24-17, Comp 8-22-17; production is through treated perfs: 5610-9827. Treat: Acdz w/33,222 gals 15%. Frac w/3,759,032# sd & 2,534,154 gals fluid. IP: 8-27-17 Pump 24 hrs 31 BO, 882 BW, 8 MCF. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 2405 w/850 sx, 5 ½ @ 10158 w/2110 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4771; API #30-025-43682

EOG Y Resources Inc.
Berry APN State #5
North Berry; Sec 5 T21S R34E; 2655/S & 1980/W. 376/N & 1971/W; EL 3718 GR, TD 15,300 MD, 10,714 TVD, PBTD 15266 MD, 10,713 TVD; Spud 12-16-14, Comp 7-26-17; production is through treated perfs: 10790-15266. Treat: Frac w/11,2756,100# proppant, 249,288 bbls load fluid. IP; 8-7-17 Flow 24 hrs 869 BO, 1078 BW, 566 MCF, 128 Ch, TP 53, CP 1136, GOR 651, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1840 w/922 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5714 w/1391 sx, 5 ½ @ 15300 w/2225 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10,674; API #30-025-41672

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #118
Triple X; Sec 34 T23S R33E; 621/S & 2199/W. BHL: Sec 27 2640/S & 2061/W; EL 3649.6 GL, TD 17288 MD, 9696 TVD, PBTD 17,184; Spud 4-4-17, Comp 6-3-17; production is through treated perfs: 10,200-17,165. Treat: Frac w/21,168 gals acid, 10,449,660# prop. IP: 7-16-17 Flow 24 hrs 777 BO, 3184 BW, 776 MCF, TP 673, CP 1696, GOR 998.327. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 310 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5135 w/1590 sx, 5 ½ @ 17288 w/2119 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9430.5; API #30-025-43451

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Mad Dog 26 B3PA State #1
Antelope Ridge; Sec 26 T23S R34E; 185/S & 660/E. BHL: 333/N & 673/E; EL 3410 GL, TD 16235, PBTD 16183; Spud 6-9-17, Comp 8-3-17; production is through treated perfs: 11696-15285. Treat: Frac w/8,845,746 gals slickwater carrying 6,058,720# 100 Mesh, 2,859,280# 30/50 white sd. IP: 8-3-17 Flow 24 hrs 945 BO, 780 BW, 793 MCF, 18/64" Ch, 4400 CP, GOR 839, Gty 45.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 880 w/675 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5116 w/1300 sx, 7 @ 11690 w/900 sx, 4 ½ @ 10979-16117 w/300 sx; API #30-025-43590

EOG Resources Inc.
Frazier 27 State Com #703
Wildcat; Sec 27 T24S R33E; 549/N & 1610/W. BHL: 239/S & 1885/W; EL 3517 GR, TD 17,276 MD, 12,470 TVD, PBTD 17,160 MD, 12,471 TVD; Spud 7-6-17, Comp 8-31-17; production is through treated perfs: 12,762-17,160. Treat: Frac w/10,643,340# proppant, 176,373 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-7-17 Flow 24 hrs 2332 BO, 4535 BW, 4141 MCF, 50 Ch, CP 1406, GOR 1776, Gty 42. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1323 w/740 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11,849 w/3897 sx, 5 ½ @ 17,266 w570 sx; API #30-025-43719

EOG Resources Inc.
Hearns 34 State Com #705

Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 300/S & 374/W. BHL: Sec 27 343/N & 777/W; EL 3461 GL, TD 22,440 MD, 12,395 TVD, PBTD 22,328 MD, 12,404 TVD; Spud 4-25-17, Comp 9-13-17; production is through treated perfs: 12,561-22,328. Treat: Frac w/24,604,120# proppant, 420,739 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-18-17 Flow 24 hrs 2728 BO, 4050 BW, 5201 MCF, 40 Ch, CP 3429, GOR 1906, Gty 41. Csg; 10 ¾ @ 1305 w/1435 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11,775 w/4156 sx, 5 ½ @ 22,430 w/1030 sx; API #30-025-43717

EOG Resources inc.
Hearns 34 State Com #706

Wildcat; Sec 34 T24S R33E; 230/S & 339/W. BHL: Sec 27 340/N & 325/W; EL 3461 GL, TD 22,345 MD, 12,450 TVD, PBTD 22,232 MD,12,451 TVD; Spud 4-23-17, Comp 9-13-17; production is through treated perfs: 12,759-22,232. Treat: Frac w/24,085,842# proppant, 407,396 bbls load fluid. IP: 9-18-17 Flow 24 hrs 3154 BO, 3751 BW, 6209 MCF, 40 Ch, CP 3355, GOR 1969. Csg: 10 ¾ @ 1335 w/990 sx, 7 5/8 @ 11,714 w/4055 sx, 5 ½ @ 22,335 w/1040 sx; API #30-025-43718

Roosevelt County

Manzano LLC
Brown Eye Girl 5 Fee #2
NE Chaveroo; Sec 5 T7S R34E; 2400/S & 2280/E. BHL: Sec 32 T6S R34E 333/N & 1668/E; EL 4,378 GR, TD 11900, PBTD 11850; Spud 4-21-17, Comp 7-17-17; production is through treated perfs: 4750-11834. Treat: 3,865,330# sd + 9918 bbls 15% acid + 103,679 bbls wtr. IP: 7-17-17 Pump 24 hrs 63 BO, 1253 BW, 87 MCF, GOR 1380:1, Gty 24. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 2428 w/1050 sx, 5 ½ @ 11900 w/1900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3485; API #30-041-20970

Manzano LLC Tupelo Honey 27 Com #5 W Milnesand; Sec 27 T8S R34E; 2400/S & 528/W.BHL: 330/N & 535/W; EL 4350 GL TD 11712, PBTD 11689; Spud 5-6-17, Comp 8-12-17; production is through treated perfs: 4850-11670. Treat: 5,235,896# sd + 6208 bbls 15% acid + 131,346 bbls wtr. IP: 9-3-17 Pump 24 hrs 86 BO, 1961 BW, 37 MF, GOR 430; 1, Gty 23. Csg: 8 5/8 2 2018 w/1050 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11712 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3509; API #30-041-20971

A decade later, gas drilling tax politics roil Pennsylvania

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A decade after energy companies began realizing the explosive economic potential of the vast Marcellus Shale natural gas reservoir, the politics of taxing it still roils Pennsylvania, now the nation's No. 2 gas state.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf made taxing Marcellus Shale production a centerpiece of his successful 2014 campaign, and it stands to be prominent in next year's re-election bid after three years of pressing the Republican-controlled Legislature to make multibillion-dollar exploration companies pay their "fair share."

It's closer than ever: tax legislation passed the Senate in July, and a similar bill underwent two days of debate last week in the House of Representatives, where Republican leaders oppose it. Still, any final vote will won't occur before December, and the bill may not survive opponents' efforts to attach provisions that will split supporters.

"The governor ran on getting this done and if he gets it done does that help him? Sure," Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming, said. That may motivate some Republicans simply to vote against it, Everett said: "I'm sure there's politics involved." Fights over the industry's practices and pipelines have flooded courts and shaped local races, including Everett's. An opponent of a tax, he supports the House's tax legislation because it includes a provision he has sought to prevent the industry's perceived abuses of landowner royalties.

The tax debate also has inflamed geographic differences, with southeastern Pennsylvania Republicans joining Democrats largely from eastern districts against much of the rest of the state. "Unfortunately there is a very strong effort from the east to attack what is our core industry in the west," said Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland, during a debate Monday.

It's hard to overestimate the Marcellus Shale's impact.

Pennsylvania is producing 30 times as much natural gas as it did a decade ago, and the Marcellus Shale is the nation's most prolific gas reservoir. Pennsylvania has rocketed from an industry backwater to within striking distance of Texas, the No. 1 gas-producing state.

The industry has drawn tens of billions of dollars of natural gas from the ground, transforming local economies and helping drive natural gas to about half its 2009 price. Meanwhile, the industry has deployed lobbying muscle and campaign contributions in the Capitol.

Taxing it looms large for Wolf's prospective re-election foes.

House Speaker Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny, is a staunch opponent of a tax. Sen. Scott Wagner, R-York, told a crowd in September that he had urged House Appropriations Committee Chairman Stan Saylor to block a Marcellus Shale tax to stop Wolf from getting re-elected.

A tax was first proposed in 2009 by then-Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat.

Three years later, Republicans brokered a deal among themselves for a per-well "impact fee" designed to satisfy calls for a tax and the anti-tax politics of then-Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican. The fee has produced an average of about $200 million annually, most of which returns to drilling communities.

Critics say the fee packs a relatively paltry tax rate when natural gas prices aren't rock bottom. Exploration companies in Texas pay substantially more in natural gas taxes, although industry lobbyists in Pennsylvania argue that prices there are higher.

Studies conclude that, to the extent that producers pass down the cost of a tax increase, out-of-state customers will foot most of the bill, according to the Independent Fiscal Office, a legislative agency.

Still, many western and northern Pennsylvania lawmakers fear an economic hit to their districts, where landowners reap royalties and business owners from landscapers to heavy equipment dealers benefit from drilling industry needs.

"You can see it when you drive into my district," said Rep. Tedd Nesbit, R-Mercer, describing the money flowing to farmers who lease their land. "There's new silos, new combines, and that money was spent locally."

To draw Republican support, the House tax proposal is substantially smaller than what Wolf sought, and it has picked up passengers, including Everett's royalty legislation and industry-friendly provisions.

Whether or not it passes, a tax remains popular in opinion surveys and promises to be grist on next year's campaign trail. Supporters contend that, the sooner a tax passes, the sooner the industry will benefit from financial predictability after years of political football.

"We've been going back and forth on this since the Rendell years," said Rep. Gene DiGirolamo, R-Bucks, who wrote the tax bill. "You would think the industry would want some closure on this."

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UTPB to add digital repository and archive

Virtual library will protect, preserve intellectual capital

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And what about such treasures as KOSA-TV news scripts from the 1970s, and a core of rock taken from an oil well site that can be digitally rendered to reveal its geological entirety in three-dimensional form? Or founding documents of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB), or even photographs of former attorney general John Ben Shepperd with former Presidents LBJ and First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson, along with Ronald Reagan's appearance at UTPB in the mid-1970s?

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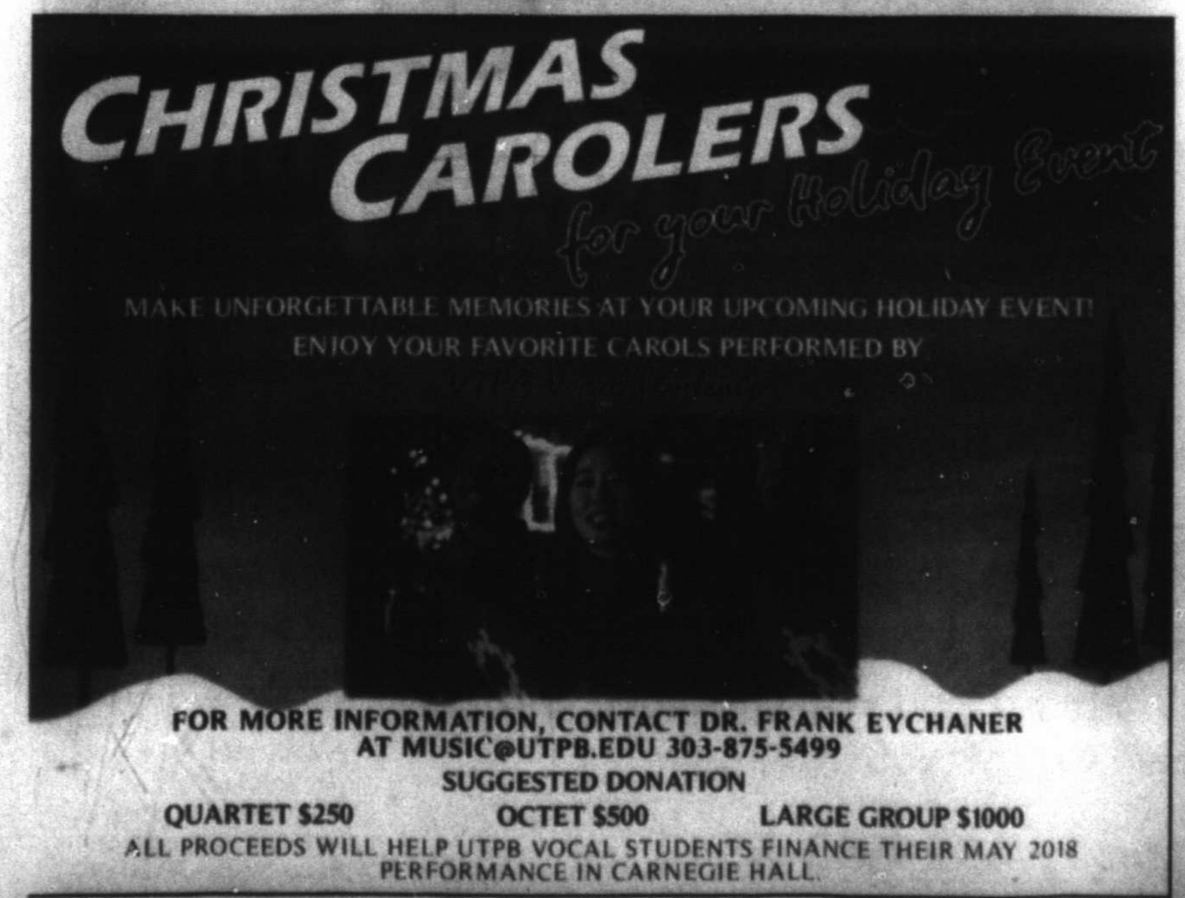
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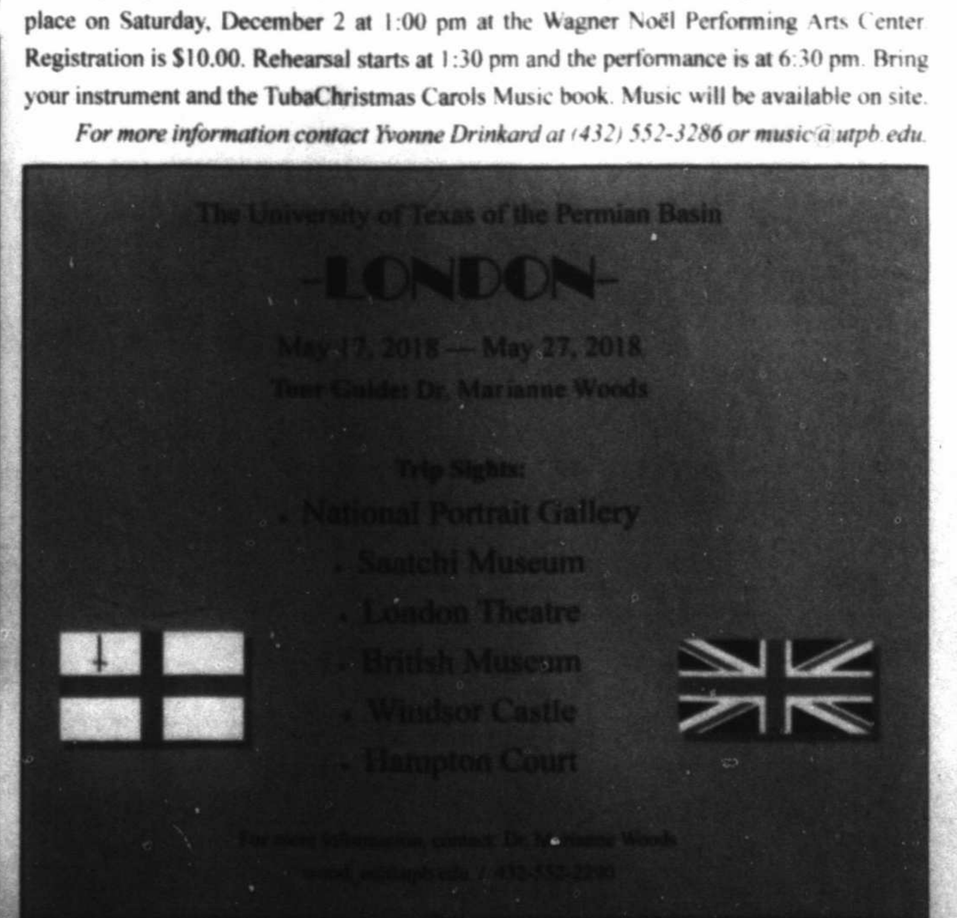
MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS celebrates 44th Anniversary, performance scheduled

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS is celebrating its 44th Anniversary (1974-2017). Created by Harvey Phillips, MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS will be presented in over 300 cities in the United States and in several foreign countries. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is included in this event and will perform on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in the lobby of the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center at 6:30 pm prior to the MOSC "Sounds of the Season" concert.

Phillips was inspired to create TUBACHRISTMAS as an annual event honoring his mentor/teach, the late great tubist William J. Bell (born Christmas day, 1902). Every Christmas season, tuba and euphonium players of all ages, from specific geographic areas, gather to pay respect – through William J. Bell – to all the great artists/teacher who represent their heritage. Every TUBACHRISTMAS performance features traditional Christmas carols especially arranged by American composer Alec Wilder (died Christmas Eve, 1980). Through Wilder, TUBACHRISTMAS concerts pay grateful tribute to composers who have embraced these noble instruments with solo and ensemble compositions. The warm, rich organ-like sound of the tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hears of every audience. It is no wonder that TUBACHRISTMAS has become an established Christmas tradition in cities throughout the world.

If you played tuba or euphonium, and would like to participate, registration will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 pm at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Registration is $10.00. Rehearsal starts at 1:30 pm and the performance is at 6:30 pm. Bring your instrument and the TubaChristmas Carols Music book. Music will be available on site.

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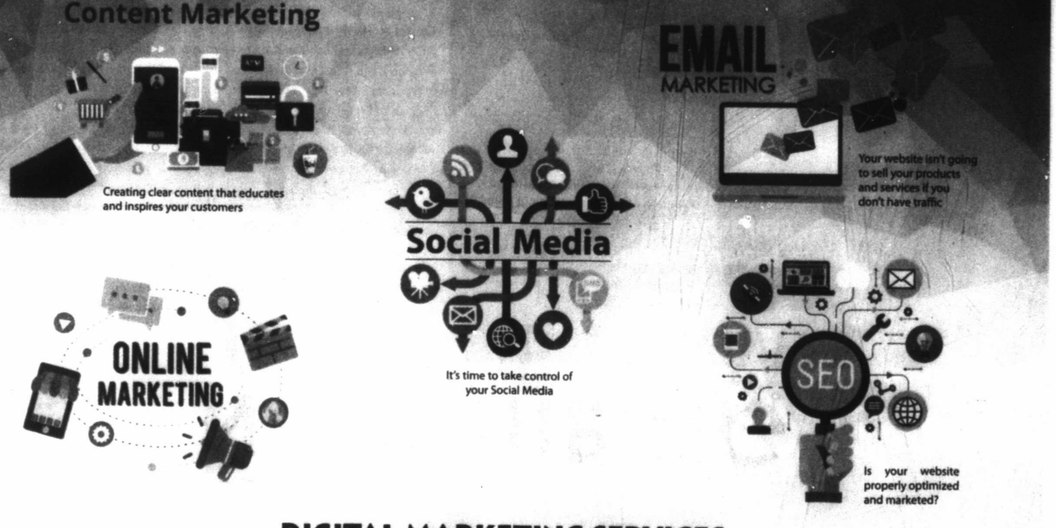
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