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The Ducks and Buckeyes last played in the Rose Bowl in in 2010. Ohio State won that game 26-17. Now a rematch comes to Texas, but with so much more at stake. This and more in Sports

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Just a West Texas winter



A car was left Wednesday in the draw at the Scharbauer Drive and Edwards Street crossing after not being able to make it up the icy incline. BELOW: Tree limbs heavy with ice are sagging and breaking around Midland like this branch off a tree in Grafa Park on Friday. *Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Winter weather continues to plague Midland

■ Power outages, downed limbs add to woes

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Midland faced a fourth day of freezing temperatures and wet weather as the winter storm that has parked itself over West Texas continued to wreak havoc on the area.

Midland city government announced Friday morning that it would be closed because of a heating system failure, while county offices remained closed because of the inclement weather. Midland ISD superintendent Ryder Warren announced that local soccer teams would not be traveling to El Paso or Brownwood today because of the weather.

More than one inch of rain fell Friday, according to the National Weather Service, causing streets to flood. The rain forced city transportation workers to switch from ice duty to flood control, according to a press release from city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz. Midland police have responded to more than 240 wrecks since 2 p.m. Tuesday, when the storm began, Bustilloz said.

Meanwhile, at least 2,500 local customers were without power as of Friday.

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Winter weather facts

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a winter storm warning for much of West Texas starting at 6 a.m. on Tuesday. The NWS warned of periods of freezing rain and sleet and difficult driving conditions.

- The winter storm warning will remain in effect until 6 a.m. today.
- Because of the wintry mix of freezing rain, sleet and snow, the NWS also issued a a flood advisory in effect from 11:59 a.m. Friday to 3 p.m. today. The flood advisory said excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause flooding of small creeks and streams, urban areas, highways, streets, underpasses and other drainage areas.
- More than 1 inch of rain fell Friday, according to NWS.
- Texas Department of Transportation went throughout the Odessa District the past three days, treating icy overpasses.
- City of Midland had to transition from ice control to flood control on Friday because of the rain, according to the city of Midland Facebook page.
- The Friday rain storm also caused power outages across the city. At 1 p.m. on Friday, Oncor reported on its Storm Center website power outages for 1,784 customers. Outages were caused by downed power lines and tree limbs, said Sue Mercer, western region customer operations manager for Oncor.
- As of 5:41 p.m. Friday, Midland Police Department responded to 244 accidents since 2 p.m. Tuesday.
- All Loop 250 entrances west of Fairgrounds Road, the Lamesa Road and Cotton Flat Road overpasses at Interstate 20, and Big Spring Street at the Front Street overpass are closed because of the icy roads.
- Because of the Friday rain, the city also closed the Scharbauer Draw low water crossings at Edwards Street and Barber Streets and the Midland Draw low water crossings at Carver Street, Golf Course Road, Magnolia Avenue and Dormard Avenue.
- State Highway 191 between Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Loop 250 was closed on Tuesday, but reopened Wednesday morning.
- The multi-day winter storm, along with New Year's Day, caused several businesses and taxing entities to close for most of the week. Midland County, including the public libraries, and the city of Midland were closed from Wednesday through Friday.
- The Blue Door and Palmer Drug Abuse Program canceled their annual New Year's Eve events. The Blue Door is offering refunds for those who bought tickets for its event.
- The libraries will open today at noon and will close at 6 p.m. Regular hours will resume Monday.
- Midland ISD canceled all MHS basketball games on Friday.
- American Red Cross provided cots, blankets and snacks to stranded passengers with canceled flights at Midland International Air and Space Port. The local Red Cross also responded to home fires, including one in Winkler County that displaced a family of five.

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An Ill. family hopes to be reunited with a **medical marijuana program** thanks to a new law allowing children into the program. More on page 8A.

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ABOVE: Democratic New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, second from left, celebrates with his father, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, and his mother, Matilda, left, after defeating Republican challenger Rob Astorino on Nov. 4 at Democratic election headquarters in New York. Andrew Cuomo is the first New York Democratic governor since his father to win re-election. Cuomo died Thursday, the day his son Andrew started his second term as governor, the New York governor's office confirmed. He was 82. **BELOW:** Matilda Cuomo, wife of former three-term New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, leaves the Frank Campbell funeral home, Friday in New York.

Cuomo's death marks the passing of a liberal lion

By David Klepper
Associated Press



ALBANY, N.Y. — With former Gov. Mario Cuomo's death, liberals have lost one of their last, best champions, a proud populist who represented an older breed of Democrat.

During his three terms as governor, the former minor league baseball player from Queens championed the working class, reproached Ronald Reagan and flirted — repeatedly — with a run for the White House. In his 1984 address at the Democratic National Convention, he talked of a nation of haves and have-nots, of a yawning disconnect between rich and poor largely ignored by Reagan.

"A shining city is perhaps all the president sees from the portico of the White House and the veranda of his ranch, where everyone seems to be doing well," he said. "Mr. President, you ought to know that this nation is more 'A Tale of Two Cities' than it is just a 'Shining City on a Hill.'"

The 82-year-old Cuomo died Thursday at his home in Manhattan of natural causes from heart failure just hours after his son Andrew began his second term as New York's chief executive. Services are planned for Tuesday morning at a Manhattan church.

Mario Cuomo's progressive legacy is reflected today by U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, whose own 2013 campaign kickoff speech recycled the "Tale of Two Cities" image.

By contrast, Andrew Cuomo epitomizes the mainstream Democratic Party's recent tendency toward centrism. While Cuomo is socially liberal on gun control and abortion, he's seen as more fiscally conservative, willing to battle teachers unions and supportive of business friendly tax cuts.

The elder Cuomo came from an older, more liberal strand of Democratic politics that included Franklin Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson. Like them, Cuomo combined public eloquence with an intellectual rigor. Unlike those two, however, he never ran for president, despite pleas to do so in 1988 and 1992.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who also spoke at the 1984 convention, said Cuomo's supporters "literally begged him to run." Jackson said Cuomo's brand of outspoken liberalism is needed now that "too few have too much and too many have nothing."

"He had room for everybody. There's so much polarization these days," Jackson said. "He was a big tent visionary."

Even those who disagreed with his policies respected Cuomo's passion and his rise as the son of Italian immigrants to the pinnacle of American politics. Republican state Senate Leader Dean Skelos called him "one of the great orators of our time."

In a twist, Cuomo's decision not to seek the presidency in 1992 cleared the way for Bill Clinton, who steered the Democratic Party toward the center. Clinton also tapped Andrew Cuomo — a top adviser to his father — as his secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

While Mario Cuomo represented "what Democrats used to be, what Democrats were before the Clintons came on the scene," Andrew Cuomo shows the party's evolution since then, said Christina Greer, professor of political science at Fordham University. But Greer said the elder Cuomo's liberal legacy still resonates through his son.

"The son is always different from the father. We saw that with the Bushes, with the Romneys," she said. "But you can't be with a man like Mario Cuomo for 20 years without having the core essence of who he is rub off on you."

Mario Cuomo famously said "you campaign in poetry; you govern in prose" and if he was the orator, his son is the operator, the one who passes state budgets on time and — as when he resolved a threatened Long Island Rail Road strike last year — makes trains run on schedule.

"Andrew Cuomo is more the prose guy," said Baruch College political scientist Doug Muzzio, who taught a course several years ago alongside Mario Cuomo. "Mario was transformational. Andrew doesn't seek to be transformational. He's transactional."

In a 1992 interview with The Associated Press, Cuomo said his greatest accomplishments included restructuring the state police and courts, fixing highways and passing the nation's first seatbelt law. He did not include another legacy: an unprecedented expansion of the state prison system.

"Will I be remembered for all of that? I don't know," he said at the time. "What I would like them to say, what I would like to have written on my tombstone: 'He tried.' That, I think, is the maximum we can do."

Judge who imprisoned Pete Rose dies at 94

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — S. Arthur Spiegel, a longtime federal judge known for his support of civil rights and for sending baseball star Pete Rose to prison, has died. He was 94.

Diane Wykoff, his judicial assistant for his 34 years on the federal bench, confirmed Friday that Spiegel died Wednesday in Cincinnati. Other details weren't available immediately.

Spiegel was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 and took senior status in 1995, keeping up a busy docket in the years after. He had earned degrees from the University of Cincinnati and Harvard Law School and served as a Marine in combat duty the Pacific campaign during World War II.

Spiegel sentenced Rose, the Cincinnati native also banned from Major League Baseball for betting on baseball, to prison for five months in 1990 for tax evasion stemming from unreported income from gambling, baseball memorabilia sales and autograph appearances. Among other prominent rulings, he rejected an anti-gay rights initiative in Cincinnati and oversaw a settlement involving a former uranium processing plant near Cincinnati. Last September, he ruled that voters arrested and jailed the weekend before Election Day must be given a chance to cast an absentee ballot.

From his early days as an attorney in Cincinnati, Spiegel urged support of civil rights, and he served as chairman of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission in the 1960s. He and his wife, Louise, last year were inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame. He, in recent years, was active in efforts to broaden opportunities for minorities in the legal profession.

Obituaries



Dorothy T. Haden

Dorothy T. Haden, also known as "Dot," passed away December 31, 2014 at the age of 85.

She was born in Breckenridge, Texas on August 27, 1929 to Albert Miller Torrance and Anna Torrance. She had three sisters, Helen Speegle, Jo Ann McKissack (Bob) and Jerry Carruth, and two brothers, Robert and Donald Torrance. With her sweet and congenial personality and the desire to help others, it is no surprise that she chose to go into the field of nursing. She graduated from Mather School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1949. Her first job as a Registered Nurse was at the office of Dr. Thomas Abney in Odessa, Texas.

Dot married the love of her life, Donald Glenn Haden, on May 26, 1950 and had two sons, Paul and Tom Haden. She took some time off from nursing to run her household and raise her boys, but later worked at Midland Memorial Hospital for approximately 10 years in the 1960s.

Following that, she became a school nurse for Midland Independent School District and retired from MISD in 1980. She was also a nursing volunteer for the American Red Cross and taught mother and baby care classes. She served on the Family Services of Midland Board of Directors, serving as President of the board in her last year. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, fishing, hiking, and golfing. She managed to achieve three hole-in-ones in her lifetime, two of which were on her birthday! She enjoyed extensive traveling with her husband in their retirement years.

Dot is survived by her sisters, Jo Ann and Jerry; her husband, Don; her sons, Tom and Paul; daughter-in-law, Terri; three grandchildren, Paula Hamby (Aaron), Michael, and Callie Carathers (Matt); and three great-grandchildren, Kylee Hamby, Haden Hamby, and Clara Hamby.

Dot was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Helen; and her brothers, Robert and Donald.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Midland Memorial Foundation, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas 79701, Attn: Tricia Jowell Cobb, with check memo to The Dorothy Haden R.N. Scholarship Fund, or to a charity of your choice.

Memorial service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2015 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, Texas.

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



Harry Middleton

Harry Middleton, 86, a lifelong Big Spring resident, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014 in Lubbock, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, with Tom Koger officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Harry was born October 18, 1928 in Big Spring to Robert V. and Louise Middleton. He married Janet Hightower on June 24, 1955 in Garden City, Texas. Together, they built a life that included a love of rodeos, ranching, and horse racing.

Harry graduated from Texas Tech University in 1954 with a Bachelor's degree. He also served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. But it was on his land, farming and ranching for more than 60 years where Harry was always most at home.

Harry was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as a Deacon for many years. He was also a member of Staked Plains Lodge 598 and Suez Shrine Temple. He was a member and past president of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo and served on the board of directors of the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janet of Big Spring; daughter, Candy Brown and husband, Jacky of Midland; son, John Middleton and wife, Cindy of Big Spring; granddaughters, Kim Fishpaw and husband Jim of Fort Worth, and Lauren Craig and husband, Cody of Lubbock; grandsons, Jake Brown of San Angelo, and Clay Brown of Lubbock; four great- granddaughters, Victoria, Raegan, Kellan Fishpaw, and Ellie Craig; sister, Vivien Buckner of Big Spring; two nephews, Robert Buckner and Barry Hobbs; and two nieces, Paula Jones and Marie Kauss.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*

Death Notices

Bob Bell

Bob Bell, 75, passed away on January 1, 2015.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Curtis Huff

Curtis Huff, 43, of Midland, passed away December 30, 2014. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 4, 2015. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2015 at First Assembly of God in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Shelly Huff; sons, C.J. Huff, Rowdey Huff, and Dakota Huff.

Gerald Vernon Mendenhall

Gerald Vernon Mendenhall, 84, of Midland, passed away on December 30, 2014 with his family at his side. Memorial services will be held at Midland Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Inurnment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Mendenhall; daughter, Susan K. Benham; and son, John M. Mendenhall.

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There's a little bit of everything in

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Look for it in Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

With new land commissioner, a new era for Bushes

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

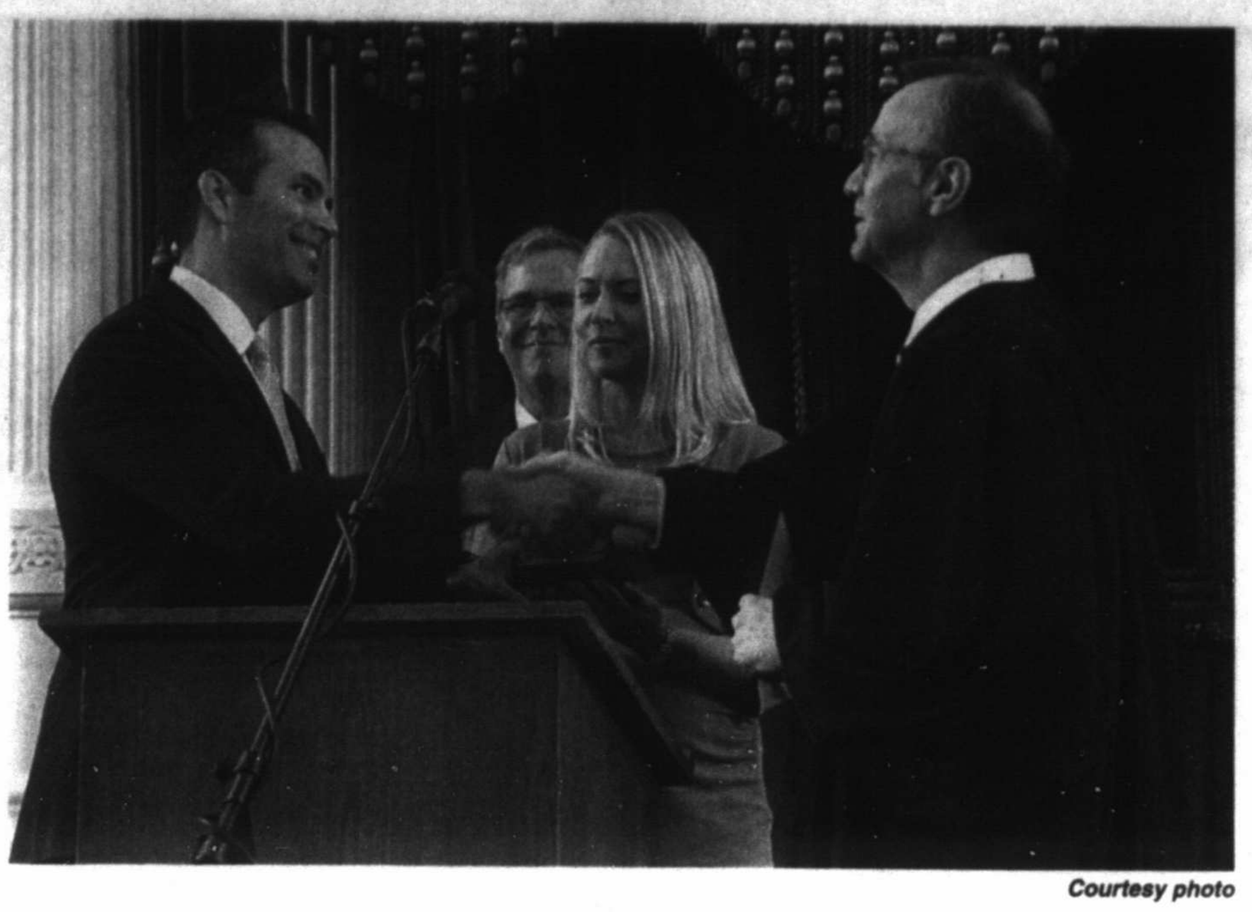
It's official: Texas is once again Bush country.

Big names in state and national politics gathered in the Texas Senate chamber Friday to watch Republican George P. Bush — son of Jeb, nephew of George W. and grandson of George H.W. — take the oath of office as the state's 28th land commissioner, kicking off a new era for what Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett called "one of the most revered families in American history."

At the helm of the General Land Office, the fresh-faced former investment consultant promised to "add to the legendary story of Texas — a story that's just getting started." Bush was sworn-in with his father, the former Florida governor and possible 2016 presidential candidate; his mother, Columba; and his wife, Amanda, looking on.

"The General Land Office has played a critical role in changing our world," he told an assembly that included U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas; U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin; four former land commissioners (Jerry Patterson, Garry Mauro, David Dewhurst and Bob Armstrong); and other state and federal officials.

Bush's role at the 179-year-old agency is sure to shine a brighter spotlight on its many duties, large and small.



Courtesy photo

George P. Bush is sworn as the 28th Texas Land Commissioner on Friday by The Honorable Sidney A. Fitzwater, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol. With Mr. Bush was his wife Amanda, Jeb Bush Sr. and his mother Columba Bush.

It requires him to look out for Texas schoolchildren by extracting money from the very industries — oil and gas — that have fueled his family's wealth and political fortunes. That's because the agency manages mineral rights on millions of acres of state-owned property, whose royalties flow into the $37.7 billion Permanent School Fund. In that capacity, Bush inherits a lawsuit against Denton, the North Texas city that voted in November to ban hydraulic fracturing.

He also assumes a hodgepodge of other responsibilities: protecting Texas' coastline, handling billions of federal dollars for disaster recovery, preserving the Alamo, and administering loans and other benefits to veterans.

In his remarks, Bush said that he would "practice the politics of aspiration," thinking each day about single mothers struggling to pay school tuition bills, oilfield roughnecks eying volatile oil prices and "wounded warriors" adjusting to civilian life. He also promised to improve the agency's efficiency.

Patterson, the outgoing land commissioner, said he was happy to see Bush succeed him, calling the 38-year-old "eager and bright."

Of the agency, he said: "I don't think it needs any more attention, but if it gets more attention because the guy's name is Bush, that's great."

Many gathered at the ceremony spoke broadly of the Bush family's return to Texas politics but insisted the new land commissioner would make his own decisions.

"This man is his own man, with his own ideas and his own vision for the days ahead," said Williams.

"I think we're going to have a chance to see what he can do," Cornyn told reporters, "regardless of what his name is."

Bush's team originally closed the event to news media, in anticipation that his grandfather, the former U.S. president, would be attendance, causing security issues. After he decided to stay in Houston, press was allowed into the Senate Chamber.

Also sworn in Friday was former state Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, Texas' new comptroller of public accounts.

Killer in 'Bernie' movie could still face scrutiny

Associated Press

CARTHAGE — The East Texas mortician whose murder case inspired the dark comedy film "Bernie" could formally have his life sentence wiped off the books as soon as June, though his prosecutor won't rule out trying to pursue other charges against him.

Bernie Tiede appeared in court Friday in Carthage, the East Texas town where he Marjorie Nugent, a wealthy widow with whom he struck up an unusual friendship, was killed. After her 1996 slaying, Tiede hid her body in her garage freezer for several months. The circumstances of that case were portrayed in the 2011 movie "Bernie," with Jack Black starring as Tiede and Matthew McConaughey playing prosecutor Danny Buck Davidson.

A judge scheduled a June 1 start to a new sentencing trial for Tiede.

Attorneys who took up Tiede's case after the movie argued Tiede and Nugent had an abusive relationship and that he was abused as a child. They said his life sentence for first-degree murder was too harsh and that he should have been convicted and sentenced for second-degree murder instead.

Davidson, who remains the district attorney in Panola County, agreed to let Tiede go free on bond and pursue a formal reduction of Tiede's sentence. That has been harshly criticized by Nugent's relatives, who say Davidson has ignored their emails and phone calls. They also say the film unfairly portrays Nugent as an unpopular cheapskate and lionizes Tiede.

Davidson met with the Nugent family before court Friday for the first time since Tiede's release.

"I think we got the air cleared," Davidson said in a phone interview. "We're trying to see if we've got some grounds to work on."

Davidson raised the possibility of prosecuting Tiede for theft based on allegations that Tiede spent Nugent's money after killing her. He said he had not yet made a decision.

Ryan Gravatt, a spokesman for the Nugent family, called the meeting "terse."

"The Nugents expressed their disappointment with how Danny Buck Davidson has treated them and how poorly he's prosecuted this case," Gravatt said.

Jodi Cole, Tiede's attorney, did not return a phone message Friday.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WACO

Police recover woman's body after Lake Waco crash

Police have recovered the body of a woman who was in a car that crashed into Lake Waco on New Year's Eve.

Authorities on Thursday had requested the public's help in locating 24-year-old Brittany Stevenson after divers spent hours searching, but found no trace of her.

However, Waco Police Sgt. Patrick Swanton said in a statement Friday that divers had recovered Stevenson's remains.

Stevenson was in a red Kia Forte that crashed through a guardrail and jumped a dirt barrier into Lake Waco around 11 p.m. Wednesday. A second woman in the car swam to shore.

The other woman said she never saw Stevenson escape, and police thought Stevenson might have left the scene on her own.

The cause of the crash is still being investigated.

LUBBOCK

Lowe's employee, 23, dies when wood falls on him

A federal workplace safety agency will investigate the death of a male employee at a Lowe's Home Improvement store in Lubbock who died after a stack of lumber fell on him.

Lubbock Fire Department spokesman Steve Holland said Friday that the 23-year-old man died when a rack of wood fell on him about 11:20 a.m.

Additional details were not immediately available.

A woman who answered the store's phone said employees had been instructed not to talk to the media.

A statement from Lowe's North Carolina headquarters said an internal investigation was underway and that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration also was looking into the incident.

Grief counselors were being sent to the store, which closed for the day a short time after the employee was killed.

HOUSTON

Boy, 12, killed in shooting at home

A 12-year-old boy has been killed and two others wounded in a shooting at a home north of Houston.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that gunshots were reported at the home Thursday afternoon in north Harris County.

A 23-year-old man was shot multiple times and was taken to a hospital in critical condition. An 18-year-old man was grazed by a bullet and treated at a hospital.

The 12-year-old was identified as Deunte Cooks.

It remained unclear Friday what prompted the shooting and authorities have not explained the relationship between the boy and the older men. Houston broadcast reports said they were brothers.

Seismologists expand study of Irving earthquakes

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Southern Methodist University seismologists will install more measuring equipment Monday in a Dallas suburb as earthquakes rattle North Texas.

More localized seismometers in Irving are "the first step in understanding the nature of the seismic activity," professor Brian Stump said in an email Friday.

While earthquakes in Irving are not unprecedented — the city has experienced about 50 small tremors since 2008 — about a third have occurred just since October, according to the Dallas Morning News. That includes a 3.3-magnitude temblor near Texas Stadium, the former home of the Dallas Cowboys.

Small earthquakes have become more common recently in Texas and Oklahoma.

"The issue most people are concerned about is the increasing frequency of the quakes," Irving City Manager Chris Hillman told the newspaper.

In October, state officials amended rules for disposal well operators amid concerns that high-pressure injections can trigger earthquakes.

About 40 miles from Irving, SMU seismologists are examining whether swarms of earthquakes near the city of Azle are linked to disposal wells, where thousands of gallons of water used in hydraulic fracturing are injected every day.

In neighboring Reno, disposal well operators must prove the injections will not cause earthquakes before receiving city permits.

Texas hired its first seismologist to investigate any link between quakes and fracturing after a group of residents from Reno and Azle traveled to Austin to ask the Railroad Commission, the state's oil and gas regulator, to halt the drilling.

Geologists say earthquakes of magnitude 2.5 to 3.0 are generally the smallest that are felt by humans and that damage is not likely from earthquakes that measure less than 4.0.

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■ Tex-Mex Barrel Race at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com
■ William Doherty book signing, 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.
■ Poetry slam, 7 p.m. at Tea2Go. facebook.com/texaspoets.
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Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

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Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 8-2-3
Pick 3 evening: 5-4-9
Daily 4 morning: 8-6-9-2
Daily 4 day: 9-3-2-7
Daily 4 evening: 3-1-6-7
All or Nothing morning: 8-9-11-12-13-15-16-17-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-10-11-12-13-14-16-17-19-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-5-8-10-12-14-17-19-20-21-24

Editor's note: Not all Lotto results were available as of press time due to inclement weather.

Today in history

Today is Saturday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2015. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced that the United States had terminated diplomatic relations with Cuba, after the Havana government said it was limiting the number of U.S. Embassy and Consulate personnel allowed in the country.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 2000, the last new daily "Peanuts" strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush tapped his father, former President George H.W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton to help raise tsunami relief funds.

Five years ago: The U.S. closed its embassy in Yemen, citing ongoing threats by the al-Qaida branch linked to the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt of a U.S. airliner headed to Detroit.

One year ago: The secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ruled again that the National Security Agency could keep collecting every American's telephone records every day.

City emerges as new battleground on voting rights

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press



AP file photo

A church sign advertises when English services are held in Pasadena on Nov. 18. Pasadena is preparing to change the makeup of its city council in a way that city fathers hope fosters new development, but that some Hispanics allege dilutes their influence. The case could become a test of the Supreme Court ruling last year that struck down most of the federal Voting Rights Act, giving cities in many Southern states new latitude to change election laws affecting minorities without first getting federal approval.

PASADENA — When the movie "Urban Cowboy" made this refinery town famous in 1980, the honkytonk Gilley's was booming and wannabe cowpokes from the white Houston suburbs flocked here to drink and dance. Houston was the big city, but Pasadena was for kicks.

Today Pasadena is a mostly working-class Hispanic suburb that looks as hard-ridden in some pockets as the mechanical bull that bucked John Travolta. Gilley's burned down years ago. Now a federal lawsuit accuses the town's white councilmembers of leading a discriminatory plan to turn back the clock.

Pasadena is preparing to change the makeup of its city council in a way that city fathers hope fosters new development, but that some Hispanics allege dilutes their influence. The case could become a test of the Supreme Court ruling last year that struck down most of the federal Voting Rights Act, giving cities in many Southern states new latitude to change election laws affecting minorities without first getting federal approval.

"Clearly it was racism," said Pasadena Councilman Ornaldo Ybarra, one of two Hispanics on Pasadena's eight-member council, about the town's planned council changes. The campaign for a new voting system "was meant to scare Anglos, and it was effective," he said.

In Pasadena, which is roughly 60 percent Hispanic, voters approved a referendum that replaces two city council seats representing districts with at-large seats, which Hispanic leaders say will negate their growing population numbers. The new format was proposed by the mayor, who is white, in July 2013, one month after the high court decision.

The mayor and supporters insist the new format will bring more participation by all Pasadena residents because they'll have more to vote for. They note that other cities, including Houston, have at-large council members.

The change comes as city leaders are pressing for more investment to boost the local economy. Supporters say at-large council members are more likely to consider a city's larger interests than the concerns of individual districts.

Since its Gilley's heyday, Pasadena's cachet has gradually been swallowed by newer, more affluent suburbs. Well-paid refinery hands and white-collar downtown commuters moved away, and whites are now mostly concentrated in Pasadena's south side. Gilley's old address is now a used-car lot. Even the ground under the aging city hall building is sinking.

To turn things around, the mayor and allies are angling for a new entertainment district that could include a dance hall on the south side. The council could move forward on the idea after the new voting system takes effect following elections in May.

But Ybarra and some other residents say they fear the projects will cost money needed for improving services in the city's low-income neighborhoods.

"If it doesn't work out, then the city is left with a vacant building. The city is already full of vacant buildings," said Jennifer Halvorson, 40, a lifelong Pasadena resident, about the prospects of another dance hall.

Mayor Johnny Isbell declined to discuss the lawsuit. But Pat Riley, a former mayor pro-tem, said the change in council seats won't prevent Hispanic residents from making their wishes known.

"I don't think it's taken anything away from them. If that's the case, why can't they run somebody they want in there and vote for them?" said Riley, who moved to Pasadena in 1942 and recalled having just one Hispanic in her high school class.

Some Hispanics fear that wealthier white candidates will have the upper hand in at-large races that demand costlier citywide campaigns.

Suing the city on behalf of five Hispanic residents is the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which also took Texas to court over the state's new voter ID law.

Since the Supreme Court ruling last year, most attention has focused on statewide-voting changes made in some of the 15 states covered by the Voting Rights Act, which was passed during the Civil Rights era. The Pasadena case is one of the first involving a city.

The plaintiffs face the burden of proving intentional discrimination. Civil rights attorneys say they worry that the money and effort of mounting a challenge will discourage action in many cities.

When a school board parish in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, redrew voting districts a month before an election, opponents sought to invalidate the changes under an administrative loophole in state court, where the costs and threshold for victory are lower, said Alfreda Tillman Bester, attorney for the Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP. But the challenge failed.

Attorneys who helped dozens of Texas cities and counties redraw their political boundaries after the 2010 Census said cities moving to change their election systems aren't necessarily attempting to discriminate, and are eager to move beyond the bureaucratic process of the Voting Rights Act.

"Not because of nefarious purposes," said Chris Gober, a conservative Austin attorney who has represented Republicans in redistricting cases. Previously, "The bottom line ... is that it imposed real administrative burdens."

Dispute brings scrutiny to Austin preservation law

By Lilly Rockwell
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — A white mid-century modern house that has sat on Red River Street for six decades will now be designated historic, making the owner eligible for property tax breaks, thanks to a vote by the Austin City Council at a December meeting.

There's just one problem. The owner didn't want it.

Owner Gwyn Shive, 96, wants to demolish the 1,900-square-foot, International-style house, saying it has fallen into disrepair and would cost more than $475,000 to fix up. Shive owns the house through the name Delta H Corp.

While the decision to give the house historic landmark status was celebrated by the city's preservationists, Shive, who has used the house as a rental since 1963, said it amounts to an unjust six-figure penalty.

"The city and those in favor of historic zoning of this house have crossed the line by effectively executing an uncompensated taking of this property," the Shive family said in a statement through attorney Matt Williams.

Williams was contacted by private property rights advocates and lawyers who say this historic designation could be a perfect test case to challenge the city of Austin's "overreach," he said, in the area of historic zoning. "They like that the city is serving up a half-a-million-dollar bill on an elderly woman in her 90s and that it is totally against her will and in response to nothing more than a demolition permit."

This unusually epic battle between preservationists and a landowner began back in May, winding its way through various levels of city bureaucracy, from the Historic Landmark Commission to the Planning Commission before reaching the City Council for a final vote in December.

Typically, owners want the historic designation because it comes with property tax breaks.

By gaining historic status, the owners are prevented from making any significant changes to the house's exterior. Shive would also get a tax break of $5,216, cutting her tax bill roughly in half, though she told the American-Statesman she won't accept it. The house is valued by the Travis Central Appraisal District at $438,560.

Since Austin's historic zoning designation program began in the 1970s, there have only been two other times that a house has been deemed historic against the owner's wishes, according to Lin Team, a board member of Preservation Austin.

"It's a very, very rare situation," said Team, a Realtor who specializes in historic properties. "When we started on this case, we didn't expect to win."

Since the city's historic landmark program began in the 1970s, it has named about 580 homes and buildings historic landmarks.

After receiving a glut of historic landmark applications in 2009, the city tightened the standards. The new criteria require buildings to be at least 50 years old, retain their historical integrity and represent a significant architectural style or have community value or noteworthy former occupants.

The two-story Red River house has a white stucco facade and dark red trim and was built in 1947 by residential construction firm Arnn Brothers. It persisted as the years churned by and Red River morphed from a sleepy residential road into a bustling semicommercial thoroughfare.

Team said Preservation Austin doesn't fight every demolition permit in the city, but, in this case, the stakes were too high to ignore. The house's prominent location, and the fact that it is only one of two international-style houses in Austin caused preservation groups to get behind the effort.

The Red River house is also described under the architectural style "Streamline Moderne." Steve Sadowsky, the city's historic preservation officer, said its Streamline Moderne features include cantilevered overhang, glass block accents, vertical fins and portholes.

Karen Browning, Shive's daughter, said the council's decision forces Shive to pay for an estimated $476,685 in repairs, such as fixing a cracked slab. If the family doesn't make those repairs, they could be charged with code violations.

Browning submitted letters to the council from a structural engineer and a foundation repair expert who said the foundation wasn't repairable and urged demolition. A restoration company, Realty Restoration, provided the repair estimate, which included demolishing part of the slab and roof repairs as well as interior changes.

But Sadowsky and Preservation Austin lined up their own estimates from experts, who reached different conclusions. One construction firm estimated the repairs at $287,000 to $374,000, while the other said it would cost $360,000 to $540,000 to rehabilitate.

Sparks Engineering, a structural engineering firm, said, "Rehabilitation of the house is feasible, and there is no structural reason the house should be demolished."

Browning said if the family was granted permission to demolish, they would leave the land empty for a few years, with the hope of eventually building another residential home on the property.

Shive is the sole remaining owner of the Delta H Corp., which was formed in the early 1960s to buy up a bunch of Hancock neighborhood homes in the hopes of keeping that area residential after the Hancock Shopping Center was built nearby. Shive is adamant about keeping the home's site a residence and fears selling it would risk turning the property over to commercial interests.

But Team said she did find a buyer for the property who wanted to restore it and keep it residential.

Noted developer Clark Lyda, who has been involved in major housing restoration projects in Austin before, toured the house and wanted to put in an offer.

"It's architecturally significant and, to my eyes at least, a beautiful small home of its era and worthy of preservation," Lyda said.

But Browning said Shive doesn't want to sell.

WEATHER

From 1A

according to figures from Oncor's online power outage map. The outages were due to a combination of ice weighing down both power lines and tree limbs, according to Sue Mercer, western region customer operations manager for Oncor. Some branches had broken off and hit power lines, and Mercer said that the company was still investigating the cause of the outages.

"Be patient with us. We're doing what we can," said Mercer of her crew's work to restore power to customers. "The most important things that we do are safety and reliability. We want to get (power) back on as quickly as possible in the safest manner for both our customers and our employees."

For residents who have trees that are sagging, the worst thing that they can do is to try to prune their trees in these wet and icy conditions, said Ector County horticulture Extension Agent Jeff Floyd.

"Let all the ice fall off and then we'll see where we stand," Floyd told the Reporter-Telegram. "We'll notice then that a lot of the limbs will spring back and be OK. But some of them will have twisted, some will have broken."

But most of all, Floyd said that if someone sees a limb hanging near a power line, they should not attempt to work on it themselves. Instead, they should call an arborist to take a look at it.

As the temperature has hovered between the low 20s and the low 30s, those who don't have a roof overhead have struggled to stay warm. Organizations such as the Salvation Army open their doors between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. during cold weather spells, allowing those living outside to come in and have a warm place to eat, shower and sleep.

No matter how many people show up, "we are not full and we are never full," said Mike Holland, Salvation Army shelter manager.

"I try to prepare the shelter and the staff for this to happen," Holland said Friday. "We usually go in in really good shape, and we are right now. My biggest problem is that we're short on staff."

Holland had just resumed working after pulling a 21-hour shift on Thursday. He said that the reason he and the one other person on his staff have had to work long hours is because someone has to be on the premises when clients are there for insurance purposes. His staff of three has been reduced to two, and he has been using the organization's business group's janitor to help fill in the gaps.

While he may be short on manpower, Holland said that he's well-stocked, but could always use a little more help.

"We plan for (these events). We try to stock up on towels and everything so we have what we have so that we go into long stretches pretty good," Holland said. "But we always need towels and blankets."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rodolfo C. Enriquez, 35, of El Paso was charged Thursday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Jimmy Espinoz, 25, of Midland was charged Thursday with obstruction or retaliation.

Julian P. Partida, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.

Kendall L. Smith, 42, of Houston was charged Thursday with abandonment or endangering a child in imminent danger of bodily injury.

Timothy J. Chambers Jr., 24, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

Kealsey B. Eubank, 19, of Monahans, was charged Tuesday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair and possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Jose A. Garcia, 25, of Monahans, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Illinois extends marijuana experiment to children

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press



Associated Press

Nicole Gross plays with her son Chase, who is autistic and epileptic, at their home Thursday in Colorado Springs, Colo. Chase was moved from Chicago to Colorado so he could legally access a medical marijuana oil known as Charlotte's Web.

CHICAGO — Randy Gross hopes a new law allowing children into Illinois' medical marijuana program will reunite his family, nearly a year after his wife moved to Colorado so their son could receive a controversial treatment to ease his epileptic seizures.

Gross lives and works in Illinois. His wife, Nicole, moved with their two sons so their 8-year-old could legally swallow a quarter-teaspoon of marijuana oil each day. While the medical evidence is thin, some parents — including the Grosses — say marijuana works for their children and they're willing to experiment.

"We can tell he's feeling better," Nicole Gross said of their son, Chase, who also has autism and uses sign language. "He puts four or five signs together. He'll sign, 'brother go downstairs play.' ... He engages more, makes better eye contact. If he notices something funny on his TV show, he'll clap and pat you on the back."

The boy formerly suffered abrupt "head drop" seizures — at least one every two minutes, she said. Now 20 minutes go by, sometimes 30 minutes, between seizures, she said.

The dark green, pungent oil comes from a hybrid marijuana strain called Charlotte's Web, which was cultivated by a Colorado company to be heavy in a compound called CBD and low in THC, the ingredient that gets people high. It hasn't been tested in clinical trials for effectiveness or safety, but it will be legal in Illinois under a law that took effect Thursday.

Sorting truth from hype is difficult. CBD shows enough promise that two drug companies are studying it for childhood seizures with support from U.S. regulators, but those results will take years. For now, mainstream medicine regards Charlotte's Web as a folk remedy deserving of caution.

"There is good evidence of long-term harm of chronic marijuana use on the developing brain under 18 years of age," said Dr. Leslie Mendoza Temple, a suburban Chicago doctor who has given accredited lectures about medical marijuana for the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.

She considers the scientific evidence sparse, so "in general, this is a medicine only to be considered when all other therapies have been exhausted and failed, and if the child is quite debilitated."

A wave of Charlotte's Web publicity, sparked by a 2013 CNN documentary, lured families to Colorado and unfairly played on their desperation, said Dr. Kevin Chapman, who treats children with epilepsy at Children's Hospital Colorado. Chapman has seen only inconsistent parent accounts that Charlotte's Web works.

When he and his colleagues reviewed the charts of 58 young patients using the oil, they found less than a third of parents reported a big reduction in seizures, and the improvement didn't show up on available before-and-after tests that measure brain waves. Families who moved to Colorado to use the drug, however, were three times more likely to report improvement than families already living in the state.

"Families have to move, sell everything, pack up, leave their social network," Chapman said. "It's hard to be truly objective if you've had to do so much to get this drug that's been touted as a miracle medication."

Under emergency rules, the Illinois Department of Public Health announced in December, young patients will be able to use medical marijuana for any of the nearly 40 health conditions already authorized for adults, although some — like agitation of Alzheimer's disease — aren't childhood conditions.

Children will be required to get written certification from two doctors. Adult patients need just one doctor to sign off.

Illinois doctors will be reluctant to sign children's forms, and for good reason, said Dr. Joel E. Frader, a Northwestern University bioethicist and palliative care pediatrician at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Signing means a doctor believes there will be a therapeutic benefit that outweighs the risks.

"I know there are a lot of parents who feel desperate, and my heart certainly goes out to them," Frader said. "In Illinois, there has been pressure put on the state Legislature and the regulatory process to increase the scope of use for medical marijuana by families who look at this as their last hope."

No legal marijuana has been grown in Illinois yet. Potential growers waiting to learn whether they've been granted permits must build secure facilities before they can plant the first crop. That means it may be summer before marijuana oil is available in Illinois.

Randy Gross, who works as a chief information officer for a trade group, hopes to bring his wife and sons back home. He tries to spend two weeks each month with them in Colorado. It's been difficult for the family, particularly his 10-year-old son, Zach.

"I missed his first karate tournament. I missed my wife's birthday and Valentine's Day," he said. "It's the little things like that."

Medical marijuana a challenge for legal pot states

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A year into the nation's experiment with legal, taxed marijuana sales, Washington and Colorado find themselves wrestling not with the federal interference many feared, but with competition from medical marijuana or even outright black market sales.

In Washington, the black market has exploded since voters legalized marijuana in 2012, with scores of legally dubious medical dispensaries opening and some pot delivery services brazenly advertising that they sell outside the legal system.

Licensed shops say taxes are so onerous that they can't compete.

Colorado, which launched legal pot sales last New Year's Day, is facing a lawsuit from Nebraska and Oklahoma alleging that they're being overrun with pot from the state.

And the number of patients on Colorado's medical marijuana registry went up, not down, since 2012, meaning more marijuana users there can avoid paying the higher taxes that recreational pot carries.

Officials in both states say they must do more to drive customers into the recreational stores. They're looking at reining in their medical systems and fixing the big tax differential between medical and recreational weed without harming patients.

And in some cases, they are considering cracking down on the proliferating black market.



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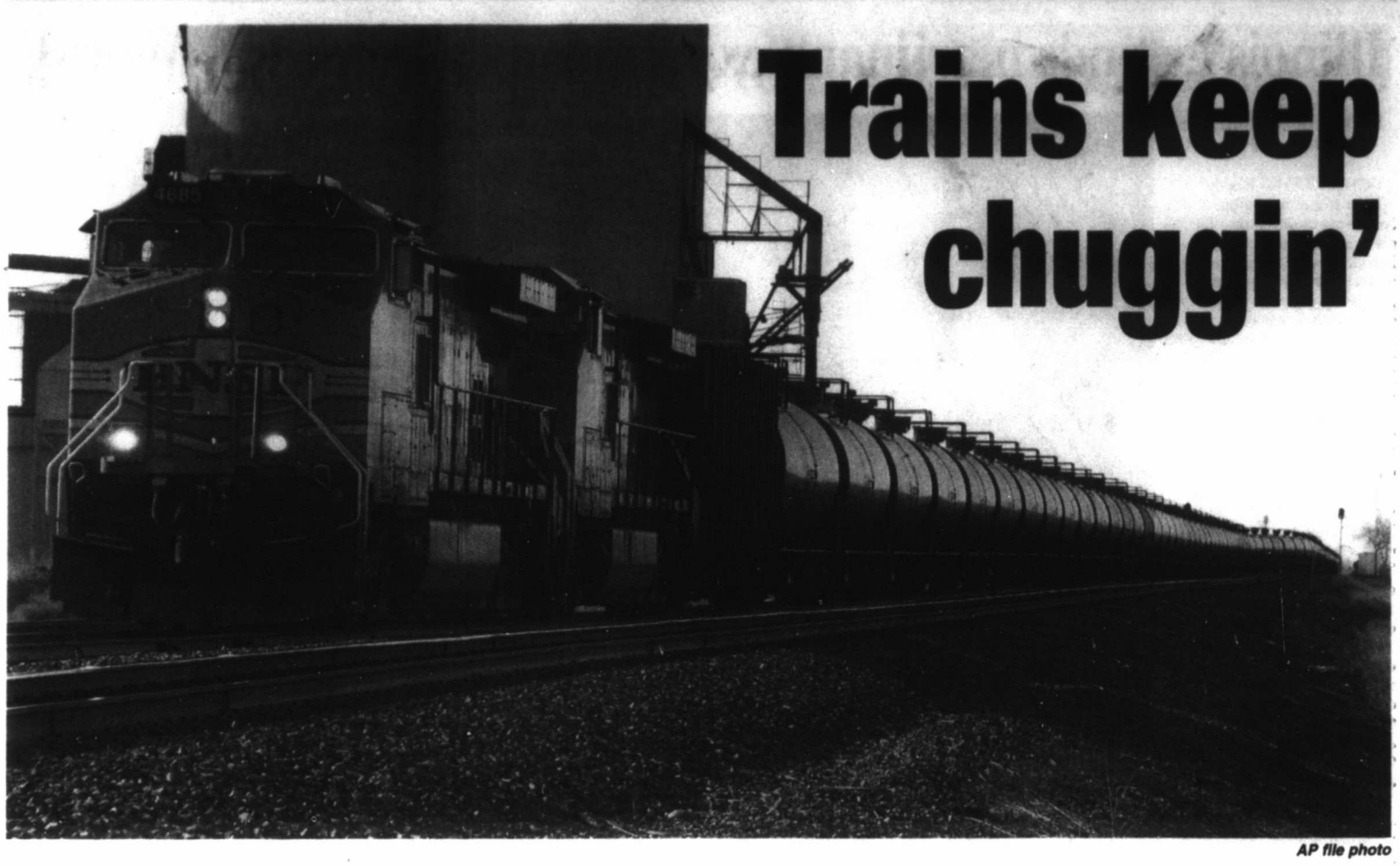
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A BNSF Railway train hauls crude oil near Wolf Point, Mont, on Nov. 6, 2013. A collapse in oil prices won't derail the railroads' profit engine even if it does slow the tremendous growth in crude oil shipments seen in recent years. Railroads went from hauling 9,500 carloads of crude oil in 2008 to 435,560 last year, as production boomed and oil routinely sold for $90 a barrel or more. But even with the surge, crude oil shipments remain less than 2 percent of all the carloads major U.S. railroads deliver.

Low oil prices unlikely to hurt railroads much

By Josh Funk
Associated Press

"Oil is being produced. The oil will have to move, and the assets have been invested in tank cars, loop tracks, infrastructure to support crude by rail."

Don Seale, Norfolk Southern railroad's chief marketing officer

OMAHA, Neb. — The stunning collapse in oil prices over the past several months won't derail the railroads' profit engine even if it does slow the tremendous growth in crude shipments seen in recent years.

Carloads of crude oil spiked well over 4000 percent between 2008 and last year — from 9,500 carloads to 435,560 — as production boomed and the cost for a barrel of oil soared into the triple digits.

Those prices have tumbled severely, to just above $50 per barrel Friday, and that has rattled some of the investors who have plowed money into companies like Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern and CSX.

All three of those companies have seen their stock prices slip over the past month, along with major U.S. stock markets.

But even with oil prices falling off a cliff, industry analysts and railroad executives point out that crude shipments still make up just a sliver of the overall freight delivered by rail. What's more, because fuel is such a huge cost in the industry, railroads are a direct beneficiary of those falling prices.

Crude oil shipments remain less than 2 percent of all the carloads major U.S. railroads deliver. Sub-$60 oil might force producers to rein in spending but railroads — which spend hundreds of million of dollars every quarter on fuel — will see their costs fall away.

Those falling energy prices have also proven to be the equivalent of a massive tax cut for both consumers and businesses, and railroads stand to benefit from that as well.

Fueled by a rebounding employment as well as rising consumer and business confidence, U.S. economic growth reached a sizzling 5 percent annual rate last quarter, the government reported this month. The rebounding economy is likely to drive even greater demand for shipping.

Edward Jones analyst Logan Purk says the importance of crude oil shipments by rail seems to have been inflated by investors.

"It seems like whatever loss in business they see will be offset by the drop in fuel costs," Purk said.

The crude oil business has provided a nice boost for railroads at a time when coal shipments were declining. Profits at the major U.S. railroads have been improving steadily along with the economy, reaching $13.4 billion in 2013, up from $11.9 billion in 2012 and $10.9 billion in 2011.

Officials from Union Pacific Corp, Norfolk Southern Corp., CSX Corp. and Canadian Pacific all tried to reassure investors about crude oil shipments during their latest investment conferences.

"I don't think that we are going to see any knee-jerk reaction. I don't think we are going to see anything stopped in the Bakken," said Canadian Pacific CEO Hunter Harrison said of the massive oil and gas fields that stretch from North Dakota and Montana into Canada.

The Bakken region is one of the places where railroads are hauling the majority of the oil because pipeline capacity hasn't been able to keep up with production.

Through the fall, North Dakota oil drillers remained on pace to set a sixth consecutive annual record for crude oil production.

Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, said the lower prices will prompt oil companies to look for ways to reduce costs, but he's not yet sure how much of an effect it will have on production in the region.

"It's still a little early to make any firm assessments," Kringstad said.

It helps that the cost of producing oil in the Bakken region is lower than in other places, so oil producers can still profit even when oil prices fall, said Don Seale, Norfolk Southern railroad's chief marketing officer.

"Oil is being produced. The oil will have to move, and the assets have been invested in tank cars, loop tracks, infrastructure to support crude by rail," Seale said during a recent investor conference call.

Regardless of what happens with oil production, there are reasons to believe that railroads will continue hauling oil from places like the Bakken that only recently began producing in large quantities.

The railroads — which are now delivering 59 percent of the roughly 1.2 million barrels of oil produced each day in North Dakota — expanded capacity quickly to handle the surge.

Because the price of oil varies by market, railroads provide one of the best avenues for buyers and sellers to get crude to places where the price makes it economical.

"Rail is definitely required to get all of the Bakken's production out to market," said Jonathan Garrett, a senior analyst at Wood Mackenzie senior, even if falling prices cut into the margins for producers.

New Mexico regulators consider partial closing of coal-fired plant

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission is preparing to take up what some energy experts have called a watershed utility case that could set the stage for energy policy in the state for decades to come.

The commission on Monday will begin a two-week hearing on a proposal that calls for closing part of the San Juan Generating Station, a coal-fired power plant that serves more than 2 million customers in the Southwest.

The terms of the proposal were negotiated in 2013. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the state attorney general's office, the New Mexico Renewable Industries Association and others have already signed off, but the agreement still requires commission approval.

The proposal is aimed at balancing the need to cut haze-causing pollution with keeping rates reasonable for customers.

PNM has proposed doing that by shutting down two units at the power plant and replacing the lost power with a mix of coal from one of the plant's other units, electricity generated by the Palo Verde nuclear plant in Arizona, a new natural gas-fired plant and more solar generating stations.

PNM's regulatory filings estimate the cost over 20 years at more than $6.8 billion. The utility says its plan represents the most cost-effective alternative for dealing with federal environmental mandates that call for reducing emissions at San Juan.

The environmental group New Energy Economy has accused PNM of withholding from the commission information about the plan's price tag. The group contends PNM failed to weigh the costs of environmental regulations and the disposal of coal ash waste generated by the power plant.

New Energy Economy also has filed a motion seeking the recusal of Commissioners Patrick Lyons and Karen Montoya from deliberations. The group claims phone calls and emails between the commissioners and PNM have created at least an appearance of a conflict of interest, a claim the commissioners deny.

It wasn't clear when a decision on the motion would be made.

PRC officials did not immediately respond to emails or phone calls seeking comment.

New Energy Economy executive director Mariel Nanasi said the motion should be addressed before the hearing begins Monday in Santa Fe.

"If one commissioner is biased and he or she sits for an agency decision, it taints the entire decision," she said.

Environmental groups and consumer advocacy organizations are planning to rally outside the hearing.

Permian Basin shed three rigs last week

From staff reports

The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the Permian Basin decreased three to 536, according to Houston-based oilfield services company Baker Hughes. The count is for the week ending Dec. 26, and the report was released Monday.

District 8, which includes Midland County, had 317 rigs, down one.

In Texas, there were 852 rigs statewide, down 16. In other major Texas basins, there were 204 in the Eagle Ford, down two; 52 in the Granite Wash, down three; 40 in the Haynesville, down two; and 24 in the Barnett, down two.

The U.S. rig count was 1,840, down 35. There were 1,499 oil rigs, down 37; 340 natural gas rigs, up two; and one rig listed as miscellaneous, unchanged.

By trajectory, there were 309 vertical drilling rigs, down 15; 1,350 horizontal drilling rigs, down six; and 181 directional drilling rigs, down 14.

The top five basins by rig count were the Permian; the Eagle Ford; the Williston with 179, down two; the Marcellus with 78, down four; and the Mississippian with 72, down one.

The top five states were Texas; Oklahoma with 209, up four; North Dakota with 169, down three; Louisiana with 111, up one; and New Mexico with 102, down one.

In the U.S., there were 1,770 rigs on land, down 35; 12 in inland waters, unchanged; and 58 offshore, unchanged. There were 56 rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, unchanged.

Canada shed 135 rigs for a nationwide total of 256. There were 94 oil rigs, down 96; 162 natural gas rigs, down 39; and zero rigs listed as miscellaneous, unchanged.

The number of rigs in the North America region — which includes the U.S. and Canada — decreased 170 rigs to 2,096.

Don't miss the Oil Report in Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram. This week's edition features a story about how water treatment systems are seen as a way to help operators cut costs. More energy news is available daily at mrt.com/business/oil and fuelfix.com/midland. For more information on the weekly rotary rig count, visit the Baker Hughes website at bakerhughes.com.

ENERGY BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NORTH DAKOTA

No one hurt in oil tanks fire south of Williston

BISMARCK — Emergency officials in North Dakota's top oil-producing county have begun the new year battling a blaze at a crude storage facility and monitoring a well blowout that spewed several hundred barrels of crude before being contained early Friday.

McKenzie County Emergency Manager Jerry Samueison said no one was hurt when eight oil tanks containing about 1,000 barrels of oil burst into flames Thursday at an Enbridge Inc.-owned facility, about 9 miles north of Alexander. Four adjacent tanks containing an additional 1,200 barrels of oil caught fire early Friday but crews quickly extinguished that blaze, said Karolin Rockvoy, the county's emergency coordinator.

Officials said the fire burned itself out shortly after noon on Friday.

Samuelson said crews were unloading an oil tanker truck containing about 120 barrels when the initial fire broke out. The exact cause of the blaze hasn't been determined.

Michael Barnes, a spokesman for Calgary, Alberta-based Enbridge, said the eight tanks are owned by Tidal Energy Marketing LLC, an Enbridge subsidiary that markets crude oil. Those tanks were destroyed. Barnes did not know who owned the four adjacent tanks, which were damaged.

An oil tanker truck was destroyed in the blaze, he said.

All oil was contained at the site by existing protective dikes, he said.

The cost of cleanup and the financial loss to the company have not been determined, Barnes said.

Samuelson said officials also are monitoring a well blowout near Keen that occurred early Friday at a site owned by Petro Hunt LLC, of Dallas. Officials estimated that about 150 barrels of oil spewed from the well hourly between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., before the breach was stopped, he said.

MICHIGAN

Gas prices below $2 a gallon; 1st time since '09

DEARBORN — Gasoline just keeps getting cheaper in Michigan, where the average pump price dropped Thursday to $1.97 a gallon — the lowest since March 2009.

Prices on New Year's Day 2015 were down 13 cents in the past seven days, AAA Michigan said. Gas was 42 percent cheaper than it was one year ago, when the average price per gallon was $3.37.

"Gas prices continue to drop due to a significant decline in crude oil costs," auto club spokeswoman Susan Hiltz said. "Crude oil represents about two-thirds of the cost of gasoline and is directly correlated with changes in gas prices."

Dearborn-based AAA Michigan surveys fuel costs at 2,800 Michigan gas stations daily.

The latest price report marks a dramatic turnaround in gas prices. The statewide average peaked at $3.96 a gallon on June 16 before beginning a steady decline, according to the auto club.

US sanctions North Korea over Sony cyberattack

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

HONOLULU — The United States imposed fresh sanctions on North Korea on Friday, targeting the North's defense industry and spy service in an attempt to punish Pyongyang for a crippling cyberattack against Sony. The sanctions marked the first public act of retribution by the U.S. for North Korea's alleged involvement.

Although it was unclear how painful the blow would be — North Korea already is under tough U.S. sanctions — the move signaled that that the U.S. was not backing away from its insistence that North Korea is responsible for the attack against Sony. North Korea has denied involvement, and some cybersecurity experts say it's possible the North wasn't to blame.

"The order is not targeted at the people of North Korea, but rather is aimed at the government of North Korea and its activities that threaten the United States and others," President Barack Obama wrote in a letter to House and Senate leaders.

Never before has the U.S. slapped sanctions on a foreign nation in direct retaliation for a cyberattack on an American company. But U.S. officials said the North's behavior had "crossed a threshold" that necessitated a swift and decisive response.

The U.S. move also served to put North Korea on notice that payback would not be limited to those who perpetrated the attack. Ten people identified in the sanctions are there because they are associated with the North Korean government, not because of any known involvement with the episode against Sony, Obama administration officials said.

Rather, the U.S. sanctions were aimed at upping the pressure on North Korea by undermining its defense sector and making it nearly impossible for North Korean officials to do business overseas, said the officials, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

Anyone who works for or helps North Korea's government is fair game to be sanctioned under the executive order that Obama signed Friday while vacationing in Hawaii, officials said.

The sanctions also apply to three organizations closely tied to North Korea's government: the country's primary intelligence agency, a state-owned arms dealer that exports missile and weapons technology, and the Korea Tangun Trading Corp., which supports defense research.

All three of those entities were already subject to sanctions by the U.S., which has an extensive sanctions regime aimed at North Korea's nuclear program. Redesignating those groups under Obama's new executive order appeared to be primarily a symbolic move.

Those sanctioned will have any assets in the U.S. frozen and will be barred from using the U.S. financial system. Americans will be prohibited from doing business with them.

With the sanctions, the U.S. put renewed force behind its claim that North Korea's government was the culprit in the attack, which led to the disclosure of tens of thousands of confidential Sony emails and business files, then escalated to threats of terrorist attacks against U.S. movie theaters.

North Korea has denied involvement, while expressing fury over the Sony comedy flick "The Interview," which focuses on the fictional assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. When Sony initially called off release of the film, Obama criticized the decision and warned against letting foreign dictators impose censorship in the U.S.

But even in the U.S., not everyone is convinced North Korea was to blame. Cybersecurity firms have raised the possibility that a Sony insider could be behind the attack and said the evidence the FBI has made public doesn't conclusively point to North Korea.

U.S. officials dismissed those arguments, arguing that independent cyber-experts don't have access to the same classified information as the FBI.

"We stand firmly behind our call that the DPRK was behind the attacks on Sony," said a senior Obama administration official. The North's official name is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Last week, a nearly 10-hour shutdown of North Korean websites prompted widespread speculation that the U.S. had launched a counterattack. But White House spokesman Josh Earnest, in a statement, said Friday that the stepped-up sanctions "are the first aspect of our response."

Despite Earnest's comments, U.S. officials continued on Friday to refuse to say whether the U.S. was responsible for shutting down North Korea's Internet.

North Korea and the U.S. remain technically in a state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. The rivals also are locked in an international standoff over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs and its alleged human rights abuses.



AP file photo

North Koreans gather at the Mansu Hill on where the statues of the late leaders Kim Il Sung, and Kim Jong Il tower over them Dec. 16 in Pyongyang, North Korea. The U.S. is imposing sanctions on North Korea in retaliation for the cyberattack against Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Targets of Obama's sanctions on North Korea over Sony hack

President Barack Obama has ordered sanctions on North Korea in retaliation for the cyberattack on Sony Pictures Entertainment. The Treasury Department said the targets are three state-controlled entities and 10 North Korean officials, including:

- Reconnaissance General Bureau, North Korea's primary intelligence organization that runs the country's cyber warfare
- Korea Mining Development Trading Corporation, the state-owned arms dealer and exporter of equipment related to ballistic missiles and conventional weapons
- Korea Tangun Trading Corporation, which obtains technology to support North Korea's defense research
- Kil Jong Hun and Kim Kwang Yon, who represent the southern African interests of KOMID
- Jang Song Chol, a KOMID representative in Russia working to obtain weapons materials from individuals in Sudan
- Yu Kwang Ho, a North Korean government official
- Kim Yong Chol and Jang Yong Son, KOMID representatives in Iran
- Kim Kyu, KOMID's external affairs officer
- Ryu Jin and Kang Ryong, KOMID officials operating in Syria
- Kim Kwang Chun, a Korea Tangun Trading Corporation representative in Shenyang, China

Associated Press

Reid suffers broken ribs, bones in accident

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid broke several ribs and facial bones when a piece of exercise equipment snapped at his Nevada home Thursday, causing the lawmaker to fall.

In a statement issued Friday, Reid's office said the 75-year-old senator was hospitalized overnight at University Medical Center in Las Vegas as a precaution and was released on Friday. His security detail had initially taken Reid to St. Rose Dominican Hospital near his home in Henderson, Nevada.

The accident happened when an elastic exercise band broke, striking Reid in the face and causing him to fall, said spokesman Adam Jentleson. Reid struck some equipment as he fell, breaking multiple bones near his right eye.

As he hit the floor, he broke several ribs, Jentleson said.

Tests found no internal bleeding, Jentleson said, and his vision should not be affected.

"Sen. Reid will return to Washington this weekend and be in the office Tuesday as the Senate prepares to reconvene," his office said. "His doctors expect a full recovery."

Jentleson said Reid is likely to have severe facial bruises.

President Barack Obama, vacationing in Hawaii, phoned Reid on Friday to wish him well, the White House said.

Reid, majority leader since 2007, will hand over the top job in the Senate next week to Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky after Democrats lost their majority in November's midterm elections. Reid faces a potentially tough re-election campaign in 2016.

In May 2011, Reid dislocated a shoulder and suffered a contusion above his left eye when he slipped after an early morning run in the rain. He fell when he leaned against a parked car.

In October 2012, Reid suffered rib and hip contusions in a chain-reaction car crash.

Reid has run marathons and was a boxer as a young man.

New diet guidelines might reflect environment cost

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For years, the government has been issuing guidelines about healthy eating choices. Now, a panel that advises the Agriculture Department is ready to recommend that you be told not only what foods are better for your own health, but for the environment as well.

That means that when the latest version of the government's dietary guidelines comes out, it may push even harder than it has in recent years for people to choose more fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains and other plant-based foods — at the expense of meat.

The beef and agriculture industries are crying foul, saying an environmental agenda has no place in what has always been a practical blueprint for a healthy lifestyle.

The advisory panel has been discussing the idea of sustainability in public meetings, indicating that its recommendations, expected early this year, may address the environment. A draft recommendation circulated last month said a sustainable diet helps ensure food access for both the current population and future generations.

A dietary pattern higher in plant-based foods and lower in animal-based foods is "more health promoting and is associated with lesser environmental impact than is the current average U.S. diet," the draft said.

That appears to take at least partial aim at the beef industry. A study by the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences last year said raising beef for the American dinner table is more harmful to the environment than other meat industries such as pork and chicken.

The study said that compared with other popular animal proteins, beef produces more heat-trapping gases per calorie, puts out more water-polluting nitrogen, takes more water for irrigation and uses more land.

As the advisory committee has discussed the idea, doctors and academics on the panel have framed sustainability in terms of conserving food resources and also what are the healthiest foods. There is "compatibility and overlap" between what's good for health and good for the environment, the panel says.

Once the recommendations are made, the Agriculture and Health and Human Services departments will craft the final dietary guidelines, expected about a year from now. Published every five years, the guidelines are the basis for USDA's "My Plate" icon that replaced the well-known food pyramid in 2010 and is designed to help Americans with healthy eating. Guidelines will also be integrated into school lunch meal patterns and other federal eating programs.

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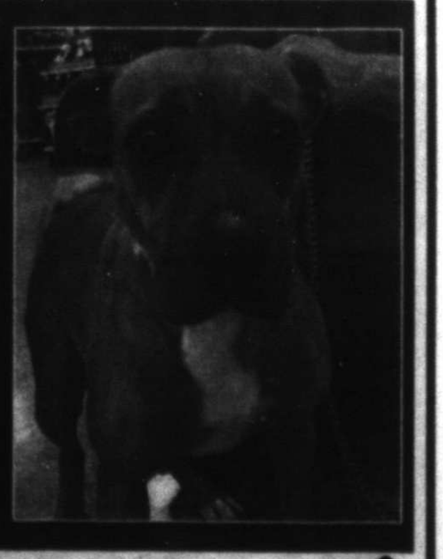
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Family of Utah man killed by police files lawsuit

By Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The family of a Utah man killed by police while wielding a samurai sword is suing the officers and the city that employs them.

The federal civil rights lawsuit filed Friday seeks more than $2 million in damages. It said 22-year-old Darrien Hunt wasn't a threat and that two officers fatally shot him after he tripped while running away.

Defense lawyer Heather White said Hunt swung the sword at the officers, and when he ran toward a busy shopping area, police believed he could hurt others. She said he fell after the shots were fired.

His family said Hunt was treated differently because of his race. Hunt was black. The officers are white.

Hunt's family is suing the city of Saratoga Springs and officers Matthew Schauerhamer and Nicholas Judson.



Associated Press

Susan Hunt, left, mother of Darrien Hunt, is consoled by her sister Barbara Huston during a press conference Friday in Salt Lake City. The family of Darrien Hunt, a Utah man killed by police while wielding a samurai sword, filed a lawsuit Friday against the officers and the city that employs them. The federal civil rights lawsuit contends that 22-year-old Hunt wasn't a threat and was fatally shot after he tripped while running from two Saratoga Springs officers.

Cleveland hands off probe into boy's shooting

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The investigation of a Cleveland police officer's deadly shooting of a 12-year-old boy carrying a pellet gun is being handed over to a county sheriff's office in an attempt to make sure it's evenhanded, the city's mayor said.

The move, announced Friday, comes amid recent outside criticism of Cleveland police officers' use of force in recent years.

The Cuyahoga County's sheriff's office will take over for the city and continue the probe into the Nov. 22 Cleveland playground shooting of Tamir Rice, who was carrying an airsoft gun that shoots nonlethal plastic pellets when a rookie officer fired on him.

"This decision to turn the investigation over was made to ensure that transparency and an extra layer of separation and impartiality were established," Mayor Frank Jackson said in a statement. "I believe that the best way to ensure accountability in a use of force investigation is to have it completed by an outside agency."

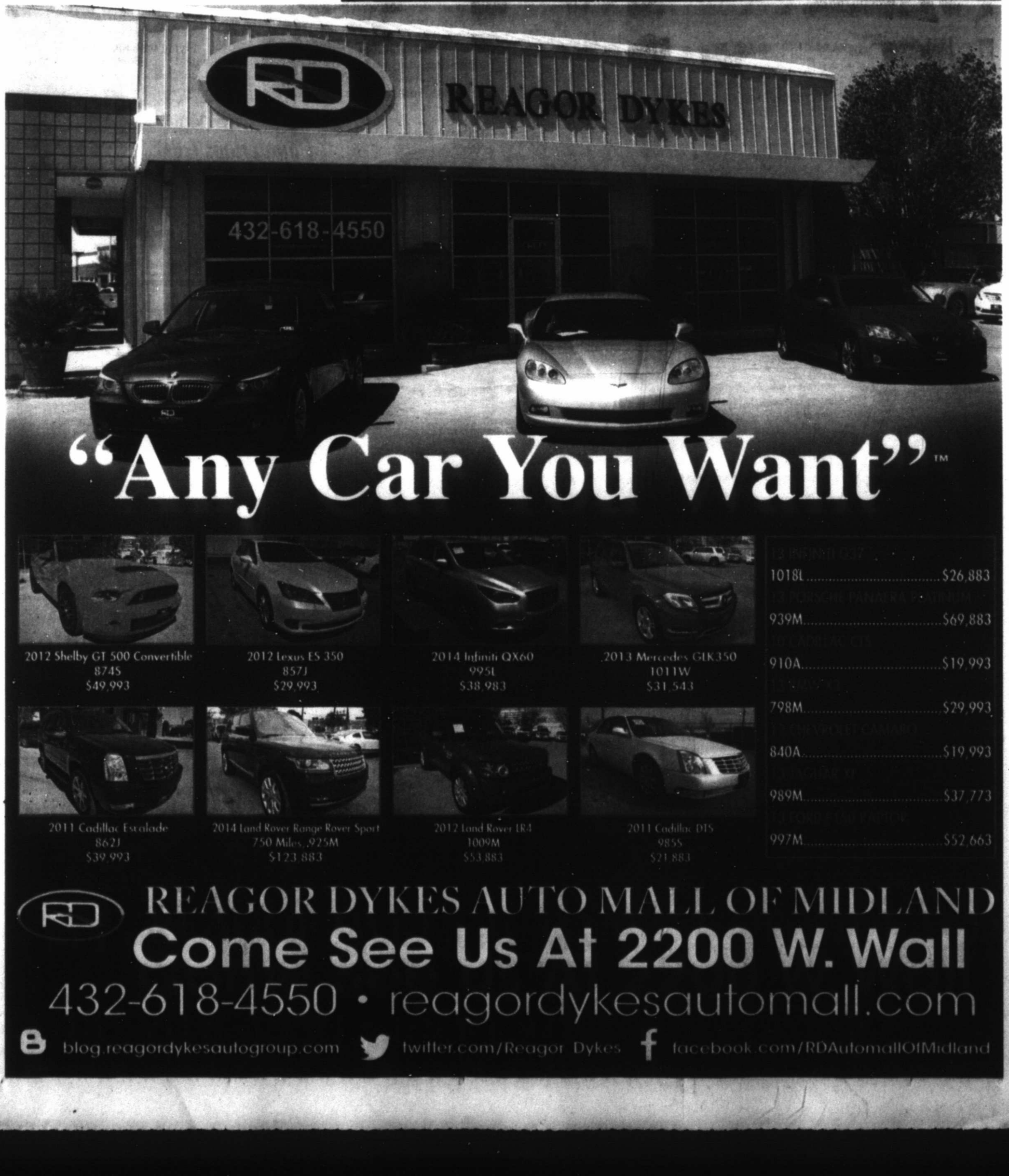
Surveillance video released by police shows Tamir being shot less than two seconds after the officer's patrol car stopped near him. Officer Timothy Loehmann told Tamir to put his hands up, but the boy didn't, according to police.

The black youth's death at the hands of a white officer raised questions about how police treat blacks and has spurred protests.

Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association President Jeff Follmer recently said officers had no way of knowing Tamir was carrying an airsoft gun that only looked like a real firearm.

Since the shooting, Cleveland police investigators have been collecting evidence and conducting interviews. Cuyahoga County prosecutor Timothy McGinty's office eventually will present the case to a grand jury for possible criminal charges.





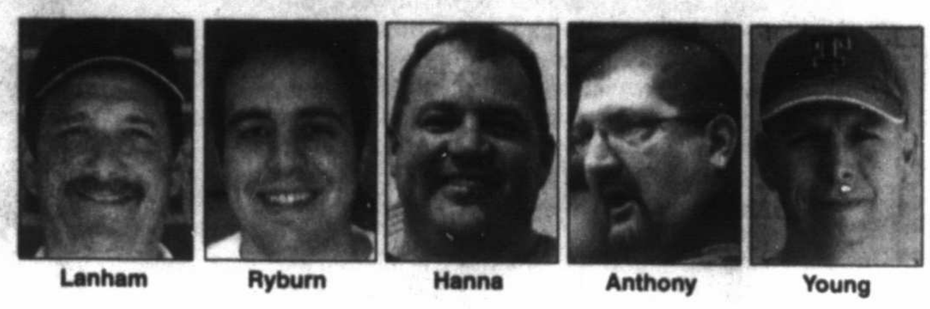
Area teams battle weather at out-of-town tourneys

By Will Korn
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Over the past few days, freezing temperatures and icy roads have put a dent in the seasons of several area high school basketball teams.

The weather's first victim was the 22nd annual Byron Johnston Holiday Classic, which was brought to a halt after games were completed on Tuesday night, a day early.

As a result, the tournament's final day, which featured the two championship games, were canceled for the first time in the tournament's history.


Lanham Ryburn Hanna Anthony Young

But there were a few teams from the area who ventured out of town and were also caught by the icy weather.

The weather really did a number on the Greenwood boys' and girls' teams in particular. The teams were in Lubbock for the Caprock Tournament between Monday and Wednesday, which was New Year's Eve.

The icy weather forced the teams to stay at a hotel in Lubbock over New Year's Eve. Greenwood girls coach Quint Anthony said that the teams were able to complete the tournament and even got to watch the championship games. The girls' team won the consolation championship, going 3-1 in its four contests.

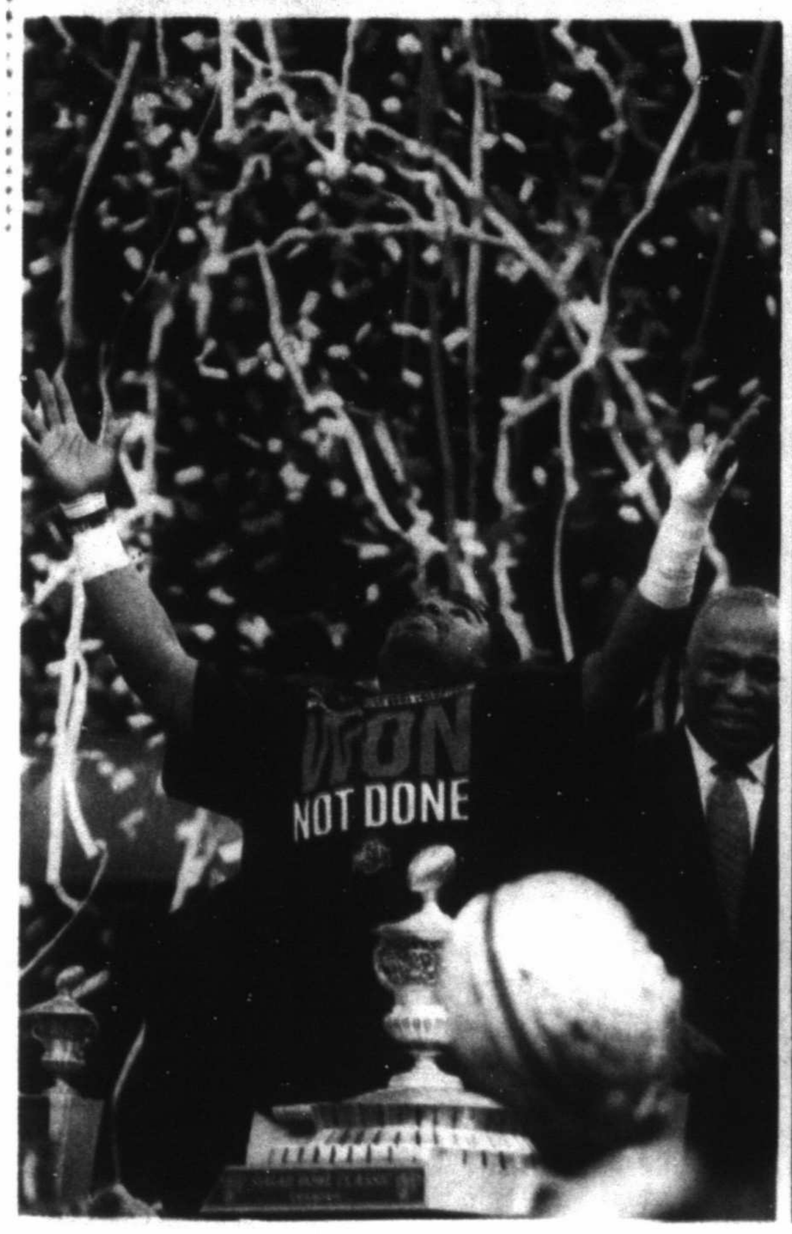
"We all spent New Year's Eve together," Anthony said. "Our superintendent Ariel Elliot was at the tournament supporting both the boys and girls teams and did an excellent job guiding us through the extra night and making the decisions on when to head home the next day."

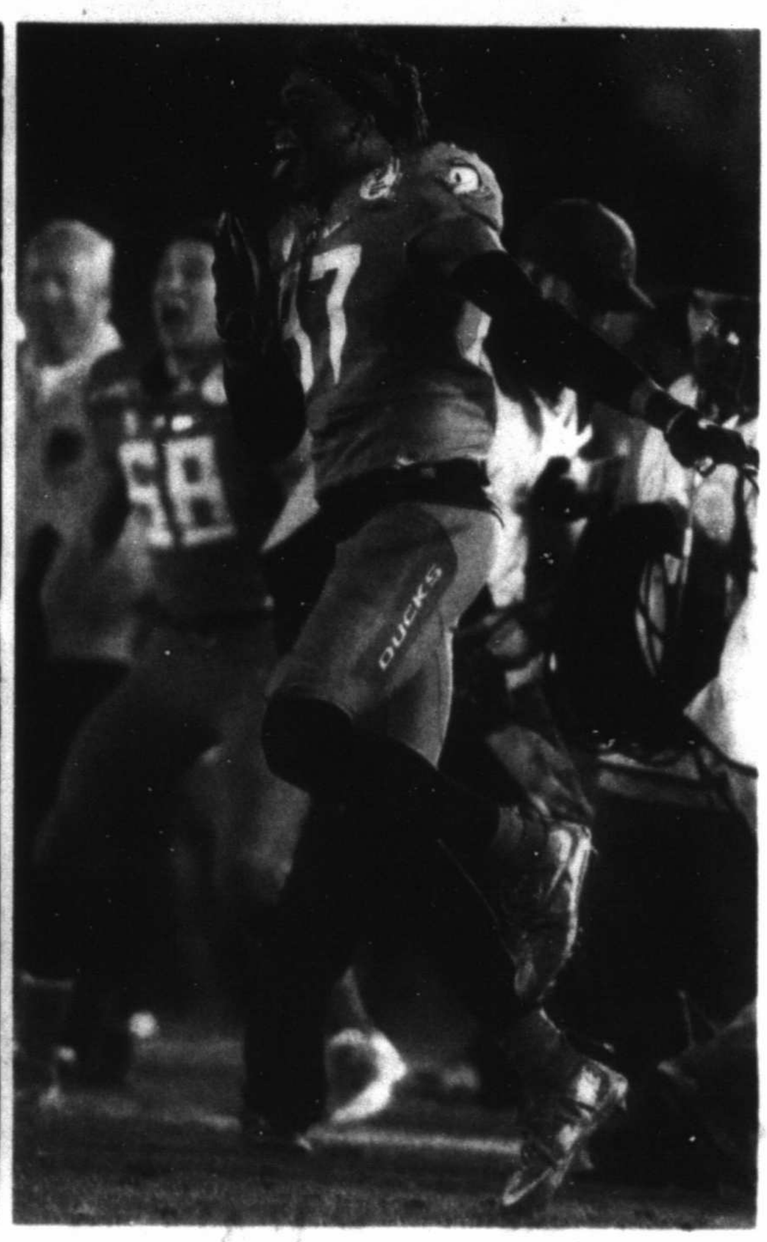
The teams returned to Greenwood on Thursday morning, with the trip taking about three hours. Everyone arrived home safely, but then more bad news hit the boys' team.

It was scheduled to travel to Shallowater for a 2:30 p.m. game Friday against the Mustangs. But

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New Year's aftermath





Associated Press

LEFT: Ohio State's Ezekiel Elliott celebrates the Buckeyes' 42-35 win over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on Thursday at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. **RIGHT:** Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington celebrates after the Ducks won the Rose Bowl against Florida State on Thursday in Pasadena, Calif. Ohio State will play Oregon in the national championship on Jan. 12 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington.

First playoff sends Ducks, Buckeyes to title game

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Ohio State is looking for its first national title since 2002. Oregon is seeking its first, period.

Pac-12 champion Oregon and Big Ten champion Ohio State will meet in Arlington, Texas, at the home of the Cowboys on Jan. 12 in the first College Football Playoff championship game.

"It's perfect," Oregon linebacker Derrick Malone Jr. said. "I need another game. I'm glad I can still be a part of this. If we didn't have another game I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

The Ducks (13-1) and Buckeyes (13-1) last played in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, in 2010. Ohio State won that game 26-17. Now the Rose Bowl comes to Texas, but with so much more at stake.

Cardale Jones, Ezekiel Elliott and fourth-seeded Ohio State rallied, and then held on for a 42-35 victory over No. 1 Alabama at the Sugar Bowl on Thursday night.

Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota and Oregon had it much easier. The second-seeded Ducks crushed Florida State 59-20 at the Rose Bowl.

"Oregon won by 40?" Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said, startled when he heard about the results during his postgame news conference in New Orleans. "I gotta go. We gotta go get ready for that one."

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SEC dominance is over, for now.

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The oddsmakers have installed the Ducks as seven-point favorites.

The College Football Playoff, a four-team tournament that replaced the Bowl Championship Series, has provided a jolt to the sport.

The BCS matched the top two teams and didn't allow much room for error. An early slip often could spell doom for a team's national title hopes.

In the old system, it would have been very difficult for Ohio State to recover from a September home loss to Virginia Tech. The Buckeyes were a team looking for an identity back then. They had lost star quarterback Braxton Miller to a preseason injury and redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett was still developing.

Ohio State lost by 14 to the Hokies on the same day Oregon beat Michigan State.

Two weeks into the season, the Big Ten was already being counted out for the first playoff.

But a funny thing happened. Ohio State just kept getting better.

Barrett turned into a Heisman contender, but then in the season finale against Michigan, he broke his ankle. In stepped Jones, who helped Ohio State blast Wisconsin in the Big Ten title game to earn the final spot in the playoff.

It was no fluke. The Buckeyes beat Alabama, eliminating the Southeastern Conference from title contention. After winning seven straight national championships in the BCS, it's now two straight seasons in which the SEC won't wear the crown.

Oregon's loss came at home, too, in early October against Arizona.

The Ducks have been a juggernaut since, winning nine straight games, all by double digits and scoring at least 42 points in each. Ohio State can put up some points, too. The Buckeyes haven't scored less than 31 since losing 35-21 to Virginia Tech.

The Ducks and Buckeyes run similar spread offenses.

"We know Oregon. I'll probably be able to call Oregon's plays because we study them and they study us," Meyer said. "There's a mutual respect."

For what it's worth, Ohio State is 8-0 all-time against Oregon.

And think about this: Alabama and Florida State were Nos. 1 and 2 in the fi-

Please see **AFTERMATH**/5B

Chavis hired as Aggies' next defensive coordinator

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — Former LSU defensive coordinator John Chavis stepped off a private jet in Aggieland on New Year's Day sporting a suit and cowboy boots.

His next step? Kicking a sagging Texas A&M defense into shape in the SEC West.

"I'm excited to play with a great offense, and certainly looking forward to helping the defense get better," Chavis told the Chronicle from the tarmac of Easterwood Airport. "We get that situation done, and certainly you're looking at a time, in my mind and in my vision, we will compete for championships."

A&M coach Kevin Sumlin lured Chavis, long considered one of the nation's top defensive coordinators, from LSU this week, although A&M has yet to officially announce his hire. Chavis, 58, didn't wait to arrive in Aggieland to get to work, either.


Chavis

Flying with his wife, Diane, Sumlin and A&M associate athletic director Justin Moore, Chavis flew in from Knoxville, Tenn., on Thursday morning.

"We had an opportunity to visit on the plane coming in," Chavis said of him and Sumlin strategizing. "We're already getting things started."

Sumlin has owned one of the SEC's top offenses the past three seasons – despite three consecutive stiflings by Chavis' LSU unit — and Sumlin said after stepping off the plane that he couldn't be more thrilled.

"We're more than excited," Sumlin said. "We're excited and he's excited. And we're ready to get to work."

Chavis, who spent 14 seasons at Tennessee and six as LSU's defensive coordinator, led LSU defenses to top 12 finishes in total yards and scoring three times over his previous five seasons in Baton Rouge, La. Chavis said Thursday he's looking forward to "creating a culture that's been at Texas A&M before on defense."

A&M was once known as home of the "Wrecking Crew" under former coaches Jackie Sherrill and R.C. Slocum in the 1980s and 1990s.

"(I'm) proud of Coach Sumlin and 12th Man for creating an atmosphere that makes A&M attractive for a coach like Chavis," Slocum posted on his Twitter page on New Year's Day. "Great hire."

Meanwhile back in Baton Rouge, LSU athletic director Joe Alleva told the Baton Rouge Advocate that Chavis owes a $400,000 buyout and "we will expect coach Chavis to comply."

According to the paper, Chavis' original contract was set to expire on the final day of 2014, but he received a one-year extension two years ago.

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Houston nabs improbable win over Pitt

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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FORT WORTH — Houston quarterback Greg Ward had just thrown his third touchdown in a flurried comeback that included two recovered onside kicks in a row to get the Cougars within a point in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Interim coach David Gibbs never had a second thought on what to do with less than a minute left in the game.

"We decided to go for two at the end because we had the momentum," Gibbs said.

Deontay Greenberry, already with two TD catches in that final 3:41, made a leaping catch in the back of the end zone for the two-point conversion, and the Cougars beat Pittsburgh 35-34 on Friday with an improbable comeback — the largest in an FBS game this season, and largest ever in a bowl game that didn't go into overtime.

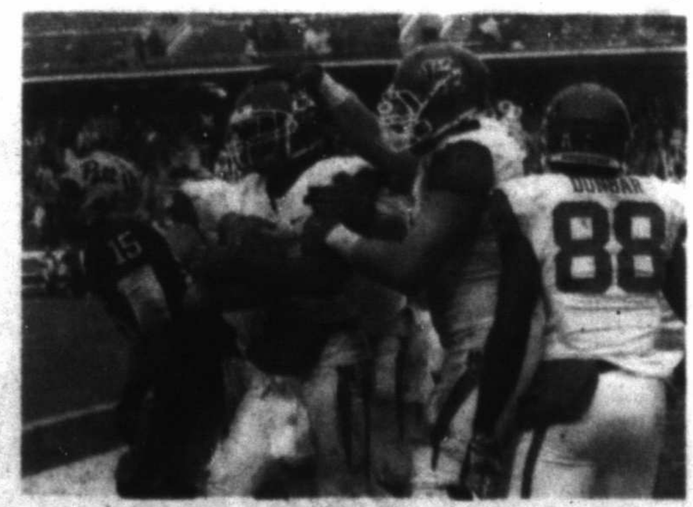
"We've been through a lot of games where we was coming from behind and we got close to coming back and winning the game, but we just couldn't finish it," Greenberry said. "It's all about just never quitting."

Pitt (6-7) led 31-6 when ACC offensive player of the year James Conner had his second touchdown run with 14 minutes left in the game. The Panthers were still up 34-13 after Chris Blewitt's 29-yard field goal with 6:14 left before Houston's big finish.

Ward had an 8-yard TD pass to Greenberry before the Cougars recovered their first onside kick. That led to a 29-yard catch by Demarcus Ayers on a fourth-and-13 play with 1:58 left, and Houston tried another onside kick.

While the second one didn't go 10 yards on the rain-slickened field,

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Sharon Ellman/AP

Pittsburgh's Reggie Mitchell (15) walks away as Houston wide receiver Deontay Greenberry celebrates with offensive lineman Alex Cooper, second from right, and wide receiver Steven Dunbar (88) after catching a game-winning 2-point conversion Friday in the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Birmingham Bowl: Florida vs. East Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Union (New York) at Boston University, 6 p.m., NBCSN

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

U.S. Army All-American Bowl, Noon, NBC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SMU at Cincinnati, 10 a.m., ESPN2

Kansas State at Oklahoma State, 11 a.m., ESPNU

Villanova at Seton Hall, 11 a.m., FS1

Syracuse at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m., FSSWP

Minnesota at Maryland, 11 a.m., BTN

Duquesne at Dayton, Noon, NBCSN

North Alabama at Auburn, Noon, SEC

Connecticut at Florida, 1 p.m., CBS

Texas at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Xavier at DePaul, 1 p.m., FS1

George Washington at St. Joseph's, 1 p.m., CBSSN

Providence at Marquette, 1 p.m., FSSW

Norfolk State at Georgia, 1 p.m., FSSWP

Utah State at Boise State, 1 p.m., ROOT

Charleston at William & Mary, 1 p.m., SNY

Michigan at Purdue, 1:15 p.m., BTN

Rhode Island at Saint Louis, 2 p.m., NBCSN

Utah Valley at Arkansas, 2 p.m., SEC

Illinois at Ohio State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

Baylor at Oklahoma, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Butler at St. John's, 3 p.m., CBSSN

West Virginia at TCU, 3 p.m., FSSW

Boston College at Duke, 3 p.m., FSSWP

Drake at Missouri State, 3 p.m., FCSC

Creighton at Georgetown, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Richmond at Davidson, 4 p.m., NBCSN

Lipscomb at Missouri, 4 p.m., SEC

Virginia at Miami (FL), 4:30 p.m., ESPN2

Tulane at Memphis, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Iowa State vs. South Carolina, 5 p.m., CBSSN

Savannah State at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC

Penn State at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Tennessee Tech at SIU Edwardsville, 6:30 p.m., FCSC

Oregon State at Oregon, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Colorado State at New Mexico, 7 p.m., CBSSN

North Carolina at Clemson, 7:15 p.m., ESPN

UC Irvine at New Mexico State, 8 p.m., FSSWP/FCSP

Gonzaga at Portland, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

San Diego State at Fresno State, 9 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER

Scottish Championship: Hibernian at Heart of Midlothian, 6:45 a.m., FOXSCCP

La Liga: Levante at Club Atletico de Madrid, 8:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2

FA Cup: Swansea at Tranmere Rovers, 9 a.m., FS1

FA Cup: Gateshead at West Bromwich Albion, 9 a.m., FS2/FOXDEP

La Liga: Celta Vigo at Sevilla, 10:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2

La Liga: Villarreal at Elche, 12:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

UFC 182: Jones vs. Cormier, Prelims, 7 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

Monster Energy Supercross: Anaheim, 9 p.m., FS1

NBA

Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA

NFL

Wild Card: Arizona at Carolina, 3 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Wild Card: Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBC/mun2

NHL

Toronto at Winnipeg, 6 p.m., NHL

Minnesota at Dallas, 7 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Oklahoma State at Baylor, 11 a.m., FSSW/FCSC

Washington State at Arizona, 1 p.m., P12

Montana at North Dakota, 2 p.m., FCSP

Maryland at Nebraska, 3 p.m., CBS

San Francisco at BYU, 3 p.m., BYUtv

Washington at Arizona State, 3 p.m., P12

Utah at California, 5 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

Oregon at USC, 5 p.m., P12 LA

Kansas at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Oregon State at UCLA, 7 p.m., P12

Colorado at Stanford, 9 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas at Texas Tech, 1 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

RODEO

Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, 7:30 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Mesa Community College, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men, UA-Fort Smith at UTPB, 3 p.m.

Women, UA-Fort Smith at UTPB, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Dane Johnson bullpen coach, Eric Owens assistant hitting coach, Sal Fasano minor league pitching coordinator, Darold Knowles rehabilitation pitching coach and Rick Langford senior pitching advisor. Promoted Heather Connolly to manager, major league administration and Joe Sheehan to manager, baseball research and development.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Promoted Eliot Wolf to director of player personnel. Arena Football League

SPOKANE SHOCK — Re-signed defensive backs coach William Mulder to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Tyler Gaudet to Portland (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled F Teuvo Teravainen from Rockford (AHL).

EDMONTON OILERS — Traded LW David Perron to Pittsburgh for C Rob Klinkhammer and a 2015 first-round draft pick.

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled D Shane O'Brien from San Antonio (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned F Stefan Matteau and F Joe Whitney to Albany (AHL). Placed F Mike Sislo on waivers. Activated F Patrik Elias. F Martin Havlat and F Michael Ryder.

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Terminated the contract of G Philippe Trudeau.

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Released C A.J. Jenks from his professional tryout contract. Reassigned G Daniel Altshuler to Florida (ECHL).

HERSHEY BEARS — Announced G Brandon Anderson was reassigned to the team from South Carolina (ECHL).

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Assigned D Garrett Noonan to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Announced F Taylor Stefishen was returned by Texas (AHL) and G Travis Fullerton was returned by Rochester (AHL).

GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Announced G Louis Domingue was assigned to the team from Portland (AHL).

COLLEGE

BUTLER — Removed the interim tag from men's basketball coach Chris Holtmann.

ELIZABETHTOWN — Announced the retirement of director of athletics Nancy Latimore announced at the conclusion of the 2014-15 academic year.

MINNESOTA — Announced TE Maxx Williams will enter the NFL Draft.

PORTLAND STATE — Named Mark Rountree athletic director.

VIRGINIA TECH — Suspended junior F Joey van Zegeren indefinitely from the men's basketball team.

WINSTON-SALEM STATE Announced the resignation of Head Coach Sam Lobotzke to become the offensive coordinator at Richmond.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Fri 6:43 am packed powder machine groomed 32 - 32 base 21 of 78 trails 92% open, 400 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Thu, 9a-4p; Fri. 9a-8p; Sat. 9a-8p Sun. 9a-4p

Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports

Red River — Fri 8:23 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 30 base 45 of 57 trails 79% open, 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Opening Soon for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Fri 5:41 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 24 - 32 base 40 of 41 trails 98% open, 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Apache — Fri 6:18 am MG machine groomed 36 - 42 base 50 of 55 trails 91% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Fri 5:22 am packed powder machine groomed 43 - 43 base 72 of 77 trails 94% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Fri 6:04 am 3 new MG machine groomed 38 - 38 base 60 of 113 trails 54% open; 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Fri 6:00 am 6 new powder machine groomed 12 - 15 base 40 of 47 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Fri 5:46 am 1 new powder machine groomed 34 - 84 base 86 of 109 trails, 79% open, 787 acres, 8 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Fri 7:27 am 1 new powder machine groomed 35 - 48 base 122 of 122 trails, 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Fri 7:27 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 29 - 35 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Fri 5:31 am packed powder machine groomed 41 - 41 base 145 of 150 trails, 100% open, 1832 acres, 23 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Breckenridge — Fri 5:37 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 51 - 51 base 172 of 187 trails, 92% open, 2539 acres, 33 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Fri 7:26 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 30 - 32 base 37 of 44 trails 89% open, 416 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Fri 5:26 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 47 - 55 base 137 of 143 trails, 97% open, 2088 acres, 23 of 23 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Fri 4:59 am 3 new powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 81 of 121 trails, 67% open, 622 acres, 12 of 16 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Eldora — Fri 10:00 am packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 51 of 53 trails, 97% open 10 of 11 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Fri 5:35 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 32 - 32 base 119 of 135 trails 96% open, 3029 acres, 19 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Fri 7:07 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 71 of 93 trails 77% open, 1135 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Fri 2:08 pm 4 new powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 62 of 62 trails 100% open, 800 acres, 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Powderhorn — Fri 5:38 am powder machine groomed 30 - 32 base 32 of 44 trails 76% open, 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Purgatory at Durango — Fri 7:00 am 5 new powder machine groomed 32 - 36 base 85 of 88 trails, 97% open, 9 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Silverton Mountain — Fri 7:51 am powder 40 - 79 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open Thu-Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p

Ski Cooper — Fri 5:44 am 4 new powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open, 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Granby Ranch — Fri 9:49 am packed powder machine groomed 26 - 26 base 38 of 41 trails 93% open, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-3:30p

Snowmass — Fri 7:26 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 31 - 42 base 86 of 94 trails 92% open, 2704 acres, 20 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Steamboat — Fri 5:18 am packed powder machine groomed 41 - 46 base 161 of 165 trails 98% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-8:30p

Sunlight — Fri 5:18 am MG machine groomed 27 - 31 base 42 of 67 trails, 63% open 324 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Telluride — Fri 5:49 am 5 new powder machine groomed 46 - 46 base 102 of 127 trails 94% open, 1855 acres, 18 of 18 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Vail — Fri 5:28 am packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 120 of 195 trails, 100% open 5270 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p

Winter Park — Fri 5:40 am packed powder machine groomed 41 - 42 base 124 of 143 trails 87% open, 2246 acres, 23 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — Fri 6:55 am 11 new powder machine groomed 50 - 58 base 69 of 77 trails 90% open, 1440 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; Ashcroft XC — Operating, no details

Aspen/Snowmass XC — Operating, no details

Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details

TOURNEYS

From 1B

right after returning home from Lubbock on Thursday, the boys' Friday game in Shallowater was canceled.

"The decision was made on Thursday — it just wasn't safe," Greenwood Athletic Director Shad Hanna said. "There wasn't any reason to push it, driving up to the panhandle where it's colder with moisture already on the roads. In order to keep everyone — the players, parents and fans — safe, it was best not to push it."

The Midland Christian girls team was also in Lubbock at the Caprock Tournament. The team canceled its game on the tournament's final day and decided to head home on New Year's Eve, avoiding Greenwood's troubles of being stranded in a hotel. Ryburn said the drive back from Lubbock took nearly four hours and even included a little adventure back in Midland.

"Our bus actually got stuck on some ice about half a mile from the school when we got back in town," Ryburn said. "Everyone made it back safely."

While the Midland Christian girls were in Lubbock, the boys were playing in the Monahans tournament at the same time.

Mustangs boys coach Marks Lanham would have played Monahans in the third-place game on Wednesday, but they decided to cancel that game and return home. The team's trip home lasted about 90 minutes, despite having to stop on a bridge on Interstate 20 waiting for a major accident to get cleaned up.

"We got home before dark and were very glad to be home safe," Lanham said.

In Midland, the Trinity boys and girls teams were set to take on Grandfalls-Royalty in non-district action at home on Friday. The girls' game was scheduled for 2 p.m., with the boys' game to follow at 3:30 p.m.

Trinity Athletic Director and girls' basketball coach Jeff Young held out as long as he could to see if the games could have been played. He and Grandfalls-Royalty girls' coach Mathew Hoover finally made the joint decision to cancel the games on Friday morning.

"I got up and checked the news," Young said. "They were reporting more freezing rain and after checking the radar, I checked with coach Hoover and decided it was not worth the risk."

Hoover said that canceled games over the holiday break are particularly tough to cope with.

"I think anytime we cancel a game, it sets a team back a little," Hoover said. "But canceling a game over a break hurts a little more I think just because we are trying to get back into the flow of things."

MISD officials didn't wait as long in regards to Midland High's girls game against Lubbock High. That game, which was originally scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday at Midland High, was canceled at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. MISD and Lubbock ISD agreed that playing the game was not worth the risk of Lubbock High traveling 118 miles south on slick roads. There was a little more optimism from Lubbock's side, but the weather was just too ugly for any real hope.

"I thought the weather would get better and that we might be able to travel (to Midland)," Lubbock High girls' head coach Nikki Heath said. "But it didn't. Snow was falling and freezing immediately on the windshields of the cars. It was too unsafe."

MHS girls head coach Wes Torres confirmed on Friday in an email to the Reporter-Telegram, that the game with Lubbock High will not be rescheduled.

Oilers deal Perron to Penguins

■ Edmonton gets Klinkhammer and a first-round draft pick

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers traded left wing David Perron to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday for a 2015 first-round draft pick and center Rob Klinkhammer.

The 26-year-old Perron represented the best chance for Oilers general manager Craig MacTavish to acquire assets for the future.

Last-place Edmonton is already a strong contender to select Connor McDavid in the next draft.

If the Penguins win the Metropolitan Division or reach the Stanley Cup final, the pick the Oilers are getting will be late in the first round, so it could be used in a future trade.

Klinkhammer is a depth center who began the season with the Arizona Coyotes before being dealt to Pittsburgh for defensive prospect Philip Samuelsson. He has four goals and two assists in 29 games this season and 39 points in 139 games.

The 28-year-old may not be a long-term solution, but he could allow the Oilers to send 19-year-old Leon Draisaitl back to junior. The team recalled center Anton Lander from Oklahoma City of the AHL on Thursday.

Klinkhammer has a salary cap hit of $625,000 and is set to be an unrestricted free agent next summer.

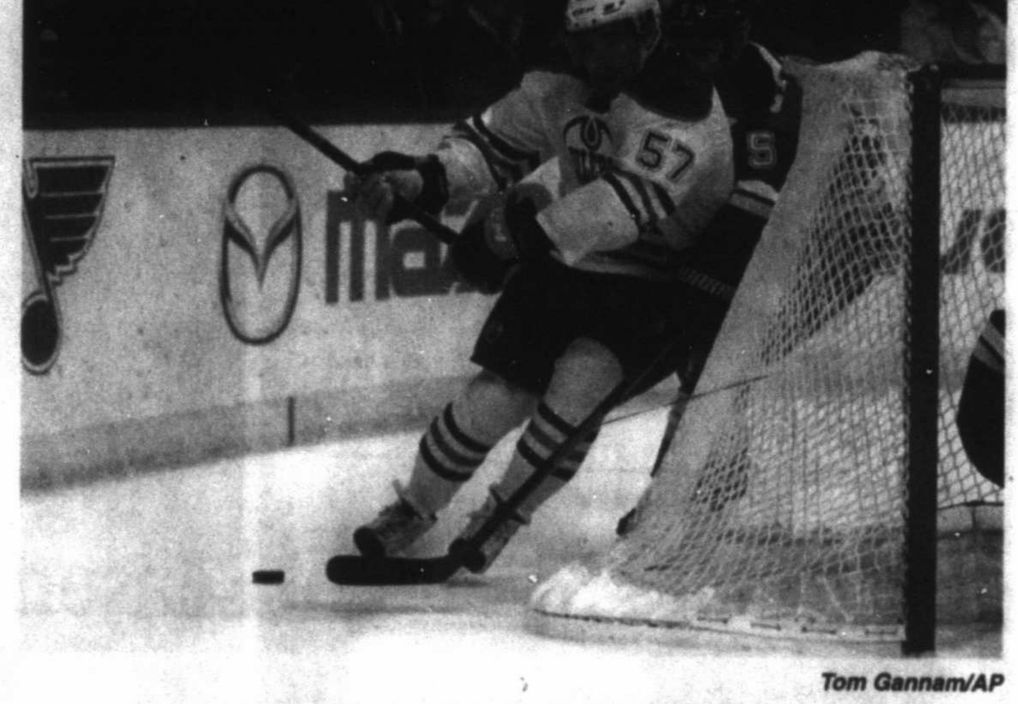
One of the Oilers' biggest issues has been the lack of a No. 2 center behind Ryan Nugent-Hopkins. They recently acquired Derek Roy from the Nashville Predators in exchange for Mark Arcobello.

In getting a first-round pick for Perron, who's signed through 2015-'16 at a salary cap hit of $3.81 million, the Oilers made good use of a player who was capable of producing but not turning the franchise around.

The 26-year-old had five goals and 15 assists in 38 games this season.

Perron, who has 117 goals and 157 assists in 456 games with the Oilers and St. Louis Blues, goes from a team stuck in the Western Conference basement to one that is a perennial playoff contender. He could play on the wing in Pittsburgh with either Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin.

"It's a new chapter for me and I get a chance to hopefully go really deep in the playoffs," Perron said.



Tom Gannam/AP

Edmonton's David Perron (57) collides behind the net with St. Louis' Barret Jackman (5) as they chase the puck during a Nov. 28 game in St. Louis. The Oilers traded Perron to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Friday for center Rob Klinkhammer and a first-round draft pick.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Montreal	38	25	11	2	52	104	88
Tampa Bay	40	24	12	4	52	130	106
Detroit	38	20	9	9	49	108	95
Toronto	38	21	14	3	45	128	114
Boston	38	19	15	4	42	101	103
Florida	35	18	10	9	41	82	83
Ottawa	36	15	14	7	37	97	99
Buffalo	38	14	21	3	31	76	128
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Pittsburgh	38	24	9	5	53	117	90
N.Y. Islanders	37	25	11	1	51	117	102
Washington	37	19	11	7	45	108	96
N.Y. Rangers	35	20	11	4	44	107	89
Columbus	35	16	16	3	35	89	110
Philadelphia	38	14	17	7	35	104	115
New Jersey	39	13	19	7	33	83	111
Carolina	38	11	23	4	26	75	101
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Chicago	38	25	11	2	52	119	91
Nashville	36	24	9	3	51	106	78
St. Louis	37	22	12	3	47	108	93
Winnipeg	36	19	12	7	45	96	92
Dallas	36	17	14	5	39	106	116
Minnesota	35	17	14	4	38	100	98
Colorado	37	14	15	8	36	96	112
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	39	24	9	6	54	107	104
Los Angeles	39	19	12	8	46	106	96
Vancouver	36	21	12	3	45	105	97
San Jose	36	20	13	5	45	104	96
Calgary	39	21	15	3	45	114	103
Arizona	37	14	19	4	32	86	121
Edmonton	38	8	22	8	24	82	131

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Scores

Carolina 2, Philadelphia 1

Florida 2, Buffalo 0

Montreal 4, New Jersey 2

Pittsburgh 6, Tampa Bay 3

Toronto at Minnesota, late

Edmonton at Colorado, late

N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, late

St. Louis at Anaheim, late

Today's Games

Ottawa at Boston, Noon

Nashville at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Arizona, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

St. Louis at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

US loses to Russia in world junior quarters

Associated Press

MONTREAL — The United States was eliminated from hockey's world junior championship Friday with a 3-2 loss to Russia in the quarterfinals.

Defensemen Anthony DeAngelo and Zach Werenski scored for the Americans, who finished out of the medals for the second straight year after winning two years ago in Ufa, Russia.

"It's tough to swallow," said DeAngelo, a Tampa Bay first-round pick who plays for Sarnia in the Ontario Hockey League. "We thought we were just as good as their team in this tournament. I still do, but we're not going to have a chance to show it. It is what it is now."

Russia advanced to a semifinal in Toronto against Sweden, a 6-3 winner over defending champion Finland in Toronto.

In the other quarterfinals Friday, Slovakia beat the Czech Republic 3-0 in Montreal to set up a semifinal game against the winner of the late game between Canada and Denmark in Toronto.

Ivan Barbashev and Sergei Tolchinski had power-play goals and Alexander Sherov also scored for Russia. Igor Shestyorkin provided strong goaltending, with the Americans outshooting Russia 41-25.

"Before the game everyone said we are underdogs," Russian coach Valeri Bragin said. "I agree with that because the American team has a lot of skilled players and is well organized, but we capitalized on our chances in the beginning of the game, and we had solid goaltending. Our team showed real team spirit."

The game, a weekday matinee played before a sparse crowd at Bell Centre, was marked by 14 minor penalties. The U.S. was drawn into five of them in the opening period and fell behind 2-0.

"If you have to kill off that many penalties in a row you spend a lot of energy," U.S. coach Mark Osiecki said. "That caught up to us. We were very disciplined before and for some reason it didn't work out today."

In Toronto, Sweden had three power-play goals against Finland to push its tournament total to 12.

"Our power play is working really well," said Maple Leafs draft pick William Nylander, who had two assists to tie teammate Oskar Lindblom for the tournament scoring lead with nine points. "We have a lot of confidence now. We beat Russia last time, so we just have to refresh the bodies and get ready."

US women's soccer team announces camp roster

Associated Press

U.S. women's national team coach Jill Ellis named 29 players to the roster for a 21-day training camp that starts Monday.

The team, preparing for the Women's World Cup later this year in Canada, is training in Carson, California, before heading overseas to play matches in France and England in February.

The roster includes all the players that the US team took to Brazil last month for the International Tournament of Brasilia, along with midfielders Shannon Boxx, Kristie Mewis and Allie Long, defender Rachel Van Hollebeke and goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart.

Also on the roster is forward Alex Morgan. Morgan was also on the Brasilia roster, but she was unable to play because of an ankle injury she suffered in October during the CONCACAF women's championship.

Millsaps comes back strong after injuries

By John Marshall
Associated Press

Davi Millsaps went into the Monster Energy Cup with low expectations, treating it almost as a warm-up for the Supercross season.

Of course he wanted to win the race — all riders do — but after spending 18 months away from racing because of injuries and running with a new team for the first time, getting a feel for racing again was the main priority.

Turned out to be some warm-up.

By taking the final moto and finishing top-5 in the other two, Millsaps won the Monster Energy Cup in October, earning a $100,000 paycheck while giving his Supercross season a huge kick-start.

"Honestly, it was a surprise to myself and everyone else," Millsaps said. "But it was a really good race."

The 17-race Supercross season kicks off Saturday at Angels Stadium in Anaheim, California. The schedule also includes a stop at Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers, races in consecutive weekends in Atlanta and a switch from Qualcomm Stadium to Petco Park in San Diego.

Once the first gate drops, Millsaps will be one of the favorites in what could be the most wide-open season to date.

Ryan Villopoto, the four-time defending Supercross champion, retired from the series and went to race in Europe to compete for the FIM Motocross World Championship. Two-time champion James Stewart also will be missing after being suspended 16 months for a failed drug test.

That leaves two riders who have previously won Supercross titles: Ryan Dungey and two-time champion Chad Reed.

Millsaps finished second in 2012 and 2013, and is healthy again, so he will likely have a say in the championship race. Trey Canard is one of the series' best young riders and was in line for a $1 million payday before wrecking in the final moto at the Monster Energy Cup, so expect to see him competing for a title.

Justin Barcia, Eli Tomac and Ken Roczen also will be back and a new crop of talented riders will be making the jump from the 250cc series, including Blake Baggett, who will race for Yoshimura Suzuki with Stewart out.

"We say it every year, but I think this year is going to be incredible," said Dave Prater, director of Supercross for AMA Supercross. "It should be wide open."

Millsaps put his name in the mix by winning the Monster Energy Cup, but it was a long road back to get there.

After finishing second in the 2013 Supercross season, he underwent surgery to fix a lingering knee injury, basically having his leg strengthened to prevent needing knee replacement surgery.

The 26-year-old rider from Orlando, Florida, was out for nearly four months, then broke his foot and dislocated his ankle. Once Millsaps came back from that, he tore up his other knee and needed surgery.

As he started riding again, his foot continued to hurt, so he had surgery to try fixing it. Then another. And another.

"It was miserable. Just the fact that every time I thought I fixed it, it came back," Millsaps said. "It's definitely hard mentally to get past it."

The final surgery finally fixed Millsaps' foot and he was able to start riding outdoors in July. He also left Rockstar Energy Racing for Monster Energy Kawasaki, essentially filling the spot left by Villopoto's departure.

Millsaps had less than a month with his new team before the Monster Energy Cup and missed part of that time because he got sick, but meshed quickly.

The team was already a well-oiled machine after winning four Supercross titles with Villopoto and Millsaps made a seamless transition, finishing third and fourth the first two races before taking the final moto and the big paycheck.

"Basically two years off a motorcycle, jump on a brand new one and win your first race, with everyone there really is really impressive," Prater said. "You can never write Davi off. He seems to get better with age."

Cincinnati coach Cronin to miss rest of season

By Mark Schmetzer
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati basketball coach Mick Cronin will not work games or practices for the rest of the season because of an artery problem.

The 43-year-old coach can watch film and recruit despite his condition, which his doctors have described as a "flap in his artery wall," he said during a press conference on Friday morning.

"I'll still be running the program, just in a different role," said Cronin, adding that his exposure to basketball will be limited to watching games on television. He has been meeting with the team before practice and then returning to his office, he said.

Cronin, who described himself as the Bearcats' "general manager," is expected to return next season, said Dr. Mario Zuccarello of UC Health's Department of Neurosurgery in a statement.

"If I follow orders, it should be onward and upward for the rest of my life," Cronin said in his first public appearance since his condition was diagnosed.

He wanted to make the appearance to ease concerns about his condition, he said.

"I walk into restaurants and people look like they've seen a ghost," he said, half-jokingly. "People stand up and cheer."

Unusually persistent and painful headaches prompted doctors to schedule more in-depth examinations, including an MRI. He spent the night before Cincinnati's game against Virginia Commonwealth on December 20 being checked out and was able to tell his team he wouldn't be coaching until an hour before the game.

Led by an admittedly distracted associate head coach Larry Davis, Cincinnati had its worst loss of the season, 68-47.

"Not taking anything away from VCU, but I was somewhere else," Davis said. "(The Bearcats) were somewhere else."

Treatment for the condition is medication, rest and keeping his blood pressure, Cronin said.

"When they told me all I need is rest and medication and to maintain a normal blood pressure, that would be great for 99 percent of the country, but not for coaching," Cronin said.

Cronin's father, longtime Cincinnati high school coach and baseball scout Harold "Hep" Cronin, was on hand at the press conference.

Cronin has missed three games since December 20, when Cincinnati announced his condition as an aneurysm, but he's been working every day since December 26, he said. The Bearcats are 2-1 under Davis.

"The best news is one of the best young coaches in the country is going to heal up and be back coaching," Davis said.

Cronin, 43, is 169-109 in nine seasons as Cincinnati's coach and 238-133 in 12 seasons overall.

Cincinnati (9-3) is scheduled to play its American Athletic Conference opener on Saturday at home against Southern Methodist (10-3, 1-0). Tipoff is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Captain Gerrard leaving Liverpool at end of season

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard is set to move to a foreign club after disclosing on Friday he will leave his boyhood team after the season to seek a new football experience away from the English Premier League.

The 34-year-old midfielder said he "agonized" over whether to accept Liverpool's offer of a new contract, and made the announcement midway through a season when he was no longer guaranteed a place in the team.

With his contract expiring at the end of the season, Gerrard has been free to talk to foreign clubs since New Year's Day, and he has no plans to retire yet.

"I'm going to carry on playing," Gerrard said. "Although I can't confirm at this stage where that will be, I can say it will be somewhere that means I won't be playing for a competing club, and will not therefore be lining up against Liverpool — that is something I could never contemplate.

"My decision is completely based on my wish to experience something different in my career and life, and I also want to make sure that I have no regrets when my playing career is eventually over."

Major League Soccer would be an obvious destination for Gerrard, who rose through the academy to become one of Liverpool's greatest ever players, and also captained England before retiring from international duty after the 2014 World Cup.

"This has been the toughest decision of my life, and one which both me and my family have agonized over for a good deal of time," Gerrard said of his Liverpool departure. "I am making the announcement now so that the manager and the team are not distracted by stories or speculation about my future.

"Liverpool Football Club has been such a huge part of all our lives for so long, and saying goodbye is going to be difficult, but I feel it's something that's in the best interests of all involved, including my family and the club itself."

Gerrard, who has scored 180 goals in 695 appearances, has won the Champions League, UEFA Cup, FA Cup and League Cup, but his Liverpool career, into its 17th year, will end without winning the Premier League. After coming so close to winning the trophy last season, Liverpool collapsed in the closing stages of the title race and the team is struggling at eighth in this campaign.

Gerrard's drive, the determination, and the goal-scoring heroics from midfield have come to Liverpool's rescue repeatedly since making his debut in 1998.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

FRIDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH

Alabama 76, North Florida 61
Florida Gulf Coast 49, Ave Maria 36

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 123, Cent. Pennsylvania 80
Ill.-Chicago 77, Youngstown St. 71
Kent St. 74, Texas-Pan American 54

FAR WEST

Stanford 71, Washington St. 56

EAST

Mass.-Lowell 50, Binghamton 40
Monmouth (NJ) 73, Canisius 68
Rider 89, Marist 59
St. Peter's 66, Quinnipiac 60

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Kansas St. at Oklahoma St., 11 a.m.
Texas at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.
Utah Valley at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
Baylor at Oklahoma, 3 p.m.
West Virginia at TCU, 3 p.m.
Hartford at Texas A&M, 4 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Sam Houston St., 4:30 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Lamar, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.
South Alabama at Texas-Arlington, 7:15 p.m.

SOUTH

Minnesota at Maryland, 11 a.m.
Pittsburgh at NC State, 11 a.m.
Syracuse at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.
North Alabama at Auburn, Noon
Florida A&M at Stetson, Noon
High Point at Winthrop, Noon
Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina, 1 p.m.
UConn at Florida, 1 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Georgia, 1 p.m.
UALR at Georgia St., 1 p.m.
Thomas (Ga.) at Kennesaw St., 1 p.m.
Austin Peay at Mississippi, 1 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at UNC Asheville, 1 p.m.
Hofstra at UNC Wilmington, 1 p.m.
Yale at Vanderbilt, 1 p.m.
The Citadel at W. Carolina, 1 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at William & Mary, 1 p.m.
Wofford at Samford, 2 p.m.
Texas Southern at Alcorn St., 3 p.m.
Boston College at Duke, 3 p.m.
Towson at James Madison, 3 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at McNeese St., 3 p.m.
Toledo at N. Kentucky, 3 p.m.
Hampton at SC-Upstate, 3 p.m.
Richmond at Davidson, 4 p.m.
Radford at Longwood, 4 p.m.
Mercer at UNC Greensboro, 4 p.m.
Virginia at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alabama St., 5 p.m.
Tulane at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Prairie View at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Alabama A&M, 6 p.m.
Furman at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
SC State at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
La Salle at George Mason, 6 p.m.
Texas St. at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Savannah St. at LSU, 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at Liberty, 6 p.m.
CS Bakersfield at NC A&T, 6 p.m.
East Carolina at South Florida, 6 p.m.
Murray St. at Morehead St., 6:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Southern Miss., 7 p.m.
North Carolina at Clemson, 7:15 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
SE Missouri at Tennessee St., 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

SMU at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
Duquesne at Dayton, Noon
Bethune-Cookman at Ball St., 1 p.m.
Xavier at DePaul, 1 p.m.
Providence at Marquette, 1 p.m.
Michigan at Purdue, 1:15 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.
Rhode Island at Saint Louis, 2 p.m.
UMKC at Miami (Ohio), 2:30 p.m.
Illinois at Ohio St., 2:30 p.m.
Drake at Missouri St., 3 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at E. Illinois, 3:15 p.m.
Lipscomb at Missouri, 4 p.m.
Coppin St. at Akron, 6 p.m.
Chicago St. at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at SIU-Edwardsville, 6:30 p.m.
S. Illinois at Bradley, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Utah St. at Boise St., 1 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Cal) at Loyola Marymount, 3 p.m.
N. Colorado at Montana St., 3:35 p.m.
Idaho St. at E. Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Air Force at Nevada, 5 p.m.
Fresno Pacific at Long Beach St., 6 p.m.
Colorado St. at New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Oregon St. at Oregon, 7 p.m.
Pacific at Pepperdine, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Cal St.-Fullerton, 8 p.m.
North Dakota at Montana, 8 p.m.
UC Irvine at New Mexico St., 8 p.m.
Gonzaga at Portland, 8:30 p.m.
San Diego St. at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Weber St. at Idaho, 9 p.m.
Wyoming at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
San Diego at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.
Cal Maritime at UC Davis, 9 p.m.
N. Arizona at Portland St., 9:05 p.m.
S. Utah at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.
BYU at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

EAST

Villanova at Seton Hall, 11 a.m.
Holy Cross at American U., Noon
Lehigh at Boston U., Noon
Bucknell at Colgate, 1 p.m.
Northeastern at Delaware, 1 p.m.
Navy at Lafayette, 1 p.m.
Army at Loyola (Md.), 1 p.m.
George Washington at Saint Joseph's, 1 p.m.
New Hampshire at Stony Brook, 1 p.m.
Cornell at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at CCSU, 2:30 p.m.
St. Francis (NY) at Sacred Heart, 2:30 p.m.
Elon at Drexel, 3 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Robert Morris, 3 p.m.
Wagner at St. Francis (Pa.), 3 p.m.
Butler at St. John's, 3 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at UMass, 3 p.m.
Creighton at Georgetown, 3:30 p.m.
Bryant at LIU Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.
South Carolina vs. Iowa St. at the Barclays Center, 5 p.m.
Maine at Albany (NY), 6 p.m.
Penn St. at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m.

Women

FRIDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH

Duke 87, NC A&T 56
Kentucky 78, Alabama 66
Louisville 75, Georgia Tech 48
Mississippi St. 84, Georgia 56
NJIT 76, Wofford 50
North Carolina 85, ETSU 62

MIDWEST

Butler 66, Providence 61
N. Dakota St. 77, Oral Roberts 64
Notre Dame 74, Florida St. 68
Xavier 66, Creighton 65

EAST

Canisius 56, Manhattan 45
Cornell 75, Youngstown St. 63
Dartmouth 58, Oakland 54
Florida Gulf Coast 68, Harvard 58
Marist 56, Siena 46
Quinnipiac 80, Niagara 66
St. John's 59, Seton Hall 50
St. Peter's 50, Rider 49

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. at Baylor, 11 a.m.
Incarnate Word at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.
Houston at SMU, 2 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Arkansas St., 3:05 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Lamar, 4 p.m.
MVSU at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 5 p.m.
South Alabama at UT Arlington, 5 p.m.
Kansas at Texas, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

UALR at Georgia St., 11 a.m.
Wright St. at N. Kentucky, Noon
Norfolk St. at S.C.-Upstate, Noon
W. Carolina at Bethune-Cookman, 1 p.m.
Winthrop at Charleston Southern, 1 p.m.
Campbell at Longwood, 1 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at McNeese St., 1 p.m.
Bluefield at N.C. Central, 1 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Presbyterian, 1 p.m.
Tulsa at UCF, 1 p.m.
UT Martin at Belmont, 2 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Gardner-Webb, 2 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alabama St., 3 p.m.
Texas Southern at Alcorn St., 3 p.m.
Austin Peay at E. Kentucky, 3 p.m.
High Point at Liberty, 3 p.m.
Prairie View at Southern U., 3 p.m.
Texas St. at Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Alabama A&M, 4 p.m.
Murray St. at Morehead St., 4:15 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
SE Missouri at Tennessee St., 5:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Temple at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at E. Illinois, 1 p.m.
Davenport at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas St. at Iowa St., 1 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Kent St., 1 p.m.
E. Michigan at N. Illinois, 1 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Toledo, 1 p.m.
Akron at W. Michigan, 1 p.m.
Stetson at Valparaiso, 1:35 p.m.
Montana at North Dakota, 2 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at SIU-Edwardsville, 2 p.m.
Ball St. at Bowling Green, 3 p.m.
Maryland at Nebraska, 3 p.m.

FAR WEST

Washington St. at Arizona, 1 p.m.
UMKC at UC Riverside, 2 p.m.
Nevada at Air Force, 3 p.m.
Washington at Arizona St., 3 p.m.
San Francisco at BYU, 3 p.m.
New Mexico at Colorado St., 3 p.m.
San Diego Christian at Grand Canyon, 3 p.m.
E. Washington at Idaho St., 3 p.m.
Portland St. at N. Arizona, 3 p.m.
Montana St. at N. Colorado, 3 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Saint Mary's, 3 p.m.
Boise St. at Utah St., 3 p.m.
Idaho at Weber St., 3 p.m.
San Jose St. at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
CS Bakersfield at Cal Poly, 4 p.m.
Portland at Gonzaga, 4 p.m.
Pepperdine at Pacific, 4 p.m.
Santa Clara at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Diego St., 4 p.m.
CS Northridge at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Menlo at UC Davis, 4 p.m.
Utah at California, 5 p.m.
Oregon at Southern Cal, 5 p.m.
Oregon St. at UCLA, 7 p.m.
Sacramento St. at S. Utah, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Stanford, 9 p.m.

EAST

Albany (N.Y.) at Maine, 11 a.m.
New Hampshire at Stony Brook, 11 a.m.
Loyola (Md.) at Army, Noon
Ohio at Buffalo, Noon
Fairleigh Dickinson at CCSU, Noon
Duquesne at Rhode Island, Noon
Mount St. Mary's at Robert Morris, Noon
St. Francis (N.Y.) at Sacred Heart, Noon
UMass at St. Bonaventure, Noon
Wagner at St. Francis (Pa.), Noon
American at Holy Cross, 12:05 p.m.
UMass-Lowell at Binghamton, 1 p.m.
Colgate at Bucknell, 1 p.m.
Boston U. at Lehigh, 1 p.m.
Bryant at LIU Brooklyn, 1 p.m.
Hartford at Vermont, 1 p.m.
Lafayette at Navy, 6 p.m.
VCU at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	8	.750	—
Brooklyn	16	16	.500	8
Boston	11	19	.367	12
New York	5	30	.143	20 1/2
Philadelphia	4	26	.133	19

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	23	8	.742	—
Washington	22	9	.710	1
Miami	14	19	.424	10
Orlando	13	23	.361	12 1/2
Charlotte	10	24	.294	14 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	10	.697	—
Cleveland	19	14	.576	4
Milwaukee	17	16	.515	6
Indiana	12	21	.364	11
Detroit	9	23	.281	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	23	8	.742	—
Houston	22	9	.710	1
Dallas	24	10	.706	1/2
San Antonio	20	14	.588	4 1/2
New Orleans	16	16	.500	7 1/2
Northwest Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	26	7	.788	—
Oklahoma City	24	17	.585	10
Denver	13	20	.394	13
Utah	11	21	.344	14 1/2
Minnesota	8	26	.181	20
Pacific Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	29	5	.853	—
L.A. Clippers	22	11	.667	4 1/2
Phoenix	18	16	.529	9
Sacramento	14	19	.424	12 1/2
L.A. Lakers	10	22	.313	16

Friday's Scores

Brooklyn 105, Orlando 86
Cleveland 91, Charlotte 87
Dallas 119, Boston 101
Detroit 97, New York 91
Houston at New Orleans, late
Washington at Oklahoma City, late
Indiana at Milwaukee, late
Philadelphia at Phoenix, late
Atlanta at Utah, late
Toronto at Golden State, late
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Denver, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S BOXES

MAVERICKS 119, CELTICS 101

DALLAS (119): Parsons 4-9 3-4 13, Nowitzki 7-19 3-3 17, Chandler 2-7 4-4 8, Rondo 12-19 0-0 29, Ellis 8-17 4-4 22, Smch 3-4 0-0 6, Harris 3-6 2-2 10, Villanueva 0-3 0-0 0, Jefferson 3-6 0-0 8, Barea 1-2 0-0 2, Aminu 1-1 0-0 2, Powell 0-0 0-0 0, Felton 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 45-96 16-17 119.

BOSTON (101): Green 7-15 0-2 18, Sullinger 4-10 2-2 12, Zeller 7-9 3-4 17, Turner 3-7 1-2 9, Bradley 9-20 1-1 22, Olynyk 1-4 0-2 2, Nelson 2-8 2-4 7, Bass 1-2 0-0 2, Smart 2-7 2-2 8, Wright 0-0 0-0 0, Crowder 2-6 0-0 4, Pressey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-89 13-19 101.

Dallas	31	28	33	27 — 119
Boston	17	29	16	37 — 101

3-Point Goals—Dallas 13-27 (Rondo 5-7, Ellis 2-3, Johnson 2-4, Parsons 2-4, Harris 2-6, Villanueva 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2), Boston 12-34 (Bradley 3-6, Turner 2-5, Green 2-6, Smart 2-6, Sullinger 2-6, Nelson 1-4, Bass 0-1, Olynyk 0-1, Crowder 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 59 (Chandler 16), Boston 50 (Zeller 10). Assists—Dallas 24 (Rondo 5), Boston 22 (Smart 7). Total Fouls—Dallas 21, Boston 21. A—18,624 (18,624).

NETS 100, MAGIC 98

BROOKLYN (100): Johnson 5-13 3-3 14, Garnett 3-4 2-2 9, Plumlee 5-10 0-3 10, Jack 3-8 0-0 6, Karasev 3-5 0-2 7, Lopez 7-8 2-2 16, Teletovic 4-9 1-1 9, Williams 5-10 3-4 15, Anderson 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 41-72 11-18 100.

ORLANDO (98): Harris 4-10 0-0 12, O'Quinn 2-7 0-0 4, Vucevic 4-10 2-4 10, Payton 6-13 3-5 16, Oladipo 7-13 1-1 17, Frye 4-8 0-0 11, Fournier 4-11 2-4 12, Dedmon 0-3 0-0 0, B.Gordon 5-9 3-4 14, Mbah a Moute 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 37-89 13-20 98.

Brooklyn	23	30	34	14 — 100
Orlando	25	16	21	37 — 98

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 7-20 (Williams 3-3, Garnett 1-1, Karasev 1-2, Anderson 1-3, Johnson 1-7, Jack 0-1, Teletovic 0-3), Orlando 11-22 (Frye 3-6, Oladipo 2-2, Harris 2-3, Fournier 2-5, Payton 1-1, B.Gordon 1-3, Mbah a Moute 0-1, O'Quinn 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 52 (Plumlee 9), Orlando 44 (Payton 9). Assists—Brooklyn 28 (Williams 7), Orlando 22 (Payton 10). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 16, Orlando 18. A—17,008 (18,500).

CAVALIERS 91, HORNETS 87

CLEVELAND (91): Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Love 9-15 6-10 27, Thompson 9-10 4-6 14, Irving 6-27 7-8 23, Dellavedova 1-4 0-0 3, Waiters 8-21 1-2 17, Marion 2-7 3-4 7, Haywood 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 35-87 21-30 91.

CHARLOTTE (87): Kidd-Gilchrist 5-11 2-5 12, Zeller 4-7 7-9 15, Biyombo 0-0 2-2 2, Walker 4-16 1-3 10, Henderson 6-17 2-2 14, Neal 5-16 0-0 11, Mosell 1-4 6-10 8, Williams 2-7 4-4 10, Hairston 3-8 0-0 8, Roberts 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 32-87 17-35 87.

Cleveland	16	24	32	19 — 91
Charlotte	25	21	19	22 — 87

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 4-15 (Love 3-4, Dellavedova 1-2, Jones 0-1, Irving 0-2, Marion 0-2, Waiters 0-4), Charlotte 8-28 (Hairston 2-4, Williams 2-7, Neal 1-7, Walker 1-6, Henderson 0-1, Roberts 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 59 (Thompson 14), Charlotte 68 (Kidd-Gilchrist 10). Assists—Cleveland 16 (Miller, Dellavedova 4), Charlotte 20 (Walker 5). Total Fouls—Cleveland 23, Charlotte 24. A—19,307 (19,077).

PISTONS 97, KNICKS 91

DETROIT (97): Monroe 5-11 2-2 12, Singler 1-4 0-0 2, Drummond 3-3 1-6 7, Jennings 11-17 3-4 29, Caldwell-Pope 3-8 0-0 7, Jerebko 2-2 2-2 7, Butler 2-4 0-0 5, Meeks 6-13 0-0 15, Augustin 2-7 0-0 5, Tolliver 1-3 0-0 3, Anthony 0-1 0-0 0, Martin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-78 8-14 97.

NEW YORK (91): J.Smith 5-20 1-2 22, Ja.Smith 2-8 1-2 5, Aldrich 5-15 1-2 11, Prigioni 1-5 0-2 3, Calderon 3-11 0-0 7, Bargnani 0-0 0-0 0, Larkin 3-5 1-2 8, Acy 6-10 1-1 15, Wear 4-12 0-0 9, Early 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 32-91 7-14 91.

Detroit	24	33	25	15 — 97
New York	20	18	14	39 — 91

3-Point Goals—Detroit 13-33 (Jennings 4-8, Meeks 3-7, Caldwell-Pope 2-5, Jerebko 1-1, Tolliver 1-2, Butler 1-3, Augustin 1-5, Singler 0-2), New York 10-34 (J.Smith 0-6, Larkin 1-1, Early 1-2, Wear 1-3, Prigioni 1-3, Calderon 1-4, Acy 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 55 (Drummond 20), New York 55 (Aldrich 14). Assists—Detroit 24 (Augustin 9), New York 19 (J.Smith 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 16, New York 15. A—19,812 (19,763).

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SEC's dominance in college football over — for now

By John Zenor
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — It was bound to happen.

BCS or playoff, the Southeastern Conference's run of playing in the national championship game had to end eventually. That aura of invincibility and superiority that vexed other teams and fans inevitably would fade, too.

Four losses over two humbling days took care of that — for the moment, at least. It might be a short-term blip, a down season for a conference replacing star quarterbacks Johnny Manziel, Aaron Murray and AJ McCarron whatever the lofty early and midseason rankings indicated.

"The bottom line is everybody gets tired of the SEC because they've lifted up seven crystal balls out of eight seasons," said CBS Sports college football analyst Houston Nutt, a former Mississippi and Arkansas coach. "They've been there. The SEC wasn't as good this year. You look at the quarterbacks that graduated last year. The bottom line is the SEC wasn't as good this year as in years past."

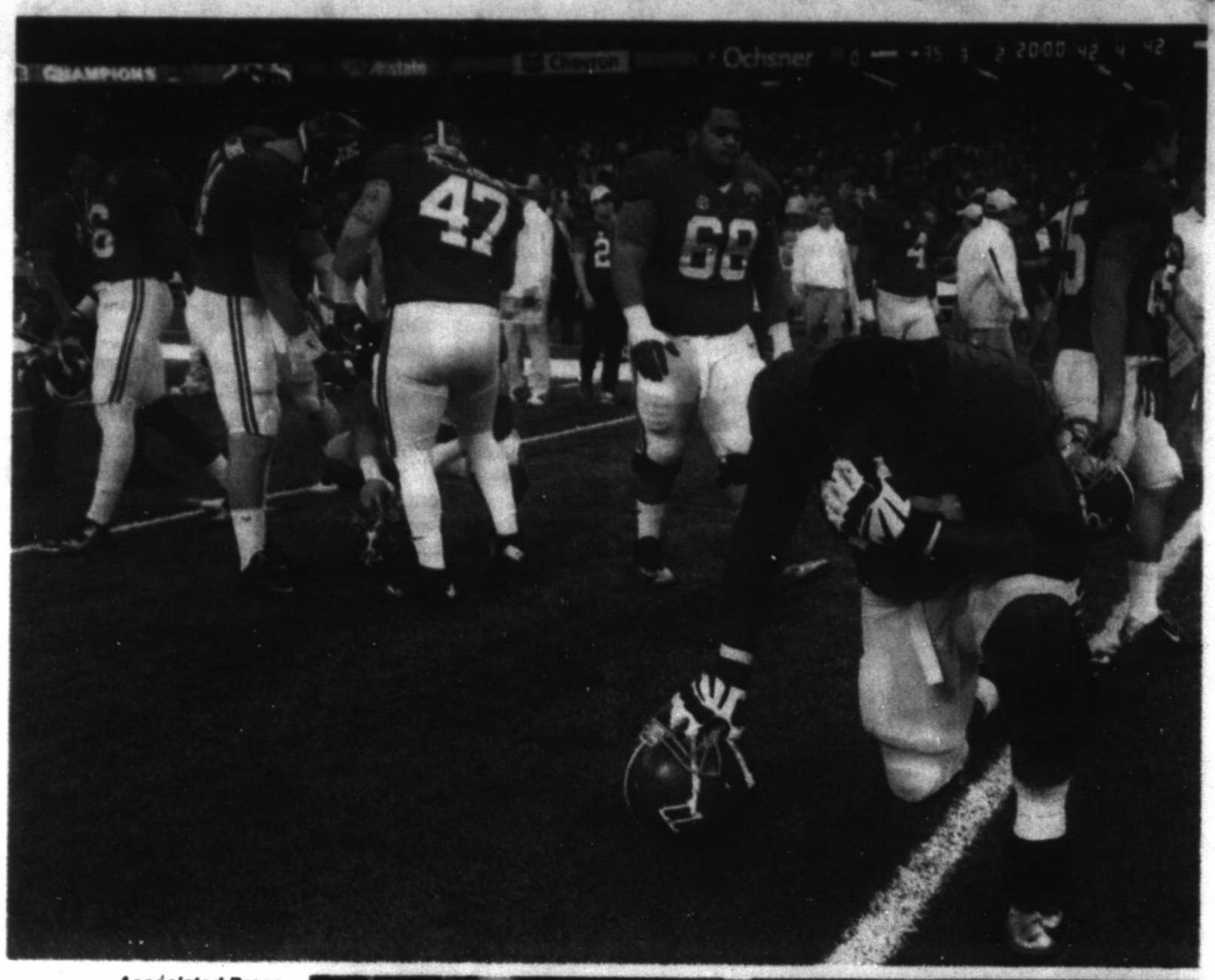
That was abundantly clear this week.

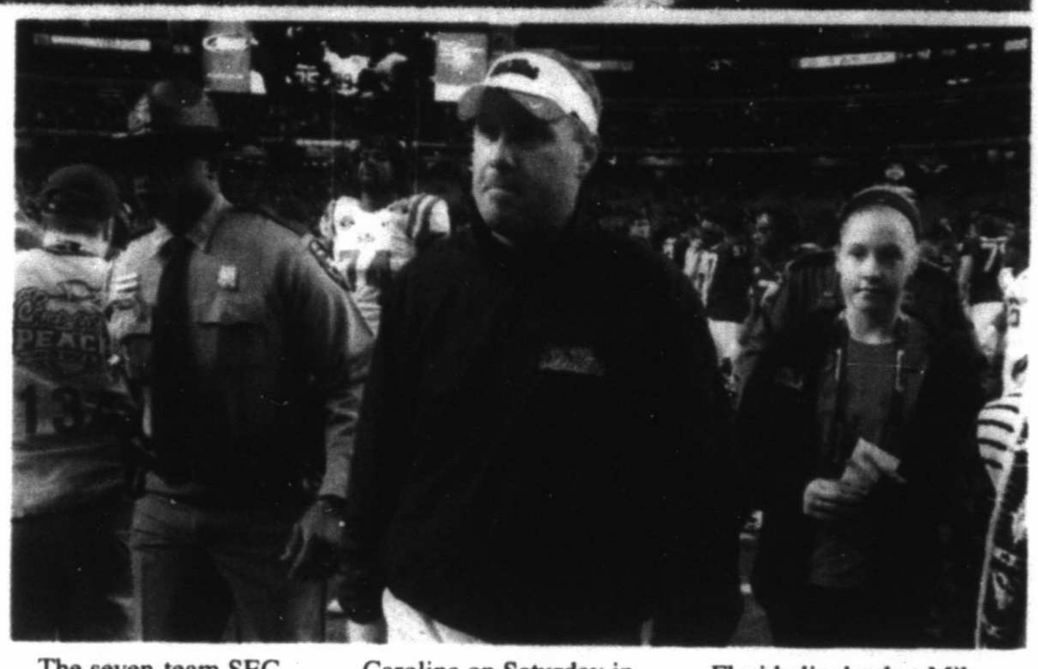
One year after ACC power Florida State ended the SEC's run of seven straight BCS titles, Ohio State toppled No. 1 Alabama 42-35 in the Sugar Bowl to advance to the championship game against Oregon.

That came hours after Wisconsin beat Auburn in overtime in the Outback Bowl and a day after Mississippi and Mississippi State got roughed up in their games.

Florida's Urban Meyer started the run of domination in the 2006 season by blasting Ohio State. Fast forward: Ohio State's Urban Meyer won his latest classic showdown with Alabama's Nick Saban that dealt the SEC another body blow.

The SEC West that once dominated the Top 10, and had four playoff contenders much of the season, went 0-4 on Wednesday and Thursday.





Associated Press

TOP: Alabama players react after the Sugar Bowl on Thursday against Ohio State. Ohio State beat Alabama, 42-35. Ohio State will now play Oregon on Jan. 12 in the College Football Championship game. **RIGHT:** Ole Miss head coach Hugh Freeze walks off the field after a 42-3 loss to TCU in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on Wednesday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. The SEC, which has seemed invincible over the last several years, has faced a humbling couple of days with four losses over two days including SEC champ Alabama's loss in the Sugar Bowl on Thursday.

The seven-team SEC West finished 2-5 in bowl play, with the victories coming from sixth-place Texas A&M and last-place Arkansas. The SEC is 6-5 overall in the postseason, with Florida playing East Carolina on Saturday in the Birmingham Bowl. The Gators are trying to secure a winning record for both themselves and their league.

"I guess you could call this a mediocre year," Florida linebacker Mike Taylor said. "You're going to get scrutinized about it. We want to go out there and get a victory not only for the conference but for each other."

Center Max Garcia still believes the SEC remains "the best conference in the nation."

None of what happened in recent days disproves that claim necessarily for a league that routinely reels in highly ranked recruiting classes and delivers more talent to the NFL than any other. It is indicative that it's no long a closed issue, however.

Other Power 5 conferences made that clear.

For every Amari Cooper and Dak Prescott, other leagues countered with stars such as Oregon Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota and Wisconsin tailback Melvin Gordon.

The two-day purge at least laid to rest the perception that other leagues' top teams just can't measure up to the SEC's best.

After all, the same Wisconsin team that beat Auburn was drilled 59-0 by Ohio State in the Big Ten championship game. Saban was already a Buckeyes believer.

"I thought they were a very underrated team by everybody in terms of how people thought about them, especially the way they played against Wisconsin and the way they played later in the year," said the Tide coach, who has brought the SEC three national titles at Bama and one at LSU.

The "SEC is Best" chatter clearly has worn on other teams and conferences. Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson figured Wednesday's 49-34 win over Mississippi State earned a reprieve of sorts.

"For a week or so we won't have to hear about the SEC," Johnson said.

Notre Dame's Brian Kelly celebrated a 31-28 Music City Bowl win over LSU for another reason.

"To beat an SEC school like LSU allows us to continue to build that national credibility that you need in recruiting today," Kelly said.

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CHAVIS

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Chavis is expected to make about $1.7 million annually with the Aggies, up from $1.3 million annually with LSU.

He replaces Mark Snyder, whom Sumlin released in late November following a second consecutive season of a unit ranking outside the top 100 in total defense.

AFTERMATH

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nal regular-season Associated Press and USA Today coaches' polls. There's a good chance that in the BCS the championship game would have been Tide vs. Seminoles with Oregon and Ohio State playing a traditional Big Ten-Pac-12 Rose Bowl for nothing but pride.

Now they'll take it to Texas for a championship game with which no one can argue.

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 20
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 16, Nevada 3
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Utah State 21, UTEP 6
Las Vegas Bowl
Utah 45, Colorado State 10
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise
Air Force 38, Western Michigan 24
Camellia Bowl
At Montgomery, Ala.
Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28
Monday, Dec. 22
Miami Beach Bowl
Memphis 55, BYU 48, 3OT
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Navy 17, San Diego State 16
Wednesday, Dec. 24
Bahamas Bowl
At Nassau
Western Kentucky 49, Central Michigan 48
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Rice 30, Fresno State 6
Friday, Dec. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Louisiana Tech 35, Illinois 18
Quick Lane Bowl
At Detroit
Rutgers 40, North Carolina 21
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
N.C. State 34, UCF 27
Saturday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia Tech 33, Cincinnati 17
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Arizona State 36, Duke 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
South Carolina 24, Miami 21
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Penn State 31, Boston College 3C, OT
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Southern Cal 45, Nebraska 42
Monday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Texas A&M 45, West Virginia 37
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson 40, Oklahoma 6
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Arkansas 31, Texas 7
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Notre Dame 31, LSU 28
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Georgia 37, Louisville 14
Fosters Farm Bowl
At Santa Clara, Calif.
Stanford 45, Maryland 21
Wednesday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
TCU 42, Mississippi 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Boise State 38, Arizona 30
Orange Bowl
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Georgia Tech 49, Mississippi State 34
Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin 34, Auburn 31, OT
Cotton Bowl Classic
At Arlington
Michigan State 42, Baylor 41
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Missouri 33, Minnesota 17
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Playoff semifinal: Oregon 59, Florida State 20
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Playoff semifinal: Ohio State 42, Alabama 35
Friday, Jan. 2
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth, Texas
Houston 35, Pittsburgh 34
TaxSlayer Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Tennessee 45, Iowa 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
UCLA (9-3) vs. Kansas State (9-3), late
Cactus Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma State (6-6) vs. Washington (8-5), late
Today
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Florida (6-5) vs. East Carolina (8-4), Noon (ESPN2)
Sunday
GoDaddy Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Toledo (8-4) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 10
Medal of Honor Bowl
At Charleston, S.C.
American vs. National, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington
Ohio State (13-1) vs. Oregon (13-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 17
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA
Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday, Jan. 24
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

TODAY'S BOWL GAME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BIRMINGHAM BOWL
FLORIDA (6-5) VS. EAST CAROLINA (8-4), 1 P.M. (ESPN)

Line: Florida by 6 1/2.

Series Record: Florida leads 1-0.

WHAT'S AT STAKE: The Gators are trying to finish with a winning record after enduring a coaching change — and make a strong early impression on new coach Jim McElwain. East Carolina has a chance to win back-to-back bowl games for the first time since a three-game streak from 1963-65.

KEY MATCHUP: Florida's secondary vs. East Carolina's passing offense. Led by QB Shane Carden, the Pirates have 4,408 yards passing while the Gators have allowed just 2,136. Vernon Hargreaves III is one of the Southeastern Conference's top cornerbacks while ECU's Justin Hardy (110 catches, 1,334 yards, nine touchdowns) leads a dangerous receiving corps.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Florida: DE Dante Fowler Jr. The NFL-bound Gators star is playing in his last college game. His ability to penetrate the line of scrimmage — Fowler has 12.0 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks — could be key in disrupting the Pirates' prolific passing game.

East Carolina: Carden has put up huge numbers in directing the nation's No. 3 passing offense. He finished the regular season ranked second nationally in total offense and yards passing.

FACTS AND FIGURES: Florida has been led by defensive coordinator/interim coach D.J. Durkin since Nov. 22. ... This is East Carolina's fourth bowl in five years under coach Ruffin McNeill and eighth in the last nine seasons. ... East Carolina is 6-25 against SEC teams, dropping seven of the last nine matchups. ... Florida won't have KR Andre Debose or DT Darious Cummings for the game. ... Both teams have endured some close defeats. Florida has lost three games by five points or fewer. East Carolina finished the regular season by giving up a game-ending Hail Mary in a 32-30 loss to UCF after staging a big fourth-quarter comeback. ... Hargreaves' father, Vernon, coached special teams and defensive ends for ECU from 2007-09.

Tennessee overwhelms Iowa in TaxSlayer Bowl

By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Joshua Dobbs accounted for three touchdowns, Jalen Hurd ran for two scores and Tennessee beat Iowa 45-28 on Friday in the TaxSlayer Bowl for its first postseason victory since the Phillip Fulmer era.

Volunteers	45
Hawkeyes	28

The Volunteers (7-6) scored on their first four possessions, leading 28-0 before Iowa (7-6) managed 70 yards.

Hurd, Dobbs and a bit of trickery helped Tennessee build the big lead.

Hurd broke tackles on nearly every run, capping Tennessee's first possession with a 3-yard score and adding a 29-yard touchdown scamper on the next drive.

Tennessee made it 21-0 late in the first quarter when Dobbs threw a lateral to running back Marlin Lane in the right flat. Lane, a senior from nearby Daytona Beach, turned and hit Vic Wharton in stride down the sideline.

It was Tennessee's first postseason victory since beating Wisconsin in the 2008 Outback Bowl.

HOUSTON

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the ball was touched by the same Pitt defender who couldn't handle the first one before Houston running back Kenneth Farrow jumped on it at the Cougars 43. Greenberry started the drive with a 38-yard catch, then on third-and-16 had a 25-yard TD with 59 seconds left.

Along with momentum, the Cougars had been preparing for such a situation to use a two-point play since defensive coordinator Gibbs took over as interim for fired coach Tony Levine.

"The truth is our first bowl practice ... we made a decision that day at practice that if it came down to the end of the game, we were going for two no matter what," Gibbs said. "This is a true story. We started practicing the two-point play the very first practice. So we've probably run that play, I don't know, 25, 30 times in practice. ''

Ward, the former Cougars receiver, had 237 of his 274 yards passing in the fourth quarter and also ran for 92 yards.

The Cougars' new coach is Ohio State offensive coordinator Tom Herman, who still has one more game with the Buckeyes after they upset top-ranked Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to advance to the national championship game Jan. 12.

New Pitt coach Pat Narduzzi was at the game, a day after his finale as Michigan State's defensive coordinator in the Spartans' comeback from 20 points down for a 42-41 win over Baylor in the Cotton Bowl. That game was played inside the Dallas Cowboys' NFL stadium about 20 miles away Thursday.

"It's been a bowl season where you've seen some comebacks, and obviously this isn't the side of it you want to be on," Pitt interim coach and offensive coordinator Joe Rudolph said.

Paul Chryst, a Madison native and former Wisconsin offensive coordinator, left Pitt last month after three seasons to become head coach of the Badgers.

Farrow ran 22 times for 103 yards and two touchdowns for the Cougars, who have split their four appearances in the 12-year history of the Armed Forces Bowl.

Conner's 1-yard TD run a minute into the second quarter capped a 15-play, 92-yard drive, and Pitt led until the final minute of the game. The Cougars had a missed extra point after Farrow's 2-yard TD in the second quarter when Kyle Bullard slipped while kicking.

"There were a lot of opportunities to make plays," Pitt defensive back Ray Vinopal said. "Special teams, offense, and especially defense. I don't think there's any way you can point the finger at one person."

The young Panthers have an FBS-high 81 underclassmen, with Conner, All-ACC receiver Tyler Boyd and quarterback Chad Voytik among 28 sophomores.

Voytik threw was 18-of-35 passing for 222 yards and an impressive 16-yard TD catch by tight end J.P. Holtz between two defenders in the front corner of the end zone. But Voytik had six consecutive incompletions on a final desperate drive when only a pass interference penalty got Pitt a first down.

Boyd had nine catches for 112 yards, his 11th career 100-yard receiving game and moving from seventh to fourth on Pitt's career reception mark with 163, two more than Larry Fitzgerald.



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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Off-Road Racing		NCAA Basketball Connecticut vs. Florida (L)				(:15) NCAA Basketball Md./Neb. (L)				Spaces	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Gunsmoke		Bonanza		Rawhide		Wanted	Wanted	Rifleman	Rifleman	Superman	Superman
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) FA Soccer FA Cup (L)		Younger	State	Outdoors	Mazda	Empire	Mother	Mother	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	News	Walking	About Us	S. Baras	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		HaYesod	R/Manusc	BASPres.	Day Disc.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	H.S. Football U.S. Army All American Bowl Site: Alamodome (L)				NFL Pre		NFL Football Wildcard Game (L)					
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Texas	Old House	House	HomeT	Woodsh'p	Motor.	AutoLine	Aviators	Heartland	Parks	News. (N)	Photo
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Access Hollywood		Flipside	Spaces	Homeown.	Hazelton	O.House	Homes	AmAthlete	CARS.TV	Latino	LatiNat.
FLIX	340	65			165	★★★ The Object of Beauty (:45)		★★★ Little Odessa Tim Roth.				(:10) ★★★ Before and After Liam Neeson.					Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	★ Veronica Mars ('14, Com/Dra) Kristen Bell.			★★ Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.						Making /i:15)	★ Th...
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★ Phil Spector ('13, Bio) Al Pacino.		Making /i:45)	★ Austin Powers...			(:15) The Comeback		(:15)	★★★ Gravity		Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★★ Prime ('05, Com) Uma Thurman.			(:40)	★★ The Truth About Charlie					★★ The Skeleton Key	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fa...			(:45)	★★ 28 Days Sandra Bullock.			(:35)	★ Riddick Vin Diesel.		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15)	★ The Secret Life of Walter Mitty			(:10)	★★ Private Parts Howard Stern.				★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club		
PLEX			96			(:10)	★★★ Masterminds Patrick Stewart.			★ Elvis Has Left the Building		(:35)	★★ Think Tank Eric Artell.	(:10)	★ Young Sherl...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shame. "Dark Friends"		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:40) ★ Ironclad ('11, Act) James Purefoy.			(:45)	★★ Step Up Revolution				★★★ The 13th Warrior		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman	★★ Joe Kidd ('72, West) Clint Eastwood.				★★ On Deadly Ground ('94, Act) Steven Seagal.				Movie	
BET	58	26		40		Nelly "Nelly's Promise"		Nelly "Party Crasher"		Nellyville		Nellyville		Nellyville		Nellyville	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		WatchWhatHappens		Millionaire		Millionaire		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Smerconish	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Dual Survival	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Movie	(:40) A.N.T.	(:05) A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Girl	Girl	Girl	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(11:00) NCAA Football Birmingham Bowl (L)		SportsCenter		SportsC.		NCAA Basketball UNC/Clem. (L)				Basket.	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Virginia vs. Miami (L)				NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. Oklahoma (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30)	★★★ The Goonies Sean Astin.			★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.				★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Kristen Stewart.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Journal E.	America's News HQ			Healthy	News HQ	The Five		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant		Diners...	Diners...	Guy's Game		WorstCooks		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Providence vs. Marquette (L)				NCAA Basketball West Virginia vs. TCU (L)				Story ofScotFootball	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds.					★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★ The Dictator	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ Lucky In Love ('14, Dra) Jessica Szohr.				★ Honeymoon for One Nicollette Sheridan.				★★ Fools Rush in Matthew Perry.		
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) TBA		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Past Obse...		★ Clara's Deadly Secret				★ Sexting in Suburbia ('11, Dra) Liz Vassey.				★ The Wrong W...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball Duquesne vs. Dayton (L)				NCAA Basketball Rhode Island vs. St. Louis (L)				NCAA Basketball Richmond vs. Davidson (L)			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	(11:30) Odd Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Haunted Hathaways		Nicky	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★ To Be Announced								Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ Battle of ...		★★ xXx ('02, Act) Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel.						★★★ The Fifth Element ('97, Sci-Fi) Bruce Willis.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	★★★★ Love Actually ('03, Rom) Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Courage o...		★★★ A River Runs Through It				(:15)	★★★★ Cat Ballou Jane Fonda.			★ The Time Machi...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:00) ★ Paris en la ...		★ 007 Quantum ('08, Act) Daniel Craig.				Camino	Deportivo	Noticiero	Op. Repo	Videos	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	(11:00) To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★ Daredevil ('03, Fant) Ben Affleck.				★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army Ron Perlman.						★★ Pitch Black Vin Diesel.	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Year: 2014				Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "Recovery"		NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"		NCIS "Seek"		NCIS "Squall"	
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KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) FA Soccer FA Cup (L)		Younger	State	Outdoors	Mazda	Empire	Mother	Mother	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	News	Walking	About Us	S. Baras	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		HaYesod	R/Manusc	BASPres.	Day Disc.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	H.S. Football U.S. Army All American Bowl Site: Alamodome (L)				NFL Pre		NFL Football Wildcard Game (L)					
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Texas	Old House	House	HomeT	Woodsh'p	Motor.	AutoLine	Aviators	Heartland	Parks	News. (N)	Photo
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:00) Rosa		Sabadazo						Como dice el dicho		P. Luche	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Access Hollywood		Flipside	Spaces	Homeown.	Hazelton	O.House	Homes	AmAthlete	CARS.TV	Latino	LatiNat.
FLIX	340	65			165	★★★ The Object of Beauty (:45)		★★★ Little Odessa Tim Roth.				(:10) ★★★ Before and After Liam Neeson.					Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	★ Veronica Mars ('14, Com/Dra) Kristen Bell.			★★ Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.						Making /i:15)	★ Th...
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	★ Phil Spector ('13, Bio) Al Pacino.		Making /i:45)	★ Austin Powers...			(:15) The Comeback		(:15)	★★★ Gravity		Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★★ Prime ('05, Com) Uma Thurman.			(:40)	★★ The Truth About Charlie					★★ The Skeleton Key	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed & Fa...			(:45)	★★ 28 Days Sandra Bullock.			(:35)	★ Riddick Vin Diesel.		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15)	★ The Secret Life of Walter Mitty			(:10)	★★ Private Parts Howard Stern.				★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club		
PLEX			96			(:10)	★★★ Masterminds Patrick Stewart.			★ Elvis Has Left the Building		(:35)	★★ Think Tank Eric Artell.	(:10)	★ Young Sherl...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shame. "Dark Friends"		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:40) ★ Ironclad ('11, Act) James Purefoy.			(:45)	★★ Step Up Revolution				★★★ The 13th Warrior		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman	★★ Joe Kidd ('72, West) Clint Eastwood.				★★ On Deadly Ground ('94, Act) Steven Seagal.				Movie	
BET	58	26		40		Nelly "Nelly's Promise"		Nelly "Party Crasher"		Nellyville		Nellyville		Nellyville		Nellyville	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Beverly Hills		WatchWhatHappens		Millionaire		Millionaire		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Smerconish	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Dual Survival	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Movie	(:40) A.N.T.	(:05) A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Girl	Girl	Girl	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(11:00) NCAA Football Birmingham Bowl (L)		SportsCenter		SportsC.		NCAA Basketball UNC/Clem. (L)				Basket.	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Virginia vs. Miami (L)				NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. Oklahoma (L)				NCAA Basketball (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30)	★★★ The Goonies Sean Astin.			★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.				★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Kristen Stewart.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Journal E.	America's News HQ			Healthy	News HQ	The Five		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant		Diners...	Diners...	Guy's Game		WorstCooks		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball Providence vs. Marquette (L)				NCAA Basketball West Virginia vs. TCU (L)				Story ofScotFootball	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds.					★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★ The Dictator	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ Lucky In Love ('14, Dra) Jessica Szohr.				★ Honeymoon for One Nicollette Sheridan.				★★ Fools Rush in Matthew Perry.		
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) TBA		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Past Obse...		★ Clara's Deadly Secret				★ Sexting in Suburbia ('11, Dra) Liz Vassey.				★ The Wrong W...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball Duquesne vs. Dayton (L)				NCAA Basketball Rhode Island vs. St. Louis (L)				NCAA Basketball Richmond vs. Davidson (L)			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	(11:30) Odd Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Haunted Hathaways		Nicky	Nicky	Thunder	Thunder
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★ To Be Announced								Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ★ Battle of ...		★★ xXx ('02, Act) Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel.						★★★ The Fifth Element ('97, Sci-Fi) Bruce Willis.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	★★★★ Love Actually ('03, Rom) Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Courage o...		★★★ A River Runs Through It				(:15)	★★★★ Cat Ballou Jane Fonda.			★ The Time Machi...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:00) ★ Paris en la ...		★ 007 Quantum ('08, Act) Daniel Craig.				Camino	Deportivo	Noticiero	Op. Repo	Videos	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	(11:00) To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★ Daredevil ('03, Fant) Ben Affleck.				★★ Hellboy II: The Golden Army Ron Perlman.						★★ Pitch Black Vin Diesel.	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Year: 2014				Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "Recovery"		NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"		NCIS "Seek"		NCIS "Squall"	
WGN	19	18				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods	

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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	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	★★ Hairspray (2007, Musical) John Travolta, Zac Efron, Nikki Blonsky.				20/20		Apex	(:05) Garrett	(:05) White Collar	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	The Insider	Weekend	NCIS: New Orleans	Criminal Minds "Persuasion"		48 Hours		CBS 7 News	(:35) Glee		(:35) Glee
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Batman	Batman	Wonder Woman		Star Trek "Galileo Seven"		★★ Black Castle (1952, Horror) Karlolf, Stephen McNally,	Boris Richard Greene.			Lost in Space "Welcome Stranger"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Bones		Sleepy Hollow "Magnum Opus"		Blue Bloods		AxeCop(s1 s) Axe Cop	AxeCop(s4 s) Axe Cop	TMZ	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Exploring With the Scholars		House Calls	Creation Proclaims	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel	Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(3:30) NFL Football Wildcard Game (L)		The Mysteries of Laura		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Saturday Night Live		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	Saturday Night Live		
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	History Detectives Special Investigations		Dunlap and Pennington		Song of the Mountains		SpeakE. "Nile Rodgers With Valerie Simpson"		Austin City Limits (N)		Front and Center "Counting Crows"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Durmiendo con mi jefe		Sábado gigante						Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Estrellados	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		M&M	M&M	Castle		Scandal		The Good Wife		Anger M.	M&M	Office	NameGme
FLIX	340	65			165	(5:25) ★ Playing God		★★★ Monster ('03, Bio) Charlize Theron.				★★ Bully ('01, Dra) Brad Renfro.				★ American Yakuza	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) ★ The LEGO...		★★★★ Rio 2 ('14, Ani) Jesse Eisenberg.				★★ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.				Katt Williams	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:50) ★ The Best Man Holiday				★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				★★ Identity Thief Jason Bateman.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★ Closed Circuit ('13, Dra) Eric Bana.				★ Winter's Tale ('14, Fant) Colin Farrell.				★★ Trance James McAvoy.		Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:40) ★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Christian Bale.					★ Devil's Due Zach Gilford.		Lingerie	"Nighty Nighters"		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Red 2 ('13, Act) Bruce Willis.				★ Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Vin Diesel.				(:10) ★★★ Blade ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes.			
PLEX			96			(5:10) ★ Young Sherl...		★★★ Masterminds				(:50) ★★★ Hannah and Her Sisters		(:40) ★★★ Nicholas Nickleby			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		Shameless		★★ Waiting	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★★★ Fearless (2006, Action) Jet Li.				★★ Mindhunters ('04, Act) Eion Bailey.				★★ Chastity Bites		Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Haunted"		C.Minds "To Hell"		C.Minds "And Back"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Haunted"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:30) ★★ Out for Justice				★★ Under Siege ('92, Act) Steven Seagal.				★★ Hard to Kill ('90, Act) Steven Seagal.			
BET	58	26		40		Nellyville		★ Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Ice Cube, Bow Wow.						★★ Meet the Browns ('08, Com/Dra) D. Mann.			
BRAVO	65	63		41		To Be Announced								★★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.		★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Queen of Versailles						Suze Orman (N)		Queen of Versailles		Suze Orman Show	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Best, Worst 2014 (P)		CNN Special				CNN Special		CNN Special		CNN Special	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Dual Survival		MythBusters		MythBusters		Moonshiners		Moonshiners	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(5:30) Jessie	★ To Be Announced			Jessie		Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Girl	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	I Didn't
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) NCAA Basket.	Ill./Ohio St. (L)	30 for 30 "The Bad Boys"						30Shorts	SportsCenter	NFL PrimeTime (L)	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) NCAA Basket. (L)		NCAA Basketball Gonzaga vs. Portland (L)				SportsNation		C's Toon	Highly?	SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Twilight		★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09, Dra) Taylor Lautner, Edward Swan						★★ Abduction Taylor Lautner,			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Saturday		Huckabee		Justice JudgeJeanine		Fox News Reporting		Red Eye		Justice JudgeJeanine	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	WorstCooks		W.Cooks "Surprise!"		WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Mavricks	Pre-game	NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars (L)					Stars Live	Spotlight	Words	Championship Spot.	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ The Hitch...		M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	Archer	Archer	Archer	Louie 1/2
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ My Boyfriends' Dogs Erika Christensen.				★ Surprised by Love Hilarie Burton.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Property Brothers		Property "April"		Renovation (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property "April"	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) TBA		Revelation: End of Days "Trumpets Sound"						Revelation: End of Days		"Road to Babylon"	Revelation: End
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ The Wrong...		★ Damaged ('15, Dra) Chris Klein.						★ The Girl He Met Online Vienna Zima.		★ Damaged	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary		MSNBC Documentary	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Hockey Union College vs. Boston University (L)											
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	H.Danger	Nicky	Thunder	Hathaway	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Auction	Thrift	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Auction	Thrift
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Elektra ('05, Act) Jennifer Garner.				★★ The Spirit ('08, Act) Jaime King.				★ Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Ground	★★★★ Love Actually		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Time M...		★★★ Bus Stop Marilyn Monroe.				★★★ Rebel Without a Cause				★ Requiem for a H...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:30) ★ The Second Jungle Book		★★ Sr. y Sra. Smith ('05, Act) Brad Pit.						Titulares.	Op. Repo	Tz corazones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	(5:00) To Be Announced										To Be Announced	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Movie	★★★ The Chronicles of Riddick Vin Diesel.					Transp. "Chimera" (N)		Transp. "Chimera"		The Librarians	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Chasing Ghosts"		NCIS "Berlin"		NCIS "Revenge"		NCIS "Double Blind"		NCIS		NCIS "Rekindled"	
WGN	19	18				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Mother	Mother

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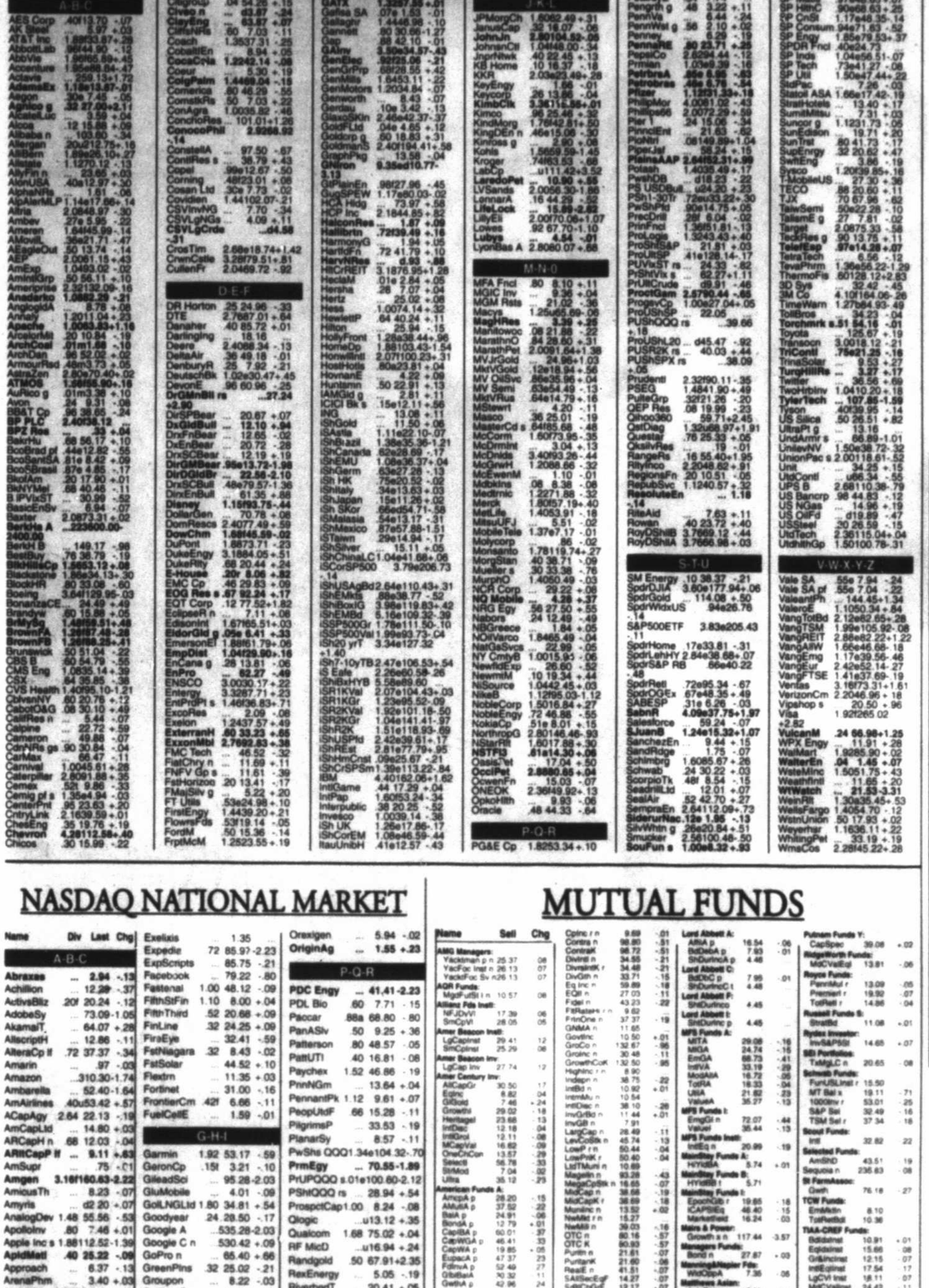
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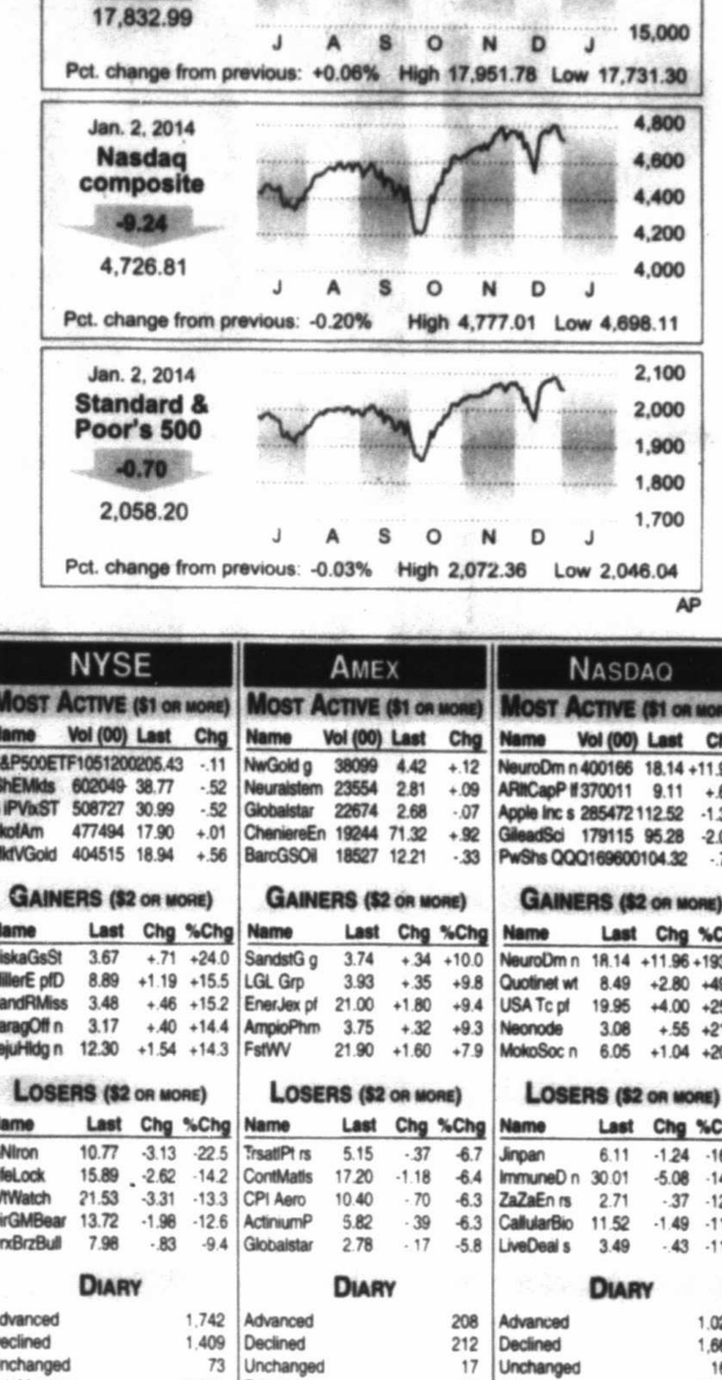
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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETP	1051200	205.43	-.11
iSh EMkts	602040	38.77	-.52
B iPVixST	508727	30.99	-.52
BkofAm	477494	17.90	+.01
MktVGold	404515	18.94	+.56

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NiskaGaSt	3.67	+.71	+24.0
MillerE pfD	8.89	+1.19	+15.5
SandRMiss	3.48	+.46	+15.2
ParagOfI n	3.17	+.40	+14.4
LejuHdg n	12.30	+1.54	+14.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlNiron	10.77	-3.13	-22.5
LifeLock	15.89	-2.62	-14.2
WtWatch	21.53	-3.31	-13.3
DrGMBear	13.72	-1.98	-12.6
DnBrzBull	7.98	-.83	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,742
Declined	1,409
Unchanged	73
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	88
New Lows	17
Volume	2,650,261,849

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	38099	4.42	+.12
Neuralstem	23554	2.81	+.09
Globalstar	22674	2.68	-.07
CheniereEn	19244	71.32	+.92
BarcGSOil	18527	12.21	-.33

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SandstG g	3.74	+.34	+10.0
LGL Grp	3.93	+.35	+9.8
EneuLes pf	21.00	+1.80	+9.4
AmpioPhm	3.75	+.32	+9.3
FstWV	21.90	+1.60	+7.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrsatPf rs	5.15	-.37	-6.7
ContlMatls	17.20	-1.18	-6.4
CPI Aero	10.40	-.70	-6.3
ActinumP	5.82	-.39	-6.3
Globalstar	2.78	-.17	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	208
Declined	212
Unchanged	17
Total issues	437
New Highs	5
New Lows	11
Volume	106,087,451

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NeuroDm n	400166	18.14	+11.96
ARbtCapP lf	370011	9.11	+.63
Apple Inc s	285472	112.52	-1.39
GileadSci	179115	95.28	-2.03
PwShs QQQ	169600	104.32	-.70

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NeuroDm n	18.14	+11.96	+193.5
Quotinet wt	8.49	+2.80	+49.2
USA Tc pf	19.95	+4.00	+25.1
Neonode	3.08	+.55	+21.7
MoloSoc n	6.05	+1.04	+20.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jinpan	6.11	-1.24	-16.9
ImmuneD n	30.01	-5.08	-14.5
ZaZaEn rs	2.71	-.37	-12.0
CalliburBio	11.52	-1.49	-11.5
LiveDeal s	3.49	-.43	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,025
Declined	1,665
Unchanged	166
Total issues	2,856
New Highs	115
New Lows	39
Volume	1,232,709,549

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,103.45	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,983.07	-55.16	-.31	+8.48	+8.48
9,310.22	7,009.98	Dow Jones Transportation	9,198.20	-19.24	-.21	+24.29	+24.29
645.74	479.05	Dow Jones Utilities	629.57	-13.76	-2.14	+28.33	+28.33
11,334.65	9,732.47	NYSE Composite	10,933.00	-55.02	-.50	+5.12	+5.12
4,814.95	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,777.44	-29.47	-.61	+14.39	+14.39
2,093.55	1,737.92	S&P 500	2,060.35	-10.22	-.49	+12.55	+12.55
1,478.22	1,264.57	S&P Midcap	1,467.80	-6.60	-.45	+9.33	+9.33
22,004.68	18,575.20	Wilshire 5000	21,876.17	-101.35	-.46	+11.01	+11.01
1,220.81	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,213.05	-6.06	-.50	+4.25	+4.25

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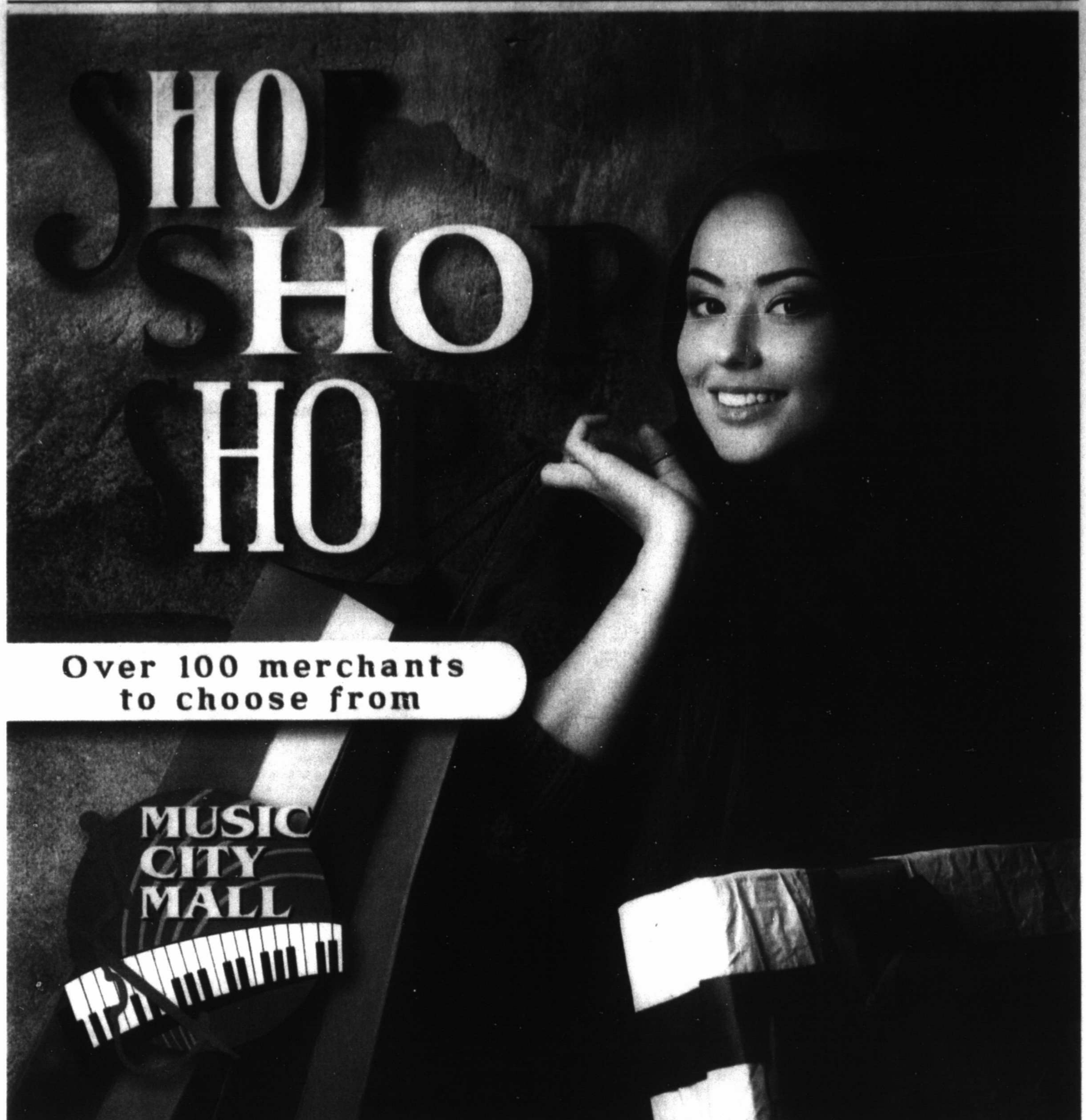
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How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	10	34.08	-.03	-3.1	IntegrysE	2.72	20	79.18	-1.44	+45.5
Abraxas	...	10	**2.94**	**-.13**	**-9.8**	**Intel**	**.96f**	**18**	**36.76**	**-.42**	**+41.6**
AdamsEx	**1.18e**	...	**13.77**	**-.10**	**+5.4**	InterDig	.80	...	53.69	-.63	+82.1
Alcoa	.12	26	15.85	+.03	+49.1	**JohnJn**	**2.80**	**17**	**105.36**	**+.03**	**+15.0**
AlonUSA	.40e	54	12.88	+.22	-22.1	KeyEngy	...	...	1.86	+.26	-76.5
Ambev	.27e	...	6.19	+.03	-15.8	**KimbClk**	**3.36**	**21**	**117.35**	**-.09**	**+17.2**
ARltCapP lf	...	...	9.11	+.63	-29.1	KindMorg	1.76f	35	42.50	-.51	+18.1
Amgen	**3.16f**	**25**	**160.63**	**-2.22**	**+40.8**	Kinross g	...	...	2.80	+.11	-36.1
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**83.54**	**-.29**	**+5.3**	LegacyRes	2.44	...	11.41	+.13	-59.5
Annaly	1.20	14	10.98	-.07	+10.1	**Lubrzn**	...	...	**4.49**	**-.02**	**-41.8**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**62.41**	**-.67**	**-25.7**	MV_rGold	...	...	24.12	+1.22	-22.3
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	112.52	-1.39	+40.4	MktVGold	.12e	...	18.45	+.63	-12.7
ApldMatl	**.40**	**28**	**25.22**	**-.09**	**+42.6**	MktVRus	.64e	...	15.54	+.93	-46.2
ArrowRsh	...	...	7.57	+.96	-30.2	McDnlds	3.40f	18	94.25	-.79	-2.9
ATMOS	**1.56f**	**19**	**56.85**	**-1.23**	**+25.2**	Merck	1.80f	32	57.65	-.08	+15.2
AutoData	1.96f	28	84.11	-.76	+18.7	**MeritMed**	...	**36**	**17.53**	**+.04**	**+11.4**
BP PLC	**2.40f**	**6**	**38.36**	**-.67**	**-21.1**	MexcoEn	...	61	5.52	-.20	-20.0
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.79	+.21	+5.7	MicronT	...	14	35.40	-.13	+62.8
BakrHu	.68	17	56.29	-.41	+1.9	Microsoft	1.24	18	47.02	-.43	+25.7
BkofAm	.20	17	18.13	+.02	+16.4	Nabors	.24	11	12.90	-.11	-24.1
B iPVixST	...	...	29.20	+.69	-31.4	**NatGrid**	**3.48e**	...	**70.95**	**-.90**	**+8.6**
BarrickG	.20	26	10.86	-.38	-38.4	NOilVarco	1.84	11	66.25	-.55	-7.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	7.03	-.04	-55.4	NeuroDrm n	...	...	18.14	+11.96	+98.3
BerkHa A	...	**18228255.00**	**+90.00**	**+28.3**	**NvMiAd**	**.80e**	...	**13.64**	**+.05**	**+12.2**
BkHillsCp	**1.56**	**21**	**54.16**	**-1.36**	**+3.1**	**NvPMI**	**.86e**	...	**13.95**	**+.01**	**+12.8**
BrMySq	**1.48f**	**36**	**59.39**	**-.05**	**+11.7**	**NuvPI**	**.82e**	...	**13.83**	**+.01**	**+12.2**
BrownPA	**1.28f**	**28**	**87.90**	**-.86**	**+19.2**	**NSTPI3**	**.51e**	...	**14.25**	**+.01**	**+10.6**
BrownFB	**1.28f**	**29**	**88.78**	**-1.01**	**+17.4**	**NTXDI**	**.68e**	...	**14.53**	**+.01**	**+12.3**
CVS Health	1.40f	25	97.53	-.02	+36.3	**OcciPet**	**2.88**	**11**	**81.40**	**-.31**	**-10.8**
Cameron	...	14	49.93	-.88	-16.1	Oracle	.48	19	45.34	-.27	+18.5
Caterpillar	2.80	15	92.59	-1.12	+2.0	**PerTech**	...	...	**6.12**	**-.06**	**+12.3**
Celestic g	...	15	11.79	-.04	+13.4	**ParkDri**	...	**9**	**3.06**	**-.01**	**-62.4**
CntryLink	.2.16	17	40.09	+.44	+25.9	**PattUTI**	**.40**	**20**	**16.81**	**-.08**	**-33.6**
ChesEng	.35	21	19.64	-.37	-23.5	Penney	...	...	9.46	-.02	-29.4
Chevron	**4.28**	**10**	**113.11**	**-.21**	**-9.4**	**PennaRE**	**.80**	...	**24.03**	**+.20**	**+26.6**
Chicos	.30	26	16.22	-.07	-13.9	Primian	1.03e	8	9.20	+.08	-28.5
Cimarex	.64	17	107.23	-3.04	+2.2	PetrbrsA	.85e	...	7.54	-.01	-48.7
Cisco	.76	19	28.36	-.10	+27.4	Petrobras	.46e	...	7.27		-47.2
Cnooc n	...	...	126.62	-4.35	-62.1	**Pfizer**	**1.12f**	**16**	**31.38**	**-.01**	**+2.4**
CheyEng	...	**13**	**60.51**	**-1.62**	**-26.2**	PioNtrl	.08	...	150.07	-3.23	-18.5
CliffsNRs	.60	...	6.90	+.28	-73.7	**PlainsAAP**	**2.64f**	**21**	**51.81**	**-.24**	**-.3**
CocaCola	**1.22**	**23**	**42.76**	**-.10**	**+3.5**	PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	104.32	-.70	+18.6
ColgPalm	**1.44**	**31**	**70.04**	**-.44**	**+7.4**	**Praxair**	**2.60**	**22**	**131.34**	**-.96**	**+1.0**
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**36.81**	**-.12**	**+9.2**	**PrmEgy**	...	**12**	**70.55**	**-1.89**	**+39.7**
ConchoRs	...	**21**	**99.39**	**-1.02**	**-8.0**	**ProcrGam**	**2.57**	**25**	**92.40**	**-.24**	**+13.5**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**12**	**69.93**	**-.18**	**-1.0**	RF MicD	...	35	16.94	+.24	+228.3
CrackerB	4.00	24	140.47	-.21	+27.6	RangeRs	16	24	53.65	-2.35	-36.4
CSVLgNGs	...	...	4.82	-.35	-77.5	RiteAid	...	23	7.56	+.01	+49.4
CSVelIVST	...	...	33.96	-.84	-1.2	Rowan	40	14	23.66	-.18	-33.1
CSVisSht	...	...	2.41	+.11	-67.9	RoyDShlA	3.76	13	67.36	-.96	-5.5
CrosTrn	**2.68e**	**6**	**17.36**	**-.71**	**-41.0**	SpdrDJIA	3.60e	...	179.46	-.65	+8.5
DCP Mid	3.08f	36	46.23	-.08	-8.2	S&P500ETF	3.83e	...	207.60	-1.12	+12.4
DTE	2.76	21	87.97	-2.21	+32.5	SabnR	4.09e	9	35.59	-1.10	-29.6
Dataram	...	...	1.93	-.10	-25.8	**SanderFm**	**.80f**	**8**	**86.88**	**+.89**	**+20.1**
Dawson	**.32**	...	**12.18**	**+.07**	**-64.0**	**SandRdge**	...	...	**1.90**	**+.03**	**-68.7**
DevonE	**.96**	**11**	**61.06**	**-.08**	**-1.3**	**Saplent**	...	**39**	**24.84**	**+.01**	**+43.1**
DirGldBull	...	...	11.25	+1.03	-59.0	Schimbrg	1.60	17	86.44	-.91	-4.1
Disney	**1.15f**	**22**	**94.70**	**-.80**	**+24.0**	SeadrillLtd	...	1	11.93	+.02	-71.0
DowChm	**1.68f**	**15**	**46.07**	**+.07**	**+3.8**	**SigmaAld**	**.92**	**33**	**137.25**	**+.02**	**+46.0**
DryShips	...	...	1.07	-.10	-77.2	SiriusXM	...	50	3.51	-.01	+.6
EMC Cp	.46	25	30.15	-.34	+19.9	Smucker	2.56	18	102.50	-.60	-1.1
EOG Res s	**.67**	**17**	**92.75**	**+1.63**	**+10.5**	SwstnEngy	...	12	27.24	**-1.98**	**-30.7**
EmpDist	**1.04f**	**19**	**30.34**	**-.80**	**+33.7**	Sprint	...	...	4.12	-.10	-61.7
Energen	.08m	24	63.66	-1.44	-10.0	SP Engy	1.85e	...	79.76	-.64	-9.9
EngyTsfr	3.90f	...	66.07	+1.58	+15.4	SPDR Fncl	.40e	...	25.01	-.03	+14.4
EnPro	...	**55**	**63.59**	**+.03**	**+10.3**	SP Util	1.50e	...	48.09	-1.02	+26.7
EntPrdPt s	**1.46f**	**24**	**36.62**	**+.28**	**+10.5**	SunocoL s	1.53f	25	41.72	**+.28**	**+10.5**
Ericsson	...	**46e**	**2.67**	**-.06**	**-.5**	TalismE g	**.27**	...	**7.82**	**-.01**	**-32.8**
ExterranH	**.80**	**22**	**32.29**	**+.16**	**-5.6**	**TelefEsp**	**1.09e**	...	**14.37**	**-.22**	**-12.1**
ExxonMbl	**2.76**	**12**	**93.02**	**-.05**	**-6.1**	Tesoro	1.20	14	75.39	-.22	+28.9
Facebook	...	75	79.22	-.80	+45.0	3M Co	4.10f	23	165.84	-.87	+18.2
FordM	.50	10	15.50	-.02	+.5	**Torchmrk s**	**.51**	**14**	**55.04**	**-.30**	**+5.8**
FrptMcM	1.25	10	23.58	+.32	+37.5	Transocn	3.00	...	46.66	-.11	-62.2
GATX	**1.32**	**13**	**58.17**	**-.88**	**+11.5**	**TriCont**	**.75e**	...	**21.48**	**-.18**	**+7.5**
GabBkUlT	**1.05e**	...	**10.05**	**-.22**	**-19.0**	Twitter	...	...	35.86	-.56	-43.7
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**35.23**	**-.04**	**+.1**	**TylerTech**	...	**73**	**111.29**	**-2.26**	**+9.0**
GenElec	**.92f**	**18**	**25.57**	**-.13**	**-8.8**	**UBWV**	**1.28**	**20**	**37.47**	**-.21**	**+19.1**
GenMotors	1.20	23	35.09	+.49	-14.1	US OilFd	...	...	20.29	-.01	-42.5
GileadSci	...	17	95.28	+2.03	+26.9	Vale SA	.55e	...	8.38	+.08	-45.7
Goldcrp g	.60	...	18.59	+.81	-14.2	Vale SA pf	.55e	...	7.31	+.10	-47.8
GtPlainEn	**.98f**	**19**	**28.86**	**+.52**	**+19.1**	ValeroE	1.10	7	49.71	-.30	-1.4
Groupon	...	...	8.22	-.03	-30.1	VangEmg	1.17e	...	40.02	+.11	-2.7
HalconRes	...	...	1.73	-.12	-55.2	VerizonCm	2.20	10	47.33	-.22	-3.7
Hallibrtn	**.72f**	**10**	**39.53**	**-.47**	**-22.1**	**VulcanM**	**.24**	**48**	**58.41**	**-.44**	**+11.8**
HeclaM g	...	...	2.67	+.28	+19.8	**Weigh**	**1.36**	**36**	**7.06**	**-.74**	**+32.4**
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	36.76	+.23	-17.7	WeinRefin	1.20f	10	38.05	**+.05**	-10.3
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.30	-.14	-6.9	WhitngPet	...	8	33.32	-.77	-46.1
iShSilver	...	...	15.58	+.47	-16.7	WmeCos	2.28f	63	45.39	-.25	+17.7
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	40.95	-.64	+6.7	**XcelEngy**	**1.20**	**19**	**30.38**	**-.57**	**+30.2**
iShEMkts	.86e	...	39.26	+.08	-6.1	**Xerox**	**.35**	**16**	**14.01**	**-.13**	**+16.1**
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	61.20	-.57	-8.8	Yahoo	...	...	**51.22**	**+.69**	**+26.7**
iShR2K	1.51e	...	120.34	-.71	+4.3	Yamana g	.06m	7	4.07	+.20	-52.8

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NFL PLAYOFFS

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NFL playoffs

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Today
Arizona at Carolina, 3:35 p.m. (ESPN)
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 12:05 (CBS)
Detroit at Dallas, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 10
Baltimore, Indianapolis or Cincinnati at New England, 3:35 p.m. (NBC)
Arizona, Detroit or Carolina at Seattle, 7:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 11
Arizona, Dallas or Carolina at Green Bay, 12:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis, Cincinnati or Pittsburgh at Denver, 3:40 p.m. (CBS)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
NFC, 2:05 p.m. (FOX)
AFC, 5:40 p.m. (CBS)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At Glendale, Ariz.
Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

NFC Leaders

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	392	1845	4.71	51	13
L. McCoy, PHL	312	1319	4.23	53	5
M. Lynch, SEA	280	1306	4.66	79t	13
Lacy, GBY	246	1139	4.63	44t	9
Gore, SNF	255	1106	4.34	52t	4
A. Morris, WAS	255	1074	4.05	30	8
Forte, CHI	266	1038	3.90	32	6
Ma. Ingram, NOR	226	964	4.27	31	9
J. Bell, DET	223	860	3.86	57	7
R. Wilson, SEA	118	849	7.19	55	61

PASSING

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Romo, DAL	435	304	3705	34	9
A. Rodgers, GBY	520	341	4381	38	5
Brees, NOR	659	456	4952	33	17
C. Palmer, ARI	224	141	1626	11	3
R. Wilson, SEA	452	285	3475	20	7
M. Ryan, ATL	628	415	4694	28	14
E.Manning, NYG	601	379	4410	30	14
Cutler, CHI	561	370	3812	28	18
Sanchez, PHL	309	196	2418	14	11
Kaepernick, SNF	478	289	3369	19	10

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ju. Jones, ATL	104	1593	15.3	79	6
Forte, CHI	102	808	7.9	56	4
G. Tate, DET	99	1331	13.4	73t	4
J. Nelson, GBY	98	1519	15.5	80t	13
Beckham Jr., NYG	91	1305	14.3	80t	12
Cobb, GBY	91	1287	14.1	70t	12
Ma. Bennett, CHI*	90	916	10.2	37	6
D. Bryant, DAL	88	1320	15.0	68t	16
Maclin, PHL	85	1318	15.5	72	10
Jeffery, CHI	85	1133	13.3	74	10

SCORING

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
M. Lynch, SEA	16	12	4	0	96
D. Bryant, DAL	14	0	14	0	84
Lacy, GBY	13	9	4	0	78
J. Nelson, GBY	13	0	13	0	78
D. Murray, DAL	12	12	0	0	72
Beckham Jr., NYG	11	0	11	0	66
M. Evans, TAM	11	0	11	0	66
Asiata, MIN	10	9	1	0	64
Forte, CHI	10	6	4	0	64
Cobb, GBY	10	0	10	0	62

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
B. Cunningham, STL	35	963	27.5	75	0
C. Patterson, MIN	34	1734	25.6	51	0
B. Ellington, SNF	24	614	25.6	38	0
Marlani, CHI	20	510	25.5	67	0
J. Ross, DET	23	584	25.4	41	0
Hester, ATL	45	1128	25.1	96	0
Dw. Harris, DAL	30	742	24.7	42	0
P. Parker, NYG	21	509	24.2	45	0
Ch. Williams, CHI	24	579	24.1	101t	1
Roberts, WAS	30	710	23.7	45	0

PUNT RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sproles, PHL	39	506	13.0	82t	2
T. Austin, STL	35	391	11.2	78t	1
Sheets, MIN	27	297	11.0	35	0
Ginn Jr., ARI	26	277	10.7	71t	1
Dw. Harris, DAL	30	275	9.2	38	0
J. Ross, DET	32	284	8.9	28	0
B. Ellington, SNF	23	189	8.2	23	0
Beckham Jr., NYG	21	171	8.1	25	0
B. Watters, SEA	27	207	7.7	21	0
Roberts, WAS	28	208	7.4	37	0

PUNTING

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Way, WAS	77	3659	77	47.5
A. Lee, SNF	72	3369	71	46.8
Hekker, STL	80	3721	61	46.5
Morstead, NOR	59	2690	63	46.4
Sa. Martin, DET	68	3138	71	46.1
Bosher, ATL	67	3063	66	45.7
Weatherford, NYG	80	3640	71	45.5
C. Jones, DAL	57	2586	64	45.4
Nortman, CAR	72	3236	72	44.9
Locke, MIN	75	3318	62	44.2

AFC Leaders

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
L. Bell, PIT	290	1361	4.69	81	6
Forsett, BAL	235	1266	5.39	52	8
A. Foster, HOU	260	1246	4.79	51	8
Je. Hill, CIN	222	1124	5.06	85t	9
L. Miller, MIA	216	1099	5.09	97t	8
J. Charles, KAN	206	1033	5.01	63t	9
C. Anderson, DEN	179	849	4.74	27	8
Ivory, NYJ	198	821	4.15	71t	6
Bernard, CIN	168	680	4.05	89t	5
T West, CLE	171	673	3.94	36	4

PASSING

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Roethlisberger, PIT	608	408	4952	32	9
P.Manning, DEN	597	395	4727	39	15
Brady, NWE	582	373	4109	33	9
Luck, IND	616	380	4761	40	16
Fitzpatrick, HOU	372	197	2483	17	6
P.Rivers, SND	570	379	4286	31	18
Ale.Smith, KAN	484	303	3355	18	6
Tannehill, MIA	590	362	4045	27	12
Flacco, BAL	555	344	3986	27	12
K. Orton, BUF	447	287	3018	18	10

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	129	1698	13.2	63t	13
Dem. Thomas, DEN	111	1619	14.6	80t	11
E. Sanders, DEN	101	1404	13.9	48	9
Edelman, NWE	92	972	10.6	69t	4
And. Johnson, HOU	85	936	11.0	35	3
J. Landry, MIA	84	758	9.0	25	5
L. Bell, PIT	63	854	10.3	48	3
Hilton, IND	82	1345	16.4	72t	7
Gronkowski, NWE	82	1124	13.7	48	12
Smith Sr., BAL	79	1065	13.5	80t	6

SCORING

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
An. Brown, PIT	14	0	13	1	86
J. Charles, KAN	14	9	5	0	94
A. Foster, HOU	13	8	5	0	78
Gates, SND	12	0	12	0	72
Gronkowski, NWE	12	0	12	0	72
Ju. Thomas, DEN	12	0	12	0	72
Dem. Thomas, DEN	11	0	11	0	66
L. Bell, PIT	11	5	6	0	66
Tp. Smith, BAL	11	0	11	0	66
C. Anderson, DEN	10	8	2	0	60

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ad. Jones, CIN	27	841	31.1	97	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	32	978	30.6	106	1
Ks. Davis, KAN	29	828	28.6	97t	1
J. Landry, MIA	34	954	28.1	74	0
Todman, JAX	38	972	25.6	40	0
Hardin, NYJ	20	492	24.6	65	0
Wheaton, PIT	20	494	24.7	41	0
Amendola, NWE	20	482	24.1	81	0

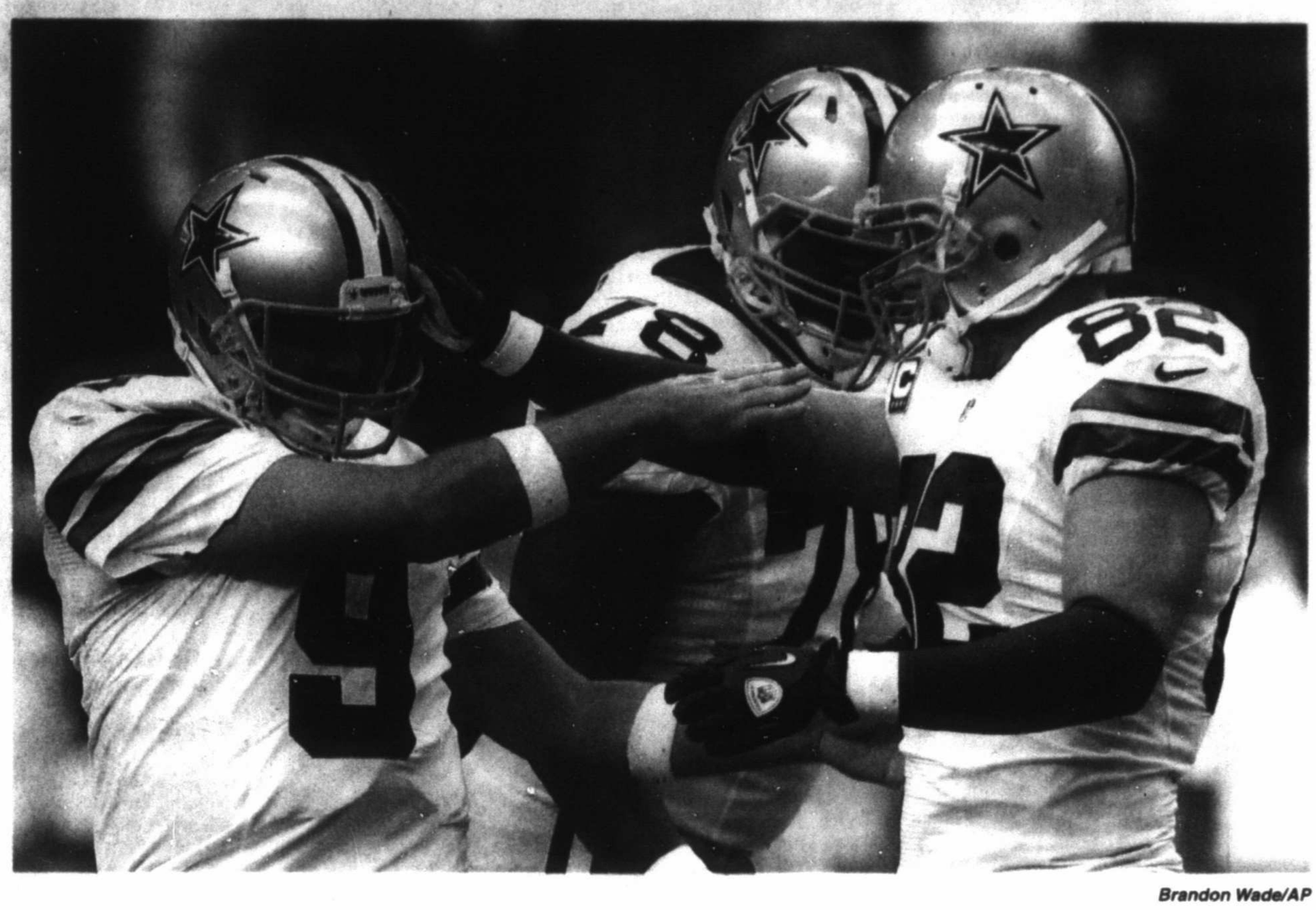
PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Edelman, NWE	25	299	12.0	64t	1
De. Thomas, KAN	34	405	11.9	81t	1
Ad. Jones, CIN	22	262	11.9	47	0
An. Brown, PIT	30	319	10.6	70t	1
Jac. Jones, BAL	30	275	9.2	45	0
McKenzie, BUF	21	193	8.7	24	0
J. Landry, MIA	29	251	8.7	32	0
Kerley, NYJ	25	199	8.0	41	0
Carrie, OAK	28	196	7.3	27	0
Burse, DEN	29	211	7.3	22t	0

PUNTING

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Anger, JAX	94	4464	69	47.5
Koch, BAL	69	3241	61	47.4
Huber, CIN	73	3419	69	46.8
Kern, TEN	88	4118	79	46.8
McAfee, IND	69	3221	61	46.7
Ty Allen, NWE	69	3080	67	46.4
Fields, MIA	66	3066	60	46.3
Lechler, HOU	103	3845	71	46.3
Quigley, NYJ	79	3680	69	46.9
Scifres, SND	69	3216	72	46.7

One of their best shots



Brandon Wade/AP

Dallas' Tony Romo (9) celebrates a touchdown pass with tight end Jason Witten (82) during an Oct. 5 game against the Houston Texans in Arlington. It's hard to say Romo and Witten have their best shot at a Super Bowl since joining the Cowboys together 11 years ago because they were a No. 1 seed in 2007. All things considered, though, this is probably their most potent offense.

Romo, Witten set for latest playoff chance in Dallas

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo and Jason Witten are the stalwarts in the Dallas offense, and will be surrounded by runners, receivers and blockers making their playoff debuts against Detroit.

It's hard to say this is the best chance for a Super Bowl run for the quarterback and tight end that joined the Cowboys together 11 years ago. They were the top seed in the NFC seven years ago.

Thanks to DeMarco Murray, though, this is the closest thing the Cowboys have had to Emmitt Smith since the NFL's all-time rushing leader helped carry the Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles in four years in the 1990s.

And that could mean good things for Romo and Witten, who have piled up plenty of stats but really only care about the loneliest number on their resumes — one playoff win.

"We're making things tough on defenses," Romo said. "We're upset when we don't score on a drive. Ultimately that's where you want to get as an offensive unit."

The Cowboys (12-4) ended a four-year playoff drought by winning the NFC East and will face the Lions (11-5) in a wild-card game Sunday.

Besides Murray leading the NFL with 1,845 yards rushing, Dez Bryant broke Terrell Owens' franchise record from that stand-out 2007 season with 16 touchdowns receiving.

All those things happened behind a young offensive line that had left tackle Tyron Smith and right guard Zack Martin selected Friday to The Associated Press All-Pro team. Martin was the first rookie All-Pro for the Cowboys since Calvin Hill in 1969. Center Travis Frederick made the Pro Bowl along with Smith, Martin, Romo, Murray and Bryant.

Romo led the NFL with a franchise-record passer rating of 113.2, and the explanation for his efficiency starts with Murray, who broke records by Hall of Famers in Smith and Jim Brown.

"That's kind of what we hung our hat on all year," Witten said. "Everything's because we've been able to run the ball. With a really good group up front, we have to be able to capitalize."

There's the key word for Romo and Witten — capitalize. It's the fourth time they've been to the playoffs together, starting with Romo's heartbreaking flub of the hold on a field goal that could have beaten Seattle in a wild-card game during the 2006 season.

They went right back to the postseason a year later with a 13-3 record, then lost to the New York Giants in the divisional round after a bye.

Dallas won its first playoff game since 1996 by beating Philadelphia five years ago, then got trounced by Romo's boyhood idol, Brett Favre, and Minnesota a week later.

Witten actually has one more playoff loss than Romo's 1-3 mark. The Cowboys lost a wild-card game his rookie year, when the undrafted Romo was just trying to secure a spot on the roster.

"I think obviously the older you get, you want the young guys to understand that it doesn't come around every year and you want to take advantage when you have that opportunity," said the 34-year-old Romo, who is coming off back surgery late in the 2013 season and had another back injury this year. "You have to be the best version of yourself and lay it on the line."

For Romo, that means trying to shake the tag of the guy who's ahead of Super Bowl winners Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman in most of the franchise passing categories, but is running out

Please see COWBOYS/2C

Stopping Cam Newton will be key for Cardinals

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The key to the Arizona Cardinals advancing in the NFC playoffs could come down to their ability to slow down Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton in the running game.

Arizona's defense has struggled against mobile quarterbacks the past two weeks.

Seattle's Russell Wilson ran for 88 yards on six carries and San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick had 63 yards on seven rushes to spearhead wins over Arizona. The Cardinals allowed a combined 473 yards rushing in those two losses.

Newton is well aware of the opportunity in front of him when the Panthers host the Cardinals today in an NFC wild-card game.

"Obviously it's something that sticks out," Newton said. "I know they will have some wrinkles in for me and hopefully I will be able to dissect them and take what they give me. (But) I'm not going to go into this game thinking that I'm going to have 200-plus yards in the running game myself, because that's not what it's about. It's about being productive and executing the game plan."

Carolina's running game has been in high gear in recent weeks, including a 194-yard performance in an NFC South-clinching 34-3 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday. Newton accounted for 51 yards rushing and a touchdown.

Newton has been an active participant in Carolina's running game in his last four starts, carrying 39 times for 246 yards and three touchdowns.

"Unfortunately we're going against one of those similar offenses that we've been having problems with the last few weeks," said Cardinals linebacker Larry Foote. "But we're comfortable, we're used to it."



Jeff Haynes/AP

Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton (1) reacts after gaining a first down during Sunday's game against the Atlanta Falcons in Atlanta.

Cardinals coach Bruce Arians called Newton an unbelievable athlete, but is expecting a better effort from his defense this week.

"Hopefully we have learned something," Arians said. "The big thing is cover your guy when you are in blitz. We gave up an easy touchdown and an easy long run in that ball game on mental errors so those two things are easily correctable hopefully."

Carolina (7-8-1) is only the second team in NFL history to reach the postseason in a non-strike-shortened season with a losing record. Nonetheless, the Panthers

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New faces freshen up Steelers-Ravens rivalry

By Will Graves
Associated Press

The game

BALTIMORE AT PITTSBURGH

When: 7:15 p.m. today
Location: Heinz Field, Pittsburgh
TV: NBC

PITTSBURGH — Sean Spence's word choice was not by accident.

Spending three years in the Pittsburgh Steelers locker room has taught the linebacker certain opponents evoke certain feelings. There's only really one that pops up when the Baltimore Ravens come to mind.

"Just a rich tradition of hatred we have for one another," Spence said.

Even if Spence's participation in that tradition is limited. He's hardly alone. The vast majority of players on both sides of the field will be getting their first taste of what one of the NFL's true blood feuds looks like in the playoffs when the Steelers (11-5) host the Ravens (10-6) in the wild-card round.

That list, however, will not include Le'Veon Bell. Pittsburgh's All-Pro running back and team MVP is out with a hyperextended right knee, leaving rookies Josh Harris and Dri Archer and newly acquired Ben Tate in his place.

Tate, on his fourth team in 12 months, was looking for a job a week ago. Now he finds himself thrust into one of the league's longest-running dramas.

"Everyone knows about it," Tate said. "So, it's nothing new that I've never heard about before."

And really, that's kind of the point. Signing with Pittsburgh or Baltimore comes with the underlying expectation that for any season to be successful, you're going to have to find a way to deal with your archrival.

"That's one of the reasons I came here," Baltimore linebacker Elvis Dumervil said. "This is best rivalry I've ever been a part of by a long shot. It's cool man, to be able to see it early in my career and be a part of it now, to have played in it. And now, for a playoff game, it doesn't get any better than that."

The Ravens and Steelers have been battling for AFC North supremacy off and on for most of the millennium. Both have two Super Bowl titles since 2000. Three times they've met in the playoffs at Heinz Field.

Three times Pittsburgh advanced while Baltimore trudged back to the locker room wondering how its season slipped away. The Ravens led by 14 at the half in the divisional round in 2010 only to watch the Steelers rally, winning on a Rashard Mendenhall touchdown run with 1:39 to play.

It's a painful history in Baltimore, though the Ravens hardly sound worried about repeating it.

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Unsung heroes often emerge in playoffs

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

While quarterbacks and other big-name, high-priced players get most of the attention, unlikely heroes often emerge to help their teams win in the NFL playoffs.

Three of the past four Super Bowl winners played in the wild-card round and each team got help from a surprise performer during its championship run.

Packers rookie James Starks had 123 yards rushing in Green Bay's 21-16 win over Philadelphia on Jan. 9, 2011 after running for just 101 yards the entire season.

Giants No. 3 receiver Mario Manningham caught touchdown passes in each of New York's first three playoffs wins in January 2012, nearly equaling his total of four TDs in the regular season.

Ravens cornerback Corey Graham matched his season total with two interceptions in one game against Peyton Manning, including a pick in overtime to set up the winning field goal in Baltimore's 38-35 win at Denver on Jan. 12, 2013.

One of the top defensive performances came from unknown safety Vernon Perry in a playoff win. Perry intercepted four of Dan Fouts' passes and blocked a field goal in Houston's 17-14 victory over San Diego on Dec. 29, 1979.

Here are potential unsung heroes for each team this wild-card weekend:

CARDINALS: Outside linebacker Alex Okafor led the Cardinals with eight sacks and could be the key to pressuring Cam Newton and limiting his scrambling. Mobile quarterbacks Russell Wilson and Colin Kaepernick hurt the Cardinals recently, so they have to keep Newton in check.

PANTHERS: WR Philly Brown has turned into Carolina's deep threat and has been used on running plays late in the season. While Kelvin Benjamin will likely go against Patrick Peterson, Brown's speed and playmaking skills could make the difference.

RAVENS: Cornerback Lardarius Webb has a difficult assignment covering Steelers All-Pro Antonio Brown in a matchup that could determine which team advances. Brown had an excellent season, but Webb isn't backing down.

STEELERS: RB Josh Harris had nine carries this season, but the rookie is being asked to replace the injured Le'Veon Bell. Fellow rookie Dri Archer along with newly acquired Ben Tate also are in the mix, but Harris will keep getting the ball if he's productive.

BENGALS: TE Jermaine Gresham averaged a career-low 7.4 yards per catch on 62 receptions while Pro Bowl receiver A.J. Green and Mohamed Sanu make the big plays for Cincinnati's offense. Andy Dalton likes dumping the ball off, so Gresham could be quite active.

COLTS: LB Jonathan Newsome set a franchise rookie record with 6 1/2 sacks, including two last week that built his case for more playing time. The Colts had trouble pressuring quarterbacks, so they'll need Newsome to disrupt Dalton's rhythm.

LIONS: S James Ihedigbo had a career-best four interceptions in his first season with the Lions. He is coming off being benched in the second half in last week's loss at Green Bay, so he'll have even more motivation to make plays. Ihedigbo also knows what it takes to win in the playoffs. He played for the Ravens two years ago.

COWBOYS: WR Cole Beasley is easily overlooked on an offense that includes Dez Bryant, DeMarco Murray and Jason Witten. But Beasley has a knack for making a tough catch and slipping through the defense for a key first down.

TODAY'S GAMES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA (11-5) AT CAROLINA (7-8-1) 3:35 p.m., ESPN

OPENING LINE — Panthers by 4 1-2

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Arizona 11-5, Carolina 8-8

SERIES RECORD — Panthers lead 8-5

LAST MEETING — Cardinals beat Panthers 22-6 on Oct. 6, 2013

LAST WEEK — Cardinals lost to 49ers 20-17; Panthers beat Falcons 34-3

AP PRO32 RANKING — Cardinals No. 10 (tie), Panthers No. 13

CARDINALS OFFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (31), PASS (14).

CARDINALS DEFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (13), PASS (29).

PANTHERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (7), PASS (19).

PANTHERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (10), RUSH (16), PASS (11).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Wild-card Cardinals tied franchise record with 11 wins, but lost four of last six games as injuries hit them hard. ... Cardinals have won four of last six playoff games. ... Cardinals hoping QB Drew Stanton is healthy enough to play. He's 5-3 as starter and has won seven of past 10 starts. ... WR Larry Fitzgerald has 42 catches for 705 yards (117.5 yards per game) and nine touchdowns in six postseason games. ... WR Michael Floyd had eight catches for 153 yards and two TDs vs. San Francisco last week. ... Rookie WR John Brown has four come-from-behind winning touchdowns. ... Arizona defense allowed 267 yards rushing to Seattle and 206 yards rushing to San Francisco in last two games. ... NFC South champion Panthers have won four straight games, first NFL team to reach postseason with losing record since Seattle in 2010. ... QB Cam Newton is only NFL player to throw for 3,000 yards and run for 500 yards in each of first four seasons. ... Panthers averaged 199.3 yards rushing per game in December, second most in NFL. ... RB Jonathan Stewart averaged 100.3 yards rushing per game in December.

BALTIMORE (10-6) AT PITTSBURGH (11-5) 7:15 p.m., NBC

OPENING LINE — Steelers by 3

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Ravens 9-7, Steelers 9-7

SERIES RECORD — Steelers lead 24-17

LAST MEETING — Steelers beat Ravens 43-23, Nov. 2, 2014

LAST WEEK — Ravens beat Browns 20-10; Steelers beat Bengals 27-17

AP PRO32 RANKING — Ravens No. 10 (tie), Steelers No. 6

RAVENS OFFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (8), PASS (13)

RAVENS DEFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (4), PASS (24)

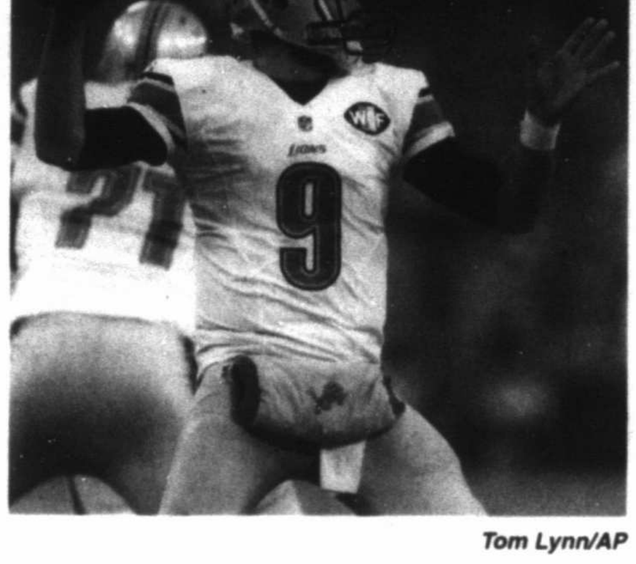
STEELERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (16), PASS (2)

STEELERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (18), RUSH (6), PASS (27)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Teams split season series, with each winning at home. ... Steelers are 3-0 against Ravens in playoffs, beating Baltimore in 2001, 2008 and 2010. ... Pittsburgh ended regular season with four straight wins to capture AFC North for first time since 2010. ... Ravens won three of last four to make postseason for sixth time in last seven years. ... Steelers went 5-1 against teams that made playoffs; Ravens went 2-4. ... Baltimore QB Joe Flacco is 9-4 in playoffs, with Super Bowl win after 2012 season. His six road playoff wins are most in NFL since 1970. ... Ravens DE Terrell Suggs has 12 sacks in 15 playoff games, tied for third most in NFL history. ... Baltimore NT Haloti Ngata returns following four-game suspension for violating league's performance enhancing drug policy. ... Ravens RB Justin Forsett's 1,266 yards rushing were career high. ... Baltimore set franchise records for points (409) and yards (5,838).

Stafford has another chance to quiet skeptics

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press



Tom Lynn/AP

Detroit's Matthew Stafford throws during Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay, Wis.

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matthew Stafford's homecoming is a secondary story line this weekend — if that.

Still, there's something fitting about the fact that Detroit's quarterback will play perhaps the biggest game of his career against the team he grew up rooting for in the Dallas suburbs — the Lions open the postseason in Texas against the Cowboys on Sunday.

"I don't need much motivation, it's a playoff game. 'Win or go home' gives you enough motivation," Stafford said. "Obviously, it'll be fun playing in front of a bunch of my friends and family, but other than that, just trying to win a football game."

Stafford could really use a victory in this one. The No. 1 pick in the 2009 draft, he's put up big numbers during his career and helped the Lions return to respectability, but that's the extent of his accomplishments so far.

This is the team's second postseason appearance with Stafford, and the Lions still have only one playoff win in the Super Bowl era — against Dallas in January 1992.

The 26-year-old Stafford is at the point in his career where more is expected from a franchise quarterback, and an uneven regular season did little to quiet his legion of skeptics — even though the Lions went 11-5 to secure an NFC wild card.

"I was getting criticized when I was throwing for 5,000 yards, 4,000 yards and not winning games. I'm going to get criticized," Stafford said. "If you try and make everybody happy it's going to be a long day for you."

The Lions made the playoffs in large part because of their consistency. They beat the teams they were expected to beat, but they generally came up short in the toughest games on their schedule.

Stafford is 0-17 on the road in his career against teams that finished the regular season with a winning record, according to STATS. That includes a playoff loss at New Orleans at the end of the 2011 season.

It also includes last weekend's loss at Green Bay, when the Lions had a chance to win the NFC North. Stafford was 20 of 41 for 217 yards and three touchdowns — good enough to keep Detroit in the game, but not good enough to win it.

Stafford hasn't been helped much by his offensive line this season. He's been sacked 45 times, and that's part of the reason he's thrown for only 4,257 yards — his fewest over a full season in his career.

Coach Jim Caldwell made it clear he doesn't think Stafford alone will determine whether the Lions win or lose against Dallas.

"He has an opportunity to play great. We're hoping that he plays well," Caldwell said. "It doesn't take him playing great for us to win. He just has to play well. There's a lot of other people on that football team that have to do their job. It's absolutely not just a one-man show."

One of Stafford's best moments as a pro came last season in a home victory over Dallas. Stafford threw for 488 yards and won the game with a 1-yard run in the final seconds. Calvin Johnson had 14 catches for 329 yards in that game.

"It was a tough matchup for us and chips just fell where they did," Johnson said. "We ended up having a great game on offense and it still was a close game. To be able to have the output I did in that game was crazy."

Days like that have been few and far between for the Detroit passing game this season, but Stafford and Johnson are still one of the league's most dangerous tandems — and another huge performance is always a possibility.

"There will be a time when you will say that Matthew Stafford is one heck of a quarterback," Caldwell said. "He's moving in that direction, and that could be come Sunday."

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opened as a 4 1/2-point favorite at home in large because Arizona's quarterback situation. The number had climbed to six by Thursday.

LINDLEY IN, STANTON OUT: Arians on Thursday declared quarterback Drew Stanton out against the Panthers, meaning Ryan Lindley will get the start. Lindley is 0-2 as Arizona's starter.

Lindley, a sixth-round draft pick in 2012, completed 23 of 39 passes for 316 yards and two TDs in a 20-17 loss to San Francisco last week, but was also threw three interceptions. Arians said he has confidence in Lindley but "he's still got to protect the ball better."

Stanton was 4-2 as Arizona's starter before injuring his knee in Week 15 against St. Louis.

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"The other ones pretty much have their result, but this one doesn't," Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "Come Saturday, it's an opportunity to do something special and do something we haven't ever done."

Besides, most of the faces have changed. Pittsburgh has just 15 players on the active roster who were part of the 2010 team that reached the Super Bowl.

The Ravens only have 19 guys remaining from the group that won the franchise's second championship two years ago.

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of time to match their championship pedigrees.

"I don't know how you could have any more appreciation, and I say that in a positive way, for what he is as a quarterback without actually playing in a Super Bowl," said owner Jerry Jones, who gave Romo the first $100 million contract in franchise history almost two years ago. "Our 2009 team, our 2007 team, we missed big-time opportunities there with Tony Romo."

And Jason Witten, too.

AP All-Pro team: Watt, Gronkowski unanimous picks

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — J.J. Watt found a unique way to make the 2014 Associated Press NFL All-Pro team announced Friday.

Houston's Watt was listed on all 50 ballots by a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the league, with 45 of the votes for defensive end and the other five for defensive tackle. So he actually was a first-team end and a second-team tackle in gaining his third straight selection.



Watt

"Everybody always says you try and make it so the other team can't game plan you because they don't know where you're coming from," Watt said. "I mean, half the time I have no clue where I'm coming from, so it makes it pretty tough for the other people, I think, and that's the goal."

No such confusion for New England's Rob Gronkowski as the other unanimous pick. He grabbed all the votes for tight end.

"He's, I think, when you say a kid playing the game, that's him," Patriots safety Devin McCourty said. "He don't care about anything, stats, if we're up or down, he's playing one way. He's playing hard and you can tell he's just having fun with his friends on the field."

Dallas led all teams with four All-Pros, including guard Zack Martin, the only rookie on the squad. League rushing leader DeMarco Murray, tackle Tyron Smith and wide receiver Dez Bryant also made it.

"I wasn't really coming in this year expecting to do this, but it's been a fun season," said Martin, a first-round draftee from Notre Dame who has been a major cog in the Cowboys' superb running attack.

Making their first All-Pro teams were all four Cowboys, plus Seattle inside linebacker Bobby Wagner; Buffalo DE Mario Williams and DT Marcell Dareus; Kansas City outside LB Justin Houston; Pittsburgh WR Antonio Brown and RB Le'Veon Bell; Baltimore guard Marshal Yanda; Green Bay fullback John Kuhn; Cincinnati kick returner Adam Jones; and Indianapolis punter Pat McAfee.

Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri joined McAfee.

"It's pretty awesome," McAfee said. "When we both signed back here (in March), that was the plan — to be the two best specialists in the league. I'm not sure I made it, but he certainly did."

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers made it for the second time; he also was the All-Pro QB in 2011.

Brown was next closest to sweeping the panel, earning 49 votes. Murray drew 48 and Houston 47.

"When you step into a stadium he's a known issue, but still he performs," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said of Brown. "We could talk about some of the same things about guys like J.J. Watt. We knew what he was capable of when we were getting ready to play him, but it still doesn't stop the storm from coming."

Cleveland tackle Joe Thomas earned his fifth All-Pro spot, the most of anyone on the current team. Patriots cornerback Darrelle Revis got his fourth All-Pro berth.

Seattle and Pittsburgh each had three All-Pros. There were 16 AFC players and 11 from the NFC.

The Seahawks were all defensive players: Wagner, cornerback Richard Sherman and safety Earl Thomas.

"I'm on such a great defense that sometimes there are guys that get overlooked and unfortunately I was one of them," said Wagner, who missed five games with injuries in his third pro season. "But I think all the things that has happened this year as far as the awards and the recognition and stuff like that, it means so much more to me this year because everything that I went through this year."

2014 ALL-PRO TEAM VOTING

OFFENSE

Quarterback
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay, 44; Tony Romo, Dallas, 3; Tom Brady, New England, 2; Andrew Luck, Indianapolis, 1.

Running Backs-a
DeMarco Murray, Dallas, 48; Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh, 44; Marshawn Lynch, Seattle, 7.

Fullback-y
John Kuhn, Green Bay, 18; Anthony Sherman, Kansas City, 14; Marcel Reece, Oakland, 12; Bruce Miller, San Francisco, 3; Marshawn Lynch, Seattle, 1; Kyle Juszczyk, Baltimore, 1.

Tight End
Rob Gronkowski, New England, 50.

Wide Receivers
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh, 49; Dez Bryant, Dallas, 24; Jordy Nelson, Green Bay, 15; Demaryius Thomas, Denver, 11; Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 1.

Tackles
Tyron Smith, Dallas, 35; Joe Thomas, Cleveland, 22; Andrew Whitworth, Cincinnati, 14; Jason Peters, Philadelphia, 12; Ryan Clady, Denver, 4; Sebastian Vollmer, New England, 3; Joe Staley, San Francisco, 3; Ricky Wagner, Baltimore, 2; Trent Williams, Washington, 1; Lane Johnson, Philadelphia, 1; Jared Veldheer, Arizona, 1; Bryan Bulaga, Green Bay, 1; Louis Vasquez, Denver, 1.

Guards
Marshal Yanda, Baltimore, 38; Zack Martin, Dallas, 24; Josh Sitton, Green Bay, 22; Kyle Long, Chicago, 5; Mike Iupati, San Francisco, 4; Evan Mathis, Philadelphia, 2; John Evans, New Orleans, 2; Joel Bitonio, Cleveland, 1; Dan Connolly, New England, 1; James Carpenter, Seattle, 1.

Center
Maurkice Pouncey, Pittsburgh, 21; Travis Frederick, Dallas, 14; Nick Mangold, New York Jets, 7; Jason Kelce, Philadelphia, 5; Corey Linsley, Green Bay, 1; Rodney Hudson, Kansas City, 1; Ryan Kalil, Carolina, 1.

Placekicker
Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis, 25; Stephen Gostkowski, New England, 21; Matt Bryant, Atlanta, 1; Dan Bailey, Dallas, 1; Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona, 1; Justin Tucker, Baltimore, 1.

Kick Returner
Adam Jones, Cincinnati, 17; Darren Sproles, Philadelphia, 15; Devin Hester, Atlanta, 14; Jacoby Jones, Baltimore, 3; De'Anthony Thomas, Kansas City, 1.

DEFENSE

Ends
J.J. Watt, Houston, 45; Mario Williams, Buffalo, 24; Calais Campbell, Arizona, 11; Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia, 5; Cameron Wake, Miami, 5; Michael Bennett, Seattle, 3; Elvis Dumervil, Baltimore, 3; Everson Griffen, Minnesota, 1; Jerry Hughes, Buffalo, 1; Robert Quinn, St. Louis, 1; Muhammad Wilkerson, New York Jets, 1.

Tackles
Ndamukong Suh, Detroit, 41; Marcell Dareus, Buffalo, 24; Gerald McCoy, Tampa Bay, 13; J.J. Watt, Houston, 5; Kyle Williams, Buffalo, 4; Aaron Donald, St. Louis, 4; Sheldon Richardson, New York Jets, 4; Sen'Derrick Marks, Jacksonville, 2; Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia, 2; Calais Campbell, Arizona, 1.

Outside Linebackers
Justin Houston, Kansas City, 47; Elvis Dumervil, Baltimore, 13; Von Miller, Denver, 11; Connor Barwin, Philadelphia, 11; DeAndre Levy, Detroit, 7; Clay Matthews, Green Bay, 5; Ryan Kerrigan, Washington, 3; Lavonte David, Tampa Bay, 2; Terrell Suggs, Baltimore, 1; Inside Linebacker

Luke Kuechly, Carolina, 43; Bobby Wagner, Seattle, 31; C.J. Mosley, Baltimore, 9; DeAndre Levy, Detroit, 4; Lawrence Timmons, Pittsburgh, 4; Jamie Collins, New England, 2; Dont'a Hightower, New England, 2; D'Qwell Jackson, Indianapolis, 1; Brandon Marshall, Denver, 1; Clay Matthews, Green Bay, 1; Larry Foote, Arizona, 1; Mychal Kendricks, Philadelphia 1.

Cornerbacks
Darrelle Revis, New England, 42; Richard Sherman, Seattle, 41; Chris Harris Jr., Denver, 9; Brent Grimes, Miami, 4; Vontae Davis, Indianapolis, 2; Aqib Talib, Denver, 1; Joe Haden, Cleveland, 1.

Safeties
Earl Thomas, Seattle, 39; Eric Weddle, San Diego, 16; Kam Chancellor, Seattle, 14; Glover Quin, Detroit, 13; Harrison Smith, Minnesota, 7; Antoine Bethea, San Francisco, 5; Devin McCourty, New England, 2; Tashaun Gipson, Cleveland, 2; Charles Woodson, Oakland, 1; Reshad Johnson, Arizona, 1.

Punter-s
Pat McAfee, Indianapolis, 28; Johnny Hekker, St. Louis, 12; Sam Koch, Baltimore, 8; Kevin Huber, Cincinnati, 2; Bryan Anger, Jacksonville, 1.

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y-one voter did not select a fullback.
z-one voter did notselect a punter

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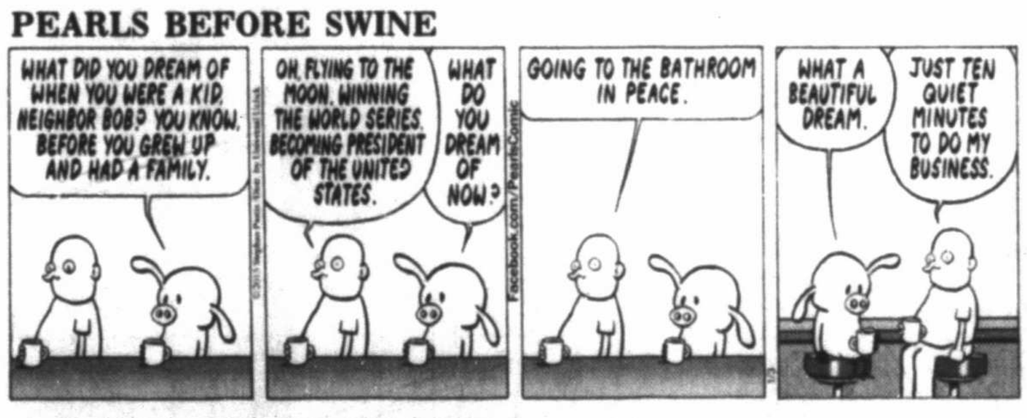
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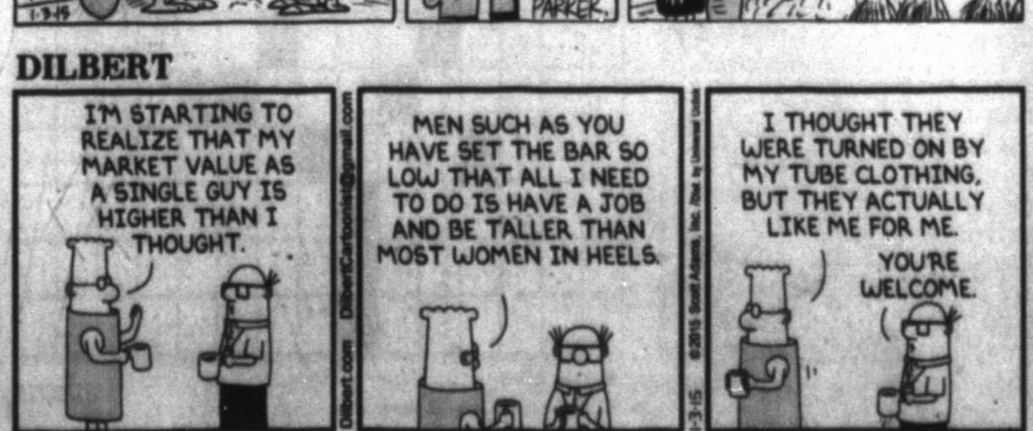
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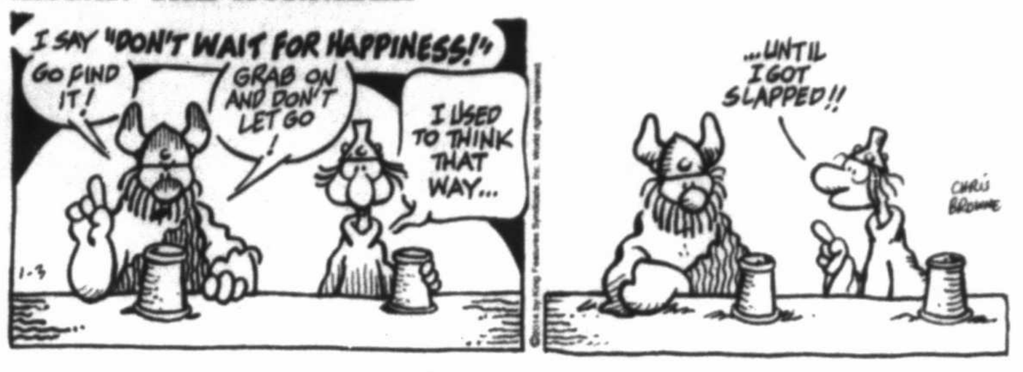
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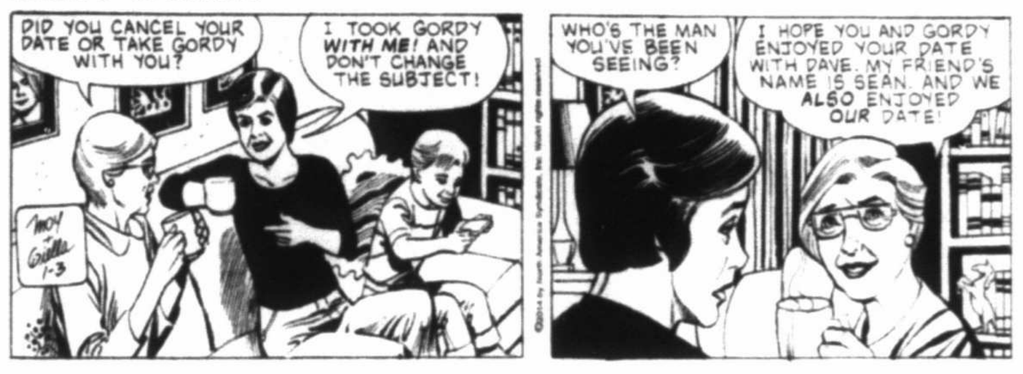
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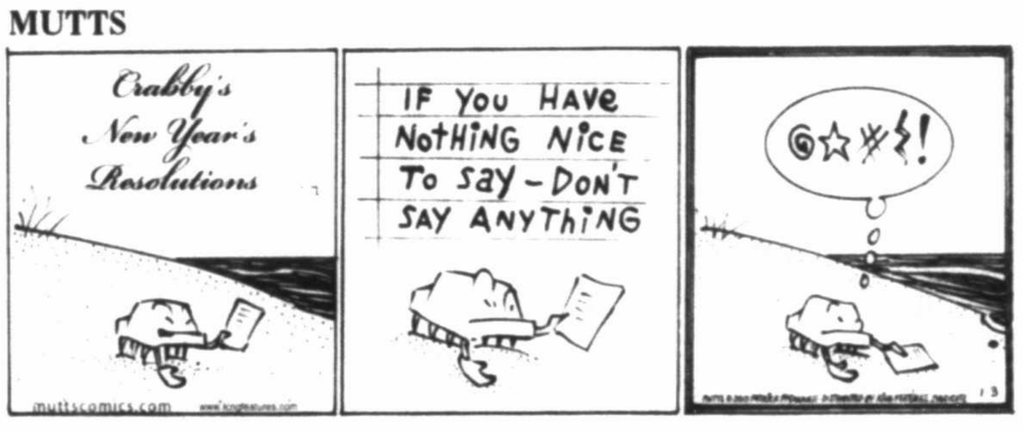
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CLOSE TO HOME



"We need to do something to keep the cat from eating tinsel."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M KNEADING THE DOUGH TO MAKE BISCUITS."

"YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA SELL 'EM?"

LOCKHORNS



"OUR MARRIAGE IS MUCH 'I DO' ABOUT NOTHING."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's a lot more fun decorating than it is undecorating."

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 43 Low: 23

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 35 Low: 23

MONDAY: Sunny High: 47 Low: 29

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 48 Low: 24

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 37 Low: 21

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 40 Low: 30

Local forecast

Expect a mostly sunny skies today with a high around 43 and west winds between 10 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 23 and west winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday, look for sunny skies with a high around 35 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 23.

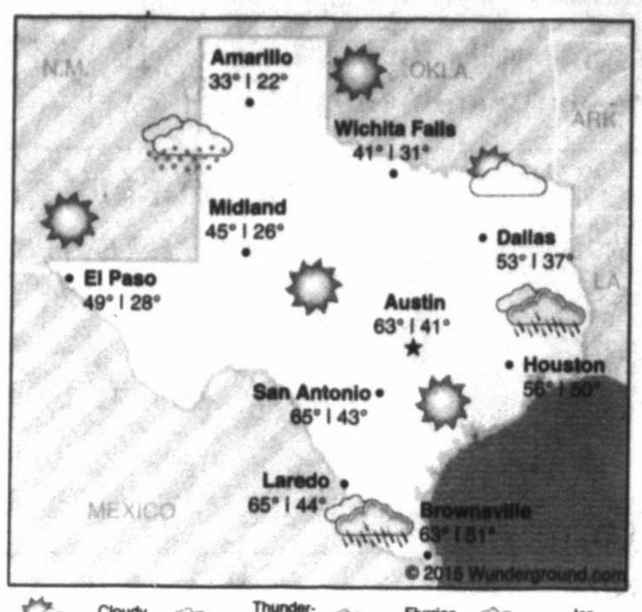
Monday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 47 and a low around 29.

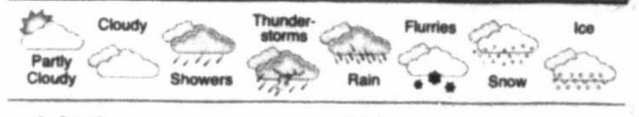
The high on Friday reached 32, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 2 is 79 set in 1997. The record low is 0 set in 1979.

Weather brief

A wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain continues to batter a broad stretch of West Texas as other parts of the state see rainfall that's expected to last into the weekend.

Power outages were reported across the Permian Basin on Friday from ice on power lines and downed, ice-laden tree limbs. Dallas-based utility Oncor reports more than 9,000 customers are without electricity in the region.





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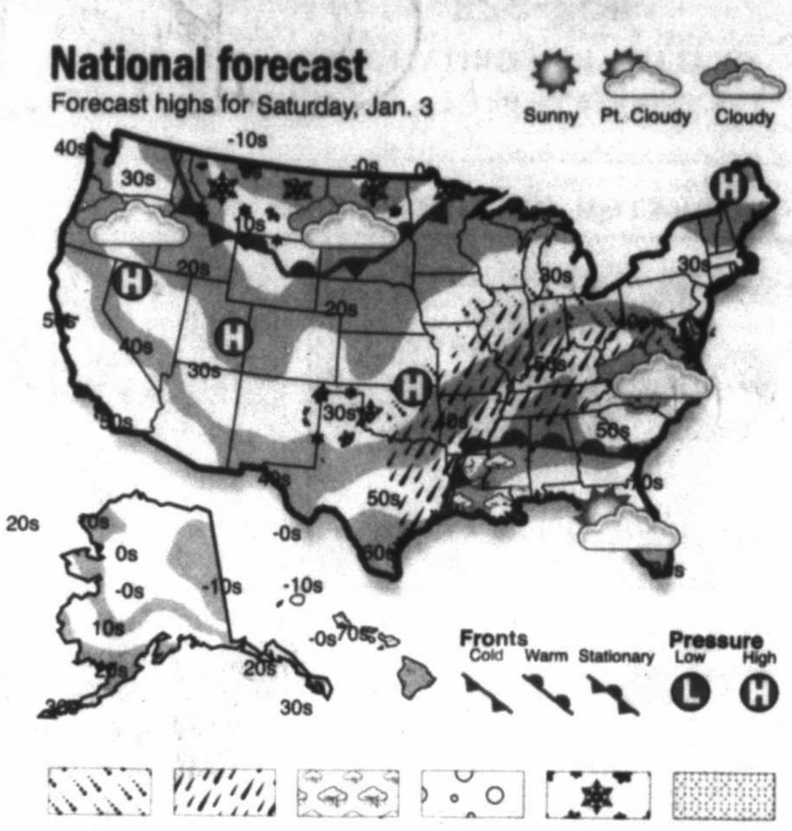
Thursday	0.02 in.
Friday	1.33 in.
Month total	1.35 in.
Year total	1.35 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.02 in.

Friday's temperatures

High	32
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	5:57 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, Jan. 3



Home is where their cats are for parents refusing to travel

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I would be a cat-hater. My 70-year-old parents are very active, but ever since they brought home two cats, they are no longer willing to travel out of town. That means they are now missing many family events — Thanksgiving, graduations, funerals, etc. Christmas and Easter are spared because we all travel to see them on those occasions.

I am becoming resentful that their cats are more important to them than spending time with their siblings, children or grandchildren. And, NO — they will not put them in a cat hotel or have someone come into their home to watch them. Suggestions? — RESENTFUL IN SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

DEAR RESENTFUL: The problem with resentment is that it can fester to the point that it destroys relationships. Has it occurred to you that there may be other reasons your parents no longer want to make these trips? The stress and expense, for instance? Or concern about spending a lot of time driving on freeways? It's also possible that two family visits a year are all they can handle.

One way to lessen your frustration would be to resolve to accept your parents just the way they are — and also accept that it's unlikely they are going to change.

DEAR ABBY: I recently got into an argument with my mom regarding her speakerphone. I've also argued with other family members and friends over this. I believe it is rude to not let someone know that they are on speakerphone, particularly when others are present.

I feel it violates trust and the sense of intimacy that comes with speaking to the person you intended to call in the first place. Mom says it depends on the topic and that a "Heads up! You're on speakerphone" isn't necessary. Who's right? — SPEECHLESS IN THE WEST

DEAR SPEECHLESS: You are. When someone makes a phone call, the caller usually expects that the conversation will be private. However, since you now know your mother doesn't agree, either stop confiding anything that you wouldn't reveal in a roomful of relatives, or ask at the beginning of the conversation whether the speaker is on so you'll be forewarned.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 67 and I like sex. My wife doesn't. She has no drive. It may be health-related, maybe due to meds. She has no time; she's a workaholic.

I met a widow who is very tempting. She suggested a "no strings" hookup. I'm starting to think it's not adultery if my wife is sexless. Your thoughts, Abby? — PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR

DEAR SENIOR: I'm glad you asked. Take a pass on the widow's generous offer. Her "no strings" hookup sounds like a snare that could hang you if the Mrs. gets wind of it.

Your wife's lack of sex drive may be due to any of the things you mentioned. It could also be that your technique needs improving. Ask her if that might be the problem. If it is, a sex therapist could help you fix that in a jiffy. And it would be cheaper in the long run than what you're contemplating.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 7 6 3 ♡ 3 ◇ J 8 4 ♣ A K 10 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass

What call would you make?

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 9 5 3 ♡ K Q 5 2 ◇ A 10 9 ♣ J 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	2◇	Pass

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 7 ♡ 10 8 ◇ K Q 6 ♣ A J 10 9 6 5

Right-hand opponent opens one club. What call would you make?

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 8 7 3 ♡ K Q 8 3 ◇ 6 4 ♣ 7 5

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1NT	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015:

This year you are open to nearly any form of communication, as long as you believe it can work. You become increasingly more authentic and compassionate. Your intensity might lessen as you come to understand situations better. If you are single, look to the second part of your birthday year to meet Mr. or Ms. Right. You will know when that person turns the corner. If you are attached, the two of you relish your time alone together. You even might plan a very special trip in late summer. GEMINI might be too superficial for your taste.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You know how to keep people's interest without much effort. Count on that ability to emerge throughout the day. Don't even think about spending your time alone. A close friend might ask to spend more time with you. Make it happen. Tonight:-At a favorite haunt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer. You provide stability, loyalty, compassion and much more. You also are extremely talented. However, you still could have difficulty attempting to communicate what you expect from others. Tonight: Buy a gift on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Listen to your inner voice more carefully. You have a way and style about you that is rather unique. Honor what is happening between you and someone else. Schedule a long lunch, even if you live together. Make it personal and private. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might need to slow down. In fact, you probably will want to turn the next 24 hours into a lazy day. You have pushed so hard lately that you could be overwhelmed by the thought of doing anything. Know that you can cancel plans and reschedule. Tonight: Just do not push.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might have no pull with a moody friend. When this person wants to get out his or her funk, he or she will. Recognize what is possible between you and a very difficult child or family member. Tonight: Where the party is, you can be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might feel irked when dealing with a moody friend. You could feel as if there is no way you can verbalize your feelings when this person is acting this way. Be careful with your body language, as he or she likely will pick up on your frustration. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might decide to replay a situation in your head. Don't worry; what you did and said won't matter. Your response probably was appropriate, and it could force those involved to think more carefully about the issue. Tonight: Happiest surrounded by music and friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You'll get past a problem by having a discussion with a key person. You might not see eye to eye until you understand this person's position and why he or she chooses to come from that point of view. Gain a better understanding of those around you. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others might decide to treat you to an adventure of some kind. Be kind and appreciative, as this venture could have taken them a long time to plan out. Understand that they could be trying to impress you. Tonight: The party continues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might be so into a project that you don't notice what is going on with others. Clearly, you seem determined to complete your endeavor. You also could be in the midst of doing some deep personal examination. Tonight: The unexpected runs right through your evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You can't suppress your innate playfulness and desire to help others enjoy life any longer. Many of your friends and associates might be suffering from a case of the winter blues. Decide to throw a party; it will help everyone forget about his or her problems. Tonight: In the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Tension seems to build around a domestic issue. As careful as you might think you are being, you still could tumble into a hassle. Why not leave the issue alone for a while and go ice skating or head to the movies? Your perspective will change as a result. Tonight: Screen calls.

BORN TODAY

Actor Mel Gibson (1956), author J.R.R. Tolkien (1892), musician Stephen Stills (1945)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Its construction created Lake Nasser
9 Certify
15 "Wuthering Heights" backdrop
16 Want
17 Word not usable with an indefinite article, such as "magic" or "dust"
18 Made up
19 Heave-hos
20 Word with level or devil
21 Bizarre
22 Snicker follower
23 [snicker]
25 Skyler's sister on "Breaking Bad"
27 CPA's concern
30 Darn things
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33 Carolina bisque tinted orange by roe
36 Popular news group
39 It can be used to make gin
40 Bobby Darin record label
41 "Shame on thee!"
42 Weightlifting technique
47 Academic administrators
49 Lofty letterhead abbr.
51 Tolerated
52 LAX posting
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63 Like Miss Marple's attire
64 Speech disruptions

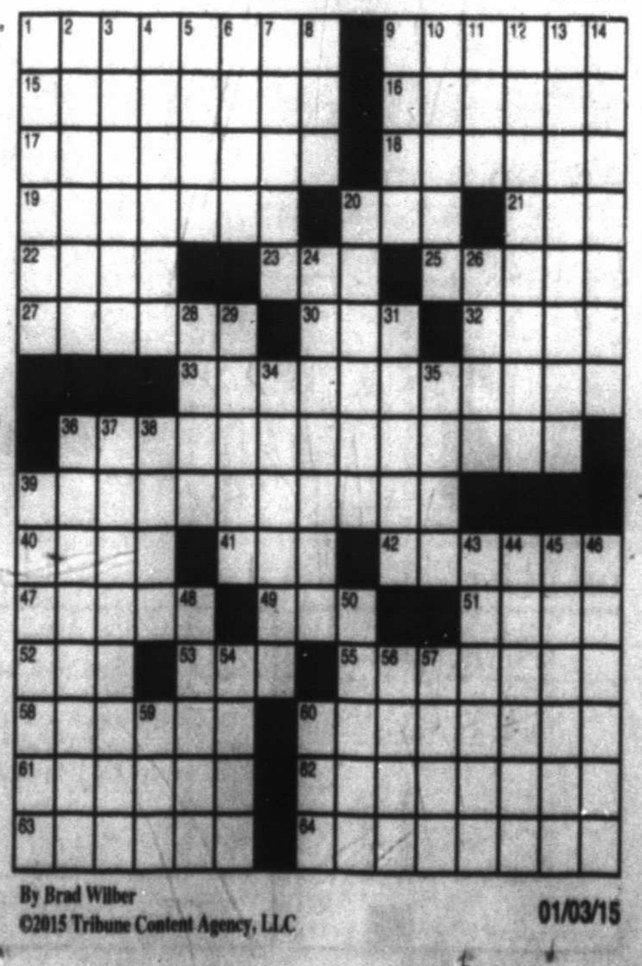
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4 Brewery bought out by Heineken
5 Zilch
6 Access point
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8 ISP with a butterfly logo
9 In tandem, musically
10 Brunch hr.
11 Pic on a pec
12 Computer self-diagnostics list
13 Bookish
14 Benchley novel
20 Shepherd of "The View"
24 Joint risks?
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28 One side of the Bering Strait
29 Berth place
31 Squash court features
34 Whirled
35 _-aimé: beloved, in French
36 Tool for making precise crosscuts
37 Salad green
38 No View, No Touch Trap maker
39 Max Ernst, for one
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44 Tugboat's fee
45 Evidence of major impact?
46 Bewitching types
48 Farm addition?
50 Pyramid hopper in a 1980s arcade game
54 Multitude
56 Almond relative
57 Sum, in a different form
59 Novelist Rita _ Brown
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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- Knowledge and skill in using computer software programs, such as MS Word and Excel
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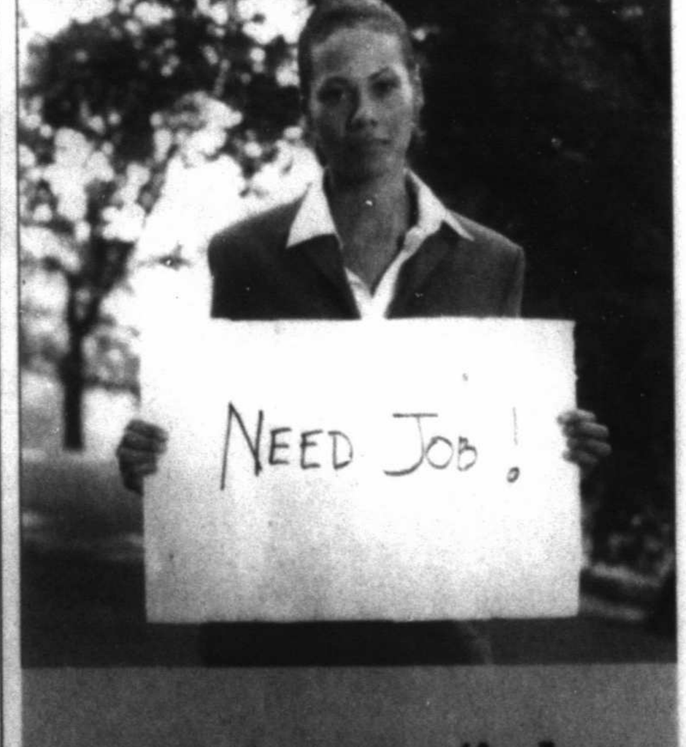
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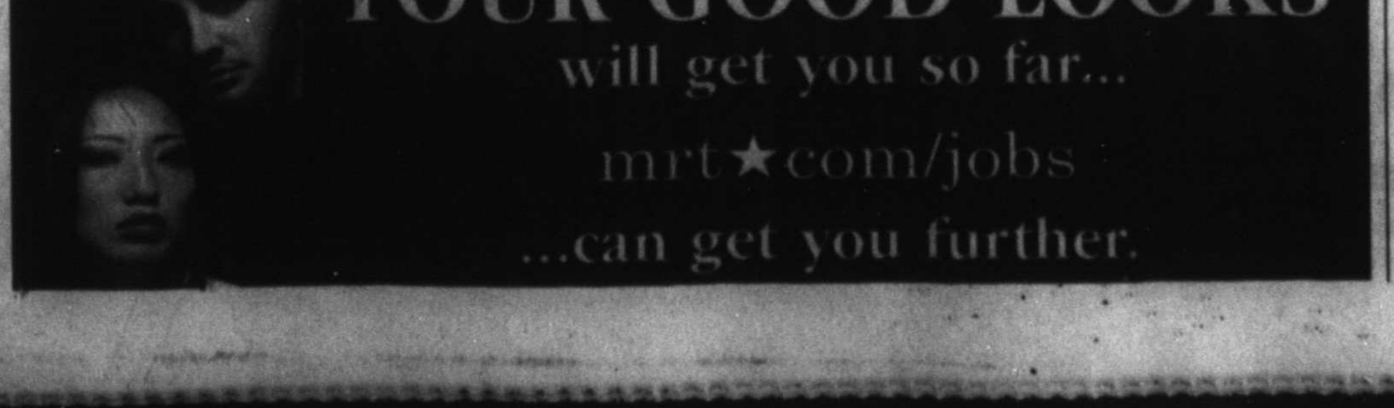


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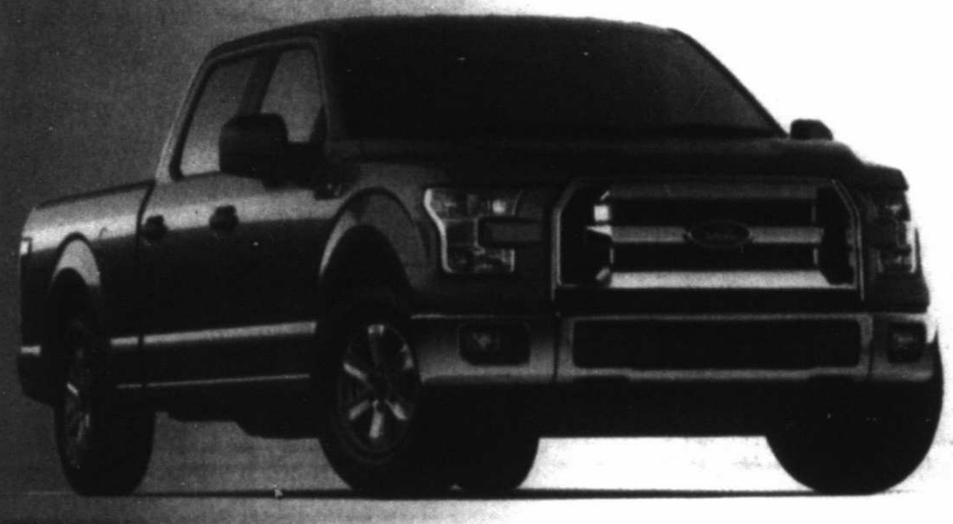


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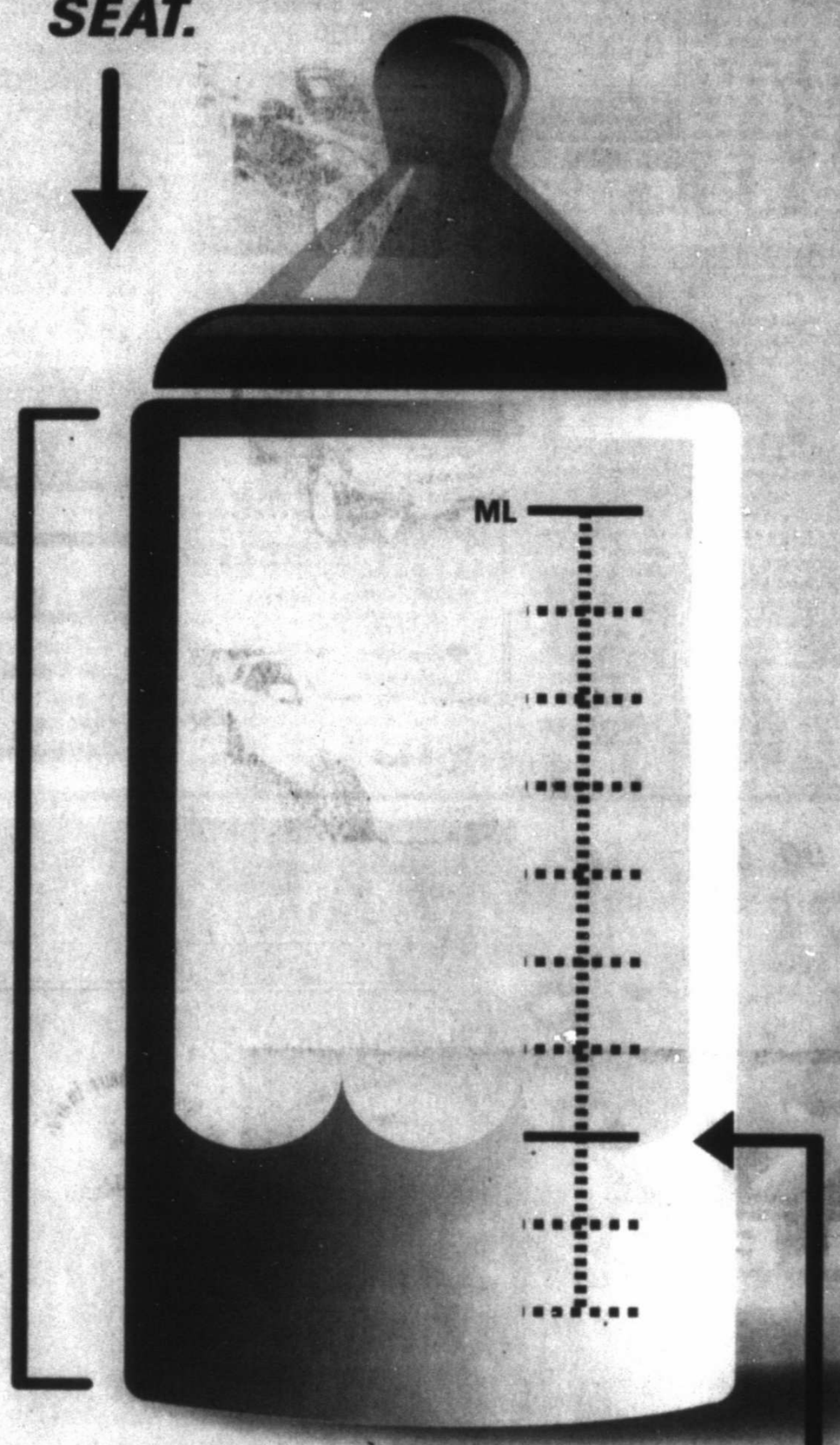


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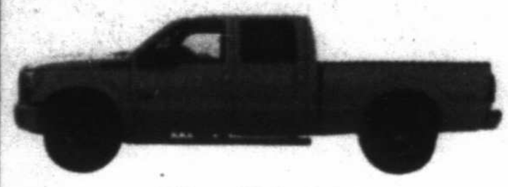
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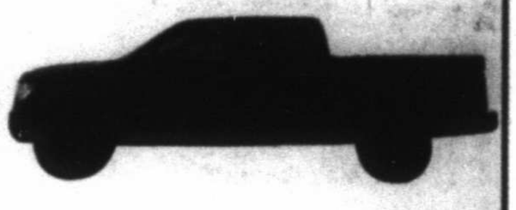
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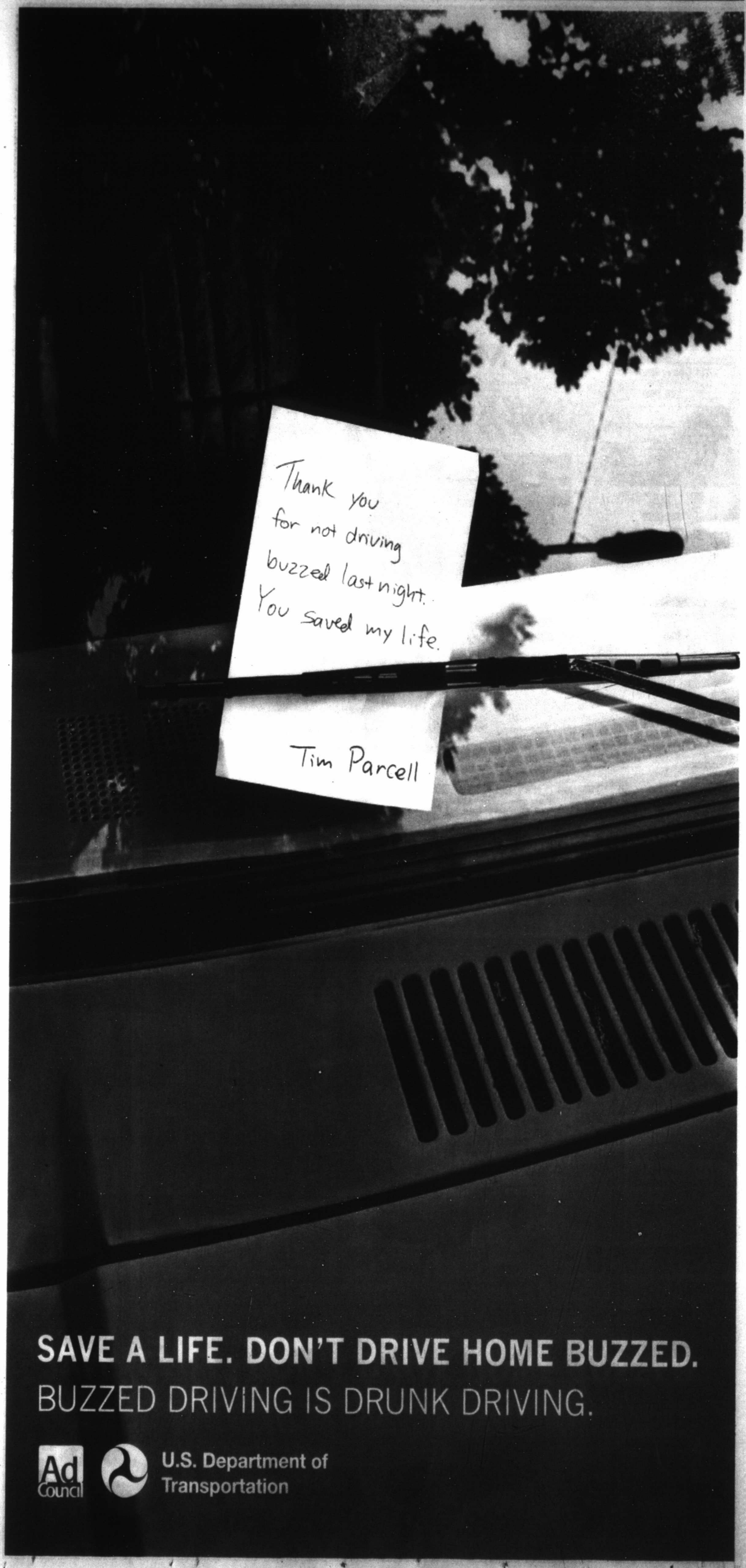
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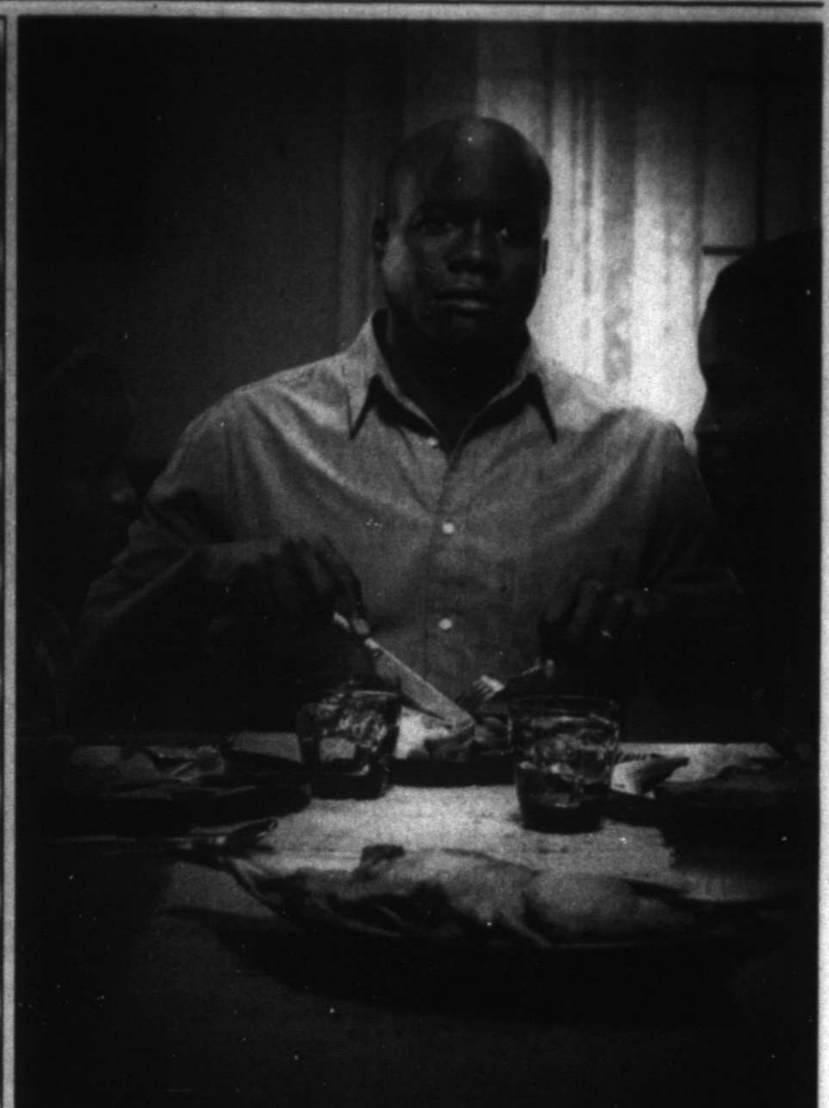
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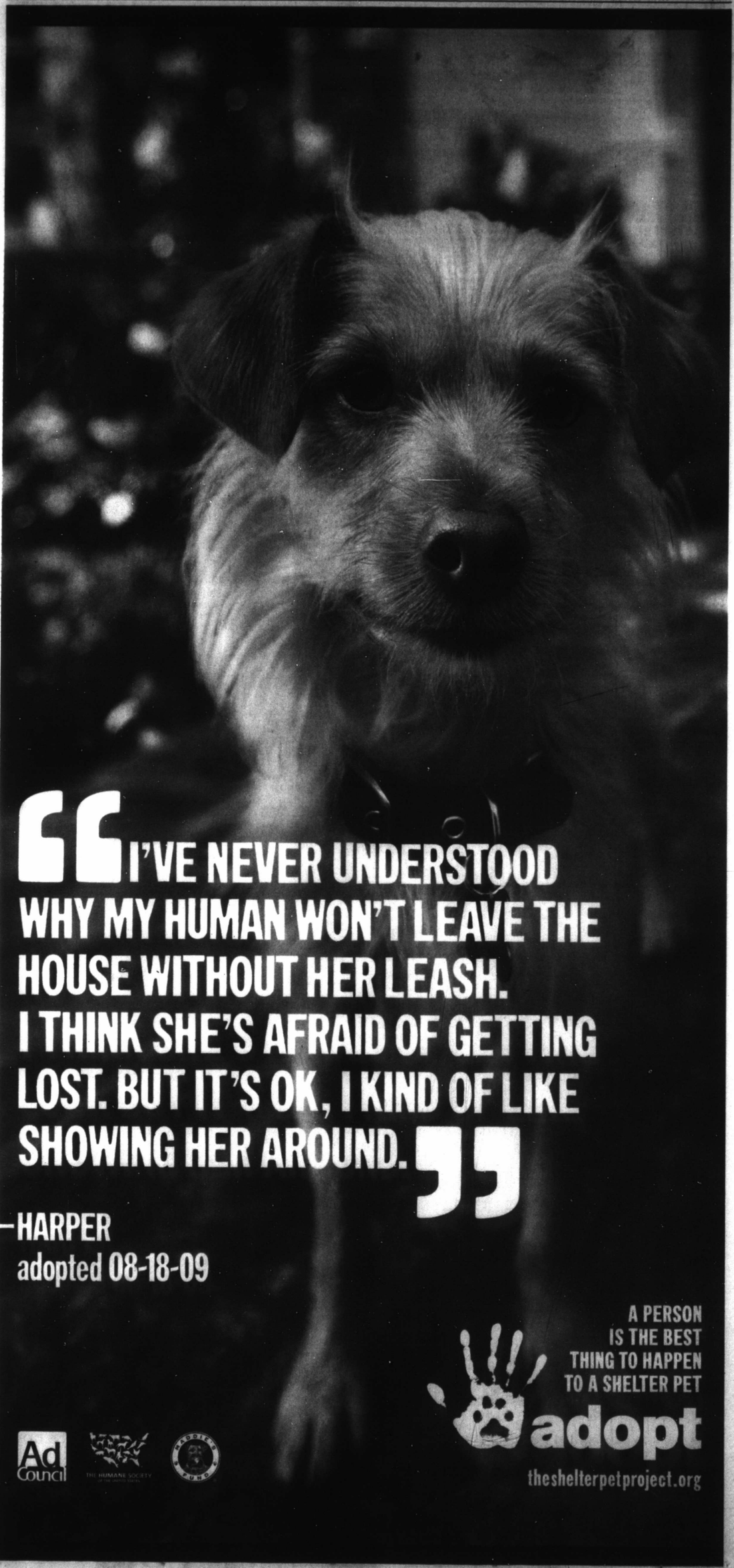
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