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Combs: Texans need to be 'fired up' over lizard

Comptroller said Texas is in better shape than rest, and Feds need to stay out of the way

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The fight against the dunes sagebrush lizard has only just begun.

That's what State Comptroller Susan Combs said Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's meeting. Combs said those in the Permian Basin have been speaking out against the possible listing of the lizard on the endangered species list, but if the debate ends up in court, the issue could be dragged out for years and residents need to continue to stay "fired up."

"We're in a fight," she said, mentioning the lizard as several let out a hushed boo during the luncheon at the Midland Country Club. "We're in a huge fight for our lives."

The dunes sagebrush lizard — which Combs refers to as the "DSL" — is only one of several species she said poses a great threat to the energy industry.

Her office started a website, www.keepingtexasfirst.org, to inform people of the negative economic impact she and others at the meeting said could happen as a result of over-regulation.

With its booming energy industry, fair regulatory climate and restrained government spending, Combs said Texas has done well economically. With the about $3.2 billion used from the "rainy day fund" during the last Legislative session, Combs said she anticipates the fund will grow to a cushion of about $7.1 billion by the start of the next session.

Even with that, Combs said state leaders can only do so much if the federal government continues to impose environmental and health care regulations on businesses.

"We can do an awful lot of stuff well, and if other people do stuff poorly, it has an adverse effect," she said.

Of the about 700 species being looked at for the endangered species list by either the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service, about 111 are in Texas, she said.

In addition to the dunes sagebrush lizard, Combs said she's concerned about a reptile that threatens drilling near San Antonio, as well as a butterfly being looked at near the Gulf Coast. In the case of the butterfly, she said federal regulators told the state the risk it needs to mitigate is hurricanes.

"I don't think folks really understand how broad this is," Combs said. "We've got a bull's-eye painted on our back."

In each species, Combs said the burden of proof is on

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PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OPENS

Rafael Aguilera/UTPB

Richard W. Fisher, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, speaks during "An Economic Overview — What's Next?" on Wednesday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. The presentation, part of the John Ben Shepherd Distinguished Lecture Series at UTPB, was the inaugural public event for the center.

Banker: Fed has done its part to stimulate economy

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

The president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said Wednesday it's time for elected officials to step up and create the economic certainty needed to bolster activity.

"Our lawmakers have to get their act together. It doesn't matter if they're Republicans or Democrats," said Richard Fisher, CEO and president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Speaking to the several hundred who attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Shepperd Distinguished Lecture series, Fisher said the Federal Reserve has done enough. Now, Congress needs to properly address the tax structure and regulatory climate so businesses will have the confidence to expand.

"The central bank, we cannot do this alone," he said. "We provide the fuel, we can't incentivize people to use it."

Fisher spoke during what was the first public event at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Before his presentation and a Q-and-A that would follow with economist Ray Perryman, UTPB President David Watts and Kirk Edwards, chairman of the El Paso Branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve, thanked all those who made the performing arts center possible, particularly the Wagner and Noël families.

"They've left a legacy here for many, many generations to come," Edwards said.

Fisher said in lowering interest rates and pouring liquidity into the market, the Federal Reserve has taken the steps needed and more.

"I think we've done our job at the central bank," Fisher said. "Some people would argue, and I'm one of them, that we've gone too far."

Low rates have been created come at a cost, he said, as banks — particularly small ones — struggle to earn money and those who've saved lack the ability to earn returns on what they've stocked away.

Instead of calling for more resources, he said a climate has to be created that will allow people to take advantage of the liquidity already there.

"How's it get put to work?" he said. "People have to be incentivized to use it."

Texas has remained economically

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Perry looks for comeback after latest GOP debate

By Peggy Fikac and Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

AUSTIN — Rick Perry appears to be in freefall after another lackluster GOP debate performance and his tardiness in producing a plan for what would be his top assignment as president: turning around the economy.

But Perry's strategists and Republican grassroots activists caution that it is far too early to write off the Texas governor, whose strong fundraising gives him $15 million in the bank. His campaign insists his resources, what they call a strong campaign organization in early states and the economic plans he's poised to offer still make him the top conservative alternative to Mitt Romney for the GOP presidential nomination.

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"The Republican grassroots and activists are clearly uncomfortable and suspicious of Gov. Romney," said Ray Sullivan, Perry's communications director, in an interview. "So it quickly becomes Romney versus the conservative wing of the Republican Party, which is a pretty big wing."

The battle, Sullivan said, "goes back to which of the conservative candidates have the record, the abilities, the financing, campaign infrastructure and winning experience to go the distance and to win the nomination? And we certainly believe that Gov. Perry is the conservative best-positioned and best able to go the distance, to compete and win in the early states, and become the nominee."

Perry raised $17 million in the third quarter despite his late start. His campaign said he had about $15 million in the bank, which could fuel one of his strengths — political advertising. Perry has significant grassroots and campaign infrastructure strength in the early states, Sullivan said. "And starting Friday, we'll begin rolling

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Friend: Suspect in ambassador plot 'no mastermind'

By Will Weissert and Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

ROUND ROCK — A friend of a former Texas used car dealer accused of plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador in the United States said he never thought of his one-time business partner as politically motivated, much less a key player in a potential terrorist act.

Mansoour Arbabsiar: Former Corpus Christi used car salesman is accused of plotting to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador in the United States.

Manssor Arbabsiar was known as "Jack" to his friends because his name was too hard to pronounce, said David Tomscha, who briefly owned a used car lot with him in Corpus Christi. Tomscha said his friend was likable, albeit a bit lazy.

"He's no mastermind," Tomscha told the Associated Press on Tuesday. "I can't imagine him thinking up a plan like that. I mean, he didn't seem all that political. He was more of a businessman."

Arbabsiar, 56, was being held without bail in New York for his role in the alleged plot to kill Saudi diplomat Adel Al-Jubeir in the United States. The Justice Department contends that Arbabsiar and another man working for the Iranian government tried to hire a purported member of a Mexican drug cartel to carry out the attack with a bomb while Al-Jubeir was at

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It's happening

... This weekend

Today

■ Midland College's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series and Friends of the Series presents Spencer Wells — a geneticist, anthropologist and explorer-in-residence at National Geographic Society — 7:30 p.m., Chap Center. For more information on the free event, visit www.midlandcollegefoundation.org or call 685-4556.

Saturday

■ Gift of Hope cookoff at the American Legion Woods Lynch Post No. 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Road. Sanctioned Chili and barbecue events will take place. Web: www.hopehousetexas.org

■ Keep Midland Beautiful's Make a Difference Day annual fall cleanup, across Midland. Groups are encouraged to sign up by calling KMB at 687-7400 or register online at keepmidlandbeautiful.org. For more information, call 687-7400.

■ Midland Downtown Farmers' Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W. Texas Ave., under the green.

■ Step Out Walk to stop Diabetes at Midland College. For more information, including the time, call 570-1232.

Saturday and Sunday

■ All About Women Expo at the Horseshoe.

Meetings schedule

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA, Thursday
Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home's monthly reading event for kindergarteners through sixth-graders is 4:30 p.m. Oct. 20. This month's featured book will be "Pony in the Pumpkin Patch." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will also be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ A panel of experienced genealogists will take part in a forum — Genealogy Research - Where to Start — 10 a.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

One-on-one assistance will be available throughout the day. To set up a time or more information, call 688-4325. There is no charge.

■ Registration is ongoing for StepOut 2011, presented by the American Diabetes Association. The walk is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Chap Center.

The walk is free for those who have raised money. There will be a $20 fee for those who register that morning.

Register for StepOut 2011 at www.diabetes.org/stepout.

Cinderella

The Midland High School theater and choir departments will present "Cinderella" Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Shows are at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the school auditorium.

Admission is free for anyone who donates a new pair of shoes for Buckner International's Shoes for Orphan Souls. Tickets are $8 for adults, $5 for students and free for Midland ISD employees.

The cast of Midland High School's "Cinderella" will hold a character brunch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Midland High School. For $10, children can have breakfast with Cinderella, make crowns with the stepsisters, dance with Prince Charming and have storytime with the fairy godmother.

Senior festival and health fair

Casa de Amigos is hosting a senior festival and fair from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at 1101 E. Garden Lane.

The health fair will show seniors how to manage their nutrition, diabetes and cholesterol.

Breath of Life will be on site to check oxygen levels and demonstrate how to properly use an oxygen tank. Rightway Medical Supply also will be on hand for foot care and proper shoe selection. Among the health and wellness providers planning to attend are Su Casa and St. Joseph's Home Health, which will be assist with free screenings.

Those planning to have their cholesterol screening need to fast for accurate results.

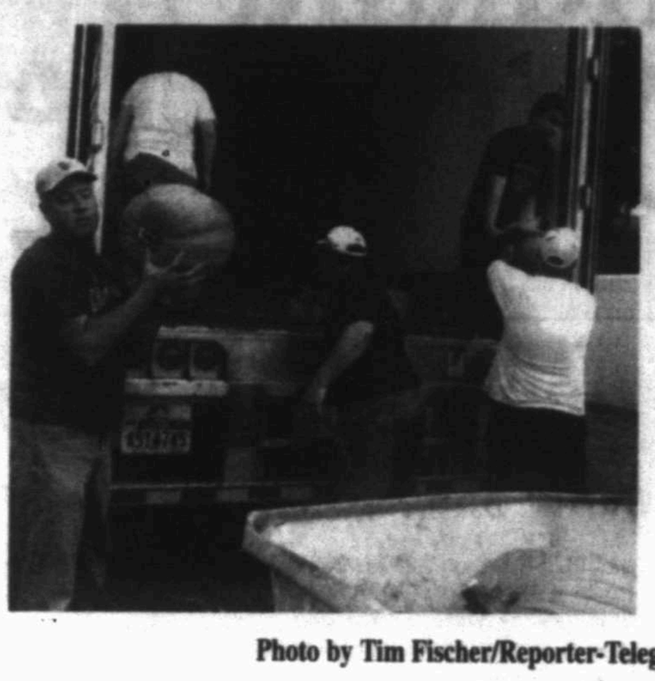
Gift of Hope cookoff takes place Saturday

A sanctioned Gifts of Hope cookoff is planned for Saturday at the American Legion Woods Lynch Post No. 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Road.

Money for the Gifts of hope is raised through sponsorships, the sale of T-shirts, caps, koozies, cooking entries, raffle tickets, 50/50 cash drawing tickets, a silent auction and donations. Last year's cook-off raised $33,500. Over the last 10 years, the cook-off has raised $160,000.

The chili cookoff is CASI-sanctioned. The barbecue cookoff is sanctioned by Lone Star Barbecue Society. Categories include half-jointed chicken, pork spareribs and beef brisket.

For more information, see www.hopehousetexas.org.



PREPARING FOR THE PUMPKIN PATCH

Richard Culbert and other volunteers with St. Luke's United Methodist Church help unload a semi-truck of pumpkins Saturday to set up for the Pumpkin Patch.

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St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch information

The Pumpkin Patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 Kansas Ave., is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The patch hosts daily storytime for children, pictures, parties and has thousands of pumpkins to purchase for decorating. Located across the street from the church, the patch raises money for church mission projects and scholarships.

City of Midland sales tax report

October 2011 collection: $2,505,470
October 2010 collection: $2,097,087
Percent increase: 19.47
Note: The city has experienced 18 consecutive increases.
Fiscal year-to-date total: $2,505,470
Percent increase from last year: 19.47
Amount dedicated in September to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $626,367

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 2011. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

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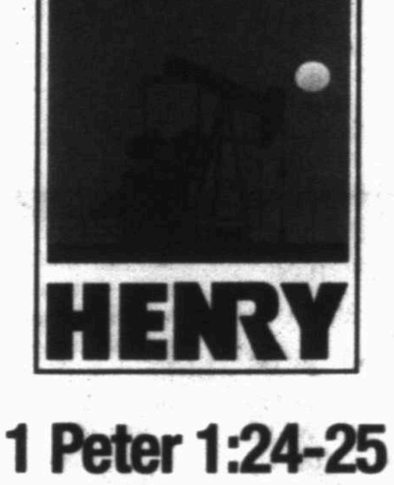

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CALIFORNIA

6 killed in salon shooting

SEAL BEACH — Six people were killed and three critically wounded Wednesday when a gunman opened fire in a busy hair salon, leaving victims' bodies scattered throughout the business in a normally sedate Southern California beach community.

The gunman got into a car and drove away from Salon Meritage. He was stopped by officers about a half-mile away and surrendered without incident, said police Sgt. Steve Bowles.

His name was not immediately released.

Police were struggling to determine the motive for the killings.

ALABAMA

Hispanics skip work to protest immigration law

ALBERTVILLE — Businesses dependent on immigrant labor were shuttered Wednesday as workers took the day off to protest the state's strict new immigration law.

The work stoppage appeared largest in northeast Alabama, the hub of the state's $2.7 billion poultry industry, but metropolitan areas also were affected. At least a half-dozen chicken processing plants closed or scaled back operations because employees, many of whom are Hispanic, didn't show up for work or told managers in advance they wanted to join the sick-out to show disapproval of the law upheld by a federal judge two weeks ago.

WASHINGTON

Congress approves 3 free trade pacts

Congress approved free trade agreements Wednesday with South Korea, Colombia and Panama, ending a four-year drought in the forming of new trade partnerships and giving the White House and Capitol Hill the opportunity to show they can work together to stimulate the economy and put people back to work.

In rapid succession, the House and Senate voted on the three trade pacts, which the administration said could boost exports by $13 billion and support tens of thousands of American jobs. None of the votes were close, despite opposition from labor groups and other critics of free trade agreements who say they result in job losses and ignore labor rights problems in the partner countries.

President Barack Obama said passage of the agreements was "a major win for American workers and businesses."

WASHINGTON

High court weighs routine strip searches in jail

The Supreme Court seemed ready Wednesday to endorse a jail policy that forces even people arrested on minor charges to undress and shower while watched by guards.

Less clear was whether justices would decide jailers need a reason to suspect someone may be hiding a weapon or drugs before undertaking a more invasive strip search. The court heard arguments in a case weighing the privacy rights of people in jail against authorities' need to maintain safety.

It's the case of Albert Florence, the finance manager for a New Jersey car dealership, who was arrested on a warrant for an unpaid fine. Florence said he was twice required by jail guards, who stood close by, to undress, open his mouth and lift his genitals. On the second occasion, he also had to bend over and cough, in case he was hiding something inside his body.

Jail officials and the Obama administration back a policy that allows close searches of anyone entering the general jail population.

WASHINGTON

US debts forcing big military cuts, but where?

With the nation deep in debt and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan winding down, the military knows it's in for painful spending cuts. But where?

Touch military benefits and face the wrath of Congress — and a network of veterans groups — even though the cost of health care has exploded from $19 billion in 2001 to $53 billion. Trim the number of troops and trigger cries of a "hollow" military and warnings that the Vietnam-era draft may be revived to fill the ranks.

There is a potential target among weapons systems. It's the troubled F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the next generation, supersonic aircraft for the Air Force, Marines and Navy, the biggest weapon procurement program for the Pentagon at a cost of $238 billion. The aircraft has fallen behind schedule and risen over budget, with one variant of the plane suffering cracks in the bulkhead after it flew just 1,500 hours out of a planned 16,000.

Some estimates suggest the actual cost could exceed $1 trillion over 50 years.

'Occupy' protests evolved from magazine appeal

By David P. Caruso
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Early this year, the editors of a Canadian anti-establishment magazine watched Egyptians demanding democracy in Cairo, and young Spaniards camping out in city centers to protest high unemployment, and wondered, "Why isn't this happening in America?"

So in an Internet posting in mid-July, Adbusters suggested a time — Sept. 17 — and a place — Wall Street — for people to make a stand. The editors didn't organize any activists, or even visit New York, but thousands of people took their idea and made it real.

"All of us had this feeling that there was this powerful wave of rage rising up in America that hadn't found its expression yet," said magazine co-founder Kalle Lasn, who came up with the idea for the demonstration with Adbusters editor Micah White.

The Vancouver-based magazine audaciously called for 20,000 "redeemers, rebels and radicals" to flood lower Manhattan and occupy Wall Street for a few months. The crowds have been substantially smaller than that, and another key part of the original Adbusters call — that the protesters come up with "one simple demand" — has yet to materialize.

But the demonstration has created a political buzz and inspired dozens more encampments across the U.S.

On Wednesday, police arrested four people outside JP Morgan Chase offices where Wall Street protesters called in vain for a meeting with Chairman and CEO Jamie Dimon. Protesters accused the police of rough handling. An Associated Press photographer witnessed police officers heading into the crowd of demonstrators to make the arrests.

Meanwhile, about 700 members of the Service Employees International Union marched through the Financial District; the union, which represents 23,000 office cleaners, is gearing up for contract negotiations with the Realty Advisory Board.

More protests are planned in Toronto and Vancouver this weekend, and European activists also are organizing.

"It has launched a national conversation. What's wrong with a movement like that?" Lasn said.

The magazine that sparked that conversation is not exactly a household name for many Americans. Adbusters, which features provocative essays and spoof advertisements challenging people to reject consumer culture, has about 20,000 subscribers and sells about 80,000 copies at newsstands and independent bookstores, mostly in the U.S. It sells no advertising, and funds itself entirely through sales and donations.

The Canadian roots of the U.S. protest could rankle some, though Adbusters' focus on New York is driven less by American politics than it is by Wall Street's status as a center of global corporate power.

The magazine launched its campaign simply. It created a website and designed a poster, featuring a dancer standing atop Wall Street's famed charging bull statue while a riot rages in the background. It made some suggestions about what the protest's one demand would be, but said the matter was best left to the people, to be decided by consensus at meetings leading up to the demonstration.

The West Coast magazine was in no position to do any actual organizing.

"We didn't have a huge IT department. We didn't have people on the ground in New York City," explained White, who lives in Berkeley, Calif.

The people who turned Adbusters' idea into a real protest were a combination of veterans of New York City's activist scene and newcomers who saw the magazine's call circulating on Twitter and other social media. They didn't share any particular political goal, but held a unifying belief that the country's economic and political systems are rigged to benefit big corporations and the very rich.

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COMEBACK

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out significant policy pieces and pillars of the governor's economic and jobs plans."

Sullivan called Perry "the complete package when it comes to a successful Republican candidate."

Not hardly, said Romney spokesman Ryan Williams, whose candidate enjoyed a shot in the arm with the endorsement of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who carries conservative support and disappointed many in the GOP when he decided not to run for president himself.

"Rick Perry will do and say anything to distract from his floundering campaign and cratering poll numbers," Williams said of Sullivan's criticism. "Perry has embarrassed himself with a series of disastrous debate performances and outraged grassroots activists with his support for liberal policies that encourage illegal immigration. The Perry campaign is clearly beginning to realize their biggest problem is that the more voters see their candidate, the less they like him."

Experts and activists aren't dismissing Perry, although they said he has a steep hill to climb.

"I don't count Perry out, and not just because he has the money," said Fergus Cullen, a prominent GOP activist in New Hampshire, where the debate took place. "I think part of Perry's problem is that voters have been making first impressions over the TV, and specifically, in the low-light reels from the debates. Activists here haven't seen him at the county Lincoln Day dinner or picnic or headlining an event for the state party, so when he stumbled, there wasn't a bed of goodwill to fall back on."

Cullen said Perry's approach at Tuesday's forum "seemed to be almost a white flag — at least in terms in debates." But he said a hard-hitting anti-Romney Web video "signals a willingness to go after Romney in paid media," although he added that given Romney's favorable ratings in New Hampshire, he wasn't sure how effective the attack would be there.

"Perry does need to come out with some economic plan, any economic plan," Cullen said.

Perry soared to the top of the polls after his August jump into the race, but he's since slipped. He's been hurt by less-than-solid debate performances, questions about his policies on issues including immigration and his brash comments, such as calling people "heartless" if they disagreed with allowing in-state tuition for the children of illegal immigrants. He backed off that statement, which offended many of the conservatives he'd need to win the nomination.

His diminished profile was evident in Tuesday's debate, when he seemed largely relegated to the sidelines, eclipsed by Romney and Herman Cain.

The latest Gallup tracking poll, however, offers some reason for optimism for the Perry camp. Although Cain has far more intense support among Republican primary voters than does Perry, the poll found the Texas governor remains popular with the people most likely to pick delegates.

Perry has a 63 percent favorable rating and a 26 percent negative rating — a net positive rating of 37 percent. And despite all the negative press coverage he has received, Perry's approval rating has dropped only 10 percentage points (from 73 to 63) since its high in late August.

"He certainly could get back into the game, although it will be harder in NH than nationally," said Andrew E. Smith, associate professor of political science at the University of New Hampshire and director of the UNH Survey Center.

New Hampshire has a high turnout, so activists don't determine the winner, and the electorate is more moderate than in other early-voting states, he said.

"But Perry has enough money that he can focus on Iowa, and work to solidify his position as THE conservative candidate, and face Romney with momentum when he gets to NH," Smith said by email. "Perry's biggest fear is that there are a couple conservatives left in the process after NH. Romney's biggest fear is that Perry is the only conservative left after NH."

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs speaks Wednesday at the Midland County Republican Women's luncheon.

COMBS

From 1A

Texans. Her office is asking residents to submit data on how the listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard would affect their company in terms of jobs or activity lost and for those who are certified to track the existence of such species in their area.

"They say they have so many species they don't have the ability to have specific data on anything," she said.

If the lizard or any other species being considered is listed, Combs, a former attorney, said her first advice will be to sue.

"Drill, baby, drill and sue, sue, sue," Combs said, laughing.

Combs said she agrees there needs to be clean air, water and living conditions in the state. What they're working to ensure, she added, is the regulations that ensure those things don't unnecessarily get in the way of doing business at a time when job creation continues to be paramount.

"I think it's a very, very perilous time for folks and it worries me a lot," she said.

With Gov. Rick Perry continuing his bid for president and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst having announced his intentions to run for the U.S. Senate, Combs admits there's the potential for a lot of shifting among state leaders in the coming years. She's been rumored to have an interest in the lieutenant governor position.

However, she said with the election not taking place until 2014, she's focused on her current role.

"I really do have an important day job," she said.

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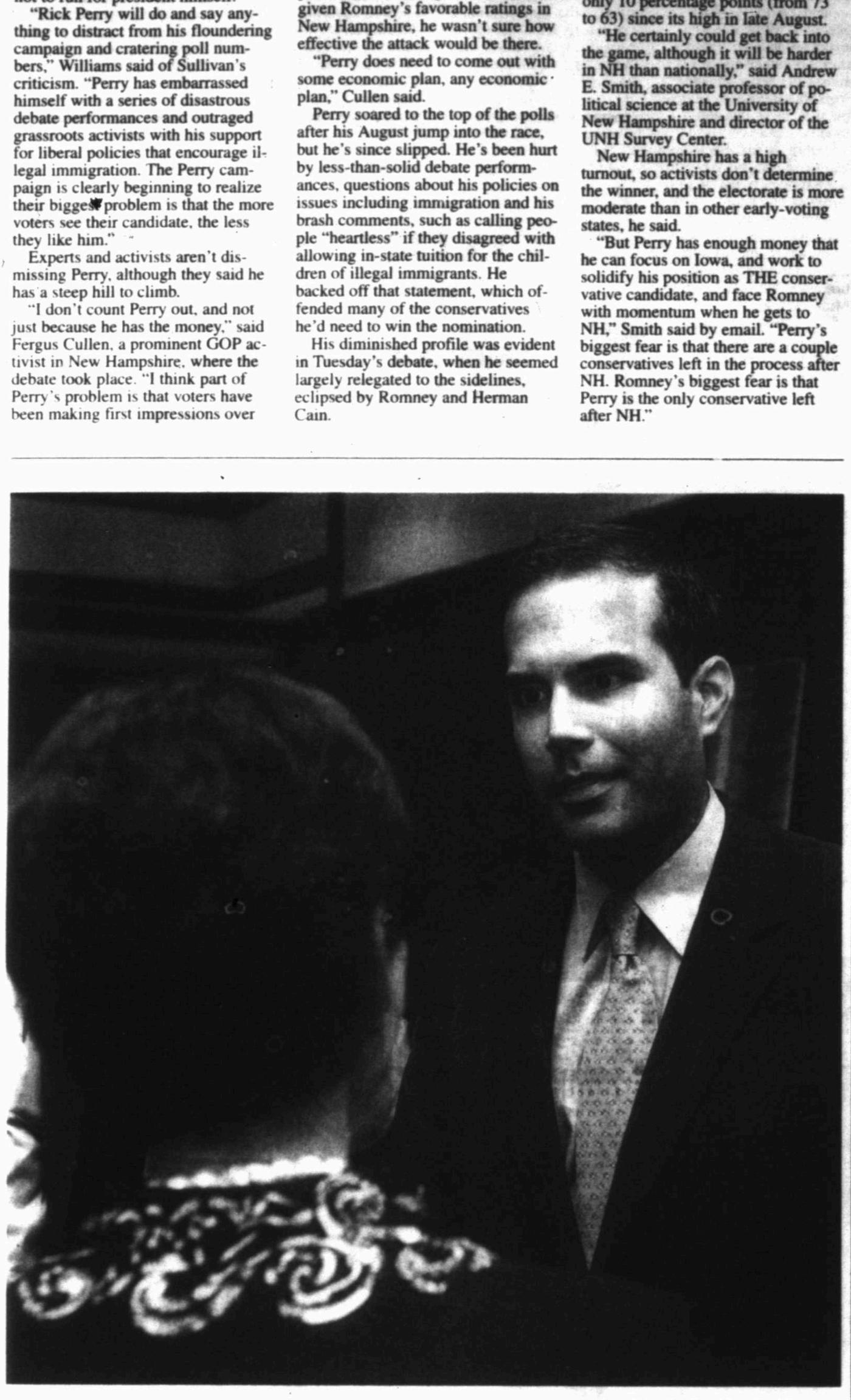

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Bush fundraiser

George P. Bush talks with Susie Evans on Wednesday evening during a fundraiser for the George W. Bush Childhood Home. Bush is the son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and nephew of former President George W. Bush. He was the featured speaker at the fundraiser for the George W. Bush Childhood Home. He is an intelligence officer in the Naval Reserves and is a partner and manager of investor relations for Pennybacker Capital of Austin. He is a graduate of Rice University and University of Texas School of Law.

Rafael Aguilera/UTPB

Richard W. Fisher, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, speaks to a group of students before his lecture Wednesday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

LECTURE

From 1A

stable compared to other parts of the country. In part, he said, because its structure has allowed businesses to invest.

"We are an oasis in an economic desert," Fisher said. "We continue to see people move here. We continue to create jobs."

Even in Texas where there are nearly as many people employed as there were before the recession, though, "we must do better," he said.

For economic activity to truly increase across the board there has to be a rise in domestic consumption, foreign demand for U.S. products, spending by the government and growth by businesses.

The Federal Reserve cannot create those elements, he said. Lawmakers have to act in a way that's responsible and fosters such activity.

He acknowledged the Federal Reserve has been a recent target both of lawmakers and presidential candidates, such as Gov. Rick Perry and Rep. Ron Paul. However, Fisher said the central bank is doing the job it was charged with by Congress.

He said politics have no impact on the decision making process of those at the central bank.

"Our job is to stay out of politics in terms of letting them influence money policies," he said, speaking to a group of students before the lecture.

And, despite questions raised by some candidates, Fisher told the students the Federal Reserve is regularly audited and makes its balance sheet public each week.

"We're completely transparent," Fisher said.

Although these are perilous economic times, Fisher said he's hopeful. With people out of work in the masses, they're becoming fed up and demanding more from those they've elected, which is what it will take to see change.

Fisher said he was grateful for the opportunity to be among the first to grace the stage at the new facility.

"I'm actually the warm up act for Rod Stewart," Fisher said, alluding to the Nov. 1 concert at the center. "I promise you this: I won't be as entertaining as Rod Stewart, but A, I have a better hair cut and B, I'm less expensive."

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PLOT

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a restaurant.

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in New York, the plot was revealed by an informant inside the world of the Mexican drug trade, a man paid by U.S. drug agents to rat out traffickers.

Tomscha, 60, said their partnership in the 1990s ended after about six months when Arbabsiar stopped making his share of the payments for their lot, but they remained friends. Arbabsiar never talked about traveling to Mexico, Tomscha said.

Arbabsiar came to the U.S. to attend what was then known as Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Tomscha said. Then Arbabsiar opened a used car lot with a couple of college friends and eventually owned several in the Corpus Christi area, and he seemed to get first choice on the repossessed cars at the auto auction in town, Tomscha said.

"He was sort of a hustler," Tomscha said. "I think he made some money."

Tomscha said he last saw Arbabsiar last fall, and in early 2011 heard that his friend had moved back to Iran. Tomscha was shocked to hear Tuesday about the arrest.

After living for years in Corpus Christi, Arbabsiar followed his wife, Martha Guerrero, to the Austin area, Tomscha said.

Guerrero owns a home in a well-manicured neighborhood in Round Rock, the Austin suburb that federal officials list as Arbabsiar's residence. She addressed reporters overnight, saying Arbabsiar doesn't live there and only used the address to obtain a driver's license.

"We've been separated for a long time," Guerrero said. "I don't know nothing about his business or what he does or what he doesn't do."

But others in the neighborhood said they had seen Arbabsiar recently. Eric Cano, who lives next-door, said he frequently observed Arbabsiar walking in the neighborhood after dark, while smoking cigarettes and talking on a cellphone in a foreign language.

"My wife and I always thought there was something weird about the guy," said Cano, a 38-year-old buyer for a grocery company. "But you don't think it will get to this level."

Halloween decorations hung from a tree in the front yard of Guerrero's house. Within hours of word of Arbabsiar's arrest, the neighborhood was flooded with trucks from local television stations.

"I want this over with," Guerrero said. "My children and I are under a lot of stress right now because of this situation. We don't have nothing to do with it."

Calls to the home went unanswered Wednesday. But Guerrero said in TV interviews she believes the charges against Arbabsiar are false.

"I cannot for the life of me think that he would be capable of doing that," Guerrero told KVUE in Austin. "He was at the wrong place at the wrong time, I'm sure of that and I know that his innocence is going to come out."

Records show Arbabsiar also has lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and Corpus Christi, and been married at least twice. He was arrested and released in 2001 for theft by check, charges that were eventually dismissed, said Cynthia Martinez of the Nueces County Sheriff's Office, which includes Corpus Christi. She said Arbabsiar also was arrested in 1993, 1996 and 1997 on traffic violations.

Court records also indicate he was once charged with evading arrest in the Dallas area.

Cano said Arbabsiar moved in with Guerrero, who had lived at the house previously and was raising three boys, all now grown. Records indicate Arbabsiar is married to Guerrero and show no indication they are separated.

Cano said although he would see Arbabsiar with some frequency, they'd never speak.

"He wasn't friendly at all," Cano said. "He'd never even acknowledge you. He'd just walk and talk in this language I'd never heard of."

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ACROSS THE NATION

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CHICAGO

Sheriff launches new effort to ID Gacy victims

More than 30 years after a collection of skeletal remains was found beneath John Wayne Gacy's house, detectives have secretly exhumed bones of eight young men who were never identified in hopes of answering a final question: Who were they?

The Cook County Sheriff's Department said DNA testing could solve the last mystery associated with one of the nation's worst serial killers, and authorities on Wednesday asked for the public's help in determining the victims' names.

Investigators are urging relatives of anyone who disappeared between 1970 and Gacy's 1978 arrest — and who is still unaccounted for — to undergo saliva tests to compare their DNA with that of the skeletal remains.

DETROIT

Nigerian pleads guilty in underwear bomb plot

A Nigerian man pleaded guilty Wednesday to trying to bring down a jetliner with a bomb in his underwear, defiantly telling a federal judge that he acted in retaliation for the killing of Muslims worldwide and referring to the failed explosive as a "blessed weapon."

Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who acknowledged working for al-Qaida and never denied the allegations, entered the plea against his attorney's advice on the second day of his trial. He stands to get a mandatory life sentence.

Herman Cain's sudden surge powered by 9-9-9 plan

By Shannon McCaffrey
Associated Press

ELECTION 2012

ATLANTA — If there's a policy star in the Republican presidential primary it may be Herman Cain's 9-9-9 tax overhaul plan.

It has helped fuel the Georgia businessman's sudden surge in the GOP race. But behind the catchy slogan is a reality: Experts say it will raise taxes on some Americans.

"The 9-9-9 plan that I have proposed is simple, transparent, efficient, fair and neutral," Cain, the former Godfather's Pizza chief executive, declared at Tuesday night's Republican presidential debate in New Hampshire, where his newfound higher status in the Republican primary race was on full display.

Better-known Republicans seeking the White House relentlessly assailed both Cain and the centerpiece of his unlikely presidential bid, mocking it as simplistic and politically unworkable.

"I thought it was the price of a pizza when I first heard about it," joked former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann dismissed it as a jobs plan, not a tax plan.

"When you take the 9-9-9 plan and turn it upside down, I think the devil's in the details," she quipped.

Still, 9-9-9 has placed the charismatic Cain in the thick of the primary battle. Now the trick will be staying there. On Wednesday, Cain pledged to ramp up his ground game in the early primary states of New Hampshire and Iowa, an effort to capitalize on his momentum.

The plan would scrap the current tax code and replace it with a 9 percent tax on personal income and corporations as well as a new 9 percent national sales tax.

Cain argues the 9-9-9 proposal would expand the tax base so more Americans are contributing to government coffers while at the same time getting government out of the business of picking winners and losers through the tax code.

The final phase of Cain's plan would move to a so-called fair tax, eliminating the income and corporate income taxes in favor of a national sales tax.

"It's bold," Jeanne Seaver, co-founder of the Savannah, Ga., tea party. "I like that you know where you stand with his plan."

But while some are swayed by the plan's simplicity — it can fit on a bumper sticker compared with Mitt Romney's 160-page plan — critics on the left say it would place a greater tax burden on middle- and low-income Americans by stripping away deductions that currently complicate the federal tax code.

Most low-income families currently pay less than 9 percent of their income in federal taxes. Nearly half of all U.S. households — mostly low-and middle-income families — pay no federal income taxes, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Roberton Williams, senior fellow at the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, said under Cain's plan taxes would rise on the elderly and the poorest Americans who earn less than $20,000 a year.

"The top end earners would see a big tax cut and the bottom end would see a big tax increase," Williams said. "Where in the middle it would break even we don't know because we don't have the details of the plan."

The proposal would eliminate the capital gains as well as payroll taxes that fund Social Security and Medicare. Corporations wouldn't pay a tax on dividends and the 9-9-9 plan would lower the corporate income tax from 35 percent to 9 percent.

Cain argued Tuesday night that low-income workers would pay less because he would eliminate payroll taxes, which total 15.3 percent of wages.

Kevin Hassett, an economist and senior fellow at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, praised Cain's plan as moving toward a flat tax.

"If someone's going to attack the 9-9-9 plan I would say they should be careful because you are talking about the Republican holy grail," Hassett said.

The plan, Hassett said, hews to the conservative orthodoxy of "taxing consumption rather than success."

But conservative economists are not unanimous in their support.

But some say they're troubled by the creation of a national sales tax that would give politicians in Washington a new stream of money to meddle with.

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Opinion

Occupy Wall Street vs. tea party — guess who wins

■ If this is a rebirth of the protest era (the 1960s), Republicans are in pretty good shape.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

The tea party's splendid successes, which have altered the nation's political vocabulary and agenda, have inspired a countermovement — Occupy Wall Street. Conservatives should rejoice and wish for it long life, abundant publicity and sufficient organization to endorse congressional candidates deemed worthy. All Democrats eager for OWS' imprimatur, step forward.

In scale, OWS' demonstrations-cum-encampments are to tea party events as Pittsburg, Kan., is to Pittsburgh. So far, probably fewer people have participated in all of them combined than attended just one tea party rally, that of Sept. 12, 2009, on the Washington Mall. In comportment, OWS is to the tea party as Lady Gaga is to Lord Chesterfield: Blocking the Brooklyn Bridge was not persuasion modeled on tea party tactics.

Still, OWS' defenders correctly say it represents progressivism's spirit and intellect. Because it embraces spontaneity and deplores elitism, it eschews deliberation and leadership. Hence its agenda, beyond eliminating one of the seven deadly sins (avarice), is opaque. Its meta-theory is, however, clear: Washington is grotesquely corrupt and insufficiently powerful.

Unfortunately for OWS, big government's scandal du jour, the Obama administration's Solyndra episode of crony capitalism, does not validate progressivism's indignation, it refutes progressivism's aspiration, which is for more minute government supervision of society. Solyndra got to the government trough with the help of a former bundler of Obama campaign contributions who was an Energy Department bureaucrat helping to dispense taxpayers' money to politically favored companies. His wife's law firm represented Solyndra. But, then, government of the sort progressives demand — supposed "experts," wiser than the market, allocating wealth and opportunity by supposedly disinterested decisions — is not just susceptible to corruption, it *is* corruption. It is political favoritism with a clean (even green) conscience.

Demands posted in OWS' name include a "guaranteed living wage income regardless of employment"; a $20-an-hour minimum wage (above the $16 entry wage the United Auto Workers just negotiated with GM); ending "the fossil fuel economy"; "open borders" so "anyone can travel anywhere to work and live"; $1 trillion for infrastructure; $1 trillion for "ecological restoration" (e.g., re-establishing "the natural flow of river systems"); "free college education."

And forgiveness of "all debt on the entire planet period." Progressivism's battle cry is: "Mulligan!" It demands the ultimate entitlement — emancipation from the ruinous results of all prior claims of entitlement.

Imitation is the sincerest form of progressivism because nostalgia motivates progressives, not conservatives. Tea party envy is leavened by Woodstock envy — note the drum circles at the Manhattan site — which is a facet of sixties envy. Hence conservatives should be rejoicing.

From 1965 through 1968, the left found its voice and style in consciousness-raising demonstrations and disruptions. In November 1968, the nation, its consciousness raised, elected Richard Nixon president and gave 56.9 percent of the popular vote to Nixon or George Wallace. Republicans won four of the next five presidential elections.

Perhaps things will go better for progressives this time. Barack Obama feels their pain — understands their "frustration." America's median income has declined even faster since the recovery began three Junes ago than it did during the recession, students are graduating into a jobless "recovery," African-Americans and Hispanics have unemployment rates of 16 and 11.3 percent, respectively, but Obama is on the case: He wants corporate jets to be taxed more. OWS must still, however, raise the consciousnesses of backsliding congressional Democrats who have decided that, unlike the president, they do not believe "the rich" begin at household incomes of $250,000.

Tahrir Square envy also motivates America's progressive autumn, the left's emulation of the Arab Spring. Of course, some lagoons of advanced thinking, such as Montgomery County, Md. — it is a government workers' dormitory contiguous to Washington — were progressive before OWS' drum beat became progressivism's pulse. The Montgomery County town of Takoma Park is a "nuclear-free zone," meaning it has no truck with nuclear weapons.

Responding to peace activists, some Montgomery County Council members sponsored a resolution to instruct Congress to slash defense spending. The idea died when Virginia began inviting the county's second-largest private-sector employer, Lockheed Martin, to move across the Potomac. To OWS, this proves the power of the plutocracy. To the tea party, it proves the virtue of federalism.

As Mark Twain said, difference of opinion is what makes a horse race. It is also what makes elections necessary and entertaining. So: OWS versus the tea party. Republicans generally support the latter. Do Democrats generally support the former? Let's find out. Let's vote.

OUR VIEW

Council should pass anti-texting ordinance

Midland City Councilman Scott Dufford has opened discussion on the Midland City Council for adoption of a city ordinance that would outlaw texting while driving. We stand behind Dufford's recommendation and urge the rest of the council to follow suit.

We do understand some of the objections posed by other council members, but we think a stand has to be taken. If the state — particularly Gov. Rick Perry, who vetoed such legislation this year — doesn't see fit to have a texting ban, then cities and municipalities must step forward and do the right thing. We are convinced the public wants and needs such a law.

Councilman John James said he is not positive a new law would be effective because drivers can be distracted in a variety of ways. He wants to see more data on the issue. Mayor Wes Perry says focusing on education rather than writing tickets might be a better way to actually change people's behaviors.

We do see the argument for both sides. However, we believe every piece of data we receive suggests texting while driving is a hazardous practice at best and certainly a deadly proposal even on a modest scale. A Texas A&M University study released last week said the reaction time of a driver is doubled when they are distracted by reading or sending a text message. In addition to a slower reaction time, the study showed drivers who text while driving were less able to maintain lane position or a constant speed.

This is a dangerous driving habit. While enforcing such a law would be difficult, it would be a tool in preventing the practice. Thousands of drivers would give up the practice if they knew it was against the law.

As we mentioned earlier, the state had its shot. State Rep. Tom Craddick represented our district well by introducing such a bill in the House during the most recent legislative session. It passed both the House and Senate before the governor's veto.

Texting while driving already is banned in 34 states as well as several cities, including Austin and San Antonio. We think Midland should step forward and join the growing list of states and cities tired of seeing people endanger the lives of others with such reckless behavior. There are enough traffic problems without having to deal with texting drivers.

We gladly would support any effort by the City Council to give the city an ordinance that will save lives and make our streets safer. Let's give the drivers of Midland the right to drive on safe streets and not the right to text while driving.

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Watching a wee band of protesters in DC

■ For the 'Occupy' movement to rival the tea party, they can't be counted in dozens.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

By the time they got to Woodstock, they were half a million strong. But by the time they assembled on Freedom Plaza on Tuesday morning to plan the day's civil disobedience, they numbered only 53.

Attempting to emulate the Occupy Wall Street protests, Washington activists and some out-of-town guests set themselves the lofty goal of occupying the Hart Senate Office Building. "We are there to shut the place down!" organizer David Swanson told his small band of followers.

But how to do this with only a few dozen demonstrators? Well, Swanson said, they could push all the buttons on the elevators — the way naughty children sometimes do in apartment buildings. "There are people who are wanting to go into the elevators and fill them and not get out and push all the buttons," he said. "If you like that, do it."

This set off a lengthy debate in Freedom Plaza, at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street NW, as activists came to the microphone to argue the pros and cons of elevator disruption.

"Let's face it, our numbers are not enough to shut this building down," said the representative from Veterans for Peace. "I think pushing elevator buttons is stupid."

A woman wearing a Planned Parenthood pin and a "U.S. Boat to Gaza" T-shirt was ambivalent. "I'm ready to take over and shut down that building," she said. "We don't have that many people, but we need to do it. Maybe standing in elevators isn't going to do it, but we need to figure it out."

Swanson was adamant. "We should be blocking down the elevators, blocking down the bathrooms," he said, before designating an "elevator team" for the purpose. "We're going after the building precisely to inconvenience everybody who works there."

In the end, they blocked neither elevators nor bathrooms, and inconvenienced nobody but a few Capitol Police officers, who silenced the demonstration after 20 minutes and a half-dozen arrests.

The elevator dispute says much about the new movement's troubled ascent. The Occupy Wall Street protests tapped the left's pent-up populism and anger at corporate excess. But here in Washington, progressive activists attempting to duplicate the phenomenon have so far had difficulty broadening their ranks beyond the usual suspects from anti-war demonstrations.

I don't say this with satisfaction: A revived populist movement could be a crucial counterweight to the tea party, restoring some balance to a political system that has tilted heavily to the right. But while the Occupy movement in the capital has invigorated left-wing groups — Code Pink, Veterans for Peace, Common Dreams, Peace Action, DC Vote, Community Council for the Homeless and a score of other labor and progressive organizations are represented on Freedom Plaza — it has not ignited anything resembling a populist rebellion. To swell their ranks, protesters recruited the homeless to camp with them.

Already, there are factions. While the Freedom Plaza group, calling itself "Stop the Machine," prepared to storm the Hart building, an AFL-CIO group was planning a conflicting event on the plaza. A few blocks away, in McPherson Square, an outgrowth of Occupy Wall Street had established an encampment of a few dozen sleeping bags.

There's no questioning their devotion (one young mom sat eating breakfast cereal in McPherson Square with her two young children Tuesday morning) or their anger (the National Air and Space Museum was shut over the weekend after guards used pepper spray on demonstrators).

But where are the people? As the McPherson Square activists began to emerge from their sleeping bags during the Tuesday morning rush hour, commuters examined their display of protest signs. "Time to wake up," announced one hand-lettered sign. Yet few here have awakened.

"If your friends are in the hotel having their third cup of coffee, can you ask them to come out, please?" organizer Swanson urged. Eventually, the crowd swelled from 53 to about 100 — still not enough for a respectable protest. "Please don't have a march or parade," Swanson urged them. "We don't have the numbers for it."

By the time they filed into the Hart building, the demonstrators were outnumbered by reporters, photographers and police. The cops quickly confiscated their banners and sealed off the atrium. Curious staffers stepped from their offices to check on the protest but found little action.

"That's it?" one asked another.

Yep. That's it.

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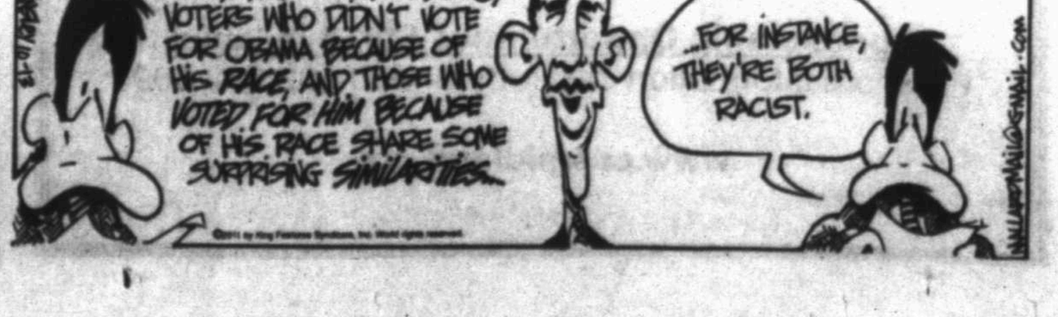

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LOS ANGELES

Hollywood hacking case victims include Johansson

A Florida man was charged with hacking into celebrity email accounts in a computer invasion scheme that led to the posting of private and revealing information, including nude photos of actress Scarlett Johansson, on the Internet, federal authorities said Wednesday.

Christopher Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, was arrested without incident as part of a yearlong investigation of celebrity hacking that authorities dubbed "Operation Hackerazzi."

There were more than 50 victims in the case, including Mila Kunis, Christina Aguilera and actress Renee Olstead, authorities said.

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Many searches, few clues in baby disappearance

KANSAS CITY — Authorities searching for a missing baby in Kansas City have marched shoulder-to-shoulder through woods, rappelled down cliffs and combed through landfills. They've interrogated her parents for hours and called in firefighters to search a 36-foot well that seemed like a possible place to hide a tiny body.

But after receiving more than 300 tips and chasing down many others, police still have no idea what happened to Lisa Irwin, a fair-haired, big-eyed baby, whose first birthday is now only a month away.

Police on Wednesday were scouring a new wooded area with all-terrain vehicles and search dogs just east of the family's home.

Prostate testing's dark side: Men who were harmed

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

Terry Dyroff's PSA blood test led to a prostate biopsy that didn't find cancer but gave him a life-threatening infection.

In the emergency room several days later, "I didn't sit, I just laid on the floor, I felt so bad," said Dyroff, 65, a retired professor from Silver Spring, Md. "I honestly thought I might be dying."

Donald Weaver was a healthy 74-year-old Kansas farmer until doctors went looking for prostate cancer. A PSA test led to a biopsy and surgery, then a heart attack, organ failure and a coma. His grief-stricken wife took him off life support.

Since Friday, when a task force of independent scientists said routine PSA testing does more harm than good, urologists who make a living treating prostate cancer have rushed to defend the test, as have patients who believe it saved their lives.

Less visible are men who have been harmed by testing, as Dyroff and Weaver were. The harm is not so much from the test itself but from everything it triggers — biopsies that usually are false alarms, and treatments that leave many men incontinent or impotent for cancers that in most cases were not a threat.

Once a PSA test suggests a problem, many men can't live with the worry they might have cancer. And once cancer is found, most men feel they have to treat it, usually at the urging of their urologist.

"There are many men who have had serious consequences from treatment. Those stories don't get told and they are not uncommon," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, which thinks the task force reached "an appropriate conclusion" about the PSA test.

"I'm not going to criticize men who believe that their lives have been saved by this test," because that's what doctors have told them, Lichtenfeld said. "If you're sitting there and you wet your pants three times a day, you've got to believe it's worth it, that it saved your life."

Many men who agree to a PSA test do not understand what it is. Some common misconceptions:

■ It shows cancer. In fact, PSA is just a measure of inflammation, and it can be elevated for many reasons besides cancer: normal enlargement of the prostate with age, an infection, even recent sex, a strenuous bike ride or horseback riding.

■ It's been proven to save lives. Only two large, well-done studies have looked at this, the task force says. The American study found annual screening did not lower the chances of dying of prostate cancer. However, cancer fear is so great, and belief in the value of screening so ingrained, that half the men assigned to the group not offered PSA tests got one anyway. That made comparisons to the group given annual screening difficult. For that reason, some doctors don't believe the study's conclusion.

The other study, conducted in Europe, found a small benefit for certain age groups screened every two to seven years — not annually. However, one Swedish center had such rosy results that scientists think it may have biased the whole study. If that center is excluded, no benefit from the PSA test is seen.

■ The task force's stance goes against past advice. Routine PSA testing has been supported by some advocacy groups and by urologists, the doctors who do the tests and treatments. But it has not been pushed by major scientific groups, the American Cancer Society or the government.

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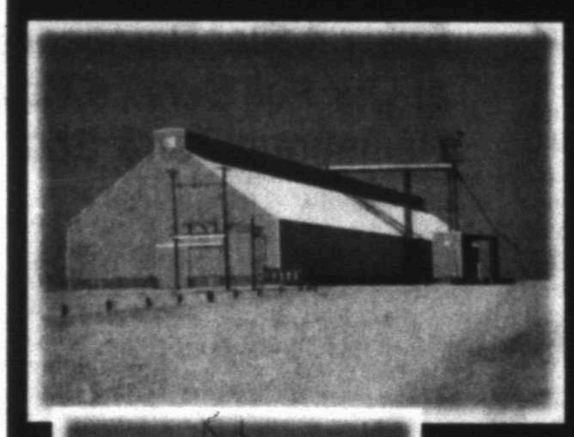

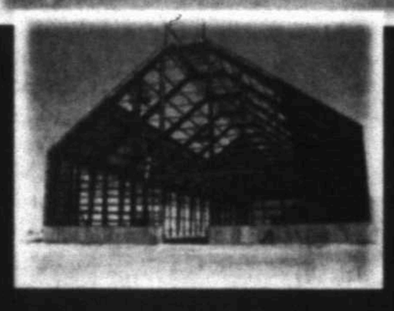

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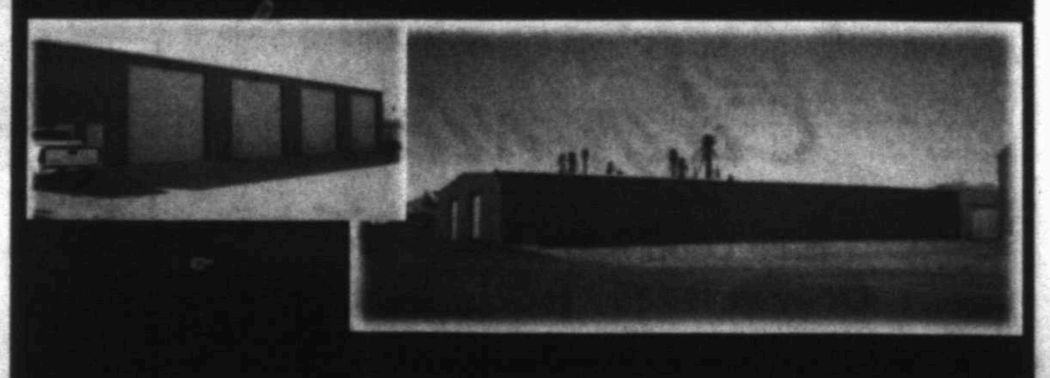

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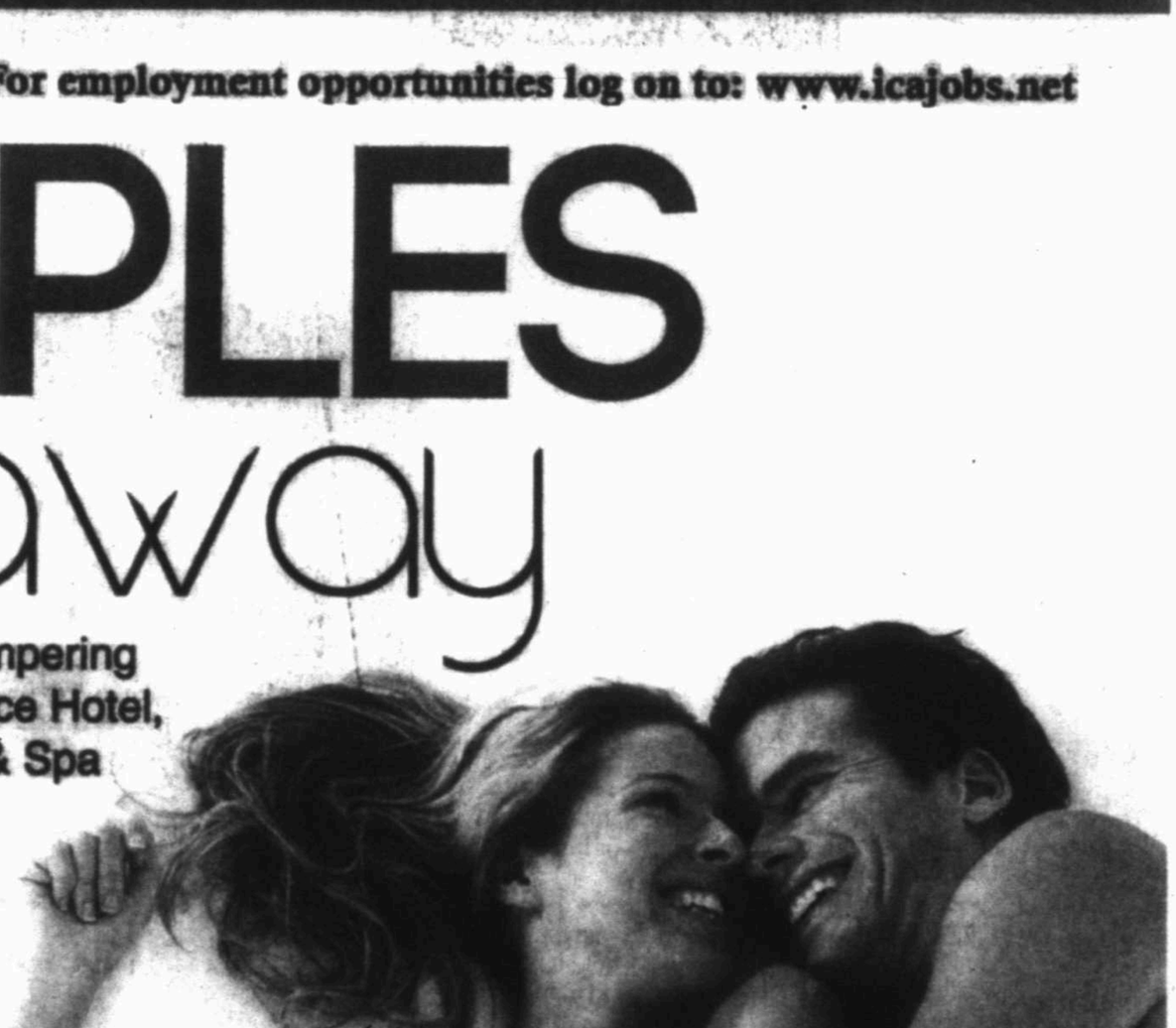

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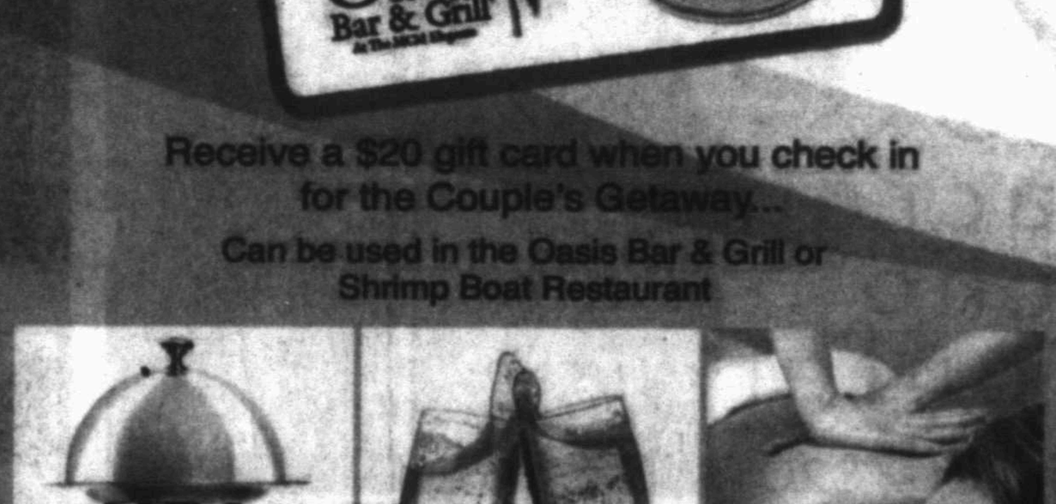

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Texas-Sized Garage Sale ready for weekend

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Texas-Sized Garage Sale will open its doors Friday morning for one of the largest fundraisers in Midland to benefit the Meals-On-Wheels program.

Between 40 and 60 volunteers have spent two days a week — about 15,000 volunteer hours — sorting through and processing donations to get ready for this year's sale.

There are 20 departments in the warehouse at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive, said Jody Sneed, Community and Senior Services Development director. Items include everything from books, music, children's clothing, shoes, boots, household items, hardware, sporting goods, appliances and Christmas decor and accessories.

"It's like going to Walmart," he said.

Doors will open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday with a $3 admission fee for each person. Admission is free on Saturday and Sunday, and the sale will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. All items remaining will be half price from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Parking for the event will be in the east side parking lot of Super Mercado with a shuttle van running Friday and Saturday to help transport people from the lot to the garage sale. Other parking, along the streets and nearby, also will be available, and police will help direct traffic, Sneed said.

The proceeds from this year's

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Garage Sale details

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Why: All proceeds go to benefit Meals-On-Wheels

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Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (admission $3 for everyone)

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HALF PRICE SALE:
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PARKING:
Super Mercado parking lot. On Friday and Saturday, take the shuttle van to the sale.

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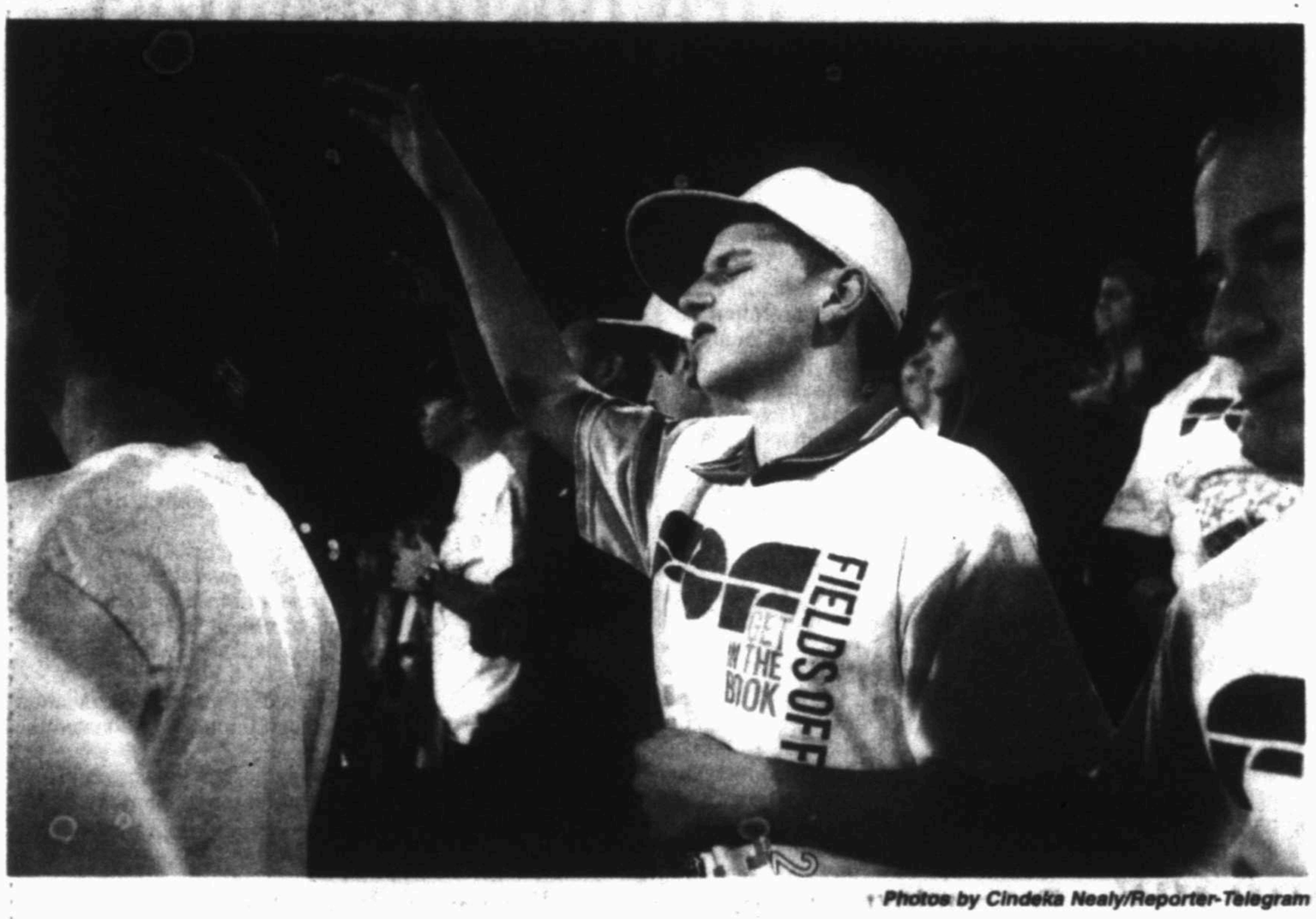

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Byron Hofman, 14, raises his hand as he and around 2,000 other Permian Basin athletes gather to praise Jesus during the annual Fields of Faith at Grande Communications Stadium.

Christians, athletes flock to Fields of Faith worship service

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Young Christians descended on Grande Communications Stadium in droves to hear rock music and experience a group evangelical worship experience Wednesday night.

The atmosphere was lively as students fellowshipped with each other from the region. Most wore white Fields of Faith T-shirts and bobbed their heads to the Christian rock music.

The event kicked off with the Old Testament Scripture about King Josiah, who became king of Judah as an 8-year-old after the assassination of his father. As an influential teenager, he challenged his people to follow God and read the Bible, which ultimately led to a reformation in their culture.

Besides worshipping and enjoying each other's company, the main purpose was to get youths actively talking to each other about God.

Lee High School senior Landry Johnson shared her faith in front of about 2,000 of her peers. She said it took time to realize she needed to stop trying to take control of her life and that she needed to trust God and allow him to take over. After sharing her beliefs, she read several passages that helped bring her to realize God needs to be in control.

Like Johnson, many others were struggling or hoping for more.

"I'm hoping for a deeper understanding," said Sam Fields, a 16-year-old tennis player for Midland Christian.

Already a Christian, Fields said he was treating this experience as a form of worship service for teenagers.

Gracy Walls, 12, bows her head to pray Wednesday during the annual Fields of Faith at Grande Communications Stadium.

Aryn Allbright echoed Fields statements and said she was looking forward to seeing her church friends and meeting other like-minded teens.

"I'm really pumped up," said Allbright, a 17-year-old cheerleader for Permian High School.

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State welcomes rain as dry spell eases

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Rainfall across a large swath of parched Texas during the past week snapped a seven-month streak of precipitation levels that were among each month's 10 driest on record, a National Weather Service meteorologist said Wednesday.

"Thankfully it did rain. Was it expected? No. Aberration? Yes. Will we take it? Absolutely," said Victor Murphy, who estimated that Texas got an average of about 2 inches of rain in the past week or so.

The overall October estimate stands about a half-inch shy of the normal average for the entire month.

The rain was unusual for this time of year, Murphy said. An upper level system moved far enough east to pick up moisture from the Gulf of Mexico before it turned north, Murphy said.

Last Saturday, Wichita Falls received 3.3 inches and Abilene got 3.6 inches. On Sunday, Waco got 5.8 inches and Houston Hobby Airport got 5.1 inches.

"Going forward having these upper level systems miss us would be pretty common," he said. "We still face a very strong indicator of below normal rainfall."

That's because La Nina, the phenomenon associated with cooler sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific, already has returned and is forecast to keep things dry across the southern United States.

La Nina hit Texas hard this year. The state is enduring its driest single-year ever and was blistered by triple-digit heat until early September. The state's rainfall average in the first nine months of the year was about 25 percent less than the same period in 1956, the previous driest year, when 11.23 inches fell.

Rainfall in each month from March through September was among the 10 driest for that month dating to 1895.

Much of the rainfall the past week fell 50 miles to either side of a line from Llano to Wichita Falls and cut to 237 the number of counties with burn bans due to the extreme dry conditions. During late summer, 251 of the state's 254 counties had burn bans.

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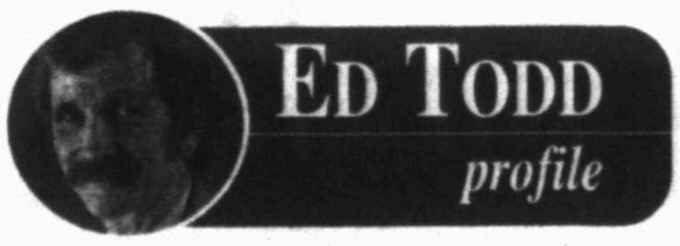
Midland says farewell to its song-and-dance man, Armand Baldinelli



Armand Baldinelli was a song-and-dance man extraordinaire who gleefully graced Midland and beyond with his robust and smiling personality.

"I find a lot of joy in singing," he had said. Baldinelli honed his baritone voice with a Boston vaudeville troupe in his youth.

Baldinelli once said his Midland music teacher observed that it is a shame so many people go to their graves with their songs still in them.

"It ain't gonna happen to me," he had said.

And it never did. Baldinelli died this year at age 88.

Friends and family said wherever he showed up, there were always songs and smiles.

He loved to sing songs, such as Benny Goodman's 1939 "You Smile and the Angels Sing" and Frank Sinatra's "My Way," until he died.

His family said his life was well spent and that Baldinelli remained cheerful despite his fading memory that the dementia had caused.

Even the day Baldinelli's ashes were scattered had a silver lining. When his children, Angie Baldinelli Bramley and Darnell Baldinelli, cast their father's remains into the Gulf Coast near Aransas Pass, the sky opened up with a generous downpour followed by a radiant rainbow that cast its reflection on the ocean.

"He is dancing on the streets of gold in heaven and singing with the angels," Angie Bramley said of her father.

Baldinelli had the dancing flair and stature, and his family compared him to a vaudevillian James Cagney, the star of the 1942 musical "Yankee Doodle Dandy." But Baldinelli's job didn't always involve singing.

From 1938 into 1955, Baldinelli served in the U.S. Merchant Marine, which he had joined at age 15 using deception. He was blind in his left eye, deaf in his right ear from boyhood boxing and had forged his Italian mother's signature to join.

His mother, Angela, who was raising seven children, gave him an ultimatum: Either go to school or go to work. Baldinelli tried both and quit both, and he had said she then ordered him out of the house with these loving words: "You are going to make your way somehow, son."

Courtesy photo

Armand Baldinelli, who earned a reputation as a song-and-dance man, plays the piano. Baldinelli died this year at age 88.

"That's the best thing that ever happened to me," said Baldinelli, who then learned to be self-reliant.

Before that, he had hawked newspapers, exercised race horses, shined shoes and cars, performed acrobatics and otherwise was "hustling to make a buck" to help out his mother.

While he was a Merchant Marine, he began reading, writing, and speaking three languages — Italian, Spanish and

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Obituaries

Gladys Ione Parkey Higgins Chadwick

Gladys Parkey Chadwick, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, October 8, 2011.

Gladys was born on March 1, 1936, in Floydada, Texas, to D.J. "Jack" and Gladys Patrick Parkey. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1953, and later, West Texas State University, with a degree in education and journalism, in 1957. She later completed her master's degree in library science at East Texas State University. She married Richard C. Higgins in May 1957.

Gladys taught for over 20 years, including schools in Floydada and Corpus Christi. She was the librarian at Amarillo High School from 1970 to 1976. She moved to Midland in 1979, where she was employed with Tom Brown, Inc., for ten years, and later with Midland Memorial Hospital, until she retired.

She enjoyed rooting for the Cowboys, sewing, and was a voracious reader. Gladys was a member of The Rebekah Lodge and Delta Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her children, Shawn Higgins of Midland, Clint Higgins of Midland, Jim Higgins of Dallas, and June Higgins of Houston. She is also survived by her grandson, Joshua Higgins of Midland; her sisters, Patsy Skrabanek and Peggy Thornton, both of College Station; and her twin brother, Glen Parkey of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard Higgins; and her brothers, Dewey Parkey, Bernie Parkey, and Jon Parkey.

Graveside memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2011, at Floyd County Memorial Park in Floydada, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Fasken Fund at First Presbyterian Church of Midland (800 West Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701) or Midland Fair Havens (2400 Whitmire Boulevard #100, Midland, Texas 79705, 432-689-3411).

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

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Van D. Howbert

Longtime Midland resident, Van D. Howbert, died Monday, October 10, unexpectedly and peacefully, in his home.

A private burial will be held Friday morning. A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Friday, at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, with the Reverend James Liggett officiating.

Van was born in Denver, Colorado, on November 27, 1926, to Van Dyne and Helen Howbert. He graduated from East High School in Denver, in 1944. Van served with the United States Army Engineers from 1945-1947 and was stationed in Italy. He graduated from Colorado School of Mines in 1951, with a degree in Geological Engineering. While at Mines, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi, serving as Chapter President; Theta Tau; and Blue Key.

On September 11, 1948, Van married his junior high and high school classmate, Doris Livingston. Upon his graduation from Mines and the birth of their first daughter in 1951, Van was hired by Honolulu Oil Corporation in Midland, as an exploration geologist. When the company sold in 1961, Van worked as an independent geologist, before becoming the Executive Director of the Permian Basin Conservative Committee in 1963, where he promoted the presidential candidacy of Barry Goldwater, in West Texas. After another brief period of being independent, Van worked for King Resources for two years. In 1971, he was part owner of Capataz Corporation, with his long-time friend, Howard E. Davis. After the company was dissolved, Van formed Howbert and Howbert, with his son, where he worked until his death.

Van was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, West Texas Geological Society, Independent Petroleum Association of America, and Permian Basin Petroleum Association. He was very active in the Midland County Republican Party for many years, as the yard signs that line his garage walls prove. For many years, Van enjoyed his twice-weekly lunches with his buddies at Luigi's and The Bar.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris and his grandson, Seth Hancock.

He is survived by his three children, Joan Whitt and husband, Robert, Charles L. Howbert and wife, Paula, and Jill Howbert Russell and husband, Barry, all of Midland. He was Gaddy and Say to his seven grandchildren, Lauren Pace, Sarah Varner and husband, Rich, Andrew Hancock and wife, Maria, Sean Hancock, Heather Coleman and husband, Ted, and Chas Howbert. For the past seven years, his life was enriched by his relationship with his special friend, Linda George. Van is also survived by his cousin, Nancy Long, who referred to him as Brud; and two nephews, Van and Bruce Howbert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Midland or to the William and Grace Waldschmidt Scholarship Fund, Colorado School of Mines Foundation, P.O. Box 4005, Golden, Colorado, 80401-0005, or a charity of one's choice.

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

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Death Notices

Charles "Ken" Plotner

Charles "Ken" Plotner, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Irma Garcia

Irma Garcia, 75, passed away Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

She is survived by her sons, Jorge, Juan, Samuel, and Oscar Garcia; daughters, Luz Garcia, Maria Macias, Maria Rodriquez, Margarita Garcia, Maria Casas and Ramona Garcia; one sister; thirty-four grandchildren; fifty-one great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

Services will be held in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, under the direction of El Funeraira Del Valle and locally by American Heritage of the Permian Basin.

Courtesy photo

Carver Center students Addison Jones, Kassi Dobler and Maci Johnson placed in the annual fire prevention poster contest. More than 650 Midland students participated in the contest and winners were announced Wednesday morning at the Central Fire Station.

Students cash in with fire poster contest

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Twelve students were honored for their artistic ability and hard work on fire prevention posters Wednesday at the Midland Fire Department.

The annual contest is part of National Fire Prevention week, and all students in Midland County were eligible to participate. This year the department received more than 650 posters, Fire Inspector James Howard said.

With 88 percent of fires occurring in residential homes, Assistant Fire Marshal David Hickman said the poster contest is a good way to educate students about fire safety.

With a poster demonstrating all the different areas in a house where fires can start, Loren Gilland snagged first place in the sixth- through eighth-grade category.

Gilland said she didn't expect to win the contest and isn't sure what she'll do with her $100 prize.

In the kindergarten through second-grade category, Greathouse Elementary second-grader Connor Elliot took first place. Carver Center second-graders Addison Jones and Maci Johnson took second and third place, respectively.

In the third- through fifth-grade category, Carver Center fifth-grader Kassi Dobler won first place. Trinity School fifth-grader Ashley Lawrence took second place, and Henderson fifth-grader Gabrielle Arsiaga was third.

San Jacinto Junior High seventh-grader Loren Gilland won first place in the sixth- through eighth-grade category. Abell eighth-grader Michaela Slaughter and San Jacinto seventh-grader Anna Parkison took second and third place, respectively.

In the high school division, Midland High sophomore Bianca Ambrosio won first place. Midland senior Luis Juarez and Lee senior Tina Newton took second and third place, respectively.

First-place winners received a trophy and $100, second-place winners received a red ribbon and $75 and third-place winners received a white ribbon and $50.

The Independent Insurers Association and Yarborough Foundation donated the prizes.

The winning posters will be on display at the mall through Saturday night.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Craig S. Ellis, 49, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

Corky J. Hardee, 30, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Richard M. Mireles, 49, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jeremiah Pacheco, 26, of Fort Stockton, was arrested Tuesday by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility.

James A. Richardson, 37, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of fraud.

Luis A. Ruiz, 17, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Verginia R. Torres, 26, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies for a bench warrant.

Berwin F. Wilson, 48, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

FAITH

From 1B

Both are part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Although the event was geared toward athletes, many simply wanted a fun, energetic worship service.

The keynote speaker was Devon McDonald, former NFL linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts and Arizona Cardinals. Since his retirement, he speaks to youths around the country for his ministry.

"God helped me get to know who I truly was," McDonald said. "My hope is that, through me, God can help these kids find themselves."

He said it was important for teens to trust in God and worry less about what others think of them. God is a foundation to build a life upon, McDonald said.

Midland organized its first Fields of Faith event in 2004, which was attended by more than 2,000 youth. Fifty youth were said to have made decisions to follow Jesus as their personal savior. Since then, the event has grown on a national level and been supported by Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Last year, the national movement gathered more than 150,000 students on 475 fields across the U.S.

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SALE

From 1B

sale will go to fund about 40,000 hot meals — one-third of what the program gives out each year — that are delivered to senior citizens and people with disabilities living in Midland County.

The Meals-On-Wheels program, through CSS, is also funded by the Gourmet Gala event, state and federal funds and community donations, Sneed said.

"This is crucial because we have 500 people who receive this one nutritionally balanced meal a day," he said. "This nutritional meal is important and so is the person who delivers it. A large part of our clientele live alone, and the volunteer might be the only human contact that they have that day."

Sneed said CSS staff started asking for sponsorships for the garage sale in May, and to date, the organization has had its best year for sponsorships. He's hoping the sales from the event also will do better than previous years.

CSS works to keep senior citizens and their clients in their homes as long as possible, and Sneed said funds to support the Meals-On-Wheels program do that.

"Sometimes, it's the only thing keeping them from having to go into a nursing home," he said.

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RAIN

From 1B

The rain could help farmers and ranchers who already have lost an estimated $5.2 billion in crop and livestock since the drought started last fall. That figure is expected to rise, especially if ranchers continue to cull their herds.

Winter wheat that is yet to be planted could provide some feed for cattle.

"It wasn't going to do anything at all without the rain," said Travis Miller, a drought specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The U.S. Drought Monitor map, which for months has had most of the state in the worst stage of dryness, comes out Thursday.

"You will see some improvement," Murphy said of the map.

But after that there's diminished chances for rain from November through March, he said.

"These are our five driest months of the year," Murphy said.

TODD

From 1B

English — by age 19.

His days as a merchant mariner weren't all about education. He served during World War II and transported troops and cargo across the Atlantic Ocean while German submarines were torpedoing Allied shipping.

"I really don't know fear," he had recalled. "I had a job to do, and I did it."

He was a fireman on his ship's "black gang," and he worked on deck and became a cook.

In the 1960s and into the 1970s, Baldinelli operated shrimp boats in the Gulf of Mexico and captained tug boats. He and his wife owned a bar and grill along the Aransas Pass.

In Midland in the 1970s, Baldinelli practiced acupressure, sold automobiles, did handyman work and repaired appliances.

Mostly, he did what he most loved: singing, dancing, adoring women, playing the piano and writing songs. He wrote a song called "I Know Happiness Can Be Found."

He also derived joy from helping people work their way out of distress. He helped the homeless and families in difficult times, did his song-and-dance routine at retirement centers and nursing homes and entertained children and any others with his antics.

"Working with other people is about the most important thing in life," he had said. "Do the right things, and you will be happy."

His children and friends said they are grateful to have known Baldinelli just as he expressed gratitude to his God by quoting Psalms: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me."

Darnell Baldinelli described his father as a unique force of character who was propelled by a tremendous passion for life and a sense of humor that could bring a smile to any face.

"My father smiled through it all, the good, the bad, the joy and the pain, said Darnell Baldinelli. "And almost always (he) chose to see the brighter side of any situation."

Darnell Baldinelli said this was especialy true as his father's dementia set in. The elder Baldinelli's memory may have slowly dimmed, but his spirit had not.

The son said his prayer is to live his life with as much grace, courage and goodwill as did his father.

Midland's Miller Houghton recalled Baldinelli's good-heartedness.

"At all times was looking for an opportunity to do someone a good turn," Houghton said. "He was remarkable."

Active in the Midland Community Theatre, Baldinelli played the role of Dr. Glass in the musical "Carnival!" Sharon Hyde, who played the orphan girl Lili, vividly recalled his persona as "very Italian and lots of fun."

"When you are a character, you have a good time wherever you are," Hyde said.

Ed Todd writes for the Reporter-Telegram.

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DNA test frees Texan after 25 years

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas appeals court on Wednesday formally exonerated a man who spent nearly 25 years in prison for his wife's 1986 fatal beating, reaffirming a judge's decision to set him free last week after DNA tests linked the killing to another man.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals declared Michael Morton innocent of killing his wife, Christine, and made him eligible to receive $80,000 from the state for each year of confinement, or about $2 million total.

Morton, 57, was convicted on the basis of circumstantial evidence and sentenced to life in prison. He maintained over the years that his wife and their 3-year-old son were fine when he left for work at an Austin grocery store on the day she was killed, and that an intruder must have attacked her.

DNA found this summer during testing on a bloody bandanna recovered near the crime scene matched that of a man who authorities say has a criminal record in several states. When it was also matched to DNA recovered from the scene of a north Austin woman's 1988 unsolved beating death, prosecutors recommended that Morton be freed immediately.

Authorities have not publicly identified the suspect linked to the two killings because they say they are trying to locate and arrest him.

Morton was released Oct. 4, but not formally cleared of all charges until the Wednesday's ruling.

Nina Morrison, an attorney for the New York-based Innocence Project, which spent years fighting for the genetic testing of the evidence that wasn't possible during Morton's original trial, said she called Morton to tell him about the ruling.

"It's been an incredible week for him. Something he only dreamed about all those years in prison," she said. "He is so thrilled that the truth has finally come out. He's anxious to get on with his life."

Morrison said that John Bradley, the district attorney in Williamson County, where Morton was convicted, announced Wednesday he will not file new charges. Still, Morton technically remains on parole and won't be allowed to leave Texas until the appeals court's ruling takes effect in 30 days.

"But obviously, he knows now the courts have spoken," Morrison said. "The prosecutor in Williamson County has finally said he's innocent."

Morton has declined interview requests, and the Innocence Project said he doesn't plan to speak publicly about his case until the appeals court decision takes effect. He is living with his parents in Gregg County, near the Louisiana border and far from Williamson County.

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Charlie's Angels: "Angels in Chains" (N)		Grey's A. "Love, Loss and Legacy"		Private Practice "Deal With It" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	How to Be (N)	Person of Interest		The Mentalist "Ring Around the Rosie" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late L. (N)	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Pen"	The Vampire Diaries "The Reckoning" (N)		The Secret Circle "Slither" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park	Roseanne
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	The X Factor "Judges' Homes #2" (N)			New Girl	The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray "The Will"	Law & Order: C.I. "Faith"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Jean-Claude	Alan Lee	Update News	Y.Salamanca	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Diana Dye	Jack Van Impe	Thurman Scrivner	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News	Be Millionaire	Community (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	The Office (N)	Whitney (N)	Prime Suspect "Great Guy, Yet: Dead" (N)		News-Week 9	(:35) Jay Leno	Gloria Estefan, Zachary Levi	(:35) LateN (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS Newshour		Growing Hope Against Hunger		TBA	Daytripper	Ind. Lens "Wham! Bam! Islam!" (N)		Charlie Rose		News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Cuando me Enamoro		Una Familia con Suerte		La Fuerza del Destino		Protagonistas		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero Noctu.	Para Volver a Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	W.Trace "Article 32"		W.Trace "4G"		My News	Earl	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65			165	(:3:30) ★ TNT		★★★ Equilibrium Christian Bale.				★ Abandon Katie Holmes.			(:45) ★★ AntiTrust		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) ★ It's Kind of...		★ The American			1stLook	Bored	Hung 22	Real Sex	(:45) Bored	How to	Enlight
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★ Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallo...		Boardwalk E. "21"				Boardwalk Empire		Boardwalk Empire		★ Sex & the City 2	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:15) ★ The First Wi...	Boardwalk Empire			Bill Maher				George Harrison		(:35) George Harrison	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ Clash of th...		★★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Tom Cruise,				★★ Hatchet 2 Kane Hodder.			Life Top	★★★ Gladiator	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:45) ★★★ Wall Street Michael Douglas.				★★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.						★★ Catwoman Halle Berry.	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ King of the Hill Jesse Bradford.				★★★ The Four Seasons			(:50) ★★ Sweet Liberty Alan Alda.			Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:25) ★ Furry Vengea...		★ South of the Border Tariq Ali.		★ Even the Rain				Gigolos	Gigolos	(:05) ★★ Piranha	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ Necessary R...		★ Isolation (2007, Horror)				(:40) ★★ Halloween 2 Sheri Moon Zombie.				★★ The Poet Jonathan Scarfe.	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		The First 48 "Mother and Child"		The First 48 "Blood Alley/ Bad Deal"		Bordertown	Bordertown (N)	Bordertown	Bordertown	The First 48 "Mother and Child"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ The Others		★★★ Christine ('83, Hor) Keith Gordon.				★★★ Carrie ('76, Hor) Sissy Spacek.			(:15) ★ Stephen Kl...		
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (L)		Reed	Reed	Game	Together	★ The Longshots ('08, Com/Dra) Ice Cube.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Top Chef		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)		Millionaire		Millionaire		Millionaire	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		One Nation		Millions	Millions	American Greed		Mad Money		Millions	Millions
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper:		Sons of Guns		American Chopper:		Auction	Auction	American Chopper:		Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	Phineas	SoRandom	★★★★ Aladdin			TakeTwo	SoRandom	Phineas	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Audibles (L)		College Football (L)		NCAA Football USC vs. California (L)						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NASCAR Auto Racing			NASCAR	NFL 32 (L) (N)		NFL Live (N)		SportsC.	NFL Live		Tonight
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Grease ('78, Mus) John Travolta.				★★ Mamma Mia! Meryl Streep.				The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Sweet Genius (N)		Sweet Genius		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Post-game (L)	SW Outdoors	SportsDay OnAir	Randy White
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	M-Mother	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Sunny (N)	League	Sunny	League	League	Sunny
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Sell NY	Selling LA	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Sell NY	Selling LA
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Swamp People		Swamp People		Harvest (N)		IRT Deadliest Roads		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Project Runway "Sew 70's"		Project Runway "This Is For the Birds"		Project Runway "The Finale Challenge"			After the Runway	Dance Moms "Cathy Brings it On!"		Project Runway "This Is For the Birds"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Sponge	Brain	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail	Jail	Queens	Queens	Impact Wrestling (N)				MANswer	MANswer	Queens	Queens
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ The Cave ('05, Hor) Cole Hauser.				★★★ Dawn of the Dead ('04, Hor) Sarah Polley.						★★ They Laura Regan.	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Family Guy	MLB on Deck	MLB Baseball Championship Series (L)							Inside MLB	Conan	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Bwana Devil		★★ Tom Sawyer ('73, Mus) Celeste Holm.				★★★ Adventures of Huckleberry Finn				★ A Connecticut Y...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado		Mi Corazon Insiste		Flor Salvaje		La Casa de al Lado		Noticiero	Titulares	Paraiso	Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding "I Was Gonna Gag"		Boss "University of California, Riverside"		Sister W "The Four Lives of Kody Brown"		Boss "University of California, Riverside"		Sister W "The Four Lives of Kody Brown"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Parts in the Sum of the Whole"		Bones "The Death of the Queen Bee"		Bones "The Truth in the Myth"		Bones "The Predator in the Pool"		CSI: NY "Tangiewood"		CSI: NY "Blood, Sweat & Tears"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "About Face"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Harm"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fight"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Snitch"		Burn Notice "Square One"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Blinded"	
VERSUS	38	39				WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		UFC Mixed M Arts		NFL Turning Point		NFL Turning Point		SportTlk	SportTlk
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News	Stories of Hope	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

HOUSTON
8 arrested at Occupy Houston sit-in

Police have arrested eight demonstrators participating in an Occupy Wall Street-related protest in downtown Houston.

Houston police spokesman John Cannon said the eight were charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass and taken to jail Wednesday afternoon. Cannon said the protesters refused officers' orders to move away from entrances they blocked during a sit-in at the Mickey Leland Federal Building.

An estimated 200 people were involved in the protest dubbed Occupy Houston.

Cannon said the people arrested were taken into custody without incident.

They face a court appearance for booking and setting of bail.

HOUSTON
Rig owner accused of not honoring spill subpoenas

Prosecutors have filed a civil complaint against the owner of the rig that exploded last year in the Gulf of Mexico and led to a massive oil spill, accusing it of refusing to honor subpoenas from a federal board investigating the accident.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston on Wednesday filed the complaint in federal court against Transocean Ltd.

The complaint alleges the company has not fully complied with five subpoenas the U.S. Chemical Safety Board has issued.

The board is one of several agencies investigating the April 20, 2010, explosion.

The blast killed 11 workers and led to more than 200 million gallons of oil being released from BP's undersea well.

A spokesman for Transocean said Wednesday the safety board does not have jurisdiction in the probe.

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THE WOODLANDS
Deputies: Houston-area mom kills son, 7, then self

Investigators believe a woman fatally shot her 7-year-old son before killing herself in gunfire at the family's Houston-area home.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday identified the pair as 41-year-old Stepheni Crawford and John "Jack" Crawford of The Woodlands.

Investigators said the woman's husband called 911 after discovering the bodies Tuesday night when he arrived home from work.

Authorities are trying to determine a motive for the shootings. Autopsies have been ordered.

FORT WORTH
Donkeys shot by bow and arrow found dead

Police said they are investigating the deaths of two donkeys that were found shot by bow and arrow in Fort Worth.

The owner of the donkeys said she received a phone call Monday that the animals were lying in a road and not moving, according to Fort Worth police. She said she went to check on them and found them dead.

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden Neal Bieler told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that his agency is not assisting in the investigation because the case involved domestic animals. Bieler said the incident was "just plain meanness."

Police said they are investigating as a case of cruelty to animals.

HOUSTON
Metro worker dies after striking his head

A Houston Metro employee has died after striking his head while at the rail operations maintenance center.

Metro spokeswoman Carolina Mendoza on Wednesday said the circumstances of the accident are under investigation.

Mendoza told the Associated Press that the light rail vehicle technician somehow hit his head about 6 p.m. Tuesday. Mendoza said the man was dead at the scene. She said nobody else was hurt.

The victim's name was not immediately released.

FORT WORTH
Teen gets prison for house burglary during funeral

A Texas teen has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for burglarizing a dead student's home while his family was at his funeral.

Gilbert Rodriguez faced a maximum 20-year penalty when he was sentenced Wednesday. He pleaded guilty in August to burglary of a habitation.

Tarrant County prosecutors said the 18-year-old targeted the Fort Worth home because he knew the family would be at the funeral. A high school baseball player, Eric Trevino, was killed in a car accident late last year.

Authorities said Trevino's trophies, some televisions and more than $800 raised for funeral expenses were stolen.

Rodriguez must serve at least six years in prison before he's eligible for parole.

STEPHENVILLE
Woman gets prison time in beating death case

The former girlfriend of a teen who fatally bludgeoned his mother with a baseball bat has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Nila Sue Nicole Sechrist pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder, tampering with evidence and a drug possession charge.

As part of the plea deal Tuesday in Stephenville, prosecutors dropped murder and aggravated robbery charges.

Sechrist, now 20, was 15 when her boyfriend's mother, Jana Sue Roberson, was beaten to death in 2007.

Sechrist told authorities she was there but denied participating in the beating.

Cody Roberson pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

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Popular state park a 'moonscape' after fires

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

BASTROP — Todd McClanahan surveys the fire-blackened tree trunks poking out of a thick carpet of ash, a normally green world turned black and gray.

"You should have seen it in color," says McClanahan, superintendent of Bastrop State Park, mentioning a phrase repeated in Jamey Johnson's award-winning country song "In Color."

The park, one of the most popular in Texas, was ravaged when wind-whipped wildfires scorched 50 square miles east of Austin last month, destroying more than 1,500 homes and torching swaths of the park's signature "Lost Pines" forest that may never fully recover. Rather than a lush green brush under a canopy of towering pines, McClanahan says much of the 5,900-acre park has become "moonscape" — in some spots, for as far as the eye can see.

"It's really kind of depressing," McClanahan says as he evaluates the park's remains from his pickup.

More than a month after the inferno, the extent of the damage is still being determined, but McClanahan estimates about 70 percent of the trees in the park were lost. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department crews are clearing burned tree trunks away from roads and campsites and hiking trails so when the park reopens — tentatively set for December — the threat of falling trees in areas frequented by visitors will be minimized.

"This park is still a significant place," McClanahan says. "It's just going to look different. It's going to feel different.

"In some areas, it's going to take a really long time ... and it may not ever return to what it was."

There are some small signs of recovery. A couple weeks ago, McClanahan was "out in the middle of the black," as he calls it. "There was nothing around except dead standing snags, and I looked down and there was an oak tree that's re-sprouting, almost 18 inches tall," he says.

"But this is the 'Lost Pines.' And that's what's kind of uncertain."

The park's signature forest, a draw for the 160,000 people who visit Bastrop each year, was a unique stand of loblolly pines related to but genetically different from the great East Texas pine forest that extends into the Southeastern United States. The loss of those trees is particularly painful.

"A significant part of 'Lost Pines' is lost," McClanahan said. "And that's a fact."

Associated Press

In this Oct. 4 photo, dead trees in the Bastrop State Park are marked with paint for removal in Bastrop. One of Texas' most popular state parks, Bastrop lost an estimated 70 percent of its trees in the summer's drought-fueled wildfires.

The "Lost Pines," according to the Texas State Historical Association, are believed part of an ancient forest that shrank during or after the Ice Age. Spanish explorers described it in 1691, and the area that is now the state park was part of the original 1832 land grant to Stephen F. Austin's first colony.

Extensive logging took place in the later 1800s and when land for the park was acquired, the Civilian Conservation Corps built cabins and other park facilities during the Great Depression that are still used today.

Volunteers and private companies with water trucks saved all 13 cabins during the wildfires that began Labor Day weekend, leaving a kind of green oasis in the middle of the park. The fire burning away thick undergrowth revealed features like retaining walls, old latrines and water fountains that no one knew existed.

"You can walk out and see things you've never seen before," McClanahan said. "I don't want to sound morbid ... but there's a beauty in this, in its own strange way. You see things. It's just different. It provides a different opportunity to see the forest in ways you've never seen before."

Some people with good intentions already are pushing to plant pine seedlings to rebuild the burned forest, he said, but a pine tree isn't necessarily a "lost pine" tree. A Texas Forest Service seed farm is the only large-scale source for the trees specific to Bastrop State Park, and trees in the numbers that would be necessary are only in seed form.

"At best, we're looking at 15 months out to have a seedling-size tree to plant," McClanahan said. "And even if we had an abundance of seedlings right now, I'm not sure this is the best time to be planting, based on dry conditions."

In 2008, more than 50,000 such seedlings were planted in the park. Abundant moisture and prescribed burns provided ideal conditions for growth.

"After that fall, it started drying up," he said. "It just didn't rain any more.

"We lost every one of those seedlings."

Troyanne Bush of the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce expects the damage to the park also will bring an economic loss to the area, at least for a while.

"As far as long-term effects, there's really no way to gauge right now," she said. "Traffic hasn't been lighter, but you have to understand we've had a lot of people help with rebuilding efforts. We've got tons of volunteers. The activity is different. If anything, it's greater, but it's a different crowd."

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FRIDAY Sunny high 87 low 58

SATURDAY Sunny high 86 low 57

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 81 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 56 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 87, a low around 58 and south winds around between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday, the forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 86 and a low around 57. There is no rain in the forecast for the next seven days.

The high on Wednesday reached 84 while the low dropped to 59. The record high for Oct. 12 is 98 set in 1979. The record low is 37 set in 1986.

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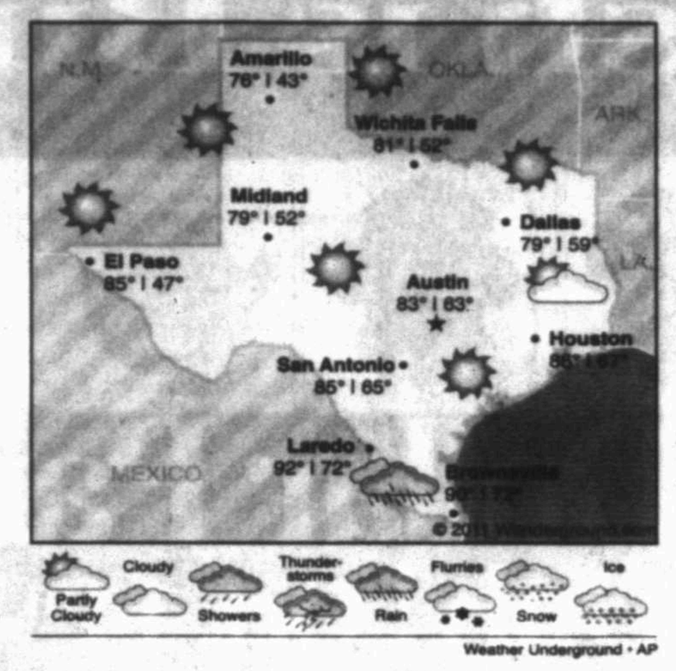
As a storm continues to roll north along the Atlantic seaboard, areas of rain and a gusty coastal wind will affect New England today. The storm is the same system that hit Florida with beach erosion, high surf and a foot of rain in some areas over the weekend.

In the Midwest, a second storm and trailing cold front will push east. Drenching rain and locally gusty thunderstorms will stretch from the central and western Great Lakes to the Tennessee Valley, Virginia and North Carolina.



Precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	1.33 in.
Total for year	3.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	12.37 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	84
Low	59
Normal high	79
Normal low	53

Sunrise ... 7:51 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:19 p.m.

Youngster's kidney disease is topic for discussion

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 two sons, 19 and 12. My younger boy has a rare form of kidney disease. His kidney function is currently normal, but his doctor says that in the future he may need a new kidney. At that point, his brother would be high on the list for compatibility and availability. I, sadly, would not.

How does one mention the possibility of being a donor to his brother? Is it even fair to ask? If he doesn't offer, would I always resent it? Should we wait until there is a real need before asking? — PLANNING AHEAD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PLANNING AHEAD: All families are different, and it's a credit to yours that you're thinking ahead regarding some of the difficult aspects related to donation. This subject can sometimes be fraught with the potential for perceived coercion. It can be offset by NOT framing it as a "request" from one family member, but as a general family discussion about the loved one's health situation.

Among the issues that should be raised: What does it mean for your younger son to have this rare kidney disease? What's the survival rate for an adolescent who receives a living donor transplant? What is involved in the donation process?

These questions should be raised as a family in conversation with a physician or other members of the kidney care team. Family members can then talk about how they feel about the issue, NOT as a response to a direct question. This provides a chance for better education about the condition as well as the process, and it reduces fear.

The decision to be a living donor is a voluntary one and should be entered into free of pressure. Some people may not want to take the risk — and their rights should be respected. The evaluation process is very thorough. It's designed to minimize risk and also can uncover unexpected conditions in the potential donor that are important.

The National Kidney Foundation provides information on its website regarding this subject. Visit kidney.org to learn more.

DEAR ABBY: I share a small office space with a co-worker, "Tammy," who is going through a nasty divorce. At first I tried to be supportive and listen to her problems, but now I think it was a mistake. I now dread going to work because I know I'll have to listen to a litany of complaints as soon as I walk through the door.

I have tried to encourage Tammy to talk to a priest or a psychologist, but she refuses because she's embarrassed. Is it time to inform our manager? I don't want to get Tammy in trouble, but I feel I'm incapable of giving her the kind of support she seems to need. I'm not sure how much longer I can take this. Please help. — WELL-INTENTIONED IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR WELL-INTENTIONED: Summon up the courage to tell Tammy that although you care about her, you can no longer listen to her problems because it's distracting you from your responsibilities at work. Explain again that these are issues she should be sharing with a trained professional. If she persists in bringing her personal problems to you, THEN ask your manager to put a stop to it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Whose Slam?

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ Void
♥ K J 9 6 3 2
♦ 10
♣ K J 10 9 6 3

WEST
♠ 10
♥ 10 5
♦ A K Q J 8 6 4 2
♣ Q 7

EAST
♠ A K 8 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 8 4
♦ 9 7 3
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 7
♥ A Q 7
♦ 5
♣ A 8 5 4 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	2♣	2	2♠
4♠	Pass	Pass	5♣
5♠	Dbl	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

It is not unusual, on distributional hands, to find that both North-South and East-West can make a game. It is much rarer for a team to score up a slam in both directions! This deal is from a National Swiss Teams Championship.

At the table where this competitive auction occurred, there was little to the play. West led the ace of diamonds and that was the only trick for the defense.

This was the bidding at the other table:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The pre-emptive four-spade opening had more going for it, and here it kept the opponents out of the auction. West's four no-trump was not designed to find out whether East-West could make slam. Since a pre-empt denies a holding that included two aces, West knew there was no slam. But it was likely that the hand belonged to the opponents, and West chose the bid to give the impression of strength, intending to pass the likely response of five diamonds. But East responded six diamonds, showing one ace and a void by partnership agreement, and that became the final contract.

Our choice of opening would have been the ace in the shorter suit — but that would have spoiled a great bridge yarn. South selected the ace of clubs, and the roof fell in! Declarer ruffed, crossed to the ace of diamonds, drawing both outstanding trumps, and ruffed dummy's remaining club. A heart was discarded on a high spade and declarer cheerfully conceded a heart to claim 12 tricks.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011:

This year you have more impact than you have had in years. You also will feel the weight of additional responsibility. Understand that you cannot bypass this phase without experiencing a defeat or a problem. You could feel the demands of responsibility more than ever, but this, too, will pass by next year. You will acclimate to your new role. If you are single, someone you meet this year could be significant to your life. If you choose to hook up with this person, you will have difficulty getting out of this bond, should you so choose. If you are attached, the two of you could be unusually hard on each other. Try to lighten up. Make no major decisions this year on the relationship front, if possible. TAURUS understands you well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Fatigue easily could be the result of an active dream life. You are processing many ideas. As situations arise that demand your resourcefulness, trust in your ability to see what others don't. How you make your suggestions is what counts. Tonight: Don't avoid a serious conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You bounce out of the right side of bed, ready for what life delivers. With this attitude, you'll move through any situation that presents itself. Someone special acknowledges your innate talents. If you're bored, move on. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Read between the lines. You could be unusually quiet and serious. Your instincts are right-on as you deal with different issues. Hold your ideas and solutions back until you are sure of the problem. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Eye the long term when making decisions. Someone offers you a new opportunity. Lady Luck rides on your shoulder. Go for what you want and don't settle. Responsibilities call. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Accept your role in recent events. You also might need to undo some of the side effects. With a take-charge attitude, you could be surprised by what comes up for you. A serious conversation lets someone know where you are coming from. Tonight: Count on being up late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Attempt to get the complete picture. Detach and ask a question or two. You also might want to look at the source. Do whatever you need to do to confirm information. Do research if need be. Tonight: Don't commit to anything financially.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be overly serious. A key associate or partner has a way of lightening you up. Together you'll come up with effective solutions. Listen to your sixth sense with this person. He or she has a way of opening doors. Tonight: Continue the conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Defer to others, and let them decide what is workable. You have other issues on your mind and other fish to fry. Use the lack of pressure to complete an alternative idea. Act rather than sit on a depression. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Stay even and mellow as you follow through on what needs to happen. You might have difficulty convincing others of the correctness of your ways. Maintain an even pace despite this situation. Tonight: Choose something mellow, but do squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish. Others enjoy when you share with them on this level. You know what works probably better than anyone else. Excitement marks a decision, though you might find a higher-up's response a bit hard. Tonight: Working late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Deal with personal matters. You might feel like you can't because of work or some other commitment. Consider the fact that you cannot really be present until a certain issue is resolved. Tonight: Hang out at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You will speak your mind and draw very positive reactions. You might surprise yourself. You have been mulling over some of these decisions or concepts. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

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BORN TODAY

Singer, musician Paul Simon (1941), entertainer Marie Osmond (1959), figure skater Nancy Kerrigan (1969)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Punch with a point
4 Handle trouble
8 Shake
14 Article sometimes dropped
15 Cracked just a bit
16 Pallor cause
17 Cher title words before "my baby shot me down"
19 A cupcake's may be creamy
20 "The Bourne Identity" malady
21 Bar closing?
22 Wrist exercise provider
23 Lawn invader
28 Revolt
31 We're on it
32 Olympics opening ceremony VIP
36 Future school?
37 Fresh
38 Have ambitions
41 "__-hoo!"
42 Place to keep thyme
46 Become a member
49 Rubeola spot
50 Evoke something from the past
52 Low-growing greenery
56 Yarn source?
57 Respectfully give the final word
60 Ripping results
63 Variety, and what's literally hidden within 17-, 23-, 32-, 42- and 50-Across
64 Spring sign
65 Ancient Egyptian agents of capital punishment
66 Word with white or shell
67 Former CIA agent counterpart
68 Bar measure
69 "L.A. Law" actress

DOWN
1 Held in check
2 Frisbee maker
3 Bruce in a 1974 film
4 Semi sections
5 Ventura County resort city
6 Quack's wonder drug
7 Physics class unit
8 Biblical twin
9 Strung out
10 Biological family subdivisions
11 Clock std.
12 Links concern
13 Stirrup site
18 Dennis the Menace's neighbor Wilson
21 Flowing garment
24 Robot play
25 Toiletry product whose slogan once began "Don't be half-safe"
26 Put away
27 Radiance
29 Arabic "son of"
30 Green who played a werewolf in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
32 Young chicken
33 "The Family Man" co-star Téa
34 Squash variety named for its shape
35 Syncopated pieces
39 Erie Canal mule
40 Specialized undergrad track
43 Part of FEMA: Abbr.
44 Fam. tree entry
45 Somewhat spotty on top?
47 Lascivious lookers
48 Sidelined
51 Very low
53 Globular
54 Developmental period
55 Soaked
58 National, before moving
59 Gab attachment
60 Trader's buy: Abbr.
61 Cauldron tender
62 Obstacle, to Hamlet
63 Some parents

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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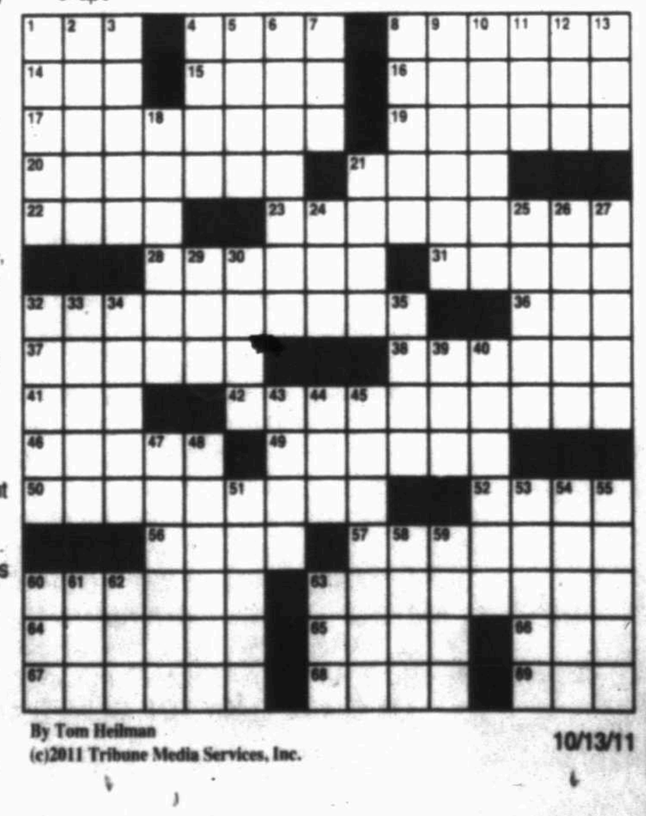

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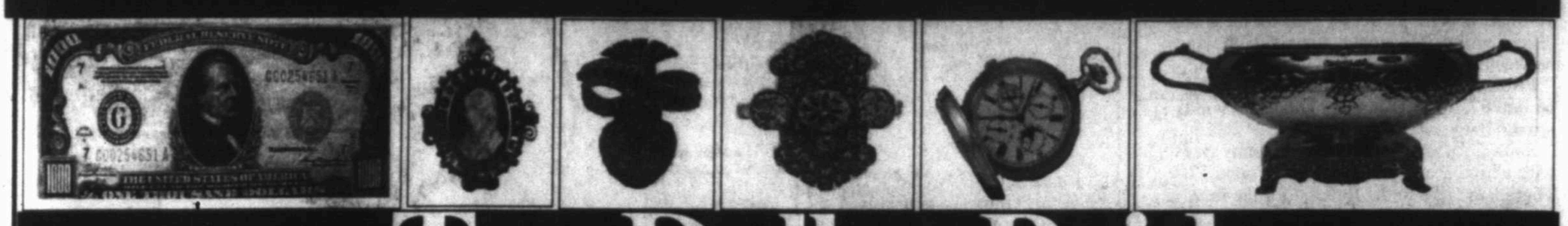

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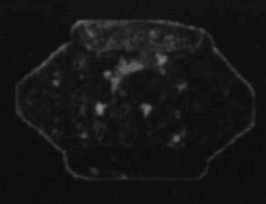

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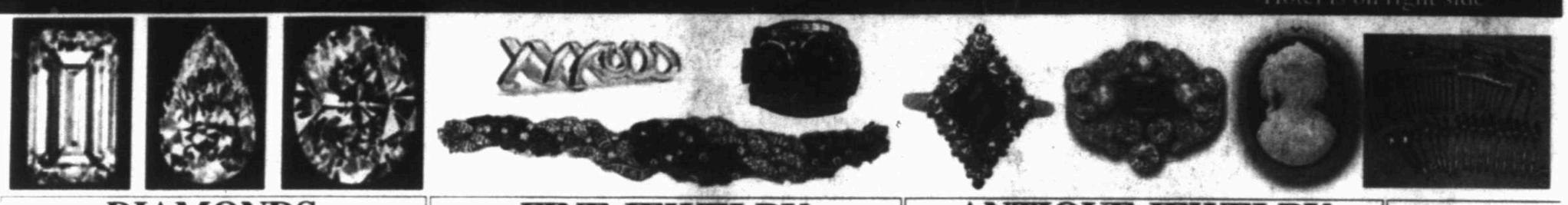

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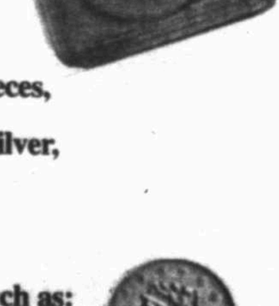

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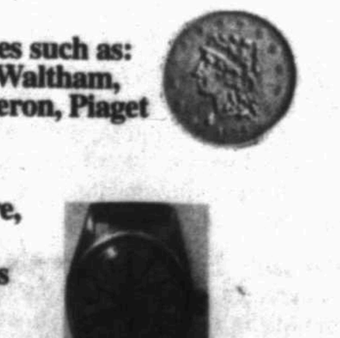

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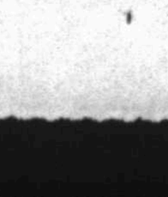

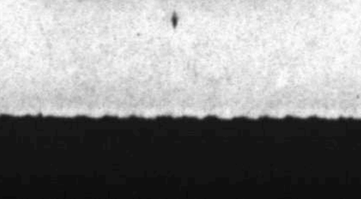

MC picks up 10th straight win

The Lady Chaparrals beat Western Texas 3-2 in WJCAC volleyball action

Cruz, Rangers beat Tigers, keep lead in ALCS

Associated Press

DETROIT — Nelson Cruz made a rocket throw to keep the score tied, then hit a crushing three-run homer in the 11th inning off Jose Valverde that helped send the Texas Rangers over the Detroit Tigers 7-3 Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the AL championship series.

Cruz, whose grand slam in the 11th inning won Game 2, once again starred for the Rangers in a game delayed at the start for more than two hours by rain.

With Detroit runners at the corners in the eighth and the score 3-all, Cruz caught Delmon Young's fly ball to right field and made a strong peg to catcher Mike Napoli to nail Miguel Cabrera.

Napoli blooped a go-ahead single in the 11th and Cruz soon added his fourth home run of the ALCS. Cruz became the first player in major league history to hit a pair of extra-inning homers in the same postseason series.

Rangers	7
Tigers	3

Rangers lead the series 3-1

Texas tries for its second consecutive AL pennant on Thursday, sending C.J. Wilson to the mound to face Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

The ALCS has marked quite a turnaround for Cruz. After going just 1 for 15 in the first-round playoff win over Tampa Bay, he's 5 for 14 with 9 RBIs in only four games against the Tigers — and seven of those RBIs have come in the 11th inning alone.

Brandon Inge hit a solo home run in the Detroit seventh that tied it. The Tigers wasted a terrific chance an inning later following some risky Texas strategy.

With one out and nobody on, the Rangers intentionally walked Cabrera, practically daring the rest of the struggling Detroit lineup to beat them. The AL batting champion hit a two-run double earlier in the game, in fact.

Victor Martinez, who hurt his ribcage on a home run swing in Game 3, followed with a single to right and Cabrera lumbered around to third.

Young, another Tigers starter who has been banged up lately, managed to lift the ball to medium right. Cruz caught it and made a perfect, one-hop throw to the plate that beat Cabrera by several feet.

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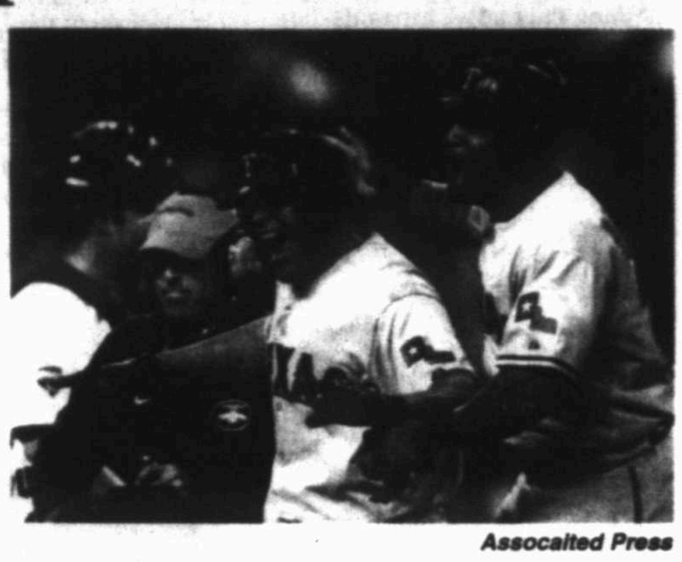

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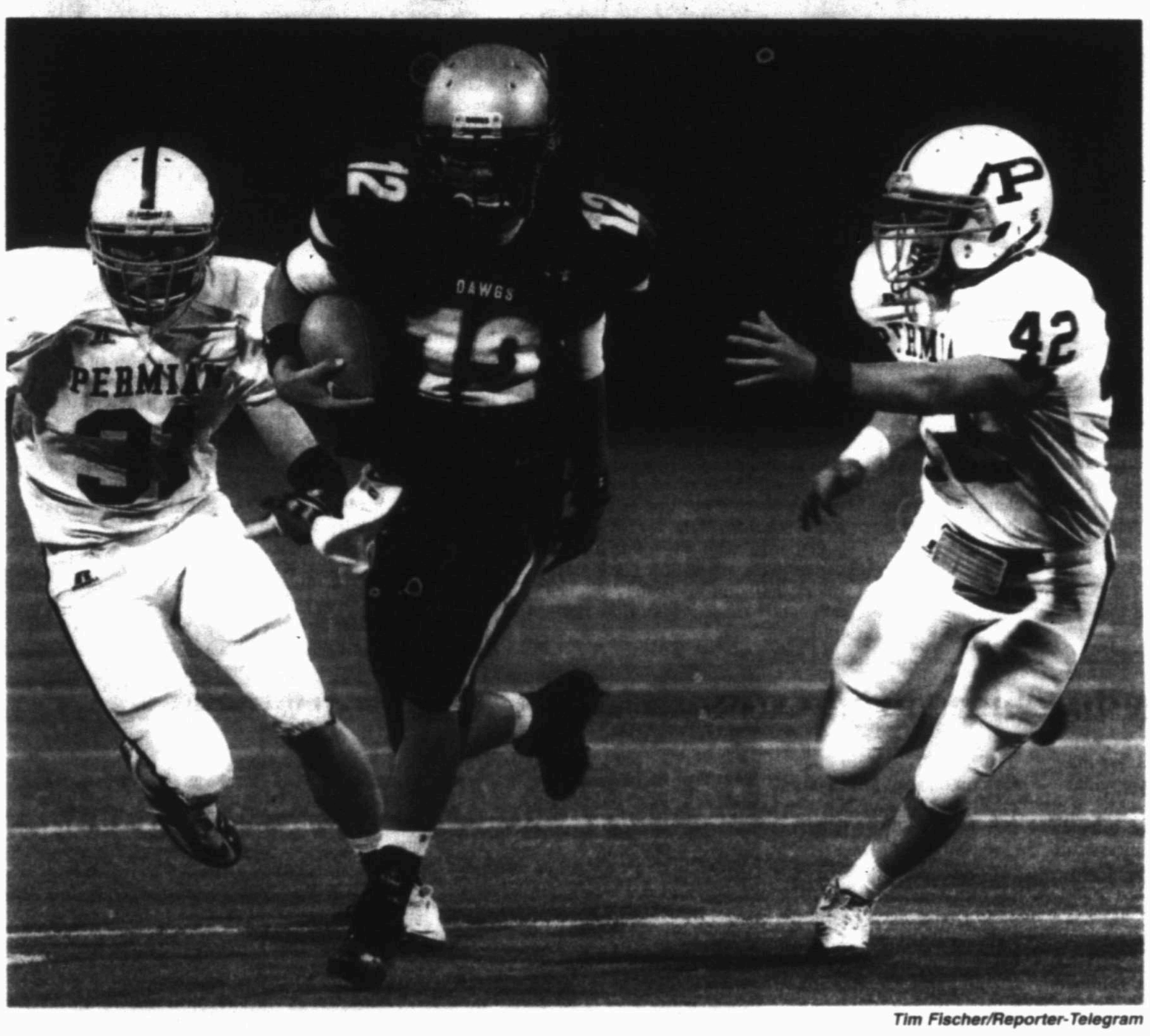
The Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre, right, celebrates with teammate Nelson Cruz after Cruz's 3-run home run in the 11th inning in Game 4 of the ALCS against the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday in Detroit. The Rangers lead the series 3-1.

Bulldogs get wake-up call



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Tanner Culp gets away from Permain defenders Jordan Leake and Tanner Vestal on Friday night at Grande Communications Stadium. The Bulldogs went into district play undefeated and lost to Permian 28-26, a wake-up call the players said they needed.

MHS looks for answer to sluggish start problem

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Bulldog Report

Midland High played with fire one time too many this season, and the Bulldogs certainly got burned.

For the third time this season, a slow start put the Bulldogs in a significant hole to begin a game. Odessa Permian came out swinging Friday, jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter. And while Midland High made a valiant effort at a comeback, it came up two points short in a 28-26 loss — its first of the season.

"We've got to start faster," MHS coach Craig Yenzer said matter of factly. "We've got to analyze and come up with ways we can enhance our performance at the beginning of games."

The Bulldogs have grown somewhat accustomed to playing from behind this season. In the season opener against Amarillo High, they found themselves trailing the Sandies 14-7 with seconds ticking away in the fourth quarter. However, senior quarterback Tanner Culp threw a prayer of a pass and Donavon Lee was the answer, catching a 40-yard TD with 38 seconds left in regulation. Midland High went on to win 24-17 in overtime.

In the Bulldogs' final non-district game of the season, San Angelo Central came out firing on all cylinders and torched MHS in the first half, taking a quick 21-0 lead. But Midland High fought back and eventually pulled out a dramatic 35-28 victory.

The Bulldogs twice have snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat, but they didn't have a third comeback in them on Friday as they failed to convert what would have been a game-tying two-point conversion with 9 seconds left in the game. Midland High's players came out of the game believing they had just received the wake-up call they needed.

"At times, we think we're better than we actually are," Midland High senior linebacker Anthony Rubio said. "Last week humbled us. Now we know how

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Defeat by Abilene Cooper shows Lee it needs to produce earlier

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Rebel Report

Lee had been awaiting the start of district play since before it reported for the first day of two-a-days.

This year was going to be different.

The Rebels were determined to improve on 2010's 1-4 finish in district, and they were going to start by avenging the 56-52 loss to Abilene Cooper that started it all.

Then, Cooper marched 80 yards on its first two drives of the game and, just like that, Lee was facing its biggest deficit of the season, down 14-0 with 9 minutes, 46 seconds left in the half.

Lee forced a punt and a field goal on its next two drives, but by then the damage was done.

Lee never got closer than 10 points as it defended Cooper better, shutting out the Cougars offense in the second half after giving up 28 to them in the fourth last year, yet

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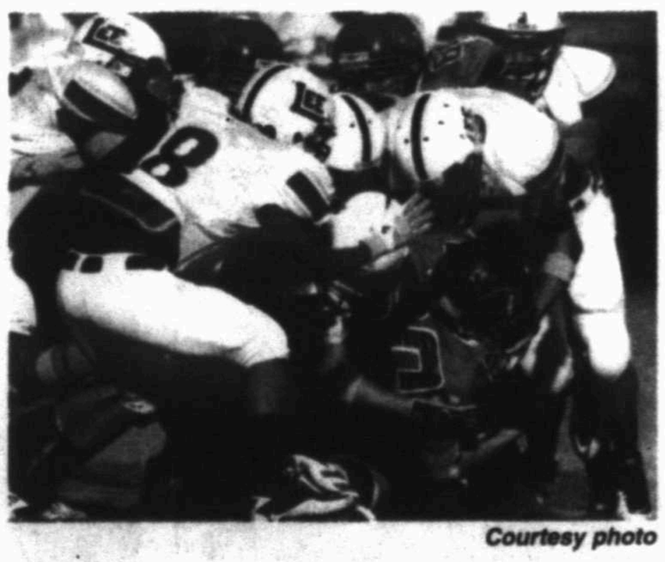

Courtesy photo

Lee defenders stop Abilene Cooper running back Matt Watson (20) after a short gain during the first quarter Friday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

How can I explain last week's results? Mathematics

Just in case you are a newcomer to this column now that district play has started, I want to issue this strong warning. I don't know nuthin' 'bout District 3-5A.

I think I just fell off the turnip truck, and this old dog better learn some new tricks or he will be without a job in this district.

Things didn't go quite as expected in the 3-5A openers last week. I missed two of the three games because of a couple of bad rookie mistakes. First, I got caught up in the mirage that 5-0 records carry with them. I should have never fallen for that old Midland High and Lee trick.

In fact, I should have followed Einstein's 3-5A formula for failure. 5W + 0L X 5WS (weak schedule) = 0-1 (last place in 3-5A).

MHS and Lee certainly held up the weak schedule part, but a lot of good it did for them when they met some 3-5A opponents. Lee proved the point a year ago when the Rebels went 5-0 in non-conference play only to truck in with a 1-4 mark in district play and a missed opportunity at being in the playoffs.

How could I have been so dumb to fall for that old trick two years in a row? Always remember the formula. Granted, MHS surprised us last year by becoming a tri-champ with a weak non-district slate, but I still recommend sticking with the formula because then I would have gotten at least two of three games right both years.

We also learned this week that OHS – Bradley Marquez + AHS = D (disaster). And that AAS (any Abilene school) + PBT (Permian Basin team) = WFA (win for Abilene).

These are formulas that you should keep in mind. Your picking percentage should remain strong and the percentage yield is better than what you can get in any bank these days.

But then what do I know? I know nuthin' 'bout District 3-5A, and I'm proving it each and every week. I have rocks for brains. Also, I'm no Einstein. My math skills are limited at best, but I swear I will try hard to stay with the formulas from now on. Of course, that's unless I get one of those "gut" feelings. I can't pass on those.

The last time I played the Pickin' Game I was 5-2 and now stand 43-14 (.751) overall. Here's how this week's games are going down:

MIDLAND HIGH 55, ODESSA HIGH 21: On paper, there are some positive things for both teams. MHS leads the overall series 47-43, but OHS has won three of the last four. And this one is a cellar buster.

ABILENE HIGH 40, LEE 28: Lee can always point to its 29-19 lead in the overall series, but AHS has won five in a row and seven of the last eight. In addition, the Rebels haven't beaten AHS in Abilene since 1998. The Rebels

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NASCAR PAGE 8C

Lady Chaparrals keep winning streak alive

From staff reports

SNYDER — Midland College picked up its 10th straight victory, including fifth consecutive in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, Wednesday, but by no means did it come easily. But it was nothing the Lady Chaparrals didn't expect, considering they were tied with Western Texas College atop the WJCAC standings heading into the match.

The Lady Chaps managed to outlast the Lady Westerners in five games, 18-25, 25-22, 25-19, 17-25, 18-16.

"It was an intense match," Midland College coach Tammie Jimenez said. "We knew going in that Western was a solid team with a sound offense and scrappy defense."

Lady Chaps 3
Lady Westerners 2

Western Texas (17-9, 4-1 in WJCAC) caught the Lady Chaps (13-11, 5-0) off-guard in the opening game, playing a quick tempo and winning it 25-18. The Lady Westerners scheme forced MC to make a quick adjustment.

"They played at a faster tempo than we expected. Faster than what we have seen them do on film," Jimenez said. "They challenged our block and made us work on defense. We had to really rethink our strategy."

Whatever MC changed worked, though, as it took the next two games, 25-22 and 25-19. Western Texas won Game 4, 25-17, before MC managed to pull out the fifth and decisive game, 18-16, to remain undefeated in conference play.

Dragana Cvoric led the way with 15 kills and 16 digs, while Brittany Serrano added 11 kills and a team-high 23 digs. Setter Breanna Ruble also had a strong showing with 38 assists, 13 digs, two kills, two aces and a block.

Most importantly, though, the Lady Chaps now stand alone atop the WJCAC standings and are playing at a high level as they prepare to head to Borger for a conference match against Frank Phillips College at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"We've got great team chemistry right now," Jimenez said. "Everyone is trusting their teammates will pull their own weight."

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
18-25, 25-22, 25-19, 17-25, 18-16
MC statistics
Kills: Dragana Cvoric 15, Brittany Serrano 11, Sarah Sawyer 9, Victoria Smith 6, Trinity Walker 3, Breanna Ruble 2.
Digs: Kati Kay-Wilson 22, Addison Zaya 12, Serrano 23, Cvoric 16, Sawyer 8, Walker 2, Smith 1, Ruble 13.
Blocks: Walker 3, Sawyer 2, Serrano 1, Smith 1, Ruble 1.
Assists: Sawyer 1, Zaya 1, Ruble 38.
Aces: Serrano 1, Zaya 4, Ruble 2.
Record: Midland College 13-11, 5-0 in WJCAC; Western Texas 4-1.
Next: Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bullpen pulls through for Cardinals

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols hit an RBI double during a four-run first inning and the St. Louis bullpen bailed out Chris Carpenter as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 Wednesday night for a 2-1 edge in the NL championship series.

In a matchup of aces, neither Carpenter nor 17-game Yovani Gallardo made it past the fifth. The one-run lead Carpenter handed over was just enough, as four relievers combined for four perfect innings.

Fernando Salas, Lance Lynn, Marc Rzepczynski and Jason Motte shut down the Brewers to close out the victory.

Cardinals 7
Brewers 3
Cardinals lead the series 2-1

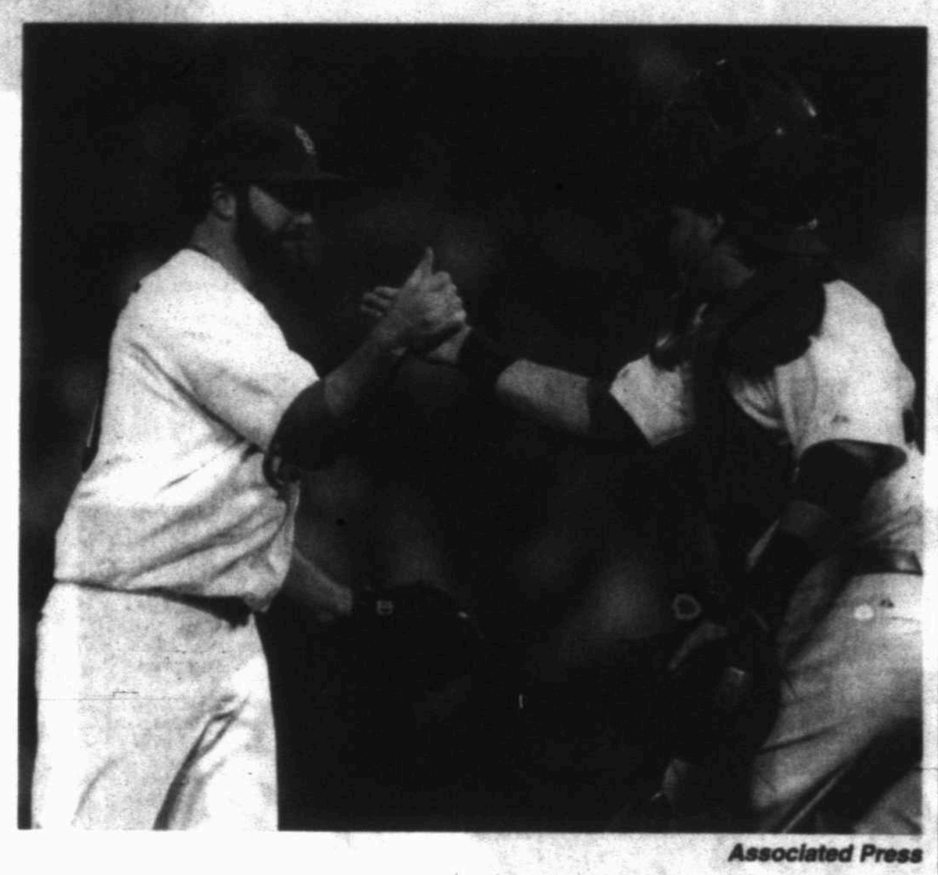
Motte, who had two saves lasting more than inning in September, got four outs for this save and fanned pinch hitter Casey McGehee to end it.

Carpenter won his seventh postseason game to tie Bob Gibson's franchise record, but with none of the brilliance of his three-hit shutout over Roy Halladay and the favored Phillies in the deciding game of the division series. He lasted only five innings, with nearly half of his 89 pitches for balls.

The starters' ineffectiveness was surprising considering their track records.

Carpenter has been clutch throughout his career in the postseason, going 7-2 with a 3.14 ERA in 12 games. Gallardo allowed only two runs in 21 innings, a minuscule 0.86 ERA, before Game 3.

Kyle Lohse, pitching on 12 days' rest, starts Game 4 Thursday for the wild-card Cardinals against Randy Wolf.



Associated Press

St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Jason Motte celebrates with catcher Yadier Molina after the final out in the ninth inning of Game 3 of the NLCS against the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday in St. Louis.

The Cardinals batted around against Gallardo in the first. Pujols delivered an RBI double after starring in a Game 2 win with a home run and three doubles.

St. Louis had its chances to break away later, but hit into three double plays and stranded nine runners.

Mark Kotsay started ahead of slumping Nyjer Morgan and homered for the Brewers. Yuniesky Betancourt had two singles and an RBI and Gallardo, a .221 hitter with a homer and four RBIs, had a sacrifice fly in the second.

Jon Jay and David Freese added RBI doubles in the first for St. Louis, which was 3 for 4 with runners in scoring position to start the game but 0 for 7 the rest of the way.

Gallardo, who's 1-7 with a 5.66 career mark against the Cardinals, trailed 2-0 after his first 12 pitches and barely made it out of the first trailing 4-0.

RANGERS

From 1C

Cabrera bowled over Napoli, to no avail. Napoli held onto the ball and Cabrera never touched the plate.

Austin Jackson was hit by a pitch with one out in the Detroit 10th, but Napoli threw him out stealing, and reliever Scott Feldman made it through the inning without further trouble.

Feldman got the win and Texas closer Neftali Feliz worked the 11th.

Cruz tried to contribute with his legs, too. He was on first base with two outs in the ninth and tried to steal second while Tigers reliever Joaquin Benoit was holding the ball. The pitcher stepped and threw to second to retire Cruz.

Valverde had already pitched a perfect 10th, but he couldn't hold off Texas for another inning. Cruz was mobbed by teammates at the Texas dugout after his homer, and Detroit fans began heading for the exits. Some of those that remained began applauding Valverde, who hasn't blown a save all year but was unable to keep this game going.

The teams waited through a rain delay of 2 hours, 13 minutes before the first pitch. The game was supposed to begin at 3:19 p.m., but the rain didn't let up until around 4:30. Fans then began filling the seats closest to the field and, about 20 minutes later, the grounds crew came out to remove the tarp.

A misty rain began falling again around the end of the second inning, and umbrellas started popping up all over the ballpark. Water would kick up as the ball hopped along the grass, but the rain wasn't a factor in the late innings.

Cabrera hit his two-run double in the third, but Texas scored three times in the sixth.

Inge tied it with a stunning homer off Alexi Ogando in the seventh. The Detroit third baseman hit .170 against right-handers during the regular season with no homers in 171 at-bats, but he lifted a high drive to left field that seemed to stay in the air forever before clearing the fence to make it 3-all.

Rangers relievers allowed only one run in 15 innings through the first three games of the ALCS — and they allowed only one in Game 4.

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Red Sox GM heading to Chicago Cubs

NY Times News Service

In his first job as a general manager, Theo Epstein helped construct the Boston Red Sox team that ended decades of misery by winning a World Series title in 2004. Now, Epstein is closing in on a deal to take over the Chicago Cubs, a franchise with an even more enduring legacy of dismay.

Epstein is close to completing his transition from the Red Sox to the Cubs, according to a Red Sox official who was granted a request for anonymity because the move had not been announced. Another Red Sox official said that Epstein had not informed his staff of a move, but that the front office widely expected him to leave.

Multiple reports have said Epstein has a five-year agreement in place with the Cubs, with an average annual value from $3 million to $4 million.

LOCALSPORTS

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2011 Rally for the Cure results
1st gross: Vince Carlisle, Janet Carlisle and Sharon Nevans 64
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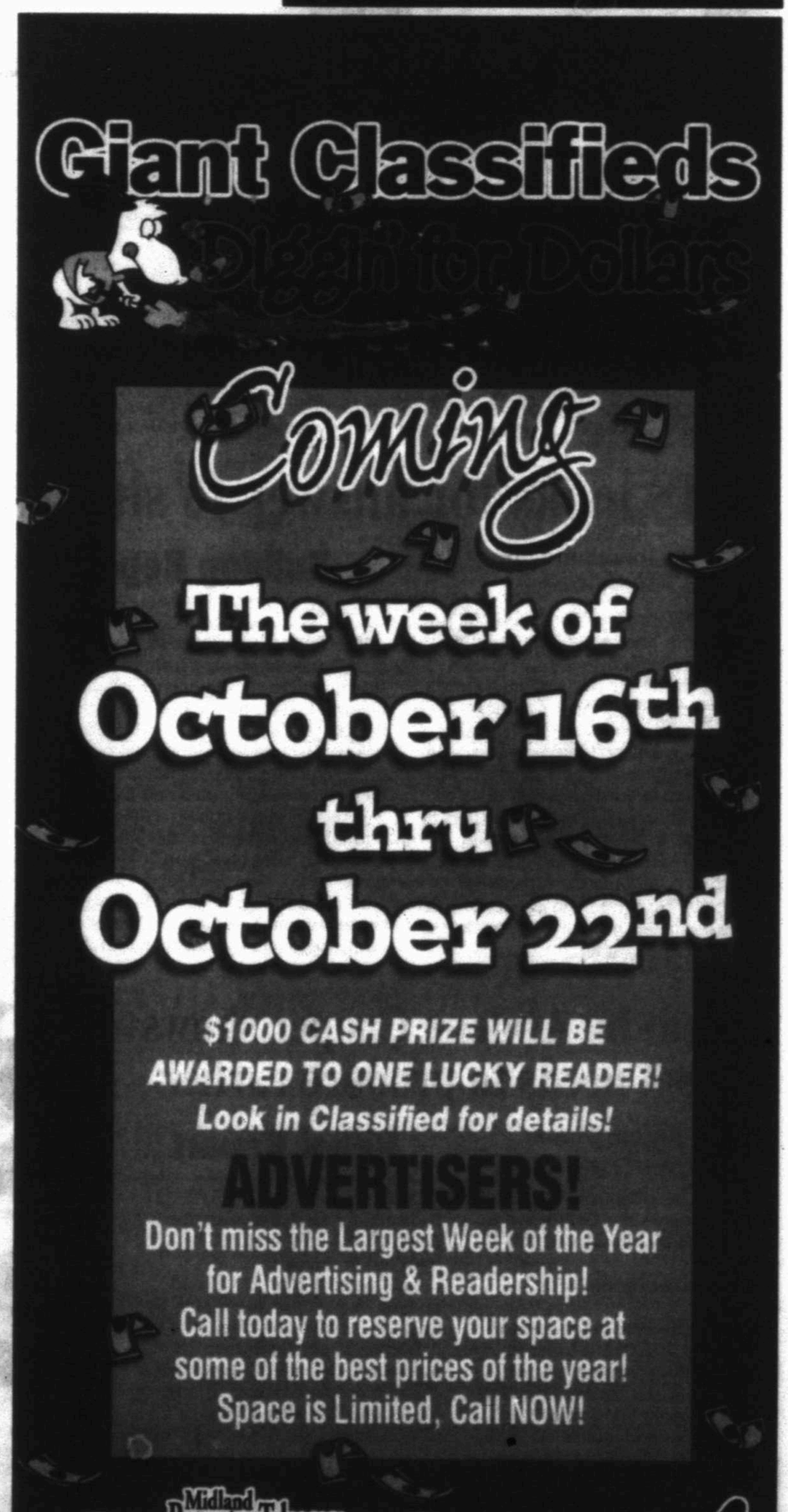

MLB Playoffs

Postseason Results/ Schedule
DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5)
American League
Detroit 3, New York 2
Friday, Sept. 30: Detroit 1, New York 1, 1 1/2 innings, rain
Saturday, Oct. 1: New York 8, Detroit 3, comp. of suspended game
Sunday, Oct. 2: Detroit 5, New York 3
Monday, Oct. 3: Detroit 6, New York 4
Tuesday, Oct. 4: New York 10, Detroit 1
Thursday, Oct. 6: Detroit 3, New York 2
Texas 3, Tampa Bay 1
Friday, Sept. 30: Tampa Bay 5, Texas 0
Saturday, Oct. 1: Texas 8, Tampa Bay 6
Monday, Oct. 3: Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3
Tuesday, Oct. 4: Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3
National League
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2
Saturday, Oct. 1: Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 6
Sunday, Oct. 2: St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4
Tuesday, Oct. 4: Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 2
Wednesday, Oct. 5: St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3
Milwaukee 3, Arizona 2
Friday, Oct. 7: St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 3, Arizona 2
Saturday, Oct. 1: Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1
Sunday, Oct. 2: Milwaukee 9, Arizona 8
Tuesday, Oct. 4: Arizona 6, Milwaukee 1
Wednesday, Oct. 5: Arizona 10, Milwaukee 6
Friday, Oct. 7: Milwaukee 3, Arizona 2, 10 innings

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
All games televised by Fox
Texas 3, Detroit 1
Saturday, Oct. 8: Texas 3, Detroit 2
Sunday, Oct. 9: Detroit at Texas, ppd., rain
Monday, Oct. 10: Texas 7, Detroit 3, 11 innings
Tuesday, Oct. 11: Detroit 5, Texas 2
Wednesday's Score: Texas 7, Detroit 3, 11 innings
Today's Game: Texas at Detroit, 7:07 p.m. (Verlander 24-5), 3:19 p.m.
x-Saturday, Oct. 15: Detroit (Scherzer 15-9) at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 16: Detroit (Fister 11-13) at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

National League
All games televised by TBS
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1
Sunday, Oct. 9: Milwaukee 9, St. Louis 6
Monday, Oct. 10: St. Louis 12, Milwaukee 3
Wednesday's Score: St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 1
Today's Game: Milwaukee (Wolf 13-10) at St. Louis (Lohse 14-8), 7:05 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 14: Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 16: St. Louis at Milwaukee, 3:05 or 7:05 p.m.
x-Monday, Oct. 17: St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
RANGERS 7, TIGERS 3, 11 INNINGS

Texas							
Detroit							
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J-Hrdtn cf-lf	5	1	1	0	MCarr 1b	2	0 1 2
M-Young 1b	5	0	1	1	Wlntrnd dh	5	0 1 0
ABeltre 3b	4	1	0	0	Dthng lf	4	0 0 0
Napoli c	5	1	2	1	Kelly lf	1	0 0 0
N.Cruz rf	4	1	1	3	Avila c	4	0 0 0
DMrphy lf	4	1	3	0	JuPierre ss	3	0 0 0
Gentry ph-cf	1	0	0	0	RSantg 2b	4	0 0 0
Torrealba dh	5	0	1	0	Inge 3b	4	2 2 1
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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
M.Harrison	5	3	2	2	3	3
Ogando	2	1	1	1	1	2
M.Adams	1	1	0	0	1	0
O.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Feldman W 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Feliz	1	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Porcello	6 2-3	8	3	2	0	6
Alburquerque	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Benoit	2	0	0	0	0	2
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Coke	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

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CARDINALS 4, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee							
St. Louis							
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Saito p	0	0	0	0	Jay cf	4	1 1 1
Narvsn p	0	0	0	0	Pujols 1b	2	1 2 1
Kotsay ch-rf	2	1	1	1	Holliday lf	3	1 0 0
Braun lf	3	0	1	0	Brkmn rf	2	0 0 0
Fielder 1b	3	0	0	0	Chamrs rf	0	0 0 0
RWeks 2b	4	1	1	0	YMolin c	4	0 2 1
HnrhJr 3b	4	1	1	0	Freese 3b	4	0 3 1
YBlmnr ss	4	0	2	1	Rzpczy p	0	0 0 0
Lucroy c	3	0	0	0	McGehee p	0	0 0 0
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Gallardo p	1	0	0	0	Cdrnptr p	2	0 1 0
Helms p	0	0	0	0	Salas p	0	0 0 0
Morgan ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Craig ph	1	0 1 0
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					Descalso 3b	1	0 0 0
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DP—Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2. LOB—Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 9. 2B—Jay (2), Pujols (4), Freese 2 (2). HR—Kotsay (1), Furcal (3).

Gallardo	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Gallardo L,0-1	5	8	4	4	5	2
Hawkins	1	1	0	0	1	1
Saito	1	0	0	0	0	0
Narveson	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis						
C.Carpenter W,1-0	5	6	3	3	3	3
Salas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lynn	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rzepczynski	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Motte S,1-1	1-3	0	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Saito (Berkman), by C.Carpenter (Braun). WP—Gallardo 3.
T—3:10. A—43,584 (43,975).

Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 72-75 degrees; 7.23' low. Black bass are good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 72-74 degrees; 8.3' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Blue catfish are fair to good on juglines with cut shad.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 72-75 degrees; 9.31' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair to good on Road Runners. Catfish are good on night-crawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: 73-75 degrees; 13.98' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on on nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 36.7' low. Black bass are fair to good on clear Zara Spooks early, later switching to Rat-L-Traps, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Rooster Tails and slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 72-76 degrees; 10' low. Black bass are good on buzzbaits and Zell Pops early, later switching to Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and drop shot rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs and Road Runners. Striped bass are fair to good on live shad. Catfish are good on cut shad and nightcrawlers.

NASCAR

SPRINT CUP
BANK OF AMERICA 500
Site: Concord, N.C.
Schedule: Today, practice (ESPN2, 2:30-4 p.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 6-7:30 p.m.); Friday, practice (ESPN2, 3:30-6 p.m.); Saturday, race, 6:30 p.m. (ABC, 6-10:30 p.m.).
Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 501 miles, 334 laps.
Last year: Jeff Gordon ran Kyle McMurray raced to his third victory of the year.
Last week: Jimmie Johnson dominated at Kansas Speedway wasting no time in the lead and cautions and holding off Kasey Kahne to win for the first time since April.
Fast facts: Carl Edwards leads the standings with six wins and is the Chase. Kevin Harvick is second, a point behind. Johnson is third, four points behind Edwards, followed by Brad Keselowski (41), Matt Kenseth (-12), Kurt Busch (-16), Tony Stewart (-18), Kyle Busch (-20), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (-43), Jeff Gordon (-47), Ryan Newman (-54) and Denny Hamlin (-79). ...In May at track, Edwards won the All-Star Race and Harvick took the Coca-Cola 600. ...Johnson has six Chase titles victories. He won five times in a six-race stretch at the track — taking the 2003 Coca-Cola 600 and sweeping the spring and fall races in 2004 and 2005 — and also won the 2009 fall race. ...Earnhardt is winless in 123 races.
Next race: Good Sam Club 500, Oct. 23, Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

Nationwide
DOLLAR GENERAL 300
Site: Concord, N.C.
Schedule: Today, practice (ESPN2, 12:30 p.m., 5-6 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (ESPN2, 2-3:30 p.m.); Saturday, race, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2, 6-9:30 p.m.).
Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 300 miles, 200 laps.
Last year: Brad Keselowski won the fifth of his 2010 victories en route to the series title.
Last week: Keselowski raced to his fourth victory of the year, leading 173 of 200 laps at Kansas Speedway.
Fast facts: Roush Fenway's Ricky Stenhouse Jr. leads the season standings, 20 points ahead of Elliott Sadler with four races left. ... In the owner's standings, Joe Gibbs Racing No. 18 Toyota has a seven-point lead over Roush Fenway's No. 60 Ford. Kyle Busch has driven the No. 18 in 20 of the 30 races, winning eight times. Carl Edwards has made 29 starts in the No. 60, winning seven times. Matt Kenseth won the May race at the track. ... Kenny Wallace will make his 519th series start, tying the record set by James Hylton. Wallace won the last of his nine Nationwide victories in 2001.
Next race: O'Reilly Auto Parts Challenge, Nov. 5, Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Texas.
Online: http://www.nascar.com

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
SMITH'S 350
Site: Las Vegas.
Schedule: Friday, practice, qualifying; Saturday, race, 2:30 p.m. (Speed, 2-5 p.m.).
Track: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).
Race distance: 219 miles, 146 laps.
Last year: Austin Dillon won the last of his two 2010 victories.
Last race: Ron Hornaday Jr. raced to his third victory of the season and seventh of

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Polls

TSN FCS Poll
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams in The Sports Network/Athlead.com Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 9, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Georgia Southern (132)	4-0	4,264	1
2. Northern Iowa (24)	4-1	3,957	2
3. Montana State (2)	5-1	3,679	3
4. North Dakota State (8)	5-0	3,661	4
5. Hofstra (2)	4-1	3,502	6
6. New Hampshire	4-1	3,331	5
7. Appalachian State	3-2	2,954	8
8. Lehigh	5-1	2,785	12
9. Delaware	4-2	2,633	13
10. Sam Houston State	5-0	2,628	11
11. Jacksonville State	4-1	2,326	7
12. Maine	4-1	2,214	16
13. James Madison	4-2	2,203	7
14. Montana	4-2	1,978	16
15. South Dakota	4-2	1,866	19
16. William & Mary	3-3	1,361	9
17. Towson	4-1	1,353	25
18. Old Dominion	5-1	1,318	18
19. Tennessee Tech	4-1	888	23
20. Richmond	3-3	757	14
21. Indiana State	4-2	738	17
22. McNeese State	3-2	702	15
23. North Dakota	4-2	460	NR
24. Alabama State	5-1	445	NR
25. Jackson State	5-1	308	NR

Others receiving votes: Norfolk State 290, Southern Illinois 243, Chattanooga 211, Coastal Carolina 182, Massachusetts 160, Southern Utah 132, Sacramento State 128, Texas State 121, San Diego 65, Portland State 62, Liberty 61, Samford 44, Elon 34, Harvard 34, Central Arkansas 33, Weber 32, South Carolina State 31, Hampton 19, Furman 19, South Dakota State 17, Eastern Washington 13, Weber State 12, UT Martin 11, Cal Poly 8, Stony Brook 8, Albany 6, Western Illinois 6, Brown 5, Drake 3, Penn 3, Eastern Kentucky 1, North Carolina A&T 1, UC Davis 1, Jacksonville 1.

FCS Coaches Poll
SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 9 and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Georgia Southern (26)	5-0	698	1
2. Northern Iowa (2)	4-1	666	2
3. Montana State	5-1	641	3
4. Wofford	4-1	610	4
5. North Dakota State	5-0	597	5
6. New Hampshire	4-1	556	7
7. Appalachian State	3-2	515	8
8. Delaware	4-2	470	11
9. Lehigh	5-1	447	10
10. Jacksonville State	4-1	419	12
11. Montana	4-2	394	14
12. Sam Houston State	5-0	392	15
13. James Madison	4-2	366	6
14. South Dakota	4-2	307	18
15. William & Mary	3-3	202	19
16. Maine	4-1	224	—
17. McNeese State	3-2	193	13
18. North Dakota	4-2	182	20
19. Tennessee Tech	4-1	172	21
20. Coastal Carolina	1-4	140	24
21. Indiana State	4-2	118	19
22. Old Dominion	5-1	116	—
23. Towson	4-1	96	—
24. Jackson State	5-1	85	25
25. Richmond	3-3	82	16

Others receiving votes: Southern Illinois 80, Harvard 26, Chattanooga 23, South Dakota State 22, Norfolk State 20, Alabama State 18, Southern Utah 16, Sacramento State 13, Massachusetts 9, San Diego 9, Illinois State 8, Liberty 8, Jacksonville 7, Eastern Washington 6, Texas State 6, Elon 2, Albany 1

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
Through Oct. 9

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. North Alabama (28)	6-0	724	1
2. Delta St. (Miss.) (1)	6-1	648	3
3. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	6-0	642	4
4. Nebraska-Kearney	6-0	630	4
5. Washburn (Kan.)	6-0	609	5
6. Wayne St. (Mich.)	6-0	596	6
7. Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	6-0	544	8
8. Northwest Missouri St	5-1	528	9
9. Minnesota-Duluth	5-1	496	9
10. Abilene Christian	4-1	463	10
11. Colorado St.-Pueblo	6-0	424	11
12. Valdosta St. (Ga.)	5-1	400	13
13. Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	6-0	362	16
14. California (Pa.)	5-1	339	15
15. Midwestern St.	**5-1**	**303**	**18**
16. St. Cloud State (Minn.)	5-1	302	17
17. West Texas A&M	**4-1**	**268**	**20**
18. New Haven (Conn.)	5-1	215	21
19. Humboldt St. (Calif.)	5-0	207	24
20. Ruston (Pa.)	5-1	184	23
21. Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	5-0	164	22
22. West Alabama	5-1	109	NR
23. Bemidji St. (Minn.)	5-1	71	NR
24. Wayne St. (Neb.)	5-1	61	NR
25. Mars Hill (N.C.)	5-1	54	NR

AFCA Division III Coaches Poll
Through Oct. 9

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Wis.-Whitewater (38)	5-0	1047	1
2. Mount Union (Ohio) (3)	5-0	1011	2
3. St. Thomas (Minn.)	6-0	929	4
4. Mary Hardin-Baylor	5-0	922	3
5. Linfield (Ore.)	4-0	863	5
6. Thomas More (Ky.)	5-0	787	6
7. Moncktar St. (N.J.)	5-0	743	7
8. Kean (N.J.)	5-0	707	9
9. North Central (Ill.)	4-1	687	8
10. Delaware Valley	6-0	650	10
11. Wesley (Del.)	4-1	614	12
12. Salisbury (Md.)	5-0	510	14
13. Wabash (Ind.)	5-0	504	13
14. Illinois Wesleyan	5-0	495	15
15. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	5-0	409	16
16. Bethel (Minn.)	4-1	364	17
17. Wheaton (Ill.)	4-1	320	19
18. Trinity	**5-0**	**304**	**19**
19. Waltham (Iowa)	5-0	282	21
20. Adrian (Mich.)	6-0	260	22
21. California Lutheran	3-1	199	25
22. Alfred (N.Y.)	4-1	129	23
23. Redlands (Calif.)	3-1	114	NR
24. Wittenberg (Ohio)	5-1	103	11
25. Franklin (Ind.)	5-1	72	NR

NAIA Football Poll
Through Oct. 9

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Saint Xavier (Ill.) (15)	6-0	340	1
2. Marian (Ind.)	7-0	325	2
3. Olivet Nazarene	5-1	309	3
4. Missouri Valley	5-0	300	5
5. Georgetown (Ky.)	5-0	293	6
6. Saint Francis (Ind.)	4-1	279	7
7. Mckendree Nazrne (Kan.)	4-1	263	8
8. Morningside (Iowa)	4-1	242	9
9. Benedictine (Kan.)	6-0	228	11
10. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	5-1	220	12
11. William Penn (Iowa)	6-1	218	4
12. St. Francis (Ill.)	5-1	204	15
13. Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	5-0	170	16
14. St. Ambrose (Iowa)	4-1	159	18
15. South. Nazarene (Okla.)	5-1	153	10
16. Ottawa (Kan.)	4-2	127	19
17. Bethel (Tenn.)	5-1	126	21
18. Valley City State (N.D.)	5-1	114	20
19. Doane (Neb.)	5-1	94	13
20. Cumberland (Tenn.)	4-1	93	25
21. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	4-2	88	23
22. Bethany (Kan.)	5-1	75	14
23. Eastern Oregon	4-2	67	22
23. Northwestern Okla. St.	3-3	40	NR
25. Menlo (Calif.)	5-1	35	NR

Standings

Big 12 Conference

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L PF PA
Kansas St.	1	0	36	35	4	0 111 66
Oklahoma	1	0	38	28	4	0 175 81
Oklahoma St.	1	0	30	29	4	0 187 110
Texas	1	0	37	14	4	0 137 59
Texas Tech	1	0	45	34	4	0 189 91
Baylor	0	1	35	36	3	1 189 115
Iowa St.	0	1	14	37	3	1 102 117
Kansas	0	1	34	45	2	1 145 177
Missouri	0	1	28	38	2	1 144 81
Texas A&M	0	1	29	30	2	2 150 93

Conference USA
East Division

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L PF PA
Marshall	1	0	26	20	2	3 73 147
East Carolina	1	0	28	23	1	3 95 131
Southern Miss.	1	1	68	50	4	1 169 97
UCF	0	0	0	0	2	2 119 44
Memphis	0	1	0	42	1	4 75 92
UAB	0	2	33	77	0	4 56 140

West Division

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L PF PA
SMU	2	0	75	17	4	1 164 103
Houston	1	0	49	42	5	0 228 105
Tulsa	1	0	31	3	2	3 140 174
Tulane	1	1	52	41	2	3 132 167
Rice	0	1	24	48	1	3 80 111
UTEP	0	2	59	77	2	3 149 163

Mountain West Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado St.	1	0	14	10	3	2	127	124
TCU	1	0	35	19	3	2	259	198
Boise St.	0	0	0	0	4	0	146	67
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	3	1	121	93
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	3	1	122	107
UNLV	0	0	0	0	1	3	80	171
Air Force	0	1	19	35	3	1	154	113
New Mexico	0	1	10	14	0	5	99	215

NFL

Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

ST. LOUIS RAMS at GREEN BAY PACKERS — RAMS: DNP: G Jacob Bell (hamstring), CB Josh Gordy (not injury related); LB Jaise McCauley (illness); LIMITED: TE Michael Hoomanawanui (head). FULL: DE James Hall (back), DT Darell Scott (thumb). PACKERS: OUT: T Chad Clifton (knee, hamstring), DE Mike Neal (knee). DNP: CB Pat Lee (back), CB Charles Woodson (foot, knee). LIMITED: T Bryan Bulaga (knee), LB Clay Matthews (quadriceps). TE Andrew Quarless (knee), G Josh Sitton (ankle). FULL: LB Frank Zombo (shoulder).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — JAGUARS: DNP: CB Derek Cox (groin), RB Montell Owens (knee), LB Daryl Smith (head), G Jason Spitz (quadriceps). LIMITED: DT Tyson Alualu (knee), CB Drew Coleman (head). S Courtney Greene (neck). WR Jason Hill (thigh), RB Maurice Jones-Drew (not injury related). RB Greg Jones (not injury related). DE Aaron Kampman (knee), CB Rashean Mathis (not injury related), TE Zach Miller (shoulder). T Eugene Monroe (shoulder), WR Kassim Osgood. STEELERS: LIMITED: DT Tyson Alualu, T Guy Whimper (hip). STEELERS: DNP: T Marcus Gilbert (shoulder). NT Casey Hampton (shoulder), LB James Harrison (knee), TE Chris Kemoeatu (knee), RB Mewelde Moore (ankle). DE Aaron Smith (foot), WR Hines Ward (not injury related). LB Jason Worilds (quadriceps). LIMITED: CB Cortez Allen (ankle), S Ryan Clark (quadriceps).

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — EAGLES: DNP: TE Tom Cole (calf), DT Cullen Jenkins (triceps), T Jason Juqua Parker (ankle), T Jason Peters (hamstring). LIMITED: S Jarrad Page (stinger). FULL: S Nate Allen (knee). WR Jason Avant (hip), T Winston Justice (knee), WR Steve Smith (knee), DE Darryl Tapp (pectoral). REDSKINS: LIMITED: WR Anthony Armstrong (hamstring), CB Phillip Buchanon (neck), TE Chris Cooley (knee), RB Tim Hightower (shoulder). FULL: RB Darrel Young (hamstring).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at DETROIT LIONS — 49ERS: No Data Reported LIONS: DNP: CB Aaron Berry (groin), S Erik Coleman (ankle), WR Rashied Davis (foot), LB Justin Durant (concussion), TE Tony Scheffler (concussion). LIMITED: DE Cliff Avril (elbow), S Louis Delmas (abdomen), T Jason Fox (foot), S Vincent Fuller (elbow), LB Doug Hogue (hamstring), DE Lawrance Jackson (hamstring), S Amain Spivey (hamstring), LB Stephen Tulloch (ankle). FULL: LB DeAndre Levy (knee).

CAROLINA PANTHERS at ATLANTA FALCONS — PANTHERS: DNP: LB Omar Gaither (knee), T Jeff Otah (back). FALCONS: DNP: DE John Abraham (groin), TE Tony Gonzalez (elbow), WR Julio Jones (hamstring), C Todd McClure (knee), S William Moore (neck), CB Christopher Owens (concussion), G Garrett Reynolds (ankle). LIMITED: DT Jonathan Babineaux (knee). DE Cliff Matthews (knee), S James Sanders (hamstring), WR Roddy White (knee).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at CINCINNATI BENGALS — COLTS: OUT: QB Peyton Manning (neck). DNP: RB Joseph Addai (hamstring). T Anthony Castonzo (ankle). DE Dwight Freeney (not injury related). DT Drake Nevis (back). CB Jerraud Powers (hamstring). LIMITED: QB Kerry Collins (concussion). G Ryan Diem (ankle). FULL: TE Brody Eldridge (knee). BENGALS: DNP: S Chris Crocker (knee). LIMITED: CB Kelly Jennings (hamstring). TE Donald Lee (groin), RB Brian Leonard (groin). WR Ryan Whalen (hamstring). FULL: LB Dontay Moch (foot).

HOUSTON TEXANS at NEW YORK GIANTS — BILLS: DNP: T Demetrius Bell (shoulder). WR Donald Jones (ankle). LB Chris Kelsay (calf). G Andy Levitre (knee). LB Shawne Merriman (shoulder). S Da'Norris Searcy (ankle). CB Aaron Williams (chest). NT Kyle Williams (foot). FULL: NT Torell Troup (lower back). LB Chris White (hamstring). GIANTS: DNP: CB Prince Amukamara (foot). LB Zak DeOsise (concussion). RB Henry Hynoski (ankle). RB Brandon Jacobs (knee). G Chris Snee (concussion). DE Justin Tuck (groin, neck). DE Osi Umenyiora (knee). LIMITED: C David Baas (neck). LB Michael Boley (knee).

HOUSTON TEXANS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — TEXANS: DNP: RB James Casey (chest). WR Andre Johnson (hamstring). QB Matt Schaub (right shoulder). LIMITED: C Mike Brisiel (ankle, knee). LB Tim Dobbins (hamstring). RB Arian Foster (quadriceps). CB Brandon Harris (hamstring). WR Bryant Johnson (hamstring). CB Brice McCain (hamstring, concussion). CB Sherrick McManis (hamstring). LB DeMeco Ryans (elbow, hamstring, knee). DE Antonio Smith (ankle). RB Ben Tate (groin, Achilles). RB Derrick Ward (ankle). FULL: CB Jason Allen (knee, groin). G Thomas Austin (knee). CB Kareem Jackson (knee). WR Jacoby Jones (knee). RAVENS: DNP: CB Chris Carr (thigh). CB Jimmy Smith (ankle). LIMITED: RB Anthony Allen (thigh). LB Dannell Ellerbe (thigh). WR Lee Evans (ankle). G Ben Grubbs (toe). S Haruki Nakamura (knee). WR David Reed (shoulder). S Tom Zbikowski (head).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at OAKLAND RAIDERS — BROWNS: DNP: CB Joe Haden (knee). C Alex Mack (illness). LIMITED: LB Titus Brown (ankle). WR Joshua Cribbs (knee). T Tony Pashos (ankle). FULL: S Eric Hagg (knee). RAIDERS: DNP: RB Rock Cartwright (calf). CB Chimdi Chekwa (hamstring). TE Richard Gordon (hand). LB Rolando McClain (ankle). RB Marcel Reece (ankle). DE Matt Shaughnessy (shoulder). LIMITED: S Michael Huff (ankle). CB Chris Johnson (hamstring). C Samson Satele (ribs). DT Richard Seymour (knee). FULL: QB Jason Campbell (foot). S Matt Giordano (groin, concussion). S Mike Mitchell (knee). WR Louis Murphy (groin). TE Brandon Myers (ribs).

DALLAS COWBOYS at NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — COWBOYS: DNP: G Derrick Dockery (knee). RB Tony Fiammetta (hamstring). DE Jason Hatcher (calf). LIMITED: K David Buehler (right groin). G Kyle Kosier (foot). FULL: WR Miles Austin (hamstring). WR Dez Bryant (thigh). S Barry Church (shoulder). RB Felix Jones (shoulder). S Danny McCray (ankle). QB Tony Romo (ribs). CB Orlando Scandrick (ankle). S Gerald Sensabaugh (concussion). PATRIOTS: DNP: S Josh Barrett (thumb/ hamstring). LB Jerod Mayo (knee). DE Mike Wright (concussion). LIMITED: CB Leigh Bodden (thumb). TE Aaron Hernandez (knee). CB Ras-I Dowling (hip). WR Julian Edelman (ankle). RB Benjarvus Green-Ellis (toe). DT Albert Haynesworth (knee). TE Aaron Hernandez (knee). WR Matthew Slater (ribs). T Sebastian Vollmer (back). RB Danny Woodhead (ankle). FULL: S Patrick Chung (hand). LB Dane Fletcher (thumb).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — SAINTS: DNP: WR Devery Henderson (calf). TE Jimmy Graham (knee). TE David Thomas (concussion). LIMITED: LB Jonathan Vilma (knee). FULL: TE John Gilmore (neck). C Olin Kreutz (knee). LB Marvin Wilson (neck). BUCCANEERS: DNP: RB LeGarrette Blount (knee). LB Mason Foster (ankle). DT Gerald McCoy (ankle). TE Luke Stocker (knee). WR Sammie Stroughter (foot). TE Kellen Winslow (not injury related). LIMITED: LB Quincy Black (ankle). LB Zac Diles (hamstring). T James Lee (knee). FULL: CB Aqib Talib (knee).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at CHICAGO BEARS — VIKINGS: DNP: CB Antoine Winfield (neck). LIMITED: WR Percy Harvin (ribs). LB E.J. Henderson (knee). LB Kenny Onatolu (hamstring). FULL: S Husain Abdullah (pelvis). DE Jared Allen (eye). BEARS: DNP: WR Earl Bennett (chest). T Gabe Carimi (knee). DE Julius Peppers (knee). DT Matt Toeaina (knee

MHS UPDATE

2011 STATISTICS

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Midland High	21	67	79	48	10—224
Opponent	35	14	21	29	3—101

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jacoby Webster	119	880	7.4	10
Tanner Culp	36	111	3.1	1
Wesley Dyer	16	56	3.5	1
Malcolm Anders	16	47	2.9	2
Erik Pena	7	34	4.9	1
Connor Beck	6	17	2.8	0
Charles Hickey	2	14	7.0	1
Loreto Natividad	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	203	1,159	5.7	16

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Tanner Culp	75	111	1	31,134	12
Connor Beck	7	11	1	99	1
Totals	82	122		41,233	13

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Donavon Lee	25	587	23.5	6
Levi Weddle	8	161	20.1	2
Jacoby Webster	12	133	11.1	2
Boo McCoy	11	92	8.4	2
Mazelle Justice	3	68	22.7	1
Loreto Natividad	9	79	8.8	0
Phillip Fuentes	4	49	12.3	0
Zack Gallegos	4	23	5.8	0
Wesley Dyer	2	20	10.0	0
Jack Bell	1	15	15.0	0
Jake Parrish	2	4	2.0	0
Landon Dory	1	2	2.0	0
Total	82	1,233	15.0	13

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Nico Francino	15	592	37.0	72
Total	15	592	38.5	72

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Jacoby Webster	12	0	0	0	72
Jake Forrester	0	23	1	0	26
Donavon Lee	6	0	0	0	36
Levi Weddle	2	0	0	0	12
Malcolm Anders	2	0	0	0	12
Boo McCoy	2	0	0	0	12
Mazelle Justice	1	0	0	0	6
Charles Hickey	1	0	0	0	6
Chase Standard	1	0	0	0	6
Brandon Williams	1	0	0	0	6
Erik Pena	1	0	0	0	6
Wesley Dyer	1	0	0	0	6
Tanner Culp	1	0	0	0	6
Nico Francino	0	3	1	0	6
Brent Stewart*	0	2	0	1	4
Team	0	0	0	1*	2
Total	31	26	2	3	224*

*Total includes a safety

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brandon Williams	2	50	25.0	0
Isaac Eng	1	35	35.0	0
Chase Standard	1	26	26.0	0
Kodie Ochoa	0	0	0.0	0
Total	4	111	27.8	2

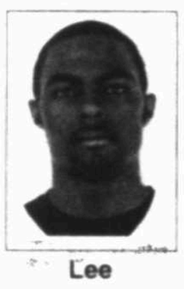
DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Brandon Wright	50	0	0	0	0
Brent Stewart*	47	0	0	0	0
Anthony Rubio	40	1	4.5	0	1
Hunter Drozd	30	0	0	0	0
Brandon Williams	28	0	3.0	0	0
Steve Rhodes	27	2.0	5.0	0	0
Kodie Ochoa	23	0	0	0	0
Keator Castillo	21	2.0	3.0	0	0
Luis Juarez	20	0	0	0	0
Dutton Watson	20	1.0	8.0	0	0
Drake Viem	20	1	4.0	0	0
Christian Carrasco	18	0	0	0	0
Jake Taylor	17	0	2.0	0	0
Chase Standard	15	0	0	0	0
Isaac Eng	13	0	0	0	0
Carson Carter	13	0	0	0	0
Jackson Wilson	9	0	0	0	0
Corbin Bennnes	8	0	0	0	0
Leonard Washington	6	1.0	2.0	0	0
Corbin McCullough	5	1	0	0	0
Eric Villegas	6	0	1.0	0	0
Pete Baltez	6	0	0	0	0
Cameron Meredith	5	0	0	0	0
Artem Ramos	4	0	0	0	0
Ryan Whittenberg	4	0	0	0	0
Jonel Sanchez	3	0	0	0	0
Nick Pissentio	2	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Essman	2	0	0	0	0
Wyatt Anderson	1	0	0	0	0
[illegible] Williams	1	0	0	0	0
Tyler Tyre	1	0	0	0	0
Davonan Manor	1	0	0	0	0
Jake Forrester	1	0	0	0	0
Alex Chavez	1	0	1.0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	255.5	392	[illegible]
DEFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	156.0	429	[illegible]

BULLDOG MVPS



Lee

OFFENSE
DONAVON LEE, WR, SR.

Webster recorded his second straight and third overall 200-yard rushing performance of the season. He finished with 200 yards exactly on 30 carries as the Bulldogs made him the focus of their offense in the second half.

Eng

DEFENSE
ISAAC ENG, DB, JR.

Eng was pushed into an expanded role after the Bulldogs lost both their starting safeties. The junior picked off Permian QB Kacey Ryan inside the MHS 10, shutting down a promising Panthers' drive, while also setting up the Bulldogs' first score with a 35-yard return of the pick.

Francino

SPECIAL TEAMS
NICO FRANCINO, P, JR

Francino was called upon to punt more times than the Bulldogs would have liked, but he made good of the five opportunities while dealing with a blistering wind. Francino had a 44.4 average, including a 72-yard punt, which tied a Class 5A Grande Communications Stadium record.

3-5A SCHEDULE

Last week's scores

Abilene Cooper 24, Lee 14; Odessa Permian 28, Midland High 26; Abilene High 53, Odessa High 20

Friday's games

Lee at Abilene High; Odessa High at Midland High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian.

INSIDE DISTRICT 3-5A

Are non-district schedules really to blame?

JONATHAN HULL
Sports writer

"Overreaction Mondays" aren't limited to the professional and collegiate football levels. At least not in West Texas, anyway.

After opening the season 5-0 in non-district play, both Lee and Midland High were on the losing side of the scoreboard Friday in their respective District 3-5A openers. There's only one question fans of both teams wanted an answer to following those losses: Why?

In Friday night's Cover It Live chat, one reader piped in with an opinion so many consider to be the answer to that dubious question:

"Seeing these scores just goes to show that Lee and MHS both need to beef up their non district schedule, playing the El Paso, Lubbock and Amarillo teams just isn't cutting it anymore. Yes, the 5-0 record is nice, but while Abilene is out there playing Longview and Euless (Trinity), and (Abilene) Cooper is playing teams like Austin Westlake, they are going to be better prepared."

It's an opinion shared by many, including some in the MRT office. Already this week, my fellow writers Len Hayward and Jordan Mason have addressed the Lee and MHS scheduling issues.

It's a valid argument. Midland High and Lee were the only two teams in District 3-5A to not play a single opponent from the east. Midland High's opponents came from San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo and El Paso, while Lee limited its opposition to El Paso and Amarillo.

Meanwhile, Abilene High played three of the state's most competitive Class 5A teams in Longview, Euless Trinity and Harlingen. Abilene Cooper mixed in Austin Westlake and Wichita Falls Rider in what was otherwise an unimpressive non-district schedule. Only Westlake should qualify as a step-up in competition compared to what Amarillo and San Angelo have to offer this season, though.

Permian's strength of schedule should be talked about more than it actually is because everyone seems to obsess about Abilene High's tough non-district road. The Panthers played one of the state's best Class 4A teams in Smithson Valley, then brought Class 6A Oklahoma power Broken Arrow into town. Even Odessa High managed to get Arlington Bowie on the schedule.

Assuming any Lee or MHS fans read those last two paragraphs, I'm sure an audible "Why can't the Midland schools pull in that type of competition?" was probably uttered, or perhaps even shouted.

At least in Midland High's case, it's not from a lack of effort. Keep in mind, this season's schedules were actually set in February of last year. Heading into the redistricting meeting, Midland High coach Craig Yenzer thought he had an understanding with Colleyville Heritage as the ASCO Football Madness opponent for the 2010 season opener.

Heritage pulled out in January 2010, though, leaving the Bulldogs scrambling for a new opponent. Yenzer made a call to Duncanville, but after waiting weeks for a response, the Panthers also declined the invitation and ended up playing Heritage to open the season.

Yenzer made one last attempt to bring in a Metroplex school for the season opener, sending two of his assistants to a meeting in the Bedford area in search of an opponent. The Bulldogs had no takers, though. Yenzer didn't get Amarillo High on the schedule as the season opener until the day of the UIL redistricting meeting.

"It's not easy to get those Metroplex schools to come out to West Texas," Yenzer explained. "You can't really blame them, when they can travel just 30 minutes in any direction and find a game. Most of the time when you call them for a game, they offer to host us in Cowboys Stadium one year and playing at their home field the second year. That means two trips to the Metroplex in consecutive years. We even offer to pay them to come out here and still can't get them out."

Abilene High has managed to get many high profile games the last two seasons, but it's worth mentioning the Eagles are playing several neutral site games and are also a considerable distance closer to DFW than either Midland High or Lee.

But scheduling is an issue Yenzer is addressing at Midland High. He does want to see the Bulldogs play a tougher caliber of opponent in the future and says he has plenty of feelers out in the Metroplex area. However, it might be a situation where the Bulldogs are playing an opponent in the Metroplex two years in a row instead of a home-and-home agreement.

But here's the real question Midland High fans should ask themselves. Did the Bulldogs really lose to Permian because the Panthers played a better non-district schedule? This writer says no. If anything, the situations the Bulldogs faced against Amarillo High and San Angelo Central in non-district play should have actually prepared them more for how the Permian game played out.

The issue Midland High failed to overcome on Friday had nothing to do with a schedule. It had everything to do with what actually happened on the field. Those corrections must take place before all these worries about who is playing who on Friday nights.

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AROUND DISTRICT 3-5A

'A' List

RUSHING
(100 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Jacoby Webster, Midland High, 120 yards, 1 TD

Jorrion Wilson, Odessa Permian 151 yards, 2 TDs

Ivan Subia, Odessa High, 102 yards, 1 TD

Paxton Grayer, Abilene High, 229 yards, 2 TDs

Marcell Porter, Abilene High, 146 yards, 3 TDs

Travis Williams, Lee, 113 yards

PASSING
(200 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Tanner Culp, Midland High, 181 yards, 3 TDs

Evin Abbe, Abilene High, 174 yards, 3 TDs

Talor Nunez, Lee, 132 yards, 2 TDs

RECEIVING
(100 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Donavon Lee, Midland High, 76 yards, 2 TDs

SPECIAL TEAMS & DEFENSE

Josh Bowman, Abilene Cooper, 53-yard interception return TD

Luke Stice, Lee, 19 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble

Bulldog Bites

■ Friday's 28-26 loss to Odessa Permian was a tale of two halves for the Bulldogs, particularly on defense.

Permian's hurry up offense had the Bulldogs on their heels throughout the first half and MHS was lucky to be down just 21-6 at halftime. The Panthers racked up 322 total yards in the first half alone. They had a mere 105 yards in the second half, allowing Midland High to fight back into the game.

However, 62 of that 105 second-half yardage total came on one play. Panthers RB Jorrion Wilson answered a Midland High TD by taking Permian's first offensive play from scrimmage after the score all the way to the end zone on a 62-yard run. It's turned out to be the decisive score.

■ Midland High junior punter Nico Francino tied a Class 5A Grande Communications Stadium record with a 72-yard punt in the first quarter. Francino's punt came from the Bulldogs' own 28-yard line after Midland High's opening drive failed to net a first down. The punt ended up going into the end zone for a touchback.

■ Midland High lost of its starting safeties in the first quarter against Permian. Senior Hunter Drozd was lost early in the game after he re-sprained his ankle that kept him out of Midland High's game against San Angelo Central in the Bulldogs' final non-district game.

Brent Stewart was removed during Permian's second drive after making a big hit on Permian receiver Andrew Perez. It was visible Stewart came away from the play awkwardly and he didn't return after suffering what MHS coach Craig Yenzer described as a stinger. Stewart played long enough to still lead MHS in tackles with 11.

Christian Carrasco and Isaac Eng stepped in for Drozd and Stewart. Yenzer said Carrasco and Eng got more comfortable as the game went along and were a big part of Midland High's improved play in the second half.

"You have to throw some accolades to those guys that came in," Yenzer said. "It got better in the second half. Those two juniors came in and played well in the second half after they got acclimated to the speed of the game."

Eng had an interception in the second quarter that snuffed out a promising Permian drive and returned it near midfield, setting up Midland High's first score — a 36-yard TD by Jacoby Webster on a swing pass from Tanner Culp.

■ Some coaches ascribe to the thought that sometimes it's good for a team to lose a game in order to get it out of the way. With the Bulldogs coming off their first loss of the season, Yenzer isn't buying into that idea.

"I'm not one that thinks you got to lose a game to wake up," Yenzer said. "That's not the direction I'm going to go and that's not what I believe in."

■ This was Midland High's fifth loss in its last six meetings with Permian. The lone win came last season, 41-7, at Ratliff Stadium.

Rebel Yells

■ Senior running back Travis Williams had his third 100-yard game in a row on the ground, rushing for 106 yards on just 13 carries, his lowest number of carries since the season opener against El Paso Montwood, which he left in the second quarter due to a shin injury. It was Williams' fourth 100-yard effort of the season.

■ The Rebels defense was a bright spot, holding Cooper to nearly 22 points and exactly 171 yards below its season averages. Lee still owns the top defense in 3-5A in terms of scoring and yardage, allowing just 11.33 points and 232.5 yards per game.

■ Lee faced its biggest deficit of the season heading to halftime as it trailed Cooper 17-0 — the first time the Rebels had been shut out in the first half this season.

■ The Rebels continued to play great second-half defense by shutting out the Cooper offense in the final two quarters Friday. Lee has only given up 21 second-half points all season and seven came on a interception that Cooper's Josh Bowman returned for a touchdown in the fourth quarter Friday.

■ Four Rebels had at least six tackles, including Luke Stice and Jacob Power who had 19 and 13, respectively

■ Quarterback Talor Nunez had his second multi-touchdown passing game of the season in the loss, tossing a 41-yard touchdown to Skyler Estrella with seven seconds left in the third and a seven-yard touchdown to Kendall White with eight seconds left in the game. Nunez had two passing touchdowns in the Rebels' 26-10 win against Amarillo High, as well.

■ Estrella scored his first touchdown of the season on his 41-yard touchdown grab in the third. Estrella turned in the best single-game performance of the season for a Lee receiver with four catches for 73 yards. He's now tied with Josh Shelton for the team-lead in catches with 11.

3-5A Blitz

QUOTABLE

"Anytime you get a chance to win a football it's huge, but against the caliber of opponents in this district such as Lee, it's even bigger."

— Abilene Cooper coach Todd Moebe

ODESSA HIGH

■ Odessa High lost by more than a touchdown for only the second time this season in a 63-20 loss to Abilene High. The last game the Bronchos lost by more than a touchdown was the 50-7 season-opening loss to Arlington Bowie.

■ Broncho coach Ron King said he wanted his offense to be more consistent but was particularly upset with the way his team tackled against the Eagles.

"First of all I'd like to improve our tackling," King said. "We didn't do a very good job. ... Of course, they're a very quick team — that had a lot to do with it."

■ King was disappointed in the outcome of the game, but said his team must find a way to learn from it moving forward.

"There's no way around it, it is what it is," King said. "We just have to play a smarter brand of football."

■ Despite that, King said he believes his team is feeling confident as it prepares for its second district game against Midland High. "Our kids understand it's one game, it's one loss," King said. "Like I told somebody else: 'one win gets you closer to your goal.'"

ODESSA PERMIAN

■ Permian killed two birds in one stone Friday, avenging a 41-7 loss to Midland High from 2010 and winning its first district game a year after it went winless in district play for the first time since 2005.

■ Panther coach Gary Gaines said he felt the windy conditions at Grande Communications Stadium, and how his team responded to it, were crucial to the outcome of the game.

"I thought we handled the weather well," Gaines said. "I thought the first quarter of the two touchdown drives against the wind were key. I just thought we played a pretty sound game."

■ Permian is now 1-0 in district play for the first time since Gaines took over in 2009, but the coach said how it will affect his team remains to be seen. "I hope it does (give us confidence)," Gaines said. "Time will tell of course."

■ The Panthers held Midland Hig to six first-half points — the lowest first-half total it has allowed all season.

ABILENE HIGH

■ Abilene High scored its first TD against Odessa High a mere 42 seconds into the game. The rout was on from there. The Eagles were up 21-0 by the end of the first quarter and 35-0 by halftime. It was 56-0 before OHS finally got on the scoreboard early in the fourth quarter.

■ The Eagles racked up 686 total yards, including 479 rushing. Senior RB Paxton Grayer led the way with 229 yards and two TDs, while change-of-pace back Marcell Porter, a junior, had a Six-Man football state line, rushing for 146 yards and three TDs on eight carries.

■ Even third-string RB Erik Harris found the end zone, scoring on a 76-yard run on his only carry of the night.

"It's good to get our backups on the field," Abilene High coach Steve Warren said, "and even better to get them across the goal line."

■ The Eagles passing game was pretty productive as well. Junior QB Evin Abbe tossed for 174 yards and three TDs on 13-of-19 passing. Abbe threw TDs to three different receivers with Tyler McGary, Peter Zeller and Grayer each scoring on a pass from the junior QB. It was the only reception of the game for all three players.

ABILENE COOPER

■ Cooper managed to open District 3-5A play with a 24-14 victory against Lee despite being outgained in total yards, 319-244. The Cougars also had to overcome two lost fumbles, including one inside the Lee 5-yard line that snuffed out a drive that could have put the Cougars up 24-0 at that point.

■ The Cougars went up 17-0 with 3:31 to play in the first half. They failed to score another point on offense.

"We had some unfortunate situations with turnovers that hurt us," Cooper coach Todd Moebes said of the sudden lack of scoring by the Cougars offense. "Give Lee some credit, though. They played great defense. There were times we just weren't able to move the ball."

■ Moebes came away believing the Cougars played one of their better defensive games of the season. Cooper kept Lee off the scoreboard until there was 7 minutes left in the third quarter.

"It was probably one of our better defensive performances of the year," Moebes said. "We still made plenty of mistakes and were far from perfect. But we played well on third and fourth downs and kept them from moving the chains several times. Our third down percentage was very good and we came up with several big tackles on third down."

■ The Cougars also got points on defense with senior DB Josh Bowman returning an interception 53 yards for a TD, giving Cooper a 24-7 lead with 2:21 to play in the game. It's the second return TD Bowman has had this season, but first via interception. Bowman returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score against San Angelo Central on Sept. 9.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull and Jordan Mason

LEE UPDATE

2011 STATISTICS

(5-1, 0-1)

Lee	27	59	62	50	198
Opponent	35	27	7	14	83

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Travis Williams	99	515	5.2	4
Jason McAfee	55	468	8.4	6
Talor Nunez	57	264	4.6	1
Luke Stice	9	92	10.2	1
Darian Long	13	61	4.7	5
Eric Ortega	1	10	10.0	0
Kendall White	1	8	8.0	0
Gabriel Sanchez	1	6	6.0	0
Skyler Estrella	2	9	4.5	0
Team	1	-12	-12.0	0
Totals	240	1991	6.6	17

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Talor Nunez	46	99	3	626	6
Luke Stice	6	9	1	59	0
Gabriel Sanchez	1	4	0	6	0
Totals	53	110	4	691	6

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Skyler Estrella	11	168	15.3	1
Josh Shelton	11	143	13.0	0
Kendall White	9	100	11.1	1
Kenneth Duby	8	60	7.5	0
Cole Edwards	8	90	11.3	1
Travis Williams	1	25	25.0	1
Xavier Williams	1	20	20.0	1
Andy Bowen	1	14	14.0	0
Eric Ortega	1	9	9.0	1
Jason McAfee	1	8	8.0	0
Xavier Chambers	1	6	6.0	0
Totals	43	589	13.0	4

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Dustin Seel	16	457	28.6	46
Miles Vincent	1	31	31.0	31
Totals	17	488	28.7	46

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Jason McAfee	8	0	0	0	48
Darian Long	6	0	0	0	36
Travis Williams	5	0	0	0	35
Miles Vincent	0	23	3	0	32
Luke Stice	2	0	0	0	12
Talor Nunez	1	0	0	0	6
Eric Ortega	1	0	0	0	6
Xavier Williams	1	0	0	0	6
Cole Edwards	1	0	0	0	6
Skyler Estrella	1	0	0	0	6
Kendall White	1	0	0	0	6
Dustin Seel	0	1	0	0	4
Totals	27	24	4	0	198

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Darian Long	3	24	8.0	0
Evan Chambliss	1	30	30.0	0
Talmage Cockerell	1	13	13.0	0
Kendall White	1	11	11.0	0
Skyler Estrella	1	6	6.0	0
Chase Lindsey	1	0	0.0	0
Thomas Patterson	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	9	84	9.3	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Luke Stice	64	2	10	1	0
Evan Chambliss	42	0	0	1	0
Darian Long	42	0	0	0	1
Jacob Power	40	0	3	0	0
Dainmuim Powell	33	1	3	0	0
Talmage Cockerell	31	3.5	6.5	0	1
Kristian Rodriguez	31	4.5	8.5	0	0
Reilly Gwin	19	0	1	0	0
Gage McSwain	19	0	2	0	0
Waylon Robinson	19	0	1	0	0
Jesse Subia	19	1	5	0	0
Nathan Horrell	16	0.5	2.5	0	0
Chase Lindsey	15	0	1	0	0
Anthony Portillo	17	0	9	0	0
Gage Hubbard	13	0	2	0	0
Josh Burdit	12	1.5	2.5	0	0
Rafael Cruz	6	0	2	0	0
Michael Davis	6	1.5	2.5	0	0
Kendall White	8	0	0	0	0
Martin Cano	7	0	0	0	0
Ramiro Villarreal	4	0	1	0	0
Skyler Estrella	3	0	0	0	1
John Pena	3	0	0	0	0
Daniel Suchil	3	0	0	0	0
Sergio Balvantin	2	0	0	0	0
Andy Bowen	1	0	0	0	0
Rafael Cruz	1	0	0	0	0
Jesse Garza	1	0	0	0	0
Malcolm Mayberry	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Morales	1	0	0	0	0
Thomas Patterson	1	0	0	0	0
Josh Shelton	1	0	0	0	0
Xavier Williams	1	0	0	0	0

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1591	265.1	691	115.2	2282	380.3
DEFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
714	119.0	681	113.5	1395	232.5

REBEL MVPS

Estrella

OFFENSE
SKYLER ESTRELLA, WR, SR.

Estrella put the Rebels on the board with seven seconds left when he elevated over the defender in front of him, made the grab, then turned and dove into the end zone for a 41-yard touchdown that cut Cooper's lead to 17-7.

Stice

DEFENSE
LUKE STICE, LB, SR.

Stice ignited Lee with his play in the second half, including the Rebels' only sack of the game on a 3rd and 12 that backed Cooper up to its own four yard line. The senior finished with 19 tackles, five for loss, a sack and a forced fumble.

Vincent

SPECIAL TEAMS
MILES VINCENT, K, SR.

Vincent nailed both of his extra points and even came in on a fourth down in the second quarter to boot a 31-yard punt against the wind.

3-5A STANDINGS

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lee	5	1	198	68	.833
Midland High	5	1	224	101	.833
Abilene Cooper	4	2	221	126	.667
Odessa Permian	4	2	224	115	.667
Abilene High	3	3	278	154	.500
Odessa High	1	5	100	205	.167

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa Permian	1	0	28	26	1.000
Abilene Cooper	1	0	24	14	1.000
Abilene High	1	0	63	20	1.000
Lee	1	1	14	24	.500
Midland High	0	1	26	28	.000
Odessa High	0	1	20	63	.000

BULLDOGS

From 1C

hard we have to come out and play. We've been full speed in everything in practice this week. Whether it's team stuff or just running to the next drill, we're full speed in everything we do."

The Permian loss was truly a tale of two halves. The Panthers racked up 322 yards in the opening half but were limited to 105 yards in the final two quarters. And while the second half numbers are certainly impressive for the Midland High defense, Rubio and his fellow defenders know its time to put four quarters of sound football together.

"It really shows we're capable of being dominant if we play all four quarters the way we do in the second half," Rubio said. "No one should be playing with us if we're playing up to our abilities."

Playing all four quarters Friday like they did the second half would likely mean the Bulldogs would be still undefeated this season, as well as opening District 3-5A play with a victory. That's not lost on the Bulldogs, either.

"We're preparing ourselves physically throughout the week to start off fast," Rubio said. "We can no longer be lax to start and think we can just show up in the second half and win. We know we're too good to play like that."

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LEE

From 1C

saw the same result at the end of the night — a 24-14 loss and an 0-1 start to district play.

The feeling, like the result, was a familiar one.

"It was pretty rough on us," running back Travis Williams said, "but we knew we played pretty decently, and we thought if we had played our best we could've won the game.

"That was probably one of the roughest parts about it was knowing that we could've won."

Yet, Lee isn't searching for answers like it did after losing to Cooper last season.

"No, we knew what we had to do," quarterback Talor Nunez said, "and we practiced the way were supposed to play."

But Lee didn't play the way it was supposed to play in the first half.

The Rebels were shut out for the first time in the first half of a game as the offense gained just 65 total yards and ran all of five plays in Cooper territory.

"Everybody's tired of hearing it, but we're tired of saying it," Lee coach James Morton said. "Consistency is a thing, especially offensively."

Lee finally began playing with that consitency in the second half, starting with the defense, which held standout quarterback Clayton Nicholas to just 15 passing yards in the second half and held Cooper to just 31 second-half total yards.

The offense, feeding off the energy of the defense, finally came alive on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Nunez to Skyler Estrella that cut the lead to 17-7 with seven seconds left in the third.

Now, Lee must find a way to get that production earlier than seconds before the final quarter of play.

But the Rebels believe they are capable, and for players like Nunez who played in their first 3-5A game against Cooper, Friday was simply the first of what they hope won't be many difficult lessons to learn in district this season, unlike last year.

"It's a lot different than non-district, but it's nothing you can't handle," Nunez said. "Just a little bit faster."

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TERRY

From 1C

won't escape the cellar this Friday.

ABILENE COOPER 35, ODESSA PERMIAN 20: Permian leads this series 34-14, but in 2011, there are the Abilene schools and everybody else.

Area games

SEMINOLE 28, MONAHANS 26: This could be the Permian Basin's Game of the Year. Watch for the upset.

FORSAN 34, COAHOMA 28: This is another area game of note and the winner will probably have second place in District 2-2A Division II all wrapped up.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 45, GRAPEVINE FAITH 14: The Mustangs have a romp before the home crowd.

ANDREWS 30, FORT STOCKTON 14: The Panthers are finding that the world is a different place playing in District 4-3A.

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Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan runs the field during warmups before the Cowboys' game against the Detroit Lions on Sunday in Arlington.

Ryan relishes another game vs. Pats

Associated Press

IRVING — New Cowboys defensive coordinator Rob Ryan has a blueprint that has worked to defeat Tom Brady and the Patriots.

That game plan Ryan used 11 months ago while with Cleveland to hold New England to 14 points might pale in comparison to what he might try to do in only his fifth game with Dallas.

"Pretty much, it's the kitchen sink, to put it lightly," defensive end Kenyon Coleman, who like Ryan came to Dallas from Cleveland this season. "We were probably (in Cleveland) doing a fourth of what we're doing now. ... So I don't really think you're going to get a good beat on what we're doing by just looking at the Cleveland game."

With Pro Bowl players like DeMarcus Ware and Jay Ratliff, and leading the NFC in total defense, Coleman said the Cowboys are already doing so much more in Ryan's system than he ever remembers doing in Cleveland the past two seasons.

So just how imaginative will Ryan be this week in a personal rematch against NFL reigning MVP Brady and the Patriots?

"I'm hoping it'd be definitely fiction," said safety Abram Elam, another first-year Cowboys starter who came from Cleveland. "Don't give him anything that he can look at and know what we're in."

New England has scored at least 30 points in all 13 of their games since that 34-14 loss to Cleveland last November.

The Cowboys haven't defeated New England in 15 years.

OK, so there have been only three meetings in that span — the last two with Brady. They play Sunday for the first time in four years. But the Cowboys are ready for the chance at another victory against New England, as is Ryan.

"He's excited," Elam said. "We're relishing the challenge."

Against the NFL's best offense. The Patriots average 495 total yards a game.

The last Cowboys' victory in the series was in 1996, the season after the Cowboys won their third Super Bowl title in four years. That was an unprecedented championship stretch that New England has since matched.

Ryan was the linebackers coach for the Patriots' first two championships, both when Brady was Super Bowl MVP. Ryan then was defensive coordinator for five seasons in Oakland and two in Cleveland before going to the Cowboys.

"I enjoyed the years that Rob was here. He obviously comes from a great football family," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

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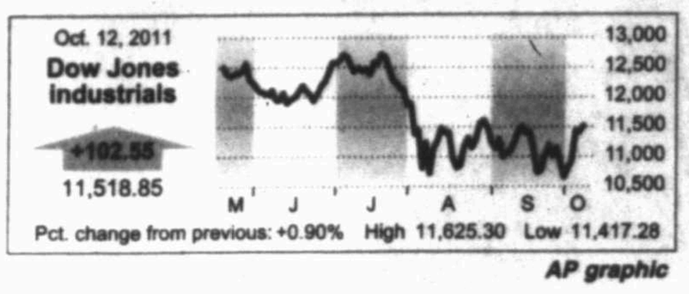

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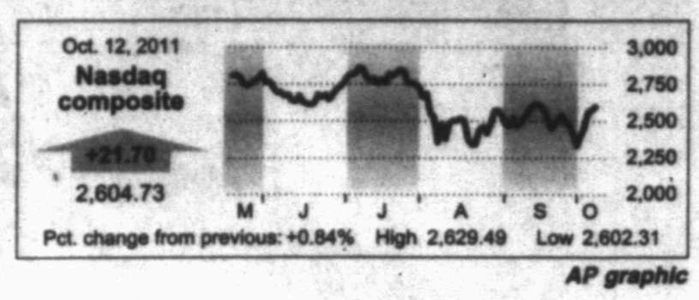

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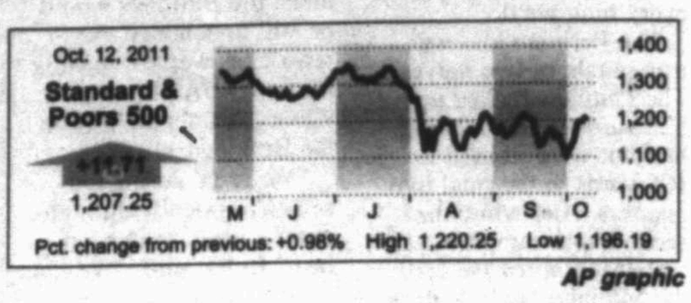

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NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2754637	6.58	+.21
S&P500ETF	2494445	120.75	+1.05
SPDR Fncl	1238624	12.75	+.32
SprintNex	1224941	2.57	+.19
Alcoa	1052411	10.05	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LizClaib	6.84	+1.74	+34.1
Lentuo n	4.60	+1.14	+32.9
SoftSth n	8.50	+1.48	+21.1
Cemex	3.44	+.54	+18.6
SouFun s	11.55	+1.75	+17.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrUltVixST	21.46	-3.64	-14.5
CSVS2xVxS	56.48	-8.63	-13.3
C TrCVOL	48.24	-6.06	-11.2
JP SXR1K	43.35	-5.41	-11.1
DnxRsaBear	51.90	-5.62	-9.8

DIARY

Advanced	2,459
Declined	601
Unchanged	63
Total issues	3,123
New Highs	19
New Lows	5
Volume	4,759,170,552

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	35512	5.28	+.60
NwGold g	29264	11.36	-.03
GoldStrg g	27239	2.16	+.10
VantageDr	24485	1.29	+.01
MtnPM g	22506	1.70	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ExtremeG g	8.78	+1.20	+15.8
QuestRM g	3.07	+.40	+15.0
AccelR	3.23	+.42	+14.9
CheniereEn	5.28	+.60	+12.8
CagleA	3.95	+.40	+11.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComstkMn	2.10	-.25	-10.6
EstnLtCap	3.03	-.22	-6.8
HKN	2.38	-.11	-4.4
HallwdGp	8.56	-.34	-3.8
EVMuni2	12.43	-.41	-3.2

DIARY

Advanced	317
Declined	148
Unchanged	29
Total issues	494
New Highs	2
New Lows	9
Volume	77,345,420

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	757532	56.60	-.28
Cisco	486264	17.25	-.26
Intel	346075	23.12	+.13
SiriusXM	155281	1.71	+.05
Microsoft	505143	26.96	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBiosci n	3.96	+.87	+28.2
A123 Sys	4.19	+.98	+26.6
WVS Fn	10.44	+1.83	+21.3
Zhongpin	7.95	+1.26	+18.8
ArtsWay	6.03	+.93	+18.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sfewmdsng	4.70	-.53	-10.1
Trunktow n	2.00	-.22	-9.9
CantBryPk	7.75	-.81	-9.5
UtdCBks rs	8.00	-.80	-9.1
EastVaBk	2.25	-.20	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,877
Declined	679
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,671
New Highs	24
New Lows	28
Volume	1,933,338,324

Associated Press

BlackBerry users were hit with service disruptions to their smartphones for a second day Tuesday after an unexplained glitch cut off Internet and messaging services for large numbers of users across Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

BlackBerry outages spread to North America; RIM shares fall 2.2 percent

Associated Press

BlackBerry users across the world were exasperated Wednesday as an outage of email, messaging and Internet services on the phones spread to the U.S. and Canada and stretched into the third day for Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

It was the biggest outage in years for BlackBerry users and strained their relationship with an already tarnished brand. It came on the eve of the launch of a mighty competitor — a new iPhone model.

Research In Motion Ltd., the Canadian company that makes the phones, said a crucial link in its European infrastructure failed Monday, and a backup didn't work either. The underlying problem has been fixed, but a backlog of emails and messages has built up that the company has yet to work down.

Meanwhile, emails and messages from other regions to Europe were piling up in RIM's systems in the rest of the world, like letters clogging a mailbox. That caused the outages in the U.S. and Asia, said David Yach, RIM's chief technology officer for software.

At Zenprise Inc., a Fremont, Calif., firm that helps companies manage BlackBerrys issued to employees, vice president Ahmed Datoo said emails started piling up on U.S. servers shortly after midnight. By morning, the congestion was heavy enough at a particular client company to delay all email for BlackBerrys. The pileup started to ease in the afternoon.

RIM is already struggling with delays in getting new phones out, a tablet that's been a dud and shares that are approaching a five-year low. In the latest quarter, it sold 10.6 million phones, down from 12.1 million the same period last year.

The duration of the latest outage could force large businesses to rethink their use of BlackBerrys, said Gartner analyst Carolina Milanesi. Many of them have stuck with the phones because of the quality and efficiency of its email system, but that's now in question, she said.

Consumers are having second thoughts too. Andrew Mills, a child abuse investigator for the state of Arkansas, said he'd been thinking of getting some other smartphone for a while, and the outage was the "nail in the coffin" for him.

The 27-year-old has used BlackBerrys for five years, but friends and family have abandoned them, and he's set to do so in a few weeks. "From what I can see on their new phones they're not doing anything that's competing with Droid and iPhone," he said.

In the United Arab Emirates, the two biggest phone companies said they would compensate their BlackBerry users for the mishap by giving them at least three days of free service. Matthew Willsher, chief marketing officer for Etisalat, the country's biggest telecom, said it was acting in response to the "exceptional and unprecedented circumstances."

Unlike other cellphone makers, RIM handles email and messaging traffic to and from its phones. That allows it to provide services that other phones don't have, optimize data service and provide top-class security. But when it encounters a problem, a large share of the 70 million BlackBerry subscribers worldwide can be affected all at once. BlackBerry outages tend to occur several times a year, but they usually last for less than a day.

RIM shares fell 53 cents, or 2.2 percent, to close New York trading at $23.88 as major indexes rose. The shares hit $19.29 a week ago, the lowest level since 2006.

Oil prices fall

Oil prices fell slightly Wednesday after a group of energy experts cut its forecast for global crude demand.

The International Energy Agency joined OPEC in trimming its demand forecasts for this year and 2012. The Paris-based IEA still expects world demand to hit a record this year, but more slowly than previously expected. The IEA's outlook followed a similar one from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on Tuesday.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell 24 cents to end the day at $85.57 per barrel in New York.

The drop ended five straight days of rising oil prices. Oil had rebounded from 12-month lows it reached last week on encouraging economic news. Fears of another recession faded as U.S. jobs and manufacturing data suggested the economy would continue to grow, albeit slowly. And European leaders took steps to strengthen the region's banking system in the wake of a festering debt crisis.

Meanwhile, U.S. motorists continued to cut back on driving. MasterCard SpendingPulse reported that drivers bought less gas for the 29th week in a row. Gas consumption last week was down about 2 percent from the same period last year, according to SpendingPulse.

Euro surges

The euro surged against the dollar and the Japanese yen Wednesday as plans to aid Europe's struggling banks appeared to be taking shape.

European Commission President Jose-Manuel Barroso said big banks must increase their capital cushions to withstand the effects of a likely default by Greece. Many hold billions in Greek debt. Barroso said they should stop paying dividends or bonuses until they meet the new standard.

The leaders of France and Germany said last weekend that they will detail a bank rescue plan by the end of October.

The euro rose to $1.3793 at 3:03 p.m. Eastern time from $1.3688 late Tuesday. It was the currency's strongest price since the end of August.

Demand for euros grew as investors poured money into European markets. Greece's Athex composite jumped 4.8 percent and Italy's FT-SE MIB soared 2.9 percent.

Gold for December delivery rose $21.60, or 1 percent, to $1,682.60 an ounce.

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Closing Price $28.24 Down 0.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.79 Up 0.54

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.03 Up 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.90 Up 0.45

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	9	28.99	+.22	-1.3
Abraxas	...	69	3.44	+.05	-24.7
AdamsEx	.51e	...	9.76	+.09	-9.1
AMD	...	4	4.93	+.07	-39.7
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.86	+.17	-3.4
Alcoa	.12	10	10.05	-.25	-34.7
AlonUSA	.16	...	7.13	-.04	+19.2
Amgen	1.12	12	56.64	-.45	+3.2
Anadarko	.36	40	67.31	+.72	-11.6
Annaly	2.51e	5	15.80	-.04	-11.8
Apache	.60	9	87.93	+.95	-26.3
Apple Inc	...	16	402.19	+1.90	+24.7
ApldMatl	.32	8	11.30	+.32	-19.6
ATMOS	1.36	15	32.57	+.09	+4.4
AutoData	1.44	20	51.22	+.94	+10.7
BP PLC	1.68	15	38.63	+.27	-12.5
BakrHu	.60	17	53.48	+.25	-6.5
BkofAm	.04	...	6.58	+.21	-50.7
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	42.97	-3.07	+14.3
BasicEnSv	...	53	16.93	+.06	-2.7
BerkHa A	...	15111	930.00	+1730.00	-7.1
BerryPet	.32f	21	39.74	+1.32	-9.1
BlkHillsCp	1.46	16	31.91	-.11	+6.4
BostonSci	...	14	5.65	+.02	-25.4
BrMySq	1.32	17	32.82	-.14	+23.9
BrcdeCm	...	19	4.50	-.37	-14.9
BrownFA	1.28a	18	71.51	-.34	+3.0
BrownFB	1.28a	18	72.92	-.79	+4.7
CVS Care	.50	14	34.67	+.30	-.3
Cameron	...	20	47.48	-.28	-6.4
Caterpillar	1.84	14	81.70	+1.04	-12.8
Celestic g	...	9	8.39	+.14	-13.5
Cemex	...	...	3.44	+.54	-66.6
CntryLink	2.90	12	34.38	+.86	-25.5
ChesEng	.35	9	26.75	+.13	+3.2
Chevron	3.12	9	97.78	+.18	+7.2
Chicos	.20	16	12.24	+.12	+1.7
Cimarex	.40	10	59.23	+1.91	-33.1
Cisco	.24	15	17.25	+.26	-14.7
Citigrp rs	.04	9	29.20	+1.36	-38.3
ClayEng	...	16	53.92	+3.16	-35.8
CocaCola	1.88	13	67.48	+.88	+2.6
ColgPal	2.32	19	91.22	+.87	+13.5
Comcast	.45	17	23.60	+.62	+7.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CompPrdS	...	14	28.58	+.49	-3.3
ConAgra	.96f	15	25.60	+.26	+13.4
ConchoRes	...	...	77.98	-.50	-11.1
ConocPhil	2.64	9	67.85	+.83	-.4
CrackerB	1.00f	12	42.20	+.28	-23.0
CrosTim	2.95e	17	46.64	+.84	+17.0
DCP Mid	2.53f	...	40.44	+.30	+8.1
DTE	2.35	12	50.07	-.47	+10.5
Dataram h	...	...	1.27	+.06	-19.2
Dawson	...	...	28.24	-.14	-11.5
DevonE	.68	4	60.22	+1.44	-23.3
DrSCBr rs	...	...	38.69	-1.82	-17.4
DirFnBr rs	...	...	51.12	-3.71	+8.2
DrxFnBull	...	...	12.65	+.82	-54.6
DirxSCBull	...	...	40.90	+1.58	-43.5
Disney	.40f	14	33.76	+1.15	-10.0
DowChm	1.00	12	27.29	+.89	-20.1
EMC Cp	...	24	22.85	-.19	-.2
EOG Res	.64	47	80.55	+.81	-11.4
EmpDist	...	16	19.15	-.15	-13.7
Energen	.54	12	44.93	+.17	-6.9
EngyTsfr	3.58	26	41.07	-.15	-20.7
EnPro	...	17	31.55	+.82	-24.1
EntPrPt	2.42f	36	42.49	+.42	+2.1
EricsnTel	.37e	...	10.47	-.07	-9.2
ExterranH	...	...	9.13	+.27	-61.9
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	77.16	+.89	+5.5
FifthThird	.32f	12	11.51	+.60	-21.6
FordM	...	6	11.38	+.14	-32.2
ForestOil s	...	11	11.85	+.64	-56.6
FMCG s	1.00a	6	35.89	+.89	-40.2
FrozenPd	...	...	1.55	-.06	-64.9
GATX	1.16	20	34.13	+.86	-3.3
GabGloM	.90	...	6.34	+.09	-21.6
GAInv	.43e	...	24.53	+.26	-8.5
GenElec	.60	14	16.40	+.26	-10.3
Goltsmith	...	...	3.31	-.03	+36.8
Goodrich	1.16	28	120.60	...	+36.9
GtPlainEn	.83	15	19.96	+.10	+2.9
Hallibrtn	.36	13	35.07	-.41	-14.1
Heinz	1.92	17	51.10	+.13	+3.3
HewlettP	.48	6	25.87	-.05	-38.6
Hitachi	...	...	51.11	+1.32	-4.2
HostHotls	.16f	...	11.84	+.48	-33.7

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iShBraz	3.42e	...	58.32	+1.60	-24.7
iShSilver	...	...	31.77	+.39	+5.3
iShChina25	.85e	...	34.72	+1.32	-19.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.16	+1.07	-17.8
iS Eafe	1.68e	...	51.50	+.74	-11.5
iShR2K	1.02e	...	69.82	+.98	-10.8
IntegrysE	2.72	16	48.88	+.40	+.8
Intel	.84	10	23.12	+.13	+8.9
InterDig	.40	20	48.46	-3.62	+16.4
JPMorgCh	1.00	7	33.20	+.90	-21.7
JohnJn	2.28	14	64.33	+.37	+4.0
KimbClk	2.80	17	71.99	+.54	+14.2
KindME	4.60f	...	70.95	+.07	+1.0
KindMM	4.60f	...	61.72	-.10	-7.7
LegacyRes	2.16f	...	27.79	+.54	-3.2
LevelS	...	...	1.76	+.05	+79.6
LizClaib	...	...	6.84	+1.74	-4.5
Lubys	...	...	4.58	+.11	-27.0
MGM Rsts	...	...	9.98	+.15	-32.8
MarvelT	...	12	15.11	-.20	-18.5
MassMCp s	1.20	...	17.41	+.02	+13.9
McDnlds	2.80f	18	88.36	-.98	+15.1
Merck	1.52	12	32.57	+.64	-9.6
MeritMed s	...	30	13.01	+.13	+2.7
MexcoEn	...	50	6.03	+.02	-21.2
MicronT	...	35	5.20	...	-35.2
Microsoft	.80f	10	26.96	-.04	-3.4
MorgStan	.20	34	15.84	+.45	-41.8
Nabors	...	15	14.65	+.34	-37.6
NatGrid	2.92e	...	49.75	-.18	+12.1
NOWarco	.44	15	62.85	+.11	-6.5
NokiaCp	.55e	...	6.36	+.18	-38.4
NvMAd	.99	...	13.85	-.14	+5.9
NvPMI	.94	...	13.64	...	+4.5
NuvPI	.92	...	12.99	-.17	+1.3
NSTFR	.64	...	13.67	-.04	+4.4
NTXQI	.86	...	15.92	+.09	+6.7
OcciPet	1.84	11	81.01	+.12	-17.4
Oracle	.24	18	31.11	+.16	-.6
ParTech	...	17	3.68	-.02	-36.6
ParkDri	...	...	5.23	+.18	+14.4
PattUTI	.20	12	18.84	+.10	-12.6
PenRE	.80	...	7.90	+.20	-65.6
Pmian	1.36e	14	19.66	+.07	-13.2
Pfizer	.80	12	18.82	-.03	+7.5

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PioNtrl	.08	11	69.75	-.12	-19.7
PlainsAA	3.98f	20	60.98	-.05	-2.9
PwShs QQQ	.41e	...	56.60	+.28	+3.9
Praxair	2.00	24	101.62	+.76	+6.4
PrmEgy	...	...	20.21	+.86	+4.5
PrUSh S&P	...	...	22.16	-.42	-6.7
ProUSSP500	...	...	...	16.52	-.48
-14.9					
ProctGam	2.10	17	64.89	+.32	+.9
RAM En h	...	...	.73	+.03	-60.3
RangeRs	.16	...	62.92	-.01	+39.9
RegionsFn	.04	...	3.82	+.19	-45.4
RschMotn	...	4	23.88	-.53	-58.9
Rowan	...	21	33.01	+.31	-6.4
RoyDShllA	3.36	15	66.79	+.43	...
SpdrDJIA	3.14e	...	114.99	+.98	-.6
S&P500ETF	2.46e	...	120.75	+1.05	-4.0
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SanderFm	.88	...	47.89	...	+21.8
SandRidge	...	27	6.54	+.02	-10.7
Sapient	.35e	27	11.22	+.54	-7.3
Schlmbrg	1.00	18	67.31	+.49	-19.4
SigmaAld	.72	19	64.81	-.19	-2.6
SiriusXM	...	57	1.71	+.05	+4.9
Smucker	1.92f	18	74.45	+.46	+13.4
SprintNex	...	...	2.57	+.19	-39.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SP Engy	1.08e	...	64.13	+.34	-6.0
SPDR Fncl	.20e	...	12.75	+.32	-20.1
SP Indx	.89e	...	31.89	+.40	-6.5
SuncocoLg	4.56f	9	93.56	+.82	+12.0
TelefEsp s	1.98e	...	21.02	+.51	-7.8
Tesoro	...	8	24.39	+.06	+31.8
3M Co	2.20	13	78.36	+1.94	-9.2
Trchmrk s	.48f	9	38.05	+.78	-4.5
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TylerTech	...	37	27.70	+.43	+33.4
UBWV	1.20	14	22.69	+.62	-22.3
US Bancrp	.50	12	24.75	+.87	-8.2
Vale SA	1.14e	...	25.22	+.64	-27.0
ValeroE	.20	18	22.24	+.52	-3.8
VangEmg	.52e	...	39.87	+1.06	-17.2
VulcanM	1.00	...	31.46	+.43	-29.1
WalMart	1.46	13	55.20	+.48	+2.4
Walgrn	.90	11	33.15	+.64	-14.9
WellsFargo	.48	10	26.95	+.90	-13.0
WstnRefin	...	15	16.09	+.05	+52.1
WhitingPt s	...	14	38.01	+.25	-35.1
WmsCos	1.00f	19	26.73	+.32	+8.1
XcelEngy	1.04	15	24.69	+.06	+4.8
Xerox	.17	14	7.48	+.05	-35.1
YRC rsh	...	...	.06	-.01	-98.5
Yahoo	...	18	15.77	-.09	-5.2

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	11,518.85	+102.55	+.90	-.51	+3.81
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	4,618.21	+58.68	+1.29	-9.57	-2.39
449.09	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	435.02	-.91	-.21	+7.41	+7.23
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,253.69	+102.43	+1.43	-8.79	-3.94
2,490.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,139.07	+7.83	+.37	-3.14	+1.35
2,887.75	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,604.73	+21.70	+.84	-1.81	+6.70
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,207.25	+11.71	+.98	-4.01	+2.47
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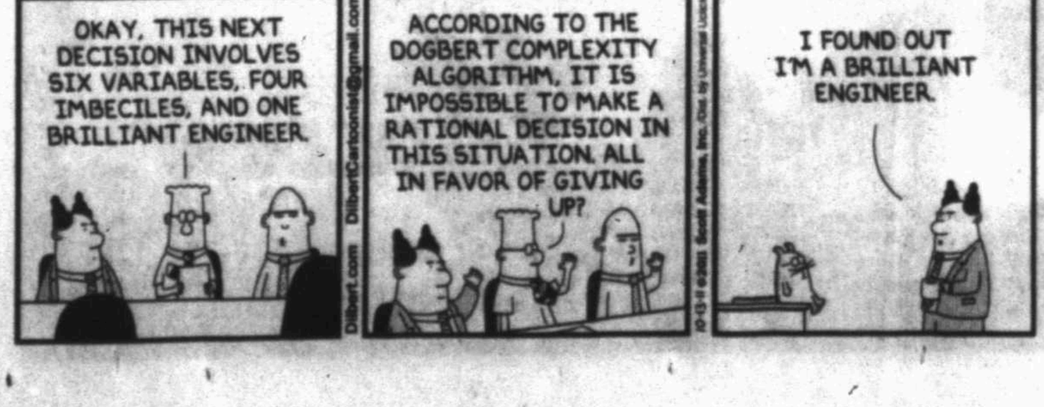

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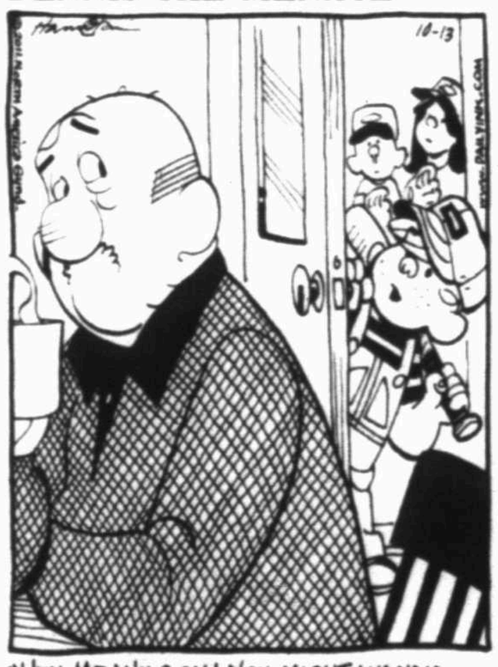

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ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Bank of America 500,
7:30 p.m., Saturday — abc

Nationwide Series
Dollar General 300 Miles of Courage,
7:30 p.m., Friday — ESPN 2

Truck Series
Smith's Food & Drug Stores 350,
3:30 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Chevy has already wrapped up its ninth consecutive manufacturer championship, matching its 1983-91 streak.

▶ Seven Chevy drivers have combined to win 14 of the 30 races to date. Entering the current season, Chevy drivers have won the past six championships.

▶ Jimmie Johnson is four points behind in the Chase, but it feels like he's 20 ahead. The yearly onslaught appears to be on.

▶ Brad Keselowski, the Chase newcomer, continues to make the best of each race. He has performed like a veteran.

▶ In the weekend's most unintentional example of brashness, Johnson said on radio that he thought Kasey Kahne might have been able to beat him "if the race was 50 or 60 laps longer."

▶ Johnson ended the longest dry spell, 21 races, of his career. He already has 55 career victories at age 36.

▶ With consecutive finishes of fourth and second, Kasey Kahne is going out in style at Team Red Bull and raising expectations for next year at Hendrick Motorsports.

▶ The wild card got Brad Keselowski into the Chase, but he didn't get the bonus points that otherwise would have gone to him for three regular-season victories. The absence of bonus points hurts, but he's fourth in the standings anyway.

▶ In the past two races, Johnson has earned 44 more points than Tony Stewart.

▶ It might be instructive to recall that Kevin Harvick, just a point behind Carl Edwards in the Chase, won the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte back in May.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup Series		Pts.
1.	Carl Edwards	2,161
2.	Kevin Harvick	- 1
3.	Jimmie Johnson	- 4
4.	Brad Keselowski	- 11
5.	Matt Kenseth	- 12
6.	Kurt Busch	- 16
7.	Tony Stewart	- 19
8.	Kyle Busch	- 20
9.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 43
10.	Jeff Gordon	- 47
11.	Ryan Newman	- 54
12.	Denny Hamlin	- 79

Nationwide Series		
1.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	1,064
2.	Elliott Sadler	- 20
3.	Reed Sorenson	- 70
4.	Aric Almirola	- 80
5.	Justin Allgaier	- 92
6.	Jason Leffler	- 148
7.	Kenny Wallace	- 198
8.	Steve Wallace	- 225
9.	Brian Scott	- 226
10.	Michael Annett	- 232

Camping World Truck Series		
1.	Austin Dillon	704
2.	James Buescher	- 3
3.	Johnny Sauter	- 19
4.	Timothy Peters	- 40
5.	Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 42
6.	Joey Coulter	- 70
7.	Cole Whitt	- 72
8.	Matt Crafton	- 73
	Todd Bodine	- 73
10.	Parker Kligerman	- 96

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Bank of America 500
Where: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. (1.5 mi.), 334 laps/501 miles.
When: Saturday, Oct. 15.
Last year's winner: Jamie McMurray, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Elliott Sadler, Ford, 193.216 mph, Oct. 13, 2005.
Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevy, 160.306 mph, Oct. 11, 1999.
Last week: Jimmie Johnson utterly dominated the Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway, wrapping up a ninth straight manufacturer title for Chevy. It was only Johnson's second victory of the season, but he led 197 of a possible 272 laps.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Dollar General 300 Miles of Courage
Where: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.
When: Friday, Oct. 14.
Last year's winner: Brad Keselowski, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy, 187.735 mph, Oct. 14, 2005.
Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 155.799 mph, May 25, 1966.
Last week: Brad Keselowski, in a Dodge, dominated Kansas Speedway's race and repeatedly established his car's superiority over the Ford of runner-up Carl Edwards. It was Keselowski's fourth win of the season and 16th of his career.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Smith's Food & Drug Stores 350
Where: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 mi.), 146 laps/219 miles.
When: Saturday, Oct. 15.
Last year's winner: Austin Dillon, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Mike Skinner, Toyota, 178.065 mph, Sept. 23, 2006.
Race record: David Starr, Chevy, 135.394 mph, Oct. 13, 2002.
Last race: Ron Hornaday Jr., in a Chevy, captured the 50th victory of his career at Kentucky Speedway. Hornaday has won three times this season but is only fifth in the points standings, led by Austin Dillon.

CHARLOTTE DATA

FOX: May 21, May 29 — abc: Oct. 15

CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Distance: 1.5-mile oval
Length of frontstretch: 1,980 ft.
Length of backstretch: 1,500 ft.
Miles/Laps: 501 mi. = 334 laps

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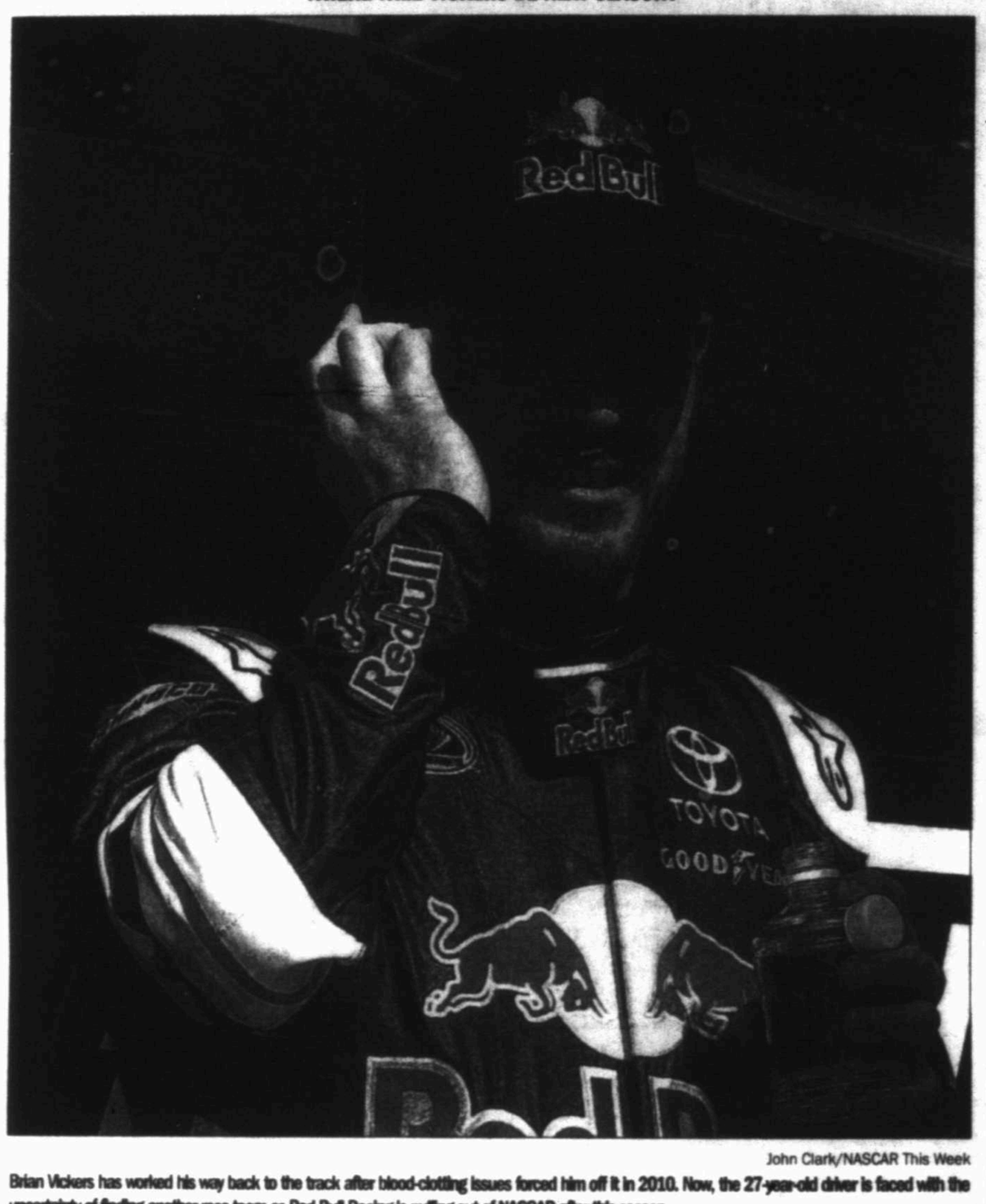
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WHERE WILL VICKERS BE NEXT SEASON?



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Brian Vickers has worked his way back to the track after blood-clotting issues forced him off it in 2010. Now, the 27-year-old driver is faced with the uncertainty of finding another race team as Red Bull Racing is pulling out of NASCAR after this season.

Vickers Dealing With Adversity Again

After 2010 blood clot issue, racing future now the next big issue for Vickers

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Brian Vickers has surmounted his share of obstacles this season, but more lie ahead.

Vickers, who turns 28 on Oct. 24, missed most of the 2010 season with serious medical issues. After competing in only 11 Sprint Cup races, Vickers suffered a blood-clotting problem that required heart surgery. This year he returned to NASCAR's top level with a clean bill of health.

It hasn't been easy. Vickers, who has won twice at the Cup level, is ranked 26th in points after a 19th in Kansas Speedway's Hollywood Casino 400. The highlights of his season to date were fifth-place finishes at Dover, Del., in May and Loudon, N.H., in September.

Vickers won the championship of what is now the Nationwide Series in 2003, making him, at age 20, the youngest champion ever in one of NASCAR's three national touring series.

Sitting out most of 2010 was difficult.

"Dale Earnhardt said one time when he was out of the car that it was like watching his wife cheat on him," Vickers said. "That's pretty much what it felt like sitting on top of that box, I know exactly what he went through. … It's painful to sit there and try to watch your car."

Now Vickers' future is uncertain for another reason. Red Bull Racing, with whom he has been racing since 2007, may go out of business. Attempts are being made to keep some version of the team going since Red Bull announced it was pulling out of NASCAR earlier this year.

Teammate Kasey Kahne is moving to Hendrick Motorsports in 2012. Vickers is still looking, while all the time hoping his current team remains active.

"The unknown of next year is obviously tough," Vickers said recently, "but it's not even a comparison to what I went through last year. Maybe that's why I'm dealing so well with it."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Gordon — VERSUS — Stewart

JEFF GORDON VS. TONY STEWART

Gordon's late-race disaster started when he fell back drastically after racing tightly with Stewart on a restart. "Tony (Stewart) took me three-wide, all the way down to the apron, and we were on old tires and that just ruined our day right there. He did what he had to do, it messed us up, but right after that we start getting smoke … it was under the hood, and obviously it ended our day."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The engine failure, not just Stewart, turned this into a Chase disaster for Gordon. It didn't end up being much of a race for Stewart, either."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Heavy Fuel Strategy

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gastonia Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Questions can also be sent by email, Facebook and Twitter (see directions at the top of this page).

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I would like to let the NASCAR officials know that I think it's a shame that people pay good money to see a race driver prove that (he or she) can outdrive or have a better car to win with, but due to shortsighted thinking, the smaller fuel cells have taken the race out of it and turned it into a fuel economy race.

They could have a mandatory pit stop 25 laps from the finish for fuel only, no loss of track position and no work on the car, then race to the finish. Everyone would have fuel, and drivers could do what we pay to see -- race to the finish.

Edward Vaughan
Carson, Va.

Purists may object, but many recent rules changes have lent themselves to such protests. Your idea certainly has some merit and addresses the widespread complaints the many fans have. Fuel mileage and other strategic issues have always decided races, but the number has increased, particularly this season, and one of the reasons for a trend of several seasons is a reduction in fuel capacity. The free passes -- both the so-called lucky dog rule and wave-arounds -- also play a role.

FAN TIPS

Lauding Humanitarians

The NASCAR Foundation recently announced four finalists for the Betty Jane France Humanitarian Award: Jake Bernstein of St. Louis; Patty Aber of Middletown, N.J.; Brenda Doner of Columbus, Ohio; and Robert Weaver, a volunteer at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. The annual award recognizes outstanding charitable and volunteer efforts of NASCAR fans. Voting runs through midnight on Dec. 1 at NASCAR.com. For more information on the finalists, visit NASCAR.com/Unites.

LEGENDS AND LORE

Remember 2008

It would be hard to beat the top five finishers in the 2008 Auto Club 500 in terms of pertinence to the current Cup season. The top five -- in order, Carl Edwards, Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Kyle Busch and Matt Kenseth -- are all in this year's Chase. Add in seventh-place Tony Stewart, eighth-place Kevin Harvick and 10th-place Ryan Newman, and there were eight finishers in the top 10 of a race run on Feb. 25, 2008, who went on to contend for the championship more than three years later. The winner of that race, Edwards, currently is the points leader.

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The mailing addresses of the Independent Executrix is Paula K. Walker, 3816 Storey Ave., Midland, Texas 79703.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Date: October 17, 2011
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Conduct Executive Session concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code, including but not limited to Texas Government code Section 551.071 for the purpose of consulting with the board's attorney; Texas Government code Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters. NOTE: An Amendment tot he MOTOR MPO 2011-2014 TIP will be considered at this meeting.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Dismantler
Citron's Used Auto Parts FT
Citron's Used Auto Parts is seeking experienced Auto Dismantler. Salvage yard experience only. All others need not apply. Must have a valid driver's license and own tools. Start at $17.00 - $18.00/hr plus overtime and paid holidays to the right candidate. Apply in person at: 4560 West Highway 80 Odessa, Tx. 79763. No phone calls please.

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FT
Auto Mechanic wanted for indepedent auto dealership, must own tools. Call B&B Auto 683-6222 for more information.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant
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Confidential FT/PT
Inventory experience a plus. Must be able to multi-task and answer multiple phone lines. The individual hired for this position must be pleasant and well organized. If this sound alike you please reply by faxing your resume to: 432-563-0536 or mail to: PO BOX 13028 Odessa, TX 79768.

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HEALTHCARE

Admission/Unit Clerk
Martin County Hospital FT
Martin County Hospital District, in Stanton Texas, is a rural 25-bed critical access hospital with a 3-bed ER that is seeking dedicated, energetic, compassionate employees.

Marting County Hospital has an immediate PRN (as needed) opening for the following position

Admission/Unit clerk. All shifts worked.. 7am-7pm or 7pm-7am

Must be able to type a min. of 35wpm

If interested please contact Terri Frame, Human Resources at 432-607-3227 or tframe@martinch.org for an application, or apply in person at: 610 North Saint Peter, Stanton, TX 79782.

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CNA, Day Shift, 7AM-7PM

Must have a current Certified Nursing Assistant License and be willing to work in multiple departments.

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Dental Assistant
Andrew Wilson, DDS FT
Family Dental Practice is seeking an energetic, friendly Registered Dental Assistant to work with our office team.. Applicant must hold current certificate, have at least 2 years experience, and be able to work the front area as needed. Please list references. Mail or Fax:
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Midland 79705
Courtyard Shopping Center
Fax: 432-570-6028

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HEALTHCARE

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Precision Lab Services FT
Immediate opening for 1 FT and 1 PT mobile phlebotomist in the Midland / Odessa area. Experience Required. Early morning hours, some call duties. Must be skilled, reliable and conscientious. Must have valid DL and auto insurance. Great company!
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Phlebotomy Certification Class (blood drawing)
Odessa, November 19 and 20, $300. Call 505-410-7889 or 505-410-9559. swphlebotomy.com

Provider
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Local company seeks Janitors, Maids, Floor Techs and Full time assistant operation manager. Call 432-570-9903.

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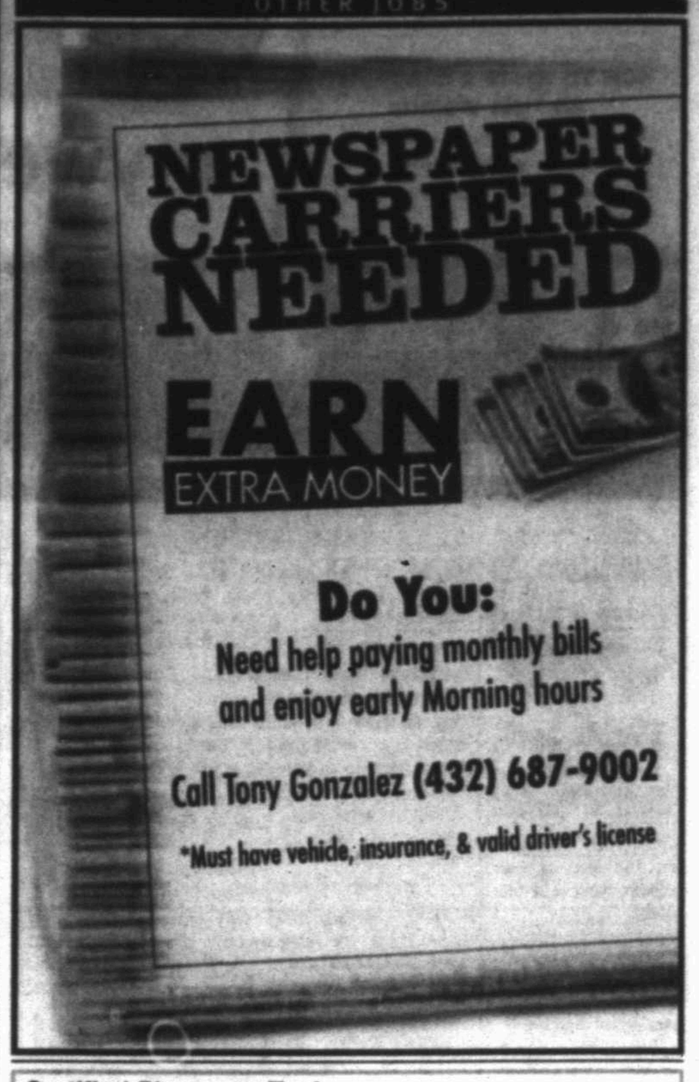

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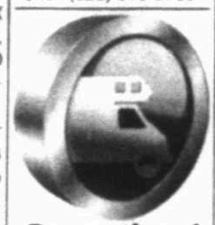

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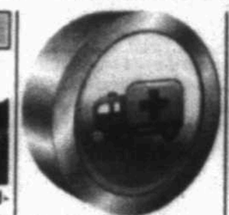

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2007 MERCEDES ML350 SUV
Burgundy/Tan, Navi, Sunroof, Sat, 49k miles

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79701

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79705

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MEET THE KOALA

With its big, black shiny nose, large fluffy ears and round body covered with soft fur, the koala looks like a cuddly teddy bear.

But it's not! It's neither a toy, nor a bear. Koalas are related to opossums, wombats and other **marsupials**.

BABY ON BOARD

Marsupial moms carry their young around in pouches that are part of the body! The word marsupial means "having a pouch."

Standards Links: Health / Nutrition: Classify food and food combinations according to the food groups.

Where to Find Koalas

Koalas make their homes in eucalyptus forests along the eastern coast of Australia.

The eucalyptus forest provides food, shelter, and water—nearly everything the koala needs to survive.

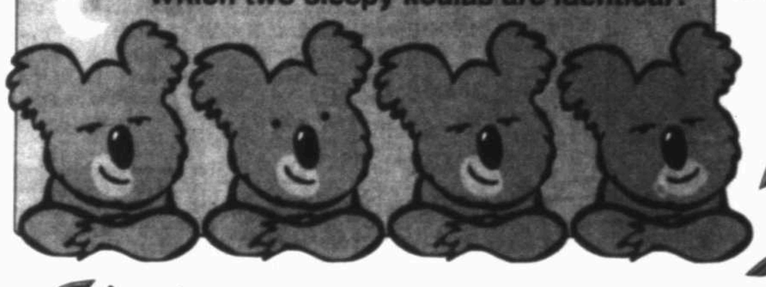
Color area 1 green. This is the habitat of the koala.

Ahhh... Naptime!

Koalas are **nocturnal**, which means they sleep during the day and are active at night. Koalas sleep about 18 hours each day.

Koalas don't build nests or platforms. When they get sleepy, they find a nice cozy fork in the tree branches. Though the hard branches of a tree wouldn't seem cozy to us, the koala has a thick layer of fat and fur on its behind—its own built in pillow!

Which two sleepy koalas are identical?



Mixed Marsupials

Fill in the names of these marsupials in these boxes.

- Kangaroos
- Wombats
- Tasmanian devil
- cuscuses
- Opossum
- Wallaroos
- bandicoot
- quoll
- wallaby

Help this hungry koala find eucalyptus leaves on this page.

Feet Made for Tree Climbing

A koala's claws are just right for _____ on to tree trunks and branches.

The front paws have five toes—two on one side of the foot and three on the other. That's like having two thumbs, an arrangement that gives the koala a strong _____.

The toes on the back paws are different from those on the front. In back, there's a _____ "big toe" without a claw, plus three other toes, two of which are joined. These joined toes are _____ for grooming.

Replace the missing words.

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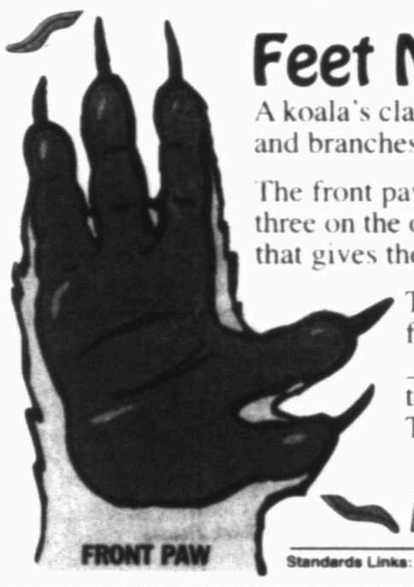

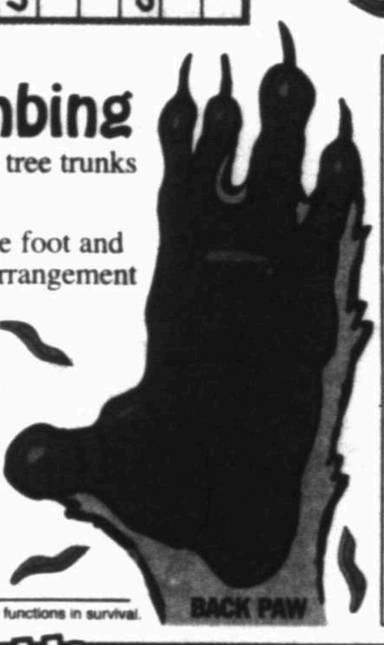

Standards Links: Life Science: Know that animals have distinct structures that serve specific functions in survival.

Extra! Extra! Describing Words

Look through the newspaper and find five adjectives that describe a koala. Then find five verbs that describe how a koala moves. Using your adjectives and verbs, write one or more sentences about a koala.

Standards Links: Grammar: Recognize verbs and adjectives; write sentences using descriptive words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Koalas By the Numbers

Use the code to reveal some impressive koala facts.

Koalas eat about ___ pounds (1 kg) of leaves every day. That's about ___% of a koala's weight.

In the wild, koalas live about ____ years.

Koalas sleep about ____ hours a day.

An adult koala weighs about _____ pounds (9 kg).

KOALA CODE 0= 1= 2= 3= 4= 5= 6= 7= 8= 9=

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Do koalas make sounds? For the scoop, go to: **www.kidscoop.com/kids**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Cutest animal on Earth

"What do you think is the cutest animal on earth?"

The cutest animal on earth is definitely a filly or a colt, also known as a baby horse. Their soft noses like a comfy blanket. They are so frisky during the day- playing and running around. They are fun all day, but when night falls, they curl up next to their mother and sleep the night away. They are so cute! I hope you think so too.

Avery Evans, 6th grade, Hillander

I think a baby chocolate lab is the cutest animal on earth because they have large puppy-dog eyes and huge lips. They are so cute when they're small and playful. I also think they are the cutest when they are sleeping in the grass. They are really cute when they roll over and beg for a belly-rub. It's cute when they stretch and yawn. Those are the reasons why I think chocolate labs are the cutest animals on earth.

Luke Fisher, 6th grade, Hillander

I think the cutest animal on earth is a Westie puppy. I used to have one and his name was Scout. He was small with big brown eyes and white fluffy hair. We would play for hours, from tug-of-war, to just me chasing him around. He would always get confused when someone would ring the doorbell or walk in and he didn't remember who it was. That is why I think Westie Puppies are the cutest animals on earth.

Reagan Squire, 6th grade, Hillander

I think the cutest animal on earth is a baby chimpanzee. It is the cutest animal because it has those two big, super cute, brown eyes. Also it has thin fur, and it's cute how it rides on its mother's back. Also, it will fit in your arms. They have tiny hands and feet. The cutest thing about the baby chimpanzee is its big brown eyes.

Wyatt Matott, 6th grade, Hillander

There are many cute animals in the world, but I think the cutest in the English Bulldog. If you have a good sense of humor, they are the perfect animal for you. Other than all of the smelling, burping, laziness, drooling, sneezing and wrinkles, they are great! Their loving nature makes up for all of their faults. Bulldogs are not hyper and they will rarely get on your nerves. I have an English Bulldog as a pet, and I think she's the cutest animall in the world.

Madison
4th grade

I think the cutest animal is a hamster. One reason that I love a hamster is because it has such chubby cheeks and it is so small and adorable. I also like the way it eats with those adorable teeth in front. I love the way it runs on its wheel because they run so fast and they have such little legs. That's why I think the hamster is the cutest animal on earth.

Morgan
4th grade

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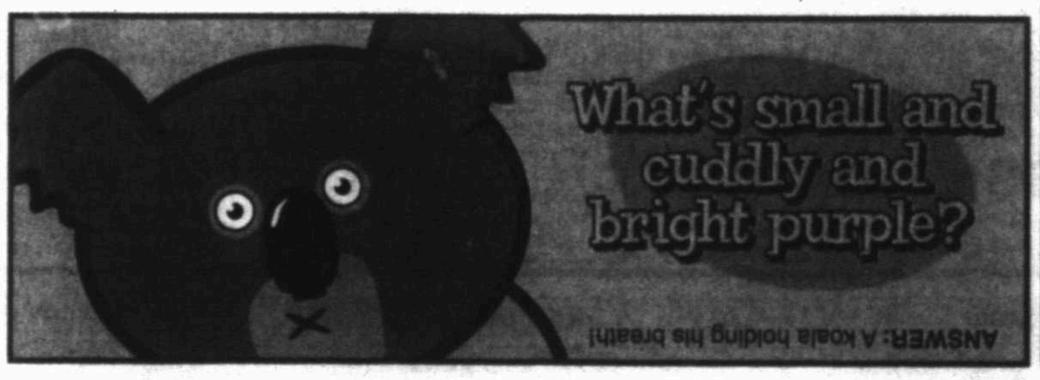

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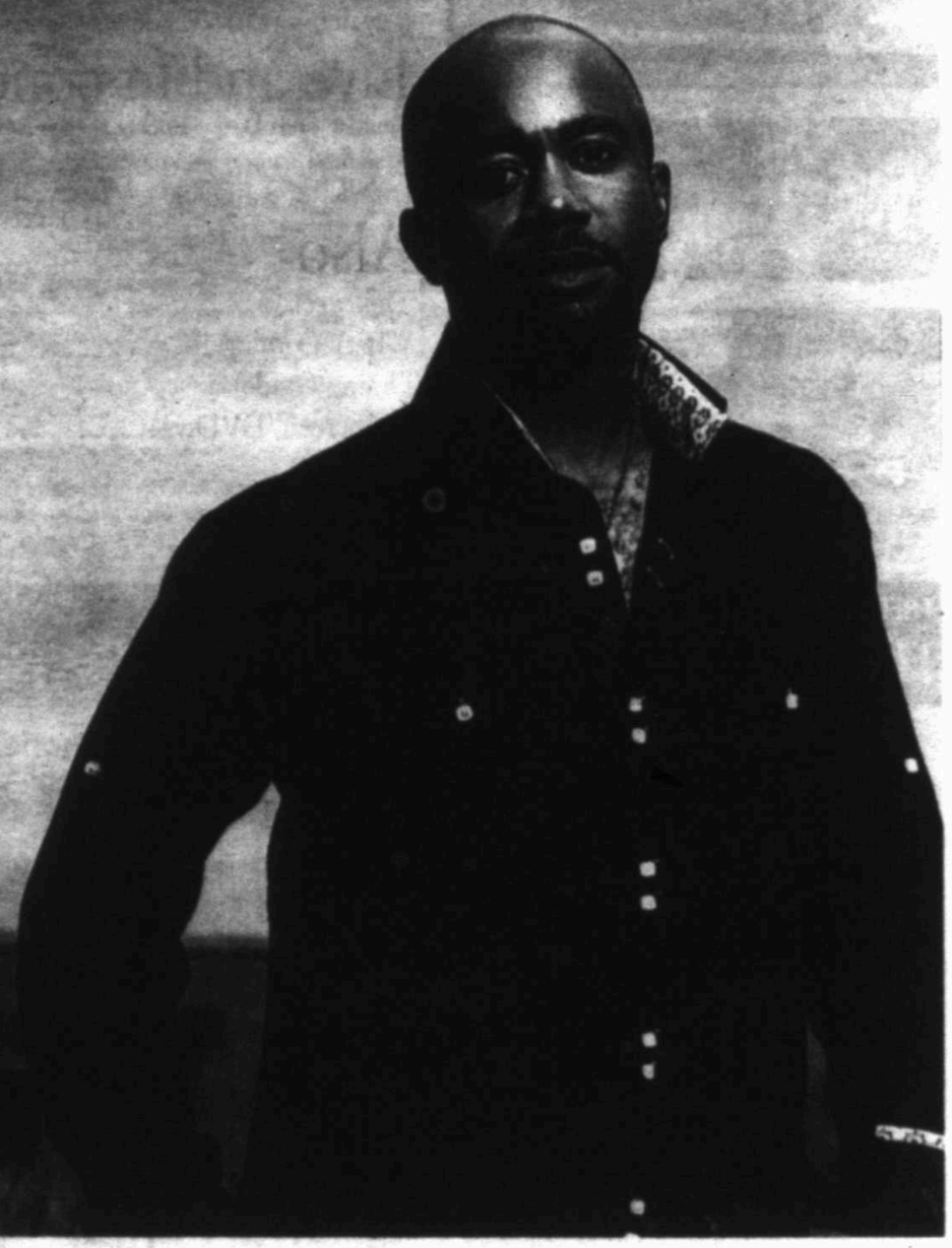

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thisweek

Today

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PRESENTS "CINDERELLA"
When: 7-10 p.m.
Where: Midland High School Auditorium

TOUR DE VINE
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland Center, downtown
Info: food, wines, live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Benefits March of Dimes.
Call: 570-0172.

COMIC ILLUSTRATION CLASS
When: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 Missouri Ave.
Info: Designed for anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. Ages 14 and up.

WATERCOLOR HORIZONS GROUP EXHIBITION
When: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.
Info: Show closes Oct. 16.

Friday

MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION OPENING RECEPTION
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College, McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building.

SPANISH LITERATURE BOOK GROUP
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Info: Under the direction of Dr. Rhina Toruno-Heansley. Call ahead, 682-8880.

OCTOBERFEST
When: 6:30-11 p.m.
Where: Ellen Noel art Museum, 4909 E. Unviersity Blvd., Odessa
Tickets: $30 per person
Info: Handmade German, Polish, Italian and Bulgarian sausage, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green salad and desserts provided by Ogi's Restaurant and Bar. Oktoberfest draft beer, apple cider, etc. Music: Brave Combo.
Call: 550-9896

FIDDLESTICKS FARM
When: October 5-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Sunday. November, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
Where: 5610 East County Road 120
Tickets: $10 plus tax ages 4 and older. Age 3 and younger free.
Call: 687-6293

Saturday

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET
When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: 501 W Texas Ave., under the green.

FALLAPALOOZA
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex common area
Info: Fashioned after the biblical "Feeding of the Multitudes" with a big twist of modernization, First United Methodist Church will serve free hamburgers/hot dogs, feature entertainment by four live bands (Crystal River, Brother Z, CPR, First Methodist Praise Band), have trunk or treating and carnival games for kids.
Cost: Free.

WOMEN'S LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP
When: 12:30 p.m.
Where: Hog Pit
Info: Third anniversary. Elvis impersonator attending. Women invited to attend.
Call: 683-7217.

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: Saturday-Thursday
Where: The Hog Pit, Woofers and Tweeters and the Velvet Room
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes. Every skill level. Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net for more information or call 349-8147.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH — WHERE TO START?
When: 10 a.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.
Admission: Free.
Info: Panel of experienced genealogists will discuss genealogy. One-on-one assistance available throughout the day. To set up a time or more information, call 688-4325.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:

STEINWAY CONSTRUCTION TOUR FREE SEMINAR TODAY @ MIDLAND COLLEGE
When: 12:30-1:30 p.m. today in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College campus. Bryan Elmore, Steinway Hall of Dallas representative, will guide participants through the exclusive piano-building process of Steinway & Sons pianos. The free seminar is being presented by the Midland College Department of Music. A complimentary light lunch is being offered at 11:30 a.m. in the McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building.

ON STAGE:

FINAL WEEKEND AGATHA CHRISTIE'S "AND THEN THERE WERE NONE" @ COLE THEATRE
Last performances Friday and Saturday. Curtain: 8 p.m. Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Christie, the creator of detectives Hercule Poirot and Jane Marple, wrote 93 books and 17 plays during her career including "The Mousetrap," which is the longest running play in modern theater history. Tickets: $18 adults; $12 child 18 or younger; $15 senior 65 or older; and $10 active military with ID. Call 570-4111.

DESTINATION CREATIVITY
When: 2 p.m.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Info: Local author/artist Rice Freeman-Zachery and crafts. Especially for teachers.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7-9 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building band hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Chuck: 694-7153.

Tuesday

SCRAPBOOKING
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes & Noble Booksellers.
Info: Directed by Cerise Welter. All are invited. Recurring.

PORTER'S FARM MARKET
When: 4-7 p.m.
Where: 5401 S. County Rcad 1140
Net: www.portercommunityfarm.com

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
Call: 520-4343 or 218-8215.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's
Showing: "Of Human Bondage"

Kids Zone

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSELLERS
Friday, 4 p.m., American Girl Fall Fun.
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. "Little Critter" and "If You Give a Dog a Donut"
Tuesday, 4 p.m., Super Hero Tuesday. Hour of talent, games and storytime. crafts, snacks and sometimes special guests.
Wednesday storytime (various themes), 10:30 a.m.

Road Trip

El Paso

Arts International 2011: Saturday 6-9 p.m. opening gala for annual Arts International Exhibit, sponsored by Dr. Teresa Reed and the Cancer Treatment Institute (CTI). Runs through Nov. 11th. Featuring 142 pieces of art by 70 regional artists, the exhibit will be held in CTI's new west side facility, 7825 North Mesa St., and will be open daily Monday through Saturday. Call 915-534-7377.

Salt Flat

Guadalupe Mountains National Park: 400 Pine Canyon Road. Saturday. McKittrick Canyon to historic Pratt Cabin (4.8 miles): Accompany a ranger. Meet the ranger at the McKittrick Canyon Visitor Contact Station for the McKittrick Canyon hikes and at the Pine Springs Trailhead, inside the Pine Springs Campground.

onstage

Roar with Laughter

Graham Dixon said of Roar with Laughter's 2010 show: "Acting as MC for the evening, Mark Singh delivered some hilariously deadpan humor as he unceremoniously read jokes from a piece of paper on the podium in front of him. He reminded me of one of English comic great Ronnie Barker's characters – delivering a type of anti-performance that moved into the surreal.

"Singh also helped the magician Jack Pallick in the well-known but always funny chopper sketch. Marshall Cooper's Cajun stories were well-rehearsed and the Merry Phlangster performed the always mesmerizing spectacle of juggling. Greg Morgan gave a polished stand-up routine, wandering around the stage without need of a script and succeeding in the apparently improvised routine. ...

The Midland Northside Lions Club is a generous organization that revolves around helping others who are not as fortunate as many of us. They are a diverse group of men — and more recently women – whose charity work helps people throughout the Permian Basin."

ALL THE DETAILS

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: 200 Plaza St.
Admission: $15. Available at Suzie Q's Pack & Mail, Imperial Shopping Center; Liberty Tax Service, Northside Walmart; Debra Pena State Farm, 3116 N. Loop 250 West, Suite 700; and Abacus Computers, Claydesta Center.
Info: Features Patsy Allen and Dana Ritter, Marshall Cooper, David Hurta, Greg Morgan, Jack Pallick, Mark Singh, Don Warren, John Wojtkun Jr. and Mary Lou Cassidy as emcee.

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Where: Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
Admission: Adult $6, child $3 (age 5-15), senior $5 (age 62+)
Sunday: Teachers half price with ID
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Four Seasons: Jewelry, clothing, groovy dolls & accessories.
Fudge Lady: Fudge, gift sets and more.
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Grizzly's Book Den: Cookbooks, etc.
It's a Jerky World: Jerky, sausage, salmon.
It's a Wrap: Wire wrapped handmade jewelry, Susan Martin.
Jerry's Sewing Machine Clinic: Brother sewing & embroidery machines.
Jessalyn's Accessories: Clothing, shoes, handbags, sunglasses and jewelry.
Jewels by Park Lane: Jewelry, fine fashion.
Mary Kay Cosmetics.
Medical Spa of Midland: Mohsin Syed M.D. — Lipotherme, Fraxel, Endermologie, Obagi, Cozi Repair, etc.
Message in Mesquite: Biblical sculptures & crosses, wood, jewelry, etc.
Metabolic Research Center: Weight Loss Center.
Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center: Literature.
Permian Women's Center PA: Product demonstrations, new products and services.
Premier Design Jewelry.
Premier Physician: Health screenings, flu shots and giveaways.
RainStar II: Women's apparel, accessories, footwear, home accents, gift items, jewelry, lotions, gourmet coffee beans.
Roadrunner Rustic: Metal art, yard art, birdhouses and more.
Roundtree Round 2: Custom home decor, iron and glass products, wall scones, tabletop and mantle decor, kitchen and bath decor.
Ruslan Collectibles: Russian amber jewelry, lacquer boxes, icons, sheets.
Safety Bullet 4 Texas: Safety bullets.
SassE-Chicks: Clothing, crosses and jewelry.
Scentsy Wickless Candles: Warmers, wax, sprays, car scents, stuffed scented animals.
Silpada Designs: Sterling silver jewelry.
Silver Leaf Resorts: Vacations.
Tastefully Simple
Texas Silver stones: wire wrap jewelry and more.
3GS Stop Pain Company: Pain lotion, glass mobility.
Source: Silver Spur Trade Show Inc.

People browse the displays at the 2010 All About Women Expo. This year's expo runs Saturday and Sunday at the Horseshoe.

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what'scoming

THE LONE STAR BRASS
When: 11:45 a.m. Oct. 20
Where: atrium at ClayDesta
Info: Free. LSB is a performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale Inc.

SINGER B.J. THOMAS
When: 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: CAF Museum's main hangar, 6400 Wright Drive.
Info: Performing at Culinary Canvas, a fundraiser for the West Texas Food Bank. Evening features samplings of creations of local restaurants and bakeries, dancing and an auction.
Tickets: $50 each. Available at the West Texas Food Bank's homepage, www.wtxfoodbank.org, at any Western National Bank location in Midland or Odessa and at H-E-B in Odessa.

THE PHYLLIS & BOB COWAN PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
When: 7 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
Info: Barrange performing "Animado!" Special feature of the performance: "Mountain Spring" and "Kumpania" performed with orchestra students from Midland High School and Lee High School.
Tickets: Free. Call 685-4526 or order online www.midlandcollegefoundation.org.

17TH ANNUAL FAMILY OF THE YEAR BANQUET
When: Oct. 20
Where: Green Tree Country Club
Info: Guest speaker Abby Rike. Call Samaritan Counseling Center, 563-4144.

ZAN MATTHIES SPEAKS ON WATER CONSERVATION
When: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 20
Where: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, Exit 136.
Info: Matthies is the county agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. He will discuss ways to water the yard. Sponsored by the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust
Admission: Free. Bring a brown bag lunch. Free drinks and cookes provided.
Call: 683-4403

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS SALE
When: Oct. 20-22
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

FALL GATHERING RANCH STORYTELLING
When: Oct. 22
Where: Haley Memorial Library & History center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Info: Includes churchwagon dinner and Foy Proctor Cowman's Award of Honor presentation
Reservations: $50 per person (refreshments and supper included)
Call: 682-5785

HEALTHY U HEALTH FAIR
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 22
Where: Horseshoe — main arena and education building
Tickets: Free.

DANIEL YERGIN, PH.D., ON "THE QUEST FOR ENERGY, SECURITY AND THE REMAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD"
When: 7 p.m. Oct. 25
Where: Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
Admission: Free.
Tickets: General admission tickets not required.
Info: Pulitzer Prize winner. Presented by the Midland College Petroleum Professional Development Center and Pioneer Natural Resources

PUMPKIN FEST
When: Oct. 26
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Building D
Info: Fundraiser for First United Methodist Church, Odessa

KOOKY KARNIVAL/HARVEST FAIR
When: Oct. 28-30
Where: Ector County Coliseum

SILVER SPUR GUN & BLADE SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 29 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 30
Where: Horseshoe
Admission: $5 adults, under 12 free. Two for one first hour both day. $1 off active military or NRA w/ID.

MERRY MARKET PLACE
When: Nov. 3-6
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

WILD HORSE ADOPTION
When: Nov. 3-5
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

MIDLAND GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
When: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 5 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 6
Where: Midland Center, 105 Main St.
Info: Exhibits, displays, demonstrations, kids' corner.

PET PALOOZA & ADOPTION FAIR
When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 5
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex commons area, off Loop 250

"ALICIA IN WONDER TIERRA"
When: 8 p.m. Nov. 11 and 18 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 12, 13 and 20
Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa
Call: 580-3177

OP CAMP: ALL STAR EVENT
When: 5:30 p.m. silent auction, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Nov. 14
Where: Midland Center, 105 Main St.
Info: featuring Josh Hamilton. sponsor tables, call 684-7540 or go to www.opcamp.com.

WEST TEXAS JAZZ SOCIETY
When: Nov. 17
Where: Midland Petroleum Club
Info: The Freddie Cole Quartet (Nat Cole's brother)
TICKETS: Members free. Non-members $20. Reserved seating $15. Cash bar.
Call: 683-2026 or 552-8962.

Road Trip

Conroe

TOYOTA TEXAS BASS CLASSIC
When: Oct. 28-30
Where: Lone Star Convention & Expo Center.
Music Info: Concerts headlined by Billy Currington Oct. 28, Pat Green Oct. 29 and Robert Earl Keen Oct. 30.

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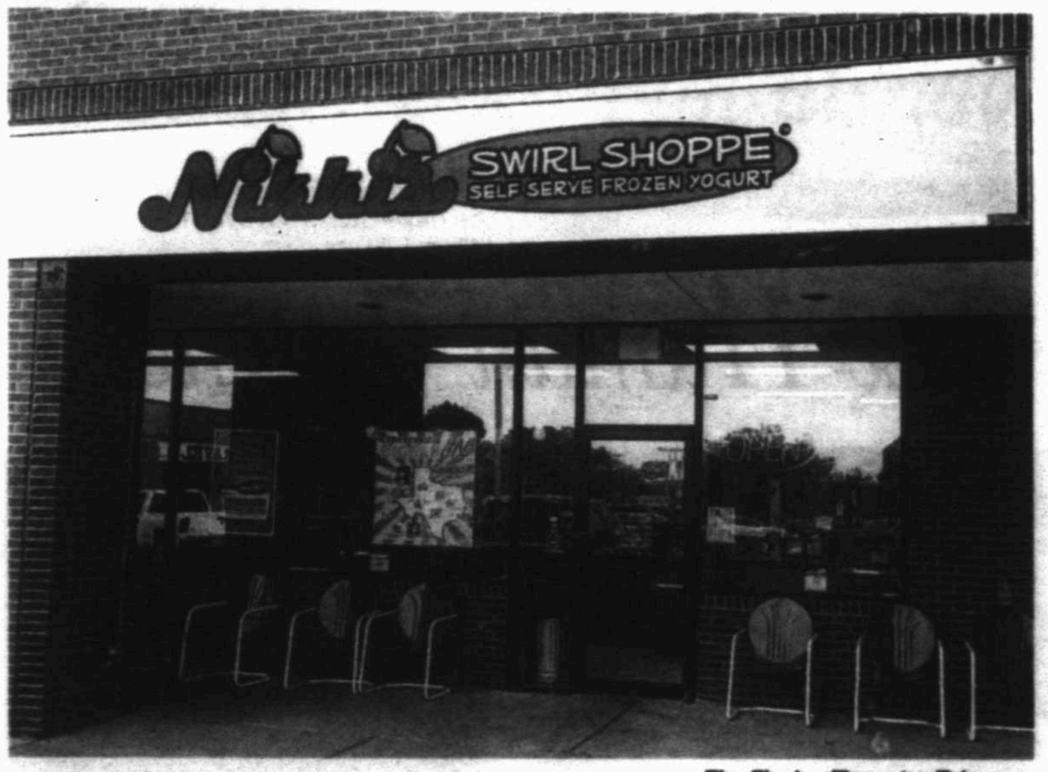

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Nikki's Swirl Shoppe will put a smile on your face

By Joan Huff

I don't know what it is about a place like Nikki's Swirl Shoppe that makes me so happy. I think the process of choosing from a variety of delicious flavors of frozen yogurt and then operating the soft-serve machines makes it fun. Nikki's is perfect on a hot day, or in the evening, or as an afternoon snack — you can see my problem. I have enjoyed this place a little too much.

Nikki's is located near the Wine Rack and Abuelo's. The inside of the store is sparkly and clean and painted a cheerful turquoise color. There are red booths and chairs for sitting and enjoying your frozen treat. The employees at the counter welcome you as soon as you walk in the door.

The first thing I like to do is browse the flavors because they change frequently. The day I was there they had banana, lemoncello, salted caramel, cheesecake, raspberry, watermelon and chocolate mocha. You must sample several flavors to make sure you are choosing correctly. They have tiny sample cups up at the cash register to use. I was unable to pick just one flavor, so I enjoyed arranging places in my cup for three flavors.

I made a bowl of cheesecake and chocolate mocha and I added a little of the raspberry. I like to keep my yogurt plain with no toppings, but Nikki's has a wide choice of pecans, fruit, cookie crumbs, candy bar pieces and almost anything you can imagine to put the finishing touch on your bowl of yogurt. The frozen yogurt is so soft and creamy, I think it tastes as good as any ice cream I have had. Plus, you can swirl two flavors by using the lever on the machine to make a combination flavor.

Nikki's does have gluten-free, sugar-free, fat-free and Kosher options. The store also sells cookies to go along with your yogurt. Customers can get a "cool card" and every time you get to 20 points, $1 is added to your card to be used on future purchases. Tuesday is "Twitter Tuesday." The first 20 people to come in and tell Nikki's employees the word of the day seen on Nikki's Facebook page will receive 40 percent off their purchase. For every cup purchased on Wednesdays, you may vote on your favorite charity and the winning charity will receive 10 percent of the proceeds for the day.

I highly recommend Nikki's Swirl Shoppe for a delicious, healthy and refreshing snack or dessert — anytime actually. The variety of flavors and friendly atmosphere will put a smile on your face. It definitely will keep me coming back for more.

Nikki's Swirl Shop

Address: 4610 N. Garfield #C2 (next to Abuelo's)
Phone: 218-6839
Website: www.swirlshoppe.com
Payment accepted: Cash, major credit cards
Price: 45 cents per ounce
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday
Parking? Ample parking lot
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Take out? Yes
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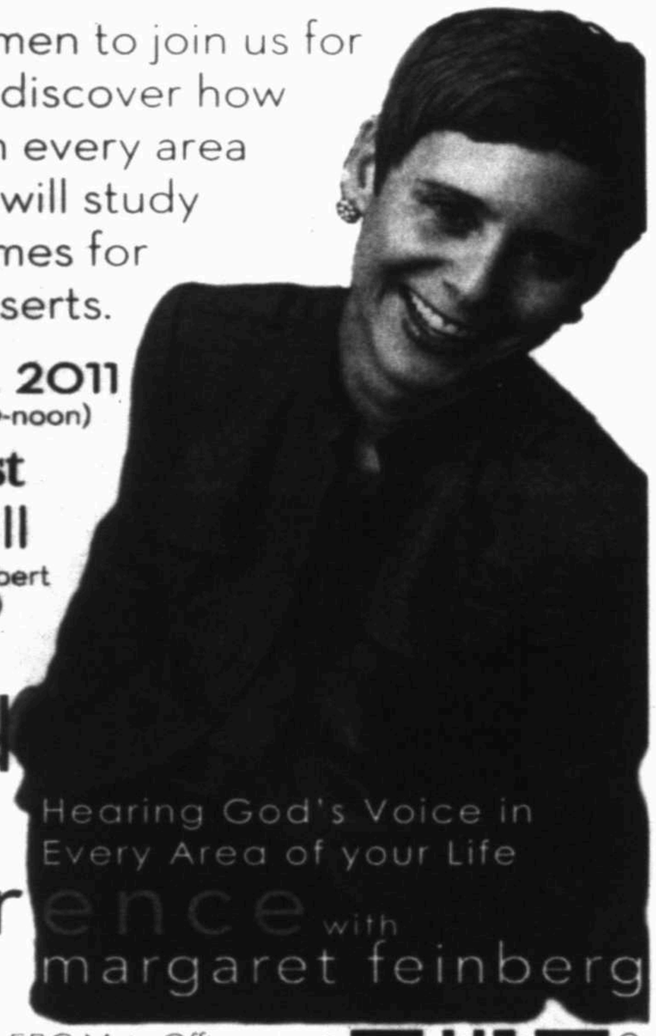

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onstage

Geneticist to speak on 'The Human Journey'

From staff reports

Spencer Wells, guest speaker this evening for the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series at Chaparral Center, is a leading population geneticist and director of the Genographic Project from National Geographic and IBM.

His fascination with the past has led the scientist, author and documentary filmmaker to the farthest reaches of the globe in search of human populations who hold the history of humankind in their DNA. By studying humankind's family tree he hopes to close the gaps in our knowledge of human migration.

A National Geographic explorer-in-residence, Wells is spearheading the Genographic Project, calling it "a dream come true." His hope is that the project, which builds on Wells's earlier work (featured in his book and television program, "The Journey of Man") and is being conducted in collaboration with other scientists around the world, will capture an invaluable genetic snapshot of humanity before modern-day influences erase it forever.

Wells's own journey of discovery began as a child whose zeal for history and biology led him to the University of Texas, where he enrolled at age 16, majored in biology, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa three years later. He then pursued his Ph.D. at Harvard University under the tutelage of evolutionary geneticist Richard Lewontin. Beginning in 1994, Wells conducted postdoctoral training at Stanford University's School of Medicine with geneticist Luca Cavalli-Sforza, considered the "father of anthropological genetics." It was there that Wells became committed to studying genetic diversity in indigenous populations and unraveling age-old mysteries about early human migration.

Wells's field studies began in earnest in 1996 with his survey of Central Asia. In 1998 Wells and his colleagues expanded their study to include some 25,000 miles of Asia and the former Soviet republics. His landmark research findings led to advances in the understanding of the male Y chromosome and its ability to trace ancestral human migration. Wells then returned to academia where, at Oxford University, he served as director of the Population Genetics Research Group of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics at Oxford.

Following a stint as head of research for a Massachusetts-based biotechnology company, Wells made the decision in 2001 to focus on communicating scientific discovery through books and documentary films. From that was born The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey, an award-winning book and documentary that aired on PBS in the U.S. and National Geographic Channel internationally. Written and presented by Wells, the film chronicled his globe-circling, DNA-gathering expeditions in 2001-02 and laid the groundwork for the Genographic Project.

Since the Genographic Project began, Wells's work has taken him to over three dozen countries, including Chad, Tajikistan, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, and French Polynesia, and he recently published his second book, "Deep Ancestry: Inside the Genographic Project." He lives with his wife, a documentary filmmaker, in Washington, D.C.

All the details

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— Source: National Geographic Society

Rucker works with his idol, Radney Foster, on new CD

By Lynne Margolis
MRT contributor

Darius Rucker would be the first to admit he's a lucky man — in fact, he does so right there in "This," the opening cut of his second No. 1 country album, "Charleston, SC 1966."

His lucky streak started back in the 1990s with Hootie & the Blowfish, the bluesy rock band he and three friends formed while attending the University of South Carolina. Their debut album, 1994's "Cracked Rear View," spawned five top 10 hits and moved 16 million copies to become one of the top-selling albums of all time.

As Hootie's success waned, Rucker managed to launch a second career as a solo country artist with 2008's "Learn to Live," whose first three singles went to No. 1, a rare feat. It sold more than a million copies before he followed it up in 2010 with "Charleston," which references his place and year of birth.

Both solo discs hit the "Billboard" Country Albums chart at No. 1, a feat no male country act had pulled off since Tim McGraw did it in '95, according to the magazine.

The fact that some people preface Rucker's "successful country artist" description with "black" doesn't really bother him, even though he knows he's an anomaly in a genre considered rather lacking in ethnic diversity.

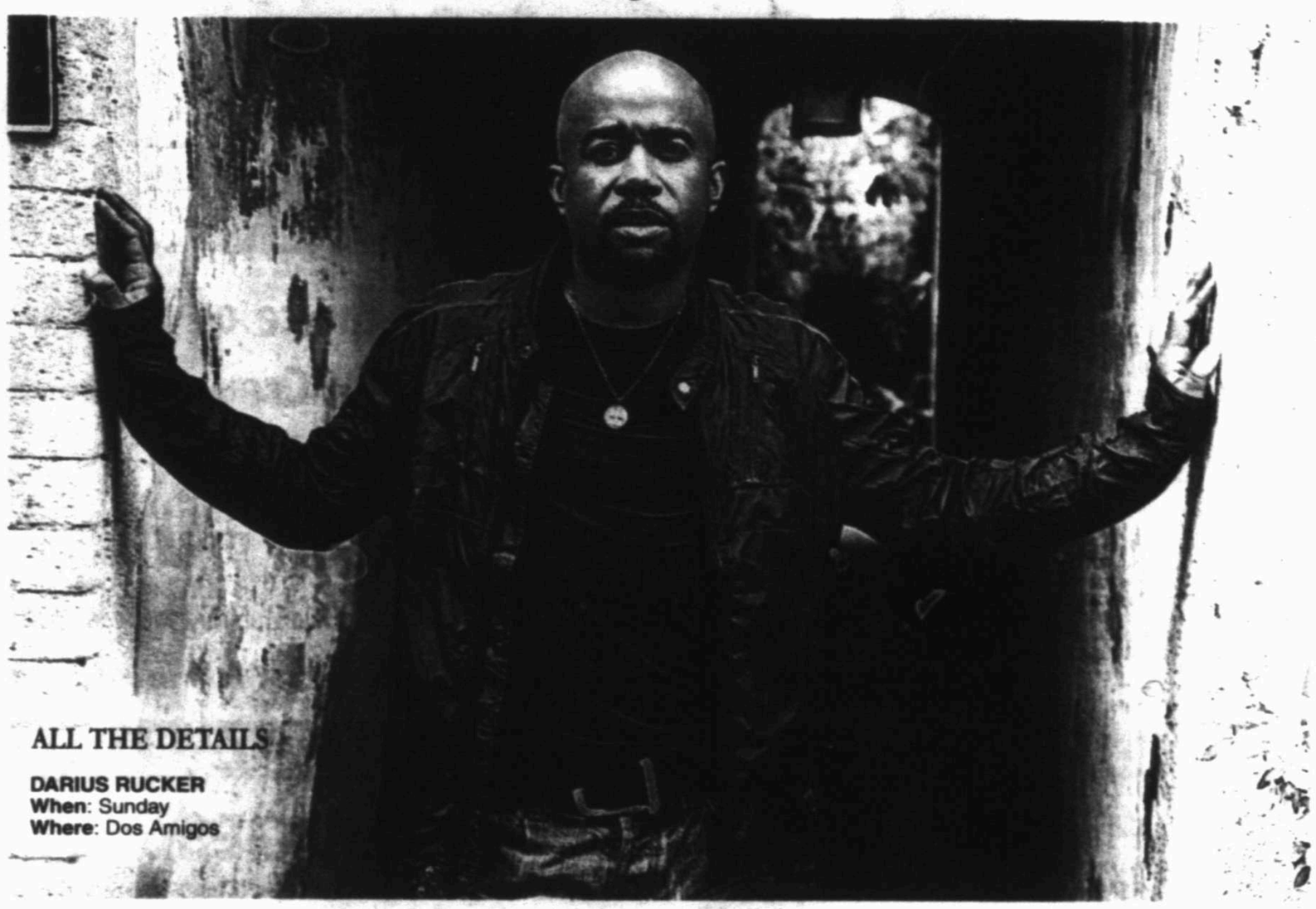
"It's not something I think about," Rucker admitted during a recent phone interview. "It's the nature of our society and for me, anytime someone mentions me with (black country singer) Charley Pride, I feel pretty cool. That's just the way it is, and I'm cool with it."

"Cool" is a word he uses to describe much of his life, including a recent duet with hot British retro soul singer Adele on the Lady Antebellum hit "Need You Now" for a CMT "Artists of the Year" special. Their delivery earned them a CMT Performance of the Year nomination.

"We had a blast," said Rucker of the duet, which also appears on deluxe versions of Adele's blockbuster album, "21."

Rucker, whose laid-back nature, wide grin, smooth dome and equally smooth baritone give him a friendly crossover appeal, initially tried a solo career reflecting the soul influences he heard during his Charleston upbringing. But a 2002 album release, "Back to Then," didn't take off, and he retreated back into the Hootie fold before trying again with "Learn to Live."

Along the way, he discovered something about the creative process, which now takes place in organized writing sessions during trips to Nashville.



ALL THE DETAILS

DARIUS RUCKER
When: Sunday
Where: Dos Amigos

"I used to be that guy who said, 'No, I have to wait for inspiration.'" Rucker said. "I really believed that — till I started writin' country and realized you don't really have to wait. You can write any time. You might write crap, but you can write a song any time."

Among his favorite writing partners is his producer, Frank Rogers, who is co-credited on at least half of "Charleston's" songs.

Other collaborators include Brad Paisley, who also sings on "I Don't Care," his co-write with Rucker and Chris DuBois. Hitcranker Kara Dioguardi contributed to "This."

But a particularly special collaborator, Radney Foster, helped write "Might Get Lucky."

Rucker fell in love with Foster and partner Bill Lloyd's Everly Brothers-influenced twang after seeing the video for the Foster & Lloyd hit, "Crazy Over You," a No. 4 country single in 1987. After the duo split, Foster pursued a solo career, releasing "Del Rio, Texas, 1959," in 1992.

"That was where everything changed," Rucker said. "That record was a benchmark record for me. And I still love him. Now I get to call him friend and work with him. But he's still my idol."

In fact, Rucker's album title was inspired by Foster's — which, Rucker said in his liner notes, he played every day for three years.

"It was to the point where I didn't WANT to make a country record someday anymore, I HAD to," Rucker wrote.

He also fulfilled another dream on this disc: getting New Grass Revival vets John Cowan, Sam Bush and Bela Fleck to record with him. They're heard on vocals, mandolin and banjo, respectively, on the lively "Love Will Do That."

He's already working on writing his next record, and promises there will be another Hootie album and tour - someday. Of course, their lives are different now. It's not always about the party, for one thing.

He still golfs every day he can while on tour, and when he's home, he devotes time to his wife and three kids.

"The good thing is, when I'm off, I'm off," he said. "There's a lot of hang time. There's a lot of doin' stuff. We go to the movies, we play basketball, we play baseball; we have a lot of fun."

That's what he promises fans as well.

"My goal is to make most of the people who see my show say 'I want to see that again,'" Rucker said. "I want 'em to have a good time. I want you leave hearing that song you wanted to hear. I think that's what you pay for."

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Javi Garcia @ Lone Star Bar
Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys @ Stardust
Pano Mata @ Cigar Frog's
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Sunday, Oct. 16
Dan Calhoun & Gasoline Alley @ Riley's
Darius Rucker @ Dos Amigos
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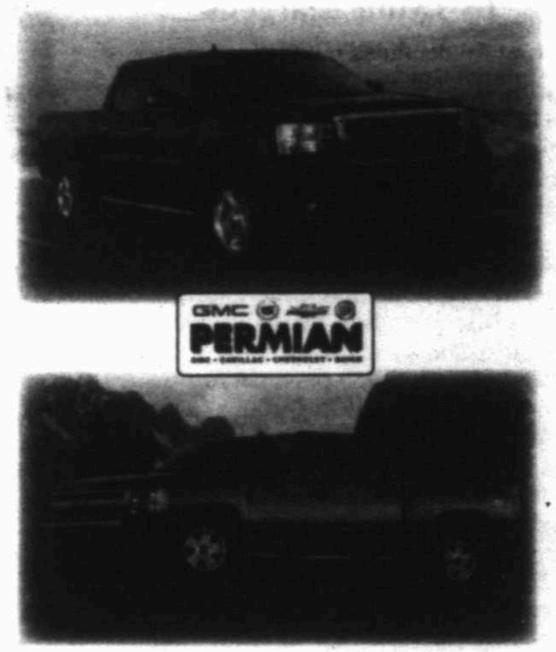

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.

Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened (or grilled) chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of their famous curly fries. Also offer tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $4-$7, evening $4-$10.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley Ave,, Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders either for breakfast or lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as seating outside on their porch. Payment types accepted: Visa, Mastercard, no checks.
Average Meal Price $7.
Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted with a "V" or a "heart" beside the entrée. Soups and salads. When it comes to sandwiches, you name it, they have it. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5-7
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100
687-0880
and 4415 W. Wadley
694-1800
www.mcalistersdeli.com

Winner of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Top 100 category for best sweet tea in Midland. Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée price range: $4.50-$6.50
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N. (Loop 250 and "A" Street)
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches-grilled, cold, warm, pita, and burgers. Various salads are available such as a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta, and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.25-6.95.
Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois Ave,, corner of East Illinois and La.m.esa Hwy
682-3200

Chicago inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Home-style fries and chips. Drive through window. Payment accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $3.49-$5.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Pizza/Italian

Brianna's Pizza (OAC)
4309 W. Illinois
689-3901

Dine-in or carry out. Brianna's offers personal, small, medium or large pizzas with a variety of toppings. Specialty pizzas include Hawaiian style, meat lovers, veggie, supreme, Mexican style and Sicilian style. Wings, boneless wings and subs also available. Lunch special from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. of $1.50 per slice of pizza. Payment accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash.
Price range: $4 - $14.39
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Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4:45-9:45 p.m.; Saturday 4:45-9:45 p.m.

Pizzeria Venti (OAC)
3303 N. Midkiff #135
(San Miguel Square)
689-7220
www.pizzeriaventi.com

Advertised as "America's Only Authentic Sliceria," Pizzeria Venti serves up piping hot slices of pizza from their wide selection. Glass display case containing all types of pizzas, a beautiful array of salads, and timpanini (stuffed pizza pie). Pizzeria Venti makes their crust with Extra Virgin olive oil, imported Italian water, salt, flour and yeast. Baked pasta such as mostaccioli, cheese ravioli, manicotti, and lasagna also on the menu. Soups including Tuscan white bean and minestrone can be ordered in small and large sizes. Italian pastries such as cannolis, tiramisu, and various cakes. Catering available.
Price range: Pizza by the slice or whole pan; other entrees $6-$7.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Double Dave's Pizzaworks (OAC)
3208 N. Loop 250 West Suite 100
618-DAVE (3283)

Dine-in, carry out or delivery. Specialty pizzas include "Dave's Fave," the "Meateater," "Buffalo Chicken," "The Works," "BBQ Chicken," and "Classic Veggie." Custom pizza start at $4.99 for a small pie; specialty pizzas start at $12.99 for a medium. Other menu items include "Chee-z Rolls;" "Peproni Rolls," veggie stromboli, breadsticks; hot wings, chicken parmesan stuffer, Philly cheesesteak stromboli, cheese sticks, garlic spinach stromboli, and dessert pastries. Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Lunch buffet available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday-Friday. Dinner buffet available 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Wednesday. Entree price range: $4.99-$15.99. Buffet: $8.50 adults, $4.32 kids. Payment accepted: cash, Visa, American Express, Discover, MasterCard.

Luigi's Italian Restaurant (SD)
111 N. Big Spring
683-6363

Celebrating 51 years of serving Midlanders their Italian dishes, there is more than pizza at this restaurant. Pasta dishes, baked lasagna, vegetable lasagna, fettuccine alfredo, Luigi's chicken delight, sandwiches as well as appetizers that include soups, salads and an antipasto salad. Low calorie dishes available. Carry out dining as well as take and bake pizzas. Full service bar and kid's menu. Accept reservations for five or more. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $2.50-$11.95.
Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m. -2:30 p.m. (lunch), Monday-Saturday 5-10 p.m. (dinner).

MD Pizza Factory (SD)
4706 N. Midkiff, Suite 13
(Albertson's parking lot)
432-682-4440

Written up in the February 2009 edition of Texas Monthly as a recommended restaurant to visit in Midland. Piping hot, cheesy and full of meat resting on a delicious homemade crust describes the pizza at MD Pizza Factory. Casual atmosphere for dining in or take your pizza home to enjoy. MD's puts a lot of culture in their pizza offering signature pizzas such as chicken teriyaki, taco pizza, and Genoa pesto chicken. There is also a meat lover's pizza, which includes almost every meat topping you can think of. Soups, salads, sandwiches and breadsticks. Lunch specials, senior citizen discount on Monday nights, teacher discount on Tuesday nights. Daily, MD's offers 10 percent off for anyone ordering two large or extra large pizzas before 11:00 a.m. Hours: Monday – Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m. -9:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 4 p.m-9:30 p.m. Credit cards and cash accepted.

Mi Piaci Italian (SD)
2607 N. Grandview Ave.
Odessa
432-362-8060

Located on the corner of University Boulevard and Grandview Avenue, Mi Piaci's offers traditional Italian food such as pasta, chicken, seafood, veal and pizza. Appetizers include garlic bread with dipping sauces, mozzarella sticks and more. They offer a kids menu and rooms for private parties. BYOB.
Entree Price Range: $6.95-$16.95.
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday

Papa Murphy's- Take 'N' Bake Pizza (pick up)
4416 Briarwood Ave., Suite 113
(Across from the North side of Wal-Mart)
699-7272
www.papamurphys.com

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Entrée Price Range: $3.99-13.99.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Garlic Press(SD)
2200 W. Wadley
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Carino's (SD)
4711 W. Loop 250 N.
520-7600

Carino's offers an extensive menu for lunch and dinner as well as take-out and catering. The restaurant also has an enclosed patio available for parties. Lunch specials include unlimited soup, salad and bread for $5.99 or soup, salad and an entree for $6.99. Appetizers include Italian nachos, fried calamari and fried mozzarella. Entrees include salads, pizza, traditional Italian dishes and specialty Italian dishes such as baked tortellini, five meat Tuscan pasta, spicy shrimp and chicken, angel hair with artichokes and more.
Price range: $3.99-$14.99
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Venezia Restaurant (SD)
2101 W. Wadley Avenue #20
Plaza Oaks Shopping Center
Website: www.veneziarestaurant.info

Named for one of Italy's most romantic cities, the atmosphere of the restaurant has a similar theme. Paintings of Venice, wine racks (they offer one of the largest wine lists in the Permian Basin) and inviting surroundings make you want to sit, relax and enjoy your meal. Enticing selection of appetizers and wide variety of pasta dishes. Tenderloin, ribeye, baby rack of lamb as well as quail are some of their grilled specialties. Entrees such as Venezia Chicken, Chicken Tuscany and Chicken Parmigiana are just a few of the many offerings. If you enjoy veal, there is a wide selection with items such as Veal Marsala, Veal Piccata and Green Peppercorn Veal.
Entrée price range:
Hours: Lunch, $7.95-14.95; dinner, $8.25-31.95. Lunch, Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; Dinner, Monday-Friday 5 p.m.-10:15 p.m.; Dinner, Saturday: 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.; Closed Sunday. Reservations recommended during the holidays. Gift certificates available.

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante (SD)
1541 John Ben Sheppard Parkway, Odessa
550-7443

Zucchi's Italian Ristorante in Odessa offers a unique atmosphere and distinctive menu. Appetizers include baked havarti in phyllo dough with raspberry sauce, escargot and number of salads. Entrees include pollo piccata, farfalle con pollo, gnocchi bolognese, lasagna, veal and fish of the day and variety of pizzas. Desserts include different types of cake and cheesecake. The restaurant offers diners live music two nights a week and during the weekends. Smoking is allowed on the patio.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: $14-$25
Hours: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner: 5:15 - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5:15 - 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Italian Village Ristorante (SD)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
684-6595

The staff aims to make your visit memorable. Authentic Italian food is paired with excellent service and food prepared to perfection. Pasta selections include fettuccini di flavia (sautéed gulf shrimp, proscuitto, broccoli, artichoke hearts in a creamy vodka sauce), cannelloni, spaghetti bolognese, and beef lasagna. Chicken, veal, steaks and seafood also on the menu. Entrée Price Range: Lunch: $7.95-$15; Dinner $9.95-$24.95. Payment accepted: credit cards, cash. Hours Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

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Capsule reviews of recently released films:

"THE IDES OF MARCH" — When powerful people amass their armies and go to battle in a tight political race, even the most fervent political junkies may find their faith tested, if not obliterated. It is an ugly, cynical business, full of ambitious people who will do whatever they must to survive. This is the not-so-shocking point of the latest film George Clooney has directed, based on the 2008 play "Farragut North." It's meaty and weighty and relevant, but it doesn't tell us much that we didn't already know, or at least suspect, about the people we place our trust in come election time. And it features a major and distracting twist that undermines all the serious-mindedness that came before it. Clooney is such an excellent actor himself, though — here he plays a supporting role as a Pennsylvania governor seeking the Democratic presidential nomination — and he's such a smart, efficient director, he really knows how to get the best out of his cast. And it would seem difficult to go wrong with a cast like this. Philip Seymour Hoffman tears it up as the governor's gruff, no-nonsense campaign manager, a veteran who's seen it all and still continues to come back for more. Paul Giamatti is reliably smarmy as Hoffman's counterpart for the rival Democratic candidate, and watching these two acting heavyweights eyeball each other backstage at a debate provides an early, juicy thrill. But the real star is Ryan Gosling as Stephen Myers, a young, up-and-coming strategist and press secretary whose idealism is shattered. R for pervasive language. 98 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

"REAL STEEL" — A bad idea is a bad idea, even dressed up with all the computer effects and heavy-metal action that Hollywood can buy. And the idea of robots boxing is a bad one, creating some embarrassingly awful moments for Hugh Jackman as an ex-fighter scraping by in the near future as a promoter of brawling machines that have taken over the sport from human boxers. Then his 11-year-old son (Dakota Goyo) joins him on the road after the boy's mother dies. Then the kid stumbles on an outdated sparring robot in a junkyard. Then the squabbling father and son bond as their little 'bot becomes a sensation on the fight circuit and gets an underdog shot against the world champion. Jackman's generally out-acted by the robots, whose bouts are deafening and bruising, more like demolition derbies than sporting events. A horribly predictable mash-up of "Rocky," "The Champ" and Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, "Real Steel" puts director Shawn Levy (the "Night at the Museum" movies) in contention with fellow robot handler Michael Bay for the title of worst blockbuster filmmaker in show business. PG-13 for some violence, intense action and brief language. 127 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP movie writer

OPENING AND CLOSING

Century 12, Odessa
Special program: Cinearts: The Artistic Side of Film
Closing today: "Restless"
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"CONTAGION" — A movie star-crammed global pandemic disaster pic from director Steven Soderbergh. Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Matt Damon, Marion Cotillard, Laurence Fishburne, Elliott Gould, Jennifer Ehle and Kate Winslet are among the folks running for their lives — and trying not to touch anybody, or anything, or even breathe in public. Scary, but weirdly fun. PG-13 (violence, epidemiological catastrophe, profanity, adult themes). 3 stars.

"DOLPHIN TALE" — True-life story about Winter, a dolphin (played by the bottlenose herself), who injures her tail, gets a prosthetic and gives hope to humans. Lovely performance by Nathan Gamble as a troubled 11-year-old inspired by the dolphin's struggle. 1 hr. 52 PG (medical candor). 3 stars.

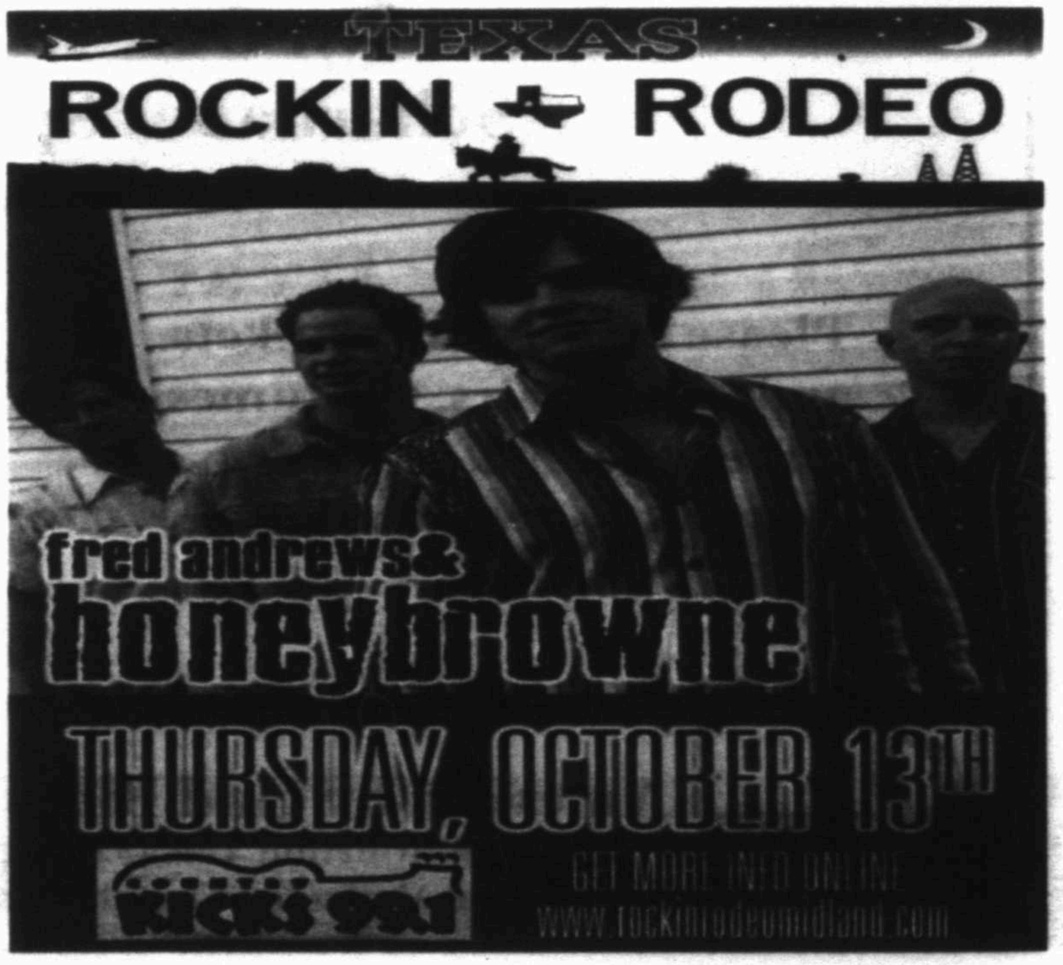
"50/50" — Joseph Gordon-Levitt is touching, funny and fierce as a young professional with cancer, too busy comforting family and friends to process his diagnosis. 1 hr. 40 R (language, sexual content, drug use). 3 stars.

"KILLER ELITE" — Jason Statham is a hitman brought out of retirement to save his old buddy, Robert De Niro, but first he has to kill a bunch of guys, spout a bunch of cliches, and deal with a mean and mustachioed Clive Owen. 1 hr. 45 R (violence, profanity, adult themes). 2 stars.

"MONEYBALL" — Brad Pitt stars as Oakland As general manager Billy Beane in this inside-baseball drama about thinking outside the box — as he's forced to build a new roster based on new, and seemingly nutty paradigms. Jonah Hill is the upstart statistician who offers novel advice and nerdy fist pumps. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Robin Wright, and a script that sings. 2 hrs. 13 PG-13 (profanity, adult themes). 4 stars.

"Real Steel"

"WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER?" — Anna Faris, a giddy carbonated blonde, carries this extreme farce about a young woman afraid that she's slept with too many partners to be marriage material. Chris Evans, a prime specimen of hunkus americanus, thinks otherwise. Though they're both endearing, the movie is barely endurable. 1 hr. 46 R (nudity, sexual candor, profanity). 2 stars.



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Spectacular car action drives 'Fast Five' to top of this week's list

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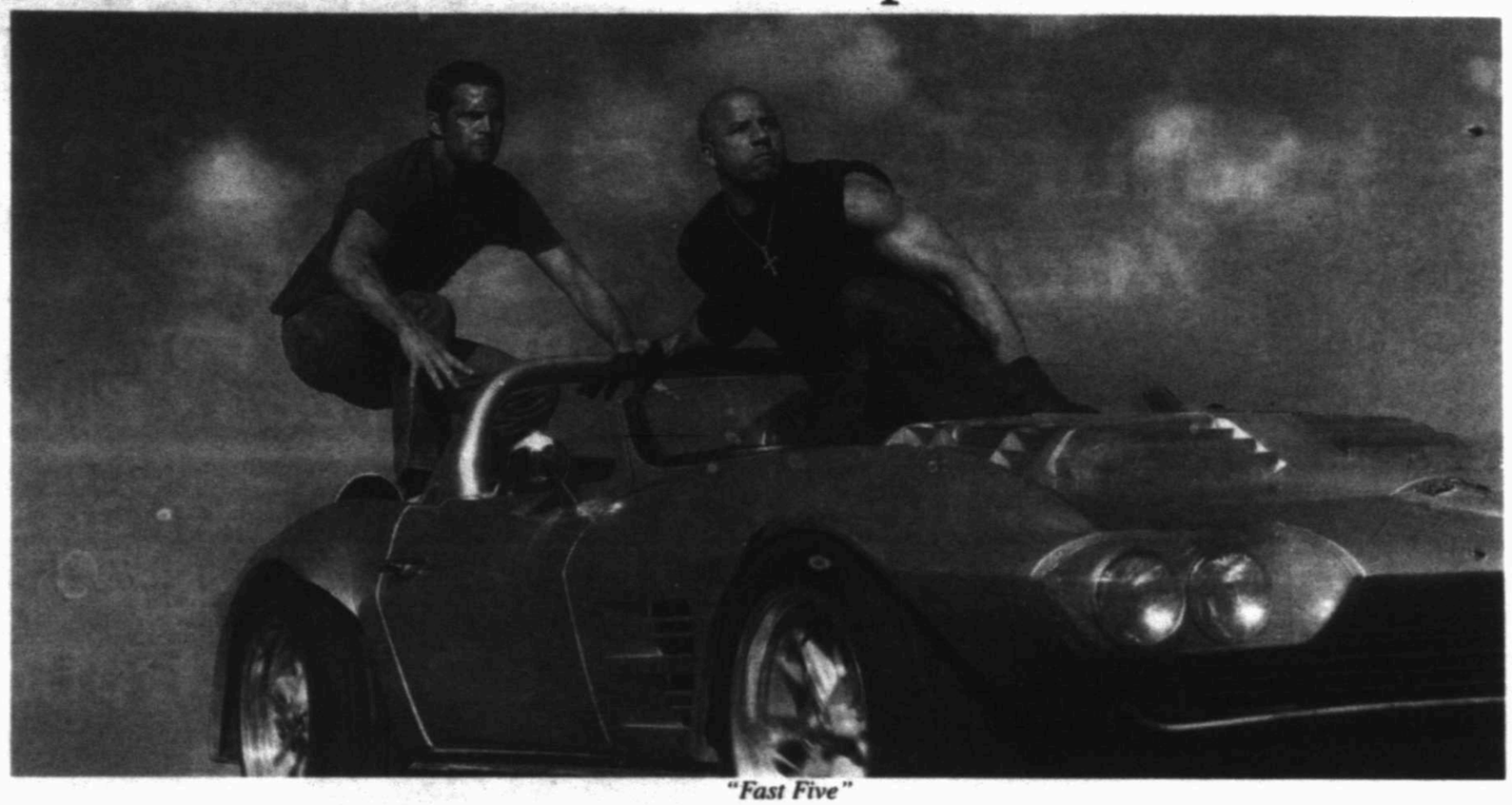

"Fast Five"

Pick of the week --

FAST FIVE (PG-13) In what easily is the best film of the franchise, filmmakers have abandoned all real manner of plot or believability and embraced the summer movie blockbuster popcorn factor while avoiding turning your mind to mush. The stunts bear no resemblance to reality and that's what makes them so much fun. From the opening jailbreak sequence where the bus rolls multiple times but everyone walks away, to the final bridge chase sequence — a la "True Lies" — the exhilarating action more than compensates for any real story. In fact, a story might have ruined it. DID YOU KNOW? A sixth film has been announced and if you wade through the credits of this film you'll get a blast from the past and a little intro to the future, A-

ALL, SHE CAN (unrated) While many films suffer from exposition overkill thanks to too many filmmakers who don't think their audience is smart enough to catch on, this film actually could have used a little explanation. It ends up being a moot point but the first act is slightly indecipherable. Story — filmed in Benavides, Alice and Austin — centers on female weightlifter looking to escape small town poverty by earning an athletic scholarship to the University of Texas. Don't expect the feel good sports movie cliche, though. This film travels a different road and it's all the better for doing so. B+

THE CALLER (R) Effective thriller about an abused woman who starts her life over after leaving her husband by moving into an old apartment building where she starts getting phone calls from a troubled woman named Rose. The creepy black phone with the rotary dial wasn't an issue for the young woman when she first moves in but it sure seemed a little out of place in this modern noir. Nevertheless, that phone was given quite a lot of screen time, and turning it into a character is what makes this movie work. Piecing together all the clues for the finale are a little muddled and probably inaccurate but it didn't really matter in the grand scheme of things. In fact, it proved a welcome distraction from all the scary bits. DID YOU KNOW? Brittany Murphy originally was cast in the lead role but was fired before filming began and died shortly after. An interview with director Matthew Parkhill doesn't shed any light on the whys, either. B+

FORGED (unrated) A man just released from prison is reunited with the son who wants to avenge the murder of his mother. Unlikely location — Scranton, Penn. — gives the film a unique look. Still, aside from a brief but stunning appearance by recent Emmy winner Margo Martindale, there's not enough to justify the time. C+

LIVING WILL (R) Ryan Dunn stars as a slacker who dies a most grotesque death (think Elvis) and returns to haunt his roommate. Aside from all the poor taste in the film — although fans of the late star might be shocked to see a tender side — there's just no accounting for the total lack of judgment in releasing this film mere months after Dunn's death. Was it for fans? No, it was for money. Save yours. F

THE LOST FUTURE (unrated) In one of Syfy's better movies — which still is not saying a whole lot — humans struggle to survive in a future where infected zombiesque mutations seek to destroy mankind. No mention is made of why the zombies kill — they don't seem to be interested in eating humans — or why they wear clothes when they do nothing but grunt and attack — or how they sustain life. Sorry, that means no zombie-on-zombie action. But an earnest young cast along with veteran Sean Bean make the most of the little they have to work with and that makes this one more fun than it should be. B-

SCRE4M (R) Unnecessary but not unwelcome sequel to the "Scream" franchise comes in fourth for file but probably third for rank -- I'm going first, second, fourth and third for that category. As with its predecessors, it combines the right amount of fun and tribute to the genre while still managing a good amount of gore and fright. It also pulls off the whodunit twist quite nicely. And compared to most of these kinds of films this year? It sits atop the heap. B.

SUBMARINE (R) Coming-of-age film about a Welsh teen gets off to a most inauspicious start and wallows in 45 minutes of cliche and contrivance before finding its own voice. Was it too late? Yes and no. The schoolboy's first sexual encounter storyline does eventually evolve and once it does the movie become quite interesting. Getting to that point will take patience and perseverance. B-

WHERE THE ROAD MEETS THE SUN (unrated) Story of eclectic group of immigrants living in a cheap motel focuses mostly on a Japanese man with a guarded past. While some of the stories are a little too familiar, the characters are gloriously fleshed out, a rare feat in this kind of film B

WITHOUT MEN (R) Crass, darn near offensive movie starring Eva Longoria and Christian Slater about Latin American village of women who have no idea what to do when their men are forcibly recruited into the guerilla army. I take it back. It's not darn near offensive. It's flat out offensive. I would like to think the film is satire and therefore meant to come off the way it does. But I can't give the benefit of the doubt here. I don't think the filmmakers were clever enough for satire. The lack of laughs and dated screwball comedy attest to that. F

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