



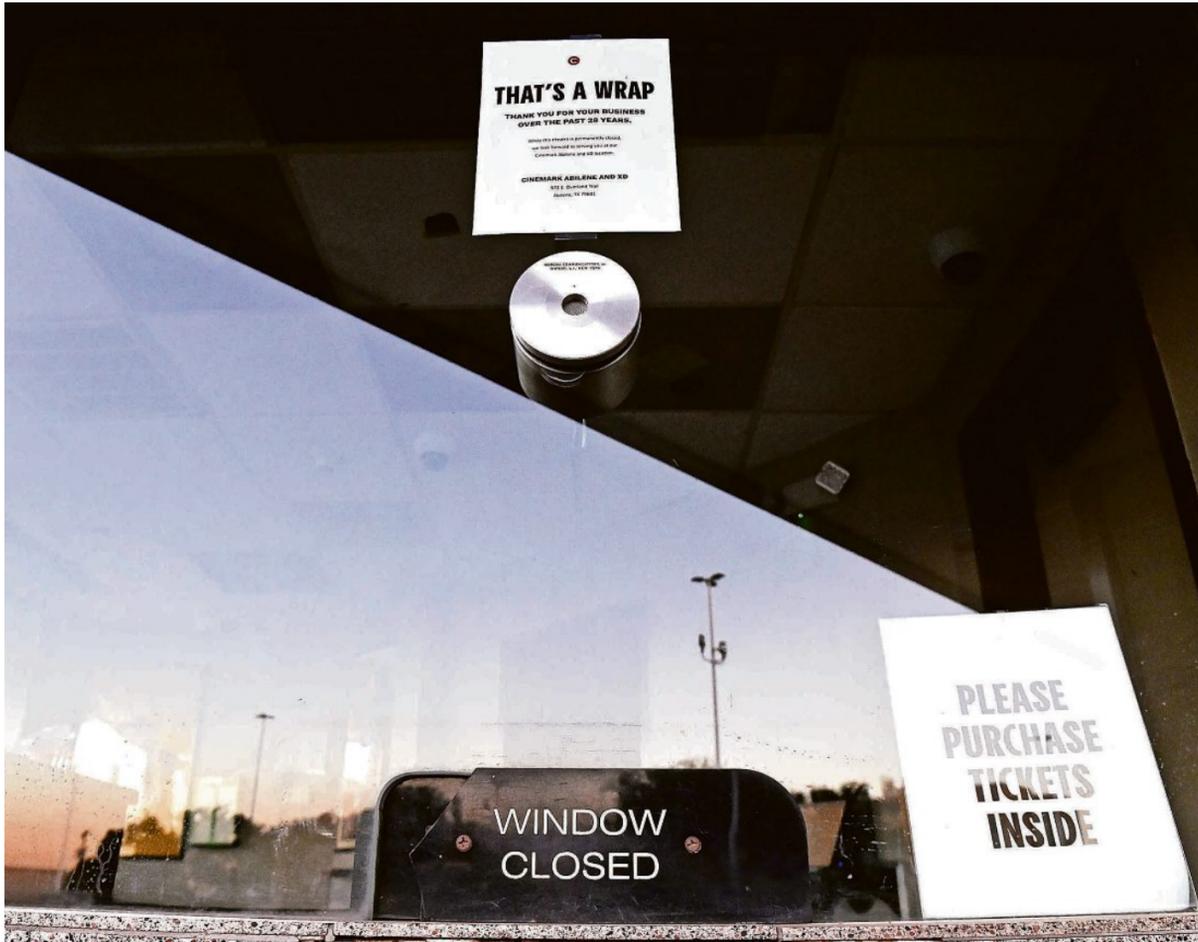
Report: U.S. likely saw negative net migration

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The box office window at the Cinemark Century 12 in Abilene Jan. 9. The movie theater's corporate parent announced its closure after 28 years.

Trump voters: MN shooting justifiable

ICE officer's actions debated nationwide

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Video of a U.S. immigration agent fatally shooting a Minneapolis mother in her car on Jan. 7 has divided the nation, becoming a political Rorschach test that elicits different verdicts depending on who views it. President Donald Trump and his administration have defended the agent and branded 37-year-old Renee Good a domestic terrorist. Local leaders and protesters across the country have condemned the shooting, saying the fact that Good turned her wheels away from the officer as she drove past him proved her peaceful intentions.

Since the Jan. 7 shooting, Reuters has spoken to six Americans who voted for Trump in 2024 – part of a group of 20 whom Reuters has interviewed monthly since February – to better understand how they assess an incident caught on video that has been viewed by millions.

Each of these half-dozen voters, who vary in their assessments of Trump's immigration policy and overall performance, came away from the video with the same conclusion: The agent feared for his life and his decision to shoot Good was justifiable.

Their verdict mirrors that of the Trump administration. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem told reporters hours after the incident that Good had refused agents' orders to move and then "proceeded to weaponize her vehicle." Trump said on social media that the woman "ran over the ICE Officer."

Many Americans disagree. Tens of thousands of people marched through Minneapolis this weekend to decry the killing and the city's mayor, Jacob Frey, called the Trump administration's assessment "bull(expletive)." Frey said the video showed an "agent recklessly using power that resulted in somebody dying, getting killed."

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When a theater closes, where does its magic go? With you

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Step inside. Leave different. Maybe you've seen that slogan around town on the side of a church or attached to the Abilene Convention Center if you believe Google. It's a truthful expression for the transformative experience that you have sometimes when a moment in time affects you deeply.

That can be standing at the altar or listening to an incredible live performance. But it can also be a movie.

By now you've likely heard the fate of the Cinemark Century 12 theater. It's a sad thing when a cinema closes like the Century did Jan. 8.

The following day a sign was posted on the doors and box office windows, "That's a wrap. Thank you for your business over the past 28 years."

When the magic runs out

It felt wrong. With so much magic experienced within those auditoriums over nearly three decades, you'd think there'd be enough left over to keep it going.

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The Cinemark Century 12 at 3818 John Knox Drive in Abilene Jan. 9. The theater closed permanently the day before. PHOTOS BY RONALD W. ERDRICH/REPORTER-NEWS

Comanche County crash takes woman's life

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A 20-year-old woman died after hitting a tree in a one-vehicle crash Monday in Comanche County, the Texas Department of Public Safety said in a media release.

The crash happened at 8:44 p.m. 4.5 miles south of Gorman on State Highway 6, the DPS said. The prelimi-

nary investigation showed Brandi Anne Leal of De Leon was driving a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV north on the highway when the vehicle drifted off the right side of the pavement.

After veering back onto the road, the SUV skidded across all lanes of traffic, and then the driver then veered right again, exiting the roadway, the DPS said. The vehicle hit a tree with its passenger side.

Leal was pronounced dead on the

scene by Comanche County Justice of the Peace Johnny Conine, the DPS said. She was wearing a seatbelt.

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