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and  
(2) Andrew Douglas Hatley of Austin,  
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and  
(3) Kelvin Roderick Lawrence of Round Rock,  
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and  
(4) Michael A. Paolini of Austin,  
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(1) 11/19, 2001, (2) Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001,  
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