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Child abuse increases with decline, holiday season

Editor's note: For an expanded version of this story, visit mrt.com.

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More information

It is estimated that 80 percent of all addresses have at least one sex offender within one mile and there are 266 registered sex offenders in Midland County, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office, and 200 in the city of Midland, according to the Midland Police Department. Search Midland's Sex Offender registry here: http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54759

The holidays, coupled with a declining economy, brings stress to all, but it also brings a more disturbing trend: a rise in child abuse. Local agencies that provide counseling and crisis services to abuse victims say that both physical and sexual abuse cases are on the rise, but suspected child sexual abuse cases remain in the majority.

"(Child abuse) is a huge problem here, and it has been for years," said Kristi Edwards, clinical/operations director and counselor for Centers for Children and Families. "When times are really bad, people's stress levels go up; their frustration goes through the roof. Kids are kids no matter what, they don't understand that dad's job or mom's job is cutting hours or employees."

Not only does an increase occur during downturns, but the advent of the holidays regardless of the economy is unfortunately a reliable predictor of spikes in child abuse, said Elisha McPeek, program director and lead forensic interviewer at the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center.

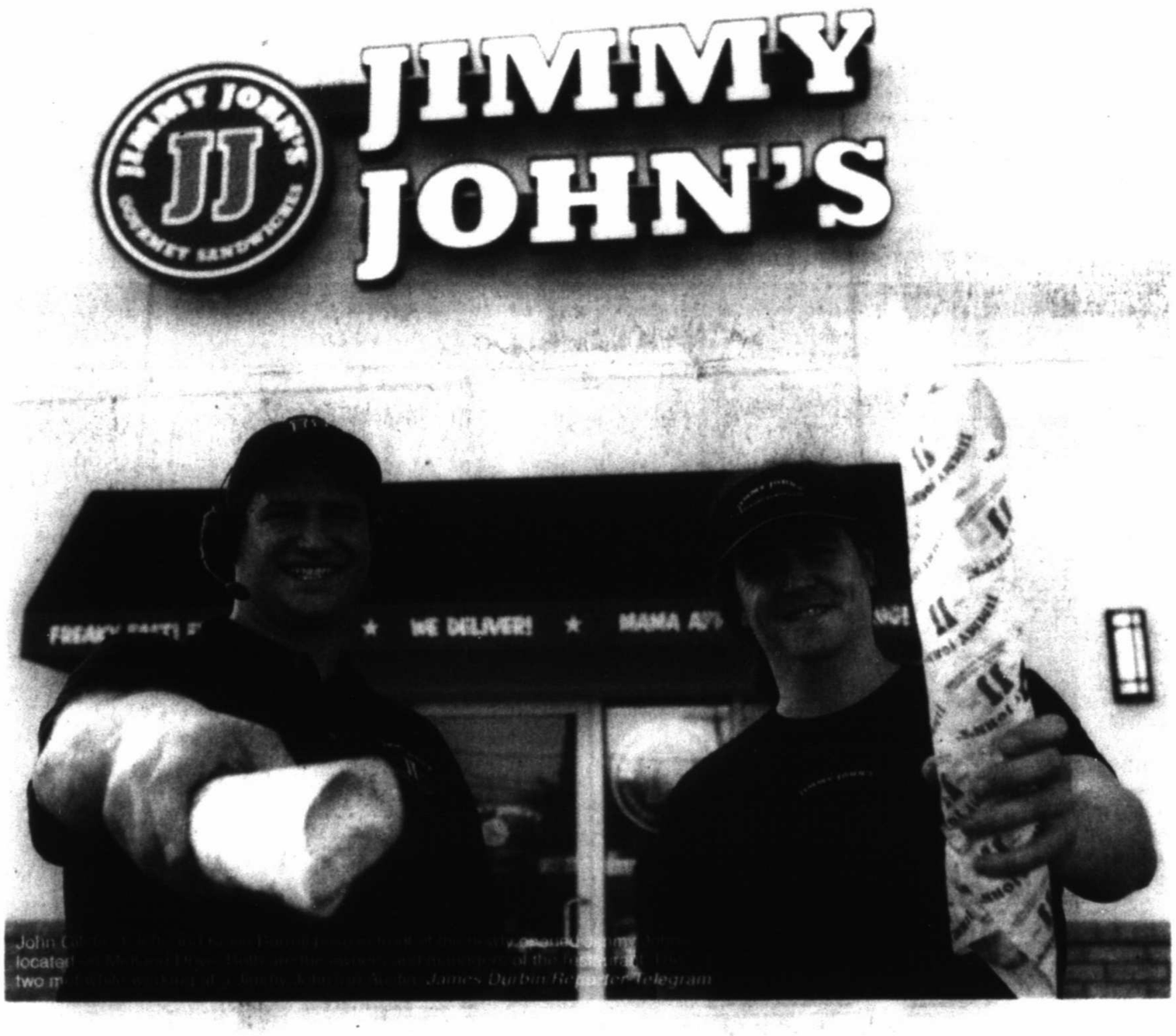
"The boom starts to bust, things become tight, families become stressed, and physical and sexual abuse tends to go up," McPeek said. "When Christmas comes, kids are out of school. These things go up, as well."

Child sexual abuse is suspected to be vastly underreported for the most part. So far this year, MRCCAC has performed forensic interviews with 504 children for alleged physical and sexual abuse, observing homicides and other court cases.

Of that number, 319 have been suspected sexual abuse cases. In 2014, there were 542 children interviewed total, with 352 for suspected sexual abuse.

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'PARTY ON THE UPS'



Jimmy John's opens its doors to Midland

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The aroma of freshly baked bread wafted out of a Midland Drive business Tuesday morning as Jimmy John's opened its doors to local diners. Throughout the day, a steady flow of Midlanders quickly filed in and out — a testament to its "freaky fast" service.

It's a branding slogan that the new franchise lived up to Tuesday, getting sandwiches to customers within 30 seconds of placing an order, or within 10 minutes by delivery. But it was a soft opening as new employees faced the Midland crowds always hungry for new eating options.

"By the first of 2016, we should be completely up to speed and ready for anything Midland can throw at us," said co-owner John Gilchrist.

Until then, the business plans to hire a few more delivery drivers, break in the new ovens and find the perfect calculations in the arid climate for that perfect, fluffy loaf. And customers can rest assured: no loaf will be sold that is more than four hours old, he said.

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Texas Petro Index falls 100 points since peak last year

■ Economist: Oil crash 'deepest and longest' in the 20-year history of index

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

An index measuring the health of the Texas oil industry tumbled again in October for the 11th straight month as producers shut down additional rigs and more of the state's oil and gas workers lost their jobs.

The Texas Petro Index, developed for a statewide trade group of independent oil and gas producers, has fallen 100 points since it reached its peak last year and will likely slip further in the months, marking the most severe crude slump in the 20-year history of the index.

"At this point, the end of the current contraction is not known and cannot be foreseen," the index's creator and petroleum economist Karr Ingham said in a statement. "But we know this much: It will be the deepest and longest in the history of the TPI."

The measurement, which is based on production numbers, the number of actively drilling rigs and the state's oil and gas workforce, set a record high in October 2014 at 313.2 amid a shale boom that had touched off a drilling frenzy across the state.

Since prices began collapsing last year, the index has slipped to 212.3 and could plunge below the index's record low of 187.5 set in December 2009 during a prior crude slump.

"Amid all the chatter about when crude oil production may have peaked and rolled over in Texas and the U.S., the sentiment about prospects for recovery has become increasingly pessimistic — which is to say, realistic — as the year

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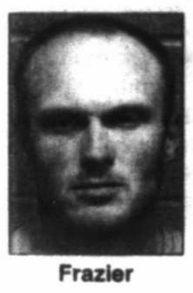
LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested after allegedly stalking, threatening woman

A man was arrested Friday after allegedly harassing and stalking a woman for several months, according to court documents.

Cody Parks Frazier, 30, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony of stalking.



Frazier

The woman said that, on Nov. 29, she heard "a loud bang" outside the back of her apartment and saw Frazier walking away from her outdoor grill, which had been thrown into the complex's parking lot. Later that evening, when she was walking across the parking lot, Frazier told her he would "slash (her) throat" and showed her a knife, according to his arrest affidavit. The woman said she believed at that moment that he would try to kill her, according to the affidavit.

The next day, the woman heard a loud bang and saw that the grill had been thrown onto her patio and Frazier was walking away from her property, according to the affidavit.

On numerous occasions, Frazier watched the woman from his vehicle or walked up from behind when she would exit her vehicle, according to the affidavit.

The woman also noticed "heart-shaped drawings" in dust on her car windows and key marks on the sides of her car, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a third-degree felony, Frazier could face up to 10 years in prison.

GAINES COUNTY

Well blowout reported near Seminole

A well blowout about 4 miles east of Seminole led to an estimated 11 homes being evacuated Tuesday morning, according to the Seminole Sentinel.

Gaines County Sheriff Ronny Pipkin told the newspaper that no injuries have been reported in the incident. First-responders were dispatched to the site at about 6 a.m. About 40 people are being housed in the Gaines County civic building, according to the report.

The incident occurred at an injection well operated by Houston-based Tabula Rasa Energy, the report said.

Cause of the blowout is not yet known.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARLINGTON

Police punish 4 officers after death of man in custody

Four Arlington jailers face either dismissal or suspension over the March death of an inmate who was physically restrained by as many as four officers.

Authorities said late Monday that they plan to fire three detention officers and give a supervisor a five-day suspension following the administrative investigation into the death of 32-year-old Jonathan Paul.

All four officers facing punishment — Sgt. Frank Vacante and detention officers Wes Allen, Matt Fisher and Pedro Medina — can appeal.

Medina was indicted last month on a charge of criminally negligent homicide in Paul's death. In a disciplinary letter, commanders said he exhibited "unbecoming conduct" and failed to exercise appropriate judgment when he allegedly restrained Paul for longer than necessary.

Another officer, Stephen Schmidt, retired before being indicted on the same charge.

Robert Rogers, an attorney representing Medina and Schmidt, did not return The Associated Press' call for comment Tuesday but told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram last month that the men did not deserve to be charged.

KATY

Sheriff's official vehicle burglarized, 8 guns stolen

Thieves have stolen eight guns from a Texas sheriff's official vehicle that was parked outside a Houston-area restaurant during lunch.

The Waller County Sheriff's Office said Sheriff Glenn Smith reported four department guns and four of his personal weapons were taken.

Smith said one of his law enforcement jackets was also stolen by thieves who broke into his county-issued pickup truck Saturday at a restaurant in Katy.

A statement Monday from the sheriff's office said the vehicle was parked in the rear lot. Restaurant officials say security cameras in the area were not working.

Details on the stolen guns have been entered in national and Texas crime data bases.

Summit Power signs contract for power plant

■ Company expects to finalize finances next spring

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A major step toward the realization of the long-planned Texas Clean Energy Project, a clean coal-burning power plant to be built near Penwell, was announced Tuesday.

Summit Power Group LLC signed the engineering, procurement and construction contract with China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corp. and SNC-Lavalin Engineers & Constructors Inc. at an event in Beijing.

The contract covers engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning, and performance testing of the chemical and carbon capture block for the project, which will be integrated with a Siemens combined cycle power block. Siemens, which has its global Oil and Gas Headquarters based in Houston, is also expected to supply the coal gasification equipment for the chemical block.

Jeff Brown, Summit's chief financial officer, said signing the construction contract will enable the company to finalize financing for the project, which has construction costs of more than $2.5 billion. He was in Midland this week to provide an update on the project at the EOR Carbon Management Workshop that precedes the CO2 Conference.

Laura Miller, Summit's director of Texas projects, said the company has been keeping its existing contracts to sell the carbon dioxide and urea captured from the power generation updated.

"It's a work in progress," said Miller, who attended the most recent Odessa City Council meeting to extend Summit's agreement with the city, which expires at the end of the month.

The signing comes 16 months after Huanqiu (HQC) and Summit launched an effort to improve the design of the project with a goal of reducing project costs, which rose sharply in 2013 as a result of soaring Texas labor rates due to the oil and gas boom. With the completion of updated engineering work and the addition of SNC-Lavalin to the team, this contract brings that effort to a successful conclusion, Summit said in announcing the agreement. The company expects to close financing on the power plant in the spring of 2016.

The Texas Clean Energy Project is designed to capture more than 90 percent of its CO2 emissions from coal while producing 400M megawatts of clean power and enough urea to reduce annual U.S. imports by more than 10 percent. The captured CO2 will be permanently sequestered geologically in West Texas oil fields.

HQC, a wholly owned subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corp., is a leading engineering and construction management firm, operating in nearly 20 countries

SNC-Lavalin and HQC have entered into a consortium agreement for the project. SNC-Lavalin's major responsibilities include engineering and procurement for the balance of plant activities outside the licensed technology areas as well as construction for the entire chemical block portion of the project.

Wary high court tackles Texas' 'one person, one vote' case

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Practical concerns about forcing states to abandon the way they have drawn electoral districts for more than 50 years seemed to give a key justice pause Tuesday in a Supreme Court case of immense importance to the nation's growing Latino population.

The court heard arguments in a case from Texas on the meaning of the principle of "one person, one vote," which the court has said requires that political districts be roughly equal in population.

But it has left open whether states must count all residents, or only eligible voters, in drawing district lines.

In Texas, and other states with large immigrant populations, the difference is more than academic. Urban districts include many more people who are too young, not citizens or otherwise ineligible to vote.

Two rural Texas voters are challenging the use of total population data in drawing state Senate districts because they say it inflates the voting power of city dwellers at their expense.

Their arguments seemed to make some headway Tuesday with Justice Anthony Kennedy, the pivotal vote on so many close high court cases.

When some districts of roughly equal population have dramatically different numbers of eligible voters, shouldn't Texas "at least give some consideration to this disparity that you have among voters?" Kennedy asked.

Later, he wondered whether states could produce districts that were roughly equal in terms of overall population and eligible voters, saying, "Why is one option exclusive of the other? Why can't they have both?"

Texas Solicitor General Scott Keller said such an outcome could only be achieved at the expense of other traditional requirements about redistricting, including drawing relatively compact districts that don't split counties.

Kennedy sounded persuaded. "That sounds highly probable to me," he said.

The Texas case was one of three matters before the court on Tuesday that dealt with redistricting.

The justices also considered a challenge from Republicans over whether Arizona's state legislative districts were redrawn in a way that illegally shifted voters to give Democrats an advantage. The case also invokes the "one person, one vote" principle in asking whether slight differences in population that typically pass muster are nonetheless problematic if districts are drawn for partisan advantage or to comply with a now-defunct provision in the Voting Rights Act.

In yet a third case, the court unanimously revived a challenge by some Maryland residents to their state's 2011 redrawing of its congressional districts, ruling that their case must be heard by a panel of three judges, not a single judge.

The arguments in the Texas case were unusual in several respects. The justices displayed little of the aggressiveness that often marks Supreme Court arguments and Justice Antonin Scalia said nothing at all during the hourlong session.

Civil rights groups say forcing states to change their method would damage Latino political influence. Texas picked up four congressional seats after the 2010 census, mainly because of the growth in its Hispanic population.



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Syrian refugees resettled in resistant Texas, Indiana

By Nomaan Merchant and Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

DALLAS — Syrian families have been settled in Texas and in Indiana, the groups helping them said Tuesday, defying efforts by the conservative states' governors to stop their arrival.

A family of six went to live Monday near relatives already living in the Dallas area, said Lucy Carrigan, a spokeswoman for the International Rescue Committee.

"They seem very happy," Carrigan said, noting that they were put up in an apartment with basic furniture and a stocked refrigerator. "And it was almost like breathing a sigh of relief that they have arrived. This has been a long journey for them, and it's been a long journey for a lot of Syrian refugees."

Carrigan declined to make family members available for an interview, but she said they were not fazed by the state's fight or concerns that they might not be welcome in Texas.

Another couple and their four daughters were settled in Houston on Monday night by a different resettlement agency, Refugee Services of Texas. An additional nine refugees are expected to arrive later in the week.

"We can reassure all Texans that the refugees are receiving a warm and compassionate welcome from staff and volunteers," said Aaron Rippenkroeger, president and CEO of Refugee Services of Texas.



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, left, and Gov. Greg Abbott speak about the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the U.S., during their joint news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday. Abbott was in Washington with Cruz to support a bill Cruz has introduced in Congress banning any refugees from Iraq, Syria or other countries deemed to be controlled by a foreign terrorist organization.

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Meanwhile, a Syrian couple and their two small children arrived safely Monday night in Indianapolis, where they have relatives, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis said in a statement. It said the family fled Syria three years ago and underwent two years of security checks before being allowed to enter the U.S.

Archbishop Joseph Tobin said he considered Gov. Mike Pence's recent request to not bring the family to Indiana until Congress had approved new legislation regarding immigrants and refugees. But he said he welcomed them anyway because helping refugees "is an essential part of our identity as Catholic Christians."

Pence and Gov. Greg Abbott were among more than two dozen Republican governors who said they would refuse any new Syrian refugees following the deadly Nov. 13 Paris attacks, which have been linked to the Islamic State group operating in Syria.

The debate over immigration has only become more charged since then, with Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump drawing widespread condemnation for suggesting all Muslims should be barred from entering the country.

Pence, who said he hoped residents would welcome the new family to Indiana, despite his misgivings about the vetting process, rebuked Trump on Twitter Tuesday, saying calls to ban Muslims "are offensive and unconstitutional."

Pence said the issue is not about the Syrian refugee family that arrived in Indiana or about Catholic Charities, but "about an administration and Congress that should take decisive action to pause this program."

But Pence indicated he wouldn't try to deny Medicaid, food stamps or other social services to any refugees who do arrive in Indiana.

Abbott, meanwhile, was in Washington with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz to support a bill Cruz will introduce allowing governors to reject any refugees they deem to be a security risk.

Federal officials and refugee agencies have ignored the governors' calls to halt resettlement, saying states are denying a safe haven to families displaced by war and that a state's role in resettlement does not include the authority to block them.

Texas has taken in more refugees than any other state in the last five years, including about 250 Syrian refugees. But it also fought harder than any other state to stop the inflow of Syrian refugees after the attacks.

Texas' health commissioner sent letters to refugee resettlement agencies threatening them with the loss of state cooperation if they continued to bring in Syrians. The state then filed a lawsuit against the IRC and the federal government.

The state has since backed down from an immediate demand to halt the arrival of Syrian refugees. A hearing is expected in the lawsuit next week.

AP Poll: Republicans wary of immigration from Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With his comments calling for a ban on Muslims entering the United States, Donald Trump may be tapping into widespread antipathy toward immigration from the Middle East, a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds.

The poll was conducted before Trump made his contentious proposal Monday and does not reflect public opinion about it. But it indicates a suspicion of newcomers from the region where Muslims predominate and follows last week's deadly shooting in San Bernardino, California, by a couple said by authorities to have been radicalized — with the wife having pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

The poll found three-quarters of Republicans thought immigration from the region was too high, with nearly as many expressing fears about the possibility that Syrian refugees will commit violence.

Some things to know about public opinion on refugees and immigration from the Middle East from the AP-GfK poll:

Most want less Mid East immigration

Both Americans in general and Republicans in particular were more likely to say the United States is allowing too many immigrants from the Middle East than to say so about other regions of the world, including Latin America.

In the poll, 54 percent of Americans, including about three-quarters of Republicans, about half of independents and over a third of Democrats, said the United States takes in too many immigrants from the Middle East.

By contrast, 46 percent of Americans, including 6 in 10 Republicans, slightly under half of independents and 3 in 10 Democrats, said the U.S. takes too many immigrants from Latin America.

Just 28 percent of Americans said the same of immigrants from Europe, with little variation by party identification.

No obligation to help

Just 41 percent of Americans said the United States has a moral duty to offer asylum to people who come into the country to escape violence or political persecution, while 55 percent said it does not. That attitude is essentially unchanged since July 2014, when 44 percent said the U.S. has an obligation to help people fleeing violence and persecution.

More than 7 in 10 Republicans and nearly 6 in 10 independents said the United States does not have an obligation to offer refuge, while nearly 6 in 10 Democrats said it does.

Demographic fault lines

The poll indicates that Trump's rhetoric, before he proposed the sweeping prohibition on Muslims, might appeal to fears about immigration from the Middle East shared by many Americans. It also points to a risk of alienating some groups, such as younger Americans, non-whites, and some less conservative Republicans.

Whites were more likely than non-whites to say the current level of immigration from the region is too high, 59 percent to 43 percent.

More than 6 in 10 Americans over 50, but less than half of those under 50, said the U.S. lets in too many immigrants from the Middle East. Men were more likely than women to say so, 59 percent to 50 percent.

Within the Republican Party, supporters of the tea party movement were more likely than those who are not supporters to say the level of immigration from the Middle East is too high, 84 percent to 71 percent.

Opposition to refugees

The AP-GfK poll also found that 53 percent of Americans opposed the Obama administration's plan to accept 10,000 refugees from Syria into United States, with just 23 percent saying they were in favor. Majorities of both Republicans (78 percent) and independents (54 percent) opposed letting in the refugees, while Democrats were more likely to be in favor than opposed, 41 percent to 32 percent.

Many Americans consider refugees to be a security risk to the United States. Forty-nine percent saw an extremely or somewhat high risk of Syrian refugees committing acts of religious or political violence in the United States. Seven in 10 Republicans and 3 in 10 Democrats considered refugees to be at least a somewhat high risk.

House tightens controls on visa-free travel to US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Driven by the Paris terror attacks, the House voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to tighten controls on travel to the U.S. and require visas for anyone who's been in Iraq or Syria in the previous five years.

The legislation takes aim at the "visa waiver" program that allows citizens of 38 countries to travel to the U.S. for stays of 90 days and less without first obtaining a visa from an embassy or consulate. Belgium and France, home to most of the perpetrators of last month's Paris attacks, are among the participating countries.

The bill, which passed 407-19, would institute a series of changes, including the new visa requirement for citizens of Iraq, Syria and any other country deemed a terrorist hotspot, along with anyone who's traveled to those countries in the previous five years. Exceptions are made for official government visits and military service.

Countries in the visa waiver program would also be required to share counterterror information with the U.S. or face expulsion from the program. All travelers would be checked against Interpol databases, and visa waiver countries would be required to issue "e-passports" with biometric information.

"You have more than 5,000 individuals that have Western passports in this program that have gone to Iraq or Syria in the last five years," said Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. "Those are gaps that we need to fix."

Some 20 million visitors come to the U.S. annually under the visa waiver program. They already are screened through an online system maintained by the Department of Homeland Security, and the White House has recently announced a series of improvements to that and other aspects of the program.

But in past years, the program has been used by would-be terrorists, including "shoe bomber" Richard Reid, who boarded a flight from Paris to Miami in December 2001 without a visa and attempted to set off a bomb. Zacarias Moussaoui, the "20th hijacker" from 9/11, also flew from London to Chicago with a French passport and no visa in February 2001, according to a Homeland Security Inspector General report from 2004.

Lawmakers of both parties spoke in favor of the legislation, which is also backed by the White House. It's a rare area of bipartisan agreement after the Obama administration's fury when the House passed legislation last month cracking down on the Syrian refugee program in the immediate aftermath of the Paris attacks.

The Syrian refugee bill, which the administration said was unnecessary because the small number of Syrian refugees are already extensively screened, has not gone anywhere in the Senate and looks unlikely to advance. The visa waivers bill, on the other hand, may be added to a must-pass year-end spending bill now being finalized on Capitol Hill. There is a different version in the Senate by Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California and Republican Jeff Flake of Arizona. The travel industry, which backs the House bill as a balanced approach, says the Senate bill goes too far in adding new biometric requirements for all visa waiver travelers that might be difficult to enact.

Separately, some lawmakers are also talking about looking at the fiancé visa program that allowed Tashfeen Malik, the shooter in the recent attacks in San Bernardino, California, into the country. The Homeland Security Department has already announced a review of that program.

A handful of Democratic lawmakers spoke against the visa waiver legislation before its passage. Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., said the bill is overbroad in stripping visa waiver privileges from all Syrian and Iraqi nationals.

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Hangin' with the Clauses

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Emily Ratliff holds 2-year-old Cannon as he protests a picture with Santa during the "North Pole In Your Neighborhood" event sponsored by Betenbough Homes on Tuesday at the Betenbough New Home Center on North Highway 349. For each group picture with Santa, Betenbough donated $1 to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

ABUSE

From 1A

"Child sexual abuse exists in Midland as much as people don't want to admit it does," said Paula Cox, MRCCAC education director. "We're not any different from the rest of the country. Horrible things happen in this area, too."

Cox hasn't seen noticeable progress when it comes to lowering child sexual abuse rates here over the past few years.

"It's a bigger issue absolutely than people realize," McPeek said. "And if kiddos are not receiving support and therapy and intervention, it will cause issues for them later in life."

Permian Basin Community Centers psychiatrist Mark Luley said a large number of the patients he sees in the Bridges Behavioral Health Clinic are coming in with mental health issues related to childhood sexual abuse.

"In our clinics we see a lot of PTSD," Luley said. "There's a huge trend here. If you suffer from PTSD or depression as a child, you're more likely to use alcohol. My clinic certainly has a lot of alcohol dependence, a lot of cocaine dependence, and what's really concerning is the synthetic canniboids. Generally, a lot of (the PTSD and substance abuse) is related to childhood sexual abuse and mental abuse during childhood."

Texas law defines sexual abuse of a child as "any sexual conduct harmful to a child's mental, emotional or physical welfare, as well as failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent sexual conduct with a child. A person who compels or encourages a child to engage in sexual conduct commits abuse, and it is against the law to make or possess child pornography or to display such material to a child."

No matter the severity of the abuse, the consequences on the victim's mental and physical well-being can be detrimental. The fact that 98 percent of sexual abuse perpetrators are family friends, relatives or otherwise known and trusted by the child, only adds to the devastation that the abuse can inflict and the effort made to keep it secret.

"Childhood sexual abuse can be an underlying issue in many later problems in adulthood," wrote Bridges Behavioral Health Clinician Amber Hoelscher in an email. "I have seen it manifested through depression, anxiety and addiction, just to name a few. Many adults may not make the connection that the abuse from their past is still bothering them in their current daily lives."

Centers for Family and Children serves clients age 3 and up. Of their clientele, more than 50 percent report some kind of sexual abuse, and 25 percent will report some type of childhood sexual abuse, Edwards said.

"Whenever you've had severe childhood sexual trauma, just like PTSD in veterans, it colors everything you do," Edwards said.

However, many adults don't see the issues they're struggling with as PTSD, identifying it as depression, anxiety or an inability to sleep due to nightmares, Hoelscher said. But the symptoms often manifest in full-blown PTSD or varying degrees of a stress disorder.

"The people we work with say they can't go anywhere without knowing where the exits are," Edwards said. "It affects your relationships, your ability to pay attention. A lot of people will say they're afraid they'll lose their job because sometimes, when they're in the middle of something, they'll have some kind of anxiety and they don't want to tell people why — that it's because they were raped or molested as a child."

Have you experienced childhood sexual, physical or emotional trauma? Have you found a way to heal? If you'd like to share your story, email Erin Stone at estone@mrt.com.

Resources

CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
- **Services:** Counseling
- **Cost:** Free
- **Location:** 1004 N. Big Spring St., Suite 325
- **Contact:** 432-570-4069

MIDLAND RAPE CRISIS AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
- **Services:** Forensic interviews and crisis intervention services, free counseling for victims of all ages and their families, and group therapy.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Location:** 1700 N. Big Spring St.
- **Contact:** 432-682-7273, 24 hours a day

PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS
- **Services:** Mental health services, intellectual and development disability services, substance abuse/chemical dependency, early childhood intervention, HIV services, Veteran's services.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Location:** 401 E. Illinois Ave.
- **Contact:** 432-580-5100

RESTAURANT

From 1A

Jimmy John's Midland location was first announced last summer, and after a few construction delays, Gilchrist and co-owner Kevin Burnell are proud to be here, they said. Both had spent several years working at Jimmy John's in Austin, and their new franchise on 3201 Midland Drive is their first venture as owners.

"Midland was the biggest city in Texas that doesn't have a Jimmy John's, so we're happy to come here and get that taken care of for y'all," Gilchrist said. "I'm excited to be in West Texas."

The store offers dine-in, drive-through and delivery options. Their delivery service area ranges between Loop 250 to the west and north, to Andrews Highway to the south and Midkiff Road to the east.

It's an interesting, yet not wholly unsurprising, time for a business to move to a community at the depths of an economic downturn. While restaurants like Rue 432 (106 S. "A" St.) and Hight Foods (3320 Midkiff Road) have opened their doors and prospered since the decline began nearly a year ago, others haven't been so lucky. Wings 'N More fell just weeks ago and cited the poor economic conditions for its demise.

"We know Midland has its ups and downs, and we knew that coming here," Gilchrist said. "But we're here to ride out the downs and party on the ups."

And what's more, he has the confidence and reputable branding to back him up.

"I'm very confident in the quality of our food and the level of customer service we provide, which they didn't," he said of the two recently shuttered Wings 'N More locations in Midland and Odessa. "I feel we have a better-quality product at a faster speed, so I'm confident that we can ride out any oil downturn."

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From 1A

has progressed," Ingham said in a statement. "It seems the most optimistic outlooks expect the beginning of meaningful recovery to appear no sooner than the latter half of 2016. But we simply do not know how that will look at this point."

Driving the index lower was a 61 percent collapse in the Baker Hughes count of actively drilling rigs in the past year coupled with a nearly 18 percent decline in the number of Texans on oil and gas industry payrolls, according to the Texas Workforce Commission's quarterly census of employment and wages.

But even as oil companies shed workers and retreat from the oil patch, they have continued to flood the markets with crude. Statewide oil output appears to have peaked in the middle of 2015, but Texas still cranked out about 7 million barrels more in October than it did during the same period a year ago. This flood of oil is filling the nation's storage tanks and helping contribute to a global glut that has kept prices depressed.

"Until crude oil production actually begins to decline meaningfully and the volume of oil in storage begins to contract rather than expand, there is little reason to expect prices to recover and activity levels to begin to increase," Ingham said in a statement.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Today in Midland

On Dec. 9, 2013, the Midland Christian football team defeated Katy Pope John Paul XXIII, 28-20, to capture the program's third consecutive TAPPS title (and seventh overall). The Mustangs finished with its first undefeated season under head coach Greg McClendon.

Thing to do

Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas luncheons with food provided by The Market Grill and Bar, Noon, Museum of the Southwest, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. Registration is required. $35; $190 for table of six; $250 for table of eight. museumsw.org.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

Community calendar

■ The Commemorative Air Force's High Sky Wing is planning Christmas Light Night Flights today through Dec. 23. The flights are $80 a person; the co-pilot seat is $150, according to a press release.

The Spirit of West Texas — which was at Midland Army Air Field during World War II — holds five passengers. Passengers will receive a Christmas ornament, hot chocolate and cookies.

To book a flight go to rides@highskywing.org or call 703-3142.

■ The city's Parks and Recreation Division is accepting entries through Thursday for the 2015 Christmas Parade, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in downtown Midland. The theme is "Into the Future: Christmas 2115."

Registration forms are available at the MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane; Parks & Recreation Division office, 2701 W. Elizabeth; or at www.midlandtexas.gov/Christmas. Completed forms may be dropped off or mailed to the MLK Jr. Community Center, emailed to Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov or faxed with the subject line "Christmas Parade" to 685-7380.

For more information, call 685-7379.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 17. This month's featured book is "The Three Gifts," by Kathie Lee Gifford.

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Meetings schedule

Midland College
10 a.m. Friday
Gibson Board Room
Administration building

ACA enrollment

Project Amistad will be providing information and enrollment help to uninsured residents who may need assistance finding health insurance under provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act.

Representatives of Project Amistad will be available 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce office, 208 S. Marienfeld St.

For more information, call Project Amistad at 1-877-413-2372.

When it's open

■ **City Hall**
300 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Customer Service line: 685-7320

■ **Midland Health & Senior Services**
3303 West Illinois, Space 22
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
681-7613

■ **Animal Services**
1200 N. Fairgrounds Road
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday
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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2015. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 9, 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the first animated TV special featuring characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, was first broadcast on CBS.

On this date:

In 1935, the Downtown Athletic Club of New York honored college football player Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago with the DAC Trophy, which later became known as the Heisman Trophy.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1982, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's sons, William and Harry, became first in line to the throne.)

California terror attack shows difficulty ID'ing terrorists

By Eric Tucker and Brian Melley
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — By the time the married couple who carried out the deadly San Bernardino terrorist attack came to the attention of police, it was far too late.

Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, had gone undetected while planning the massacre that included amassing thousands of rounds of ammunition, high-powered guns and pipe bombs.

The FBI's acknowledgement that the San Bernardino shooters had been radicalized Muslims for "quite some time" points to the difficulty discovering potential terrorists who keep a very low profile and shows the deadly consequences that can occur when identification comes too late.

"It appears these people were very good at hiding their intentions," said David Schanzer, a Duke University public policy professor who runs a center that studies terrorism. "What this situation shows is it's not a fool-proof system. ... A hundred percent prevention is not achievable."

The couple, who lived quietly in a two-bedroom townhouse with their 6-month-old daughter and Farook's mother, had not come to the attention of law enforcement before clothing themselves in black, donning face masks and bursting into an annual festive meeting of Farook's county health department colleagues with guns blazing. They killed 14 people and wounded 21 last Wednesday before dying in a shootout with police about four hours later.

David Bowdich, chief of the FBI's Los Angeles office, told reporters the agency was searching for how and where radicalization occurred and who might have led them to those beliefs.

Investigators believe Malik radicalized before meeting Farook, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said Tuesday, though she didn't elaborate on what led the FBI to that conclusion. Farook, 28, a restaurant inspector born in the U.S. to a Pakistani family, radicalized before Malik, 29, emigrated to the U.S. from Pakistan in July 2014 on a fiancée visa and married him the next month.

America's counterterrorism infrastructure has had success flagging individuals who try to travel abroad to fight alongside militants, fund operations overseas or who communicate online with overseas terrorists. But it's been far more challenging for law enforcement to identify each and every individual who self-radicalizes online, a process the Islamic State has facilitated with slick Internet propaganda aimed at the disaffected.

"They're not communicating with a terrorist organization, they're not doing those other things that we have typically looked for when we're looking for terrorists," said John Cohen, a former Homeland Security Department counterterrorism coordinator.

Behavior in isolation isn't likely to put a defendant on law enforcement's radar. But sudden withdrawal from friends or family, for instance, starts hitting trip wires when combined with other actions, such as increased visits to hate-spewing chat rooms or radical change in appearance. Even then, law enforcement is challenged on a daily basis in separating individuals who hold radical views, which in and of itself is not a crime, from those who are plotting acts of violence or encouraging others in that direction.

"It's a highly individualized process, and each person is different," said Seamus Hughes, deputy director of the Program on Extremism at George Washington University's Center for Cyber & Homeland Security, which recently issued a study showing that 56 people had been charged in the U.S. this year in connection with supporting the Islamic State. "The radicalization process could take a few years, it could take a few months."

Mike German, a national security fellow at New York University Law School and a former FBI agent, said the government's model to predict who will become a terrorist is flawed, partly because it focuses too much on those who adhere to a radical or extreme ideology.

"Certainly some of the people who become terrorists have expressed extreme thoughts before, but it's a not a causal factor," German said. "There are many times more people holding radical beliefs who never engage in violent activity."

FBI agents currently have hundreds of open inquiries in all 50 states related to terrorist ideology. When they identify someone they think is predisposed to violence, they've turned to a range of techniques — including sting operations involving informants and inoperable weapons and placing undercover agents in chat rooms — as part of their investigation.

They're nonetheless constrained under Justice Department regulations in the investigative steps they may take. That guidance, known as the Domestic Investigations and Operations Manual, permits agents to check out a citizen's suspicion even when there's minimal factual basis for doing so.

Actually opening a full-blown investigation, and using tools such as surveillance and phone wiretaps, requires a significantly higher burden of evidence of wrongdoing.

"For law enforcement to take action, their investigation has to reveal that a person has gone beyond simply having extreme thoughts, and is actually moving in the direction of carrying out an act of violence," Cohen said. "They have to be in the process of committing a crime."

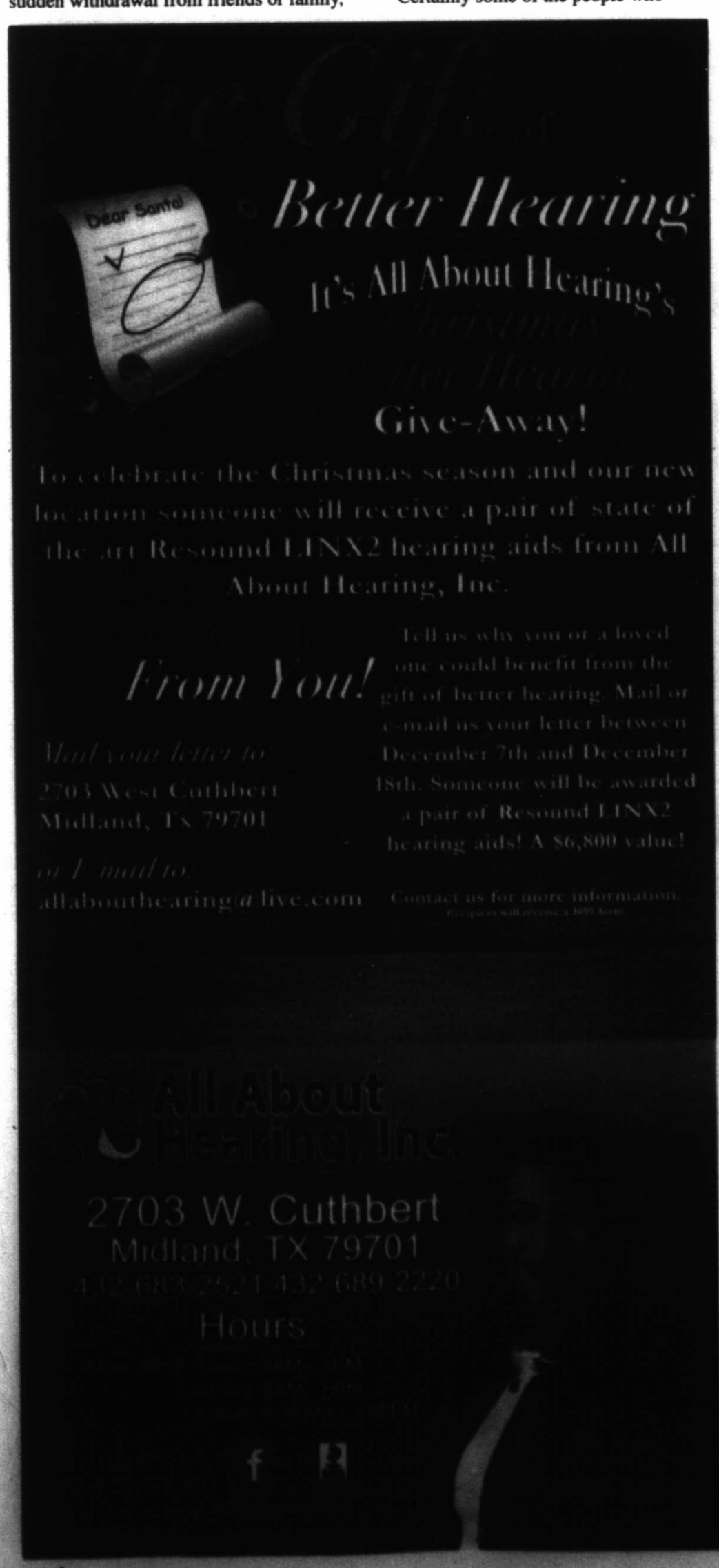
So far, the FBI has revealed little of what it's learned about Farook and Malik and their planning, except for details about the weaponry they had, materials they had to make more pipe bombs and that both had been taking target practice. Malik also practiced at Riverside Magnum Range, where Farook shot at targets two days before the attack, Eimiller said.

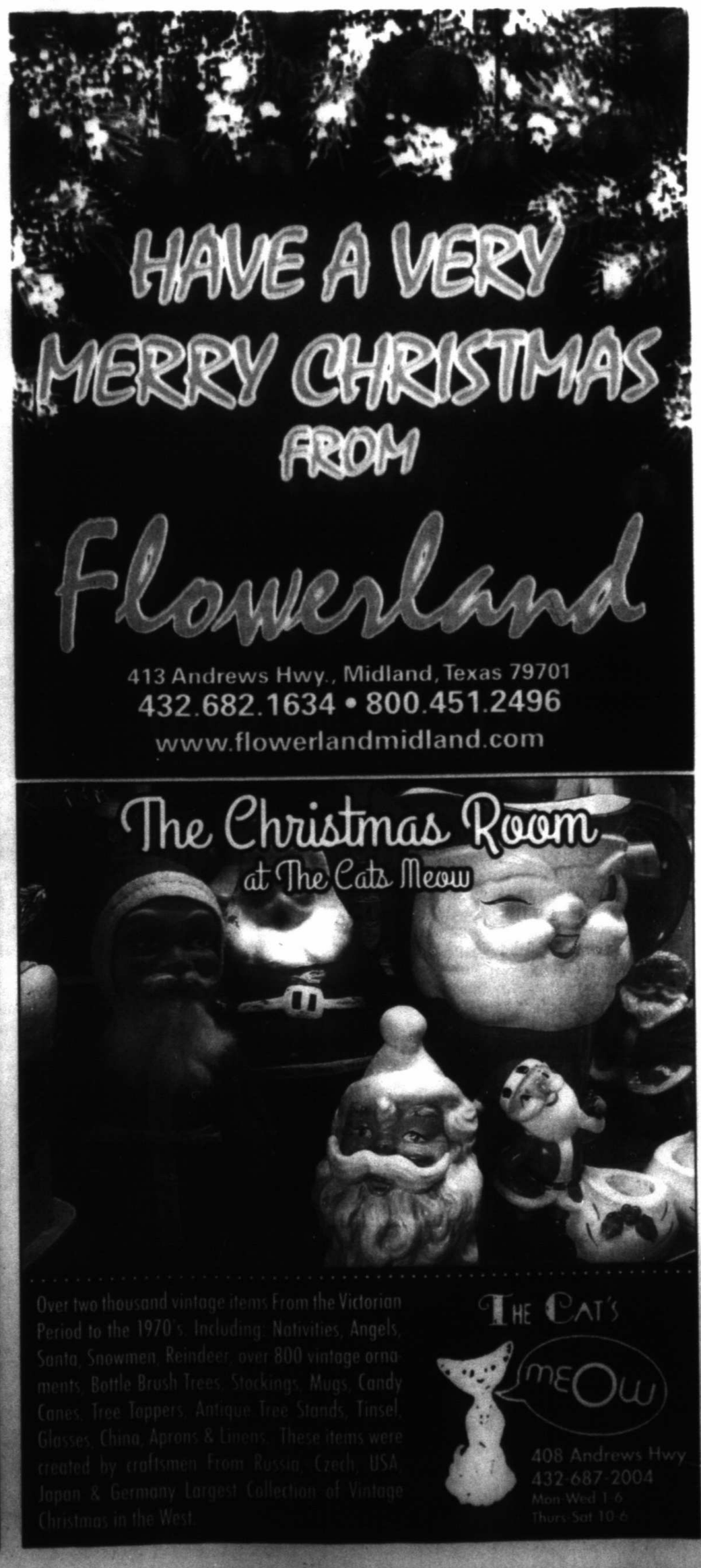
Investigators also are trying to determine a money trail for funding of the operation. A U.S. official said Tuesday authorities are looking into a deposit made to Farook's bank account prior to the shooting. The official, who had been briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity, would not further characterize the nature of the deposit or what was suspicious about it.



Associated Press

Lisa Hamons, front, a social worker for San Bernardino County, is hugged by Yolanda Richardson during a candlelight vigil for shooting victims Monday in San Bernardino, Calif. The husband and wife who opened fire on a social services center last week had been radicalized "for quite some time" and had taken target practice at area gun ranges, in one instance just days before the attack that left 14 people dead, the FBI said Monday.





OPINION

What can you do with an enemy that wants war?

■ ISIS wants war on their turf and enjoys the conflict Trump creates here and abroad



KATHLEEN PARKER
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Americans looking for a Snuggy Bear and a blankey to ease their anxieties about the Islamic State will have to become more comfortable with ambiguity and uncertainty.

From President Obama's recent terror speech in the Oval Office to Donald Trump's terrifying, race-baiting, religion-testing rebuke in South Carolina, there is little to console those seeking either instant gratification from Obama or sanity from the leading Republican presidential candidate.

While Trump speaks to fear with anti-Muslim rhetoric that builds a wall around our national essence, the president attempts to soothe with reason and inspirational rhetoric more befitting a nation that hasn't just suffered a horrific terrorist slaughter.

Obama's speech was never going to satisfy critics and those convinced they know the better route. But the fact of the speech alone — appropriately solemn in recognition of the fact that the killings in San Bernardino, Chattanooga and at Fort Hood were terrorist attacks — spoke volumes. And though he identified the California terrorists as Islamic State-inspired, he surely disappointed those insistent in their own cultish fashion that Obama refuses to name the enemy and, therefore, can't defeat him. An absurdity. A dead terrorist is a dead terrorist by any name.

Obama's further reiteration of his current course left wanting those longing for the more-comforting certitude of the cheerleader with a megaphone. And those hoping for a declaration of the usual sort of war — thousands of ground troops in Syria and Iraq — were doubtless disappointed, as well as affirmed in their belief that Obama doesn't get it. Or that he's only trying to preserve his legacy as the non-war president, a trope favored by the right.

But realistically, what president chooses to ignore a necessary war? Who wants to be remembered as the cowardly commander in chief who allowed the world to slip into darkness and despair? No one, and certainly not Obama.

The problem for the president is that the war he *is* waging feels like a long-term strategy without benefit of the short-term. If not ground troops, then what? There is no good answer. This is a new kind of war requiring fresh approaches. The old templates don't apply because they actually work against us. As soon as we put boots on the ground, the Islamic State is rewarded with the war it wants, with the propaganda machine it can't otherwise replicate, and with the martyrdom its members welcome. Are Americans really ready to watch their military men and women beheaded and burned alive?

Thus, Obama and his advisers have focused on alternative means of defeating a monster that feeds on atrocity and hate. Strategic hits, special operations, counterterrorism propaganda and so on. At home, he seems to say, fight hate with love, fear with resilience, monsters with the superior force of good. By comparison, admittedly, Trump sounds both decisive and definitive.

But — this is no joke — Trump is also the most dangerous person to emerge on the American political scene in decades. As president, he would be the most dangerous man on the planet.

I've often objected in my column to invoking Hitler as popular analog because trivializes the suffering and slaughter of the Jews. Now I'm not so sure. Remember that before there could be a Holocaust, there was the identification of the Jewish race as the enemy. Trump's identification of Muslims as "the problem," with his threat of a Muslim registry and a religious test at the border, sounds terribly familiar.

Two facts to consider: First, we need the help of the world's 1.6 billion — and this nation's 3 million — Muslims if we hope to defeat terrorists who justify their barbarism with their interpretation of Islam. Second, our best defense against radicalization of Muslim-Americans is inclusiveness. By marginalizing our own Muslim community through rhetoric, we vastly increase the risk of radicalization and recruitment.

Obama understands this. He also understands that another ground war in the Middle East risks our becoming entrenched in endless battle against an enemy that can inspire insurgencies indefinitely.

Few doubt that we could easily take over Iraq and Syria in a replay of shock-and-awe, but then what? Invading another Muslim country feeds right into the Islamic State's playbook and installs a Crusader vs. Caliphate narrative for millennia — or whatever foreshortened era we invent.

Again, ambiguity and uncertainty are our companions for now and probably for a while. In the meantime, our internecine squabbles about our own nation's principles couldn't be a better holiday gift to the butchers-in-waiting. And Trump, by dividing us from within, is the enemy's hero.

OUR VIEW

Trump doctrine takes shape with latest round of divisive talk

One of the main criticisms one can make of President Barack Obama is that his presidency has divided the country.

To use an Obama analogy, if Donald Trump somehow wins the Republican nomination and the general election in 2016, he will make Obama look like the JV team when it comes to divisive leadership.

The Republican front-runner told a crowd in South Carolina he wants to block all Muslims from entering the United States "until our country's representatives can figure out what the hell is going on," as reported by the Associated Press.

We will call it part of the Trump doctrine for protecting America. We got a preview of the doctrine when he called for building the "most beautiful wall" on our country's southern border that America wouldn't even have to pay for. He also said our nation would use its resources to round up every illegal immigrant and send them back across the border — no matter the cost.

This week, he found a way to up the ante. Trump's proposed ban, according to the AP, would apply to immigrants and visitors alike, a sweeping prohibition affecting all adherents of a religion practiced by more than 1 billion people worldwide.

Republicans, Democrats and world leaders were near unanimous in their disdain for Trump's plan. Even former Vice President Dick Cheney, a hawk and fierce advocate in doing anything necessary to protect our country, told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, "I think this whole notion that somehow we can just say no more Muslims, just ban a whole religion, goes against everything we stand for and believe in."

Let's go ahead and make an important point. President Obama has failed in his strategy to defeat ISIS, appears to be overwhelmed with efforts to combat terrorism, seems hopeful he can just survive the rest of his second term without having to commit more resources to engage the enemy and continues to heap an unhealthy dose of politics to "solve" what he perceives to be the answers to problems created by terrorism, including the mass killings last week in California.

Those who see him as an opportunist and not a commander-in-chief are correct. Neither global warming nor gun control should be seen as reasons for the evil taking place in the world right now.

But Trump also isn't providing the answer. He's a fearmonger — a candidate more capable of telling people what's wrong than how to make it right. His answer is to shoot from the hip, throw spaghetti against the wall and see what sticks or speak like the common man because he sees people connecting to that type of language in this hate-everything-that-Washington-stands-for climate. He's the Pied Piper and many are following blindly, not thinking about what he says as being doable, realistic or as against what this country is about.

Midlanders will have a chance to cast their ballots for or against Donald Trump in the March primary. Some will be enchanted with Trump because he says what they think or because talk radio parrots his alarmism.

We have heard many Midlanders long for Ronald Reagan. Some of them are supporting a Trump presidency. Well, in our view, Trump — a bombastic, uncontrollable, obnoxious liberal in conservative clothing — isn't Reagan. He's not even close. As soon as Republicans across the nation realize we can do better than his divisiveness, the better we will be. The country doesn't need one of its two major parties' nominees to be a person who believes his role is to demean, ridicule and flat-out offer the prejudice Trump provides on a daily basis.

We can do better. We must do better.

As House Speaker Paul Ryan said, "This is not conservatism. What was proposed yesterday is not what this party stands for, and more importantly it's not what this country stands for."

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GOP ignores lessons of WW II

■ Opposition hasn't proposed constructive alternative to Obama's strategy



DANA MILBANK
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Dec. 7, 2015: A date which will live in immaturity.

President Obama addressed the nation Sunday night from the Oval Office, a rare use of the sacred symbols of the presidency to reassure Americans about their security while steeling them for a long and complex struggle against the Islamic State.

And the loyal opposition answered his rallying cry over the next day with a patriotic display of carping and dyspepsia.

Donald Trump answered Obama's call for tolerance by declaring that no Muslims should be permitted to enter the United States: "We need a new president — FAST!"

Marco Rubio proclaimed a "growing sense we have a president who is completely overwhelmed."

From Republicans on Capitol Hill came a profusion of insults and epithets. "Repackaged half measures. ... Tone deaf ... sales pitch for the status quo ... President Obama is riding the bench at T-ball today."

It was tiresome. There's a real case to be made that Obama's minimalist strategy isn't working. But the only thing this reflexive complaining does is divide the country further and make a coherent response to Islamic State more difficult.

Rather than cover this National Day of Carping, I went to the World War II Memorial on the Mall, where 20 veterans of that war were observing the 74th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. There, I met Dale "Red" Robinson, a Pearl Harbor survivor and a staff sergeant in the infantry who was later part of the Normandy landing. He recalled the national unity of that war and lamented the divisions that make fighting this one so difficult.

"We were gung-ho. Everybody was," said Robinson, who is almost 94 but whose blue eyes are as clear as his mind. "Nothing like this, these days. It's sad, kind of sad, my friend."

Robinson said he feels "sorry for all of the soldiers" serving today, let down by their political leaders. And he sees little chance of these leaders finding their way. "How could you change this bunch now?"

One thing we can do is admonish them to follow, or at least remember, the example of Robinson's generation. That's what Monday afternoon's ceremony was about. A sailor rang a bell at 1:57 p.m. Eastern time, the moment 74 years earlier when Japanese planes struck, and 2,400 Americans were soon lost with much of the Pacific Fleet.

A military band played the national anthem and, in the front row, veterans stood, some rising from their wheelchairs, and snapped salutes or put hands to hearts.

Rear Adm. Craig Faller addressed the men. "We live all of us today with the prosperity and the security built on the shoulders of these heroes," he said. "Our challenge as we face the uncertainty and complexity associated with today's threats is to live up to the example of our World War II veterans."

That's our challenge — and we're failing.

One of the veterans, Laura Mays, told me he finds it "very scary" that the nation is so divided in confronting Islamic State. "The difference is the uncertainty of today, and it's a big difference," said Mays, who was a fireman on the USS Oconto and saw action in the Pacific. "Back then we knew we were strong and ... we felt that we were supported."

Mays, from Texas, said he thinks political leaders aren't as patriotic as those who sent him to war. "I thought they were more loyal, more concerned about the nation than their position," he said. Now, "it just seems like everything they do, right or wrong — and mostly wrong — is [because] it'll get them somewhere."

Mays and his contemporaries, facing a common enemy, mobilized and sacrificed, regardless of political ideology. Now, our representatives can't even manage to come up with a resolution authorizing the use of military force against the Islamic State — and they've been at it for a year. "I think it's time for Congress to vote to demonstrate that the American people are united and committed to this fight," Obama said Sunday night.

House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., responded to this call to unite by deriding Obama's speech as "just a half-hearted attempt to defend and distract from a failing policy." Ryan said we are "one step behind our enemy."

It does sometimes feel that way. But the opposition has yet to propose a constructive alternative — and the constant sniping at each other does nothing to defeat the Islamic State. As those old soldiers on the Mall taught us, victory comes from unity.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Trump's Muslim ban idea pushes GOP toward chaos

By Steve Peoples and Laurie Kellman
Associated Press



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate and businessman Donald Trump speaks Monday during a rally coinciding with Pearl Harbor Day at Patriots Point aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Trump defended his plan Tuesday for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" by comparing it with President Franklin Roosevelt's decision to inter Japanese Americans during World War II.

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's plan to ban Muslims from entering the United States is shoving the Republican Party to the edge of chaos, abruptly pitting GOP leaders against their own presidential front-runner and jeopardizing the party's longtime drive to attract minorities.

Unbowed, Trump fired a searing warning Tuesday via Twitter to fellow Republicans carping about his proposal. A majority of his supporters, he tweeted, "would vote for me if I departed the GOP & ran as an independent."

The crossfire between Trump and frustrated Republicans became a furious blur the day after the billionaire businessman announced his plan. Beleaguered 2016 rivals condemned his proposal and complained that his divisive positions were dominating attention in the crowded Republican contest. Party elders, meanwhile, warned that too much criticism might indeed push him to abandon the GOP and launch a third-party bid that could hand the presidential election to the Democrats.

And Republicans up for re-election in the Senate grew terse in the Capitol hallways as they were asked again and again to respond to Trump's remarks — a glimpse of their political futures if the former reality show star captures the GOP nomination.

"This is not conservatism," declared House Speaker Paul Ryan, the Republican Party's top elected leader. "What was proposed yesterday is not what this party stands for. And more importantly, it's not what this country stands for."

One by one, Republican officials across the country lashed out at Trump's plan, announced the night before, which calls for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" to help quell the threat of terrorism.

But party leaders are well aware that he could leave the GOP, run as an independent and challenge the party's presidential nominee next year. It's a threat they have long feared.

The Republican Party, said Jeb Bush adviser Ana Navarro, is stuck between "a rock and a jerk" less than eight weeks before the first primary-season votes are cast in Iowa.

In New Hampshire, Republican National Committeeman Steve Duprey called Trump's idea "abhorrent." At the same time, he reminded Trump of his Republican loyalty pledge, saying, "I know him to be a man of his word."

And in Mississippi, RNC member Henry Barbour said Trump's comments "aren't worthy of someone who wants to occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Ave." He said Trump would be a "disaster politically for the GOP if he won the nomination."

"It's embarrassing at best," Barbour said of Trump's impact on his party.

Barbour helped author the Republican National Committee's "Growth and Opportunity Project" after a painful 2012 presidential election that forced party leaders to re-evaluate their strategy in presidential contests to reflect the nation's demographic shifts. Among other things, the report cited an urgent need for GOP leaders to adopt an inclusive and welcoming tone on issues such as immigration.

"If we want ethnic minority voters to support Republicans, we have to engage them and show our sincerity," it read, noting that white voters made up a record-low 72 percent of the electorate in 2012 and would represent less than half of all voters by 2050.

Yet Trump has vaulted to the top of the Republican 2016 field by attacking immigrants in many cases.

He called some Mexican immigrants "rapists" and "criminals" in his announcement speech and intensified his criticism of Muslim immigrants or visitors Monday evening. While experts widely consider his proposal unconstitutional, Trump's continued popularity underscores the deep divide between Republican leaders and the party's conservative base, which holds outsized influence in the presidential nomination process.

Indeed, Trump's plan was cheered during a South Carolina rally Monday evening, and vocal supporters across the country defended the Muslim ban as necessary for national security. Polling suggests the sentiment is likely fueled by sharp strain of xenophobia: A new AP-GfK poll found 8 in 10 Republicans think there are too many immigrants coming from the Middle East.

Trump showed little concern for critics on Tuesday.

"I don't care about them," he told CNN. "I'm doing what's right."

Legal experts agree: Trump's proposal is unconstitutional

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Donald Trump's call to block all Muslims from entering the United States is not only unconstitutional, but also impossible to carry out, legal experts said Tuesday.

Trump's proposed ban, announced to cheers at a rally in South Carolina on Monday, would apply to immigrants and visitors alike, a sweeping prohibition affecting all adherents of a religion practiced by more than a billion people worldwide.

Beyond inciting condemnation from Republican presidential rivals, GOP leaders and others, legal and immigration experts said Tuesday that Trump's proposal violated the Constitution's equal protection clause and freedom of religion granted under the First Amendment.

"It is blatantly unconstitutional, and it's an attack on the very foundation of the United States," said Marci Hamilton, a law professor specializing in the First Amendment at Yeshiva University in New York City. She called his idea "laughable."

"It's never possible to fully ascertain what someone believes internally," Hamilton added. "How does one recognize a Muslim, a Christian or a Jew? Do you look at where they were born, do you look at where they were raised? Do you look at the last religious service they attended?"

Trump's proposal amounts to a religious test for anyone wanting to enter the country, something that is unprecedented in U.S. history, said Nancy Morawetz, a professor of Clinical Law at the New York University School of Law.

"If one has this kind of a rule, you have to figure out how you're going to test it and verify it," Morawetz said. "What this really means is there would be a religious identity card."

Even an anti-immigration group that for decades has advocated curtailing the influx of immigrants to the U.S. disavowed Trump's religion-based exclusion.

"Nobody's interested in selecting people solely on their religion or their faith," said Dan Stein, president of the Washington-based Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Hill Democrats seek spotlight to curb terror suspects' guns

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats took to the floors of the Senate and House on Tuesday to draw attention to their drive to prevent suspected violent extremists from obtaining guns, an issue they believe has gained potency from last week's shooting massacre in California.

Facing certain defeat, Democrats in both chambers unsuccessfully tried forcing votes on legislation that would let the government prohibit firearms sales to people suspected of terror acts. Debate, livid at times, came days after a Muslim couple who federal authorities say adopted extremist views killed 14 people last week in San Bernardino, California.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called it "absolute insanity" that suspected violent extremists are not already among the categories of people barred from purchasing firearms from gun dealers. Without naming them, he blamed the gap on the National Rifle Association, which for years has used an alliance with gun-rights lawmakers, mostly Republicans, to block gun control legislation in Congress.

"We can't let a small group, an influential, powerful lobbying group, make Americans less safe," Schumer said.

No. 2 Senate Republican leader John Cornyn blocked debate on the legislation, which is sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a longtime advocate of gun curbs.

He offered his own plan giving the government 72 hours to delay gun sales to those suspected of terror acts and persuade a judge to block that sale, and letting the government immediately arrest the suspect. Democrats blocked that.

Cornyn said Democrats were trying to "capitalize" on last week's California shootings "to justify this unconstitutional attempt to deny American citizens their core constitutional rights," such as gun ownership.

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Girl Scouts hope tech initiatives will curb membership drop



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Girls listen Jan. 8 during the Girl Scout Troop 582's cookie training session at Beach Vineyard Church in Panama City Beach, Fla. As the Girl Scouts' membership continues a sharp decline, its leaders are betting on technology to reverse the trend, including a major expansion of its year-old program enabling Girl Scout cookies to be sold via mobile apps and the girls' personalized websites. The Digital Cookie upgrade, announced on Tuesday comes amid persisting challenges for the 103-year-old organization.

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the Girl Scouts' membership continues a sharp decline, its leaders are betting on technology to reverse the trend, including a major expansion of its year-old program enabling Girl Scout cookies to be sold via mobile apps and the girls' personalized websites.

The Digital Cookie upgrade, announced on Tuesday, comes amid persisting challenges for the 103-year-old organization. According to figures provided to The Associated Press, youth membership for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 was 1.88 million, down nearly 6.2 percent from 2014, and adult membership was 784,120, down 3.1 percent.

The total membership — now 2.66 million — is down more than 15 percent over three years, and down 30 percent from a peak of more than 3.8 million in 2003.

The Girl Scouts also are struggling in terms of financial support. The latest compilations by the Chronicle of Philanthropy show that the organization received $103.2 million in private donations in 2014, down from $194.6 million in 2006. Back then, the Girl Scouts ranked 83rd among U.S. charities for such donations; the Chronicle now ranks it 257th.

Some other major youth groups also face revenue and membership declines, due in part to societal trends. However, Anna Maria Chavez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the United States of America, contends that her organization is capable of rebuilding its ranks through technological improvements.

For paid staff and volunteers, these include online toolkits — one streamlining the process for joining the Girl Scouts, another empowering volunteer troop leaders to plan a full year of meetings and activities with a single online visit.

"Our volunteers need more tools to serve more girls," Chavez said. "So we're really doubling down on technology."

For the girls themselves, Digital Cookie is the flagship initiative. Chavez said it was input from some scouts a few years ago that inspired the initiative.

About 160,000 Girl Scouts participated in the program over the past year, and were credited with selling nearly 2.5 million boxes of cookies beyond those sold through traditional in-person methods. For the coming year, about 90 percent of the GSUSA's 112 regional councils will be engaged in Digital Cookie, and various new features have been added to make it more educational and more fun.

These include on online game called Cookie Booth Bounce to help girls improve decision-making and budgeting skills, and a "Learning to Run a Business" section of the website. Girls also can post their own videos, explaining who they are and what the plans are for their proceeds.

Digital Cookie's fans include Claire Houston, 18, who spent 13 years with the Girl Scouts in Dutchess County, New York. She's now a freshman at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, studying computer science and serving as co-coach to a Girl Scout robotics team.

Digital Cookie "is a great way to connect with how the world is changing right now," she said. "Technology is such a big part of our lives."

Overall, the technological evolution has not been problem-free. A memo from the Girl Scouts' communications office said some councils across the U.S. experienced membership declines and "disruption in service capabilities" while adjusting to the new systems.

"GSUSA had to make the decision to accept the short-term impact for the necessary long-term investment in necessary tech improvements," the memo said.

Some complaints about the program changes and the cost of program materials have circulated on "GSUSA, Are You Listening?" — a Facebook page that serves as a sounding board for Girl Scout volunteers who are uneasy about the organization's direction. Some worry that the GSUSA is going too far in de-emphasizing camping, the earning of badges, and other traditional activities.

The Facebook page recently served as a vehicle for Suellen Nelles, the most outspoken dissident among the 112 council CEOs, to distribute a detailed "white paper" criticizing the national leadership and urging it to work more collaboratively with staff and volunteers at the councils.

"The leadership is fine with maintaining all the power and being a top-down organization," said Nelles, who heads the Farthest North Girl Scout Council in Fairbanks, Alaska. "We have forgotten our foundation and that we are only as strong as our all-volunteer membership."

However, Nelles said she's received little support for her stance from other council CEOs, and Chavez insisted that collaboration between the national office and the councils was more vibrant now than at any point in her seven years as a Girl Scout executive.

"We know we'll continue to have challenges," Chavez said. "But here's our secret power: We're a family with a clear purpose — creating girls of courage, confidence and character. The girls are going to lead the way for us."



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Cracks surface in the Affordable Care Act



MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
Dallas Morning News

How did Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas lose $400 million in its first year on HealthCare.gov?

Organ transplants, for one, as the Affordable Care Act kicked in and sick residents were no longer excluded for pre-existing conditions. Many flocked to Blue Cross plans that covered the expensive procedures and included doctors at the top health centers.

But it wasn't just transplants. Knee replacements, dialysis treatment, cancer therapy and the process of getting the uninsured into the health care system all piled up.

"I could list a whole bunch of things," said Dr. Dan McCoy, chief medical officer. "There was a significant amount of pent-up demand and costs."

The state's largest insurer wasn't alone in misjudging the risk of covering people who signed up on the ACA exchanges. Last month, UnitedHealth Group said it would lose $700 million on exchange business nationwide and warned that it may eventually exit the segment.

Such results have renewed fears about the future of Obamacare, which is helping 17 million Americans get coverage through private insurance and Medicaid. Open enrollment is underway for 2016, and almost 225,000 Texans have signed up.

To right the business, insurers are jacking up premiums, dropping some products and cutting their provider networks. Many eliminated out-of-network benefits beyond emergency care.

Blue Cross of Texas dropped its PPO for the individual market for 2016 and raised premiums on its HMO by almost 19 percent. It's also changing the prescription formulary and some deductibles and co-pays in the HMO.

If insurers can find a way to slow the growth in costs without hurting patient outcomes, their exchange experience will seep into the employer insurance market, which accounts for about half the coverage in the country.

"This is a long journey, and we've only

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STAYING FIT IN FEAST SEASON



Participants in seasonal clothing run in the 15th annual Jingle Bell Run to benefit Junior Achievement of Permian Basin on Saturday at Heritage USA Federal Credit Union on West Wadley Avenue.

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Enjoy holiday parties without overindulging



DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA

Eat, drink and be merry — step on the scale and sigh, "Bah, humbug."

It's that time of the year when we all have holiday parties to attend. Wouldn't you like to attend them without logging in extra hours at the gym? The average American gains one or two pounds during the holiday seasons and tends to keep the extra weight. Whether you are attending a brunch, lunch, cocktail or dinner party there are ways to make it through the holiday season without tipping the scale in the wrong direction.

Social gatherings require strategic planning, but that doesn't mean skipping out on your favorite foods. Never go to a party on an empty stomach. They may not be serving the healthiest of foods or any at all, and if you are starving, you will be doomed. If the party is after work, have a healthy snack before you go so you aren't tempted to overeat or drink those empty calories. If you have a drink, sip it slowly and have a glass of water before having another drink. The empty calories add up quickly. If you are taking a dish to the party, this is your chance to take a healthy option. Remember this is the time to visit with people you may not get to see as often as you would like, so enjoy the socializing and don't focus on the food.

Cookies and fudge and chocolates — oh my. Do you love sweets? Everyone ends up with some sweets in the kitchen this time of the year. I tell my clients to use moderation when eating them. What is moderation? Well, if you can't stop with one, then don't keep them around. If you love to bake wonderful cookies and desserts this time of the year (or any time of year), then share. I bake and share the rest with my friends. And yes, unfortunately the handful of M&M's on your co-worker's desk does have calories; remember that when you pass by and grab some. Just two to four handfuls and you could be adding an additional 150 to 300 calories. If you keep a food journal be sure to add those in. Don't waste all your hard work in the gym for more than a few bites of empty calories.

The holidays are a time when being physically active is most necessary. More than just a calorie-burner, physical activity is a stress-buster and a mood-lifter. There's a lot of pressure to feel upbeat and jolly during the holiday season, but it's also one of the most stressful times of the year for many people. Family issues can surface and emotions can make people hypersensitive. When anyone, especially the overweight and obese, get stressed, eating can be the quick fix they turn to, with unfortunate results come Jan. 1. If you're pressed for time, take a walk — short workouts are better than none at all.

If you do eat too much at one party, don't freak out. Just try to get yourself back in control the next day. Try not to be so absurdly strict with yourself; enjoy the food without the overindulging. Think about how you want to feel at the end of the evening. You don't want your button digging into your stomach or to feel guilt over the next few days from having overindulged. Try wearing something that has a waistband or fitted waist so you won't be surprised come January. It's not two or three parties that set you back; it's the two to four weeks of bad eating that sets you back. Enjoy the season without the added weight and not having to make the same old New Year's resolution.

Denessa Leary is Health and Wellness coordinator at Midland YMCA



JOE TYE
Values Coach Inc.

Pledge to have a positive attitude and make the most of every situation

If you walk through the main lobby of Midland Memorial Hospital at 8:16 any weekday morning, you will see an administrative huddle where, depending upon the day, between 50 and 100 people are gathered for a quick administrative update. If you stop and listen, you'll hear the group reciting the Pickle Pledge: "I will turn every complaint into either a blessing or a constructive suggestion." If you look closely, you'll see that most of the people in the huddle are not reading the pledge - they know it by heart.

The way Midland Memorial Hospital employees have embraced this commitment to transform negative attitudes into positive action has been responsible for significant improvements in both employee and patient satisfaction.

But it also counts for something even more important. The research has been done, the results are in, and the verdict is clear: your attitude, and how you deal with the inevitable challenges of life, profoundly influences not only your success, but also has a huge impact upon your health, your happiness and your longevity.

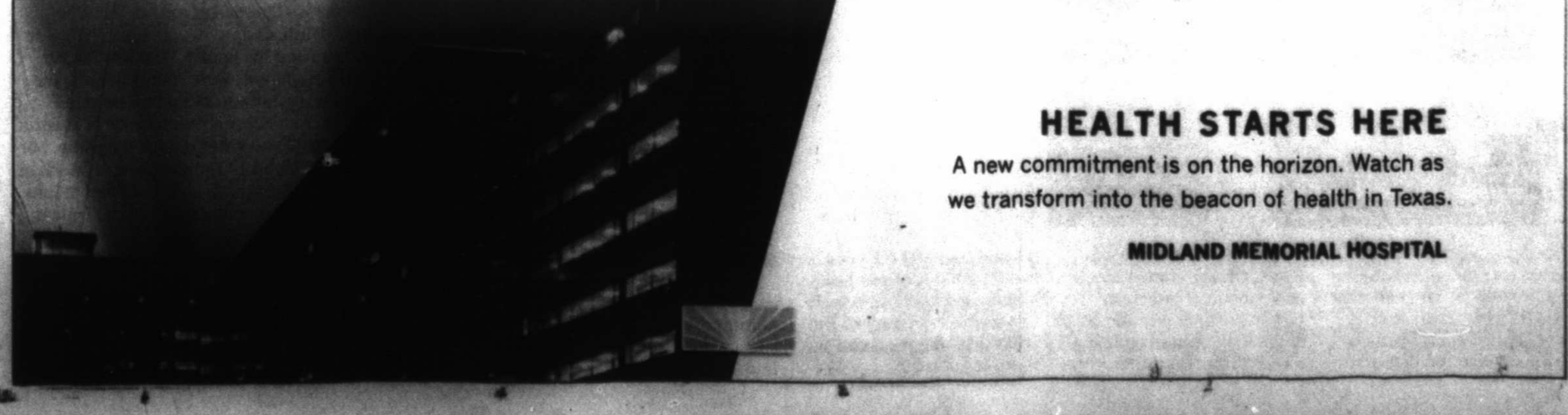
Toxic emotional negativity, as reflected in complaining, finger-pointing, gossiping and other emotionally negative behaviors, is malignant in the same way that cancer is malignant. A negative attitude contributes to feelings of helplessness, victimhood and hopelessness. These in turn compromise your immune system and your ability to foster personal health and fight off disease.

Even worse, a negative attitude is contagious. One emotional vampire (we call them pickle suckers because people who are always complaining look like they've been sucking on a dill pickle) can drag down the morale and productivity of an entire work unit the way one person lighting a cigarette instantly pollutes the lungs of everybody else in that room.

Several months ago, I was hospitalized with acute diverticulitis. When one of the surgeons told me that I would have to have a part of my colon removed and would need to wear a colostomy bag for up to a year, I had a moment of truth. I could either feel sorry for myself and play the role of victim, or I could put a smile on my face, hold my head up high, drag my IV pole out into the corridor and start walking laps around the nursing unit while telling my body to be strong and heal itself.

Five days later, I walked out of the hospital with my colon intact. While I could probably not prove this scientifically, I am absolutely convinced that when I made the commitment to not be a victim but rather

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HEALTHBRIEFS

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MMH classes

■ Weigh to Success Informational Seminar, 4-5 p.m., Dec. 17, Midland Memorial Hospital. Contact Sundae Adkins at 638-8081 or sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com for more information.

■ BirthPlace Tours, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Dec. 17, Midland Memorial Hospital. Contact Casey Weems at 221-3283 or childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com for more information

■ Breastfeeding Class, 6-8 p.m., Dec. 17, Midland Memorial Hospital. Contact Casey Weems at 221-3283 or childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com for more information

Support group meetings this week

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., today, First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group, noon, Thursday, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m., Sunday, Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Odessa; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Tuesday, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., Tuesday, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans Tuesday at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m., Dec. 16, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m., Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

Hearing aid giveaway

Audiologist Sally Rand and staff at All About Hearing will be providing a free pair of hearing aids this holiday season. The business is seeking letters about how someone — the letter writer, their friend or family member — would benefit from having hearing aids.

The winner will be chosen on Dec. 24.

Letters may be sent to All About Hearing, Inc. 2703 W. Cuthbert Ave., Midland, Texas 79701 or allabouthearing@live.com. For more information, call Rand at 683-2521.

Dealing with grief

Grief 101, a class to provide basic information about grief and how to cope with the death of a loved one, is set for noon Dec. 21 at HospiceMidland, 911 W. Texas Ave. Those attending may bring lunch. For more information, call 682-2855.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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taken the first few steps," McCoy said about the ACA.

In 2014, the first full year of the health care law, about two-thirds of insurers lost money in the individual market even as enrollment and revenue soared, according to McKinsey & Co. This year, Blue Cross Blue Shield units in 30 states are projected to post an aggregate loss for the first time since the late 1980s — and exchange losses are the key driver, said a Goldman Sachs analyst.

The Scott & White Health Plan, which expanded into the Dallas area last year, got walloped with high claims, too. For 2016, its premiums on the exchange are increasing an average of 32 to 34 percent. That compares with increases of about 5 percent in its commercial business, said interim CEO Marinan Williams.

Does this look like the beginning of the "death spiral" that many Obamacare critics have warned about?

"Not yet — I'm not ready to call that yet," Williams said.

UnitedHealth CEO Stephen Hemsley said his company could not continue to have such losses: "We can't really subsidize a marketplace that doesn't appear at the moment to be sustaining itself," he told analysts last month.

'I AM APPALLED'

About 1 million Texans buy health insurance through the federal exchange, and about 85 percent get subsidies. That softens the hit from higher premiums but raises the costs for the federal government. And those who are healthy and earn too much to get assistance are feeling the sting.

"I am appalled and livid," Diane Blythe of Dallas wrote in an email.

She included a note from her broker that showed her 2016 Blue Cross plan going up 28.5 percent for coverage that was more limited.

"This is not right," she wrote. "I am still as healthy as ever."

Williams of Scott & White said she hopes the market will stabilize in the next couple of years. Newcomers will learn how to navigate the system and stay healthier, she said. And more "young invincibles" will buy coverage, in part because penalties are rising for those who go without insurance.

But big premium increases raise the risk of what the industry calls adverse selection. Those who need care sign up for insurance and push up claims. And healthy people decide to not pay higher premiums because they don't believe they'll get their money's worth.

If an illness strikes, they can sign up next time and not worry about being denied coverage, as in the past. Indeed, Blue Cross said it had a spike in high-priced claims from members who signed up during special enrollment periods; within the first month, they had 28 percent more claims over $35,000, the insurer said.

SMALLER NETWORKS

Narrowing the provider networks can reduce costs in several ways. Insurers usually get better terms with doctors and hospitals because they funnel more patients their way. They can also coordinate care by sharing digital records and setting standards for treatment.

Smaller networks are generally seen as a negative, at least in Dallas. Blue Cross' PPO is so large that most providers are included and customers are accustomed to having many choices. But Scott & White emphasizes a narrow network, arguing that it produces more patient satisfaction at a lower cost.

At the hospital company, Baylor Scott & White Health, employees in North Texas have been using a "preferred" network for two years. That has helped reduce health costs by $24 million, or 6 percent, for a group of 34,000 health care workers and dependents, said Gary Brock, chief integrated delivery network officer.

"Those aren't estimates, they're actual numbers," he said.

The results are verified by a third-party audit, he said. Hospital admission and readmission rates were cut about 10 percent, and there was a nearly 5 percent increase in switching to generic drugs, Brock said.

Several corporate clients, including the city of Dallas, are offering the Baylor network at a lower out-of-pocket cost for those who stay within it, he said.

Blue Cross is getting into the same game. Starting in January, it will add a product for local companies that has fewer Dallas-area hospitals — and a lower price point. The strategy is reminiscent of its fix for the exchange business.

"It's another lever to control costs," McCoy said. "And we need all the levers available."

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to address my clinical condition with a positive attitude, I had a physiological impact on my body and it did indeed work harder to heal itself. I proved my own satisfaction that the old saying that attitude is everything truly is a law of the universe.

And here's more good news. Unlike almost any other medical intervention, a positive attitude has absolutely no unfortunate side effects. Taking to heart the Pickle Pledge and turning complaints in the blessings and/or suggestions is good for your health, good for your happiness, and you might well live a whole lot longer. But don't just take my word for it; try it yourself.

Obituaries



Cecil Burnard "Jr." Harris

Cecil Burnard "Jr." Harris, 88, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Chaplain Robert Kirk officiating. Graveside services will be on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Union Grove Cemetery in Wills Point, Texas through Allan Fuller Funeral Home.

Cecil (Jr.) was born on March 24, 1937 in Wills Point, Texas to James Amos and Cecil Val Dodson Harris. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and received a Victory Medal. He was an entrepreneur and owned his own business, Harris Rat Hole Service, for 45 years. He shared his life and success with his beloved wife of 65 years, Wanda. Together they raised two boys, Terry and James. He loved to spend time outdoors, especially if it involved fishing, hunting, and quality time with his family. He was a doting grandfather to his five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Harris; and sons, Terry Harris of Midland, Texas and James Harris of Colorado City, Texas; grandchildren, Brent Harris, Jennifer Nunley, Justin Harris, Katherine Harris, and Brandon Harris; 11 great-grandchildren; and by numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Cecil Harris of Wills Point, Texas; brothers, Dodson Harris of Wills Point, Texas and James Harris of Mayflower, Arkansas; sisters, Myrl Rankin of Wills Point, Texas and Peggy Stroud of Wills Point, Texas; and by his son, Jerry Lynn Harris.

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



Jerry Bailey

Jerry Bailey, 67, of Crane, passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2015, in Pecos County.

The family has requested a private funeral. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Jerry was born on October 27, 1948, in Iraan, Texas. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran, having served in the Army. He received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He was a longtime resident of Crane, living there since 1971.

Jerry married Linda Brazeal on November 12, 1971 in Crane. He had worked 24 years for Clayton Williams Energy and was currently a Production Foreman. Jerry loved to hunt, and was a golfer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Dorothy Bailey; three brothers, Don, Jackie, and Jim; and a sister, Katherine.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Linda Bailey of Crane; his son, Brett Bailey of Lubbock; two sisters, Pat Schneider of Iraan and Barbara Orozco of Houston; two brothers, Bill Bailey of Fort Stockto, and Johnny Bailey of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the NRA, or to a charity of your choice.



L. C. Polk, Sr.

Funeral services for L. C. Polk, Sr. are scheduled for 2:00p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2015 at True Lite Christian Fellowship, 3001 N. A Street. Roy Smith, Sr. Pastor, Rev. Julius Jones, Eulogist.

L. C. was born in Midland, Texas, December 10, 1939, to Rev. J. D. and Clara Polk. He was a 1958 graduate of Carver High School. In 1960 he married Nealy Jones, and from that union came five children.

He worked for Texaco for over 30 years, served as personal bartender for President Ford, served the Texas Supreme Court for years, and worked for many prominent people in the community. At the time of his demise, L. C. was owner of the Starlight Lounge and Polk and Sons Detail Shop. God called him to rest on December 2, 2015.

Mr. Polk is survived by his wife, Nealy Polk; his children, L. C Polk, Jr., Damon C. Polk, Erik D. Polk and Darren D. Polk all of Midland; one sister, Betty Francis Burton and her husband, Willie of Denver, Colorado; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends all over the country.

Interment: Serenity Memorial Gardens. Services are under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas.

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Sondra Ann Clark

Sondra Ann Clark, 72, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2015, after years of serious illness.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2101 Tarleton St, Midland, TX. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Sondra was born on October 12, 1943 to Albert Donofrio and Kathryn Pazel in Boonton, New Jersey. As a wife in a military family, Sondra was stationed at bases all over the United States. She was well known professionally for her organizational skills and her ability to "just get things done." She retired after 25 years of being a secretary in the United States Air Force and enjoyed doing what she considered her patriotic duty.

Sondra enjoyed painting, drawing, playing the piano, reading, and traveling with her family. She was a very attentive grandmother.

At her passing, she was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had a strong conviction of the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ and loved to share her testimony with others.

She is survived by her husband, Kent D. Clark (Retired USAF Colonel). She is also survived by her three children, Susi Jones, John Nolan, and Patricia Lopez, from her previous husband of 42 years, Pat Nolan.

Other survivors include her brother, Jerry Donofrio; and her 34 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to the USAF Association 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA, 22209-1198.

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

Death Notices

Tsui Ping Yee

Tsui Ping Yee, 98, of Midland, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, December 7, 2015.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

The graveside funeral service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Victor M. Barros

Victor M. Barros, 65, of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 4, 2015.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

The burial service will be held on Friday, December 11, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Tibor Rubin, Medal of Honor recipient, dies

Associated Press

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Tibor Rubin, a Hungarian-born concentration camp survivor who joined the U.S. Army out of gratitude for his liberators, fought heroically in Korea and received the Medal of Honor 55 years later, has died in California.



Rubin

Rubin died of natural causes Saturday in Garden Grove, his nephew, Robert Huntly, told the Los Angeles Times. He was 86.

Huntly said his uncle never lost his sense of humor despite a tragic personal history. Rubin's parents and younger sister died in the Holocaust, and he was left disabled from his wounds and starvation.

President George W. Bush gave the nation's highest military honor to Rubin during a White House ceremony in 2005. The medal recognized him for overcoming brutal dangers and trying to save fellow soldiers in battle and as a prisoner of war, even as he faced the prejudice of his commanding officers because he was Jewish and a foreigner.

"By repeatedly risking his own life to save others, Cpl. Rubin exemplified the highest ideals of military service and fulfilled a pledge to give something back to the country that had given him his freedom," Bush said.

Rubin and his family, who lived northeast of Budapest, were rounded up by the Nazis when he was 13 and taken to the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. His parents and sister died at the camp, but Rubin survived 14 months there. American troops liberated him, and he vowed to join the Army if he ever made it to the United States.

He enlisted a year after he came in 1948 and was sent to Korea in 1949, an Army biography said. The Korean War broke out in 1950, and Rubin's deeds in battle and later as a prisoner of war went beyond bravery to heroism, as Bush described them.



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Causes, repsonses are different for tantrums, meltdowns

Many people believe that tantrums and sensory meltdowns mean the same thing. Sensory meltdowns and temper tantrums might look similar, but the causes and correct responses are totally different. Knowing the differences can help with having the proper response and a better way to support a child.

A tantrum is an outburst that occurs when a child is trying to get something he wants or needs. The word usually is used to describe a mild outburst, during which the child still retains some control over their behavior. A tantrum will likely subside when no one is paying attention to the child. Some kids with learning and attention issues are more prone to tantrums. For example, some can be impulsive and have trouble keeping their emotions in check. They might get angry or frustrated quickly.

A sensory meltdown is a reaction to feeling overwhelmed. For some children, it happens when there is too much sensory information to process. For example, the commotion of the cafeteria at lunch time might set them off. A meltdown is beyond a child's control. For some kids, it can be a reaction to having too many things to think about — in other words, a sensory overload.

Some of these causes can occur when children do not develop emotional regulation as part of normal development. Some of the common causes of frequent sensory meltdowns and tantrums are.

ADHD

Most children who have severe temper tantrums also fit the criteria for ADHD. When a child has ADHD they cannot focus and are unable to complete work and tolerate boredom. Other symptoms can contribute to the escalation of explosive meltdowns.

Anxiety

Anxiety is another major contributor. Even children who don't have an advanced anxiety disorder might still overreact to anxiety-provoking situations and meltdowns when they are stressed. Children who have undiagnosed learning disabilities or who have suffered trauma or neglect might react this way when confronted with uncomfortable or painful situations.

Autism

Children on the autism spectrum often are prone to dramatic sensory meltdowns. These children tend to be rigid and are reliant on constant routine for their emotional comfort. An unexpected change will set them off.

A sensory overload can be deregulation and the inability to maintain any self-regulation because of the fight-or-flight response.

Some of these issues can produce a sensory overload:

- inability to cope with a new or challenging situation,
- lack of sleep or exhaustion,
- lack of proper nutrition or change in nutrition.

Strategies for dealing with tantrums and meltdowns:

- To tame tantrums, recognize what the child needs without giving it.

Make it clear that you understand what the child is after and help them see that there is a more appropriate behavior that will work.

- To manage a sensory meltdown, help the child find a safe and quiet place to settle down. Then provide a calm encouraging presence without talking too much. The goal is to reduce the input that is coming at the child.



Beaumont Enterprise file photo

Jared Gipson, 9, takes a swing on the rope while playing with friends on his street in Port Arthur on Oct. 31, 2014. Jared was diagnosed with asthma when he was 3 and uses an inhaler to help with his respiratory ailment. The National Institutes of Health is launching a new project to help unravel how early-in-life environmental exposures might affect asthma, autism, obesity and certain other childhood disorders. It's a second shot at tackling those important questions, after a more ambitious research attempt failed.

NIH takes another shot at studying environment and children's health

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Institutes of Health is launching a new project to help unravel how early-in-life environmental exposures might affect autism, obesity and certain other childhood disorders. It's a second shot at tackling those important questions, after a more ambitious research attempt failed.

The goal is "really to understand that interplay between the environment and genetics and behavior that play out to determine whether a child ends up healthy or not," said Dr. Francis Collins, the NIH's director.

Called ECHO, for Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes, the seven-year project will examine such interactions in pregnancy and early childhood, focusing on four areas of special public health concern: asthma and other airway disorders; obesity; neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism and learning disability; and birth defects and other infant health outcomes.

The project announced Monday is a next step after the failure of a massive earlier attempt to study how the environment and genetics interact in child health. The National Children's Study was supposed to eventually track 100,000 children from womb to adulthood. A year ago, Collins canceled that research, after years of planning and pilot-testing only to have scientific advisers conclude it was too unwieldy to work.

The ECHO project takes a different, and more streamlined, approach. Rather than starting from scratch to recruit participants, researchers with child health studies already under way can apply to expand them, using new technologies to measure even small environmental exposures that would be analyzed at NIH-designated labs. For example, an asthma study might use wearable monitors to uncover what triggers a child's asthma attacks, or compare air pollution sensors with inhaler use.

NIH said it plans to spend $160 million on ECHO research this year.



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Study: More babies going to NICU, and more than half are normal weight

By Michele Munz
St. Louis Post-Dispatch



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The U.S. has seen dramatic increases in the number of neonatal intensive care units.

ST. LOUIS — Emily Edwards was just past her due date when she delivered a healthy 9-pound, 12-ounce baby by cesarean section. Mom and baby had done well until four days later when they were about to be discharged from Missouri Baptist Medical Center.

Instead, Edwards' son was admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit because of rapid breathing the medical staff had been concerned about since early that morning. Her baby was in intensive care for a confusing and scary six days.

Edwards and her husband spent 15 hours a day at his bedside, consenting to test after test to figure out what was wrong. The couple are still paying medical bills, which amounted to about $10,000 even with insurance, said Edwards, 31, of University City.

"It was horrible," she said. "Ultimately, they did every test under the sun and never found anything wrong."

Now 18 months old, Hudson hasn't even had an ear infection since.

The U.S. has seen dramatic increases in the number of neonatal intensive care units and neonatologists specializing in the care of newborns. While advances in neonatal intensive care have greatly reduced death rates, some are beginning to question whether we may have too much of a good thing.

In one of the first studies of its kind, Dartmouth researchers recently found that NICU admissions increased by 23 percent in just five years; and by 2012, over half of all admissions were for normal birth weight infants or those born after 37 weeks gestation.

"That is a tremendous change to where the field began," when units were filled with extremely ill and tiny babies and located in large, urban hospitals, said Dr. David Goodman, a pediatrician and researcher at Dartmouth Institute for Healthy Policy and Clinical Practice. "Very little analysis is being done in the way those resources are being used, and very little work has been done to identify overuse and underuse."

Dr. Aaron Carroll from Indiana University's Center for Health Policy and Professionalism Research says the study should give doctors pause. Too often, Carroll warned, medical need does not end up driving care.

"The idea to broaden the distribution was that very sick and at-risk infants could be cared for closer to home and that more deliveries would happen in hospitals where intensive care was available when needed," Carroll wrote in an editorial about the study. "However, achieving such care meant building many more NICUs. These units need to be busy to pay for themselves. Many hospitals also depend on the revenue these NICUs provide to remain financially sound overall."

Specialized intensive care is not only costly, it is risky. It comes with exposure to infections and invasive medical tests and procedures. It brings increased stress to families and separation during a critical bonding time.

Dr. F. Sessions Cole, head of the NICU at St. Louis Children's Hospital, said he tells his trainees that they perform the single most invasive procedure in medicine: separating a mother from her baby.

"It is an intervention we should only do with great care," Cole said, "with the understanding that the reason we are doing that separation is that we are trying to treat something more critical than separating a mother from her baby."

Since hospitals began opening neonatal intensive care units more than 50 years ago to care for extremely ill and underweight babies, the neonatal mortality rate has gone from 18.73 deaths per 100,000 births in 1960 to 4.04.

The decline is mostly attributed to advances in care for very low birth weight infants, but few studies have looked at how and when babies of all weights benefit from neonatal intensive care, Goodman explained.

His team was able to take advantage of a 2003 change in birth certificate data that indicated whether a baby was admitted to the NICU. They looked at 18 million admissions in 38 states between 2007 and 2012, at a time when the preterm birth rate in the U.S. was actually declining.

The study was not able to look at reasons why or complications, Goodman said, but the increasing likelihood that a newborn will end up in the NICU, the high cost of this care as well as the proliferation of the units and neonatologists (specialists in care of newborns) across the country warrant scrutiny.

"We don't know whether that meets an unmet medical need or whether it's overuse of medical services," he said. "We don't know if it's care that, on balance, provides enough benefit to outweigh the potential harms and risk of care."

Goodman's past research has shown that the distribution of NICUs and neonatologists varies widely and has no correlation to newborn risk or need.

Between 2000 and 2013, the number of neonatal intensive care units in the U.S. went from 806 to 983 and the number of beds in those units has increased 46 percent, from 14,939 to 21,854, according to data provided by the American Hospital Association's Health Forum. The two previous decades saw even bigger jumps.

Goodman said the change in capacity has occurred mainly in small community hospitals, where health systems are vying for business. Next, his research will turn to studying how neonatal intensive care varies across regions and hospitals.

"That will help us identify patterns of care that are laudable, and patterns that are worrisome," he said.

Edwards said she would do anything to make sure her son is healthy and is unsure if his six days in intensive care was too much.

"It's so hard," she said. "Yeah, in some ways I could say it wasn't necessary because they didn't find anything, thank God. But who knows?"

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Local forecast

The higher-than-average temperatures will continue through Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. Expect high and low temperatures as much as 17 degrees above average on Thursday and Friday. There is still a slight chance of showers on Saturday night.

The record high for Dec. 8 is 83 set in 1977. The record low is 6 set in 2005. On Dec. 8 of last year, the high was 64 and the low was 39.

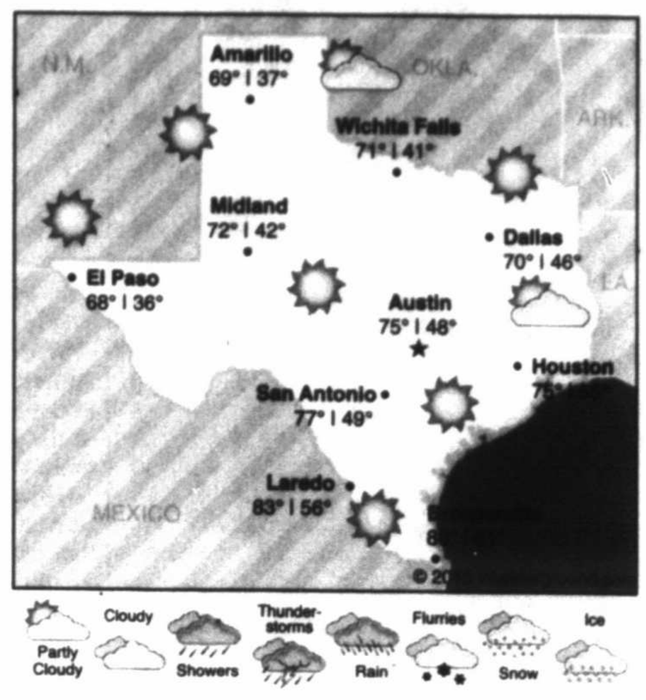
Weather brief

NEW JERSEY

Margate wins new hearing to oppose sand dune plan

MARGATE — Margate is not going away quietly in its fight against New Jersey's plan to build protective sand dunes.

The shore town just south of Atlantic City won a court ruling Tuesday when a judge said it's entitled to a new hearing to challenge whether the state is justified in using eminent domain to acquire town-owned beachfront lots.



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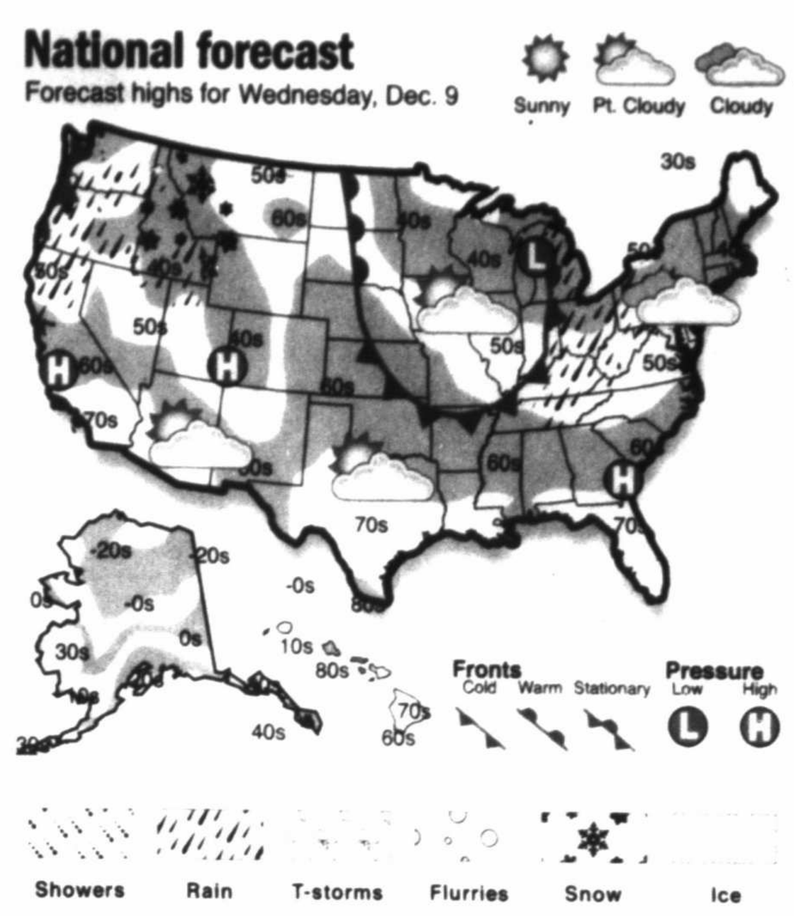
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Tuesday's temperatures

High	71
Low	35
Normal high	59
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 9



Husband's sexual assaults can no longer be ignored

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 have been with my husband for almost 14 years. I'm a sound sleeper, and I suspect he has been having sex with me while I'm sleeping. I have woken up without clothes on, my undergarments askew or the waistband "rolled on." I called him on it and told him I knew and that I'm not OK with it.

Weeks later, I caught him red-handed. This time, I was awake, but I was so frightened that I froze! I was sexually abused as a child and raped as an adult, and now I feel like my marriage has been turned upside down. My husband denies it. He claims it's all in my head.

My friends say that for the sake of my children, I should ignore it or I'll turn their lives upside down. Abby, everyone thinks my husband is a catch! I'm sure if I walk away I'll lose friends — maybe even some of my family. Please help me. I feel lost. — TURNED UPSIDE DOWN IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: Your friends are wrong, and you should NOT "ignore" this. Sex without a person's consent is rape! When a husband does what you have described, it is called spousal rape.

Because he claims this is "all in your head," for your own sanity, make an appointment to discuss this with a licensed psychotherapist. With your unfortunate history, you should have spoken with someone already. Your husband is either grossly insensitive or derives pleasure from being a predator. His behavior is appalling, and you do not have to stand for it.

Counseling can help you decide whether to remain in this marriage. Regardless of what your ultimate decision might be, it will help you be emotionally resilient enough to live with your choice regardless of what your "friends" and family members may think.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Rob," and I are pregnant. This should be an exciting time for me, but he keeps bringing up a previous relationship during which he had an unplanned child. That was 10 years ago, and the mother denied him access.

I have told Rob how much his mentioning it upsets me, and I have asked him not to do it, especially during my pregnancy. I want to feel happy and special as the woman who will be providing Rob with an actual family unit. But instead, I feel like second-best and resentful.

This should be a time to focus on us and our new baby, not the child that isn't in his life or that woman and her stupid actions. Please advise me. — SOON-TO-BE MOM IN DENVER

DEAR MOM: You ARE special and you ARE the person who is creating a new family with Rob, but your pregnancy might be a painful reminder of the child he "lost." He might be afraid the same thing could happen again and need all the reassurance you can give him that it won't.

Because his bringing up the past relationship is hurtful, suggest he talk with a licensed mental health professional about it. Sometimes, the best way to stop grieving is to talk about it.

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 Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015:

This year your energy creates a new beginning in at least one area of your life. Other times, you will want to pull back and isolate yourself. You frequently need some time off. You could decide to revamp your budget as well. If you are single, meeting someone you are interested in will take time and probably several tries. Don't get involved in a commitment if you don't want to be tied to this person. If you are attached, as a couple you alternate between being very visible and vanishing for weekends at a time. You thrive on those special times together. A fellow SAGITTARIUS is very different from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ How you handle a situation could vary from morning to evening. Your preference during the daylight hours is to handle everything you can on a one-on-one level. By later today, you will want to resolve issues through a change in perspective. Tonight: Allow your mind to wander.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Let go of a need to control. A partner or dear loved one will come through with flying colors. One-on-one relating proves to be fruitful. Anger could emerge from out of the blue if you aren't careful about your expectations. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You are full of energy, but you need to direct it. A meeting could be instrumental in choosing the right direction. A friend might push you in an unexpected way. This person can be difficult at times. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Defer to a friend or loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your imagination continues to flow like an endless fountain. As a result, you could become someone's muse. A boss would like you to focus a little more on what is happening at the workplace. A child also might want more of your time. Tonight: Be with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your sense of value could prove to be a major factor in the day. Others are likely to learn from you, either by seeing how you value them or by observing how you value yourself. Communication could be confusing later. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll wake up with a heightened sense of optimism and well-being, which proves to be your signature for the day. Though you could be facing a hassle, know that everything will turn out well because of your positive attitude and willingness to adjust. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be stuck between a rock and a hard place. You can't seem to launch a project, which might become a problem. Try to understand what is holding you back. Funds could be part of the issue. A discussion becomes possible later in the day. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You'll feel more together than you have as of late. Decide to take some downtime. You have a tendency to push too hard in order to achieve your desired goals of the moment. Lie low and kick back, if possible. Tonight: What seems like a great deal might not be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Resisting a low-energy cycle might not be as difficult as you think with so much happening around you. Know that someone is observing your potential and your leadership abilities. You'll like the direction this situation is heading in. Tonight: Finally feeling good!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Use today to go over some past work and make sure that you are heading in your chosen direction. You could encounter a complication or two; hold off on making any major changes. You might want to go over certain details in your mind. Tonight: Catch up on news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might decide that taking a stronger stance is an important way to go. However, you could be disappointed with the results you get. Honor a fast change later in the day. Accept an invitation, even if it is last minute. Tonight: No telling who you could meet when you are out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Some people can't seem to get enough quality time with you. However, you might not want to stop whatever you are doing, as you could be having such a good time. If you can handle fitting everything in, you'll be pleased. Tonight: A last-minute request keeps you busy.

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Opening lead: King of ♣

Hard Luck Louie was pleased with his contract. He needed either a 3-3 split of the outstanding spades or a successful heart finesse. Louie won the opening club lead in his hand perforce, and then drew trumps by cashing the king and queen of diamonds. He wanted to test the spades before taking the heart finesse, of course, so he led the jack of spades from his hand. West captured this with his ace and exited safely with another spade.

Louie cashed the king and queen of spades, ditching a heart from his hand, but the 4-2 spade split meant that he couldn't get enough heart discards. Louie led the queen of hearts from dummy, taking the heart finesse, but when West produced the king, Louie was down one. "What horrid luck," said Louie. "4-2 spades and the heart finesse offside. Yeesh!"

Lucky Larry also played in six diamonds, with the same opening lead, and he also drew trumps in two rounds. Larry took some extra care in tackling the spade suit. Rather than leading the jack, Larry led the two of spades toward dummy. West had to duck, or Larry would have four spade tricks. The king won in dummy and now Larry led a low spade to his jack. West won his ace, but he was not happy. He had to lead a heart or give a ruff-sluff. He chose to lead a club, so Larry ruffed in dummy while shedding a heart from his hand. A spade ruff now set up two spades in dummy for two more heart discards. Making six!

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7 Like cotton candy
11 Fund-raising org.
14 Provoke
15 Subtle glow
16 Trip segment
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20 They may coordinate with floor mats
22 Quarterback's target
23 Payroll deduction
24 Volcanic debris
25 Big maker of chips
27 Till compartment
29 Bedstead part
33 MSN, for one
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37 Under the weather
38 Went different ways ... or what each of six sets of circled letters literally represents
42 Homer's path
43 Middle name on many patents
44 BYU or NYU
45 In the opposite order
48 Modern address starter
52 Tickle
53 __ in November
56 Mama bear, in Madrid
57 1980s Peppard co-star
58 Some deal closers
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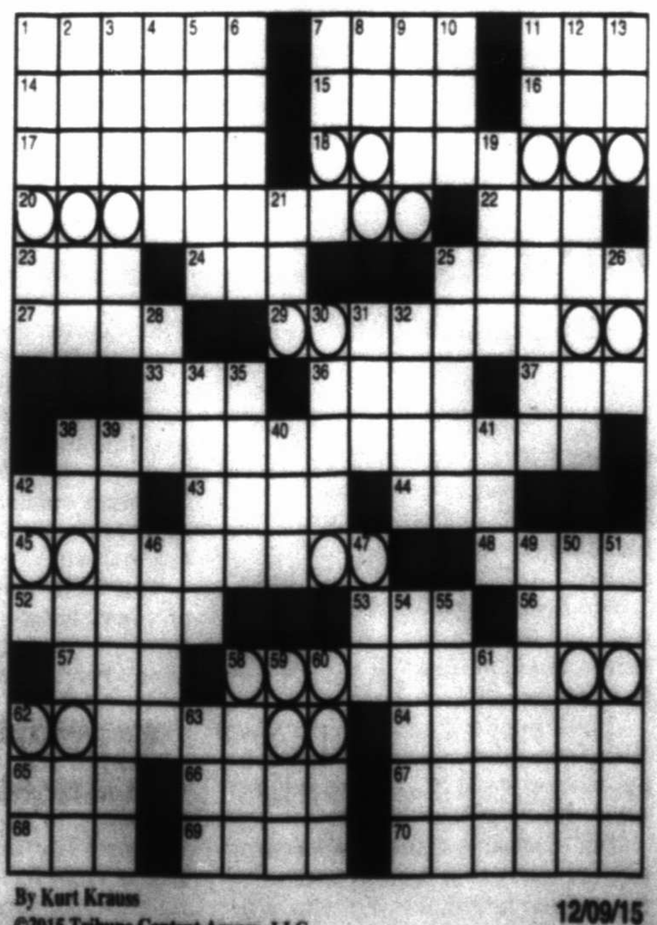
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2 Like llamas
3 Mountaineering aid
4 Effort
5 City in New York's Mohawk Valley
6 Cowboy legend Bill
7 Fill and then some
8 Run smoothly
9 "The Haj" novelist
10 Siesta
11 Often-fried tropical fruit
12 With affection
13 "Act your __!"
19 Fallon's predecessor
21 TV channels 2-13
25 Computer debut of 1981
26 Cholesterol initials
28 Title for Noël Coward
30 Seal-hunting swimmers
31 Valentine card hugs
32 Flat hats
34 Barrel support
35 Soccer legend who turned 75 in 2015
38 Most like a schoolmarm
39 Precision
40 Device for binge-watching
41 "How relaxing!"
42 Gardner of the silver screen
46 Cornerstone abbr.
47 Furthermore
49 Arcade coins
50 African threat
51 Got a C in, say
54 Knotted neckwear
55 Relief from the sun
58 Diner breakfast order
59 Chorus line?
60 Card or D'back
61 Yemeni seaport
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63 Wager

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Dr. Hope Rugo, an oncologist and breast cancer specialist, demonstrates the use of a Dignitana DigniCap system July 10, 2013, at the University of California San Francisco Mount Zion Hospital cancer center in San Francisco. Hair loss is one of the most despised side effects of chemotherapy, and now breast cancer patients are getting a new way to save their locks. The Food and Drug Administration said Dec. 8, 2015, it would allow marketing of the DigniCap to chill patients' scalps — using a cap connected to a cooling machine — as they receive chemo. A study found it significantly reduced hair loss.

FDA clears cold cap to save hair during breast cancer chemo

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hair loss is one of the most despised side effects of chemotherapy, and now breast cancer patients are getting a new way to try to save their locks.

The Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday it would allow marketing of the DigniCap, a cooling system that chills patients' scalps to reduce the hair loss that is so common during breast cancer treatment.

A doctor who led research with the hair-preserving strategy welcomed the FDA's move, saying hair loss has a traumatic effect on patients, and survivors, by revealing an illness that many would prefer to keep private.

"It's such a marker for women — for work, for their families, for their children — that something's wrong with them," said Dr. Hope Rugo of the University of California, San Francisco. "You get just a few months of chemotherapy, and it takes more than a year for your hair to recover."

Scalp cooling is an idea that's been around for decades. The near-freezing temperatures are supposed to make it harder for cancer-fighting drugs to reach and harm hair follicles by temporarily reducing blood flow and cell metabolism in the scalp.

Several versions of cold caps are sold around the world. In the U.S., breast cancer patients sometimes bring collections of gel-filled caps to chemo sessions in ice chests, or store them in hospital-provided freezers, so that when one cap thaws they can don another.

But the DigniCap, made by Sweden's Dignitana AB, is the first version officially cleared by the FDA. The company will lease the device to cancer centers to use as their patients come in for chemotherapy.

How it works: A half-hour before starting a chemo session, patients strap on a tight-fitting cap that's connected to the cooling machine. It gradually chills the scalp, being careful to stay above freezing, until it's numb as the chemo infusion begins. Patients stay hooked to the cooling system during the treatment, and for about an hour and a half later as blood levels of the cancer-fighting drugs drop.

Rugo and oncologists at four other medical centers studied the DigniCap system in 122 women undergoing standard chemo regimens for early-stage breast cancer. More than two-thirds of the treated women kept more than half their hair.

"Looking healthy made me feel healthier," said Deanna King of San Francisco, who participated in the trial in late 2013 and said she retained 80 percent of her hair.

She'd been between jobs when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, and keeping her hair made it easier to restart interviews with potential employers as soon as she felt well enough.

"People are frightened of people that look sick," King said. "It made the experience a little less traumatic."

The most common side effects of the DigniCap treatment were cold-induced headaches and neck and shoulder discomfort, chills and pain associated with wearing the cooling cap for an extended period, the FDA said.

Some doctors had long wondered if the cold could prevent chemotherapy from reaching any stray cancer cells lurking in the scalp. The FDA said the risk of that happening "is extremely rare."

"Because women tend to survive early breast cancer for so many years, the FDA should provide the evidence to show if there's any long-term risk," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the American Cancer Society. He said women should discuss the option with their doctors.

The cost is still being finalized but patients would be charged a fee for each DigniCap use. Depending on how many rounds of chemo a woman undergoes, the total cost could range from $1,500 to $3,000, said Dignitana chief operating officer Bill Cronin. The company is negotiating with insurance companies for coverage.

US life expectancy flat for 3rd straight year at almost 79

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Life expectancy in the United States has stalled for three straight years, the government announced Wednesday.

A child born last year can expect to make it to 78 years and 91/2 months — the same prediction made for the previous two years.

In most of the years since World War II, life expectancy in the U.S. has inched up — thanks largely to medical advances, public health campaigns and better nutrition and education. The last time it was stuck for three years was in the mid-1980s.

It's not clear why life expectancy has been flat lately, but suicides and fatal drug overdoses probably are playing a role, experts believe.

Some researchers have wondered if U.S. life expectancy will peak, due to the nation's obesity problem and other factors. But there no evidence that's happening now, said Robert Anderson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. Jay Olshansky, a public health professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago, agreed.

"It's too early to tell. Three years does not a trend make," he said.

The United States ranks below nearly 40 other countries in life expectancy, according to the World Bank. Japan and Iceland are at the top of that list, at more than 83 years.

U.S. health officials come up with the life expectancy figure each year by looking at how old people were when they died and the cause of death. They use statistical modeling to predict how long people born today will live if current trends continue.

The CDC report is based on all the 2014 death certificates. There were about 2.6 million deaths, or about 29,000 more than the previous year. The increase reflects the nation's growing and aging population.

Other findings:

■ Infant mortality dropped again slightly, to a record low of 5.8 per 1,000 births.

■ The 10 top causes of death remained the same: heart disease, cancer, respiratory diseases like emphysema and bronchitis, accidents and unintentional injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, flu and pneumonia, kidney disease and suicide.

■ Death rates fell significantly for five causes, including the top two — heart disease and cancer.

■ The largest increase was in Alzheimer's disease — 8 percent.

■ Suicides and unintentional injuries — a category that includes falls, traffic accidents and drug overdoses — each went up by about 3 percent.

Overdoses are driving up those death rates, said Ian Rockett, a West Virginia University researcher who studies overdoses and suicides.

Drug overdose deaths in the U.S. have risen for more than 20 years — primarily from the abuse of powerful prescription painkillers like Vicodin and OxyContin. Heroin-related deaths — though far less common than painkiller deaths — have also recently spiked.

FDA OKs Baxalta's drug for von Willebrand bleeding disorder

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — U.S. regulators on Tuesday approved the first genetically engineered treatment for the most common inherited bleeding disorder, von Willebrand disease.

The Food and Drug Administration said that it's approved Vonvendi, made by Baxalta Inc., for treating patients aged 18 and older.

According to the FDA, von Willebrand disease affects about 1 percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3 million Americans.

The disease is caused by a defect or deficiency in a protein critical for normal blood clotting, von Willebrand factor.

Symptoms can include severe bleeding from the nose, gums, intestines, muscles and joints. In women, it can cause very heavy and prolonged menstrual periods and excessive bleeding after childbirth. Bleeding episodes after an internal injury or cut can damage joints and organs.

Von Willebrand disease is generally less severe than hemophilia. Most people with von Willebrand have type 1, the mildest of the three types, and may only need treatment to prevent bleeding before surgery or tooth extraction. Patients with more severe forms need emergency treatment to stop bleeding before it becomes life-threatening, but can live normal lives with proper treatment, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Dr. Karen Midthun, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said Vonvendi's approval gives patients an additional therapy for treating bleeding episodes.

Vonvendi should be available sometime next year. A Baxalta spokesman said the drug's price has not yet been set.

Baxalta, which develops treatments for bleeding disorders and other conditions, is the former biopharmaceutical business of Baxter International Inc., which spun off the unit earlier this year. Baxalta is based in Bannockburn, in northern Illinois.

Baxter makes medical products including drug delivery systems, anesthesia and surgery products, and intravenous solutions.

Gov't survey: Fewer Americans struggle to pay medical bills

By Ricardo Alonxo-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the fourth straight year, fewer Americans are struggling to pay medical bills, according to a major government survey released Tuesday. Most of the progress has come among low-income people and those with government coverage.

The data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the number of people in households that faced problems paying medical bills decreased by 12 million from the first half of 2011 through the first six months of this year.

Most of the improvement happened in the last two years, coinciding with the big coverage expansion under President Barack Obama's health care law. The results from the National Health Interview Survey are for people under age 65, since virtually all seniors are covered by Medicare.

In 2011, more than 56 million people under 65 were in households that faced problems with medical bills. According to the survey, that translated to more than 20 percent of U.S. residents under Medicare's eligibility age.

By the first six months of this year, the number with problems was down to 44.5 million people, or 16.5 percent. The change is statistically significant.

But the new numbers may also help explain why the public remains divided over the health care law. Although the law has expanded coverage, its economic dividends have gone mainly to low-income households.

People with private insurance — the large majority of those in working families — saw much less of an improvement than people with government coverage. The finding also held true for middle-class households.

To be sure, middle-class people had fewer problems paying medical bills to begin with. In 2011, about 15 percent of the non-poor under age 65 were in households struggling with their health care costs. That was about half the rate as was faced by the poor and those near the poverty line.

By the first half of this year, the share of the non-poor with problems was reduced to about 12 percent — modest progress.

But among the poor, the share of those with problems fell from 32.1 percent to 24.5 percent over the same period, a noticeably bigger impact.

The health care law offers subsidized private insurance for people who don't have access to job-based coverage as well as expanded Medicaid aimed at low-income adults with no children living at home. The Medicaid expansion is optional for states.

McClellan, ex-FDA head, joins UT

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An ex-commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has joined the new medical school at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Mark McClellan was named Monday to the faculty of Dell Medical School, which will enroll its first class next summer.

A UT statement said McClellan will help advance the school's mission of providing better health care at a lower cost. The internal medicine physician is also a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

McClellan, who grew up in Austin, directs the Robert J. Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University. He's expected to lead a collaboration between the two schools, splitting his time between the universities.

McClellan's mother is ex-Austin Mayor Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who's also a former Texas comptroller.

Report: 3 California health organizations had data risks

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Three Medi-Cal health providers risked having data stolen on thousands of patients because of security problems ranging from outdated anti-virus software to retaining the computer passwords of fired workers, according to a federal study released Tuesday.

The Department of Health and Human Services reviewed information system controls for three managed-care organizations from 2012-15 and found 74 potentially high-risk vulnerabilities, according to a report from the inspector general's office.

The study didn't identify the three organizations for security reasons and didn't investigate whether the three organizations had suffered any data breaches.

"An important way to guard against medical identity theft that can result from an exposed data vulnerability is to closely monitor your health plan's explanation of benefits forms and personal credit reports from the three major credit reporting agencies," said Donald White, spokesman for the inspector general's office of the federal department.

California has 87 managed care organizations that serve 9.5 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

The federal findings "raise concerns about the integrity of the systems used to process Medicaid managed-care claims," but they don't necessarily mean all the organizations face the same vulnerabilities, the report said, because the organizations had "minor differences" in their information systems.

The report didn't provide many explicit details, but it said it found problems with access, information storage and database security. For instance, the report said, one organization failed to properly encrypt health data on portable devices such as flash drives, and one organization didn't track and verify that it had "sanitized" or removed data from and disposed of flash drives and other devices.

One managed-care organization "did not disable user accounts for terminated employees in a timely manner," increasing the risk of an unauthorized person accessing the data, the report said.

Also, an organization failed to properly restrict access to inappropriate websites from its wireless network, according to the report.

The California Department of Health Care Services, which oversees managed-care organizations, "is committed to protecting the confidentiality of our members and the department appreciates OIG's work to identify these data vulnerabilities," spokesman Adam Weintraub said in a statement Tuesday.

NFC East is ugly, but come playoffs, it won't matter

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Players and coaches in the NFC East won't be apologizing anytime soon for their woeful division having a spot in the playoffs — with a home game, no less.

Neither will Dallas owner and general manager Jerry Jones.

"I'm going to go back to that old saying: it's an ugly baby, but it's my baby," Jones said on his radio show Tuesday, a day after the Cowboys beat Washington to drop the Redskins into a three-way tie with Philadelphia and the New York Giants for the East lead at 5-7.

Dallas, which won the division at 12-4 last season, is one game back despite just two victories in 10 weeks. And the Cowboys (4-8) are headed to Green Bay after finally winning without quarterback Tony Romo — a first in eight tries this season.

"The bottom line is, 'Why not?'" Jones said. "We can go up there and the defense put together a game like that, a little more confidence in our offense, and here we go. Why not?"

The rest of the NFL might have a different question. Like, why?

"Does it matter?" Eagles tackle Jason Peters countered. "We can win the division and that's what matters. If a team was 12-0 and we were 11-1, it's no different. The records aren't as good, but it's all about winning your division."

The same questions were circulating a year ago about the NFC South. Carolina recovered from 3-8-1 to win four straight for a 7-8-1 finish before beating Arizona at home in the wild-card round. The Panthers haven't lost in the regular season since, a winning streak that's up to 16 games now.

There is one other fairly recent example of a painfully weak division getting a wild-card win from its champion: Seattle in the NFC West in 2010, when the Seahawks rode their rowdy home crowd to a victory over defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans after a 7-9 finish.

"Records aren't good, but they're good teams," coach Jay Gruden said after the Redskins blew a chance to be the division's only .500 team.

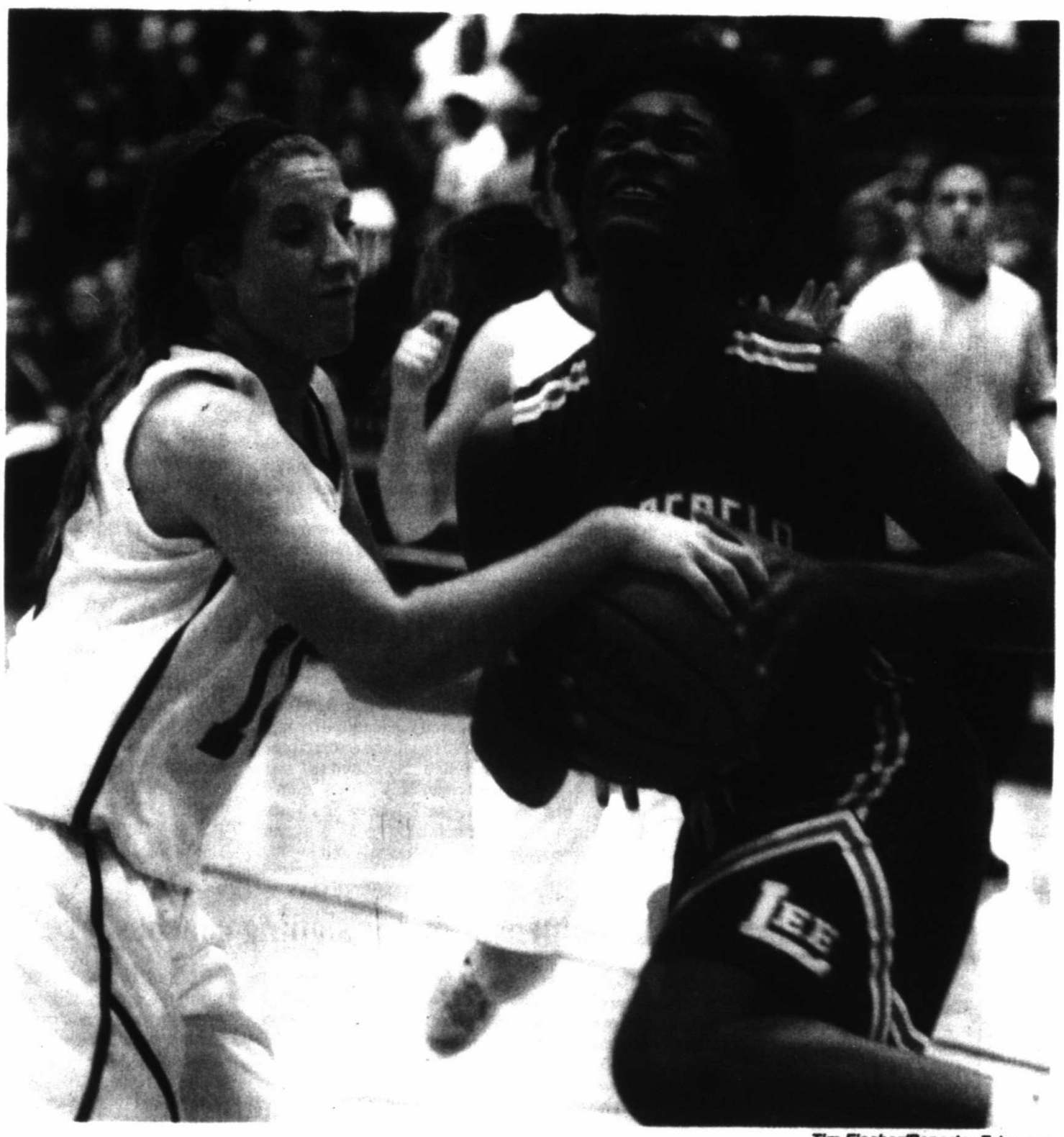
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Associated Press

Washington Redskins wide receiver DeSean Jackson (11) pulls in a pass for a touchdown as Dallas Cowboys cornerback Morris Claiborne (24) reaches for him during the second half in Landover, Md., on Monday.

Lee girls win; boys lose



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Zion Niblett drives to the basket and draws the foul from Midland Classical's Alissa Beattie Tuesday evening at Midland Classical Academy.

Lady Rebels use depth, athleticism to beat MCA

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland Classical head coach Carla Cunneen is grateful that Lee head coach Monica Ramirez schedules her team in girls basketball every season.

The opportunity gives the chance for the No. 7-ranked Lady Knights, a TAPPS Class 3A school with state championship hopes, to test their wits against a UIL Class 6A program.

On Tuesday night, the more athletic and deeper Lady Rebels had their way as they coasted to a 57-40 victory over MCA at Midland Classical Academy.

Lee (7-3) won the contest with its superior rebounding and full-court press defense that created turnovers.

The Lady Rebels out-rebounded the Lady Knights (7-5) by a 34-18 margin, and forced 18 steals compared to only three by MCA.

Lee senior Kyra Lewis spearheaded the effort as she recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds to go along with four steals on the defensive end.

"We have been working a lot on boxing out," Lewis said. "We have been really competitive with each other to try to make each other better for times like this."

The Lady Knights had trouble generating high-percentage shot opportunities inside the arc against the Lady Rebels' defense.

As a result, MCA relied heavily on the long-distance shooting of point guard Alissa Beattie, who led all scorers with 22 points, including six 3s.

"We enjoy watching them," Cunneen said of Lee. "They threw on a real tough defense that we had trouble responding to offensively. But I think that our kids played hard and we didn't quit."

Lady Rebels guard Karysa Edwards joined Lewis in double-figures with 10

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Lee can't overcome early hole in loss to Abilene Cooper

By Will Korn
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The Lee boys basketball team battled hard but a 15-point, first-quarter deficit proved to be too much to overcome in a 73-59 home loss against Abilene Cooper, Tuesday at the Lee gym.



Packer

Cooper improved to 3-5 on the season with the win, while the Rebels (0-8) are still seeking their first victory of the year.

From the start of the second quarter on, the Rebels played far better than they did in the opening eight minutes. Lee was able to get the ball inside and score several more easy baskets than it had in previous games. The Rebels also passed the ball around well and did a nice of job of finding the open man.

Lee head coach Chris Packer said he saw definite improvement from his team but there is still plenty of work to do.

"It's progress," Packer said. "But progress is not going to get you a win. I understand it's a process and we've got to continue to grow."

Lee senior forward Brady Cain, who scored a team-high 22 points, said he also could feel his team coming together more during the game.

"I did see improvement," Cain said. "We swung the ball around and got more open shots. We moved the ball around and it was good."

Packer said doing the little things well has and will continue to be critical for his team this season. His team failed to do those things on Tuesday.

"We're there but we just have to finish the little things," Packer said. "We've got to continue to fight doing those little things and more than anything, a winning effort isn't necessarily going to mean winning."

Among those little things, which can add up in a negative way rather quickly, is free throw shooting. The Rebels got to the line plenty of times in the game but went just 10-for-21 and left easy points off the board.

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Bosworth becomes Hall of Famer the 'Boz' never could be

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boz was never getting into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"My name was on the ballot, but I wasn't accepted," Brian Bosworth said Tuesday.

Bosworth was an All-America linebacker and two-time Butkus Award winner at Oklahoma from 1984-86. He helped the Sooners win a national title in '85. He should have been a Hall of Famer a long time ago, but the obnoxious persona he created, the brash-talking Boz, was not so well-received.

He failed a drug test that got him suspended from a bowl game. He taunted the NCAA. After he left Norman, Oklahoma, for an NFL career that flamed out quickly, he was not welcomed back.

The Boz is gone now, replaced by a 50-year-old man who has reconnected with his school, developed spirituality and found humility. That's the guy who is going into the Hall of Fame, part of a class of 15 former players and two coaches who were set to be inducted Tuesday night by the National Football Foundation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan.

"I've lived my life so impatiently, and I fought to hurry things up and not allow God to let things happen in God's time. And I wanted it to happen more in Brian's time," Bosworth said. "As long as I continued to try to fight that battle, I knew my life was always going to be in a sense of frustration and high anxiety."

The players heading into the hall with Bosworth were Trev Alberts from Nebraska, Bob Breunig from Arizona State, Sean Brewer from Millsaps College, Ruben Brown from Pittsburgh, Wes Chandler from Florida, Thom Gatewood from Notre Dame, Dick Jauron from Yale, Clinton Jones from Michigan State, Lincoln Kennedy from Washington, Michael Payton from Marshall, Art Still from Kentucky, Zach Thomas from Texas Tech, Heisman Trophy winner Rick Williams from Texas and the late Rob Lytle from Michigan.

The coaches were Jim Tressel, who led Ohio State to a national championship in 2002, and 76-year-old Bill Snyder, who has won 193 games in 24 seasons with Kansas State.

"It's strange coming to me under any circumstances," Snyder said of the honor while still active. The NFF allows coaches who are 75 and older to be inducted while they are still coaching. In 2006, the late Joe Paterno was inducted while at Penn State and Bobby Bowden went in while coaching at Florida State.

Kansas State won its last three games to become bowl eligible this season at 6-6 and will play Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2.

"If they had to re-vote today, they probably wouldn't vote that way considering the past season," Snyder said. "Obviously, it's special, and I've tried to put it all off, just because of being in the season and not get wrapped up in it at all. I'm honored."

Snyder took over at Kansas State in 1989 when it was maybe the worst program in major college football. He built it into a Big Eight and Big 12 power, a transformation dubbed the Miracle in Manhattan.

As for coming back for a 25th season, Snyder said: "As of right now, I have no reason not to, but I take some time after each season and process that and go from there."

Thomas, a three-year starter at linebacker for the Red Raiders, said Bosworth was one of the players he tried

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European LPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m., FS1

Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m., FS1

UMES at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN

Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m., SEC

Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

UNLV at Wichita State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

Fresno State at Arizona, 8 p.m., P12/P12 AZ

Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Bayer Leverkusen vs Barcelona, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Olympiacos vs Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Chelsea vs Porto, 1:30 p.m., FSN/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: AS Roma vs BATE Borisov, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Copa Sudamericana: Independiente Santa Fe vs CA Huracan, 6 p.m., FXDEP

Club World Cup: Sanfrecce (Japan) vs Auckland (New Zealand), 4:30 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

NBA

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

NHL

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN

RODEO

Wrangler National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S HANDBALL

World Championship: Hungary vs Denmark, 1 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

NBA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

D-Backs adding Miller behind Greinke; Cubs nab Zobrist

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In another dramatic move to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2011, the Arizona Diamondbacks reached an agreement Tuesday to acquire All-Star right-hander Shelby Miller from the Atlanta Braves for overall No. 1 draft pick Dansby Swanson, and two other prospects.

Arizona, which finalized a $206.5 million, six-year contract with major league ERA leader Zack Greinke earlier in the day, also would send outfielder Ender Inciarte and pitching prospect Aaron Blair to the Braves, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. The Diamondbacks would acquire minor league left-hander Gabe Speier as part of the trade. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade was pending approval of medical records.

Greinke is set to anchor a new-look rotation that also could include Patrick Corbin, Rubby De La Rosa and Robbie Ray.

"We're counting on his mentorship with our other pitchers and being a part of helping their growth," Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart said.

The Cubs also made some major moves. They agreed to a $56 million, four-year contract with infielder Ben Zobrist, who also was sought by the New York Mets, who swept Chicago in the NL Championship Series.

Zobrist figures to replace second baseman Starlin Castro, dealt to the New York Yankees on Tuesday night for right-hander Adam Warren and a player to be named, likely infielder Brendan Ryan.

Chicago also finalized a $32 million, two-year contract with 37-year-old right-hander John Lackey, who slots in as the Cubs' third starter behind Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester.

In the day's other trade, the St. Louis Cardinals acquired infielder Jedd Gyorko and from the San Diego Padres for outfielder Jon Jay. San Diego will pay St. Louis $7.5 million to cover part of the $33 million remaining on Gyorko's contract.

The 27-year-old Gyorko hit .247 with 16 homers and 57 RBIs this year, spending time at second base, shortstop and first base. He has a .236 average in three big league seasons with 49 homers and 171 RBIs.

Also:

■ Atlanta agreed to a $5.3 million, two-year contract with catcher Tyler Flowers, a person familiar with that deal said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because there had not been an announcement.

■ Detroit finalized an $11 million, two-year contract with reliever Mark Lowe.

■ Colorado agreed to two-year deals with a pair of relievers, guaranteeing Jason Motte $10 million and Chad Qualls $6 million.

Police: Case involving pitcher Chapman is closed

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First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.
1	Hutchinson CC (11)	14-0	340
2	Trinity Valley CC (5)	14-	339
	Northwest Florida State	11-	324
	Georgia Highlands	12-	298
	Hill College	11-	289
	John A. Logan	12-0	285
	Palm Beach State	8-0	262
	Gillette	13-0	247
	Connors State	12-	224
	Moberly Area	10-	204
	Mississippi CC	13-	203
	Western	11-	187

NFL

ANTWAN GOODLEY SIGNS WITH SEAHAWKS

The Seattle Seahawks have signed Midland High graduate and former Baylor wide receiver standout Antwan Goodley to the practice squad. ESPN NFL insider Adam Caplan first reported



Goodley

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Extended the working agreement with Delmarva (SAL) through the 2018 season.

BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned RHP Heath Hembree outright to Pawtucket (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with Mark Lowe on a two-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a six-year contract. Designated RHP A.J. Schugel for assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP John Lackey on a two-year contract and Ben Zobrist on a four-year contract. Traded Starlin Castro to the New York Yankees for RHP Adam Warren and a player to be named.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jason Motte and Chad Qualls on one-year contracts.

MIAMI MARLINS — Claimed LHP Mike Dunn off waivers from Milwaukee.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned Cesar Jimenez outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF Stephen Piscotty to Oakland for 2B Jedd Gyorko and a player to be named later.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

LAKE COUNTY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF Justin Byrd to Schaumburg for a player to be named.

NORTHERN LEAGUE

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Traded C Zachary Guillen to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed manager Derek DeYoung.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Dylon Nuernberg.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned James Ennis to Iowa (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned F Jerami Grant and Christian Wood to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL — Suspended Tampa Bay LB Kwon Alexander for the final four games of the season without pay for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OL Jonathan Cooper on injured reserve. Signed S DJ Swearinger from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived injured RB Devonta Freeman. Released CB Josh Hawkins from the practice squad. Signed S Terrance Plummer to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived LB Zach Orr.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released TE Matt Mulligan. Signed TE Nick O'Leary from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed WR Marquess Wilson on injured reserve. Released DB Terrell Bonner from the practice squad. Signed TE Khari Lee from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed RB Isaiah Crowell on injured reserve. Released DB Kendall James from the practice squad. Re-signed OL Darrain Miller. Signed TE Connor Hamlett and DB Tim Scott to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Waived OB Christian Ponder.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/11

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 10-10 base 3 of 44 trails 7% open, 1 of 7 lifts. Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Fri Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 25-30 base 11 of 57 trails 19% open, 4 of 7 lifts. Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/19

Sipapu — Mon 6:05 am machine groomed 18-19 base 20 of 42 trails, 48% open 80 acres, 4 of 6 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat-Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Tue 6:01 am machine groomed 9-27 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 8:48 am variable machine groomed 38-38 base 77 of 79 trails 97% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Reopen 12/10 21-21 base Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 7:46 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 28 of 109 trails 26% open, 299 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/12

Aspen Mountain — Tue 4:19 am packed powder machine groomed 18-20 base 53 of 76 trails 70% open, 525 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:27 am packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 89 of 150 trails 59% open, 1063 acres, 18 of 25 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Tue 5:31 am machine groomed 24-24 base 40 of 187 trails 21% open, 803 acres, 10 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/12

Cooper — Mon Reopen 12/12 packed powder machine groomed 14-20 base Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Sat/Sun

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 23-30 base 50 of 143 trails 35% open, 560 acres, 8 of 23 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Tue 11:24 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 33 of 121 trails 32% open, 200 acres, 5 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10

Eldora — Tue 10:06 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 30 of 53 trails, 62% open 5 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Tue 5:28 am machine groomed 23-23 base 79 of 131 trails 60% open, 2310 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Tue 6:30 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 22 of 93 trails, 24% open 294 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS 42 AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

The Midland High girls basketball team held off Amarillo Palo Duro for a non-district victory at the MHS gym on Tuesday.

MHS was up 33-25 after three quarters before Palo Duro (8-4) went on a 14-9 run in the fourth.

Claire Lancaster led MHS (6-5) with 15 points and was the only Lady Bulldog in double figures.

MHS will next play in the Oilman's Tournament and will host El Paso Andress at 6 p.m. Thursday in the MHS gym.

MHS 42, AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

Palo Duro (8-4) — Telford 9, Lewis 17, Rivers 19, Cano 2, Gibson 2

MHS (6-5) — Amber Salcido 7, Quay Webster 2, Alexis Washington 4, Alexandrea Washington 6, Katie Jones 4, Rylee Rushton 4, Claire Lancaster 15

Palo Duro	10	7	8	14—39
MHS	9	11	13	9—42

Free throws — APD 8-10, MHS 5-10. 3-point goals — APD 3 (Lewis 3), MHS 3 (Salcido, Alexandrea Washington 2). Total fouls — APD 8, MHS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: El Paso Andress at Midland High at Oilman's Tournament, 6 p.m. Thursday

GREENWOOD 79 SNYDER 25

SNYDER — No. 24-ranked Greenwood raced out to a 38-9 halftime lead over Snyder en route to a 54-point victory on Tuesday night.

Sophomore point guard Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (10-7) with 14 points.

Layne Banks scored 11 points for GHS, while teammates Natalee Karcher and Callie Rose Gilbert each chipped in with 10 points.

Greenwood hosts Midland Classical at 6 p.m. Friday in a non-district affair.

NO. 24 GREENWOOD 79, SNYDER 25

Greenwood (10-7) — Caity Payne 14, Madison Uclak 6, Reagan Shanks 2, Natalee Karcher 10, Blaike Thompson 2, Layne Banks 11, Sydnee Jordan 6, Ariana Leyva 4, Cylie Mebane 6, Faith Duran 8, Callie Rose Gilbert 10

Snyder — Benitez 2, Pierce 3, Escobedo 3, Garcia 5, Hunter 4, Conner 8

Greenwood	19	19	21	20—79
Snyder	5	4	9	7—25

Free throws — GHS 6-10, SHS 10-17. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (Payne 2, Duran 2, Banks), SHS 1 (Garcia). Total fouls — GHS 17, Snyder 8. Fouled out — Garcia

Next: Midland Classical at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 89 WATER VALLEY 31

WATER VALLEY — No. 3-ranked Garden City got off to a great start in District 14-1A play with a blowout win over Water Valley.

Hope Halfmann had a game-high 20 points, Payton Hastings had 16, Kortney Halfmann had 14, and Madison Hastings and Carlie Hollingsworth each had 11 for the Lady Kats (7-1, 1-0).

Garden City next plays Coahoma on Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 89, WATER VALLEY 31

Garden City (7-1, 1-0 in District 14-1A) —

Hope Halfmann 20, Bethany Matschek 5, Kortney Halfmann 14, Payton Hastings 16, Madison Hastings 11, Carlie Hollingsworth 11, Alicia Gutierrez 8, Ashlyn Koenning 4

Water Valley (0-1 in district) — Addie York 4, Audrie Herrero 1, M. Shepard 5, C. Shepard 8, K. Willborn 2, K. Jordan 11, T.

Garden City	21	30	16	22—89
Water Valley	9	7	6	9—31

Free throws — GC 13-21, WV 10-20. 3-point goals — GC 6 (H.Halfmann 4, Matschek 1, Koenning 1), WV 1 (York).

Next game: Garden City vs Coahoma at Stanton's Hooptown Tournament, Thursday

TRINITY 47 GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

GRANDFALLS — Rebecca Young scored 27 points to propel Trinity to a 10-point road win on Tuesday night.

The Lady Chargers (3-3) stormed out to a 13-2 lead after one quarter and held onto at least a nine-point lead after every period thereafter.

TRINITY 47, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

Trinity (3-3) — Julia Sharum 5, Reagan Long 5, Rebecca Young 27, Karoline Watson 7, Isabella Garriga 2, Maggie Morrow 1

Grandfalls-Royalty — Holgun 3, Rodriguez 2 Gurado 5, Dunez 4, Vasquez 15, Stauffer 8

Trinity	13	12	12	10—47
Grandfalls	2	14	9	12—37

Free throws — Trinity 7-17. Grandfalls-Royalty 7-18. 3-point goals — Trinity 4 (Long, Young 2, Watson 1) Grandfalls-Royalty 2 (Gurado, Dunez) Total fouls — Trinity 15, Grandfalls-Royalty 14. Fouled out — Dunez Technical fouls — Dunez

Next: Ira at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73 MIDLAND HIGH 59

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Estacado, the No. 12-ranked team in Class 5A, defeated Midland High in non-district action on Tuesday.

Estacado had a 49-42 lead after three quarters but the Matadors used a 24-17 run in the fourth to put the game away.

Davorian Defell led MHS with 13 points and Jamel Jones added 11 for the Bulldogs (2-7).

MHS next hosts San Antonio Roosevelt in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NO. 12 LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73, MIDLAND HIGH 59

Midland High (2-7) — Javonan Grimes 7, Shawn Rivers 7, Daveone Bass 5, Tyree Young 2, Jamel Jones 11, Kendricks 1, Camran Rook 7, Jalen Childress 3, Andrew Norwood 2, Davorian Defell 13, DeAndre Springer 1

Estacado — Zach Harms 3, Cobb 7, Walkin 8, Thomas 7, Jennings 23, Johnson 17, McBrayer 2, Wright 6

MHS	17	9	16	17—59
Estacado	18	15	16	24—73

Free throws — MHS 10-19, EHS 9-26. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Rivers, Bass, Rooks 2, Childress), EHS 2 (Jennings 2). Total fouls — MHS 14, EHS 15. Fouled out — Rivers

Next: San Antonio Roosevelt at Midland High at Tall City Oilman's Invitational, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

BROWNFIELD 72 GREENWOOD 43

BROWNFIELD — Leading 15-13 after one quarter, Brownfield broke away from visiting Greenwood behind a lopsided 18-2 run in the second period.

Tyler Elliott scored 10 points, the only Rangers player in double figures.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Greenwood (2-9) continues play versus Whitehouse in the Burkburnett Tournament.

BROWNFIELD 72, GREENWOOD 43

Greenwood (2-9) — Sammy Magallan 7, Tyler Ellison 2, Tino Madrid 7, Tyler James 6, Fabian Madrid 5, Kelley Cooper 3, Seth Keeton 3, Tyler Elliott 10

Brownfield — Saenz 8, Cervantez 9, Ramirez 3, Siller 10, Quintanilla 2, Griffin 13, Nolan 8, McCrary 13, Kyle 6

Greenwood	13	2	10	18—43
Brownfield	15	18	22	17—72

Free throws — GHS 15-19. BHS 4-5. 3-point goals — GHS 4 (Magallan, James, Keeton, Elliott) BHS 6 (Cervantez, Siller 2, Griffin, McCrary 2). Total fouls — GHS 12, BHS 18. Fouled out — None

Next: Greenwood vs. Whitehouse, 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Burkburnett Tournament

MCA 75 ODESSA NEW WAY 71

No. 6-ranked Midland Classical outlasted Odessa New Way in a hotly contested non-district game at MCA on Tuesday night.

Marshall McCray led the Knights (9-2) with 24 points, while Garrett Sparks contributed with 18 in the win.

MCA will face Wink at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Crane Tournament.

NO. 6 MCA 75, ODESSA NEW WAY 71

New Way — Steven 10, Ty 3, Camron 29, Elyak 12, Ryan 8, Zephaniah 2, Tahj 7

MCA (9-2) — Garrett Sparks 18, Heath Gladson 10, Blake Gladson 10, Marshall McCray 24, Cole Miller 3, Cannon Echols 2, Kevin Griffin 4, Josh Rabe 3

New Way	20	11	18	22—71
MCA	16	21	14	24—75

Free throws — New Way 9-13, MCA 16-24. 3-point goals — New Way 10 (Ty Camron 3, Elyak 4, Tahj 2), MCA 3 (H. Gladson 2, Miller) Total fouls — New Way 21, MCA 10. Fouled out — Ryan

Next: MCA vs. Wink, 1:30 p.m. Friday in Crane Tournament

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71 MONAHANS 70

MONAHANS — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 33 points to lead Midland Christian to close road victory over Monahans.

The teams were tied at 51 after three quarters before MCS (10-3) outscored the Loboes 20-19 in the final period.

Westin Elliott added 11 points for the Mustangs.

David Birdwell had 17, Eddie Tarango had 14, Marcus Montez had 13 and Malik Jackson added 12 for Monahans.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71, MONAHANS 70

MCS (10-3) — Daniel Venzant 33, Bryce Waters 6, Jordan Riley 9, Colton Snively 8, Westin Elliott 11, Luke Watson 2

Monahans — Michael Smith 8, David Birdwell 17, Marcus Montez 13, Rowin Williams 6, Eddie Tarango 14, Malik Jackson 12

MCS	13	13	25	20—71
Monahans	16	22	13	19—70

Free throws — MCS 19-23, MHS 13-26. 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Venzant 2, Waters 2, Elliott), MHS 5 (Smith, Birdwell 2, Montez 3). Total fouls — MCS 18, MHS 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Lubbock High at Abilene Wylie Tournament, 4 p.m. Thursday

MILES 51 STANTON 50

STANTON — Miles edged Stanton in a non-district game at Stanton High School on Tuesday.

Tristan Graves had a game-high 30 points in the loss, while Esteban Escamilla added 10 for the Buffaloes (2-6).

Stanton next hosts the Hooptown Tournament beginning on Thursday.

MILES 50, STANTON 50

Miles — Owens 14, Krugler 24, Gutierrez 5, Hedden 8

Stanton (2-6) — Colby Gordon 4, Austin Fryar 6, Esteban Escamilla 10, Tristan Graves 30

Miles	13	14	14	10—51
Stanton	11	15	10	14—50

Free throws — Miles 4-15, Stanton 8-14. 3-point goals — Miles 3 (Owens 2, Heddon), Stanton 4 (Graves 4). Total fouls — Miles 15, Stanton 17. Fouled out — None

Next: Stanton at Hooptown Tournament Thursday, Stanton

GRADY 61 GARDEN CITY 44

GARDEN CITY — No. 2-ranked Grady defeated Garden City in a non-district game on Tuesday.

Tanner Davis had a game-high 26 for the Bearkats (2-2). Grady (7-1) was led by Short's 24, Kyle Garza had 14 and Braeden Jones added 11.

NO. 2 GRADY 61, GARDEN CITY 44

Grady (7-1) — Short 24, Kyle Garza 14, Braeden Jones 11, Alejandro Jimenez 5, Cole Avery 4, Boydston 3

Garden City (2-2) — Tanner Davis 26, Ethan Goodwin 8, Scott Miller 5, Seth Miller 4, Riley Eggemeyer 1

Grady	13	15	18	15—61
Garden City	9	11	13	11—44

Free throws — Grady 14-19. GC 6-12. 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Garza 2, Jones, Short, Boydston). GC 4 (Goodwin, Scott Miller 2, Davis). Total fouls — Grady 16, GC 18. Fouled out — None

Next game: Garden City vs. New Way at Crane Tournament, 2 p.m.

NCAAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 16 BAYLOR 75 NORTHWESTERN STATE 62

WACO — Rico Gathers scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, helping Baylor pull away for the win.

Gathers was 12 of 20 from the field in his fourth consecutive double-double and had a season high in rebounds, although it was well short of his career high of 28 against Huston-Tillotson last January. He had more rebounds than the Demons, who were beaten on the glass 47-18.

Taurean Prince, who scored 30 in a win over No. 21 Vanderbilt on Sunday, had 11 points and 13 rebounds in the 31st straight non-conference home win for the Bears (7-1).

Zeek Woodley scored 21 points for Northwestern State (1-7).

TEXAS 116 UTSA 50

AUSTIN — Cam Ridley scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Texas produced a season-high points while defeating Texas-San Antonio 116-50 Tuesday night.

The Longhorn center converted 9 of 12 shots — including five dunks — while posting a season-best in scoring. He also made four blocks.

Freshman Tevin Mack added a season-high 17 points. Another freshman, Kerwin Roach II, had a season-best performance with 14 points.

Texas (5-3) shot 64.7 percent, easily its most accurate game of the season.

George Matthews led Texas-San Antonio (1-8) with 12 points.

The Longhorns made a season-high 15 3-point baskets, reaching double figures in treys for the third time in the last four games.

Texas led 56-17 at halftime after making eight 3-point baskets. Freshman Eric Davis hit three of them in as many attempts. During one 17-second burst, Davis made a 3-pointer, stole the ball while the Longhorns applied coach Shaka Smart's renowned full-court pressure, and hit another trey.

Texas-San Antonio committed 24 turnovers

NO. 19 SMU MICHIGAN 58

DALLAS — Jordan Tolbert got most of his 23 points on rim-rattling slam dunks and had nine rebounds as No. 19 SMU stayed undefeated with an 82-58 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Nic Moore had 15 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers before assisting on consecutive dunks by Tolbert during a 13-2 run late in the first half that put the Mustangs (7-0) in total control. Tolbert had nine dunks and finished 11-of-12 shooting.

Keith Frazier also had 15 points for SMU, off to its best start since winning its first 10 games in 1997-98. Ben Moore and Sterling Brown each grabbed 10 rebounds.

The impressive start for the Mustangs comes in a season when they are banned from postseason play and coach Larry Brown still has two games left on a season-starting, nine-game suspension because of NCAA sanctions.

Duncan Robinson and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman each scored 15 points for Michigan (6-3), which had won four in a row since consecutive losses to Xavier and Connecticut in November.

LADY REBELS

From 1C

points.

Additionally, Edwards notched four steals to lead a Lee backcourt that pestered the Lady Knight ball handlers with their pressure

"The pressure part starts with Alaysha (Green) and Braydyn (Hill), our point guards," Lewis said. "They are really quick and fast so they're able to stick with the point guards. Then our off-guards, Allison (Valdez) and Karysa, they're able to read those passing lanes really well."

This season Lee has relied on a variety of its players to contribute in many facets, and that was the case again Tuesday as all 10 players scored and eight of 10 Lady Rebels players registered at least one assist.

Cunneen was impressed with their depth.

"They're so athletic," Cunneen said. "That's tough to play against. They are athletic in every position and she can play 10 kids, which was a great advantage."

"I want to thank Monica for giving us a game," Cunneen added. "I just appreciate good competition and I think games like this will help prepare us for when our season really counts in district and playoffs."

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LEE 57, MCA 40

Lee (7-3) — Yoritza Rivas 9, Allison Valdez 7, Alaysha Green 1, Karysa Edwards 10, Kristyn Velasquez 4, Braydyn Hill 4, Madison Leavitt 4, Kyra Lewis 12, Zion Nisbett 4, Aquincia Robinson 2

Midland Classical (7-5) — Alissa Beattie 22, Delanie Griffin 5, Ellen Haest 5, Morgen Jones 1, Lizabelle Russell 7

Lee	17	14	10	16—57
MCA	6	10	6	18—40

Free throws — Lee 5-8. MCA 7-14. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (Edwards 2, Rivas, Valdez), MCA 7 (Beattie 6, Griffin) Total fouls — Lee 20, MCA 8. Fouled out — none

Next: Oklahoma City Storm at Lee, 6 p.m. Thursday in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational. MCA at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

REBELS

From 1C

Still, Lee found a way to compete, as it became much more aggressive from the second quarter on.

After going down by 15 points after the first quarter, the Rebels opened the second frame on a 9-0 run to pull within 24-17. But even as shots started the fall for Lee, it had difficulty getting stops at key junctures on the defensive end.

Cooper shooters stepped into an array of wide open jump shots and made Lee defenders pay for not closing out hard. Overall, Lee played a mediocre first half but found itself down just 38-29 going into the locker rooms.

"There were a lot of breakdowns defensively," Packer said. "We were trading baskets. We have understand that getting stops, taking care of the defensive end of the floor (is important)."

Trailing, 60-51, entering the final quarter, Lee's energy and effort continued at its peak but its offense nearly disappeared. Lee managed just eight points in the final eight minutes of play, as a lid seemed to cover the Rebel basket.

The Rebels got to within 65-59 with just under four minutes to play, but the Cougars were able to pull away with a late 8-0 run.

Before fouling out with 6:02 left in the game, James Lydia chipped in 12 points for the Rebels. Avery Chambers added 15 — all from behind the 3-point line.

Jonathan Doss posted a team-high 22 points for Cooper. He made nine of his 10 shots in the game.

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ABILENE COOPER 73, LEE 59

Cooper (3-5) — Donovan Robinson 11, Myller Royals 4, J.T. Fielder 8, Isaac Moreno 18, Jonathan Doss 22, Depon Hightower 2, Kirey McAfee 4, Matthew Falade 4

Lee (0-8) — Taye Britt 4, Avery Chambers 15, Dustin Hunt 2, Cory Sutton 2, Brady Cain 22, Dedrick Strambler 2, James Lydia 12

Cooper	24	14	22	13—73
Lee	9	20	22	8—59

Free throws — Cooper 12-22, Lee 10-21. 3-point goals — Cooper 7 (Robinson 2, Fielder 2, Moreno 2, Doss), Lee 7 (Britt, Chambers 5, Cain) Total fouls — Cooper 16, Lee 18. Fouled out — Lydia

Next: Wichita Falls Rider at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Oklahoma City Storm at Lee in Tall City Oilman's Tournament, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 110 ROCKETS 105

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 24 points, Joe Johnson had 22, and Brooklyn beat Houston to sweep the season series for the first time in 14 years.

Thaddeus Young finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who have recorded two of their six victories this season against Houston. Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points in place of injured rookie Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 32 points for the Rockets, who fell behind by 18 points and got quiet nights from stars James Harden and Dwight Howard. Corey Brewer had 22 in extended minutes after starting forward Trevor Ariza was lost to a bruised lower back after 4 minutes.

WARRIORS 131 PACERS 123

INDIANAPOLIS — Klay Thompson scoring a season-high 39 points, Stephen Curry had 29 points, seven rebounds and 10 assists, and the Golden State Warriors extended their perfect start with a 131-123 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Warriors improved to 23-0. They have won 27 straight dating to last season, tying the 2012-13 Heat for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

CAVALIERS 105 TRAIL BLAZERS 100

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 33 points and 10 rebounds, and the Cavaliers rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit to get the win.

Kevin Love added 18 points, and a second-half lineup adjustment by coach David Blatt helped Cleveland break a three-game losing streak.

James, who didn't play Saturday in Miami to rest, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer and a three-point play down the stretch. He shot 14 for 24 from the field.

Damian Lillard scored 33 points for Portland, which blew a late lead Monday in Milwaukee and appeared to run out of gas as Cleveland came back in the second half.

THUNDER 125 GRIZZLIES 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City, and Russell Westbrook added 13 points while matching his season high with 16 assists.

The Thunder built the lead to 35 through three quarters and coasted to their second straight win.

NBA GLANCE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	9	.591	—
Boston	12	9	.571	½
New York	10	12	.455	3
Brooklyn	6	15	.286	6½
Philadelphia	1	21	.045	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	8	.632	—
Charlotte	12	9	.600	½
Atlanta	13	9	.591	½
Orlando	11	11	.500	1½
Washington	9	10	.474	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	7	.667	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	1½
Indiana	12	8	.600	1½
Detroit	12	10	.545	2½
Milwaukee	9	11	.409	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.818	—
Dallas	13	7	.591	3
Memphis	12	10	.545	4
Houston	10	12	.455	6
New Orleans	5	16	.238	10½
Northwest Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	13	8	.619	—
Utah	9	9	.500	2½
Minnesota	9	12	.400	4½
Portland	9	14	.391	5
Denver	8	13	.381	5
Pacific Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	12	9	.571	10
Phoenix	9	13	.409	13½
Sacramento	7	15	.318	15½
L.A. Lakers	3	18	.143	19

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 105, Portland 100
Golden State 131, Indiana 123
Brooklyn 110, Houston 105
Oklahoma City 125, Memphis 88
Orlando at Denver, late
Utah at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
New York at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 89, Evansville 76
Baylor 75, Northwestern St. 62
SMU 82, Michigan 58
Stephen F Austin 87, Henderson St. 54
Texas 116, UTSA 50
Texas-Arlington 97, Bradley 61
Tulsa 90, Iona 81

SOUTH

Chattanooga 91, Tenn. Wesleyan 63
Furman 79, Liberty 56
Georgetown (Ky.) 101, Washington Adventist 75
Georgia 74, Winthrop 64
Louisiana Tech 82, LSU-Shreveport 49
Miami 66, Florida 55
N. Iowa 73, George Mason 65
The Citadel 89, Voorhees 85
UCF 67, UMass 63

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 61, Montana 58
Grand Canyon 70, Southern U. 56

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 79, SE Missouri 52
E. Michigan 86, Rochester (Mich.) 58
Marquette 80, San Jose St. 62
Notre Dame 86, Stony Brook 61
Ohio St. 74, Air Force 50
Ripon 76, Beloit 56
S. Dakota St. 84, Minnesota 70
Sioux Falls 78, SW Minnesota St. 72
South Dakota 79, UMKC 70
St. Norbert 84, Lake Forest 61
Wis.-Oshkosh 89, Maranatha Baptist 44
Wis.-Platteville 67, Loras 62
Xavier 90, Wright St. 55

EAST

Army 77, Bryant 55
Bloomfield 76, Dominican (NY) 55
Duquesne 89, UMBC 70
Fordham 89, LIU Brooklyn 84, OT
George Washington 76, Penn St. 66
Harvard 75, Boston U. 69
John Jay 80, CCNY 58
Lehman 81, York (NY) 65
Middlebury 96, Castleton 74
Mount St Mary's 81, Bucknell 73
Old Westbury 89, Mount St. Mary (NY) 52
Philadelphia 59, Wilmington (Del.) 48
Rhode Island 67, Houston 57
Rutgers 75, CCSU 59
Saint Joseph's 62, Princeton 56
St. Bonaventure 80, Vermont 68
Staten Island 78, Baruch 59
Syracuse 78, Colgate 51
Towson 65, Loyola (Md.) 54
Virginia 70, West Virginia 54
W. New England 87, Roger Williams 79, OT
Wagner 65, Rider 64

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma Christian 91, S. Nazarene 76

SOUTH

Anderson (SC) 59, Tusculum 56
Belmont 86, Tennessee Nazarene 59
Charlotte 89, Coll. of Charleston 61
Georgia 77, Furman 39
Maryland 97, Loyola (Md.) 47
Pikeville 72, Wofford 55
SE Missouri 84, Lipscomb 69
Virginia 68, Bowling Green 39

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 62, N. Colorado 46
Idaho St. 81, Utah St. 67
Nevada 57, San Francisco St. 51
Washington St. 55, Gonzaga 48

MIDWEST

Bradley 68, Kent St. 60
Concordia (Wis.) 70, Lakeland 44
Grand Canyon 76, N. Dakota St. 67
Illinois 78, S. Illinois 64
Indiana St. 53, Indiana St. 50
Indiana-East 108, WVU Tech 83
Lake Forest 58, St. Norbert 39
Mary 66, Valley City St. 42
Milwaukee Engineering 62, Edgewood 49
Nebraska 85, Evansville 40
North Dakota 78, W. Illinois 67
Northern St. (SD) 72, Dakota Wesleyan 64
Ripon 71, Beloit 68
Wis. Lutheran 71, Marian (Wis.) 51
Wright St. 107, Cincinnati Christian 44

EAST

Army 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 35
Bloomfield 53, Dominican (NY) 44
CCNY 52, John Jay 49
E. Michigan 85, Harvard 81
Goldey Beacom 81, Chestnut Hill 78
Lehman 76, York (NY) 48
Navy 77, Johns Hopkins 45
Old Westbury 71, Mount St. Mary (NY) 66
Penn St. 68, Youngstown St. 51
Philadelphia 79, Wilmington (Del.) 70
Pittsburgh 74, Mount St. Mary's 57
Princeton 81, Monmouth (NJ) 70
Staten Island 82, Baruch 54
UMBC 65, Bucknell 52
W. New England 63, Roger Williams 41
Washington & Jefferson 81, Thiel 50

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

John Brown at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.
UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

NC Wesleyan at Coastal Carolina, 5:30 p.m.
Campbell at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at High Point, 6 p.m.
E. Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at Marshall, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Radford, 6 p.m.
McNeese St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
E. Washington at Davidson, 7:30 p.m.
Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Utah St. at BYU, 8 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Ark.-Fort Smith at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Weber St. at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.
Fresno Pacific at Nevada, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Indiana St., 6 p.m.
Mid.-Eastern Shore at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m.
DePaul at Drake, 7 p.m.
Rice at Illinois, 7 p.m.
Holy Cross at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Cooper St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
UNLV at Wichita St., 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.

EAST

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Lafayette, 5 p.m.
Dartmouth at Maine, 6 p.m.
Columbia at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Marist, 6 p.m.
Temple at Penn, 6 p.m.
Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Siena, 6 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Idaho at Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Stephen F Austin at TCU, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Warner Wilson at Coastal Carolina, 3 p.m.
Michigan St. at Davidson, 5 p.m.
Morgan St. at Virginia Tech, 5 p.m.
Loyola NO at McNeese St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Wyoming at Denver, 1 p.m.
N. Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Creighton at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Butler, 6 p.m.
DePaul at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Akron at Valparaiso, 6 p.m.
Radford at Xavier, 6 p.m.
Midland at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.

EAST

Vermont at Dartmouth, 11 a.m.
Lafayette at Wagner, 4 p.m.
Hartford at Boston College, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Boston U., 6 p.m.
UConn at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Mid.-Eastern Shore at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Saint Peter's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
NJIT at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Siena at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Providence, 6 p.m.
Iona at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Rice at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Fordham at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
Coppin St. at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Temple, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at UMass, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.

Polls

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	765	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	678	5
6. Texas	7-0	639	6
7. Oregon State	6-0	600	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	538	10
9. Florida State	7-1	498	14
10. Mississippi State	6-1	482	9
11. Duke	7-2	413	13
12. Stanford	6-1	408	15
13. Ohio State	5-3	407	12
14. Northwestern	8-0	390	16
15. Tennessee	6-2	381	8
16. Texas A&M	7-2	344	11
17. DePaul	6-2	265	18
18. Oklahoma	7-1	241	22
19. Iowa	8-1	171	24
20. South Florida	5-2	156	23
21. California	6-2	145	17
22. Miami	10-0	118	
23. Michigan State	5-2	96	20
24. Arizona State	4-3	78	19
25. Syracuse	5-2	64	25

Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 55, Princeton 41, UCLA 39, Nebraska 28, Missouri 22, St. John's 20, Dayton 19, Oregon 16, Georgia 13, Florida 8, Oklahoma State 8, George Washington 6, Virginia Tech 6, Auburn 4, Washington 4, Boston College 3, Idaho 2, Army 1, BYU 1

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	764	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	715	4
5. Maryland	8-0	656	5
6. Texas	7-0	608	6
7. Oregon St.	6-0	598	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	533	11
9. Mississippi St.	6-1	523	9
10. Ohio St.	5-3	503	10
11. Florida St.	7-1	480	13
12. Northwestern	8-0	418	15
13. Duke	7-2	386	14
14. Stanford	6-1	382	16
15. Texas A&M	6-2	356	12
16. Tennessee	6-2	354	8
17. Oklahoma	7-1	264	21
18. DePaul	5-2	189	23
19. Syracuse	5-2	130	20
20. UCLA	4-2	121	24
21. South Florida	5-2	115	24
22. California	6-2	108	18
23. Iowa	8-1	97	17
24. Arizona St.	4-3	95	17
25. Michigan St.	5-2	87	19

Others receiving votes: Miami 79, St. John's 58, Seton Hall 46, Missouri 40, Georgia 37, Virginia Tech 34, Southern Cal 26, Princeton 19, Oklahoma St. 12, Nebraska 6, VCU 6, Florida 4, Purdue 4, BYU 2, Idaho 1, Louisville

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

GOLF

Asia Tour: Thailand Golf Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF

European LPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m., FS1

Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m., FS1

UMES at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN

Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m., SEC

Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

UNLV at Wichita State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

Fresno State at Arizona, 8 p.m., P12/P12 AZ

Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Bayer Leverkusen vs Barcelona, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Olympiacos vs Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Chelsea vs Porto, 1:30 p.m., FSN/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: AS Romja vs BATE Borisov, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Copa Sudamericana: Independiente Santa Fe vs CA Huracan, 6 p.m., FXDEP

Club World Cup: Sanfrecce (Japan) vs Auckland (New Zealand), 4:30 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

NBA

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

NHL

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN

RODEO

Wrangler National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S HANDBALL

World Championship: Hungary vs Denmark, 1 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

NBA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

BASKETBALL POLL

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll

First place votes in parentheses

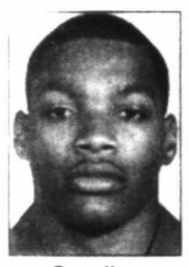
Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Prvs
1	Hutchinson CC (11)	14-0	340	1
2	Trinity Valley CC (5)	14-1	339	2
3	Northwest Florida State	11-1	324	3
4	George Highlands	12-1	298	6
5	Hill College	11-1	289	5
6	John A. Logan	12-0	285	7
7	Palm Beach State	8-0	262	8
8	Gillette	13-0	247	9
9	Connors State	12-1	224	12
10	Moberly Area	10-1	204	10
11	Kilgore College	13-1	203	14
12	Western	11-1	187	15
13	North Idaho	11-0	186	17
14	Eastern Florida State	10-1	162	18
15	Seward County	12-1	129	23
16	Indian Hills	10-2	122	19
17	Mineral Area	11-1	116	RV
18	Daytona State	11-2	98	4
19	Holmes	7-1	93	13
20	Three Rivers CC	12-2	87	11
21.	Odessa College	11-2	58	RV
22	Arizona Western	10-2	48	24
23	Harcum College	8-1	44	RV
24	Kilgore College	11-1	30	NR
25.	Blinn College	10-1	27	RV

Among others receiving votes: **Midland College 13-2**

NFL NEWS

ANTWAN GOODLEY SIGNS WITH SEAHAWKS

The Seattle Seahawks have signed Midland High grad and former Baylor wide receiver standout Antwan Goodley to the practice squad. ESPN NFL insider Adam Caplan first reported it and Goodley confirmed the signing in a text with the Reporter-Telegram. Goodley had worked out with the Seahawks on Monday.



Goodley

After a stellar career at Baylor, where he earned All-American honors after his junior year, Goodley signed with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent. However, it was reported that Goodley battled a hamstring injury during preseason, and he was cut just before the season started.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Extended their working agreement with Delmarva (SAL) through the 2018 season.

BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned RHP Roman Mendez outright to Pawtucket (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Lowe on a two-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a six-year contract. Designated RHP A.J. Schugel for assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with LHP Dan Lockey on a two-year contract and INF Ben Zobrist on a four-year contract. Traded INF Starlin Castro to the New York Yankees for RHP Adam Warren and a player to be named.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jason Motte and Chad Qualls on minor league contracts.

MIAMI MARLINS — Claimed LHP Mike Dunn off waivers from Milwaukee.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned LHP Kevin Rodriguez outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF Jon Jay to San Diego for 2B Jedd Gyorko and cash considerations.

SAN DIEGO SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded LF Justin Byrd to Schaumburg for a player to be named.

SCHAUMBURG CORNBELTERS — Traded UT Danny Guillen to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Derek DeYoung.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Dylon Nuernberg.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned F Jarvis Ennis to Iowa (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned Fs Carl Landry and Christian Wood to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Tampa Bay LB Kwon Alexander for the final four games of the regular season without pay for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OL Earl Watford on injured reserve. Signed S DJ Swearinger from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived-injured DT Travis Raven. Released CB T.J. Heath from the practice squad. Signed S Terrance Parks to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived LB Zach Orr.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released TE Matthew Mulligan. Signed TE Nick O'Leary from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed TE Martellus Bennett on injured reserve. Released QB Justin Worley from the practice squad. Signed TE Rob Housler. Signed QB Matt Blanchard to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed FB Malcolm Johnson on injured reserve. Released DB Kendall James from the practice squad. Re-signed OL Damian Miller. Signed TE Connor Hamlett and QB Tim Scott to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Waived QB Christian Ponder.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released OB Kyle Sebenic from the practice squad. Signed WR Jamel Johnson and RB Ross Scheuerman to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed S Antone Exum Jr. on injured reserve. Waived DE Justin Trattou. Signed S Shaun Prater. Signed S Anthony Harris from the practice squad and LB Terrance Plummer to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived CB Rashaan Melvin. Released TE Joseph Fauria from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed LS Zak DeOsse and TE Larry Donnell on injured reserve. Signed LS Danny Aiken. Signed CB Tramain Jacobs from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed DE Mike Catapano on injured reserve. Signed S Ronald Martin from the practice squad and TE Brandon Bostick to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed FB/RB Jamize Olawale to a three-year contract extension.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed TE Garrett Celek on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Shayne Skov to a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed S Trenton Robinson on injured reserve.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Paul LaPolice offensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Tyler Gamby from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — F Pascal Dupuis announced his retirement.

American Hockey League

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Returned D Shayne Taker to Utah (ECHL).

ECHL

BRAMPTON BEAST — Released G Sean Bonar.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Phil Bronner.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released G Brent Troyan as emergency backup. Signed G Matt Zenzola.

INDY FUEL — Signed F Tim Hall.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released G Zac Guercia as emergency backup. Signed G Doug Carr.

TOLEDO WALLEYE — Released G Dustin Carlson. Released G Josh Unice as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FC — Named John Thorrington executive vice president of soccer operations.

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — D/M Lori Chalupny announced her retirement.

COLLEGE

BIG EAST CONFERENCE — Added Liberty and Quinnipiac as affiliate members for field hockey.

COLORADO STATE — Agreed in terms with football coach Larry Eustachy on a one-year contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

EASTERN KENTUCKY — Named Mark Elder football coach.

JACKSONVILLE — Named Ian Shields football coach.

MEMPHIS — Named Dan Lanning defensive assistant coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/11

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 10-10 base 3 of 44 trails 7% open, 1 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Fri Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 25-30 base 11 of 57 trails 19% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/19

Sipapu — Mon 6:05 am machine groomed 18-18 base 20 of 42 trails, 48% open 80 acres, 4 of 6 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Tue 8:01 am machine groomed 9-27 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 8:48 am variable machine groomed 36-38 base 77 of 79 trails 97% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Tues — Reopen 12/10 21-21 base Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 7:46 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 28 of 109 trails 26% open, 299 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Plan,ps Open 12/12

Aspen Mountain — Tue 4:19 am packed powder machining groomed 18-20 base 53 of 76 trails 70% open, 525 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:27 am packed powder machine groomed 22-32 base 89 of 150 trails 59% open, 1063 acres, 18 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Tue 5:31 am machine groomed 24-24 base 40 of 187 trails 21% open, 803 acres, 10 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/12

Cooper — Mon Reopen 12/12 packed powder machine groomed 14-20 base Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Sat/Sun

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 25-30 base 50 of 143 trails 35% open, 560 acres, 8 of 23 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Tue 11:24 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 39 of 121 trails 32% open, 200 acres, 5 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10

Eldora — Tue 10:06 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 36 of 53 trails, 62% open 5 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 23-23 base 79 of 131 trails 60% open, 2310 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Tue 6:30 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 22 of 93 trails, 24% open 284 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

D-Backs adding Miller behind Greinke; Cubs nab Zobrist

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In another dramatic move to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2011, the Arizona Diamondbacks reached an agreement Tuesday to acquire All-Star right-hander Shelby Miller from the Atlanta Braves for overall No. 1 draft pick Dansby Swanson, and two other prospects.

Arizona, which finalized a $206.5 million, six-year contract with major league ERA leader Zack Greinke earlier in the day, also would send outfielder Ender Inciarte and pitching prospect Aaron Blair to the Braves, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. The Diamondbacks would acquire minor league left-hander Gabe Speier as part of the trade. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade was pending approval of medical records.

Greinke is set to anchor a new-look rotation that also could include Patrick Corbin, Rubby De La Rosa and Robbie Ray.

"We're counting on his mentorship with our other pitchers and being a part of helping their growth," Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart said.

The Cubs also made some major moves. They agreed to a $56 million, four-year contract with infielder Ben Zobrist, who also was sought by the New York Mets, who swept Chicago in the NL Championship Series.

Zobrist figures to replace second baseman Starlin Castro, dealt to the New York Yankees on Tuesday night for right-hander Adam Warren and a player to be named, likely infielder Brendan Ryan.

Chicago also finalized a $32 million, two-year contract with 37-year-old right-hander John Lackey, who slots in as the Cubs' third starter behind Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester.

In the day's other trade, the St. Louis Cardinals acquired infielder Jedd Gyorko and from the San Diego Padres for outfielder Jon Jay. San Diego will pay St. Louis $7.5 million to cover part of the $33 million remaining on Gyorko's contract.

The 27-year-old Gyorko hit .247 with 16 homers and 57 RBIs this year, spending time at second base, shortstop and first base. He has a .236 average in three big league seasons with 49 homers and 171 RBIs.

Also:

■ Atlanta agreed to a $5.3 million, two-year contract with catcher Tyler Flowers, a person familiar with that deal said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because there had not been an announcement.

■ Detroit finalized an $11 million, two-year contract with reliever Mark Lowe.

■ Colorado agreed to two-year deals with a pair of relievers, guaranteeing Jason Motte $10 million and Chad Qualls $6 million.

Police: Case involving pitcher Chapman is closed

By Freida Frisaro
Associated Press

MIAMI — Police say there was "insufficient evidence" to charge Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman in a domestic disturbance incident between the pitcher and his girlfriend at his South Florida home, and they've closed the investigation.

But the matter appears to have put on hold a proposed trade sending Chapman to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, said Tuesday that there is no timetable in making a decision on Chapman's status under the league's new domestic violence policy. He said the league first learned of the incident late Monday.

The Davie Police Department released its report on the Oct. 30 incident Tuesday. It cites conflicting stories and a lack of cooperating witnesses and says there were no physical injuries.

According to the report, police arrived at the home in the Fort Lauderdale suburb after getting a call about a domestic incident. They spoke to Cristina Barnea, 22, who told officers that Chapman pushed her, put his hands around her neck and "choked" her during an argument in the theater at the pitcher's home. She said that the argument was broken up by family members and that Chapman had left the house.

Barnea told police that she heard gunshots a short time later and went outside and hid in the bushes until she could make contact with police. She left the couple's infant daughter inside the home.

Police say in the report that they interviewed Chapman, who said the argument had happened during a party. He said he poked Barnea on the shoulder, telling her not to "talk to him like that." He said she fell to the ground, yelling.

Chapman told investigators that Barnea's brother pushed him to the ground. Chapman said he got up, left the house, and got into the passenger seat of a 2015 Land Rover with his friend. Chapman said he punched the passenger window with his left fist, creating a laceration on the knuckle of his left pinky. At that point, he told investigators, he got his pistol from the glove box and locked himself in his garage. He fired seven rounds into a concrete wall and fired one round through a window before tossing the pistol aside.

Police said Chapman refused to give a sworn statement or sign an affidavit of the complaint. He signed a consent order allowing officers to search his garage.

Officers said Barnea collected her belongings and left the home.

On Nov. 3, investigators contacted Barnea's brother Dany Barnea, who also refused to provide a statement about the incident. The officer asked for his sister's phone number, but he refused to provide the number.

Davie police spokesman Dale Engle said the investigation is closed "pending any new evidence."

Sharp's late power-play goal helps Stars beat Hurricanes

Associated Press

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored on the power play with 19 seconds remaining, and the Dallas Stars beat the Carolina Hurricanes 6-5 on Tuesday night.

Sharp took a pass from John Klingberg above the right faceoff circle and sent a slapshot off Carolina goalie Eddie Lack and into the net.

The Hurricanes had rallied with four third-period goals to tie the score with 6:43 remaining.

Dallas' Jamie Benn scored his league-leading 19th goal and added three assists. He combined with linemantes Tyler Seguin (goal, 3 assists) and Valeri Nichuskin (goal, 2 assists) for three goals and eight assists. Patrick Eaves and Johnny Oduya also scored, and Klingberg also had three assists.

Justin Faulk had two goals, and Jacob Slavin, Phillip Di Giuseppe and Jeff Skinner also scored for Carolina.

NHL ends draft pick compensation for signing coaches, execs

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The NHL eliminated its policy Tuesday that allowed teams to seek compensation when other franchises hired away a coach or executive under contract.

Commissioner Gary Bettman told the Board of Governors that as of Jan. 1, the league will revert to its old policy that gave teams the right to grant or deny permission to other franchises to talk to coaches and executives under contract.

"I think on balance, it just wasn't worth the debate, the confusion, the uncertainty that flowed from it," Bettman said. "Frankly, I thought the old policy worked very well. ... One of the caveats that I put into place when I agreed to implement the revised policy a year ago was if there are any problems with this we will scrap it and go back to what we had. That ultimately happened."

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly gave a report on the history of the policy and how it worked for 10 years and what happened this past year with the change.

Bettman then asked the governors if there were any questions or comments and then said he was changing the policy back.

"I think people, having heard the presentation and seen the experience over the last year, decided that what we had that worked well for 10 years roughly was probably the best way to go," Bettman said.

The league had a one-year trial run that allowed either a second- or third-round pick to be given as compensation for coaches and executives under contract even if they had been fired.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	28	19	6	3	41	94	63
Detroit	28	15	8	5	35	73	72
Ottawa	28	15	8	5	35	90	83
Boston	26	14	9	3	31	85	75
Florida	28	13	11	4	30	71	70
Tampa Bay	28	13	12	3	29	68	65
Buffalo	28	11	14	3	25	67	78
Toronto	28	10	13	5	25	64	76

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	26	19	5	2	40	82	57
N.Y. Rangers	28	18	7	3	39	80	58
N.Y. Islanders	29	16	8	5	37	82	70
New Jersey	28	14	10	4	32	71	69
Pittsburgh	26	14	10	2	30	61	62
Philadelphia	28	11	11	6	28	57	78
Carolina	28	10	14	4	24	64	87
Columbus	29	11	16	2	24	68	84

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	21	5	2	44	99	75
St. Louis	28	16	8	4	36	72	68
Chicago	28	15	9	4	34	78	70
Minnesota	26	14	7	5	33	70	64
Nashville	28	14	9	5	33	73	75
Winnipeg	28	13	13	2	28	76	85
Colorado	28	12	15	1	25	77	81

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	27	18	8	1	37	71	57
San Jose	26	14	12	0	28	70	66
Vancouver	29	10	11	8	28	77	81
Arizona	28	13	14	1	27	75	89
Anaheim	28	11	12	5	27	55	68
Edmonton	28	11	15	2	24	71	82
Calgary	26	10	14	2	22	65	94

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3, SO
Washington 3, Detroit 2, SO
Toronto 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Los Angeles 3, Columbus 2, OT
Ottawa 4, Florida 2
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Chicago 4, Nashville 1
Dallas 6, Carolina 5
San Jose at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS 42 AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

The Midland High girls basketball team held off Amarillo Palo Duro for a non-district victory at the MHS gym on Tuesday.

MHS was up 33-25 after three quarters before Palo Duro (8-4) went on a 14-9 run in the fourth.

Claire Lancaster led MHS (6-5) with 15 points and was the only Lady Bulldog in double figures.

MHS will next play in the Oilman's Tournament and will host El Paso Andress at 6 p.m. Thursday in the MHS gym.

MHS 42, AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

Palo Duro (8-4) — Telford 9, Lewis 17, Rivers 19, Cano 2, Gibson 2

MHS (6-5) — Amber Sgiodo 7, Quay Webster 2, Alexis Washington 4, Alexandrea Washington 6, Katie Jones 4, Rylee Rushton 4, Claire Lancaster 15

Palo Duro	10	7	8	14—39
MHS	9	11	13	9—42

Free throws — APD 8-10, MHS 5-10. 3-point goals — APD 3 (Lewis 3), MHS 3 (Sgiodo, Alexandrea Washington 2). Total fouls — APD 8, MHS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: El Paso Andress at Midland High at Oilman's Tournament, 6 p.m. Thursday

GREENWOOD 79 SNYDER 25

SNYDER — No. 24-ranked Greenwood raced out to a 38-9 halftime lead over Snyder en route to a 54-point victory on Tuesday night.

Sophomore point guard Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (10-7) with 14 points.

Layne Banks scored 11 points for GHS, while teammates Natalee Karcher and Callie Rose Gilbert each chipped in with 10 points.

Greenwood hosts Midland Classical at 6 p.m. Friday in a non-district affair.

NO. 24 GREENWOOD 79, SNYDER 25

Greenwood (10-7) — Caity Payne 14, Madison Ulcak 6, Reagan Shanks 2, Natalee Karcher 10, Blaike Thompson 2, Layne Banks 11, Sydnee Jordan 6, Ariana Leyva 4, Cylie Mebane 6, Faith Duran 8, Callie Rose Gilbert 10

Snyder — Benitez 2, Pierce 3, Escobedo 3, Garcia 5, Hunter 4, Conner 8

Greenwood	19	19	21	20—79
Snyder	5	4	9	7—25

Free throws — GHS 6-10; SHS 10-17. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (Payne 2, Duran 2, Banks), SHS 1 (Garcia). Total fouls — GHS 17, Snyder 8. Fouled out — Garcia

Next: Midland Classical at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 89 WATER VALLEY 31

WATER VALLEY — No. 3-ranked Garden City got off to a great start in District 14-1A play with a blowout win over Water Valley.

Hope Halfmann had a game-high 20 points, Payton Hastings had 16, Kortney Halfmann had 14, and Madison Hastings and Carlie Hollingsworth each had 11 for the Lady Kats (7-1, 1-0).

Garden City next plays Coahoma on Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 89, WATER VALLEY 31

Garden City (7-1, 1-0 in District 14-1A) — Hope Halfmann 20, Bethany Matschek 5, Kortney Halfmann 14, Payton Hastings 16, Madison Hastings 11, Carlie Hollingsworth 11, Alicia Gutierrez 8, Ashlyn Koenning 4

Water Valley (0-1 in district) — Addie York 4, Audrie terreni 1, M. Shepard 5, C. Shepard 8, K. Willborn 2, K. Jordan 11 ?

Garden City	21	30	16	22—89
Water Valley	9	7	6	9—31

Free throws — GC 13-21; WV 10-20. 3-point goals — GC 6 (H.Halfmann 4, Matschek 1, Koenning 1), WV 1 (York).

Next game: Garden City vs Coahoma at Stanton's Hooptown Tournament, Thursday

TRINITY 47 GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

GRANDFALLS — Rebecca Young scored 27 points to propel Trinity to a 10-point road win on Tuesday night.

The Lady Chargers (3-3) stormed out to a 13-2 lead after one quarter and held onto at least a nine-point lead after every period thereafter.

TRINITY 47, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

Trinity (3-3) — Julie Sharum 5, Reagan Long 5, Rebecca Young 27, Karoline Watson 7, Isabella Garriga 2, Maggie Morrow 1

Grandfalls-Royalty — Holguin 3, Rodriguez 2, Gurado 5, Dunez 4, Vasquez 15, Stauffer 8

Trinity	13	12	12	10—47
Grandfalls	2	14	9	12—37

Free throws — Trinity 7-17. Grandfalls-Royalty 7-18. 3-point goals — Trinity 4 (Long, Young 2, Watson 1). Grandfalls-Royalty 2 (Gurado, Dunez). Total fouls — Trinity 15, Grandfalls-Royalty 14. Fouled out — Dunez. Technical fouls — Dunez

Next: Ira at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73 MIDLAND HIGH 59

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Estacado, the No. 12-ranked team in Class 5A, defeated Midland High in non-district action on Tuesday.

Estacado had a 49-42 lead after three quarters but the Matadors used a 24-17 run in the fourth to put the game away.

Davorian Defell led MHS with 13 points and Jamel Jones added 11 for the Bulldogs (2-7).

MHS next hosts San Antonio Roosevelt in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NO. 12 LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73, MIDLAND HIGH 59

Midland High (2-7) — Javorian Grimes 7, Shawn Rivers 7, Daveone Bass 5, Tyree Young 2, Jamel Jones 11, Kendricks 1, Carmian Rock 7, Jalen Childress 3, Andrew Norwood 2, Davorian Defell 13, DeAndre Springer 1

Estacado — Zach Harms 3, Cobb 7, Wallin 6, Thomas 7, Jennings 23, Johnson 17, McBrewer 2, Wright 6.

MHS	17	9	16	17—59
Estacado	18	15	16	24—73

Free throws — MHS 10-19, EHS 9-26. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Rivers, Bass, Rocks 2, Childress), EHS 2 (Jennings 2). Total fouls — MHS 14, EHS 15. Fouled out — Rivers.

Next: San Antonio Roosevelt at Midland High at Tall City Oilman's Invitational, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

BROWNFIELD 72 GREENWOOD 43

BROWNFIELD — Leading 15-13 after one quarter, Brownfield broke away from visiting Greenwood behind a lopsided 18-2 run in the second period.

Tyler Elliott scored 10 points, the only Rangers player in double figures.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Greenwood (2-9) continues play versus Whitehouse in the Burkburnett Tournament.

BROWNFIELD 72, GREENWOOD 43

Greenwood (2-9) — Sammy Magallan 7, Tyler Ellison 2, Tino Madrid 7, Tyler James 6, Fabian Madrid 5, Kelley Cooper 3, Seth Keeton 3, Tyler Elliott 10

Brownfield — Saenz 8, Cervantez 9, Ramirez 3, Siller 10, Quintanilla 2, Griffin 13, Nolan 8, McCrary 13, Kyle 6

Greenwood	13	2	10	18—43
Brownfield	15	18	22	17—72

Free throws — GHS 15-19. BHS 4-5. 3-point goals — GHS 4 (Magallan, James, Keeton, Elliott). BHS 6 (Cervantez, Siller 2, Griffin, McCrary 2). Total fouls — GHS 12. BHS 18. Fouled out — None

Next: Greenwood vs. Whitehouse, 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Burkburnett Tournament

MCA 75 ODESSA NEW WAY 71

No. 6-ranked Midland Classical outlasted Odessa New Way in a hotly contested non-district game at MCA on Tuesday night.

Marshall McCray led the Knights (9-2) with 24 points, while Garrett Sparks contributed with 18 in the win.

MCA will face Wink at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Crane Tournament.

NO. 6 MCA 75, ODESSA NEW WAY 71

New Way — Steven 10, Ty 3, Camron 29, Elyak 12, Ryan 8, Zephaniah 2, Tahj 7

MCA (9-2) — Garrett Sparks 18, Heath Gladson 10, Blake Gladson 10, Marshall McCray 24, Cole Miller 3, Cannon Echols 2, Kevin Giffin 4, Josh Rabe 3

New Way	20	11	18	22—71
MCA	16	21	14	24—75

Free throws — New Way 9-13. MCA 16-24. 3-point goals — New Way 10 (Ty Camron 3, Elyak 4, Tahj 2). MCA 3 (H. Gladson 2, Miller). Total fouls — New Way 21. MCA 10. Fouled out — Ryan

Next: MCA vs Wink, 1:30 p.m. Friday in Crane Tournament

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71 MONAHANS 70

MONAHANS — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 33 points to lead Midland Christian to close road victory over Monahans.

The teams were tied at 51 after three quarters before MCS (10-3) outscored the Loboes 20-19 in the final period.

Westin Elliott added 11 points for the Mustangs.

David Birdwell had 17, Eddie Tarango had 14, Marcus Montez had 13 and Malik Jackson added 12 for Monahans.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71, MONAHANS 70

MCS (10-3) — Daniel Venzant 33, Bryce Waters 6, Jordan Riley 8, Colton Brevely 8, Westin Elliott 11, Luke Watson 2.

Monahans — Michael Smith 8, David Birdwell 17, Marcus Montez 13, Rowin Williams 6, Eddie Tarango 14, Malik Jackson 12

MCS	13	13	25	20—71
Monahans	16	22	13	19—70

Free throws — MCS 19-23, MHS 13-26. 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Venzant 2, Waters 2, Elliott), MHS 5 (Smith, Birdwell 2, Montez 3). Total fouls — MCS 18, MHS 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Lubbock High at Abilene Wylie Tournament, 4 p.m. Thursday

MILES 51 STANTON 50

STANTON — Miles edged Stanton in a non-district game at Stanton High School on Tuesday.

Tristan Graves had a game-high 30 points in the loss, while Esteban Escamilla added 10 for the Buffaloes (2-6).

Stanton next hosts the Hooptown Tournament beginning on Thursday.

MILES 50, STANTON 50

Miles — Owens 14, Krugler 24, Gutierrez 5, Heddon 8

Stanton (2-6) — Colby Gordon 4, Austin Fryar 6, Esteban Escamilla 10, Tristan Graves 30

Miles	13	14	14	10—51
Stanton	11	15	10	14—50

Free throws — Miles 4-15. Stanton 8-14. 3-point goals — Miles 3 (Owens 2, Heddon). Stanton 4 (Graves 4). Total fouls — Miles 15. Stanton 17. Fouled out — None

Next: Stanton at Hooptown Tournament Thursday, Stanton

GRADY 61 GARDEN CITY 44

GARDEN CITY — No. 2-ranked Grady defeated Garden City in a non-district game on Tuesday.

Tanner Davis had a game-high 26 for the Bearkats (2-2).

Grady (7-1) was led by Short's 24, Kyle Garza had 14 and Braeden Jones added 11.

NO. 2 GRADY 61, GARDEN CITY 44

Grady (7-1) — Short 24, Kyle Garza 14, Braeden Jones 11, Alejandro Jimenez 5, Cole Avery 4, Boydston 3

Garden City (2-2) — Tanner Davis 26, Ethan Goodwin 2, Scott Miller 5, Seth Miller 4, Riley Eggemeyer 1

Grady	13	15	18	15—61
Garden City	9	11	13	11—44

Free throws — Grady 14-19. GC 6-12

3-point goals — Grady 5 (Garza 2, Jones, Short, Boydston). GC 4 (Goodwin, Scott Miller 2, Davis). Total fouls — Grady 16. GC 18. Fouled out — None

Next game: Garden City vs. New Way at Crane Tournament, 2 p.m.

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LEE 57, MCA 40

Lee (7-3) — Yantza Rivas 9, Allison Valdez 7, Alaysha Green 1, Karysa Edwards 10, Kristyn Velasquez 4, Braydyn Hill 4, Madison Leavitt 4, Kyra Lewis 12, Zion Nibbelt 4, Aquincia Robinson 2

Midland Classical (7-5) — Alissa Beattie 22, Delanie Griffin 5, Ellen Haest 5, Morgen Jones 1, Lizabelle Russell 7

Lee	17	14	10	16—57
MCA	8	10	8	14—40

Free throws — Lee 5-8. MCA 7-14. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (Edwards 2, Rivas, Valdez). MCA 7 (Beattie 6, Griffin). Total fouls — Lee 20, MCA 8. Fouled out — none

Next: Oklahoma City Storm at Lee, 6 p.m. Thursday in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational. MCA at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

ABILENE COOPER 73, LEE 59

Cooper (3-5) — Donovan Robinson 11, Myller Royals 4, J.T. Fielder 8, Isaac Moreno 18, Jonathan Doss 22, Dejon Hightower 2, Kirey McAfee 4, Matthew Fallade 4

Lee (0-8) — Taye Britt 4, Avery Chambers 15, Dustin Hunt 2, Cory Sutton 2, Brady Cain 22, Dedrick Strambler 2, James Lydia 12

Cooper	24	14	22	13—73
Lee	9	20	22	8—59

Free throws — Cooper 12-22. Lee 10-21. 3-point goals — Cooper 7 (Robinson 2, Fielder 2, Moreno 2, Doss), Lee 7 (Britt, Chambers 5, Cain). Total fouls — Cooper 16, Lee 18. Fouled out — Lydia.

Next: Wichita Falls Rider at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Oklahoma City Storm at Lee in Tall City Oilman's Tournament, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

NCAAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 16 BAYLOR 75 NORTHWESTERN STATE 62

WACO — Rico Gathers scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, helping Baylor pull away for the win.

Gathers was 12 of 20 from the field in his fourth consecutive double-double and had a season high in rebounds, although it was well short of his career high of 28 against Huston-Tillotson last January. He had more rebounds than the Demons, who were beaten on the glass 47-18.

Taurean Prince, who scored 30 in a win over No. 21 Vanderbilt on Sunday, had 11 points and 13 rebounds in the 31st straight non-conference home win for the Bears (7-1).

Zeek Woodley scored 21 points for Northwestern State (1-7).

TEXAS 116 UTSA 50

AUSTIN — Cam Ridley scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Texas produced a season-high points while defeating Texas-San Antonio 116-50 Tuesday night.

The Longhorn center converted 9 of 12 shots — including five dunks — while posting a season-best in scoring. He also made four blocks.

Freshman Tevin Mack added a season-high 17 points. Another freshman, Kerwin Roach, had a season-best performance with 14 points.

Texas (5-3) shot 64.7 percent, easily its most accurate game of the season.

George Matthews led Texas-San Antonio (1-8) with 12 points.

The Longhorns made a season-high 15 3-point baskets, reaching double figures in treys for the third time in the last four games.

Texas led 56-17 at halftime after making eight 3-point baskets. Freshman Eric Davis hit three of them in as many attempts. During one 17-second burst, Davis made a 3-pointer, stole the ball while the Longhorns applied coach Shaka Smart's renowned full-court pressure, and hit another trey.

Texas-San Antonio committed 24 turnovers

NO. 19 SMU MICHIGAN 58

DALLAS — Jordan Tolbert got most of his 23 points on rim-rattling slam dunks and had nine rebounds as No. 19 SMU stayed undefeated with an 82-58 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Nic Moore had 15 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers before assisting on consecutive dunks by Tolbert during a 13-2 run late in the first half that put the Mustangs (7-0) in total control. Tolbert had nine dunks and finished 11-of-12 shooting.

Keith Frazier also had 15 points for SMU, off to its best start since winning its first 10 games in 1997-98. Ben Moore and Sterling Brown each grabbed 10 rebounds.

The impressive start for the Mustangs comes in a season when they are banned from postseason play and coach Larry Brown still has two games left on a season-starting, nine-game suspension because of NCAA sanctions.

Duncan Robinson and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman each scored 15 points for Michigan (6-3), which had won four in a row since consecutive losses to Xavier and Connecticut in November

LADY REBELS

From 1C

points.

Additionally, Edwards notched four steals to lead a Lee backcourt that pestered the Lady Knight ball handlers with their pressure

"The pressure part starts with Alaysha (Green) and Braydyn (Hill), our point guards," Lewis said. "They are really quick and fast so they're able to stick with the point guards. Then our off-guards, Allison (Valdez) and Karysa, they're able to read those passing lanes really well."

This season Lee has relied on a variety of its players to contribute in many facets, and that was the case again Tuesday as all 10 players scored and eight of 10 Lady Rebels players registered at least one assist.

Cunneen was impressed with their depth.

"They're so athletic," Cunneen said. "That's tough to play against. They are athletic in every position and she can play 10 kids, which was a great advantage."

"I want to thank Monica for giving us a game," Cunneen added. "I just appreciate good competition and I think games like this will help prepare us for when our season really counts in district and playoffs."

REBELS

From 1C

Still, Lee found a way to compete, as it became much more aggressive from the second quarter on.

After going down by 15 points after the first quarter, the Rebels opened the second frame on a 9-0 run to pull within 24-17. But even as shots started the fall for Lee, it had difficulty getting stops at key junctures on the defensive end.

Cooper shooters stepped into an array of wide open jump shots and made Lee defenders pay for not closing out hard. Overall, Lee played a mediocre first half but found itself down just 38-29 going into the locker rooms.

"There were a lot of breakdowns defensively," Packer said. "We were trading baskets. We have understand that getting stops, taking care of the defensive end of the floor (is important)."

Trailing, 60-51, entering the final quarter, Lee's energy and effort continued at its peak but its offense nearly disappeared. Lee managed just eight points in the final eight minutes of play, as a lid seemed to cover the Rebel basket.

The Rebels got to within 65-59 with just under four minutes to play, but the Cougars were able to pull away with a late 8-0 run.

Before fouling out with 6:02 left in the game, James Lydia chipped in 12 points for the Rebels. Avery Chambers added 15 — all from behind the 3-point line.

Jonathan Doss posted a team-high 22 points for Cooper. He made nine of his 10 shots in the game.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 110 ROCKETS 105

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 24 points, Joe Johnson had 22, and Brooklyn beat Houston to sweep the season series for the first time in 14 years.

Thaddeus Young finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who have recorded two of their six victories this season against Houston. Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points in place of injured rookie Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 32 points for the Rockets, who fell behind by 18 points and got quiet nights from stars James Harden and Dwight Howard. Corey Brewer had 22 in extended minutes after starting forward Trevor Ariza was lost to a bruised lower back after 4 minutes.

WARRIORS 131 PACERS 123

INDIANAPOLIS — Klay Thompson scoring a season-high 39 points, Stephen Curry had 29 points, seven rebounds and 10 assists, and the Golden State Warriors extended their perfect start with a 131-123 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Warriors improved to 23-0. They have won 27 straight dating to last season, tying the 2012-13 Heat for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

CAVALIERS 105 TRAIL BLAZERS 100

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 33 points and 10 rebounds, and the Cavaliers rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit to get the win.

Kevin Love added 18 points, and a second-half lineup adjustment by coach David Blatt helped Cleveland break a three-game losing streak.

James, who didn't play Saturday in Miami to rest, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer and a three-point play down the stretch. He shot 14 for 24 from the field.

Damian Lillard scored 33 points for Portland, which blew a late lead Monday in Milwaukee and appeared to run out of gas as Cleveland came back in the second half.

THUNDER 125 GRIZZLIES 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City, and Russell Westbrook added 13 points while matching his season high with 16 assists.

The Thunder built the lead to 35 through three quarters and coasted to their second straight win.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	9	.591	½
Boston	12	9	.571	1
New York	10	12	.455	3
Brooklyn	6	15	.286	6½
Philadelphia	1	21	.048	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	8	.632	—
Charlotte	12	8	.600	½
Atlanta	13	9	.591	½
Orlando	11	9	.550	1½
Washington	9	10	.474	3
Central Division				
Cleveland	14	7	.667	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	1½
Indiana	12	8	.600	1½
Detroit	12	10	.545	2½
Milwaukee	9	13	.409	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.818	—
Dallas	13	6	.591	3
Memphis	12	10	.545	6
Houston	10	12	.455	8
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	13	8	.619	—
Utah	9	9	.500	2½
Minnesota	9	12	.400	4½
Portland	9	14	.391	5
Denver	8	13	.381	5
Pacific Division				
Golden State	23	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	12	9	.571	10
Phoenix	9	13	.409	13½
Sacramento	7	15	.318	15½
L.A. Lakers	3	18	.143	19

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Cleveland 105, Portland 100

Golden State 131, Indiana 123

Brooklyn 110, Houston 105

Oklahoma City 125, Memphis 88

Orlando at Denver, late

Utah at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.

Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.

Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

New York at Utah, 8 p.m.

Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 89, Evansville 76

Baylor 75, Northwestern St 62

SMU 82, Michigan 58

Stephen F Austin 87, Henderson St 54

Texas 116, UTSA 50

Texas-Arlington 97, Bradley 61

Tulsa 90, Iona 81

SOUTH

Chattanooga 91, Tenn. Wesleyan 63

Furman 79, Liberty 56

Georgetown (Ky.) 101, Washington Adventist 75

Georgia 74, Winthrop 64

Louisiana Tech 82, LSU-Shreveport 49

Miami 86, Florida 55

N. Iowa 73, George Mason 65

The Citadel 89, Voorhees 85

UCF 67, UMass 63

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 61, Montana 58

Grand Canyon 70, Southern U. 56

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 79, SE Missouri 52

E. Michigan 86, Rochester (Mich.) 58

Marquette 80, San Jose St. 62

Notre Dame 86, Stony Brook 61

Ohio St. 74, Air Force 50

Ripon 76, Beloit 56

S. Dakota St. 84, Minnesota 70

Sioux Falls 78, SW Minnesota St. 72

South Dakota 79, UMKC 70

St. Norbert 64, Lake Forest 61

Wis.-Oshkosh 89, Maranatha Baptist 44

Wis.-Platteville 67, Loras 62

Xavier 90, Wright St. 55

EAST

Army 77, Bryant 55

Bloomfield 75, Dominican (NY) 55

Duquesne 89, UMBC 70

Fordham 89, LIU Brooklyn 84, OT

George Washington 76, Penn St. 66

Harvard 75, Boston U. 69

John Jay 80, CCNY 58

Lehman 81, York (NY) 65

Middlebury 96, Castleton 74

Mount St. Mary's 81, Bucknell 73

Old Westbury 69, Mount St. Mary (NY) 52

Philadelphia 59, Wilmington (Del.) 48

Rhode Island 67, Houston 57

Rutgers 75, CCSU 59

Saint Joseph's 82, Princeton 50

St. Bonaventure 80, Vermont 68

Staten Island 78, Baruch 59

Syracuse 78, Colgate 51

Towson 65, Loyola (Md.) 54

Virginia 70, West Virginia 54

W. New England 87, Roger Williams 79, OT

Wagner 65, Rider 64

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma Christian 91, S. Nazarene 76

SOUTH

Anderson (SC) 59, Tusculum 56

Belmont Abbey 81, Treasure Nazarene 59

Charlotte 89, Coll. of Charleston 61

Georgia 77, Furman 39

Maryland 97, Loyola (Md.) 47

Pikeville 87, Midway 55

SE Missouri 84, Lipscomb 69

Virginia 68, Bowling Green 39

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 62, N. Colorado 46

Idaho St. 81, Utah St. 67

Nevada 57, San Francisco St. 51

Washington St. 55, Gonzaga 48

MIDWEST

Bradley 68, Kent St. 60

Concordia (Wis.) 70, Lakeland 44

Grand Canyon 76, N. Dakota St. 67

Illinois 78, S. Illinois 64

Indiana St. 53, Indiana St. 50

Indiana-East 108, WVU Tech 83

Lake Forest 58, St. Norbert 39

Mary 66, Valley City St. 42

Milwaukee Engineering 62, Edgewood 49

Nebraska 85, Evansville 40

North Dakota 78, W. Illinois 67

Northern St. (SD) 72, Dakota Wesleyan 64

Ripon 71, Beloit 68

Wis. Lutheran 71, Marian (Wis.) 51

Wright St. 107, Cincinnati Christian 44

EAST

Army 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 35

Bloomfield 53, Dominican (NY) 44

CCNY 52, John Jay 49

E. Michigan 85, Harvard 81

Goldey Beacom 81, Chestnut Hill 78

Lehman 76, York (NY) 48

Navy 77, Johns Hopkins 45

Old Westbury 71, Mount St. Mary (NY) 66

Penn St. 68, Youngstown St. 51

Philadelphia 79, Wilmington (Del.) 70

Pittsburgh 74, Mount St. Mary's 57

Princeton 81, Monmouth (NJ) 70

Staten Island 64, Baruch 54

UMBC 65, Bucknell 52

W. New England 83, Roger Williams 41

Washington & Jefferson 81, Thiel 50

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

John Brown at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.

UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

NC Wesleyan at Coastal Carolina, 5:30 p.m.

Campbell at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

UNC Greensboro at High Point, 6 p.m.

E. Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m.

E. Illinois at Marshall, 6 p.m.

Virginia Tech at Radford, 6 p.m.

McNeese St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.

E. Washington at Davidson, 7:30 p.m.

Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Utah St. at BYU, 8 p.m.

Loyola Marymount at Boise St., 8 p.m.

Ark.-Pine Bluff at Colorado St., 8 p.m.

Weber St. at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.

Fresno Pacific at Nevada, 8 p.m.

Long Beach St. at Pepperdine, 8 p.m.

Denver at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Valparaiso at Indiana St., 6 p.m.

Mid.-Eastern Shore at Michigan St., 6 p.m.

Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m.

Toledo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m.

DePaul at Drake, 7 p.m.

Yale at Illinois, 7 p.m.

Holy Cross at Kansas, 7 p.m.

Coppin St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.

Nebraska-Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m.

SIU-Edwardsville at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.

UNLV at Wichita St., 8 p.m.

Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.

EAST

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m.

Quinnipiac at Hartford, 6 p.m.

Fairleigh Dickinson at Lafayette, 5 p.m.

Dartmouth at Maine, 6 p.m.

Columbia at Manhattan, 6 p.m.

Albany (NY) at Marist, 6 p.m.

Temple at Penn, 6 p.m.

Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m.

Hofstra at Siena, 6 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Idaho at Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m.

Stephen F Austin at TCU, 7 p.m.

Oklahoma at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Warren Wilson at Coastal Carolina, 3 p.m.

Michigan St. at Davidson, 5 p.m.

Morgan St. at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.

Loyola NO at McNeese St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Wyoming at Denver, 1 p.m.

N. Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Creighton at Utah, 8 p.m.

San Diego at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Detroit, 4 p.m.

Green Bay at Butler, 6 p.m.

DePaul at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.

Akron at Valparaiso, 6 p.m.

Radford at Xavier, 6 p.m.

Midland at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.

N. Iowa at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.

EAST

Vermont at Dartmouth, 11 a.m.

Lafayette at Wagner, 4 p.m.

Hartford at Boston College, 6 p.m.

Rhode Island at Boston U., 6 p.m.

UConn at Colgate, 6 p.m.

Binghamton at Columbia, 6 p.m.

Mid.-Eastern Shore at Duquesne, 6 p.m.

Albany (N.Y.) at Fairfield, 6 p.m.

Saint Peter's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.

NJIT at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.

Siena at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.

Quinnipiac at Northeastern, 6 p.m.

Bryant at Providence, 6 p.m.

Iona at Rutgers, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.

Yale at St. John's, 6 p.m.

Fordham at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.

Coppin St at Syracuse, 6 p.m.

Sacred Heart at Temple, 6 p.m.

Hofstra at UMass, 6 p.m.

Holy Cross at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.

Polls

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	765	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	678	5
6. Texas	7-0	539	8
7. Oregon State	6-0	600	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	538	10
9. Florida State	7-1	498	14
10. Mississippi State	6-1	482	9
11. Duke	7-2	413	13
12. Stanford	6-1	408	15
13. Ohio State	5-3	407	12
14. Northwestern	8-0	390	16
15. Tennessee	6-2	381	6
16. Texas A&M	7-2	344	11
17. DePaul	6-2	265	18
18. Oklahoma	7-1	241	22
19. Iowa	8-1	171	24
20. South Florida	5-2	156	23
21. California	6-2	145	17
22. Miami	10-0	118	
23. Michigan State	5-2	98	20
24. Arizona State	4-3	78	19
25. Syracuse	5-2	64	25

Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 55, Princeton 41, UCLA 39, Nebraska 26, Missouri 22, St. John's 20, Dayton 19, Oregon 16, Georgia 13, Florida 8, Oklahoma State 8, George Washington 6, Virginia Tech 6, Auburn 4, Washington 4, Boston College 3, Idaho 2, Army 1, BYU 1.

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	764	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	656	5
6. Texas	7-0	606	8
7. Oregon St.	6-0	598	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	533	11
9. Mississippi St.	6-1	523	9
10. Ohio St.	5-3	503	10
11. Florida St.	7-1	480	13
12. Northwestern	8-0	418	15
13. Duke	7-2	386	14
14. Stanford	6-1	362	16
15. Texas A&M	6-2	356	12
16. Tennessee	6-2	354	6
17. Oklahoma	7-1	264	21
18. DePaul	6-2	256	23
19. Syracuse	5-2	130	20
20. UCLA	4-2	121	24
21. South Florida	5-2	115	22
22. California	6-2	108	18
23. Iowa	8-1	97	—
24. Arizona St.	4-3	87	17
25. Michigan St.	5-2	67	19

Others receiving votes: Miami 59, St. John's 58, Seton Hall 46, Missouri 40, Georgia 37, Virginia Tech 34, Southern Cal 33, Princeton 19, Oklahoma St. 12, Nebraska 6, VCU 6, Florida 4, Purdue 4, BYU 2, Idaho 1, Louisville 1, Oregon 1.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

GOLF

Asia Tour: Thailand Golf Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF

European LPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m., FS1

Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m., FS1

UMES at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN

Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m., SEC

Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

UNLV at Wichita State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

Fresno State at Arizona, 8 p.m., P12/P12 AZ

Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Bayer Leverkusen vs Barcelona, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Olympiacos vs Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Chelsea vs Porto, 1:30 p.m., FSN/ES-PNDEP

UEFA Champions: AS Roma vs BATE Borisov, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Copa Sudamericana: Independiente Santa Fe vs CA Huracan, 6 p.m., FXDEP

Club World Cup: Sanfrecce (Japan) vs Auckland (New Zealand), 4:30 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

NBA

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

NHL

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN

RODEO

Wrangler National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S HANDBALL

World Championship: Hungary vs Denmark, 1 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

NBA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

BASKETBALL POLL

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs
1	Hutchinson CC (11)	14-0	340	1
2	Trinity Valley CC (5)	14-1	339	2
3	Northwest Florida State	11-1	324	3
4	Georgia Highlands	12-1	298	6
5	Hill College	11-1	289	5
6	John A. Logan	12-0	285	7
7	Palm Beach State	8-0	262	8
8	Gillette	13-0	247	9
9	Connors State	12-1	224	12
10	Moberly Area	10-1	204	10
11	McLennan CC	13-1	203	14
12	Iowa Western	11-1	187	15
13	North Idaho	11-0	186	17
14	Eastern Florida State	10-1	182	18
15	Seward County	12-1	129	23
16	Indian Hills	10-2	122	19
17	Mineral Area	11-1	116	RV
18	Daytona State	11-2	98	4
19	Holmes	7-1	93	13
20	Three Rivers CC	12-2	87	11
21.	Odessa College	11-2	88	RV
22	Arizona Western	10-2	48	24
23	Harcum College	8-1	44	RV
24	Kilgore College	11-1	30	NR
25.	Blinn College	10-1	27	RV

Among others receiving votes: **Midland College 13-2**

NFL NEWS

ANTWAN GOODLEY SIGNS WITH SEAHAWKS

The Seattle Seahawks have signed Midland High grad and former Baylor wide receiver standout Antwan Goodley to the practice squad.



Goodley

ESPN NFL insider Adam Caplan first reported it and Goodley confirmed the signing in a text with the Reporter-Telegram. Goodley had worked out with the Seahawks on Monday.

After a stellar career at Baylor, where he earned All-American honors after his junior year, Goodley signed with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent. However, it was reported that Goodley battled a hamstring injury during preseason, and he was cut just before the season started.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Extended their working agreement with Delmarva (SAL) through the 2018 season.

BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned RHP Roman Mendez outright to Pawtucket (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Lowe on a two-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a six-year contract. Designated RHP A.J. Schugel for assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP John Lackey on a two-year contract and INF Ben Zobrist on a four-year contract. Traded INF Starlin Castro to the New York Yankees for RHP Adam Warren and a player to be named.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jason Motte and Chad Qualls on two-year contracts.

MIAMI MARLINS — Claimed LHP Mike Strong off waivers from Milwaukee.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned LHP Joely Rodriguez outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF Jon Jay to San Diego for 2B Jedd Gyorko and cash.

Frontier League

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF Justin Byrd to Schaumburg for a player to be named.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Traded UT Ashley Guillen to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Derek DeYoung.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Dyllon Nuernberg.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned F James Ennis to Iowa (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned Fs Carl Landry and Christian Wood to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Tampa Bay LB Kwon Alexander for the final four games of the regular season without pay for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OL Earl Watford on injured reserve. Signed S D.J. Swearinger from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived-injured DT Nick Hayki-Heimuli. Released CB T.J. Heath from the practice squad. Signed S Terrance Parks to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived LB Zach Kerr.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released TE Matthew Mulligan. Signed TE Nick O'Leary from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed TE Martellus Bennett on injured reserve. Released QB Justin Worley from the practice squad. Signed TE Rob Housler. Signed QB Matt Blanchard to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed FB Malcolm Johnson on injured reserve. Released DB Kendall James from the practice squad. Re-signed OL Darrian Miller. Signed TE Connor Hamlett and DB Tim Scott to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Waived QB Christian Ponder.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released OB Kyle Sieberic from the practice squad. Signed WR Jamel Johnson and RB Ross Scheuerman to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed S Antone Exum Jr. on injured reserve. Waived DE Justin Trattou. Signed S Shaun Prater. Signed S Anthony Harris from the practice squad and LB Terrance Plummer to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived CB Rashaan Melvin. Released TE Joseph Fauria from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed LS Zak DeOssie and TE Larry Donnell on injured reserve. Signed LS Danny Aiken. Signed CB Tramain Jacobs from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed DE Mike Catapano on injured reserve. Signed S Ronald Martin from the practice squad and TE Brandon Bostick to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed FB/RB Jamize Olawale to a three-year contract extension.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed TE Garrett Celek on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Shayne Skov to a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed S Trenton Robinson on injured reserve.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Paul LaPolice offensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Tyler Ganly from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — F Pascal Dupuis announced his retirement.

American Hockey League

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Returned D Shayne Taker to Utah (ECHL).

ECHL

BRAMPTON BEAST — Released G Sean Bonar.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Phil Bronner.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released G Brent Trowan as emergency backup. Signed G Matt Zenzola.

INDY FUEL — Signed F Tim Hall.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released G Zac Guercia as emergency backup. Signed G Doug Carr.

TOLEDO WALLEYE — Released G Dustin Carlson. Released G Josh Unice as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FC — Named John Thorrington executive vice president of soccer operations.

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — DM Lori Chalupny announced her retirement.

COLLEGE

BIG EAST CONFERENCE — Added Liberty and Quinnipiac as affiliate members for field hockey.

COLORADO STATE — Agreed in terms with football coach Larry Eustachy on a one-year contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

EASTERN KENTUCKY — Named Mark Elder football coach.

JACKSONVILLE — Named Ian Shields football coach.

MEMPHIS — Named Dan Lanning defensive assistant coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/11

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 10-10 base 3 of 44 trails 7% open, 1 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Fri Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 25-30 base 11 of 57 trails 19% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/19

Sipapu — Mon 6:05 am machine groomed 18-18 base 20 of 42 trails, 48% open 80 acres, 4 of 6 lifts. am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat-Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Apache — Tue 6:01 am machine groomed 9-27 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 6:46 am variable machine groomed 38-38 base 77 of 79 trails 97% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Reopen 12/10 21-21 base Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 7:46 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 28 of 109 trails 26% open, 299 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/12

Aspen Mountain — Tue 4:19 am packed powder machine groomed 18-20 base 53 of 76 trails 70% open, 525 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: - 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:27 am packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 89 of 150 trails 59% open, 1063 acres, 18 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Tue 5:31 am machine groomed 24-24 base 40 of 187 trails 21% open, 803 acres, 10 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/12

Cooper — Mon Reopen 12/12 packed powder machine groomed 14-20 base Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Sat/Sun

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 23-30 base 50 of 140 trails 35% open, 560 acres, 9 of 23 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Tue 11:24 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 20 of 121 trails 32% open, 200 acres, 5 of 18 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10

Eldora — Tue 10:05 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 36 of 53 trails, 62% open 5 of 11 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Tue 5:25 am machine groomed 23-23 base 71 of 131 trails 60% open, 2010 acres 18 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Tue 6:30 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 22 of 85 trails, 24% open 284 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

D-Backs adding Miller behind Greinke; Cubs nab Zobrist

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In another dramatic move to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2011, the Arizona Diamondbacks reached an agreement Tuesday to acquire All-Star right-hander Shelby Miller from the Atlanta Braves for overall No. 1 draft pick Dansby Swanson, and two other prospects.

Arizona, which finalized a $206.5 million, six-year contract with major league ERA leader Zack Greinke earlier in the day, also would send outfielder Ender Inciarte and pitching prospect Aaron Blair to the Braves, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. The Diamondbacks would acquire minor league left-hander Gabe Speier as part of the trade. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade was pending approval of medical records.

Greinke is set to anchor a new-look rotation that also could include Patrick Corbin, Rubby De La Rosa and Robbie Ray.

"We're counting on his mentorship with our other pitchers and being a part of helping their growth," Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart said.

The Cubs also made some major moves. They agreed to a $56 million, four-year contract with infielder Ben Zobrist, who also was sought by the New York Mets, who swept Chicago in the NL Championship Series.

Zobrist figures to replace second baseman Starlin Castro, dealt to the New York Yankees on Tuesday night for right-hander Adam Warren and a player to be named, likely infielder Brendan Ryan.

Chicago also finalized a $32 million, two-year contract with 37-year-old right-hander John Lackey, who slots in as the Cubs' third starter behind Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester.

In the day's other trade, the St. Louis Cardinals acquired infielder Jedd Gyorko and from the San Diego Padres for outfielder Jon Jay. San Diego will pay St. Louis $7.5 million to cover part of the $33 million remaining on Gyorko's contract.

The 27-year-old Gyorko hit .247 with 16 homers and 57 RBIs this year, spending time at second base, shortstop and first base. He has a .236 average in three big league seasons with 49 homers and 171 RBIs.

Also:

■ Atlanta agreed to a $5.3 million, two-year contract with catcher Tyler Flowers, a person familiar with that deal said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because there had not been an announcement.

■ Detroit finalized an $11 million, two-year contract with reliever Mark Lowe.

■ Colorado agreed to two-year deals with a pair of relievers, guaranteeing Jason Motte $10 million and Chad Qualls $6 million.

Police: Case involving pitcher Chapman is closed

By Freida Frisaro
Associated Press

MIAMI — Police say there was "insufficient evidence" to charge Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman in a domestic disturbance incident between the pitcher and his girlfriend at his South Florida home, and they've closed the investigation.

But the matter appears to have put on hold a proposed trade sending Chapman to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, said Tuesday that there is no timetable in making a decision on Chapman's status under the league's new domestic violence policy. He said the league first learned of the incident late Monday.

The Davie Police Department released its report on the Oct. 30 incident Tuesday. It cites conflicting stories and a lack of cooperating witnesses and says there were no physical injuries.

According to the report, police arrived at the home in the Fort Lauderdale suburb after getting a call about a domestic incident. They spoke to Cristina Barnea, 22, who told officers that Chapman pushed her, put his hands around her neck and "choked" her during an argument in the theater at the pitcher's home. She said that the argument was broken up by family members and that Chapman had left the house.

Barnea told police that she heard gunshots a short time later and went outside and hid in the bushes until she could make contact with police. She left the couple's infant daughter inside the home.

Police say in the report that they interviewed Chapman, who said the argument had happened during a party. He said he poked Barnea on the shoulder, telling her not to "talk to him like that." He said she fell to the ground, yelling.

Chapman told investigators that Barnea's brother pushed him to the ground. Chapman said he got up, left the house, and got into the passenger seat of a 2015 Land Rover with his friend. Chapman said he punched the passenger window with his left fist, creating a laceration on the knuckle of his left pinky. At that point, he told investigators, he got his pistol from the glove box and locked himself in his garage. He fired seven rounds into a concrete wall and fired one round through a window before tossing the pistol aside.

Police said Chapman refused to give a sworn statement or sign an affidavit of the complaint. He signed a consent order allowing officers to search his garage.

Officers said Barnea collected her belongings and left the home.

On Nov. 3, investigators contacted Barnea's brother Dany Barnea, who also refused to provide a statement about the incident. The officer asked for his sister's phone number, but he refused to provide the number.

Davie police spokesman Dale Engle said the investigation is closed "pending any new evidence."

Sharp's late power-play goal helps Stars beat Hurricanes

Associated Press

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored on the power play with 19 seconds remaining, and the Dallas Stars beat the Carolina Hurricanes 6-5 on Tuesday night.

Sharp took a pass from John Klingberg above the right faceoff circle and sent a slapshot off Carolina goalie Eddie Lack and into the net.

The Hurricanes had rallied with four third-period goals to tie the score with 6:43 remaining.

Dallas' Jamie Benn scored his league-leading 19th goal and added three assists. He combined with linemantes Tyler Seguin (goal, 3 assists) and Valeri Nichuskin (goal, 2 assists) for three goals and eight assists. Patrick Eaves and Johnny Oduya also scored, and Klingberg also had three assists.

Justin Faulk had two goals, and Jacob Slavin, Phillip Di Giuseppe and Jeff Skinner also scored for Carolina.

NHL ends draft pick compensation for signing coaches, execs

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The NHL eliminated its policy Tuesday that allowed teams to seek compensation when other franchises hired away a coach or executive under contract.

Commissioner Gary Bettman told the Board of Governors that as of Jan. 1, the league will revert to its old policy that gave teams the right to grant or deny permission to other franchises to talk to coaches and executives under contract.

"I think on balance, it just wasn't worth the debate, the confusion, the uncertainty that flowed from it," Bettman said. "Frankly, I thought the old policy worked very well. ... One of the caveats that I put into place when I agreed to implement the revised policy a year ago was if there are any problems with this we will scrap it and go back to what we had. That ultimately happened."

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly gave a report on the history of the policy and how it worked for 10 years and what happened this past year with the change.

Bettman then asked the governors if there were any questions or comments and then said he was changing the policy back.

"I think people, having heard the presentation and seen the experience over the last year, decided that what we had that worked well for 10 years roughly was probably the best way to go," Bettman said.

The league had a one-year trial run that allowed either a second- or third-round pick to be given as compensation for coaches and executives under contract even if they had been fired.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	28	19	6	3	41	94	63
Detroit	28	15	8	5	35	73	72
Ottawa	28	15	8	5	35	90	83
Boston	26	14	9	3	31	85	75
Florida	28	13	11	4	30	71	70
Tampa Bay	28	13	12	3	29	68	65
Buffalo	28	11	14	3	25	67	78
Toronto	28	10	13	5	25	64	76

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	28	19	5	2	40	82	57
N.Y. Rangers	28	18	7	3	39	80	58
N.Y. Islanders	29	16	8	5	37	82	70
New Jersey	28	14	10	4	32	71	69
Pittsburgh	26	14	10	2	30	61	62
Philadelphia	28	11	11	6	28	57	78
Carolina	28	10	14	4	24	64	87
Columbus	29	11	16	2	24	69	84

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	21	5	2	44	99	75
St. Louis	28	16	8	4	36	72	68
Chicago	28	15	9	4	34	78	70
Minnesota	28	14	7	5	33	70	64
Nashville	28	14	9	5	33	73	75
Winnipeg	28	13	13	2	28	76	85
Colorado	28	12	15	1	25	77	81

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	27	18	8	1	37	71	57
San Jose	28	14	12	0	28	70	68
Vancouver	29	10	11	8	28	77	81
Arizona	28	13	14	1	27	75	89
Anaheim	28	11	12	5	27	55	68
Edmonton	28	11	15	2	24	71	82
Calgary	26	10	14	2	22	65	94

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

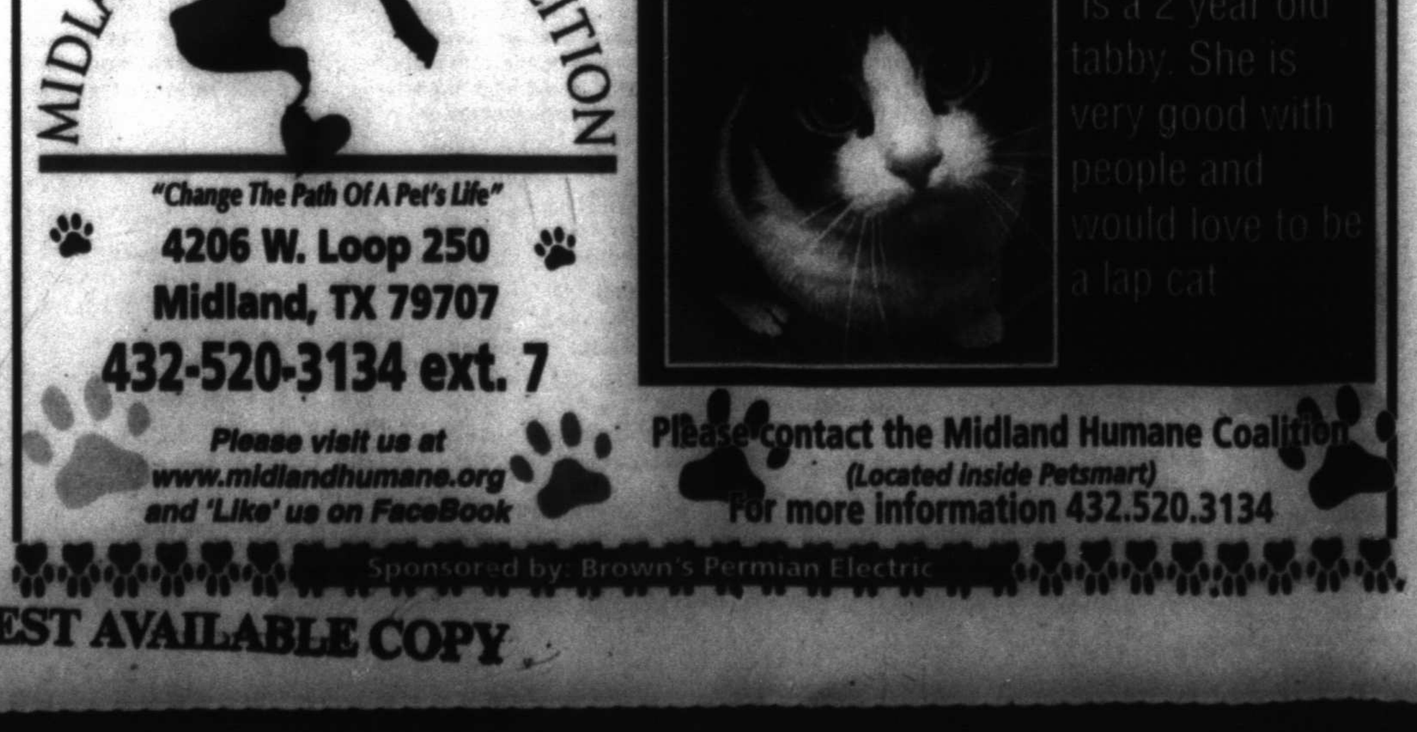
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Toronto 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Los Angeles 3, Columbus 2, OT
Ottawa 4, Florida 2
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Chicago 4, Nashville 1
Dallas 6, Carolina 5
San Jose at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.



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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS 42 AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

The Midland High girls basketball team held off Amarillo Palo Duro for a non-district victory at the MHS gym on Tuesday.

MHS was up 33-25 after three quarters before Palo Duro (8-4) went on a 14-9 run in the fourth.

Claire Lancaster led MHS (6-5) with 15 points and was the only Lady Bulldog in double figures.

MHS will next play in the Oilman's Tournament and will host El Paso Andress at 6 p.m. Thursday in the MHS gym.

MHS 42, AMARILLO PALO DURO 39				
Palo Duro (8-4) — Telford 9, Lewis 17, Rivers 19, Cano 2, Gibson 2				
MHS (6-5) — Amber Salcido 7, Quay Webster 2, Alexis Washington 4, Alexandrea Washington 6, Kellie Jones 4, Rylee Rushton 4, Claire Lancaster 15				
Palo Duro	10	7	8	14—39
MHS	9	11	13	9—42

Free throws — APD 9-10, MHS 5-10. 3-point goals — APD 3 (Lewis 3), MHS 3 (Salcido, Alexandrea Washington 2). Total fouls — APD 8, MHS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: El Paso Andress at Midland High at Oilman's Tournament, 6 p.m. Thursday

GREENWOOD 79 SNYDER 25

SNYDER — No. 24-ranked Greenwood raced out to a 38-9 halftime lead over Snyder en route to a 54-point victory on Tuesday night.

Sophomore point guard Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (10-7) with 14 points.

Layne Banks scored 11 points for GHS, while teammates Natalee Karcher and Callie Rose Gilbert each chipped in with 10 points.

Greenwood hosts Midland Classical at 6 p.m. Friday in a non-district affair.

NO. 24 GREENWOOD 79, SNYDER 25				
Greenwood (10-7) — Caity Payne 14, Madison Utzak 6, Reagan Shanks 2, Natalee Karcher 10, Blake Thompson 2, Layne Banks 11, Sydnee Jordan 6, Ariana Leyva 4, Dylie Mebane 6, Faith Duran 8, Callie Rose Gilbert 10				
Snyder — Benitez 2, Pierce 3, Escobedo 3, Garcia 5, Hunter 4, Conner 8				
Greenwood	19	19	21	20—79
Snyder	5	4	9	7—25

Free throws — GHS 6-10, SHS 10-17. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (Payne 2, Duran 2, Banks). SHS 1 (Garcia). Total fouls — GHS 17, Snyder 8. Fouled out — Garcia

Next: Midland Classical at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 89 WATER VALLEY 31

WATER VALLEY — No. 3-ranked Garden City got off to a great start in District 14-1A play with a blowout win over Water Valley.

Hope Halfmann had a game-high 20 points, Payton Hastings had 16, Kortney Halfmann had 14, and Madison Hastings and Carlie Hollingsworth each had 11 for the Lady Kats (7-1, 1-0).

Garden City next plays Coahoma on Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 89, WATER VALLEY 31				
Garden City (7-1, 1-0 in District 14-1A) — Hope Halfmann 20, Bethany Matschek 5, Kortney Halfmann 14, Payton Hastings 16, Madison Hastings 11, Carlie Hollingsworth 11, Alicia Gutierrez 8, Ashlyn Koenning 4				
Water Valley (0-1 in district) — Addie York 4, Audrie Ierrero 1, M. Shepard 5, C. Shepard 8, K. Willbord 2, K. Jordan 11 T				
Garden City	21	30	16	22—89
Water Valley	9	7	6	9—31

Free throws — GC 13-21, WV 10-o2. 3-point goals — GC 6 (H.Halfmann 4, Matschak 1, Koenning 1), WV 1 (York).

Next game: Garden City vs Coahoma at Stanton's Hooptown Tournament, Thursday

TRINITY 47 GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

GRANDFALLS — Rebecca Young scored 27 points to propel Trinity to a 10-point road win on Tuesday night.

The Lady Chargers (3-3) stormed out to a 13-2 lead after one quarter and held onto at least a nine-point lead after every period thereafter.

TRINITY 47, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37				
Trinity (3-3) — Julia Sharum 5, Reagan Long 5, Rebecca Young 27, Karoline Watson 7, Isabella Garriga 2, Maggie Morrow 1				
Grandfalls-Royalty — Holguin 3, Rodriguez 2, Gurado 5, Dunez 4, Vasquez 15, Stauffer 8				
Trinity	13	12	12	10—47
Grandfalls	2	14	9	12—37

Free throws — Trinity 7-17. Grandfalls-Royalty 7-18. 3-point goals — Trinity 4 (Long, Young 2, Watson 1) Grandfalls-Royalty 2 (Gurado, Dunez) Total fouls — Trinity 15, Grandfalls-Royalty 14. Fouled out — Dunez. Technical fouls — Dunez

Next: Ira at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73 MIDLAND HIGH 59

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Estacado, the No. 12-ranked team in Class 5A, defeated Midland High in non-district action on Tuesday.

Estacado had a 49-42 lead after three quarters but the Matadors used a 24-17 run in the fourth to put the game away.

Davorian Defell led MHS with 13 points and Jamel Jones added 11 for the Bulldogs (2-7).

MHS next hosts San Antonio Roosevelt in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NO. 12 LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73, MIDLAND HIGH 59				
Midland High (2-7) — Javonian Grimes 7, Shawn Rivers 7, Daveone Bass 5, Tyree Young 2, Jamel Jones 11, Kendricks 1, Camran Rook 7, Jalon Childress 3, Andrew Norwood 2, Davorian Defell 13, DeAndre Springer 1				
Estacado — Zach Harris 3, Cobb 7, Wallin 6, Thomas 7, Jennings 23, Johnson 17, McBrewer 2, Wright 6				
MHS	17	9	16	17—59
Estacado	18	15	16	24—73

Free throws — MHS 10-19, EHS 9-28. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Rivers, Bass, Rooks 2, Childress), EHS 2 (Jennings 2). Total fouls — MHS 14, EHS 15. Fouled out — Rivers.

Next: San Antonio Roosevelt at Midland High at Tall City Oilman's Invitational, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

BROWNFIELD 72 GREENWOOD 43

BROWNFIELD — Leading 15-13 after one quarter, Brownfield broke away from visiting Greenwood behind a lopsided 18-2 run in the second period.

Tyler Elliott scored 10 points, the only Rangers player in double figures.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Greenwood (2-9) continues play versus Whitehouse in the Burkburnett Tournament.

BROWNFIELD 72, GREENWOOD 43				
Greenwood (2-9) — Sammy Magallan 7, Tyler Ellison 2, Tino Madrid 7, Tyler James 6, Fabian Madrid 5, Kelley Cooper 3, Seth Keeton 3, Tyler Elliott 10				
Brownfield — Saenz 8, Cervantes 9, Ramirez 3, Siller 10, Quintanilla 2, Griffin 13, Nolan 8, McCrary 13, Kyle 6				
Greenwood	13	2	10	18—43
Brownfield	15	18	22	17—72

Free throws — GHS 15-19, BHS 4-5. 3-point goals — GHS 4 (Magallan, James, Keeton, Elliott) BHS 6 (Cervantez, Siller 2, Griffin, McCrary 2). Total fouls — GHS 12, BHS 18. Fouled out — None

Next: Greenwood vs. Whitehouse, 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Burkburnett Tournament

MCA 75 ODESSA NEW WAY 71

No. 6-ranked Midland Classical outlasted Odessa New Way in a hotly contested non-district game at MCA on Tuesday night.

Marshall McCray led the Knights (9-2) with 24 points, while Garrett Sparks contributed with 18 in the win.

MCA will face Wink at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Crane Tournament.

NO. 6 MCA 75, ODESSA NEW WAY 71				
New Way — Steven 10, Ty 3, Camron 29, Elyak 12, Ryan 8, Zephaniah 2, Tahj 7				
MCA (9-2) — Garrett Sparks 18, Heath Gladson 10, Blake Gladson 10, Marshall McCray 24, Cole Miller 3, Cannon Echols 2, Kevin Griffin 4, Josh Rabe 3				
New Way	20	11	18	22—71
MCA	16	21	14	24—75

Free throws — New Way 9-13, MCA 16-24. 3-point goals — New Way 10 (Ty Camron 3, Elyak 4, Tahj 2), MCA 3 (H. Gladson 2, Miller) Total fouls — New Way 21. MCA 10. Fouled out — Ryan.

Next: MCA vs Wink, 1:30 p.m. Friday in Crane Tournament

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71 MONAHANS 70

MONAHANS — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 33 points to lead Midland Christian to close road victory over Monahans.

The teams were tied at 51 after three quarters before MCS (10-3) outscored the Loboes 20-19 in the final period.

Westin Elliott added 11 points for the Mustangs.

David Birdwell had 17, Eddie Tarango had 14, Marcus Montez had 13 and Malik Jackson added 12 for Monahans.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71, MONAHANS 70				
MCS (10-3) — Daniel Venzant 33, Bryce Waters 6, Jordan Riley 9, Colton Shirley 8, Westin Elliott 11, Luke Watson 2.				
Monahans — Michael Smith 8, David Birdwell 17, Marcus Montez 13, Rivalin Williams 6, Eddie Tarango 14, Malik Jackson 12				
MCS	13	13	25	20—71
Monahans	19	22	13	19—70

Free throws — MCS 18-23, MHS 13-26. 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Venzant 2, Waters 2, Elliott), MHS 6 (Smith, Birdwell 2, Montez 3). Total fouls — MCS 18, MHS 14. Fouled out — None

Next: Midland Christian vs. Lubbock High at Abilene Wylie Tournament, 4 p.m. Thursday

MILES 51 STANTON 50

STANTON — Miles edged Stanton in a non-district game at Stanton High School on Tuesday.

Tristan Graves had a game-high 30 points in the loss, while Esteban Escamilla added 10 for the Buffaloes (2-6).

Stanton next hosts the Hooptown Tournament beginning on Thursday.

MILES 50, STANTON 50				
Miles — Owens 14, Krugler 24, Gutierrez 5, Heddon 8				
Stanton (2-6) — Colby Gordon 4, Austin Fryar 6, Esteban Escamilla 10, Tristan Graves 30				
Miles	13	14	14	10—51
Stanton	11	15	10	14—50

Free throws — Miles 4-15. Stanton 8-14. 3-point goals — Miles 3 (Owens 2, Heddon). Stanton 4 (Graves 4). Total fouls — Miles 15, Stanton 17. Fouled out — None

Next: Stanton at Hooptown Tournament, Thursday, Stanton

GRADY 61 GARDEN CITY 44

GARDEN CITY — No. 2-ranked Grady defeated Garden City in a non-district game on Tuesday.

Tanner Davis had a game-high 26 for the Bearkats (2-2).

Grady (7-1) was led by Short's 24, Kyle Garza had 14 and Braeden Jones added 11.

NO. 2 GRADY 61, GARDEN CITY 44				
Grady (7-1) — Short 24, Kyle Garza 14, Braeden Jones 11, Alejandro Jimenez 5, Cole Avery 4, Boydston 3				
Garden City (2-2) — Tanner Davis 26, Ethan Goodwin 2, Scott Miller 5, Seth Miller 4, Riley Eggemeyer 7				
Grady	13	15	18	15—61
Garden City	9	11	13	11—44

Free throws — Grady 14-19. GC 6-12 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Garza 2, Jones, Short, Boydston) GC 4 (Goodwin, Scott Miller 2, Davis). Total fouls — Grady 16, GC 18. Fouled out — None

Next game: Garden City vs. New Way at Crane Tournament, 2 p.m.

LEE 57, MCA 40

Lee (7-3) — Yonzca Rivas 9 Allison Valdez 7, Alaysha Green 1, Karysa Edwards 10, Kristyn Velasquez 4, Braydyn Hill 4, Madison Leavitt 4, Kyra Lewis 12, Zion Nisbett 4, Aquincia Robinson 2

Midland Classical (7-5) — Alissa Beattie 22, Delanie Griffin 5, Ellen Haest 5, Morgen Jones 1, Lizabelle Russell 7.

Lee	17	14	10	16—57
MCA	6	10	6	18—40

Free throws — Lee 5-8. MCA 7-14. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (Edwards 2, Rivas, Valdez). MCA 7 (Beattie 6, Griffin) Total fouls — Lee 20, MCA 8 Fouled out — none

Next: Oklahoma City Storm at Lee, 6 p.m. Thursday in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational. MCA at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

ABILENE COOPER 73, LEE 59

Cooper (3-5) — Donovan Robinson 11, Myller Knyals 4, J.T. Fielder 8, Isaac Moreno 18, Jonathan Doss 22, Dejon Hightower 2, Kirey McAfee 4, Matthew Felade 4

Lee (0-8) — Taye Britt 4, Avery Chambers 15, Dustin Hunt 2, Cory Sutton 2, Brady Cain 22, Dedrick Strembler 2, James Lydia 12

Cooper	24	14	22	13—73
Lee	9	20	22	8—59

Free throws — Cooper 12-22, Lee 10-21 3-point goals — Cooper 7 (Robinson 2, Fielder 2, Moreno 2, Doss), Lee 7 (Britt, Chambers 5 Cain) Total fouls — Cooper 16, Lee 18. Fouled out — Lydia.

Next: Wichita Falls Rider at Abilene Cooper 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oklahoma City Storm at Lee in Tall City Oilman's Tournament, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

NCAAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 16 BAYLOR 75 NORTHWESTERN STATE 62

WACO — Rico Gathers scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, helping Baylor pull away for the win.

Gathers was 12 of 20 from the field in his fourth consecutive double-double and had a season high in rebounds, although it was well short of his career high of 28 against Huston-Tillotson last January. He had more rebounds than the Demons, who were beaten on the glass 47-18.

Taurean Prince, who scored 30 in a win over No. 21 Vanderbilt on Sunday, had 11 points and 13 rebounds in the 31st straight non-conference home win for the Bears (7-1).

Zeek Woodley scored 21 points for Northwestern State (1-7).

TEXAS 116 UTSA 50

AUSTIN — Cam Ridley scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Texas produced a season-high points while defeating Texas-San Antonio 116-50 Tuesday night.

The Longhorn center converted 9 of 12 shots — including five dunks — while posting a season-best in scoring. He also made four blocks.

Freshman Tevin Mack added a season-high 17 points. Another freshman, Kerwin Roach, had a season-best performance with 14 points.

Texas (5-3) shot 64.7 percent, easily its most accurate game of the season.

George Matthews led Texas-San Antonio (1-8) with 12 points.

The Longhorns made a season-high 15 3-point baskets, reaching double figures in treys for the third time in the last four games.

Texas led 56-17 at halftime after making eight 3-point baskets. Freshman Eric Davis hit three of them in as many attempts. During one 17-second burst, Davis made a 3-pointer, stole the ball while the Longhorns applied coach Shaka Smart's renowned full-court pressure, and hit another trey.

Texas-San Antonio committed 24 turnovers

NO. 19 SMU MICHIGAN 58

DALLAS — Jordan Tolbert got most of his 23 points on rim-rattling slam dunks and had nine rebounds as No. 19 SMU stayed undefeated with an 82-58 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Nic Moore had 15 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers before assisting on consecutive dunks by Tolbert during a 13-2 run late in the first half that put the Mustangs (7-0) in total control. Tolbert had nine dunks and finished 11-of-12 shooting.

Keith Frazier also had 15 points for SMU, off to its best start since winning its first 10 games in 1997-98. Ben Moore and Sterling Brown each grabbed 10 rebounds.

The impressive start for the Mustangs comes in a season when they are banned from postseason play and coach Larry Brown still has two games left on a season-starting, nine-game suspension because of NCAA sanctions.

Duncan Robinson and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman each scored 15 points for Michigan (6-3), which had won four in a row since consecutive losses to Xavier and Connecticut in November.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 89, Evansville 76
Baylor 75, Northwestern St 62
SMU 82, Michigan 58
Stephen F Austin 87, Henderson St 54
Texas 116, UTSA 50
Texas-Arlington 97, Bradley 61
Tulsa 90, Iona 81

SOUTH

Chattanooga 91, Tenn. Wesleyan 63
Furman 79, Liberty 56
Georgetown (Ky.) 101, Washington Adventist 75
Georgia 74, Winthrop 64
Louisiana Tech 82, LSU-Shreveport 49
Miami 86, Florida 55
N. Iowa 73, George Mason 65
The Citadel 89, Voorhees 85
UCF 67, UMass 63

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 61, Montana 58
Grand Canyon 70, Southern U. 56

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 79, SE Missouri 52
E. Michigan 86, Rochester (Mich.) 56
Marquette 80, San Jose St. 62
Notre Dame 86, Stony Brook 61
Ohio St. 74, Air Force 50
Ripon 76, Beloit 56
S. Dakota St. 84, Minnesota 70
Sioux Falls 78, SW Minnesota St. 72
South Dakota 79, UMKC 70
St. Norbert 84, Lake Forest 61
Wis.-Oshkosh 89, Maranatha Baptist 44
Wis.-Platteville 67, Loras 62
Xavier 90, Wright St. 55

EAST

Army 77, Bryant 55
Bloomfield 76, Dominican (NY) 55
Duquesne 89, UMBC 70
Fordham 89, LIU Brooklyn 84, OT
George Washington 76, Penn St. 66
Harvard 75, Boston U. 69
John Jay 60, CCNY 58
Lehman 81, York (NY) 65
Middlebury 86, Castleton 74
Mount St. Mary's 81, Bucknell 73
Old Westbury 89, Mount St. Mary (NY) 52
Philadelphia 59, Wilmington (Del.) 48
Rhode Island 67, Houston 57
Rutgers 75, CCSU 59
Saint Joseph's 82, Princeton 50
St. Bonaventure 80, Vermont 68
Staten Island 78, Baruch 59
Syracuse 78, Colgate 51
Towson 65, Loyola (Md.) 54
Virginia 70, West Virginia 54
W. New England 87, Roger Williams 79, OT
Wagner 65, Rider 64

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma Christian 91, S. Nazarene 76

SOUTH

Anderson (SC) 59, Tusculum 56
Belmont 86, Trevecca Nazarene 59
Charlotte 89, Coll. of Charleston 61
Georgia 77, Furman 39
Maryland 97, Loyola (Md.) 47
Pikeville 67, Midway 55
SE Missouri 84, Lipscomb 69
Virginia 68, Bowling Green 39

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 62, N. Colorado 46
Idaho St. 81, Utah St. 67
Nevada 57, San Francisco St. 51
Washington St. 85, Gonzaga 48

MIDWEST

Bradley 68, Kent St. 60
Concordia (Wis.) 70, Lakeland 44
Grand Canyon 76, N. Dakota St. 67
Illinois 78, S. Illinois 64
Indiana 53, Indiana St. 50
Indiana-East 108, WVU Tech 83
Lake Forest 58, St. Norbert 39
Mary 66, Valley City St. 42
Milwaukee Engineering 62, Edgewood 49
Nebraska 85, Evansville 40
North Dakota 78, W. Illinois 67
Northern St. (SD) 72, Dakota Wesleyan 64
Ripon 71, Beloit 68
Wis. Lutheran 71, Marian (Wis.) 51
Wright St. 107, Cincinnati Christian 44

EAST

Army 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 35
Bloomfield 53, Dominican (NY) 44
CCNY 52, John Jay 49
E. Michigan 85, Harvard 81
Goldey Beacom 81, Chestnut Hill 78
Lehman 76, York (NY) 48
Navy 77, Johns Hopkins 45
Old Westbury 71, Mount St. Mary (NY) 66
Penn St. 68, Youngstown St. 51
Philadelphia 79, Wilmington (Del.) 70
Pittsburgh 74, Mount St. Mary's 57
Princeton 81, Monmouth (NJ) 70
Staten Island 82, Baruch 54
UMBC 65, Bucknell 52
W. New England 63, Roger Williams 41
Washington & Jefferson 81, Thiel 50

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

John Brown at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.
UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

NC Wesleyan at Coastal Carolina, 5:30 p.m.
Campbell at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at High Point, 6 p.m.
E. Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at Marshall, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Radford, 6 p.m.
McNeese St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
E. Washington at Davidson, 7:30 p.m.
Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Utah St. at BYU, 8 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Weber St. at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.
Fresno Pacific at Nevada, 9 p.m.
Long Beach St. at Pepperdine, 9 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 9 p.m.
Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Indiana St., 6 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m.
DePaul at Drake, 7 p.m.
Yale at Illinois, 7 p.m.
Holy Cross at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Coppin St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
UNLV at Wichita St., 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.

EAST

Niagara at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Dartmouth at Maine, 6 p.m.
Columbia at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Marist, 6 p.m.
Temple at Penn, 6 p.m.
Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Siena, 6 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Idaho at Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Stephen F Austin at TCU, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Warren Wilson at Coastal Carolina, 3 p.m.
Michigan St. at Davidson, 5 p.m.
Morgan St. at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Loyola NO at McNeese St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Wyoming at Denver, 1 p.m.
N. Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Creighton at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Butler, 6 p.m.
DePaul at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Akron at Valparaiso, 6 p.m.
Radford at Xavier, 6 p.m.
Midland at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.

EAST

Vermont at Dartmouth, 11 a.m.
Lafayette at Wagner, 4 p.m.
Hartford at Boston College, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Boston U., 6 p.m.
UConn at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Mid.-Eastern Shore at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Saint Peter's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
NJIT at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Siena at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Providence, 6 p.m.
Iona at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Yale at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Fordham at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
Coppin St at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Temple, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at UMass, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.

Polls

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	765	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	678	5
6. Texas	7-0	639	6
7. Oregon State	6-0	600	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	538	10
9. Florida State	7-1	498	14
10. Mississippi State	6-1	482	9
11. Duke	7-2	413	13
12. Stanford	6-1	408	15
13. Ohio State	5-3	407	12
14. Northwestern	8-0	390	16
15. Tennessee	6-2	381	8
16. Texas A&M	7-2	344	11
17. DePaul	6-2	265	18
18. Oklahoma	7-1	241	22
19. Iowa	8-1	171	24
20. South Florida	5-2	156	23
21. California	6-2	145	17
22. Miami	10-0	118	
23. Michigan State	5-2	98	20
24. Arizona State	4-3	78	19
25. Syracuse	5-2	64	25

Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 55, Princeton 41, UCLA 39, Nebraska 26, Missouri 22, St. John's 20, Dayton 19, Oregon 16, Georgia 13, Florida 8, Oklahoma State 8, George Washington 6, Virginia Tech 6, Auburn 4, Washington 4, Boston College 3, Idaho 2, Army 1, BYU 1

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	764	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	686	5
6. Texas	7-0	666	6
7. Oregon St.	6-0	598	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	533	11
9. Mississippi St.	6-1	523	9
10. Ohio St.	5-3	503	10
11. Florida St.	7-1	480	13
12. Northwestern	8-0	418	15
13. Duke	7-2	386	14
14. Stanford	6-1	382	16
15. Texas A&M	6-2	356	12
16. Tennessee	6-2	354	8
17. Oklahoma	7-1	284	21
18. DePaul	6-2	189	22
19. Syracuse	5-2	130	20
20. UCLA	4-2	121	24
21. South Florida	5-2	115	24
22. California	6-2	109	18
23. Iowa	8-1	97	19
24. Arizona St.	4-3	95	17
25. Michigan St.	5-2	92	23

Others receiving votes: Miami 78, St. John's 58, Seton Hall 46, Missouri 40, Georgia 37, Virginia Tech 34, Southern Cal 28, Princeton 19, Oklahoma St. 10, Nebraska 8, VCU 6, Florida 4, Purdue 4, BYU 2, Idaho 1, Louisville 1, Oregon 1.

LADY REBELS

From 1C

points.

Additionally, Edwards notched four steals to lead a Lee backcourt that pestered the Lady Knight ball handlers with their pressure

"The pressure part starts with Alaysha (Green) and Braydyn (Hill), our point guards," Lewis said. "They are really quick and fast so they're able to stick with the point guards. Then our off-guards, Allison (Valdez) and Karysa, they're able to read those passing lanes really well."

This season Lee has relied on a variety of its players to contribute in many facets, and that was the case again Tuesday as all 10 players scored and eight of 10 Lady Rebels players registered at least one assist.

Cunneen was impressed with their depth.

"They're so athletic," Cunneen said. "That's tough to play against. They are athletic in every position and she can play 10 kids, which was a great advantage."

"I want to thank Monica for giving us a game," Cunneen added. "I just appreciate good competition and I think games like this will help prepare us for when our season really counts in district and playoffs."

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REBELS

From 1C

Still, Lee found a way to compete, as it became much more aggressive from the second quarter on.

After going down by 15 points after the first quarter, the Rebels opened the second frame on a 9-0 run to pull within 24-17. But even as shots started the fall for Lee, it had difficulty getting stops at key junctures on the defensive end.

Cooper shooters stepped into an array of wide open jump shots and made Lee defenders pay for not closing out hard. Overall, Lee played a mediocre first half but found itself down just 38-29 going into the locker rooms.

"There were a lot of breakdowns defensively," Packer said. "We were trading baskets. We have understand that getting stops, taking care of the defensive end of the floor (is important)."

Trailing, 60-51, entering the final quarter, Lee's energy and effort continued at its peak but its offense nearly disappeared. Lee managed just eight points in the final eight minutes of play, as a lid seemed to cover the Rebel basket.

The Rebels got to within 65-59 with just under four minutes to play, but the Cougars were able to pull away with a late 8-0 run.

Before fouling out with 6:02 left in the game, James Lydia chipped in 12 points for the Rebels. Avery Chambers added 15 — all from behind the 3-point line.

Jonathan Doss posted a team-high 22 points for Cooper. He made nine of his 10 shots in the game.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 110 ROCKETS 105

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 24 points, Joe Johnson had 22, and Brooklyn beat Houston to sweep the season series for the first time in 14 years.

Thaddeus Young finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who have recorded two of their six victories this season against Houston. Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points in place of injured rookie Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 32 points for the Rockets, who fell behind by 18 points and got quiet nights from stars James Harden and Dwight Howard. Corey Brewer had 22 in extended minutes after starting forward Trevor Ariza was lost to a bruised lower back after 4 minutes.

WARRIORS 131 PACERS 123

INDIANAPOLIS — Klay Thompson scoring a season-high 39 points, Stephen Curry had 29 points, seven rebounds and 10 assists, and the Golden State Warriors extended their perfect start with a 131-123 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Warriors improved to 23-0. They have won 27 straight dating to last season, tying the 2012-13 Heat for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

CAVALIERS 105 TRAIL BLAZERS 100

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 33 points and 10 rebounds, and the Cavaliers rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit to get the win.

Kevin Love added 18 points, and a second-half lineup adjustment by coach David Blatt helped Cleveland break a three-game losing streak.

James, who didn't play Saturday in Miami to rest, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer and a three-point play down the stretch. He shot 14 for 24 from the field.

Damian Lillard scored 33 points for Portland, which blew a late lead Monday in Milwaukee and appeared to run out of gas as Cleveland came back in the second half.

THUNDER 125 GRIZZLIES 86

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City, and Russell Westbrook added 13 points while matching his season high with 16 assists.

The Thunder built the lead to 35 through three quarters and coasted to their second straight win.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	9	.591	—
Boston	12	12	.571	1½
New York	10	12	.455	3
Brooklyn	9	15	.286	6½
Philadelphia	1	21	.045	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	7	.632	—
Charlotte	12	8	.600	½
Atlanta	13	9	.591	½
Orlando	11	9	.550	1½
Washington	9	10	.474	3
Central Division				
Cleveland	14	7	.667	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	1½
Indiana	12	10	.600	1½
Detroit	12	10	.545	2½
Milwaukee	9	13	.409	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	4	.826	—
Dallas	13	9	.591	5
Memphis	12	10	.545	6
Houston	10	12	.455	8
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	13	8	.619	—
Utah	9	9	.500	2½
Minnesota	9	12	.400	4½
Portland	9	14	.391	5
Denver	8	13	.381	5
Pacific Division				
Golden State	23	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	12	9	.571	10
Phoenix	9	13	.409	13½
Sacramento	7	15	.318	15½
L.A. Lakers	3	19	.143	19

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland 105, Portland 100

Golden State 131, Indiana 123
Brooklyn 110, Houston 105
Oklahoma City 125, Memphis 86
Orlando at Denver, late
Utah at Sacramento, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

GOLF

Asia Tour: Thailand Golf Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF

European LPGA: Omega Dubai Masters, 2nd Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m., FS1

Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m., FS1

UMES at Michigan State, 6 p.m., BTN

Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m., SEC

Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m., CBSSN

UNLV at Wichita State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m., ESPNU

UT Martin at Texas Tech, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Utah State at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., BTN

Fresno State at Arizona, 8 p.m., P12/P12 AZ

Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m., P12/P12 BAY

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Bayer Leverkusen vs Barcelona, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Olympiacos vs Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Chelsea vs Porto, 1:30 p.m., FSN/ES-PNDEP

UEFA Champions: AS Roma vs BATE Borisov, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2

UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

Copa Sudamericana: Independiente Santa Fe vs CA Huracan, 6 p.m., FXDEP

Club World Cup: Sanfrecce (Japan) vs Auckland (New Zealand), 4:30 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

NBA

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN/FSSW

NHL

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m., NBCSN

RODEO

Wrangler National Finals, 9 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S HANDBALL

World Championship: Hungary vs Denmark, 1 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

NBA

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

BASKETBALL POLL

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
First place votes in parentheses

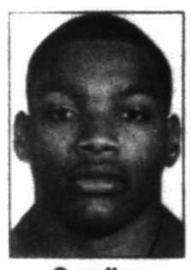
Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs
1	Hutchinson CC (11)	14-0	340	1
2.	Trinity Valley CC (8)	14-1	339	2
3	Northwest Florida State	11-1	324	3
4	Georgia Highlands	12-1	298	6
5	Hill College	11-1	289	5
6	John A. Logan	12-0	285	7
7	Palm Beach State	8-0	262	8
8	Gillette	13-0	247	9
9	Connors State	12-1	224	12
10	Moberly Area	10-1	204	10
11	McLennan CC	13-1	203	14
12	Iowa Western	11-1	187	15
13	North Idaho	11-0	186	17
14	Eastern Florida State	10-1	182	18
15	Seward County	12-1	129	23
16	Indian Hills	10-2	122	19
17	Mineral Area	11-1	116	RV
18	Daytona State	11-2	98	4
19	Holmes	7-1	93	13
20	Three Rivers CC	12-2	87	11
21.	Odessa College	11-2	58	RV
22.	Arizona Western	10-2	48	24
23.	Harcum College	8-1	44	RV
24.	Kilgore College	11-1	30	NR
25.	Blinn College	10-1	27	RV

Among others receiving votes: Midland College 13-2

NFL NEWS

ANTWAN GOODLEY SIGNS WITH SEAHAWKS

The Seattle Seahawks have signed Midland High grad and former Baylor wide receiver standout Antwan Goodley to the practice squad.



Goodley

ESPN NFL insider Adam Caplan first reported it and Goodley confirmed the signing in a text with the Reporter-Telegram. Goodley had worked out with the Seahawks on Monday.

After a stellar career at Baylor, where he earned All-American honors after his junior year, Goodley signed with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent. However, it was reported that Goodley battled a hamstring injury during preseason, and he was cut just before the season started.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Extended their working agreement with Delmarva (SAL) through the 2018 season.

BOSTON RED SOX — Assigned RHP Roman Mendez outright to Pawtucket (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Mark Lowe on a two-year contract.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a six-year contract. Designated RHP A.J. Schugel for assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with RHP John Lackey on a two-year contract and INF Ben Zobrist on a four-year contract. Traded INF Starlin Castro to the New York Yankees for RHP Adam Warren and a player to be named.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Jason Motte and Chad Qualls on two-year contracts.

MIAMI MARLINS — Claimed LHP Mike Strong off waivers from Milwaukee.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned LHP Joely Rodriguez outright to Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Traded OF Jon Jay to San Diego for 2B Jedd Gyorko and cash.

Frontier League

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF Justin Byrd to Schaumburg for a player to be named.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Traded UT Ozney Guillen to Sioux Falls (AA) for a player to be named.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Derek DeYoung.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Dyllon Nuernberg.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned F James Ennis to Iowa (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned Fs Carl Landry and Christian Wood to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Tampa Bay LB Kwon Alexander for the final four games of the regular season without pay for violating the NFL policy on performance-enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed OL Earl Watford on injured reserve. Signed S D.J. Swearinger from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Waived-injured DT Ricky Hawk-Heimuli. Released CB T.J. Heath from the practice squad. Signed S Terrance Parks to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Waived LB Zach Thompson.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released TE Matthew Mulligan. Signed TE Nick O'Leary from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed TE Martellus Bennett on injured reserve. Released QB Justin Worley from the practice squad. Signed TE Rob Housler. Signed QB Matt Blanchard to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed FB Malcolm Johnson on injured reserve. Released DB Kendall James from the practice squad. Re-signed OL Darrian Miller. Signed TE Connor Hamlett and DB Tim Scott to the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Waived QB Christian Ponder.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released DB Kyle Sebetic from the practice squad. Signed WR Jamel Johnson and RB Ross Scheuerman to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed S Antone Exum Jr. on injured reserve. Waived DE Justin Trattou. Signed S Shaun Prater. Signed S Anthony Harris from the practice squad and LB Terrance Plummer to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived CB Rashaan Melvin. Released TE Joseph Fauria from the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed LS Zak DeOssie and TE Larry Donnell on injured reserve. Signed LS Danny Aiken. Signed CB Tramain Jacobs from the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed DE Mike Catapano on injured reserve. Signed S Ronald Martin from the practice squad and TE Brandon Bostick to the practice squad.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed FB/RB Jamize Olawale to a three-year contract extension.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed TE Garrett Celek on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Shayne Skov to a two-year contract.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed S Trenton Robinson on injured reserve.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Paul LaPolice offensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Tyler Ganly from Charlotte (AHL) to Florida (ECHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — F Pascal Dupuis announced his retirement.

American Hockey League

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Returned D Shayne Taker to Utah (ECHL).

ECHL

BRAMPTON BEAST — Released G Sean Bonar.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Phil Bronner.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released G Brent Troyan as emergency backup. Signed G Matt Zenzola.

INDY FUEL — Signed F Tim Hall.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Released G Zac Guercia as emergency backup. Signed G Doug Carr.

TOLEDO WALLEYE — Released G Dustin Carlson. Released G Josh Unice as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FC — Named John Thorrington executive vice president of soccer operations.

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — D/M Lori Chalupny announced her retirement.

COLLEGE

BIG EAST CONFERENCE — Added Liberty and Quinnipiac as affiliate members for field hockey.

COLORADO STATE — Agreed in terms with football coach Larry Eustachy on a one-year contract extension through the 2019-20 season.

EASTERN KENTUCKY — Named Mark Elder football coach.

JACKSONVILLE — Named Ian Shields football coach.

MEMPHIS — Named Dan Lanning defensive assistant coach.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/11

Pajarito — Tue Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 10-10 base 3 of 44 trails 7% open, 1 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Fri Reopen 12/11 machine groomed 25-30 base 11 of 57 trails 19% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/19

Sipapu — Mon 6:05 am machine groomed 18-19 base 20 of 42 trails, 48% open 80 acres, 4 of 6 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Tue 6:01 am machine groomed 9-27 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Mon 8:48 am variable machine groomed 36-38 base 77 of 79 trails 97% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Reopen 12/10 21-21 base Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Tue 7:46 am packed powder machine groomed 25-35 base 38 of 109 trails 26% open, 299 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/12

Aspen Mountain — Tue 4:19 am packed powder machine groomed 18-20 base 53 of 76 trails 70% open, 529 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Tue 5:27 am packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 89 of 150 trails 59% open, 1063 acres, 16 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Breckenridge — Tue 5:01 am machine groomed 24-24 base 40 of 187 trails 21% open, 803 acres, 10 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/12

Cooper — Mon Reopen 12/12 packed powder machine groomed 14-20 base Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Sat/Sun

Copper Mountain — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 25-30 base 80 of 140 trails 36% open, 560 acres, 8 of 23 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Tue 11:24 am packed powder machine groomed 25-25 base 33 of 121 trails 32% open, 200 acres, 5 of 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Echo Mountain — Plan to Open 12/10

Eldora — Tue 10:06 am variable machine groomed 25-25 base 30 of 53 trails, 60% open 5 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Keystone — Tue 5:29 am machine groomed 23-23 base 79 of 191 trails 40% open, 2310 acres, 18 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Tue 6:30 am packed powder machine groomed 26-26 base 22 of 93 trails, 24% open 504 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

D-Backs adding Miller behind Greinke; Cubs nab Zobrist

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In another dramatic move to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2011, the Arizona Diamondbacks reached an agreement Tuesday to acquire All-Star right-hander Shelby Miller from the Atlanta Braves for overall No. 1 draft pick Dansby Swanson, and two other prospects.

Arizona, which finalized a $206.5 million, six-year contract with major league ERA leader Zack Greinke earlier in the day, also would send outfielder Ender Inciarte and pitching prospect Aaron Blair to the Braves, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press. The Diamondbacks would acquire minor league left-hander Gabe Speier as part of the trade. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade was pending approval of medical records.

Greinke is set to anchor a new-look rotation that also could include Patrick Corbin, Rubby De La Rosa and Robbie Ray.

"We're counting on his mentorship with our other pitchers and being a part of helping their growth," Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart said.

The Cubs also made some major moves. They agreed to a $56 million, four-year contract with infielder Ben Zobrist, who also was sought by the New York Mets, who swept Chicago in the NL Championship Series.

Zobrist figures to replace second baseman Starlin Castro, dealt to the New York Yankees on Tuesday night for right-hander Adam Warren and a player to be named, likely infielder Brendan Ryan.

Chicago also finalized a $32 million, two-year contract with 37-year-old right-hander John Lackey, who slots in as the Cubs' third starter behind Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester.

In the day's other trade, the St. Louis Cardinals acquired infielder Jedd Gyorko and from the San Diego Padres for outfielder Jon Jay. San Diego will pay St. Louis $7.5 million to cover part of the $33 million remaining on Gyorko's contract.

The 27-year-old Gyorko hit .247 with 16 homers and 57 RBIs this year, spending time at second base, shortstop and first base. He has a .236 average in three big league seasons with 49 homers and 171 RBIs.

Also:

■ Atlanta agreed to a $5.3 million, two-year contract with catcher Tyler Flowers, a person familiar with that deal said, also speaking on condition of anonymity because there had not been an announcement.

■ Detroit finalized an $11 million, two-year contract with reliever Mark Lowe.

■ Colorado agreed to two-year deals with a pair of relievers, guaranteeing Jason Motte $10 million and Chad Qualls $6 million.

Police: Case involving pitcher Chapman is closed

By Freida Frisaro
Associated Press

MIAMI — Police say there was "insufficient evidence" to charge Cincinnati Reds closer Aroldis Chapman in a domestic disturbance incident between the pitcher and his girlfriend at his South Florida home, and they've closed the investigation.

But the matter appears to have put on hold a proposed trade sending Chapman to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Joe Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, said Tuesday that there is no timetable in making a decision on Chapman's status under the league's new domestic violence policy. He said the league first learned of the incident late Monday.

The Davie Police Department released its report on the Oct. 30 incident Tuesday. It cites conflicting stories and a lack of cooperating witnesses and says there were no physical injuries.

According to the report, police arrived at the home in the Fort Lauderdale suburb after getting a call about a domestic incident. They spoke to Cristina Barnea, 22, who told officers that Chapman pushed her, put his hands around her neck and "choked" her during an argument in the theater at the pitcher's home. She said that the argument was broken up by family members and that Chapman had left the house.

Barnea told police that she heard gunshots a short time later and went outside and hid in the bushes until she could make contact with police. She left the couple's infant daughter inside the home.

Police say in the report that they interviewed Chapman, who said the argument had happened during a party. He said he poked Barnea on the shoulder, telling her not to "talk to him like that." He said she fell to the ground, yelling.

Chapman told investigators that Barnea's brother pushed him to the ground. Chapman said he got up, left the house, and got into the passenger seat of a 2015 Land Rover with his friend. Chapman said he punched the passenger window with his left fist, creating a laceration on the knuckle of his left pinky. At that point, he told investigators, he got his pistol from the glove box and locked himself in his garage. He fired seven rounds into a concrete wall and fired one round through a window before tossing the pistol aside.

Police said Chapman refused to give a sworn statement or sign an affidavit of the complaint. He signed a consent order allowing officers to search his garage.

Officers said Barnea collected her belongings and left the home.

On Nov. 3, investigators contacted Barnea's brother Dany Barnea, who also refused to provide a statement about the incident. The officer asked for his sister's phone number, but he refused to provide the number.

Davie police spokesman Dale Engle said the investigation is closed "pending any new evidence."

Sharp's late power-play goal helps Stars beat Hurricanes

Associated Press

DALLAS — Patrick Sharp scored on the power play with 19 seconds remaining, and the Dallas Stars beat the Carolina Hurricanes 6-5 on Tuesday night.

Sharp took a pass from John Klingberg above the right faceoff circle and sent a slapshot off Carolina goalie Eddie Lack and into the net.

The Hurricanes had rallied with four third-period goals to tie the score with 6:43 remaining.

Dallas' Jamie Benn scored his league-leading 19th goal and added three assists. He combined with linemantes Tyler Seguin (goal, 3 assists) and Valeri Nichuskin (goal, 2 assists) for three goals and eight assists. Patrick Eaves and Johnny Oduya also scored, and Klingberg also had three assists.

Justin Faulk had two goals, and Jacob Slavin, Phillip Di Giuseppe and Jeff Skinner also scored for Carolina.

NHL ends draft pick compensation for signing coaches, execs

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The NHL eliminated its policy Tuesday that allowed teams to seek compensation when other franchises hired away a coach or executive under contract.

Commissioner Gary Bettman told the Board of Governors that as of Jan. 1, the league will revert to its old policy that gave teams the right to grant or deny permission to other franchises to talk to coaches and executives under contract.

"I think on balance, it just wasn't worth the debate, the confusion, the uncertainty that flowed from it," Bettman said. "Frankly, I thought the old policy worked very well. ... One of the caveats that I put into place when I agreed to implement the revised policy a year ago was if there are any problems with this we will scrap it and go back to what we had. That ultimately happened."

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly gave a report on the history of the policy and how it worked for 10 years and what happened this past year with the change.

Bettman then asked the governors if there were any questions or comments and then said he was changing the policy back.

"I think people, having heard the presentation and seen the experience over the last year, decided that what we had that worked well for 10 years roughly was probably the best way to go," Bettman said.

The league had a one-year trial run that allowed either a second- or third-round pick to be given as compensation for coaches and executives under contract even if they had been fired.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	28	19	6	3	41	94	69
Detroit	28	15	8	5	35	73	72
Ottawa	28	15	8	5	35	90	83
Boston	28	14	9	3	31	85	75
Florida	28	13	11	4	30	77	70
Tampa Bay	28	13	12	3	29	66	65
Buffalo	28	11	14	3	25	67	78
Toronto	28	10	13	5	25	64	76

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	28	19	5	2	40	82	57
N.Y. Rangers	28	18	7	3	39	80	58
N.Y. Islanders	29	18	8	3	39	82	70
New Jersey	28	14	10	4	32	71	69
Pittsburgh	28	14	10	2	30	61	62
Philadelphia	28	11	11	6	28	57	76
Carolina	28	10	14	4	24	64	87
Columbus	29	11	16	2	24	68	84

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	21	5	2	44	99	75
St. Louis	28	16	9	4	36	72	68
Chicago	28	15	9	4	34	76	70
Minnesota	28	14	7	5	33	70	64
Nashville	28	14	9	5	33	73	75
Winnipeg	28	13	13	2	28	76	85
Colorado	28	12	15	1	25	77	81

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	27	18	8	1	37	71	57
San Jose	28	14	12	0	28	70	68
Vancouver	29	10	11	8	28	77	81
Arizona	28	13	14	1	27	75	89
Anaheim	28	11	12	5	27	55	68
Edmonton	28	11	15	2	24	71	82
Calgary	26	10	14	2	22	65	94

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

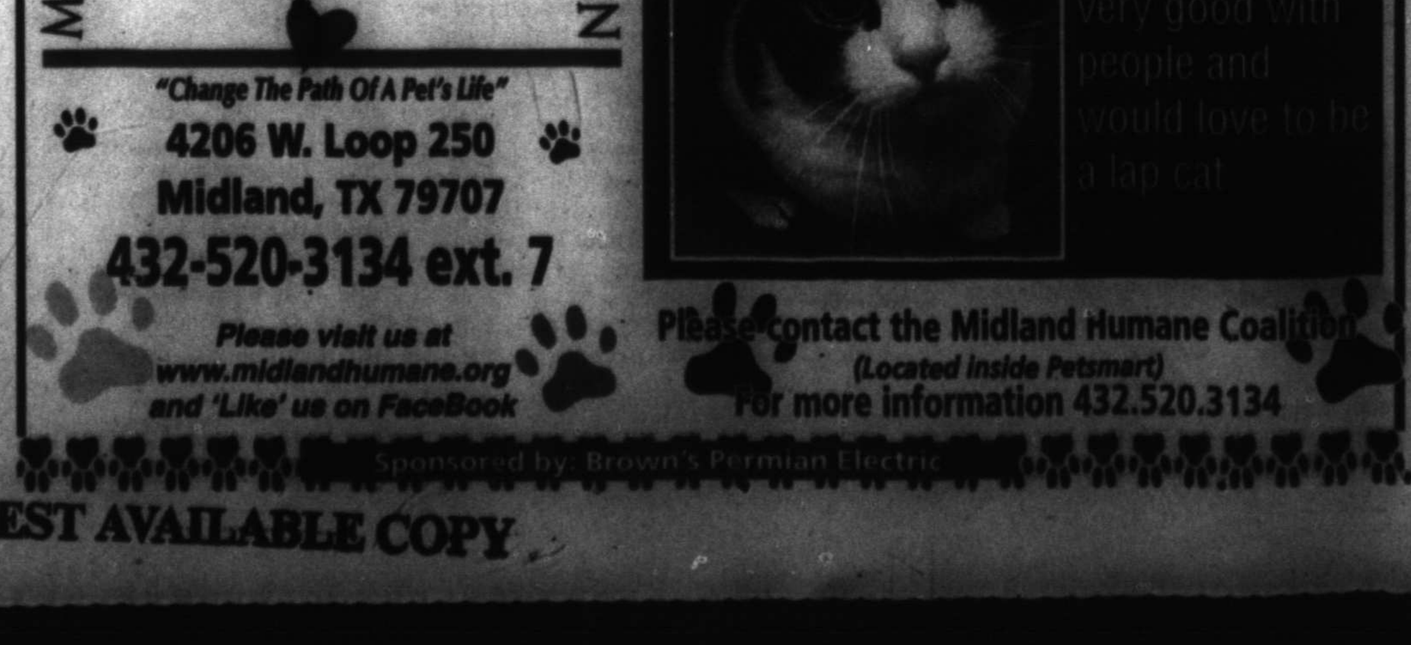
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Toronto 3, New Jersey 2, SO
Los Angeles 3, Columbus 2, OT
Ottawa 4, Florida 2
St. Louis 4, Arizona 1
Chicago 4, Nashville 1
Dallas 6, Carolina 5
San Jose at Calgary, late

Today's Games

Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Calgary, 8 p.m.



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HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS 42 AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

The Midland High girls basketball team held off Amarillo Palo Duro for a non-district victory at the MHS gym on Tuesday.

MHS was up 33-25 after three quarters before Palo Duro (8-4) went on a 14-9 run in the fourth.

Claire Lancaster led MHS (6-5) with 15 points and was the only Lady Bulldog in double figures.

MHS will next play in the Oilman's Tournament and will host El Paso Andress at 6 p.m. Thursday in the MHS gym.

MHS 42, AMARILLO PALO DURO 39

Palo Duro (8-4) — Telford 9, Lewis 17, Rivers 19, Cano 2, Gibson 2

MHS (6-5) — Amber Salcido 7, Quay Webster 2, Alexis Washington 4, Alexandrea Washington 6, Katie Jones 4, Rylee Rushton 4, Claire Lancaster 15

Palo Duro	10	7	8	14—39
MHS	9	11	13	9—42

Free throws — APD 8-10, MHS 5-10. 3-point goals — APD 3 (Lewis 3), MHS 3 (Salcido, Alexandrea Washington 2). Total fouls — APD 8, MHS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: El Paso Andress at Midland High at Oilman's Tournament, 6 p.m. Thursday

GREENWOOD 79 SNYDER 25

SNYDER — No. 24-ranked Greenwood raced out to a 38-9 halftime lead over Snyder en route to a 54-point victory on Tuesday night.

Sophomore point guard Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (10-7) with 14 points.

Layne Banks scored 11 points for GHS, while teammates Natalee Karcher and Callie Rose Gilbert each chipped in with 10 points.

Greenwood hosts Midland Classical at 6 p.m. Friday in a non-district affair.

NO. 24 GREENWOOD 79, SNYDER 25

Greenwood (10-7) — Caity Payne 14, Madison Ulzak 6, Reagan Shanks 2, Natalee Karcher 10, Blaike Thompson 2, Layne Banks 11, Sydnee Jordan 6, Ariana Leyva 4, Cylie Mebane 6, Faith Duran 8, Callie Rose Gilbert 10

Snyder — Benitez 2, Pierce 3, Escobedo 3, Garcia 5, Hunter 4, Conner 8

Greenwood	19	19	21	20—79
Snyder	5	4	9	7—25

Free throws — GHS 8-10, SHS 10-17. 3-point goals — GHS 5 (Payne 2, Duran 2, Banks). SHS 1 (Garcia). Total fouls — GHS 17, Snyder 8. Fouled out — Garcia.

Next: Midland Classical at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

GARDEN CITY 89 WATER VALLEY 31

WATER VALLEY — No. 3-ranked Garden City got off to a great start in District 14-1A play with a blowout win over Water Valley.

Hope Halfmann had a game-high 20 points, Payton Hastings had 16, Kortney Halfmann had 14, and Madison Hastings and Carlie Hollingsworth each had 11 for the Lady Kats (7-1, 1-0).

Garden City next plays Coahoma on Thursday in Stanton's Hooptown Tournament.

NO. 3 GARDEN CITY 89, WATER VALLEY 31

Garden City (7-1, 1-0 in District 14-1A) — Hope Halfmann 20, Bethany Thomas 5, Kortney Halfmann 14, Payton Hastings 16, Madison Hastings 11, Carlie Hollingsworth 11, Alicia Gutierrez 8, Ashlyn Koenning 4

Water Valley (0-1 in district) — Addie York 4, Audrie Ierrero 1, M. Shepard 5, C. Shepard 8, K. Willborn 2, K. Jordan 11, T

Garden City	21	30	16	22—89
Water Valley	8	7	6	9—31

Free throws — GC 13-21, WV 10-20. 3-point goals — GC 6 (H.Halfmann 4, Metscheit 1, Koenning 1), WV 1 (York).

Next game: Garden City vs Coahoma at Stanton's Hooptown Tournament, Thursday

TRINITY 47 GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

GRANDFALLS — Rebecca Young scored 27 points to propel Trinity to a 10-point road win on Tuesday night.

The Lady Chargers (3-3) stormed out to a 13-2 lead after one quarter and held onto at least a nine-point lead after every period thereafter.

TRINITY 47, GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 37

Trinity (3-3) — Julia Sharum 5, Reagan Long 5, Rebecca Young 27, Karoline Watson 7, Isabella Garriga 2, Maggie Morrow 1

Grandfalls-Royalty — Holguin 3, Rodriguez 2, Gurado 5, Dunez 4, Vasquez 15, Stauffer 8

Trinity	13	12	12	10—47
Grandfalls	2	14	9	12—37

Free throws — Trinity 7-17, Grandfalls-Royalty 7-18. 3-point goals — Trinity 4 (Long, Young 2, Watson 1). Grandfalls-Royalty 2 (Gurado, Dunez). Total fouls — Trinity 15, Grandfalls-Royalty 14. Fouled out — Dunez. Technical fouls — Dunez.

Next: Ira at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

Boys

LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73 MIDLAND HIGH 59

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Estacado, the No. 12-ranked team in Class 5A, defeated Midland High in non-district action on Tuesday.

Estacado had a 49-42 lead after three quarters but the Matadors used a 24-17 run in the fourth to put the game away.

Davorian Defell led MHS with 13 points and Jamel Jones added 11 for the Bulldogs (2-7).

MHS next hosts San Antonio Roosevelt in the Tall City Oilman's Invitational at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NO. 12 LUBBOCK ESTACADO 73, MIDLAND HIGH 59

Midland High (2-7) — Javorian Grimes 7, Shawn Rivers 7, Davevone Bass 5, Tyree Young 2, Jamel Jones 11, Kendricks 1, Camran Rock 7, Julen Childress 3, Andrew Norwood 2, Davorian Defell 13, DeAndre Springer 1

Estacado — Zach Harms 3, Cobb 7, Wallis 6, Thomas 7, Jennings 23, Johnson 17, McElveen 2, Wright 6

MHS	17	9	15	17—59
Estacado	16	15	16	24—73

Free throws — MHS 10-19, EHS 9-26. 3-point goals — MHS 5 (Rivers, Bass, Rocks 2, Childress), EHS 2 (Jennings 2). Total fouls — MHS 14, EHS 15. Fouled out — Rivers.

Next: San Antonio Roosevelt at Midland High at Tall City Oilman's Invitational, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

BROWNFIELD 72 GREENWOOD 43

BROWNFIELD — Leading 15-13 after one quarter, Brownfield broke away from visiting Greenwood behind a lopsided 18-2 run in the second period.

Tyler Elliott scored 10 points, the only Rangers player in double figures.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Greenwood (2-9) continues play versus Whitehouse in the Burkburnett Tournament.

BROWNFIELD 72, GREENWOOD 43

Greenwood (2-9) — Sammy Magallan 7, Tyler Ellison 2, Tino Madrid 7, Tyler James 6, Fabian Madrid 5, Kelley Cooper 3, Seth Keeton 3, Tyler Elliott 10

Brownfield — Saenz 8, Cervantesz 9, Ramirez 3, Siller 10, Quintanilla 2, Griffin 13, Nolan 8, McCrary 13, Kyle 6

Greenwood	13	2	10	18—43
Brownfield	15	18	22	17—72

Free throws — GHS 15-19, BHS 4-5. 3-point goals — GHS 4 (Magallan, James, Keeton, Elliott). BHS 6 (Cervantez, Siller 2, Griffin, McCrary 2). Total fouls — GHS 12, BHS 18. Fouled out — None.

Next: Greenwood vs. Whitehouse, 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Burkburnett Tournament

MCA 75 ODESSA NEW WAY 71

No. 6-ranked Midland Classical outlasted Odessa New Way in a hotly contested non-district game at MCA on Tuesday night.

Marshall McCray led the Knights (9-2) with 24 points, while Garrett Sparks contributed with 18 in the win.

MCA will face Wink at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Crane Tournament.

NO. 6 MCA 75, ODESSA NEW WAY 71

New Way — Steven 10, Ty 3, Camron 29, Elyak 12, Ryan 8, Zephanish 2, Tahj 7

MCA (9-2) — Garrett Sparks 18, Heath Gladson 10, Blake Gladson 10, Marshall McCray 24, Cole Miller 3, Cannon Echols 2, Kevin Giffin 4, Josh Rabe 3

New Way	20	11	18	22—71
MCA	16	21	14	24—75

Free throws — New Way 9-13, MCA 16-24. 3-point goals — New Way 10 (Ty, Camron 3, Elyak 4, Tahj 2), MCA 3 (H. Gladson 2, Miller). Total fouls — New Way 21, MCA 10. Fouled out — Ryan.

Next: MCA vs. Wink, 1:30 p.m. Friday in Crane Tournament

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71 MONAHANS 70

MONAHANS — Daniel Venzant scored a game-high 33 points to lead Midland Christian to close road victory over Monahans.

The teams were tied at 51 after three quarters before MCS (10-3) outscored the Lobos 20-19 in the final period.

Westin Elliott added 11 points for the Mustangs.

David Birdwell had 17, Eddie Tarango had 14, Marcus Montez had 13 and Malik Jackson added 12 for Monahans.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 71, MONAHANS 70

MCS (10-3) — Daniel Venzant 33, Bryce Waters 6, Jordan Riley 9, Colton Snively 8, Westin Elliott 11, Luke Watson 2.

Monahans — Michael Smith 8, David Birdwell 17, Marcus Montez 13, Rowin Williams 6, Eddie Tarango 14, Malik Jackson 12

MCS	13	12	25	20—71
Monahans	16	22	13	19—70

Free throws — MCS 19-23, MHS 13-28. 3-point goals — MCS 5 (Venzant 2, Waters 2, Elliott), MHS 5 (Smith, Birdwell 2, Montez 3). Total fouls — MCS 18, MHS 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Lubbock High at Abilene Wylie Tournament, 4 p.m. Thursday

MILES 51 STANTON 50

STANTON — Miles edged Stanton in a non-district game at Stanton High School on Tuesday.

Tristan Graves had a game-high 30 points in the loss, while Esteban Escamilla added 10 for the Buffaloes (2-6).

Stanton next hosts the Hooptown Tournament beginning on Thursday.

MILES 50, STANTON 50

Miles — Owens 14, Krugler 24, Gutierrez 5, Hedden 8

Stanton (2-6) — Colby Gordon 4, Austin Fryar 6, Esteban Escamilla 10, Tristan Graves 30

Miles	13	14	14	10—51
Stanton	11	15	10	14—50

Free throws — Miles 4-15, Stanton 8-14. 3-point goals — Miles 3 (Owens 2, Hedden), Stanton 4 (Graves 4). Total fouls — Miles 15, Stanton 17. Fouled out — None.

Next: Stanton at Hooptown Tournament, Thursday, Stanton

GRADY 61 GARDEN CITY 44

GARDEN CITY — No. 2-ranked Grady defeated Garden City in a non-district game on Tuesday.

Tanner Davis had a game-high 26 for the Bearkats (2-2).

Grady (7-1) was led by Short's 24, Kyle Garza had 14 and Braeden Jones added 11.

NO. 2 GRADY 61, GARDEN CITY 44

Grady (7-1) — Short 24, Kyle Garza 14, Braeden Jones 11, Alejandro Jimenez 5, Cole Avery 4, Boydston 3

Garden City (2-2) — Tanner Davis 26, Ethan Goodwin 8, Scott Miller 5, Seth Miller 4, Riley Eggemeyer 1

Grady	13	15	18	15—61
Garden City	9	11	13	11—44

Free throws — Grady 14-19, GC 6-12. 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Garza 2, Jones, Short, Boydston), GC 4 (Goodwin, Scott Miller 2, Davis). Total fouls — Grady 16, GC 18. Fouled out — None.

Next game: Garden City vs. New Way at Crane Tournament, 2 p.m.

NCAAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 16 BAYLOR 75 NORTHWESTERN STATE 62

WACO — Rico Gathers scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, helping Baylor pull away for the win.

Gathers was 12 of 20 from the field in his fourth consecutive double-double and had a season high in rebounds, although it was well short of his career high of 28 against Huston-Tillotson last January. He had more rebounds than the Demons, who were beaten on the glass 47-18.

Taurean Prince, who scored 30 in a win over No. 21 Vanderbilt on Sunday, had 11 points and 13 rebounds in the 31st straight non-conference home win for the Bears (7-1).

Zeek Woodley scored 21 points for Northwestern State (1-7).

TEXAS 116 UTSA 50

AUSTIN — Cam Ridley scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Texas produced a season-high points while defeating Texas-San Antonio 116-50 Tuesday night.

The Longhorn center converted 9 of 12 shots — including five dunks — while postin, a season-best in scoring. He also made four blocks.

Freshman Tevin Mack added a season-high 17 points. Another freshman, Kerwin Roach, had a season-best performance with 14 points.

Texas (5-3) shot 64.7 percent, easily its most accurate game of the season.

George Matthews led Texas-San Antonio (1-8) with 12 points.

The Longhorns made a season-high 15 3-point baskets, reaching double figures in treys for the third time in the last four games.

Texas led 56-17 at halftime after making eight 3-point baskets. Freshman Eric Davis hit three of them in as many attempts. During one 17-second burst, Davis made a 3-pointer, stole the ball while the Longhorns applied coach Shaka Smart's renowned full-court pressure, and hit another trey.

Texas-San Antonio committed 24 turnovers

NO. 19 SMU MICHIGAN 58

DALLAS — Jordan Tolbert got most of his 23 points on rim-rattling slam dunks and had nine rebounds as No. 19 SMU stayed undefeated with an 82-58 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Nic Moore had 15 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers before assisting on consecutive dunks by Tolbert during a 13-2 run late in the first half that put the Mustangs (7-0) in total control. Tolbert had nine dunks and finished 11-of-12 shooting.

Keith Frazier also had 15 points for SMU, off to its best start since winning its first 10 games in 1997-98. Ben Moore and Sterling Brown each grabbed 10 rebounds.

The impressive start for the Mustangs comes in a season when they are banned from postseason play and coach Larry Brown still has two games left on a season-starting, nine-game suspension because of NCAA sanctions.

Duncan Robinson and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman each scored 15 points for Michigan (6-3), which had won four in a row since consecutive losses to Xavier and Connecticut in November.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Tuesday's scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 89, Evansville 76
Baylor 75, Northwestern St. 62
SMU 82, Michigan 58
Stephen F Austin 87, Henderson\ St. 54
Texas 116, UTSA 50
Texas-Arlington 97, Bradley 61
Tulsa 90, Iona 81

SOUTH

Chattanooga 91, Tenn. Wesleyan 63
Furman 79, Liberty 56
Georgetown (Ky.) 101, Washington Adventist 75
Georgia 74, Winthrop 64
Louisiana Tech 82, LSU-Shreveport 49
Miami 66, Florida 55
N. Iowa 73, George Mason 65
The Citadel 89, Voorhees 85
UCF 67, UMass 63

FAR WEST

Gonzaga 61, Montana 58
Grand Canyon 70, Southern U. 56

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 79, SE Missouri 52
E. Michigan 86, Rochester (Mich.) 58
Marquette 80, San Jose St. 62
Notre Dame 86, Stony Brook 61
Ohio St. 74, Air Force 50
Ripon 76, Beloit 58
S. Dakota St. 84, Minnesota 70
Sioux Falls 78, SW Minnesota St. 72
South Dakota 79, UMKC 70
St. Norbert 64, Lake Forest 61
Wis.-Oshkosh 89, Maranatha Baptist 44
Wis.-Platteville 67, Loras 62
Xavier 90, Wright St. 55

EAST

Army 77, Bryant 55
Bloomfield 76, Dominican (NY) 55
Duquesne 89, UMBC 70
Fordham 89, LIU Brooklyn 84, OT
George Washington 76, Penn St. 66
Harvard 75, Boston U. 69
John Jay 60, CCNY 58
Lehman (NY) York (NY) 65
Middlebury 96, Castleton 74
Mount St. Mary's 81, Bucknell 73
Old Westbury 88, Mount St. Mary (NY) 52
Philadelphia 59, Wilmington (Del.) 48
Rhode Island 67, Houston 57
Rutgers 75, CCSU 59
Saint Joseph's 82, Princeton 50
St. Bonaventure 80, Vermont 68
Staten Island 78, Baruch 59
Syracuse 78, Colgate 51
Towson 65, Loyola (Md.) 54
Virginia 70, West Virginia 54
W. New England 87, Roger Williams 79, OT
Wagner 65, Rider 64

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma Christian 91, S. Nazarene 76

SOUTH

Anderson (SC) 59, Tusculum 56
Belmont 86, Trevecca Nazarene 59
Charlotte 89, Coll. of Charleston 61
Georgia 77, Furman 39
Maryland 87, Loyola (Md.) 47
Pikeville 97, Midway 55
SE Missouri 84, Lipscomb 69
Virginia 68, Bowling Green 39

FAR WEST

Colorado St. 62, N. Colorado 46
Idaho St. 81, Utah St. 67
Nevada 57, San Francisco St. 51
Washington St. 55, Gonzaga 48

MIDWEST

Bradley 68, Kent St. 60
Concordia (Wis.) 70, Lakeland 44
Grand Canyon 76, N. Dakota St. 67
Illinois 78, S. Illinois 64
Indiana 53, Indiana St. 50
Indiana-East 108, WVU Tech 83
Lake Forest 58, St. Norbert 39
Mary 66, Valley City St. 42
Milwaukee Engineering 82, Edgewood 49
Nebraska 85, Evansville 40
North Dakota 78, W. Illinois 67
Northern St. (SD) 72, Dakota Wesleyan 64
Ripon 71, Beloit 68
Wis. Lutheran 71, Marian (Wis.) 51
Wright St. 107, Cincinnati Christian 44

EAST

Army 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 35
Bloomfield 53, Dominican (NY) 44
CCNY 52, John Jay 49
E. Michigan 65, Harvard 61
Goldey Beacom 81, Chestnut Hill 78
Lehman 78, York (NY) 48
Navy 77, Johns Hopkins 45
Old Westbury 71, Mount St. Mary (NY) 66
Penn St. 88, Youngstown St. 51
Philadelphia 79, Wilmington (Del.) 70
Pittsburgh 74, Mount St. Mary's 57
Princeton 81, Monmouth (NJ) 70
Staten Island 82, Baruch 54
UMBC 65, Bucknell 52
W. New England 63, Roger Williams 41
Washington & Jefferson 81, Thiel 50

Today's schedules

MEN

SOUTHWEST

John Brown at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.
UT Martin at Texas Tech, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

NC Wesleyan at Coastal Carolina, 5:30 p.m.
Campbell at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at High Point, 6 p.m.
E. Kentucky at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at Marshall, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Radford, 6 p.m.
McNeese St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7 p.m.
E. Washington at Davidson, 7:30 p.m.
Dayton at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Utah St. at BYU, 8 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Boise St., 8 p.m.
Ark.-Fort Smith at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Weber St. at Utah Valley, 8 p.m.
Fresno Pacific at Nevada, 8 p.m.
Long Beach St. at Pepperdine, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Incarnate Word at California, 10 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at Indiana St., 6 p.m.
Mid.-Eastern Illinois at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Howard at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Nebraska at Creighton, 7 p.m.
DePaul at Drake, 7 p.m.
Yale at Kent St., 7 p.m.
Holy Cross at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Coppin St. at Kansas St., 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Missouri, 7 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
UNLV at Wichita St., 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.

EAST

Niagara at St. John's, 4 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Dartmouth at Maine, 6 p.m.
Columbia at Manhattan, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Marist, 6 p.m.
Temple at Penn, 6 p.m.
Boston College at Providence, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Siena, 6 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Idaho at Texas Tech, 5:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at TCU, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Warren Wilson at Coastal Carolina, 3 p.m.
Michigan St. at Davidson, 5 p.m.
Morgan St. at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
Loyola NO at McNeese St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Wyoming at Denver, 1 p.m.
N. Arizona at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Creighton at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Cal St. Fullerton, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

IPFW at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Butler, 6 p.m.
DePaul at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
Akron at Valparaiso, 6 p.m.
Radford at Xavier, 6 p.m.
Midland at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.

EAST

Vermont at Dartmouth, 11 a.m.
Lafayette at Wagner, 4 p.m.
Hartford at Boston College, 6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Boston U., 6 p.m.
UConn at Colgate, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Duquesne, 6 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Saint Peter's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
NJIT at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Siena at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Providence, 6 p.m.
Iona at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Bonaventure, 6 p.m.
Yale at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Fordham at Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
Coppin St. at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Temple, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at UMass, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at UMass-Lowell, 6 p.m.

Polls

USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	765	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	710	4
5. Maryland	8-0	678	5
6. Texas	7-0	639	6
7. Oregon State	6-0	600	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	538	10
9. Florida State	7-1	498	14
10. Mississippi State	6-1	462	9
11. Duke	7-2	413	13
12. Stanford	6-1	408	15
13. Ohio State	5-3	407	12
14. Northwestern	8-0	390	16
15. Tennessee	6-2	381	8
16. Texas A&M	7-2	344	11
17. DePaul	6-2	265	18
18. Oklahoma	7-1	241	22
19. Iowa	8-1	171	24
20. South Florida	5-2	156	23
21. California	6-2	145	17
22. Miami	10-0	118	
23. Michigan State	5-2	98	20
24. Arizona State	4-3	78	19
25. Syracuse	5-2	64	25

Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 55, Princeton 41, UCLA 39, Nebraska 28, Missouri 22, St. John's 20, Dayton 19, Oregon 16, Georgia 13, Florida 8, Oklahoma State 8, George Washington 6, Virginia Tech 6, Auburn 4, Washington 4, Boston College 3, Idaho 2, Army 1, BYU 1.

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	6-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	8-0	764	2
3. Notre Dame	7-1	717	3
4. Baylor	9-0	716	4
5. Maryland	8-0	655	5
6. Texas	7-0	608	6
7. Oregon St.	6-0	599	7
8. Kentucky	7-0	533	11
9. Mississippi St.	6-1	522	9
10. Ohio St.	5-3	503	10
11. Florida St.	7-1	500	13
12. Northwestern	8-0	416	15
13. Duke	7-2	385	14
14. Stanford	6-1	382	16
15. Texas A&M	7-2	369	12
16. Tennessee	6-2	354	8
17. Oklahoma	7-1	284	21
18. DePaul	6-2	199	23
19. Syracuse	5-2	130	20
20. UCLA	4-2	121	24
21. South Florida	5-2	115	24
22. California	6-2	105	18
23. Iowa	8-1	97	—
24. Arizona St.	4-3	85	17
25. Michigan St.	5-2	67	19

Others receiving votes: Miami 76, St. John's 58, Seton Hall 48, Missouri 40, Georgia 37, Virginia Tech 34, Southern Cal 26, Princeton 19, Oklahoma St. 12, Nebraska 6, VCU 6, Florida 4, Purdue 4, BYU 2, Idaho 1, Louisville 1, Oregon 1.

LADY REBELS

From 1C

points.

Additionally, Edwards notched four steals to lead a Lee backcourt that pestered the Lady Knight ball handlers with their pressure

"The pressure part starts with Alaysha (Green) and Braydyn (Hill), our point guards," Lewis said. "They are really quick and fast so they're able to stick with the point guards. Then our off-guards, Allison (Valdez) and Karysa, they're able to read those passing lanes really well."

This season Lee has relied on a variety of its players to contribute in many facets, and that was the case again Tuesday as all 10 players scored and eight of 10 Lady Rebels players registered at least one assist.

Cunneen was impressed with their depth.

"They're so athletic," Cunneen said. "That's tough to play against. They are athletic in every position and she can play 10 kids, which was a great advantage."

"I want to thank Monica for giving us a game," Cunneen added. "I just appreciate good competition and I think games like this will help prepare us for when our season really counts in district and playoffs."

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LEE 57, MCA 40

Lee (7-3) — Yaritza Rivas 9, Allison Valdez 7, Alaysha Green 1, Karysa Edwards 10, Kristyn Velasquez 4, Braydyn Hill 4, Madison Leavitt 4, Kyra Lewis 12, Zion Niblett 4, Aquincia Robinson 2

Midland Classical (7-5) — Alissa Beattie 22, Delanie Griffin 5, Elleri Haest 5, Morgan Jones 1, Lizabelle Russell 7

Lee	17	14	10	16—57
MCA	6	10	6	18—40

Free throws — Lee 5-8, MCA 7-14. 3-point goals — Lee 4 (Edwards 2, Rivas, Valdez), MCA 7 (Beattie 6, Griffin). Total fouls — Lee 20, MCA 8. Fouled out — none.

Next: Oklahoma City Storm at Lee, 6 p.m. Thursday in the Tall City Oilman's invitational. MCA at Greenwood, 6 p.m. Friday

REBELS

From 1C

Still, Lee found a way to compete, as it became much more aggressive from the second quarter on.

After going down by 15 points after the first quarter, the Rebels opened the second frame on a 9-0 run to pull within 24-17. But even as shots started the fall for Lee, it had difficulty getting stops at key junctures on the defensive end.

Cooper shooters stepped into an array of wide open jump shots and made Lee defenders pay for not closing out hard. Overall, Lee played a mediocre first half but found itself down just 38-29 going into the locker rooms.

"There were a lot of breakdowns defensively," Packer said. "We were trading baskets. We have understand that getting stops, taking care of the defensive end of the floor (is important)."

Trailing, 60-51, entering the final quarter, Lee's energy and effort continued at its peak but its offense nearly disappeared. Lee managed just eight points in the final eight minutes of play, as a lid seemed to cover the Rebel basket.

The Rebels got to within 65-59 with just under four minutes to play, but the Cougars were able to pull away with a late 8-0 run.

Before fouling out with 6:02 left in the game, James Lydia chipped in 12 points for the Rebels. Avery Chambers added 15 — all from behind the 3-point line.

Jonathan Doss posted a team-high 22 points for Cooper. He made nine of his 10 shots in the game.

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ABILENE COOPER 73, LEE 59

Cooper (3-5) — Donovan Robinson 11, Myller Royals 4, J.T. Fielder 8, Isaac Moreno 18, Jonathan Doss 22, Dejon Hightower 2, Kirey McAfee 4, Matthew Felade 4

Lee (0-8) — Taye Britt 4, Avery Chambers 15, Dustin Hunt 2, Cory Sutton 2, Brady Cain 22, Dedrick Strambler 2, James Lydia 12

Cooper	24	14	22	13—73
Lee	9	20	22	9—59

Free throws — Cooper 12-22, Lee 10-21. 3-point goals — Cooper 7 (Robinson 2, Fielder 2, Moreno 2, Doss), Lee 7 (Britt, Chambers 5, Cain). Total fouls — Cooper 16, Lee 18. Fouled out — Lydia.

Next: Wichita Falls Rider at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Oklahoma City Storm at Lee in Tall City Oilman's Tournament, 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 110 ROCKETS 105

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez scored 24 points, Joe Johnson had 22, and Brooklyn beat Houston to sweep the season series for the first time in 14 years.

Thaddeus Young finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Nets, who have recorded two of their six victories this season against Houston. Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points in place of injured rookie Rondae Hollis-Jefferson.

Marcus Thornton scored a season-high 32 points for the Rockets, who fell behind by 18 points and got quiet nights from stars James Harden and Dwight Howard. Corey Brewer had 22 in extended minutes after starting forward Trevor Ariza was lost to a bruised lower back after 4 minutes.

WARRIORS 131 PACERS 123

INDIANAPOLIS — Klay Thompson scoring a season-high 39 points, Stephen Curry had 29 points, seven rebounds and 10 assists, and the Golden State Warriors extended their perfect start with a 131-123 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday night.

The Warriors improved to 23-0. They have won 27 straight dating to last season, tying the 2012-13 Heat for the second-longest streak in NBA history.

CAVALIERS 105 TRAIL BLAZERS 100

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 33 points and 10 rebounds, and the Cavaliers rallied from an 18-point first-half deficit to get the win.

Kevin Love added 18 points, and a second-half lineup adjustment by coach David Blatt helped Cleveland break a three-game losing streak.

James, who didn't play Saturday in Miami to rest, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer and a three-point play down the stretch. He shot 14 for 24 from the field.

Damian Lillard scored 33 points for Portland, which blew a late lead Monday in Milwaukee and appeared to run out of gas as Cleveland came back in the second half.

THUNDER 125 GRIZZLIES 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City, and Russell Westbrook added 13 points while matching his season high with 16 assists.

The Thunder built the lead to 35 through three quarters and coasted to their second straight win.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	13	5	.591	—
Boston	12	7	.571	1
New York	10	12	.455	3
Brooklyn	6	15	.286	6½
Philadelphia	4	21	.160	10

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	7	.650	—
Charlotte	12	8	.600	1
Atlanta	13	9	.591	1
Orlando	11	9	.550	1½
Washington	8	10	.474	3½

	W	L	Pct	GB
Central Division				
Cleveland	14	7	.667	—
Chicago	11	7	.611	1½
Indiana	12	8	.600	1½
Detroit	12	10	.545	2½
Milwaukee	11	13	.458	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.818	—
Dallas	13	9	.591	4
Memphis	12	10	.545	5
Houston	10	12	.455	7
New Orleans	5	16	.238	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	13	6	.619	—
Utah	9	9	.500	3½
Minnesota	9	12	.400	4½
Portland	9	14	.391	5
Denver	8	13	.381	5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	12	9	.571	10
Phoenix	9	13	.409	13½
Sacramento	7	15	.318	15½
L.A. Lakers	3	18	.143	19

Scores and schedule

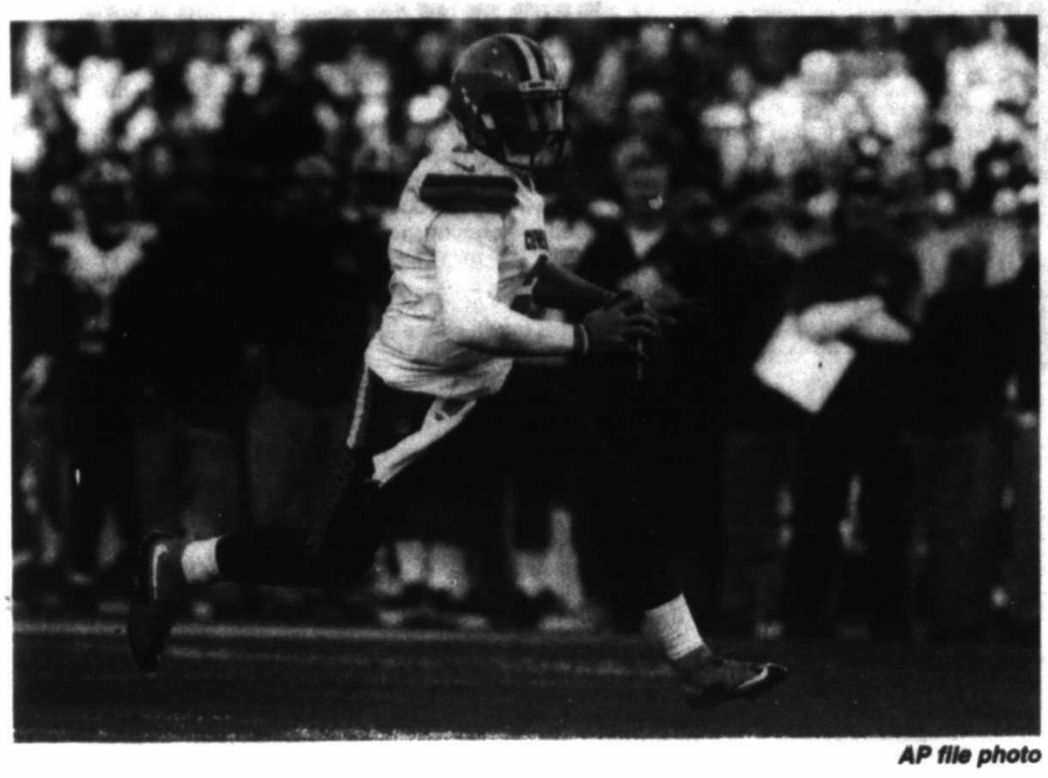
Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 105, Portland 100

Golden State 131, Indiana 123
Brooklyn 110, Houston 105
Oklahoma City 125, Memphis 88
Orlando at Denver, late
Utah at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
New York at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at



AP file photo

On Nov. 15, Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) plays against the Pittsburgh Steelers, in Pittsburgh. A person familiar with the decision says the Browns will start quarterback Johnny Manziel this week against San Francisco.

Quarter-back: Manziel starting again for Browns

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Manziel's timeout has ended. He's starting for the Browns again.

The polarizing quarterback will play Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, returning to the lineup after being benched two games by coach Mike Pettine for defiantly partying during the team's bye week.

Pettine is giving Manziel another chance after the second-year QB broke a promise that he wouldn't become a distraction when the team was off last month. Manziel had been named the starter for Cleveland's final six games on Nov. 17 only to throw away the opportunity with his escapades.

He was demoted to third string, but moved up one spot last week when Josh McCown sustained a season-ending collarbone break.

Pettine feels Johnny Football has paid his dues.

"He's been solid in the building over the last couple of weeks and we are hopeful he takes this opportunity to continue to build on the progress he's made on the field throughout the season," Pettine said. "The goal for every game is to go out and win, and Johnny needs to show that he can put us in position to do so during these last four weeks of the season."

Manziel will replace Austin Davis, who started Sunday's 37-3 embarrassing loss to Cincinnati. Davis, the 24th quarterback to start for the Browns since 1999, didn't do anything to lose his job, but not enough to hang on to it either. The Browns lost two wide receivers to injuries against the Bengals.

The Browns have changed starting quarterbacks six times this season — this is the third time Manziel has been given the job.

Manziel's return serves other purposes. With the Browns (2-10) on a seven-game losing streak, it distracts from the team's many other issues and gives Cleveland fans something to hold their interest over the final weeks of another dreary season.

Before Pettine announced his decision, wide receiver Brian Hartline said he was excited by the prospect of Manziel being back in the lineup.

"He was doing some great things on the football field a couple of weeks back and I expect him to continue that level of play," Hartline said. "It's an added preparation for the incoming team."

Manziel passed for a career-high 372 yards in his last start on Nov. 15 in Pittsburgh. He's 1-2 as a starter this season, and will now have four more games to prove to the Browns that he can be their long-term answer at quarterback.

More importantly, he has to win back the trust of Pettine, other coaches and his teammates.

After facing the 49ers, the Browns travel to Seattle and Kansas City, where Manziel will face two of the noisiest crowds in the league. Cleveland hosts Pittsburgh in its season finale on Jan. 3.

Assuming Manziel starts the remaining games, Pettine believes the club will have the information it needs. The Browns currently have the No. 1 overall pick in next year's draft and could use it on a QB if needed.

"We have to make sure that we support our quarterback," Pettine said. "We already have a sense of where he is from a football standpoint, that he's done some good things and he showed progress from a year ago."

Manziel's latest promotion continues two turbulent, drama-filled seasons in the NFL for the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner. He made more headlines with his antics outside of football last season and spent 10 weeks during the winter in a Pennsylvania rehab facility specializing in treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

Manziel was investigated last month by the NFL following a domestic dispute involving his girlfriend. The league said it did not find any evidence that Manziel violated its personal conduct policy.

The 23-year-old is getting yet another fresh start.

It's up to Manziel to make the most of it.

COLLEGEFOOTBALLNEWS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Big 12 teams will have to play non-conference vs. Power 5

Big 12 football teams will now be required to play at least one non-conference game each season against a team from one of the other Power Five leagues or Notre Dame.

"Schedule strength is a key component in CFP Selection Committee deliberations," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "This move will strengthen the resumes for all Big 12 teams."

No. 4 Oklahoma (11-1), the outright Big 12 champion, is in the College Football Playoff this season. But 2014 league co-champions Baylor and TCU were left out of the initial four-team playoff last year after both were 11-1 in the regular season.

Under the plan announced Tuesday by the league, each Big 12 team will have to annually play against the Fighting Irish or a team from the ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12 or SEC.

"Coupled with the nine-game full round-robin conference schedule our teams play, it will not only benefit the teams at the top of our standings each season, but will impact the overall strength of the conference," Bowlsby said in a statement.

The Big 12's new scheduling requirement doesn't affect existing non-conference game contracts, though only Baylor and Kansas are without a Power Five non-conference opponent on their 2016 schedules. The Jayhawks are the only school without one scheduled for 2017.

Next season will be the seventh in a row that Baylor doesn't play a non-conference Power Five opponent, but the Bears are set to play Duke from the ACC in 2017.

Baylor's non-conference games in 2014, when then the Bears were the first team left out of the playoff, were against SMU, Northwestern State and Buffalo.

Kansas isn't scheduled to play a Power Five team from another league until a 2018 game against Rutgers of the Big Ten, which the Jayhawks played this season.

Big 12 teams are 4-4 this season against other Power Five leagues, including a season-opening 38-3 loss by Texas at Notre Dame. The league also had as many games against lower-division FCS schools, going 7-1 in those games, and went 12-2 in games against other FBS teams outside the Power Five.

Texas and Oklahoma were the only Big 12 teams without any lower-division FCS opponents this season, and are again the only ones without any in 2016. The Longhorns were the only team with two games against top-tier non-conference opponents, and will also be the only one next season when they play Notre Dame and California again.

The new Big 12 scheduling requirement also states that teams should play no more than one game annually against teams outside of the Football Bowl Subdivision.

ARKANSAS

Sooners' Lincoln Riley wins Broyles Award

LITTLE ROCK — Oklahoma offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley won the Broyles Award on Tuesday, becoming the youngest winner ever to take home the honor for the nation's top assistant coach.

The 32-year-old Riley joined the Sooners a year ago after leading East Carolina's offense for five seasons.

"You're never going to dream that Bob Stoops from Oklahoma is going to call you," Riley, a native of Muleshoe said during the award ceremony in Little Rock.

Riley's offense will be tested as the No. 4 Sooners, averaging 45 points and 543 yards per game, face top-ranked Clemson in a national semifinal on Dec. 31.

Since an early season loss to Texas, the Sooners' only loss this season, Oklahoma has averaged nearly 300 yards rushing per game while running the table and winning the Big 12 title.

"It's the most unselfish team I've ever been a part of. It's a helluva lot easier to call plays when you're pretty good on defense, too," Riley said.

BOSWORTH

From 1C

to emulate when he was playing high school ball in Texas.

"He was the prototypical linebacker," said Thomas, who was Southwest Conference defensive player of the year in 1994 and '95.

Bosworth played for another Hall of Fame coach during his time at Oklahoma. Barry Switzer won three national titles with the Sooners. He was in New York on Tuesday to attend the induction ceremony, and nothing meant more to Bosworth than sharing the moment with his old coach.

"That's why it was so emotional," Bosworth said. "Because it's really all about him. Without him believing in me as a high school kid, giving me that chance, reaching down and telling me you're good enough and I'm proud of you and I love you; those are things I didn't get when I was growing up with my father. Being able to share that with him and really express how much I loved our football team."

NFC EAST

From 1C

The most important play in Washington's 19-16 loss fittingly was DeSean Jackson's poor decision to backtrack more than 20 yards on a punt return to his 1 in the final 2 minutes. His fumble led to the only touchdown for Dallas' 27th-ranked offense.

"There's a lot of talent on these football teams that we're playing, I promise you that," Gruden said. "It's exciting down the stretch and that's the way the NFC East is going to be. Whether we're 12-0 or 4-12, it doesn't matter. The fact of the matter is we have four games left and everything in our goals is still reachable."

The Eagles gave up 45 points in consecutive blowouts before getting three touchdowns from the defense and special teams in a 35-28 win over Super Bowl champion New England last weekend. The Cowboys, Giants and Redskins each lost to the Patriots.

The Giants keep giving away fourth-quarter leads with questionable decisions in game management by coach Tom Coughlin. And the Redskins just can't keep a good thing going. They had five straight home wins before again failing to win consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Cowboys have the best excuses, with Romo missing seven games with a broken left collarbone and now out for the rest of the regular season at least with another break in that shoulder. All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant sat five games with a broken foot and didn't look much like himself in the first few weeks back.

Dallas couldn't find ways to win close games until Monday night, when the Cowboys bounced back from allowing Kirk Cousins' tying touchdown pass to Jackson in the final minute and got in position for Dan Bailey's winning 54-yard field goal with 9 seconds remaining.

So now the NFC East is the target of tweets like the one Monday that laid out a scenario of a four-way tie among 6-10 teams. Unlikely, of course, but that's what happens when last-place Dallas has the best division record at 3-2, and yet is the only team that doesn't control its playoff fate.

Since the Redskins visit the Eagles in Week 16 and the Giants have the Eagles at home on the final weekend of the regular season, all three division leaders don't have to count on anyone else at the moment.

"It's crazy, really," Philadelphia defensive end Vinny Curry said. "I know this doesn't sound right, but we're better than our record, way better. We just have to go out and play our kind of football."

It hasn't been very good football most of this season in the NFC East.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

x-clinched division

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	375	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	295	248
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	296	278
Miami	5	7	0	.417	240	300
South						
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	269	305
Houston	6	6	0	.500	253	264
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	275	341
Tennessee	3	9	0	.250	245	296
North						
Cincinnati	10	2	0	.833	334	196
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	311	240
Baltimore	4	8	0	.333	272	291
Cleveland	2	10	0	.167	216	347
West						
Denver	10	2	0	.833	299	210
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	321	240
Oakland	5	7	0	.417	284	314
San Diego	3	9	0	.250	247	324

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	5	7	0	.417	257	286
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	278	302
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	307	298
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	223	277
South						
x-Carolina	12	0	0	1.000	373	243
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	271	288
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	279	257
New Orleans	4	8	0	.333	299	380
North						
Green Bay	8x	4	0	.667	289	236
Minnesota	8	4	0	.667	236	232
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	251	290
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	253	315
West						
Arizona	10	2	0	.833	352	232
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	305	229
St. Louis	4	8	0	.333	169	257
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	176	291

Scores & schedule

Monday's Score
Dallas 19, Washington 16

Thursday, Dec. 10
Minnesota at Arizona, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13
Detroit at St. Louis, noon
San Diego at Kansas City, noon
Washington at Chicago, noon
Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon
San Francisco at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, noon
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Seattle at Baltimore, noon
Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish "Stuff" (N)	Nashville (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor - Cambodia (N)		Criminal Minds "Future Perfect" (N)		Code Black		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Lil"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Kojak "How Cruel the Frost"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Violent Vest"	McCloud
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Et Tu, Brute?"		White Hot Holidays (N)		TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
	KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Israel Inspired	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Walking	Someb-ody Cares	Marvin Wilson	Biblical
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Mat Franco's Got Magic Mat Franco heads to Las Vegas.	Magician			The Illusionists (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Fortress of the Bears"		Nova "Meteor Strike"		Time Scanners "Machu Picchu" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	World News	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Muchacha Italiana viene a casarse		Antes muerta que lichita		Pasion y poder		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	The Closer		The Closer		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX		340	575		165		(5:00)	Around the ...	Mansfield Park Frances O'Connor.				Restoration Robert Downey Jr...				The Three Musk...	
	HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	GettingOn	(:15)	Bad Words		(:45) Leftovers "I Live Here Now"			Fight (N)	Vice		Movie
	HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	Leftover	Run All Night ('15, Act) Liam Neeson.			U2 Innocence (N)					(:45) The Latin Explosion		
	HBO5		304	552	16	102		Movie	(:45)	Brokeback Mountain ('05, Dra) Heath Ledger.				Girls	Girls	Focus Will Smith.			Movie
	MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:45)	Miami Vice Colin Farrell.			The Knick				Cop Land	(:45)	Carnal Wishes ('15, Adult)	
	MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:15)	Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube.					300: Rise of an Empire	(:45)	The Fast & the Furious: Tokyo Drift		Movie	
	PLEX			96				(4:55)	The Eleph...	The African Queen	(:50)	Robin Cook's Terminal					(:25)	The New Daughter	
	SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Movie	Killing Season Robert De Niro.			Homeland		The Affair "210"		Inside the NFL		Cold in July	
	TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00)	Into the Blue	Get Over It Kirsten Dunst.		The Riot Club ('14, Dra) Max Irons.						Safelight Evan Peters.	
CABLE	A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "Aloha, Robertsons!"		What Would You Do?		What Would You Do?		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30)	Miracle on...			Scrooged ('88, Fan) Bill Murray.				A Christmas Carol ('84, Dra) George C. Scott.		Movie	
	BET		58	-		40		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Being Mary Jane		#TheWestbrooks (N)		#TheWestbrooks		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO		65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Mill..Listing (SF) (N)		Untying the Knot (N)		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		WorkOut
	CNBC		46	52		39	72	Jay Leno's Garage		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
	CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		This Is Life (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		This Is Life	
	DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush (N)		Bush People (N)		Men, Women (N)		Bush "Dock-U-Drama"		Men, Women, Wild	
	DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Jessie	Secret of the W...		(:20) Frozen	Liv/Mad	Friends	Austin	Girl M.	Liv/Mad	E-Stevens	A.N.T.
	ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics (L)						NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks (L)				SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Eastern Ky. vs Kentucky (L)						NCAA Basketball UNLV vs. Wichita State (L)				SportsCenter	Tonight	NBA
	FAMILY		53	63	34	42	33	(5:30)	The Polar Express (:45)			Elf ('03, Com) James Caan, Will Ferrell.				The 700 Club		Year Without Santa	
	FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The Kelly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Cutthroat Kitchen		All Star Holiday		Cuthroat (N)		FoodFght	Beat Flay	Cake Wars		Cutthroat Kitchen	
	FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Supergirl Jam 6-Star Supergirl Pro Surf		NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle W.Va./Kan.St.		Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Maveric-ks Live (L)	Instant Replay
	FX		31	56	59	64	69		Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..					Amer. Horror (N)		Amer. Horror: Hotel		Amer. Horror: Hotel	
	HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00)	Once Upon...	Christmas at Cartwright's Alicia Witt.				Angel of Christmas Jennifer Finnigan.				The Christmas ...	
	HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Prop.Brothers: Ranch		Prop.Brothers		Prop.Brothers (N)		H.Hunter	House	Property Brothers		Prop.Brothers	
	HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) C'Mas "The '80s"		(:05) C'Mas "The '70s"		American Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(5:00)	Will You Merry Me?	The Flight Before Christmas ('15, Dra) Ryan McPartlin, Mayim Bialik.				All She Wants for Christmas ('06, Fam) Tobias Mether, Monica Keena.				The Flight Before Christmas	
	MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens (L)				NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Colorado Avalanche (L)				Overtime	
	NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Bella	100Thing	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(5:30)	The Dark Knight ('08, Act) Christian Bale.					Jurassic Park ('93, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.					
	SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:29)	Indiana Jones & the Temple of Do...			Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Harrison Ford.						In the Name of ...	
	TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Pilot"	Seinf. "The Pilot" 2/2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
	TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00)	Seven Days ...	Sinatra Sings				(:15) From Here to Eternity Burt Lancaster.			The Devil at 4 O'Clock		
	TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Celia		Bajo el mismo cielo		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Bajo el mismo cielo	
	TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Chay's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chay's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chuck's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Pauline's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chay's Story"	
	TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Boom!"		Con Air (1997, Action) John Cusack, John Malkovich, Nicolas Cage.				Olympus Has Fallen (2013, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.				CSI: NY "Flash Pop"	
	TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	FactsLife	FactsLife	FactsLife	FactsLife	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Patriot Down"		NCIS "Cabin Fever"		NCIS "Blast From the Past"		NCIS "The Artful Dodger"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows	Donny!
	WGN		19	85				Person of Interest "Aletheia"		Person of Interest "4C"		Person of Interest "Provenance"		Person of Interest "Last Call"		Manhattan "Brooklyn"	(:05) Met Mother	Met Your Mother	

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His back ailing, Woods is merely an onlooker — for now

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Jordan Spieth is used to having an audience on the golf course. Just not Tiger Woods.


Woods

Spieth had just made bogey from the sand on the par-3 fifth hole at Albany Golf Club when he heard from the other side of the ropes, "Don't worry. You'll get it back."

It was hard to ignore because no more than a dozen people were following him at the Hero World Challenge. What startled him was recognizing the voice and looking over to see Woods watching him and Bill Haas from a golf cart during the third round.

"If you had told me four years ago when I was still in college that Tiger would be sitting in a cart watching me play ... I mean, that was weird," Spieth said.

A moment later, Spieth added what so many other players are saying, or at least thinking.

"We need him back out here playing."

He can only watch at the moment, and there is no indication when that might change.

Woods used to speak without giving much information. Now he has no information, and it seemed to speak volumes.

He doesn't know when his back, which has had three procedures in the same spot over 18 months, will get better. He doesn't know when he can start doing any exercise beyond walking. He doesn't know when he can play.

That explains why so many stories read like golfing obituaries.

But there was no visible indication from Woods during a week in the Bahamas that this was the end. Subdued in his news conference, he was relaxed the rest of the week.

Woods mingled during a Thursday night party called "India Night," sharing laughs and stories. Different about this night is that after about 10 minutes of standing, he quietly retreated to a bench to carry on the conversation while sitting. And when he got back up, Woods arched his back in a long, slow motion.

So yes, this will be a tedious recovery — if it ever gets started. And in the meantime, there will be a void to fill for those yearning for answers.

Will he ever win again? Will he ever play again? And the way he reflected on his career, does he even care if he plays again?

"He was, it seemed to me, invincible for the longest time," Haas said. "And I would say he was so that way that I wouldn't put it past him to come back and be extremely good again. I don't know that he'll ever be where he was because he was so far ahead of everyone else. But he may be No. 1 again. It wouldn't shock anyone. I don't think."

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON SHOOTOUT
Site: Naples, Florida.
Schedule: Thursday-Saturday.
Course: Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Tiburon Golf Club (7,288 yards, par 72).
Purse: $3.1 million. Winners' shares: $375,000 each.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, noon-3 p.m., 3:30-8 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-1 a.m., noon-3 a.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m.) and Fox (Saturday, noon-4 p.m.).
Format: Two-player teams. Thursday, scramble; Friday, modified alternate shot; Saturday, better ball.
Teams: Chris Kirk-Cameron Tringale, Harris English-Matt Kuchar, Zach Johnson-Patrick Rodgers, Graeme McDowell-Gary Woodland, Daniel Berger-Charley Hoffman, Billy Horschel-Hunter Mahan, Sean O'Hair-Mike Weir, J.B. Holmes-Patrick Reed, Relief Division-Danny Lee, Kenny Perry-Steve Stricker, Charles Howell III-Rory Sabbatini, Jason Dufner-Brandt Snedeker.
Last year: Tringale and Jason Day teamed for a one-stroke victory.
Notes: Tournament host Greg Norman designed the 36-hole Tiburon ("shark" in Spanish) facility. The tournament is in its 10th year at Tiburon after a year in Miami and 11 at Sherwood in California.
Online: http://www.franklintempletonshootout.com
PGA Tour site: http://www.pgatour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
PNC INVITATIONAL CHALLENGE
Site: Orlando, Florida.
Schedule: Saturday-Sunday.
Course: Grande Lakes Orlando, Ritz-Carlton Golf Club (7,120 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1 million. Winner's share: $200,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, 9-9 a.m., 1-2 p.m., 5:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.) and NBC (Saturday, 3-5 p.m.; Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Format: Two-player teams. Scramble.
Teams (father listed first): Stewart and Connor Cink, Steve and Sam Elkington, Nick and Matthew Fetto, Raymond and Raymond Floyd Jr., Fred and Taylor Funk, Hale and Steve Irwin, Lee and Connor Janzen, Bernhard and Jason Langer, Tom and Thomas Lehman, Davis and Dru Love, Larry and Peter Nelson, Jack and Gary Nicklaus, Mark and Shaun O'Meara, Nick and Greg Price, Dave and Dave Stockton Jr., Curtis and Tom Strange, Vijay and Qass Singh, Lee Trevino and Daniel Trevino, Lanny and Tucker Wadkins, Fuzzy and Gretchen Zoeller.
Last year: Bernhard and Jason Langer closed with a 13-under 59 for a two-stroke victory.
Notes: The fathers qualified by winning major championships or The Players Championship. ... Davis and Dru Love won the 2012 event. Stewart and Connor Cink took the 2013 title.
Online: http://www.pncchampionshipchallenge.com
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ASIAN TOUR
THAILAND GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Chonburi, Thailand.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Amata Spring Country Club (7,453 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1 million. Winner's share: $180,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 8 p.m.-4 a.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 1-4 a.m., 10 p.m.-3 a.m.; Saturday, 3-5:5 p.m., 10 p.m.-3 a.m., 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: England's Lee Westwood won for the second time in four years, closing with a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory.
Last week: Spain's Sergio Garcia won the Ho Tram Open in Vietnam, beating India's Himmat Rai with a par on the second hole of a playoff. Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant and Taiwan's Lin Wen-tang were eliminated on the first extra hole.
Notes: American Bubba Watson is coming off a victory Sunday in the Bahamas in the Hero World Challenge ... Westwood, Martin Kaymer, Garcia and Australia's Nathan Holman, the Australian PGA winner last week, are in the field. ... The Philippine Open is next week.
Online: http://www.asiantour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
WOMEN
LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: Omega Dubai Ladies Masters, Wednesday-Saturday, Emirates Golf Club, Majlis Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Television: Golf Channel (Today, 2:30-6 a.m., 1-5 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 4-6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Saturday, 3-6:30 a.m., noon-3 p.m.). Online: http://www.ladieseuropeantour.com
MEN
PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA: Copa Diners Club Mitad del Mundo Final, Thursday-Sunday, Amaguana Country Club, Quito, Ecuador. Online: http://www.pgatourla.com
PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: NSW PGA Championship, Thursday-Sunday, Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, Calat, Australia. Online: http://www.pgatour.com.au
EUROPEAN SENIOR TOUR: MCB Tour Championship, Friday-Sunday, Constance Belle Mare Plage, Poste de Flacq, Mauritius. Online: http://www.europeantour.com

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Yesterday's Answer: WASH + BLITZ = BAYOU; RUB + OUTLAWS = HAZY

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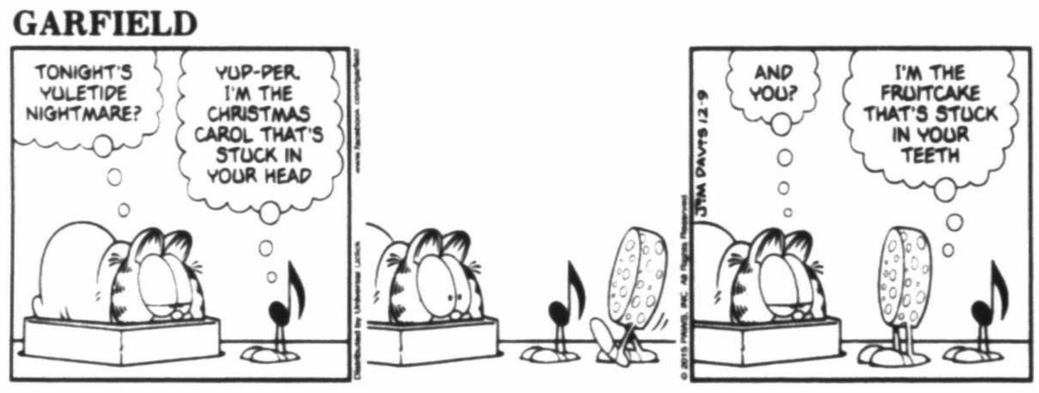
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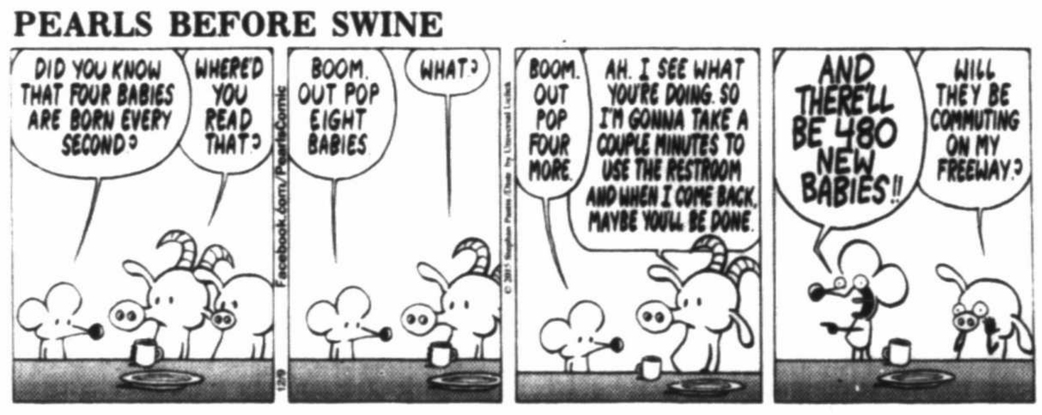
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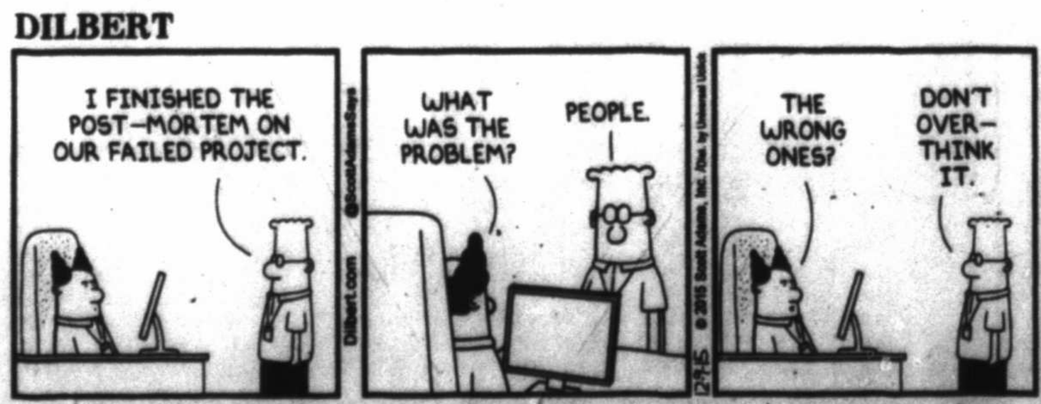
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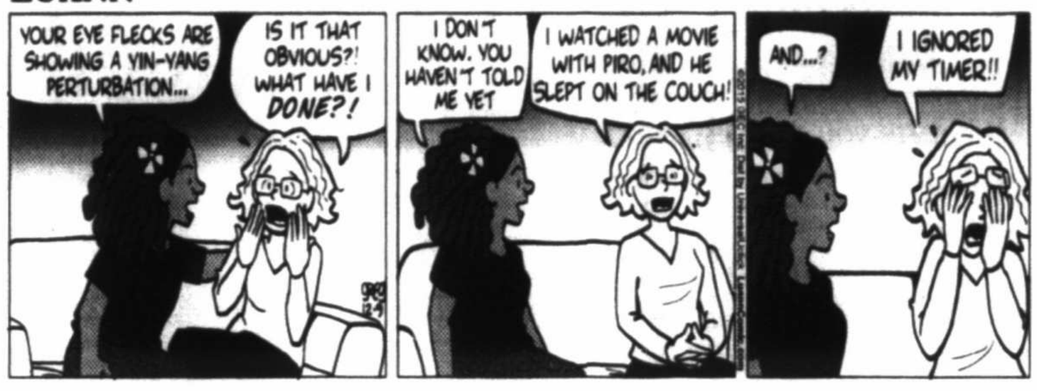
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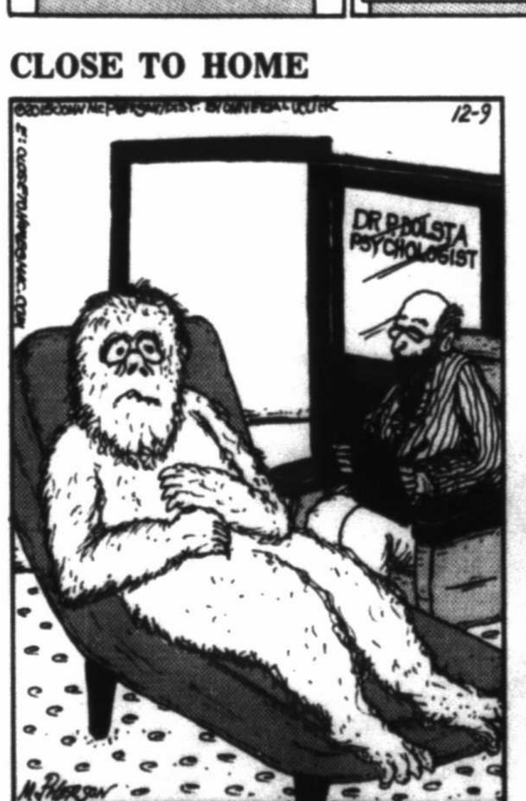
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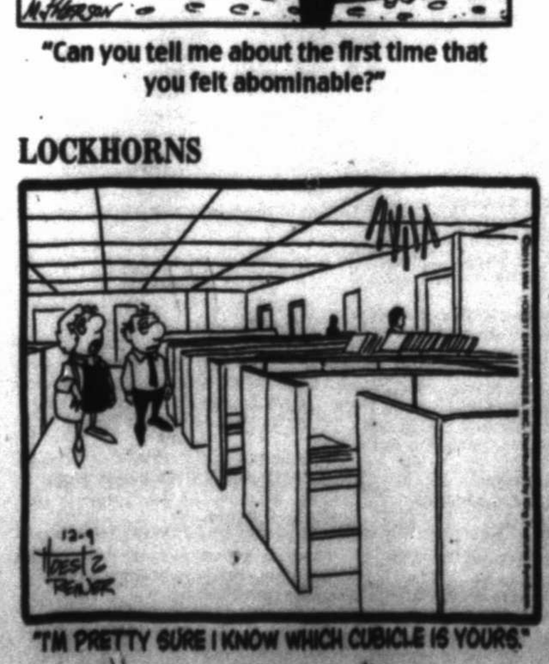
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"BUT I DID PICK UP ALL MY DIRTY CLOTHES, ...THESE ARE JUST LEFTOVERS."

LOCKHORNS



"I'M PRETTY SURE I KNOW WHICH CUBICLE IS YOURS."

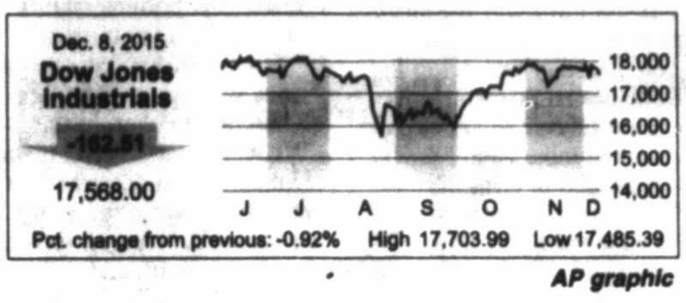
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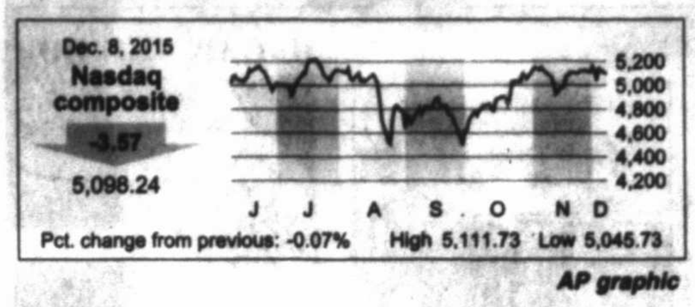
"Why didn't Mary and Joseph take baby Jesus out of his car seat?"

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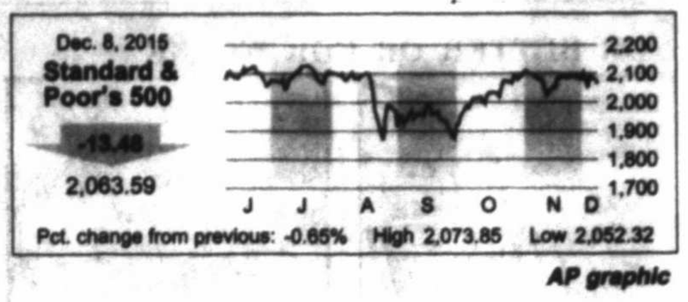
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Lawmakers: Megabrewer deal could cause hangover

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Castle Danger Brewery in Two Harbors, Minnesota, has been brewing what it calls "dangerously good ales" on the north shore of Lake Superior since 2011. The company outgrew its original home in tiny Castle Danger and now distributes beer to bars and restaurants throughout northern and central Minnesota.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., hails the brewery as an example of the growing craft-beer industry in her state and says she fears that a deal to merge the world's biggest beer companies into a megabrewer could make it harder for Castle Danger and other small brewers to sell their brands.

Klobuchar and other lawmakers from both parties raised questions at a Senate hearing Tuesday on the proposed $107 billion takeover by the world's largest brewer, Anheuser Busch InBev, of rival SABMiller. The combined company would control nearly a third of the global beer market.

"Wholesalers make decisions everyday on what brands to put on their trucks," Klobuchar said. "By working to ensure those decisions are driven by consumer demand and not producer power, we can help competition in the beer industry remain on tap."

Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said he worried the merger could harm Delaware-based brewers such as Dogfish Head and 16 Mile.

"Nobody wants to take a seat at a bar and find out that their only options are Bud and Miller," Coons said. "I'm deeply concerned this merger will squeeze out the small and independent craft brewers in Delaware and across the country at the cost of innovation, consumer choice and jobs."

Carlos Brito, CEO of Anheuser Busch InBev, tried to reassure lawmakers, saying the proposed merger was not about squeezing out smaller competitors in the United States, but instead was intended to open markets in Africa, Asia and Central and South America.

Under the deal, the Miller brand would be sold to rival Molson Coors, which would have full control of operations.

The merger "is about bringing more choices to more consumers around the world, including extending the reach of iconic American brands such as Budweiser to new markets," Brito told a Senate Judiciary subcommittee on antitrust, competition policy and consumer rights.

By selling the popular Miller brand to Molson Coors, the deal ensures that Anheuser Busch InBev's market share in the U.S. will not change, Brito said.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
KindMorg	1500648	15.72	-.10
S&P500ETP	944301	206.95	-1.40
BkofAm	834576	17.19	-.35
iShEMkts	692984	32.95	-.37
B iPVixST	666421	19.23	+.58

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
JGWriterh	2.07	+.38	+22.5
ComstkPs	2.23	+.40	+21.9
NavIosMar	3.12	+.41	+15.1
Camentos	7.15	+.89	+14.2
Costam pfD	17.85	+2.03	+12.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B&N Ed n	9.31	-3.49	-27.3
RAIT Fin	2.97	-1.08	-26.7
Navistr pfD	3.17	-.65	-17.0
RAIT pfA	15.50	-2.91	-15.8
RAIT pfC	17.11	-2.97	-14.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,038
Declined	2,091
Unchanged	89
Total issues	3,218
New Highs	29
New Lows	363
Volume	4,077,801,097

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	235899	9.06	+2.53
Globalstar	70681	1.83	-.03
BancGSOl	53284	6.71	-.02
ChenEnHld	43802	16.15	-.21
NwGold g	34171	2.38	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TherapMD	9.06	+2.53	+38.7
Gastar pfB	12.01	+1.12	+10.2
NthnO&G	4.03	+.35	+9.5
DeltaApri	16.05	+1.10	+7.4
Gastar pfA	10.02	+.62	+6.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OversShpB	3.43	-.34	-9.0
ImpacMtg	18.16	-1.55	-7.9
IndepRT	7.08	-.59	-7.7
AtlasrAet	13.01	-.87	-6.3
ChiRivet	23.71	-1.59	-6.3

DIARY

Advanced	156
Declined	207
Unchanged	35
Total issues	398
New Highs	1
New Lows	43
Volume	105,102,217

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Staples	378054	10.08	-.58
Apple Inc	334651	118.23	-.05
Microsoft	320287	55.79	-.02
PwShs QQQ	289330	114.83	+.01
CSVIxSh rs	279018	6.09	+.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Stadf360 rs	5.40	+1.65	+43.9
PierisPhm	2.79	+.73	+35.4
EaglePhm	100.21	+18.29	+22.3
HarvApR h	2.37	+.37	+18.5
Galapag n	54.98	+6.97	+14.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Outerwall	44.04	-14.02	-24.1
UltiNtrlF	36.91	-7.12	-16.2
FuelCell rs	6.70	-1.17	-14.8
EmpireRes	3.40	-.59	-14.8
Mdatech n	6.28	-1.07	-14.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,126
Declined	1,672
Unchanged	172
Total issues	2,970
New Highs	31
New Lows	210
Volume	1,826,316,767

Auto safety ratings to include collision prevention systems

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government on Tuesday announced plans to update its safety rating system for new cars and trucks to include whether the vehicle has technology to avoid crashes, in addition to how well it protects occupants in accidents.

The 5-star rating system now uses crash tests to assess how well people inside are shielded from injury or death in front, side and rollover crashes.

While that will remain a big factor in the ratings, they also will take into account whether the vehicle has nine technologies that can help prevent or lessen the severity of crashes. Those technologies include sensors that can detect an imminent frontal collision and apply the brakes, or warn drivers about vehicles in their blind spots or that they're drifting into another lane.

Some technologies automatically switch headlight high beams to low beams when another vehicle is approaching, help prevent rollovers, and employ amber rear turn signal lights that drivers are quicker to identify as indicating a turn rather than braking.

In addition, the ratings will include a new type crash test designed to simulate cars that collide at an angle. Crash tests will also use improved crash-test dummies that better represent how accidents impact the human body. And the rating system will reward cars designed to protect pedestrians who are struck by them

The rating system posts a rating of one to five stars on the window stickers of new cars to help shoppers identify the safest vehicles. The new system will also include half stars as well as full stars to get at nuances in safety features, said Mark Rosekind, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which administers the ratings system. For example, a vehicle might get a half star for technology that automatically warns drivers of an impending frontal collision, but a whole star if the system automatically applies the brakes, he said.

The changes proposed for the system are subject to a 60-day public comment period, and final rules are to be issued next year.

Stocks fall again

U.S. stocks fell for a second day on Tuesday following a wave of selling abroad on fears that a slump in commodity prices was far from over.

The selling began in Asia on disappointing trade figures from China, then spread to Europe where stock indexes in Germany, France and Britain each dropped more than 1 percent. In the U.S., stocks fell sharply in the morning, but later made back much of the losses.

Still, the selling was broad, with nine of the 10 sectors of the Standard and Poor's 500 index closing down. Suppliers of raw materials fell the most, down 1.9 percent. Energy companies dropped 1.5 percent.

"The energy sector has done a good job grappling with mid-$40 oil, but it's tougher as you go under $40," said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at Voya Investment Management. "The energy sector is having trouble adapting."

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 162.51 points, or 0.9 percent, to 17,568. It was down 245 points earlier.

The S&P 500 gave up 13.48 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,063.59. The Nasdaq composite slipped 3.6 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,098.24.

Precious metals close mixed

Precious metals futures closed mixed. Gold edged up 10 cents to $1,075.30 an ounce, silver fell 22 cents to $14.12 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $47.74 Up 0.01

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $100.19 Up 0.60

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.15 Down 0.21

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $74.94 Up 1.09

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.76 Down 0.24

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.41 Up 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.99 Down 0.48

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $25.85 Up 0.50

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.46 Up 0.04

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.41 Up 0.64

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	37	33.85	-.42	+.8
Abraxas	...	6	1.07	...	-63.6
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.84	-.09	-6.1
Alcoa	.12	13	8.52	-.52	-46.0
AlonUSA	.60	10	16.13	+.07	+27.3
AlpAlerMLP	1.19e	...	10.45	+.30	-40.4
Ambev	.19e	...	4.81	-.07	-22.0
Amgen	3.16	19	159.35	+1.06	...
Anadarko	1.06	...	51.82	-1.86	-37.2
Apache	1.00	...	44.67	+.55	-28.4
Apple Inc	2.08	13	118.23	-.05	+7.1
ApldMatl	.40	17	18.86	+.04	-24.0
ArcelorMit	...	...	3.93	-.24	-64.4
Archrock	.60	25	6.12	-.29	-58.8
ATMOS	1.68f	20	62.20	+.22	+11.8
AutoData	2.12f	28	86.32	-.26	+3.5
BP PLC	2.40	...	31.27	+.01	-16.0
BabsCOInv	1.20	...	17.03	-.03	+7.2
BakrHu	.68	...	49.37	-.49	-11.9
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	5.62	+.04	-49.6
BlckRck	.20	13	17.19	-.35	-3.9
B iPVixST	...	...	19.23	+.58	-39.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	3.01	-.06	-57.1
BerkHa A	...	...	182300	106.00	-3395.00	-11.5
BkHillsCp	1.82	28	62.50	+.89	-19.9
BrMySq	1.49	67	69.40	+.56	+17.6
BrownFA	1.36f	35	113.40	+1.65	+29.2
BrownFB	1.36f	32	103.02	-.10	+17.3
CVS Health	1.40	22	95.86	-.66	-.7
Cameron	...	17	64.34	-.72	+28.8
Caterpillar	3.08	13	66.54	-1.82	-27.3
Celestic g	...	13	10.85	-.14	-7.6
Cemex	.40f	...	5.82	-.25	-43.7
CntryLink	2.16	19	26.54	-.59	-32.9
ChesiEng	...	...	4.40	+.13	-77.5
Chevron	4.28	19	89.44	-.84	-22.9
Chicos	.31	52	11.88	+.10	-26.7
Cimarex	.64	...	104.91	-1.06	-1.0
Cisco	.84	15	27.15	-.34	-1.7
Citigroup	.20	12	53.39	-1.01	-1.3
ClayEng	...	...	47.74	+.01	-26.2
CocaCola	1.32	29	43.01	-.19	+1.9
ColgPalm	1.52	29	66.18	-.16	-4.4
ConAgra	1.00	29	40.58	-.31	+11.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	60	100.19	+.60	+.4
ConocoPhil	2.86	54	48.30	-.69	-30.1
CrackerB	4.40a	18	127.50	+.79	-9.4
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	4.87	-.05
-90.0					
CSVelIVST	...	...	28.65	-.92	-8.0
CSVixSh rs	...	...	6.09	+.32	-77.9
CrosTim	1.65e	7	15.51	-.20	-22.0
DCP Mid	3.12	12	21.52	+.20	-52.6
DTE	2.92f	15	80.62	-.56	-8.7
Dataram	...	...	1.00	...	-41.2
DevonE	.96	...	35.19	-1.25	-42.5
Disney	1.42f	22	112.48	-1.36	+19.4
DowChm	1.84f	13	50.90	-1.13	+11.6
EOG Resce	.67	...	77.11	+.92	-16.2
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.81	+.44	-23.3
EnCanG g	.28	...	6.72	+.01	-91.6
Energen	.08	...	50.98	...	-20.0
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	14	13.20	+.21	-54.0
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	33.36	+1.57	-48.7
EnPro	.80	...	47.28	-1.43	-24.7
EntProdPt	1.54f	18	22.65	+.79	-37.3
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.32	-.31	-23.0
ExxonMbl	2.92	16	74.63	-2.17	-19.3
Facebook	...	...	106.49	+.86	+36.5
FordM	.60	12	13.97	-.15	-9.9
FrptMcM	.20a	...	6.74	-.49	-71.1
GATX	1.52	8	42.12	-.91	-26.8
GabMutIT	.94e	...	8.03	...	-19.8
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.85	+.19	-8.9
GenElec	.92	...	30.19	+.18	+19.5
GtSouSci f	...	...	.11	-.02	-95.4
GtPlainEn	1.09f	20	26.86	-.03	-6.5
HP Inc	.50	...	12.19	+.04	-33.1
HalconRes	...	...	.43	+.06	-75.7
Hallibrtn	.72	45	39.27	-.30	-7.8
HuntBncsh	.28f	14	11.23	-.33	+6.7
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	23.31	+.02	-36.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.23	-.16	+8.8
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	36.24	-.56	-12.9
iShEMkts	.94e	...	32.95	-.37	-16.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.56	-.69	-2.1
iShBchHYB	4.76	...	81.06	-1.02	-9.5
iShR2K	1.69e	...	115.37	-.84	-3.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Intel	.96	15	34.75	-.24	-4.2
InterDig	.80	19	51.17	-.51	-3.3
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	7.40	+.06	-37.4
JohnJn	3.00	19	102.42	-.90	-2.1
KimbrCik	3.62	65	121.66	-.55	+5.2
KindMorg	2.04f	30	15.72	-.70	-52.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.76	-.24	-84.6
Lubys	...	...	4.51	-.09	-.9
MarathnO	.20m	...	14.92	+.14	-47.3
MidVGold	.12e	...	14.06	-.12	-23.4
McDnlds	3.56f	24	116.53	+.11	+24.4
Merck	1.84f	14	53.47	-.21	-5.8
MerltMed	...	31	18.89	-.11	+9.0
MexcoEn	...	...	2.41	+.11	-55.6
MicronT	...	6	14.60	-.25	-58.3
Microsoft	1.44	37	55.79	-.02	+20.1
NRG Egy	.58	...	10.09	+.54	-62.6
Nabors	.24	...	8.90	-.15	-31.4
NatGrid	3.35e	...	68.61	-.02	-2.9
NOilVarco	1.84	9	33.50	-1.14	-48.9
Netflix s	...	...	126.98	+1.82	+160.2
NvMdAd	.76e	...	13.49	+.01	-1.2
NvPMI	.76e	...	13.41	+.09	-4.0
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.79	+.09	-.5
NSTR3	.55e	...	14.15	+.11	+.8
NTXQI	.66	...	13.95	+.07	-3.5
OasisPet	...	5	8.85	+.11	-47.7
OcciPet	3.00	29	67.30	-1.27	-16.5
OfficeDpt	...	...	5.68	+.07	-34.0
Oracle	.60	18	38.79	-.09	-13.9
PerTech	...	...	5.68	-.23	+8.6
ParkDrl	...	...	2.36	-.06	-23.1
PattUTI	.40	...	14.44	+.07	-13.0
PennsRE	.84	...	20.76	+.12	-11.5
Pmian	.40e	9	5.45	+.01	-42.9
Petrobras	...	...	4.76	+.19	-34.8
Pfizer	1.12	24	32.53	-.13	+4.4
PioNrl	.08	27	140.35	+2.84	-5.7
PlainsAAP	2.60f	12	29.47	+1.76	-50.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52a	...	114.83	+.01	+11.0
Proshr	2.86	29	109.73	-2.84	-17.5
PrmRgy	...	28	84.66	...	-65.7
PUVIxST rs	...	...	27.55	+1.57	-78.1
ProctGam	2.65	28	77.75	-.82	-14.9
Qualcom	1.92	15	49.46	-2.95	-33.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RangeRs	.16	16	25.75	...	-51.8
RegionsFn	.24	14	9.64	-.39	-8.7
RiteAid	...	30	7.95	+.02	+5.7
Rowan	.40	...	18.31	+.05	-21.5
RoyDShlA	3.76	11	45.79	-.51	-31.6
SpdrDJIA	3.90e	...	175.77	-1.57	-1.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	206.95	-1.40	+.7
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	34.44	-.40	-10.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.23	+.20	-32.7
SabnR	3.10e	8	28.22	-.28	-21.1
SanderFm	.88e	6	76.22	+1.06	-9.3
SandRidge	...	...	.25	+.00	-96.2
Schlmbrg	2.00	24	71.50	-1.30	-16.3
SeadrillLtd	...	2	4.38	-.50	-53.3
SiriusXM	...	40	4.00	-.04	+14.3
Smucker	2.68	35	123.48	-.19	+22.3
SwstAirl	.30	16	45.04	-4.46	+6.4
SwstnEngy	...	...	6.98	-.14	-74.4
Sprint	...	...	3.77	+.14	-9.2
SP Engy	1.98e	...	61.60	-.54	-22.2
SPDR Fncl	.44e	...	24.24	-.31	-2.0
SP Inds	1.12e	...	53.42	-.87	-5.6
Staples	.48	...	10.08	-.58	-44.4
SunEdison	...	...	3.45	-.06	-82.3
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	23.57	-.17	-43.6
Synchrony	...	12	31.36	+.01	+5.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	11.80	-.25	-17.0
Tesoro	2.00	8	112.27	+1.71	+51.0
TherapMD	...	...	9.06	+2.53	+103.6
3M Co	4.10	20	156.79	-.96	-4.6
Torchmark	.54	15	60.18	-.54	+11.1
TriContl	.81e	...	20.15	-.12	-5.9
Twitter	...	...	24.99	+.53	-30.3
TylerTech	...	86	179.00	+2.66	+63.6
UBSI	1.32f	20	39.46	-.87	+5.4
US OilFd	...	...	11.66	-.04	-42.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.12	-.10	-61.9
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	2.49	-.14	-65.7
ValeroE	2.00f	7	70.53	-.26	+42.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	33.05	-.40	-17.4
Vodafone	.60	74	66.30	+.37	+40.6
WEC Engy	1.98f	19	50.50	+.42	-4.2
WPX Engy	...	...	6.26	-.03	-46.2
WalgBoots	1.44	26	83.66	-1.21	+9.8
WeathfIntl	...	...	9.20	-.36	-19.7
WellsFargo	1.50	13	54.40	-1.02	-.8
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	42.21	-.60	+11.7
WhitngPet	...	...	12.38	+.02	-62.5
WmsCos	2.56	50	27.24	+.27	-39.4
XcelEngy	1.28	19	35.21	-.06	-2.0
Xerox	.26	35	10.12	-.06	-27.0
Yahoo	...	...	34.85	+.17	-31.0

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,568.00	-162.51	-.92	-1.43	-1.31
9,257.44	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	7,663.24	-221.54	-2.81	-16.16	-14.66
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	582.26	-.84	-.11	-9.03	-7.12
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,198.37	-106.16	-1.03	-5.91	-5.99
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	5,098.24	-3.57	-.07	+7.85	+6.96
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,063.59	-13.48	-.65	+.23	+.18
1,551.28	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,424.25	-10.19	-.71	-1.84	-1.22
22,537.15	19,819.28	Wilshire 5000	21,365.03	-124.17	-.58	-1.61	-1.19
1,266.00	1,078.63	Russell 2000	1,159.39	-4.80	-.42	-3.76	-2.41



AP file photo

On May 23, Chris Weidman, right, and Vitor Belfort trade blows during their middleweight mixed martial arts bout in Las Vegas. The UFC is surging toward the end of the year by flexing its promotional muscles for three straight nights in Vegas. The MGM Grand Garden Arena show has two title fights: Middleweight champion Weidman, defends his belt against Luke Rockhold in a tantalizing style clash pitting two dominant 185-pounders at the peak of their careers.

UFC putting big shows on for 3 straight nights this weekend

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

The UFC is surging toward the new year by flexing its promotional muscles for three straight nights in Vegas.

Conor McGregor's featherweight title showdown with champion Jose Aldo on Saturday night is the culmination of a three-day fight extravaganza this weekend. The UFC is staging back-to-back-to-back shows on the Las Vegas Strip, loading its stacked deck with intriguing matchups between former champions and rising stars.

"It's going to be a historic time for me, but also for the entire UFC," McGregor said. "You've never seen a weekend like this."

In its 22-year history, the UFC has never crammed three major fight cards so closely together, never mind in the same city. The promotion is putting on at least 33 fights in those three days, including two title bouts and its first headlining non-title women's bout.

After receiving criticism for occasionally thin shows while expanding its promotional breadth in recent years, the UFC made sure plenty of attention will be on mixed martial arts during this weekend gap between the college football regular season and holiday festivities.

"It's literally the best December we've ever had in the company's history," UFC President Dana White said when announcing the lineup. "We started looking at the end of the year. A lot of people needed fights, so we said, 'Let's do three in a row. We'll do Thursday, Friday and Saturday.' It's a killer weekend in Vegas, right before Christmas."

The UFC 194 pay-per-view card is headlined by interim champion McGregor's long-anticipated meeting with Aldo, the imperious Brazilian champion who has been subjected to months of expert verbal abuse from his Irish challenger.

And that show at the MGM Grand Garden Arena actually features two title fights: Middleweight champion Chris Weidman also defends his belt against Luke Rockhold in a tantalizing style clash pitting two dominant 185-pounders at the peak of their careers.

Weidman and Rockhold could headline a major show on their own, but the promotion wants to guarantee another big pay-per-view buy for UFC 194 after Ronda Rousey's stunning loss to Holly Holm last month at UFC 193, which became one of the biggest money-makers in the company's history.

The pay-per-view portion of the UFC 194 card is so stacked that popular veteran Urijah Faber is consigned to fighting Frankie Saenz on the preliminary card.

One night earlier at the Cosmopolitan hotel, featherweight veterans Frankie Edgar and Chad Mendes will meet on Fox Sports 1 in the compelling main event of a card also featuring the final bout in this season of "The Ultimate Fighter," the UFC's long-running reality show. Edgar or Mendes, who lost to McGregor as a late replacement for Aldo in August, could be the next challenger for the undisputed belt.

The UFC's weekend festivities start off Thursday night at the Cosmopolitan with a card headlined by a 115-pound showdown between Paige VanZant and Rose Namajunas, two of the strawweight division's most promising prospects. The bout is the first non-title fight main event between two women for the UFC, which only began promoting women's MMA in 2013.

The UFC has heavily promoted the 21-year-old VanZant as a future star, and this is her first headlining bout. The Thursday card, which can be viewed only on the UFC's Fight Pass subscription digital network, also features unbeaten 19-year-old lightweight Sage Northcutt, another prospect ticketed for fame and stardom by the UFC.

And as jam-packed as this week is, it isn't even the UFC's big finish to 2015.

Rafael Dos Anjos faces Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone next weekend in a lightweight title bout between two of the sport's most interesting characters in Orlando, while Robbie Lawler will defend his welterweight title against Carlos Condit in the headlining bout of UFC 195 in Las Vegas on Jan. 2.

Tyson Fury reported for 'hate crime' to police

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — New world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury was the subject of a police investigation on Tuesday following the outspoken boxer's comments about homosexuality that have been heavily criticized in Britain.

Greater Manchester Police said they have received a report of a "hate crime" regarding Fury's comments, which were published in a newspaper interview before his victory over Wladimir Klitschko on Nov. 28.

Fury, who is fiercely religious, said that among the things that need to happen "before the devil comes home ... is homosexuality being legal in countries."

Fury's profile has soared since his shock win over Klitschko to capture the WBA, IBF and WBO belts. Controversial remarks that previously went under the radar are now being seized on and questioned because of the responsibility that comes with being heavyweight champion of the world.

NATIONAL FINALS RODEO RESULTS

Sunday
At Thomas & Mack Center
Las Vegas
Fourth Performance
Bareback riding

1. (tie) Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah, on J Bar J's Pass The Hat, and Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore., 84.0 points on Pickett Pro Rodeo's Scarlet Bella, $23,481 each; 3. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta, 83.0, $15,654; 4. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La., 82.0, $11,000; 5. (tie) Evan Jayne, Marsella, Pranca, and Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo., 81.0, $5,500 each; 7. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore., 79.5; 8. Orin Larsen, Ingle, Manitoba, 78.5; 9. (tie) Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas, 76.0; Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn., 76.0; 11. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, 75.5; 12. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas, 75.0; 13. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah, 74.5; 14. (tie) Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas, and Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas, 73.5.

Average standings: 1. Steven Peebles, 336.0 on four head; 2. Kaycee Feild, 330.5; 3. Seth Hardwick, 317.0; 4. Austin Foss, 316.5; 5. Tim O'Connell, 313.0; 6. Will Lowe, 312.0.

World standings: 1. Kaycee Feild, $181,7711; 2. Steven Peebles, $175,441; 3. Austin Foss, $140,049; 4. Clint Laye, $133,461; 5. Evan Jayne, $129,251; 6. Tim O'Connell, $127,028; 7. Bobby Mote, $109,488; 8. Jake Brown, $107,994; 9. Will Lowe, $107,898; 10. Clint Cannon, $107,686; 11. Seth Hardwick, $101,839; 12. Orin Larsen, $101,041; 13. Winn Ratliff, $98,754; 14. Tanner Aus, $95,660; 15. Caleb Bennett, $91,302.

Steer wrestling

1. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., 3.3 seconds, $26,231; 2. Seth Brodersen, Wheatland, Wyo., 3.6, $20,731; 3. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah, 3.7, $15,654; 4. (tie) Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont., and Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta, 3.8, $8,885 each; 6. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 4.1, $4,231; 7. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La., 4.3; 8. (tie) Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., and Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore., 4.6; 10. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis., 4.8; 11. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La., 13.3; 12. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala., 14.0; 13. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, 14.4; no other qualified times.

Average standings: 1. Ty Erickson, 15.0 seconds on four head; 2. Seth Brodersen, 17.1; 3. Trevor Knowles, 17.5; 4. Baylor Roche, 18.1; 5. Nick Guy, 18.3; 6. Luke Branquinho, 19.2.

World standings: 1. Ty Erickson, $151,818; 2. Hunter Cure, $137,016; 3. Clayton Hass, $131,411; 4. Kyle Irwin, $118,458; 5. Dakota Eldridge, $112,869; 6. Luke Branquinho, $109,672; 7. K.C. Jones, $107,216; 8. Seth Brodersen, $106,530; 9. Nick Guy, $104,429; 10. Baylor Roche, $101,440; 11. Tanner Milan, $98,538; 12. Blake Knowles, $92,304; 13. Trevor Knowles, $85,359; 14. Tyler Waguespack, $85,345; 15. Casey Martin, $84,041.

Team roping

1. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz./Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev., 3.6 seconds, $26,231; 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas/Patrick Smith, Logan, Texas, 3.8, $20,731; 3. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont./Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev., 4.1, $15,654; 4. JoJo Lelliond, Andrews, Texas/Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz., 4.2, $11,000; 5. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz./Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz., 4.3, $6,769; 6. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla./Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., 4.4, $4,231; 7. Nick Sartain, Tower, Okla./Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.5; 8. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn./Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., 4.6; 9. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas/Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla., 4.8; 10. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla./Jake Long, Colleyville, Kan., 6.4; 11. Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz./Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas, 8.5; 12. Billy Lloyd, Madisonville, Texas/Rory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas, 10.5; 13. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M./Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore., 12.3; 14. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash./Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 13.8; no other qualified times.

Average standings: 1. Erich Rogers/ Cory Petska, 19.1 on four head; 2. Aaron Tsinigine/ Ryan Motes, 23.2; 3. Clay Smith/Paul Eaves, 24.4; 4. Coleman Proctor/Jake Long, 25.8; 5. JoJo LeMond-Junior Nogueira, 28.3; 6. Colby Lovell/ Kory Koontz, 28.6.

World standings (headers): 1. Clay Tryan, $169,286; 2. Derrick Begay, $157,329; 3. Aaron Tsinigine, $146,230; 4. Chad Masters, $123,399; 5. Trevor Brazile, $122,998; 6. Erich Rogers, $122,938; 7. Colby Lovell, $120,138; 8. Luke Brown, $103,140; 9. Jake Cooper, $98,302; 10. Coleman Proctor, $95,783; 11. Clay Smith, $94,344; 12. Nick Sartain, $93,809; 13. Jake Cooper, $90,933; 14. Matt Sherwood, $88,436; 15. Riley Minor, $77,592.

World standings (heelers): 1. Jade Corkill, $169,286; 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, $158,446; 3. Ryan Motes, $145,098; 4. Patrick Smith, $122,998; 5. Kory Koontz, $119,775; 6. Cory Petska, $119,098; 7. Travis Graves, $115,998; 8. Kollin VonAhn, $109,755; 9. Junior Nogueira, $108,833; 10. Paul Eaves, $100,545; 11. Travis Woodard, $99,519; 12. Jake Long, $93,998; 13. Rich Skelton, $93,809; 14. Brady Minor, $76,263; 15. Russell Cardoza, $76,080.

Saddle bronc riding

1. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah, 85.5 points on Flying Five Rodeo's Sundance, $26,231; 2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta, 85.0, $20,731; 3. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas, 83.5, $15,654; 4. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas, 83.0, $11,000; 5. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M., 81.5, $6,769; 6. Chuck Schmidt, Kelston, S.D., 80.0, $4,231; 7. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., 78.5; 8. Wade Sundell, Coleman, Okla., 76.5; 9. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah, 72.5; no other qualified rides.

Average standings: 1. Jacobs Crawley, 330.0 points on four head; 2. Wade Sundell, 325.5; 3. CoBurn Bradshaw, 319.5; 4. Taos Muncy, 297.0; 5. Isaac Diaz, 243.5 on three; 6. Cody DeMoss, 241.0.

World standings: 1. Jacobs Crawley, $172,5 2. Cody DeMoss, $167,687; 3. Rusty Wright, $157,717; 4. Wade Sundell, $151,641; 5. Isaac Diaz, $133,461; 6. Jake Wright, $126,731; 7. CoBurn Bradshaw, $117,607; 8. Taos Muncy, $115,482; 9. Chuck Schmidt, $105,910; 10. Zeke Thurston, $103,009; 11. Heith DeMoss, $99,085; 12. Cort Scheer, $98,737; 13. Tyrel Larsen, $98,020; 14. Spencer Wright, $84,339; 15. Bradley Harter, $81,310.

Tie-down roping

1. (tie) Caleb Smidt, Wilnis, Texas, and Sterling Smith, Stephenville, Texas, 7.2 seconds, $23,491 each; 3. (tie) Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, and Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas, 7.4, $13,327 each; 5. Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas, 7.5, $6,769; 6. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas, 7.7, $4,231; 7. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho, 7.9; 8. Cory Solomon, Pebble Vale, Texas, 8.0; 9. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, 8.1; 10. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., 8.3; 11. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas, 9.0; 12. (tie) Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas, and Tyson Durfey, Savannah, Mo., 9.4; no other qualified times.

Average standings: 1. Monty Lewis, 32.3 seconds on four head; 2. Caleb Smidt, 32.4; 3. Matt Shiozawa, 32.6; 4. Shane Hanchey, 32.7; 5. Marty Yates, 33.3; 6. Marcos Costa, 33.9.

World standings: 1. Tuf Cooper, $154,130; 2. Timber Moore, $149,652; 3. Marty Yates, $146,089; 4. Hunter Herrin, $134,063; 5. Caleb Smidt, $129,392; 6. Trevor Brazile, $128,209; 7. Cade Swor, $124,690; 8. Marcos Costa, $120,898; 9. Matt Shiozawa, $115,720; 10. Sterling Smith, $112,547; 11. Monty Lewis, $108,134; 12. Tyson Durfey, $105,540; 13. Shane Hanchey, $100,553; 14. Ryan Jarrett, $95,997; 15. Cory Solomon, $92,483.

Barrel racing

1. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga., 13.71 seconds, $26,231; 2. (tie) Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D., and Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, Wyo., 13.88, $18,193 each; 4. Taylor Jacob, Cheyenne, Texas, 13.99, $11,000; 5. (tie) Callie duPerier, Boerne, Texas, and Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah, 14.03, $6,500 each; 7. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas, 14.06; 8. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.17; 9. Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas, 14.21; 10. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas, 14.24; 11. Vickie Carter, Richfield, Utah, 14.28; 12. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas, 14.38; 13. Deb Guelly, Olotoks, Alberta, 14.45; 14. Jana Bean, Fort Hancock, Texas, 18.74; 15. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, Texas, 18.97.

Average standings: 1. Cassidy Kruse, 55.52 seconds on four runs; 2. Lisa Lockhart, 55.69; 3. Callie duPerier, 56.37; 4. Jackie Ganter, 56.49; 5. Sherry Cervi, 56.78; 6. Sarah Rose McDonald, 60.36.

World standings: 1. Lisa Lockhart, $215,674; 2. Sarah Rose McDonald, $169,259; 3. Callie DuPerier, $169,192; 4. Cassidy Kruse, $163,269; 5. Mary Walker, $135,759; 6. Fallon Taylor, $130,886; 7. Taylor Jacob, $127,736; 8. Michele McLeod, $117,828; 9. Sherry Cervi, $114,744; 10. Nancy Hunter, $112,186; 11. Carley Richardson, $101,147; 12. Jackie Ganter, $97,760; 13. Vickie Carter, $72,798; 14. Jana Bean, $70,162; 15. Deb Guelly, $69,769.

Bull riding

1. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah, 85.5 points on Andrews Rodeo's Bell Ringer, $26,231; 2. Caleb Sanderson, Hatteville, Texas, 83.0, $20,731; 3. (tie) Kody DeShon, Helena, Mont., and Clayton Follyn, Winnie, Texas, 82.0, $13,327 each; 5. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla., 81.0, $6,769; 6. Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas, 73.5, $4,231; no other qualified rides.

Average standings: 1. Cody Teel, 238.0 points on three head; 2. Sage Kimzey, 165.5 on two; 3. Clayton Follyn, 158.5; 4. Caleb Sanderson, 157.5; 5. Parker Breding, 86.5 on one; 6. Joe Frost, 85.5.

World standings: 1. Sage Kimzey, $212,101; 2. Parker Breding, $156,477; 3. Cody Teel, $139,133; 4. Joe Frost, $120,043; 5. Brannon Eldred, $120,041; 6. Wesley Silcox, $115,779; 7. Clayton Follyn, $114,784; 8. Shane Proctor, $109,744; 9. Caleb Sanderson, $108,845; 10. Chandler Bownds, $98,441; 11. Reid Barker, $88,501; 12. Bret Stall, $86,099; 13. Kody DeShon, $85,960; 14. Dustin Bowen, $75,250; 15. Ty Wallace, $73,905.

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State Semifinals

Lake Dallas (12-2) vs. Frisco Lone Star (13-1); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Allen

Fort Bend Ridge Point (11-3) vs. Cedar Park (14-0); 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Abilene Wylie (12-2) vs. Argyle (13-1); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

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State Semifinals

Celina (14-0) vs. Gilmer (14-0); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

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CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Brock (14-0) vs. Mineola (13-0); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie's Gopher Warrior Bowl

Cameron Yoe (13-1) vs. Mathis (12-2); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's Royal Memorial Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Idalou (13-0) vs. Weskom (14-0); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells

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CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Semifinals

Canadian (14-0) vs. Crawford (14-0); 6:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls

Loveladdy (14-0) vs. Refugio (12-2); 6 p.m. Friday, Georgetown ISD Complex

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Semifinals

Seagraves (13-1) vs. Albany (13-1); 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

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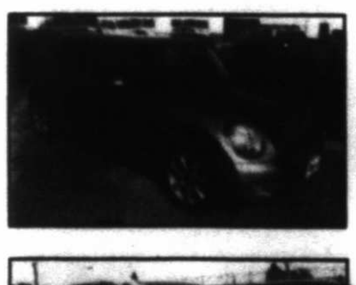
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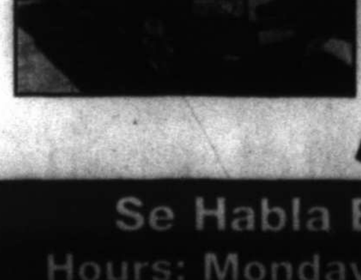
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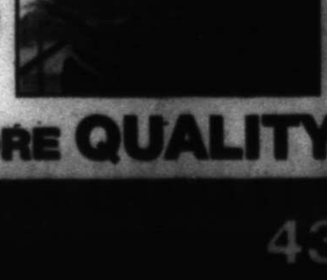
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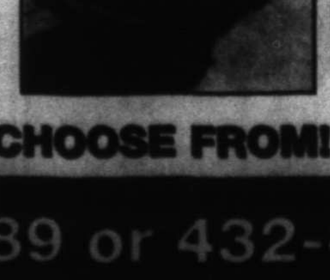
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