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Obituaries

Alyssa Hudgins

Alyssa Danielle Hudgins, 23, of Midland, passed away on November 21, 2015. Funeral services will be held Friday, November 27, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Mid-Cities Community Church, and interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Alyssa was born on March 30, 1992 in San Angelo, TX. She was adopted at an early age by her parents Ardis and Jean Hayslip, and they resided in Midland, TX. Alyssa went to school at Midland Christian from kindergarten all the way through high school and graduated in 2010. It was there that she met her Prince Charming, Tyler Hudgins, and they married July 30, 2011.

Alyssa lived a beautiful life. She loved Jesus with everything within her and she loved using every gift and talent that God gave her to His glory. Some of her gifts and talents include art, photography, Essential Oils, yoga, athletics, and cheerleading. She loved Jesus, singing, laughing, watching Disney movies, and traveling to Black Hills, South Dakota and Austin. She loved Jesus, and she loved Rosa's queso! Alyssa made everything beautiful and had the unique ability to create "arts of worship." Oh, and did we mention, she loved Jesus! She had the ability to put a smile on the face of anyone she knew and met. She loved Tyler with all of her heart, but she loved Jesus more! She had a deep love for all of her friends and anyone who knew her as a friend, knew you had a friend for life! She will be greatly missed.

Alyssa is preceded in death by her father, Ardis Hayslip. She is survived by her husband, Tyler; mother, Jean Hayslip; brother-in-law, Jared, his wife Kaitlyn, and their daughter Kinsley; mother-in-law, Mary Browning, her husband Wesley, their son, Andrew Browning; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Alyssa may be gone from this side, but her smile, laughter, and talents will live on forever through our memories. We will miss her here, but will see her again soon in Heaven!

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to Show Hope. Show Hope is a movement founded by Steven Curtis Chapman and his wife, Mary Beth, to care for orphans, restoring the hope of a family to orphans in distress around the world. Donations to Show Hope can be made in memory of Alyssa through Mid-Cities Community Church and 100% of the proceeds will go to Show Hope.

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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Dolores "Dee" Mae Furin Head

Dolores "Dee" Mae Furin Head, 78, of Midland passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015. Viewing will be from 8:00am-9:00pm on Friday, November 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home with visitation from 6:00pm-8:00pm that evening. Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at First Christian Church with Reverend Paula Brooks officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Dee was born on January 14, 1937 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio to Joseph and Eva Arlene Brazie Furin. She was a wonderful role model to her five children, David, Cindy, Dale, Georgetta, and William. Dee was a strong Christian woman and a member of Midland's First Christian Church for 42 years. Together Dee and her husband, George T. Head, or "Sweetie" as she lovingly referred to him, shared 27 years of marriage. She worked as a waitress at Luigi's for 25 years, K-Mart in Odessa for several years, and was a full time homemaker. Her greatest hobby was antiquing. She loved to restore and refinish furniture. Much of her time was spent at her multiple antique booths at Wall Street Antiques, but she also worked as the manager at Cedar Chest Antique Store. Dee was a woman of many talents; whether it was her flourishing garden or her delicious meals and deserts, she excelled at everything. Dee loved to dance and entertain guests and family at her home. She also had a love for the outdoors, especially fishing. Dee was even featured in the newspaper holding one of her large trophy sized catches. She loved to laugh and always had a beautiful smile on her face that could light up any room. She never met a stranger and was a true friend to all. Dee will always be remembered and treasured as a loving mother, devoted wife, and an incredible friend to many. She will be truly missed.

Dee is survived by her sweetie, George T. Head; son, David Bordner and his wife, Karen; grandchildren, Shanna Fehr and husband, Rob, and their children, Avley and Summer; Shelbi Dam and husband, Chandra, and their son, Luke; Megan Elling and husband, Andrew, and their son, Gavin; Zak Hall; and Haley Bordner all from Abilene, Texas; daughter, Cindy Bordner Parks and husband, Ron, of Schertz, Texas; grandchildren, Rori Sheffield and Taylor Ashby; great-grandchildren, Braedon and Jaden Sheffield; son, Dale Bordner and wife, Suzette of Waco, Texas; grandson, Rhett Bordner and his daughter, Emelia Quitugua Bordner; granddaughter, Cassandra Bordner; daughter, Georgetta Overstreet and Husband, Rickey of Bastrop, Texas; son, William Head and wife, Christina of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Lance Overstreet and wife, Lynette, and Casey Overstreet and wife, Jennifer; great-grandchildren, Matthew Fleeman, Madison Overstreet, Kyle Overstreet, Olivia Overstreet, Emma Overstreet; and numerous friends.

She is preceded in death by her loving grandson, Austin M. Day.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or First Christian Church of Midland.

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Death Notices

Jo Warren Swallow

Jo Warren Swallow, 94, passed away November 25, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

Jo is survived by two sons and numerous grandchildren. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Manuela Arredondo

Manuela V. Arredondo, 75 of Midland, passed away on November 21, 2015.

Viewing will be Friday, November 27th from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral mass is set for Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She is survived by her four sons, Jaime Arredondo, Leonardo Arredondo, Alfredo Arredondo and Leonel Arredondo; two daughters, Sylvia Reyes and Manuela Arredondo; one brother, three sisters and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Robert Loftin Rike

Robert Loftin Rike, age 70, passed away on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Survivors are his wife, Lyneia Rike; sons, John Rike, Matthew Rike and Luke Rike; and daughter, Carla Arisano.

Memorial services will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa. Interment will be privately held at Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo

Sturdy, sleek, small action cameras abound

■ GIFT GUIDE

By Ron Harris
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Action cameras are getting smaller, lighter, better and more connected. Whether you're looking to gift one to a thrill-seeking bungee jumper or a mountain-bike recreationist, there are several cameras capable of shooting high-quality footage.

Small, high-definition action cameras might have seemed no more than the play toys of daredevils a few years back, but they are more commonplace now and used in conjunction with a variety of activities. While GoPro is still the leader, it is no longer the only offering.

Here are some nice choices if you're looking to give the gift of HD action cams:

Sony X1000V 4K ($500)

You get a solidly constructed, high-performance action cam that shoots up to 4K resolution, also known as ultra-high definition. That's twice as much visual data as the regular, full high-definition format known as 1080p.

The X1000V performed extremely well and recorded finely detailed footage in various environments. With a 170-degree panoramic field of view, the camera captures a good amount of the action in front of the lens. It also shoots silky-smooth slow motion when recording in standard HD mode. The waterproof housing proved useful when I dunked it in a tank full of fish at the Tennessee Aquarium while on vacation.

GoPro Hero4 Session ($300)

GoPro's Hero cameras have always been small. Now, there's an even smaller one, the Hero4 Session. It's about half the size of previous models. This light, power-packed, cube-shaped model is a fine addition for this leader in action cams.

The Session is easy to use, even though it lacks a built-in screen to show what you're recording. One touch of a red circle button turns on the camera and starts the HD recording. I found this handy at an amusement park with friends and family. I even chronicled a torrential downpour that sent most park goers scurrying for cover while others splashed madly in puddles.

The waterproof Session endured all environments I put it through. The footage turned out great, with colors and exposure just right and a built-in dual microphone system offering top-notch audio.

Kodak Pixpro SP360 ($300)

This camera shoots HD footage through a curved spherical lens to give it a massive fisheye look at the world. Kodak calls this 360 degrees of image-capture, but it's more of a really wide look to the front and sides, as it can't see behind itself.

I put this in the hands of my kids and followed my dog around. I even used a monopod to affix it to the spare tire of my Jeep Wrangler for a fish-eye-view drive through Atlanta.

It's splash-proof and shockproof, and it comes in a durable case with a fancy curved lens cap for the bulbous lens.

The PixPro isn't for everyone, but I found it among the most fun cameras available.

TomTom Bandit ($400)

One newcomer is TomTom, more commonly known for its GPS devices and navigation services. The company's Bandit camera shoots 4K video and boasts up to three continuous hours of recording.

It also has nifty social-media options. With the Bandit app, you can edit footage on your phone and even add a soundtrack.

The Bandit is heavier than the others tested and probably isn't ideal for mounting on a helmet. But it is sturdy and has a sporty red-stripe-on-white design that gives it the look of pro-level gear. If you're not wedded to the GoPro universe, you might give the Bandit some serious consideration. It's more rugged than other models and sports sturdy metal mounting, while others typically use plastic.

From fake guitars to collectible toys, gifts for any gamer

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press

Video-game players aren't that difficult to shop for. Let's face it: It's an expensive hobby, and most gamers have something on their list that they've set aside in the hopes that Santa might deliver.

First, it's imperative that you know which game consoles your recipient owns — Sony's PlayStation 4, Microsoft's Xbox One or Nintendo's Wii U. (Heck, any one of those makes a solid gift if you're willing to spend a few hundred bucks.) Then you're ready to hit the stores. All of these picks are available at big-box retailers like Target and Best Buy or smaller game stores like GameStop.

Rockin' around the Christmas tree

This year's revival of rock 'n roll games is the best news for families looking to play together after the Christmas turkey's been destroyed.

■ "Rock Band 4" (Harmonix/Mad Catz, for the PS4, Xbox One, $250 "Band in a Box") offers the full package — fake guitar/bass, drums and microphone — as well as an enormous library of downloadable songs.

■ "Guitar Hero Live" (Activision, for the PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, $150 for two-guitar bundle) skips the drums, though you can add on a $20 microphone. It's more fun for dueling Jimi Hendrix wannabes.

Adult adventures

These beefy solo adventures will keep the player busy for months. All are rated M, for mature, so don't plop your 6-year-old niece in front of them.

■ "The Witcher III: Wild Hunt" (Warner Bros., for the PS4, Xbox One, PC, $60) is a medieval sword-and-sorcery epic that goes to some truly unexpected places.

■ "Fallout 4" (Bethesda Softworks, for the PS4, Xbox One, PC, $60) explores a vivid alternate Boston decades after a nuclear apocalypse.

■ "Rise of the Tomb Raider" (Square Enix, for the Xbox One, $60) continues the rebirth of the globe-trotting Lara Croft in a search for the secret to immortality.

■ "Metal Gear Solid V: The Phantom Pain" (Konami, for the PS4, Xbox One, PC, $60) is a sweeping espionage thriller that turns global politics into a seriously weird psychodrama.

Kid-friendly

Nintendo is still the best at creating games that children and parents alike can revel in.

■ "Super Mario Maker" (Nintendo, for the Wii U, $60) invites players to create their own challenges featuring Mario and his friends — perfect for the aspiring game designer in your family.

■ "Yoshi's Woolly World" (Nintendo, for the Wii U, $60) stars Mario's dinosaur buddy in an utterly charming romp that's easy enough for Grandma but offers deeper challenges for more dedicated fans.

Toy invasion

The "toys-to-life" genre — in which physical action figures come to life on the game screen — is a boon for gift-givers: If your recipient already owns one of the games, the add-on characters make great stocking stuffers.

■ "Lego Dimensions" (Warner Bros., for the PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, Xbox 360, $100; add-ons $15-$25) mixes characters from a ridiculous range of pop-culture worlds, including "The Lord of the Rings," DC Comics and "The Lego Movie."

■ "Disney Infinity 3.0: Star Wars" (Disney, for the PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, Xbox 360, $65; add-ons $10-$40) welcomes Luke Skywalker, Yoda and the rest of the Lucasfilm gang to play with Disney toons and Marvel superheroes.

■ "Skylanders Superchargers" (Activision, for the PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, Xbox 360, Wii, iOS, $75; add-ons $13-$35), which started the whole trend, introduces land, air and sea vehicles to its delightful universe.

■ Nintendo's amiibo lineup (Nintendo, for the Wii U, 3DS, $10-$35) keeps expanding with the addition of the goofy critters from "Animal Crossing"— and no Nintendo fan could resist an adorable Yoshi made out of yarn.

Harmonix Music Systems/AP

ABOVE: This image provided by Harmonix Music Systems shows a scene from the video game, "Rock Band 4." This year's revival of rock 'n' roll games is the best news for families looking to play together after the Christmas turkey's been destroyed. **BELOW:** A scene from the video game "Fallout 4" is shown in this image provided by Bethesda Softworks. The game explores a vivid alternate Boston decades after a nuclear apocalypse.

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Gadgets that make your wrist smarter

■ GIFT GUIDE

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — If you're looking for a device to track your fitness, alert you to incoming messages and occasionally let you buy stuff with a scan or a tap, there's no shortage of computerized wristwatches to choose from.

Over the past several months, I've tested numerous smartwatches for iPhones and Android devices, along with fitness trackers that have some smarts. I've even worn six watches at once during three marathons over the past month, courting both ridicule and some lousy times. (I'm blaming the extra weight.)

Smartwatches and fitness trackers are relatively early devices with a lot of growing up still to do. Temper your expectations, and you might be pleasantly surprised. Just don't go in expecting magic, because that's a recipe for disappointment.

Your options will vary depending on whether you use an iPhone or Android, as most of these watches require a companion phone for their smarts. There are also big differences between all-in-one smartwatches and simpler gadgets that primarily track fitness.

Smartwatches for Android:

■ Samsung's Gear S2 (starts at $300)

Samsung smartwatches have improved tremendously. Instead of swiping through screen after screen, you now rotate the watch's circular outer ring to select apps or view notifications. The watch faces can display information ranging from stock quotes and headlines to sports scores. I tracked some Mets games that way, though the watch doesn't guarantee a win.

The main shortcoming: limited apps. The Gear S2 works with Android phones but doesn't run Android apps, putting it in a kind of limbo. A few apps from big-name partners like Yelp, The Wall Street Journal and Nokia's Here (for maps) are available, and Uber is coming soon. But most apps I looked for weren't there.

As for exercise, the watch mostly tracks footsteps and heart rate. Its mileage calculation is way off unless you're also carrying a phone with GPS. Alternatively, you could consider the Gear model with both GPS and 3G data for about $50 more, plus an additional $5 or $10 a month for the data plan.

Associated Press

The Microsoft Band 2 is displayed Nov. 10 in New York. The fitness tracker features built-in GPS and a heart-rate monitor and will notify you of new texts or calls. The Band also offers news headlines and a few apps from the likes of Starbucks and Facebook.

The Gear S2 works with most Android phones, though some features specifically require a Samsung phone.

■ **Android Wear (starts at $129)**

Several companies make smartwatches that run Google's Android Wear software. I tried the cheapest, Asus's ZenWatch 2, as a starting point. You can pay more for better bands, features such as built-in GPS or sheer luxury — right up to $1,500 for a model Tag Heuer developed with Intel and Google.

Android Wear has also gotten better. One swipe gets you apps, with recently used ones on top. Swipe again for contacts and again for common tasks. The screen can stay on without draining the battery, something rare in a smartwatch. App selection has also improved; many apps available for the Apple Watch now have Android Wear versions.

Sony's GPS-enabled SmartWatch 3 worked well for me while running, but other non-GPS devices, including the ZenWatch, were more frustrating. The main health app, Google Fit, doesn't let you start or stop workouts manually, with or without GPS. It relies on automatic detection and accused me of walking parts of my marathons, even though I didn't (really!). Several apps offer manual controls, but require built-in GPS or a phone, which can be a pain to carry on a run.

Smartwathces for IPhones:

■ **Apple Watch (starts at $349)**

Android Wear will work, but Apple Watch is the one you need for full functionality. Apple put a lot of thought into it, with the inclusion of a lefties mode and a passcode in case you leave it on a bathroom sink somewhere.

Apple Watch stands out in fitness. Although the watch doesn't have GPS, it learns your walking and running patterns when you have the phone with you, so it's more accurate than other non-GPS watches when you leave the phone at home.

Apple's smartwatch doesn't just count steps. Instead, it challenges — or nags — you to exercise at least 30 minutes a day and to take 12 walk breaks throughout the day. For a perfect score, you also need to burn a certain number of calories — determined by your age, sex, weight and fitness level. With rival devices, I meet my default goals easily. With Apple Watch, even an eight-mile morning run isn't enough. Bring on the challenge!

Battery life isn't as good as Samsung and many Android Wear devices, though I made it through the recent marathons with plenty to spare by turning off the heart-rate monitor.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Today is Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. It precedes Black Friday. Thanksgiving Day in the United States is traditionally a holiday to give thanks for the food collected at the end of the harvest season. Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Open Thanksgiving

Grocery stores

■ H-E-B: 6 a.m.- 2 p.m. Pharmacy will be closed.

■ Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Drive & 200 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours

Restaurants

■ McDonald's, 1111 Andrews Highway, 3310 W. Loop 250, 2307 Rankin Highway: midnight Wednesday to 4 p.m.

■ Cracker Barrel, 3100 N. Loop 250 W: 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.

■ Long John Silvers, 900 Andrews Highway: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ Furr's, 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

■ 117 Eatery (in the DoubleTree by Hilton), 117 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Dos Margaritas, 1501 N. Big Spring St.: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ Grand Buffet, 2510 N. Louisiana Ave.: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

■ Hacienda Vieja, 515 Andrews Highway: 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.

■ Riley's Bar & Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday

■ Sbahi Tandoor, 3400 W. Wall St.: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

■ Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave.: 3 p.m.- 2 a.m. Friday

■ Torinos, 3303 N. Midkiff Road: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday

Open 24 hours

■ Whataburger, 800 Andrews Highway, 1905 N. Big Spring St., 3205 N. Midkiff Road, 2217 E. Interstate 20

■ Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St.

■ IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250 & 301 E. Interstate 20

Black Friday openings

■ Radio Shack: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today

■ J.C. Penney: 3 p.m. today

■ Old Navy: 4 p.m. today

■ Best Buy: 5 p.m. today through 1 a.m. Friday

■ Toys R Us/Babies R Us: 5 p.m. today through 11 p.m. Friday

■ Kohl's: 6 p.m. today

■ Target: 6 p.m. today through 11 p.m. Friday

■ Sears: 6 p.m. today

■ Wal-Mart: 6 p.m. today (Black Friday sales begin)

■ Midland Park Mall: 6 p.m. today-4 a.m. Friday

■ Home Depot: 5 a.m. Friday

■ Lowe's: 5 a.m. Friday

■ Staples: 6 a.m. Friday

■ Sam's Club: 7 a.m. Friday

■ Dillard's: 8 a.m. Friday

Weather on Thanksgiving

Warmest: 85 on Nov. 25, 1965
Coldest: 10 on Nov. 24, 1938
Number of times it rained*: 11
Most rain: 0.93 of an inch, Nov. 28, 1996
Number of times it snowed*: 1 (1.7 inches on Nov. 22, 2007)
*represents more than a trace

Today's forecast

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a high near 71. South winds 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with a low around 45.

Source: National Weather Service

Turkey Trot

The fourth annual MCGW Turkey Trot to benefit Midland County Greater Works will begin at 7:30 a.m. today at First Baptist Church.

There are 1-mile, 5K and 10K races. Registration is a 7 a.m. For more information visit active.com/midland-tx/running/distance-running-races/4th-annual-mcgw-turkey-trot-2015.

Christmas parade

The city's Parks and Recreation Division is now accepting entries for the 2015 Christmas Parade, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in downtown Midland. The theme is "Into the Future: Christmas 2115."

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

For more information, call 685-7379.

Domino's to raise funds

Domino's owners Jim and Cassie Gerety will be raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research by accepting donations from customers.

The Domino's trailer will be at 3310 W. Illinois Ave. 4-6 p.m. Tuesday selling $3 medium cheese and pepperoni pizzas. $1 from every pizza sold will be donated to St. Jude's, according to a press release.

Also, the pizza restaurant delivered dinner to nearly 200 people at Breaking Bread Kitchen and Genesis Center on Wednesday.

Lottery

Due to an earlier press deadline, the Reporter-Telegram is unable to provide lottery numbers for today. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

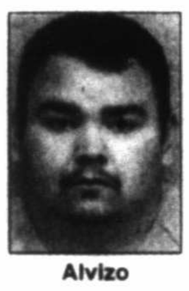
CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland man arrested on sexual assault of a child charge

A Midland man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly assaulting a young girl, according to court documents.

Juan David Chavez-Alvizo, 22, was being held Wednesday on a $150,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.



Alvizo

The girl told a family member about the assault after the family member noticed the girl had "become withdrawn and was not acting like herself," according to Chavez-Alvizo's arrest affidavit.

When interviewed by police, the girl said the assaults occurred when she was 6 and Chavez-Alvizo was about 18, according to the affidavit.

Chavez-Alvizo denied he assaulted the girl, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a first-degree felony, Chavez-Alvizo could face up to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Woman hits girl with hammer

A 55-year-old Midland woman was arrested late Monday after allegedly choking a family member and hitting her with a hammer.

Belinda Williams was being held Wednesday on a $10,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a family member with a weapon, and a third-degree charge of assault of a family member by impeding breath, according to court documents.

Williams

Midland police were dispatched to a residence off West Kansas Avenue in central Midland and found Williams, family members, and a girl, who reportedly was a runaway staying in the residence, according to Williams' arrest affidavit.

A verbal argument allegedly ensued between Williams and family members over the girl staying at the home. The argument evolved into a physical altercation when Williams grabbed a bottle from underneath the sink and stated she was going to "pour acid on them if they do not leave," according to the affidavit.

The bottle was wrested from Williams' possession

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BRIEFS

From 4A

and then she grabbed two of the girls by the throat, according to the affidavit. She then grabbed a hammer out of a drawer and began hitting one of the girls on the arm, according to the affidavit.

The girl had visible signs of swelling on both the neck and arm, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first- and third-degree felonies, Williams could face up to 99 years and 10 years respectively.

Man allegedly threatens with skinning knife

A 37-year-old Midland man was arrested Tuesday morning after allegedly threatening a house member and her cat with a skinning knife.

Vincent Perez was being held Wednesday on a $25,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a house member with a weapon, according to court documents.

Midland police responded to call at a residence in the 3300 block of Roosevelt Drive in central Midland. Perez and a house member had engaged in an argument that allegedly led Perez to brandish a 6- to 8- inch skinning knife, according to his arrest affidavit.

Perez

Perez had the knife pointed at his side then stated, "first I'm going to kill you, then I'm going to kill myself, then I'm going to kill Babies (the cat)," according to the affidavit.

Perez calmed down and the knife was taken away before police arrived, according to the affidavit. The woman did not want to press charges, but police determined it would not be safe for her and arrested Perez, according to his affidavit.

If convicted of the first degree felony, Perez could face up to 99 years in prison.

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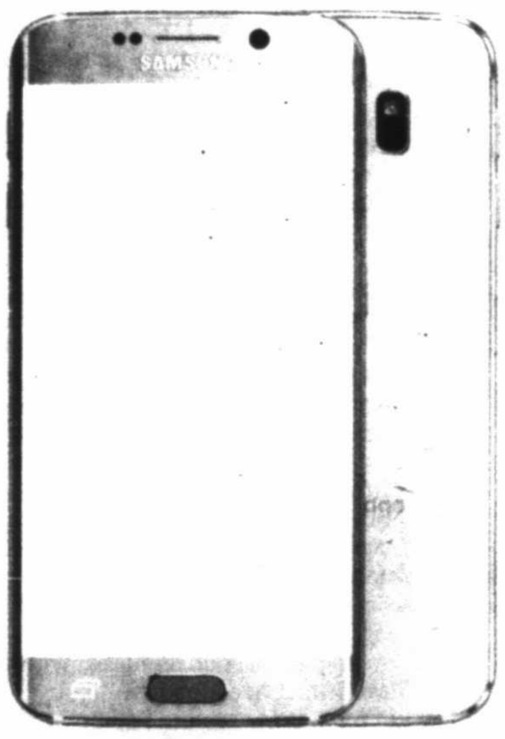

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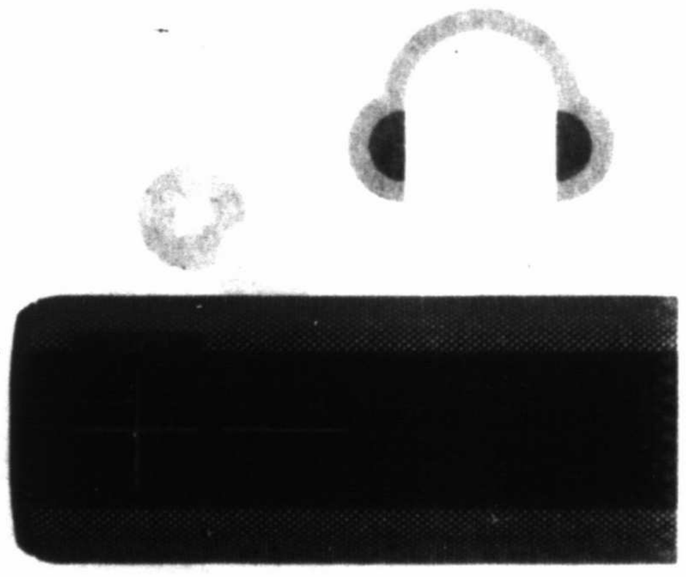

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OPINION

Protests are product of pampered children

■ Revolts on college campuses happen because students are used to not being offended

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Washington Post Writers Group

It would be easy to call protesting college students crybabies and brats for pitching hissy fits over hurt feelings, but this likely would lead to such torrents of tearful tribulation that the nation's university system would have to shut down for a prolonged period of grief counseling.

Besides, it would be insensitive.

Instead, let me be the first to say, it's not the students' fault. These serial tantrums are a direct result of our Everybody Gets A Trophy culture and an educational system that, for the most part, no longer teaches a core curriculum, including history, government and the Bill of Rights.

They simply don't know any better.

This isn't necessarily to excuse them. Everyone has a choice whether to ignore a perceived slight — or to form a posse. But as with any problem, it helps to understand its source. The disease, I fear, was auto-induced with the zealous pampering of the American child that began a few decades ago.

The first sign of the epidemic of sensitivity we're witnessing was when parents and teachers were instructed never to tell Johnny that he's a "bad boy," but that he's "acting" like a bad boy.

Next, Johnny was handed a blue ribbon along with everyone else on the team even though he didn't deserve one. This had the opposite effect of what was intended. Rather than protecting Johnny's fragile self-esteem, the prize undermined Johnny's faith in his own perceptions and judgment. It robbed him of his ability to pick himself up when he fell and to be brave, honest and hardy in the face of adversity.

Self-esteem is earned, not bestowed.

Today's campuses are overrun with little Johnnys, their female counterparts and their adult enablers. How will we ever find enough fainting couches?

Lest anyone feel slighted so soon, this is also not to diminish the pain of racism (or sexism, ageism, blondism, or whatever -ism gets one's tear ducts moistened). But nothing thus far reported on campuses the past several weeks rises to the level of the coerced resignations of a university chancellor and president.

The affronts that prompted students to demand the resignations include: An off-campus, drive-by racial epithet apparently aimed at the student body president; another racial epithet hurled by a drunken white student; a swastika drawn with feces in a dorm restroom.

Someone certainly deserves a spanking — or psychoanalysis. Sigmund Freud had plenty to say about people who play with the products of their alimentary canal.

But do such events mean that students have been neglected, as protesters have charged? Or that the school tolerates racism?

Concurrent with these episodes of outrage is the recent surge on campuses of "trigger warnings" in syllabuses to alert students to content that might be upsetting, and "safe zones" where students can seek refuge when ideas make them uncomfortable. It seems absurd to have to mention that the purpose of higher education is to be challenged, to be exposed to different views and, above all, to be exhilarated by the exercise of free speech — other people's as well as one's own.

The marketplace of ideas is not for sissies, in other words. And it would appear that knowledge, the curse of the enlightened, is not for everyone.

The latter is meant to be an observation, but on many college campuses today, it seems to be an operating principle. A recent survey of 1,100 colleges and universities found that only 18 percent require American history or government, where such foundational premises as the First Amendment might be explained and understood.

The survey, by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, assesses schools according to whether they have at least one required course in composition, foreign language at the intermediate level, American government or history, economics, science, mathematics and literature. Coincidentally, the very institutions where students are dominating what passes for debate also scored among the worst: Missouri, D; Yale, C; Dartmouth, C; and Princeton, C — all for requiring only one or a few of the subjects. Amherst scored an F for requiring nothing.

Such is the world we've created for young people who soon enough will discover that the world doesn't much care about their tender feelings. But before such harsh realities knock them off their ponies, we might hope that they redirect their anger. They have every right to despise the coddling culture that ill-prepared them for life and an educational system that has failed to teach them what they need to know.

Weep for them — and us.

OUR VIEW

Community has much to be thankful for

The Reporter-Telegram wants to wish our readers a happy Thanksgiving. May the start of your holiday season be everything you want it to be — whether that means enjoying the company of family and friends or braving the elements and crowds on Black Friday.

This has been an unusual year, and while we will get to the year-in-review coverage next month, we can say the list of what we are thankful for is a little different than in the past.

In some ways it represents the inactivity of a region that has cooled down compared to previous years.

Still, we all have reasons to be thankful. Here are a few of those reasons.

■ This downturn is different. We have memories of when times were worse, so for all the complaining about how this isn't 2014, we are glad it isn't 1994. We have seen $10 oil and the devastation it can mean for an oil-based economy. The current downturn isn't like that. The average price of a house hasn't plummeted, the average price of some apartments is going down to more affordable rents, and the employment rate is still among the lower 50 metropolitan statistical areas in the nation (3.5 percent in October). Will there be pain for the community in 2016? Probably so. But based on our city's past, what we are experiencing now could be much worse.

■ For cheaper gas. If oil is going to be in the $40-a-barrel range, then there might as well be some benefit for those who are not making the same paycheck as previous years. Gas could be found for $1.61 a gallon at one station Tuesday night, saving money for many who are thankful to catch a break.

■ For safer roads. Unfortunately, the news of the day required we report on the motorcyclist who became the 29th person to die on roads inside Midland County this year. The trend in 2015, though, shows fewer fatalities than previous years and certainly fewer fatalities recently. Before Tuesday, it had been more than two months since the last person died on roads inside the county.

■ For a future that's brighter than most. We are looking forward to what the future holds. We expect the price of oil eventually will be at a better level for our community's operators, we are laying the foundation for the space industry to thrive, we have a group of businessmen and foundation leaders putting millions of dollars into the potential overhaul of the school district, and Midland has a philanthropical spirit that is second to none.

We are thankful to be in Midland and reporting the happenings of a community on the rise. Not every place in America can say that.

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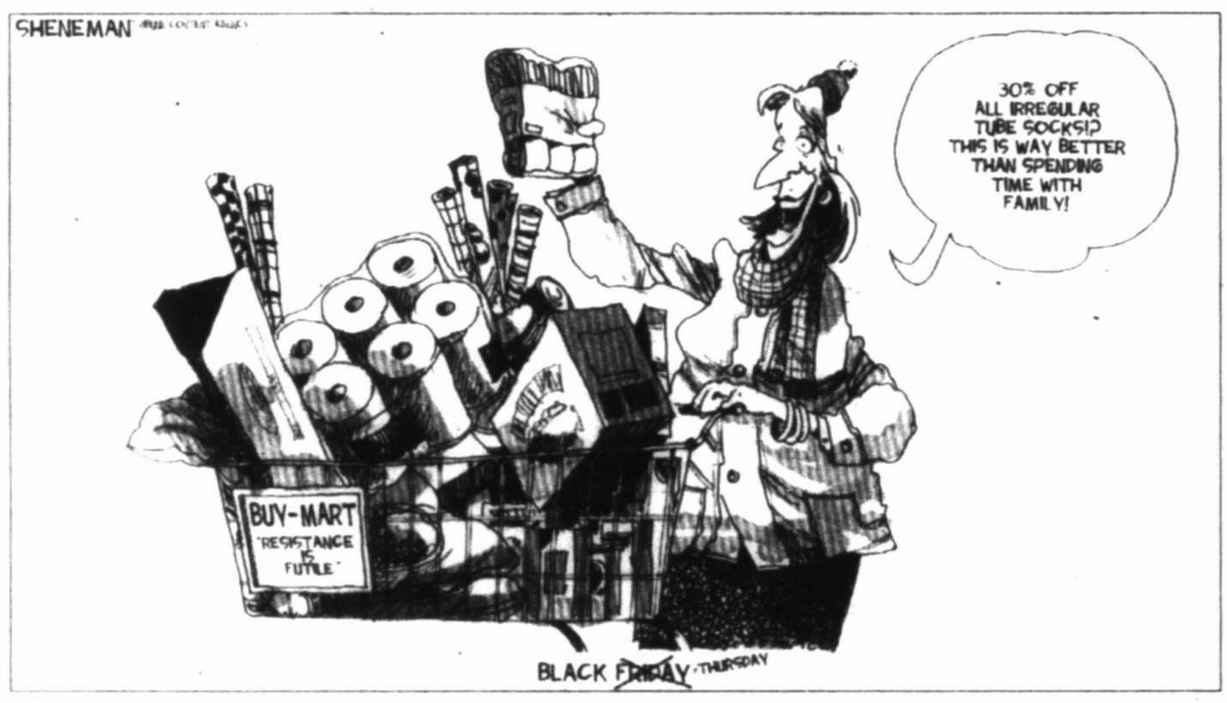

Nation's food banks could use help

■ While the economy has improved, the need for food hasn't dropped

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

There are few things sadder than a food bank practically hollowed out a week before Thanksgiving. But at the Camino Pantry, the shelves were just temporarily bare until the arrival of a shipment of turkeys and maybe a few other holiday miracles.

Though low on essentials, Camino had plenty of dignity to offer when I visited as part of the Aspen Institute Latinos and Society Program's "Exploring the Changing South" tour.

An outgrowth of the Camino Community Center, the pantry is the biggest food bank serving Charlotte's Hispanic community and welcomes all comers without requiring a referral from a human services department.

Once there, "shoppers" are given guides for how many grains, proteins and dairy items they can take at a time. They are allowed to walk up and down the aisles to select what they like, rather than being given a prewrapped basket of items.

This small bit of choice serves as an enticement for a population — low-income, Spanish-speaking — that, known for its hard work and family connectedness, generally refrains from accepting handouts.

"We are a place of hope," said Wendy Pascual, executive director of the Camino Community Center, which also runs a thrift store and a free primary health clinic that serves low-income, uninsured people in Mecklenburg County. "We want to make people feel like they are in a place where we really want to help them, that way they will come back."

The Camino Pantry is one of 60,000 food suppliers that Feeding America, the country's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, helps by funneling food, prepared meals and services across the country. In conjunction with two local groups, Camino Pantry provided groceries to more than 3,000 families in 2014.

According to Feeding America, their partnerships with food pantries, feeding programs and soup kitchens nourishes 46 million people every year. That's about 3.7 billion meals and 4 billion pounds of food annually, with no prospect of diminishing need in sight.

"What is interesting is that the need for food really spiked when the recession hit," said Feeding America spokesman Ross Fraser, "and we have not seen those numbers decrease, even though the economy has gotten better and more people are working. You won't find a food bank in this country that will say, 'Thank goodness the bad years are over, the need is down.'"

Fraser told me that food assistance programs across the country continue to see new faces appearing for everything from kitchen staples to hot, prepared meals, with the biggest increase coming from people who have jobs but still can't make ends meet. "It's not uncommon for us to see people come in for free breakfast with their uniforms on because they need to eat before going in to work."

Organizations like the Camino Pantry need local community help in the form of donations — cash or food — and volunteers with a variety of skills. If you have a little extra time on your hands and don't want to stock shelves, there are innumerable ways to volunteer your talents, especially if you're an accountant, a web designer, a computer technician or even a plumber or carpenter.

Larger organizations working toward eliminating hunger, like Feeding America, need something even more precious: your extended attention.

It's easy to remember the hungry before Thanksgiving, our national feasting day, but they still need our attention on Black Friday, Giving Tuesday and beyond.

"The last three months of the year are the highest time for giving from the public," Fraser said. "We get about 70 percent of our cash donations during that period, which we use to rescue food from farmers and retailers, sort it, package it and then ship it across the country to the pantries that need it. And then, interest in hunger goes out of the headlines."

Yet, the nation's food pantries keep providing sustenance all year long.

"We see some of the most broken people here," said Pascual at the community center. "When you have gotten to the point where you need this place to feed your children, we want you to feel like you're not just taking a little food from here, but also a feeling that you'll be able to get beyond your present situation."

Please remember the nation's working poor, who count on food pantries like Camino for nourishment of all types, long after all your Turkey Day leftovers have been gobbled up.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a Proposed McKenzie Draw – Texaco Mabee 138 kV Transmission Line in Andrews and Martin Counties, Texas (McKenzie Draw – Texaco Mabee CCN)

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 45323

This notice is provided to notify you of the intent of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") to construct a new double-circuit 138 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line interconnecting the existing Texaco Mabee Substation, located in Andrews County approximately 17 miles northwest of Midland, Texas, with the proposed McKenzie Draw Switching Station located in Martin County approximately 26.5 miles northwest of Midland, Texas. The proposed transmission line will be approximately 15 miles long. The estimated cost of this project is $21,665,125.

Persons with questions about the transmission line may contact Jeremy McConnell at 214-486-7337. A detailed routing map may be reviewed at the following locations:

Display Location	Address
Midland County Public Library	301 W. Missouri Ave. Midland, Texas 79701

All routes and route segments included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Persons who are affected by the proposed transmission line and wish to intervene in the docket or comment on the applicant's application should mail the original and 10 copies of their requests to intervene or their comments to:

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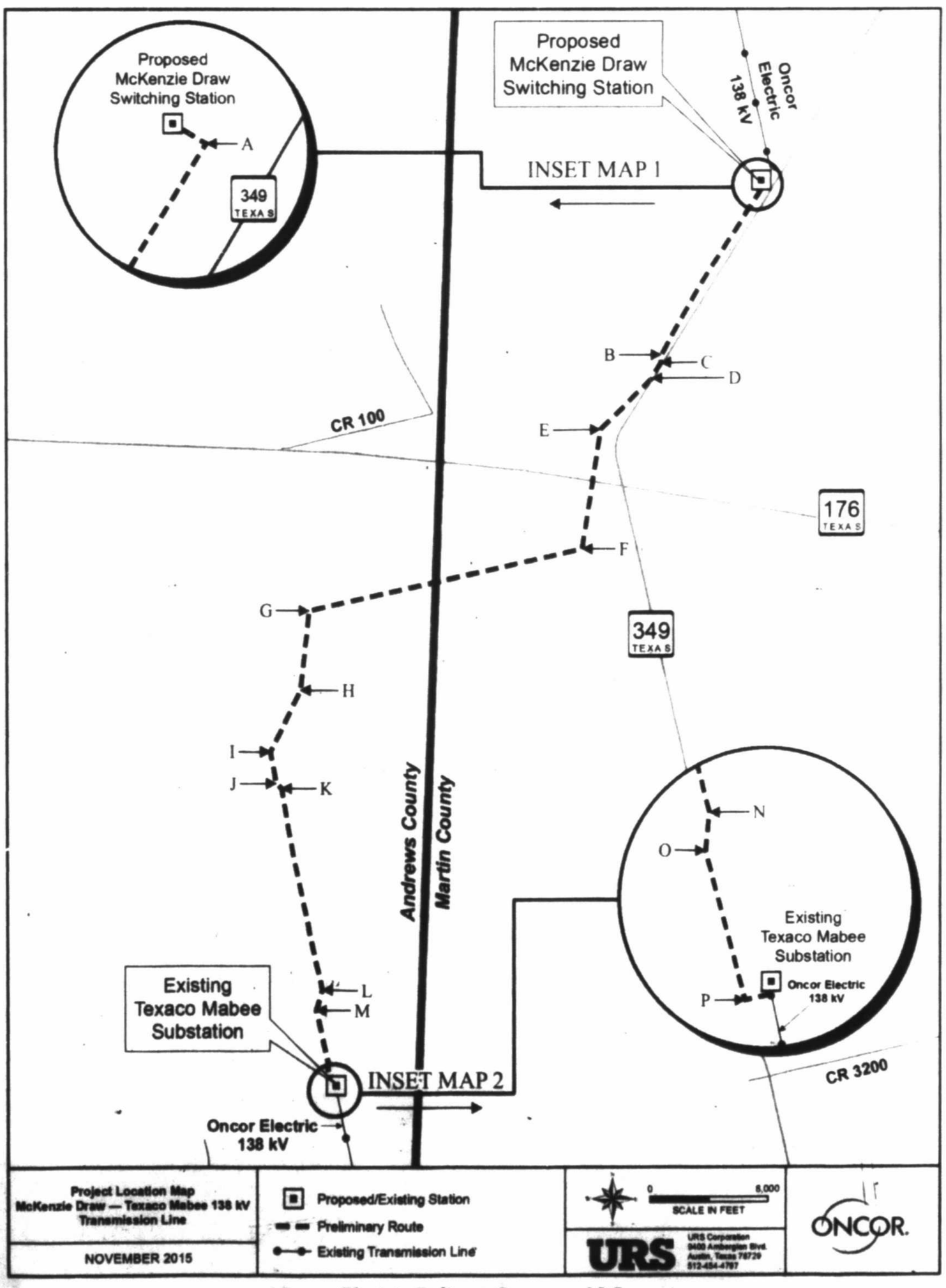
Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene; at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC. ***The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUC's proceedings and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC.***

The deadline for intervention in the docket is **January 4, 2016**, and the PUC should receive a letter from anyone requesting intervention by that date.

The PUC has a brochure titled "Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC." Copies of the brochure are available from Oncor at 214-486-7337 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. To obtain additional information about this docket, you may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket.

McKenzie Draw – Texaco Mabee 138 kV Transmission Line Description

The proposed route for the McKenzie Draw – Texaco Mabee 138 kV Transmission Line Project begins at Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's (Oncor) proposed McKenzie Draw Switching Station in Martin County, approximately 26.5 miles northwest of Midland, Texas on the west side of State Highway (SH) 349. From this point, the route proceeds in a southeasterly direction for approximately 320 feet to point A, approximately 500 feet west of SH 349. From point A, the route proceeds in a southwesterly direction roughly paralleling SH 349 for approximately 2.5 miles to point B, approximately 400 feet west of SH 349. From point B, the route angles south and slightly east for a distance of approximately 530 feet to point C. From point C, the route angles southwest, again roughly paralleling SH 349, for a distance of approximately 1,190 feet to point D, approximately 100 feet west of SH 349. From point D, the route angles southwest away from SH 349 for a distance of approximately 4,840 feet to point E, approximately one mile northwest of the intersection of SH 349 and SH 176. From point E, the route proceeds in a southerly direction for approximately 1.5 miles, crossing over SH 176 to point F, approximately 4,500 feet south of SH 176. From point F, the route angles in a westerly direction for approximately 3.6 miles, crossing into Andrews County, to point G. From point G, the route turns in a southerly direction for approximately one mile to point H. From point H, the route angles southwesterly again for approximately 4,600 feet to point I, approximately four miles south of SH 176 and five miles west of SH 349. From point I, the route proceeds in a southeasterly direction for approximately 2,130 feet to point J. From point J, the route angles slightly east for a distance of approximately 490 feet to point K. From point K, the route angles slightly south and east for a distance of approximately 2.6 miles to point L before angling to the southwest for approximately 1,430 feet to point M. From point M, the route then angles back to the southeast for approximately 3,650 feet to point N. From point N, the route takes a slight turn to the southwest for approximately 320 feet to point O before returning to a southeasterly direction for approximately 1,290 feet to point P. From point P, the route angles to the east for approximately 290 feet and terminates at the existing Oncor Texaco Mabee 138 kV Substation located in Andrews County, approximately 17 miles northwest of Midland, Texas.



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TV Buying Guide: Get out tape measure before shopping

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If you're shopping for a TV, get out a tape measure and do some quick calculations before you head to the store. And count the number of gadgets you'll want to connect to your screen.

Buying a TV is no longer just choosing how big a screen you want.

Here are some big decisions you'll face:

HD or 4K?

There's an emerging picture standard that offers four times the pixels of today's high definition. It's known as ultra-high definition, or 4K. But do you need it?

Measure the distance between your couch and the spot for your new TV. If you're sitting far away, a regular HD set will be just fine — for $100 to $200 less.

The farther away you sit, the less the extra pixels matter, as your eyes won't notice the difference. Conversely, the bigger the screen you have, the worse the resolution will be, and you'll notice that more when you're closer up.

How good is good enough?

A rough rule of thumb: You should sit back a little more than 1.5 times the diagonal length of the screen for TVs with full HD, also known as 1080p. So if a screen is 48 inches, or 4 feet, that's 6 feet back. For 4K, it's one to one, or 4 feet for that same screen. If your couch is 7 feet back, having 4K isn't worth it because you won't be able to tell the difference anyway. But it might if your couch is 4 or 5 feet back.

The calculation isn't that easy, but we've created this online tool to help you: http://interactives.ap.org/2015/tv-buying-guide/

Also consider how little 4K content there is. A few streaming services, including Netflix, Amazon and M-Go, offer some 4K content, and a standard for 4K Blu-ray discs is coming together this year. But 4K broadcasts are potentially years away. Buying a 4K TV now is mostly about being ready for the future.

You also have to consider whether you'll be sitting so close to a big screen that you'll have to move your head to look left or right. Jim Willcox, senior editor at Consumer Reports, said the ideal viewing width is about 30 to 40 degrees. Our online tool will warn you if you are too close and might want a smaller screen instead.

HDMI ports

The more the merrier. TVs will have at least two, but I recommend three or four. If you pay for cable or satellite TV, you'll need one for your set-top box, then one more for a streaming device or Blu-ray player. If you want to add a game console or sound bar, you see how quickly they can fill up.

Switches that let you connect multiple HDMI devices sell for $9 to $30, but that could mean another remote control to fiddle with, or getting up to press a button. Better to get extra ports with your TV.

Smart TV/Wi-Fi

Many TVs come with Wi-Fi connectivity and apps from major services like Netflix and Hulu. Using this for streaming will save you an HDMI port.

But stand-alone streaming devices have more features. If voice control is your thing, for instance, go for more ports to plug in your Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV or other device. Some TVs have voice control, but Apple's Siri will be better at recognizing your voice because it gets fine-tuned through millions of interactions on smartphones.

If you plan to use a smart TV for streaming, consider the type of Wi-Fi it comes with. The best right now is 802.11ac, which can deliver several gigabits per second of data. You'll want the best, especially for 4K video.

Refresh rate

Manufacturers fudge how fast images are refreshed on screen with technologies called "AquoMotion" or "Motionflow" that show "effective" refresh rates. These help smooth out fast-action scenes that might otherwise look stuttered or blurry. It's largely a matter of taste and personal sensitivity.

The minimum native refresh rate you'll see these days is 60 frames per second, or 60Hz. The most is around 120 Hz.

Steve Kindig, senior editor at electronics retailer Crutchfield.com, said that even though 60 frames per second is the highest that will come from Blu-ray discs or video games, higher rates on a TV will still cut down on blur. Either the TV's processor will interpolate frames between each actual frame, or the backlight will blink, reducing the stutter.

He said to play down effective refresh rates that are wildly higher than the native, though "it's not totally bunk because they are doing something."

Consumer Reports rates specific models with blur tests, but doesn't generalize about brands or numbers.

Other screen features

Curved screens just look cool sitting on a stand, and some people say it cuts down on reflective glare, according to Kindig. They're about $200 more than non-curved screens and mostly made by Samsung. But he said they don't look good mounted on a wall.

Organic light-emitting diode screens are pricey, but will give you true blacks and better color representation because each pixel illuminates on its own. Regular LCD screens require a backlight, which can wash out the colors a bit. If you're willing to pay for OLED, you'll likely get every other goodie thrown in besides 4K.

More expensive sets might also offer 3-D. "Active" glasses require batteries, which add to the weight and trouble of wearing them, but will offer better resolution. "Passive" glasses, like the ones you get in movie theaters, will suffice for those few times you want to settle in for a 3-D movie, likely on disc. Content is still limited.

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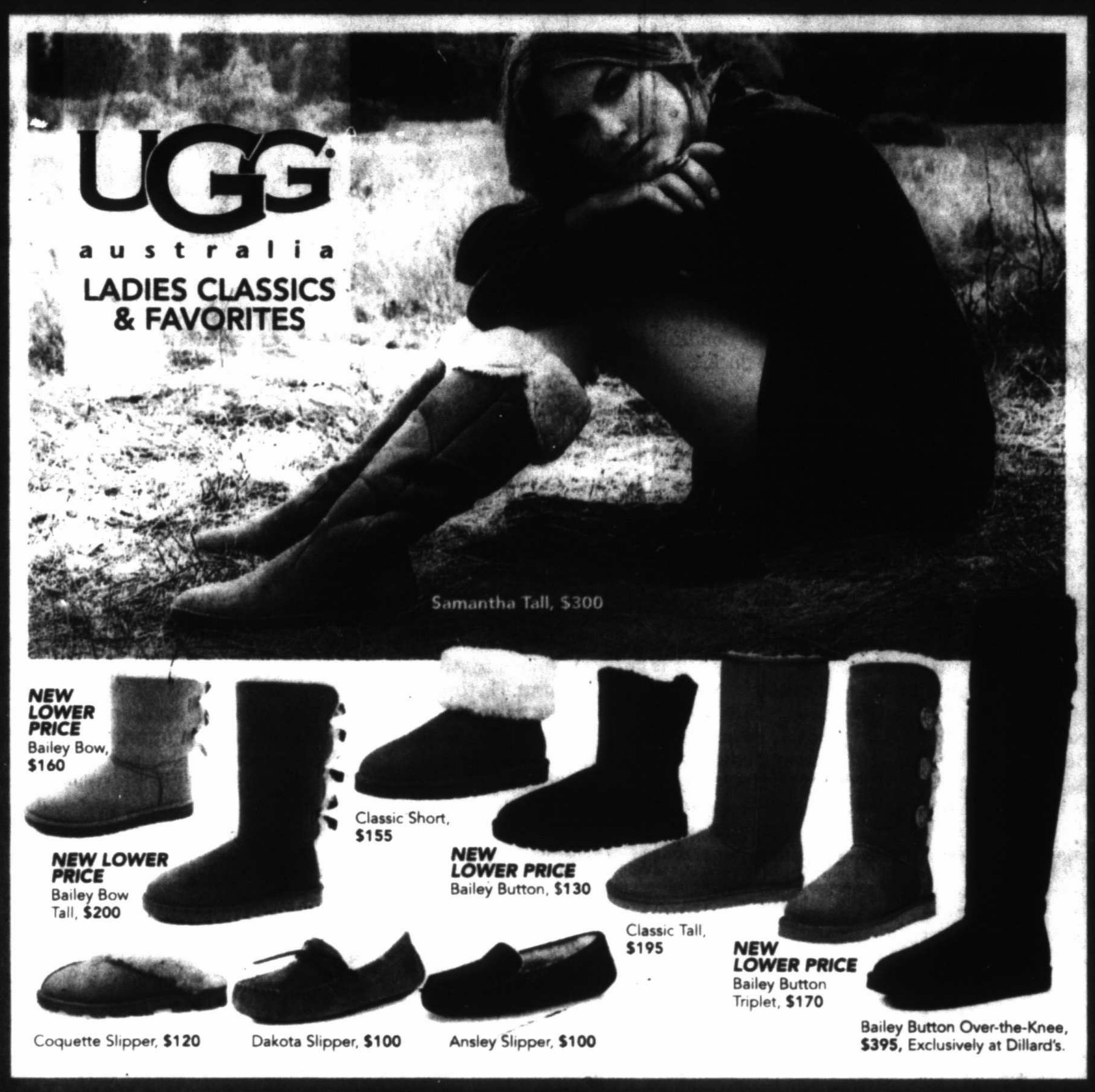

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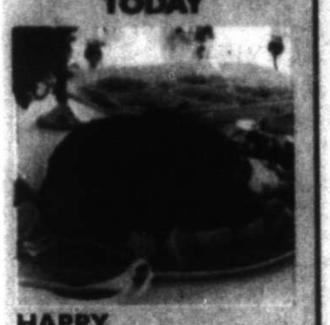

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY

GET TOGETHER A night of music to be had at the Tejano Reunion Dance with Ram Herrera, Shelly Lares and An Empty Glass. 8 p.m. at MCM Fundome, Odessa.

FRIDAY

HAIR FLAIR Movember Mo Bash is not just a mustache competition at Bourbon ST. D.C., but proceeds from the night go toward men's health awareness. 8 p.m.

MONDAY

CLASSIC CINEMA TCM presents "Roman Holiday" starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opened Wednesday: "Creed," "The Good Dinosaur," "Spotlight," "Victor Frankenstein."
Closed Wednesday: "My All American," "Goosebumps," "The Martian."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opened Wednesday: "Creed," "The Good Dinosaur," "Victor Frankenstein."
Closed Wednesday: "My All American," "Goosebumps," "The Martian," "Sicario."

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 7

LEFTOVER STUFFING

Show brings positive hip-hop to Midland

By Trent Johnson
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Normally, the day after Thanksgiving is reserved for either shopping in a crowded store or firmly planting your full body in a recliner after a night of breaking bread with your family. Both have pluses and minuses but the contemporary gallery space Kamiposi is offering an alternative way to extend your celebration with positive rhymes and chill beats at its first Leftover Stuffing music event.

While it won't feature the actual side dish, the show will feature hip-hop performances, spoken word poetry and an art auction displaying the work of Marrcedes Whaley or rather his alter ego, performance artist and rapper Don Prada.

Leftover Stuffing is hosted by Top Talent Productions, an Odessa collective founded in July by Rudy Payen AKA Rudabaka and Jimmie Mullens who goes by the moniker DJ Spree. The two are also slated to grace the stage at the Friday night show. But ultimately, Top Talent is hoping to extend the positive vibes of Thanksgiving late into the evening.

"This is like the leftover of the celebration, it's a lot of stuff jammed into one event" Payen said. "We think of it like you're going to be home enjoying the leftover food, and then you can come out and enjoy the leftover party. This is an alternative to the Black Friday craziness."

To Payen, the hip-hop scene in West Texas is looked down upon because of the negative stigma carried by the genre. Though he concedes that other musical stylings may be more popular and accepted in these parts, he believes there is enough talent for hip-hop to eventually reach the same hold on music fans as country, folk and Tejano music have here in the Permian Basin.

"The majority of the show will be hip-hop," Payen said. "I feel like hip-hop around here in West Texas has a bad rep. People kind of down it and don't acknowledge it. We just want to put out a positive vibe, you know. The artists we have are not gang-related or anything. We're trying to steer away from that."

This happier focus was spurned about by Payen's 3-year-old daughter and his desire to be seen as a positive influence for her. Since her birth, he has refocused his musical efforts.

"Once I had my daughter, I realized I wanted to make music to help influence the youth," Payen said. "I don't want my daughter to grow up and hear me talk about things that I'm not doing. I'd rather just set a good example."

More than a hip-hop show, Leftover Stuffing also wants to give an avenue for fans of poetry and paintings from various perspectives. Along with his normal poetry and music, Whaley will also construct a live painting throughout the evening.

"I am a little bit nervous about the live painting," Whaley said. "I've gotten use to it, since doing the shows. It's not as nerve-racking as it was."

Mullens will be responsible for everyone enjoying themselves by spinning music through the night and producing the more laid back vibe the group is aiming for.

"I want this to be smooth and high class stuff," Mullens said. "I'm trying to bring a different flavor, not so much 'turned up' stuff."

Payen hopes this event can become a monthly staple in the Midland music scene. With the expected attendance from 80 to 100 people, he intends to prove that hip-hop can thrive at the right venue in West Texas.

"We want to take an alternative road, and make music that can appeal to everybody," Payen said. "We're trying to bring something fresh."

WANT TO GO?

Leftover Stuffing 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. 21 and up BYOB. $10. facebook.com/kamiposi.

'STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS'

Top must-see movies for the rest of the year

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As a child growing up in a small Texas town, my family's Christmas was a scheduled affair: wake up, unwrap presents, play with new toys, eat and lounge. Movies never played much of a role in my holiday experience until I spent Christmas away from the family. Once I decided to enjoy the holiday with a movie, it became a personal tradition.

This year's slate of December features is looking to be very fitting for a holiday marathon. Movie lovers enjoy this time of year because studios are getting out their films for awards season. And then there is all the feel-good films that fit in with the holiday spirit. But to sift through all the upcoming releases, here are the top flicks that are generating the most anticipatory buzz.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" In theaters Dec. 18

This should come as no surprise because according to the internet, everyone and their mother is excited for the seventh installment of the space epic. While it serves to introduce us to new characters, plot lines and as a hunking piece of nostalgia, it also allows the franchise an opportunity to resuscitate after its creator George Lucas nearly Force-choked "Star Wars' to death with his prequels and his blasphemous tampering of the original trilogy with bad CGI effects.

When fans broke the internet ordering their presale movie tickets, anticipation bubbled into speculation. Fans have taken every promotional material and broken it down to decipher possible hidden messages: Where is Luke? Is he the bad guy? Will Han Solo or

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Live Wire: Holiday weekend is music-filled

By Rich Lopez
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After all the meals, the football games and the shopping extravaganzas, you can still cut loose throughout the holiday weekend. Along with Kamiposi's hip-hop show on Friday, here are our top music shows to see over the weekend.

INSIDE
For more live music and events, see our Happening This Week calendar on Page 2

Mike Ryan, 8 p.m. Friday

San Antonio's Mike Ryan has slowly been making his way to the top of the Texas country heap and 2015 was a springboard year. He scored his second No. 1 with "Wasting No More Whiskey" earlier this spring from his album, "Bad Reputation." His tour brings him to Midland with Twisted Texas. Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

Tejano Reunion Dance, 8 p.m. Friday

Forget about the elliptical and work off that big meal with some high-energy dancing and a big music show. The night fetures Ram Hererra, Tommy Tarango and Shelly Lares. Tickets are $20 and available at El West Depot and Creative Elegance in Odessa. MCM

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Leftover Stuffing combines hip-hop, art auction and spoken word into one night. The event features performances by Pruven, Don prada, Rudabaka, DJ Spree, Lady T., Is Lo Pro, ONO, Esa da God, Ilimental Minds and more. 8 p.m. Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $10. BYOB. 21 and up. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Cory Dutton, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

The Shane Rogers Band, 8 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Mike Ryan, Twisted Texas, 8 p.m. Friday at Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

Tejano Reunion Dance with Ram Herrera, Shelly Lares and Tommy Tarango. 8 p.m. Friday at MCM Fundome, 6201 W. Highway 80 E, Odessa. $20. 432-664-6835.

Zac Stokes Band, 8 p.m. Saturday at Fire Water Bar and Grill.

Austin English Band, 9 p.m. Saturday at Redneck's Drafthouse.

Cami Maki, 8 p.m. Sunday at Fire Water Bar and Grill.

Guttermouth, Blacklist Royals, 7 p.m. Monday at Blue Max.

ART & DANCE

"Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" exhibition is organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California. The exhibition contains reproduction comic strips, quotes by Schulz, memorabilia from "A Charlie Brown Christmas special" and more. Through Jan. 31, 2016. Durham Children's Museum, 3705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The Art of Ana Colomo and SJ Navage through Nov. 30. at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Fall Art Exhibit featuring artists from ArtQuest, ArtiZen, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland. Through Dec. 10. Midland Shared Spaces Gallery, 3500 N.A. St. midlandss.org.

"Apparat" features works by 13 artists. Through Feb. 14, 2016. Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. ballroommarfa.org.

GAMES & SPORTS

Friday Night Magic at Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave. Fridays at 7 p.m. Free.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

Tabletop players group at Astral Castle, 10 Meta Drive. Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Live Trivia, 7 pm. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

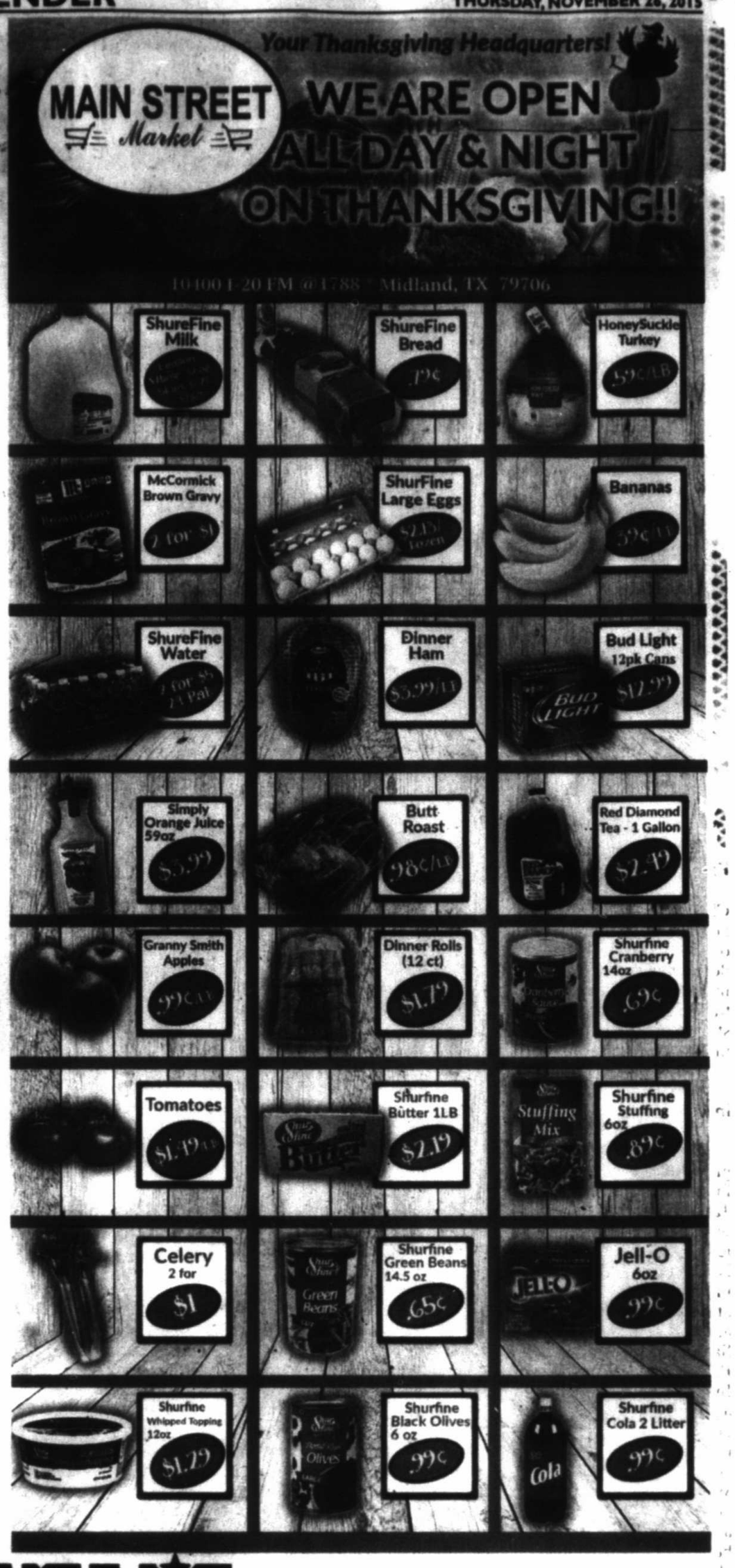
THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

"Roman Holiday," presented by TCM and stars Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn as a princess who falls for an American journalist. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. fathomevents.com.

"Peter Pan" runs through Dec. 19 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28 adults, $20 youth and seniors. mctmidland.org.

EVENT

Movember Mo Bash mustache competition with proceeds going toward Movember men's health awareness. 8 p.m. Nov. 28 at Bourbon ST. D.C., 120 N. Main St.



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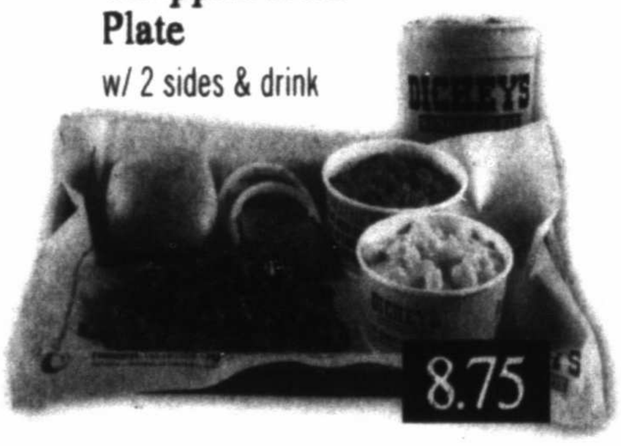
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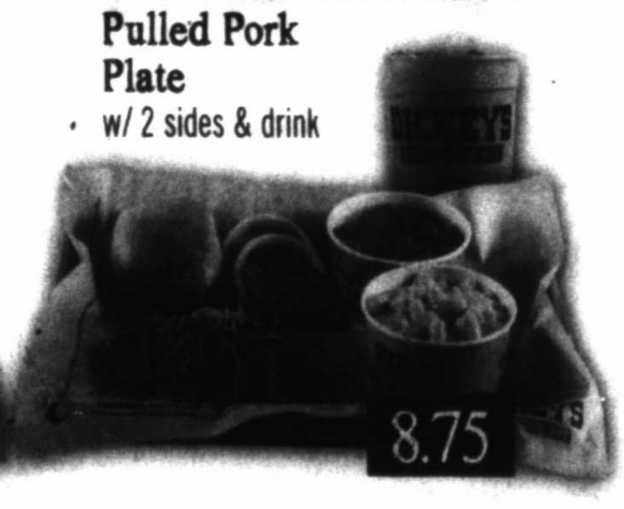
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ON STAGE & SCREEN

'JOY'

Yo Rocky! Gritty, soulful 'Creed' goes the distance

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

REVIEW

Admit it. When you heard another "Rocky" movie was coming out — a seventh — you thought, really? How many "Rocky" movies do we need?

Well, it turns out we needed seven. At least.

From its very beginning in 1976, the "Rocky" story has been about proving you belong in the ring — not winning, necessarily, but showing you have the cred to be there in the first place. That's why Rocky told Adrian: "All I wanna do is go the distance."

And so "Creed," directed by the talented Ryan Coogler and starring a fairly irresistible team of Michael B. Jordan and (of course) Sylvester Stallone, shows it belongs in the ring from the first moments. With a deftly crafted blend of smarts and corn — of course there's corn, people, this is Rocky! — it earns our trust: It's gonna go right to the edge with the heartstring-tugging, but it won't go over. And so we can relax. We won't hate ourselves in the morning. And when the old "Rocky" music starts playing, as it inevitably will at a key moment, we'll be able to laugh — happily, and not scornfully. The movie's earned it.

Stallone is now 69, and "Creed" wisely doesn't attempt to get Rocky Balboa back into the boxing gloves. This film's about another fighter: young Adonis Johnson, whom we first meet as a child in a LA juvenile detention center. Life has been hard; he's the secret illegitimate son of boxing great Apollo Creed — Rocky's former nemesis, of course — who died before Adonis was born. But fate smiles on the boy when Creed's widow (Phylicia Rashad) takes him in.

Some 17 years later, Adonis (Jordan, exuding charisma and star power at every turn) is living in a mansion with mom and thriving at a finance job. But he can't shake his passion for boxing. He heads to Philadelphia to find the Italian Stallion. Adonis wants to train with the best.

Rocky, now gray, grizzled and weary, declines at first. "Why," he wants to know, "would you pick a fighter's life when you don't need to?" (Adonis' mother's response was even more forceful: "Do you want brain damage?") But Adonis wins Rocky over.

Of course, being a "Rocky" movie, it all comes down to a climactic fight. The opponent is a tough British champion, "Pretty" Ricky Conlan (real-life champion Anthony Bellew). But the British camp poses a condition: Adonis needs to use the Creed name. It's Adonis' new musician girlfriend (an appealing Tessa Thompson) who convinces Donnie, as she calls him, that he can. "Take the name," she says. "It's yours."

There's still the matter of getting in shape. As Adonis and Rocky begin training, an unexpected challenge comes in the form of a serious health scare for the older man.

"Creed," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America "for violence, language and some sensuality." Running time: 132 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA definition of PG-13: Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

MOVIES

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Chewbacca die? JJ Abrams and Disney (who now owns the franchise) have done a masterful job pacing our curiosity with new trailers and TV spots that still maintain the story's integrity.

"The Hateful Eight" in theaters Dec. 25

If we weren't being gifted tales from a galaxy far, far away, then Quentin Tarantino's new movie would likely be the prized jewel of the season. This is Tarantino's second foray into the Western genre, after "Django Unchained," and stars Kurt Russell, Samuel L. Jackson and Bruce Dern ,among others. In this Civil War-era film, a group of eight strangers stuck in a stagecoach passover during a thick, cold Wyoming blizzard. What is likely to ensue are twists and turns and a high number of flying bullets. When you think about it: those new socks can only maintain your holiday spirit for a small time anyways, so why not give yourself one last gift and spend Christmas with a bunch of strangers?

"The Revenant" in theaters Dec. 25

Loosely based on a true story, and just in time to be eligible for all the movie awards, "The Revenant" focuses on the exploits of frontiersman Hugh Glass, played by Leonardo DiCaprio. We all know this is prime Oscar bait for DiCaprio, who is likely itching to get played off stage after a long-winded speech finally thanking the Academy for recognizing him as a true acting dynamo. Playing Glass, a man who's out for revenge after being left for dead by fellow frontiersman John Fitzgerald (Tom Hardy), this film could give DiCaprio his chance to take all the best actor awards. The movie has taken more than a few liberties regarding the "true" part, but the trailer alludes to an epic fight scene between Hardy and Leo, and that's enough to get me in a theater on any day.

"Joy" in theaters Dec. 25

Director David O. Russell pairs again with acting superstar Jennifer Lawrence. Fresh off the conclusion of "The Hunger Games" franchise, Lawrence will star in her third Russell film after "American Hustle," where she stole the show from the likes of Christian Bale and Bradley Cooper, and her Oscar-winning performance in "Silver Linings Playbook."

Lawrence plays inventor-entrepreneur Joy Mangano, founder of the Miracle Mop. Over the course of four decades, her business grows under her lead. If the trailers are any indication, this feature could be a laid-back alternative to the aforementioned action films. The movie also stars Cooper and Robert De Niro.

"Sisters" in theaters Dec. 18

From the comedy duo of Tina Fey and Amy Poehler ,"Sisters" is the best bet for mindless laughs. Two sisters decide to throw one last house party before their parents sell their childhood home. While I'm sure it's chalk full of quips, insults and sharp comebacks, the film should likely be built upon the fou ndation of Poehler and Fey. These two have appeared in a number of scenes, skits together since their stint on "Saturday Night Live," so chemistry is expected. Other actors set to make an appearance include Josh Brolin and wrestling star John Cena.

"Sisters" has star power who can offer guaranteed laughs, and sometimes that's all we really need to break up the stresses all that shopping, wrapping and cooking can inflict.

LIVE WIRE

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Grande Hotel and FUN-Dome, 6201 E. Business 20, Odessa.

Cami Maki, 8 p.m. Sunday

This Fort Worth singer-songwriter gets comparisons to Miranda Lambert, Ani DiFranco and Janis Joplin which is quite a diverse list. But there is much that is original to Maki's sound. Her songs like the simmering "Leaving Neverland" are both delicate and unapologetic. Fire Water Bar and Grill, 3113 W. Industrial Ave. firewaterbarandgrilltx.com.

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'The Good Dinosaur' lacks magic

By Rick Bentley
The Fresno Bee

REVIEW

Production was halted early in the process of making "The Good Dinosaur" because it had some dinosaur-sized problems. Peter Sohn was brought in as the new director and he started the process over two years ago.

The second attempt ends up so flat it would have been smart to scrap it and try a third time. It is weighed down by a flawed concept, unappealing characters and a soundtrack that lacks anything close to a memorable tune.

The only aspect worthy of high praise is the background work, which is so stunning it keeps the movie from heading for a tar pit. Even Mother Nature can't make a landscape this amazing.

Work by multiple writers was cobbled together for this story of a world where the meteor that hit the Earth and wiped out all dinosaurs actually missed. The dinosaurs have evolved to the point where they live in houses, plant crops and herd bison.

For some reason, humans have only progressed slightly more than canines.

Arlo (voiced by Raymond Ochoa), an apatosaurus with a big heart, is the runt in his family. He's desperately trying to find his place but a long list of fears is holding him back. Following a family tragedy of his making, Arlo finds himself miles away from home. He starts the long trek back accompanied by a young boy (Jack Bright) who he names Spot.

"The Good Dinosaur" lumbers along as Arlo faces numerous challenges. The quest is filled with perils, many that are too intense for small children. The lightest moments come when he finally joins a T-Rex family trying to recover their herd of rustled bison.

He gets some warm fatherly advice from Butch (Sam Elliott), a grizzled veteran of the open range who is both a sensitive father and a tough protector. And Elliott's voice is hypnotic. All he has to do is speak and the nod to the Old West in the segment comes to life.

Other than that encounter, "The Good Dinosaur" is a dull coming-of-age story where the main character is so bland that becoming extinct wouldn't be such a bad thing. The biggest problem is the design. Sohn has opted for dinosaurs that look more like parade balloons.

There's also something off about Spot. It makes no sense — except that this is a Pixar film — to have the human sporting a diaper made of leaves. And he has perfect teeth despite the fact that he loves to gnaw on trees.

Such points would not have come across as big if the story had been even marginally interesting or original. It's a by-the-numbers tale where the central figure learns a lesson about life.

It doesn't help that "The Good Dinosaur" opens in the wake of the incredible "Inside Out." That Pixar offering blended an incredibly intelligent script with beautiful animation. Compared to that offering, most animated films would fall short.

But that's not the reason "The Good Dinosaur" is one of Pixar's biggest misses. It just doesn't have the kind of memorable elements that have made films from "Toy Story" to "Up" so enjoyable.

As if to add insult to injury, the feature film is accompanied by the short "Sanjay's Super Team" from first-time director Sanjay Patel. It's the story of a young boy torn between modern ways and his parents' religious practices. It has more warmth, humor and creative animation than all of "The Good Dinosaur." Had "Sanjay's Super Team" been the feature-length offering, Pixar would have had another hit.

"The Good Dinosaur"
2 out of 4 stars. Rated PG (peril, action, thematic elements). Stars: Raymond Ochoa, Jeffrey Wright, Sam Elliott, Anna Paquin, A.J. Buckley. Directed by Peter Sohn. Running time: 100 minutes

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"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" (PG-13) Jennifer Lawrence is back for the fourth and final film in the YA franchise, which pits Katniss and friends against President Snow as they attempt to liberate the citizens of Panem. With Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Donald Sutherland. Written by Peter Craig and Danny Strong, adaptation by Suzanne Collins, based upon her novel, "Mockingjay." Directed by Francis Lawrence.

"Love the Coopers" (PG-13) Four generations gather for their annual Christmas Eve festivities, which are upended by unexpected guests and a surprising turn of events. With Alan Arkin, John Goodman, Ed Helms, Diane Keaton and Olivia Wilde. Written by Steven Rogers. Directed by Jessie Nelson.

"The Night Before" (R) Three longtime friends — Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen and Anthony Mackie — fend off adulthood while pursuing the ultimate Christmas party. With Lizzy Caplan, Jillian Bell, Michael Shannon and Mindy Kaling. Written by Jonathan Levine, Evan Goldberg, Kyle Hunter and Ariel Shaffir. Directed by Levine.

"Secret In Their Eyes" (PG-13) FBI investigator Chiwetel Ejiofor turns up a new lead in the murder of a young girl, a case that tore apart his team 13 years earlier. With Nicole Kidman and Julia Roberts. Written and directed by Billy Ray.

"Spectre" (PG-13) A cryptic message from his past sends secret agent James Bond on a trail to uncover a sinister organization. With Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz and Lea Seydoux. Written by John Logan, Neal Purvis and Robert Wade. Directed by Sam Mendes.

"Spotlight" (R) The saga of how the Boston Globe won the Pulitzer Prize in 2003 for uncovering sexual abuse by Catholic priests, the film is mightily impressive not only because of the importance of the story it tells but also because of how much effort and skill went into bringing it to the screen in the best possible way.

"The 33" (PG-13) Dramatic telling of the 2010 Chilean mine disaster, when an international team raced to rescue 33 miners trapped 200 stories below ground. With Antonio Banderas, Rodrigo Santoro and Juliette Binoche. Written by Mikko Alanne, Craig Borten and Michael Thomas, based on the book "Deep Down Dark" by Hector Tobar. Directed by Patricia Riggen.

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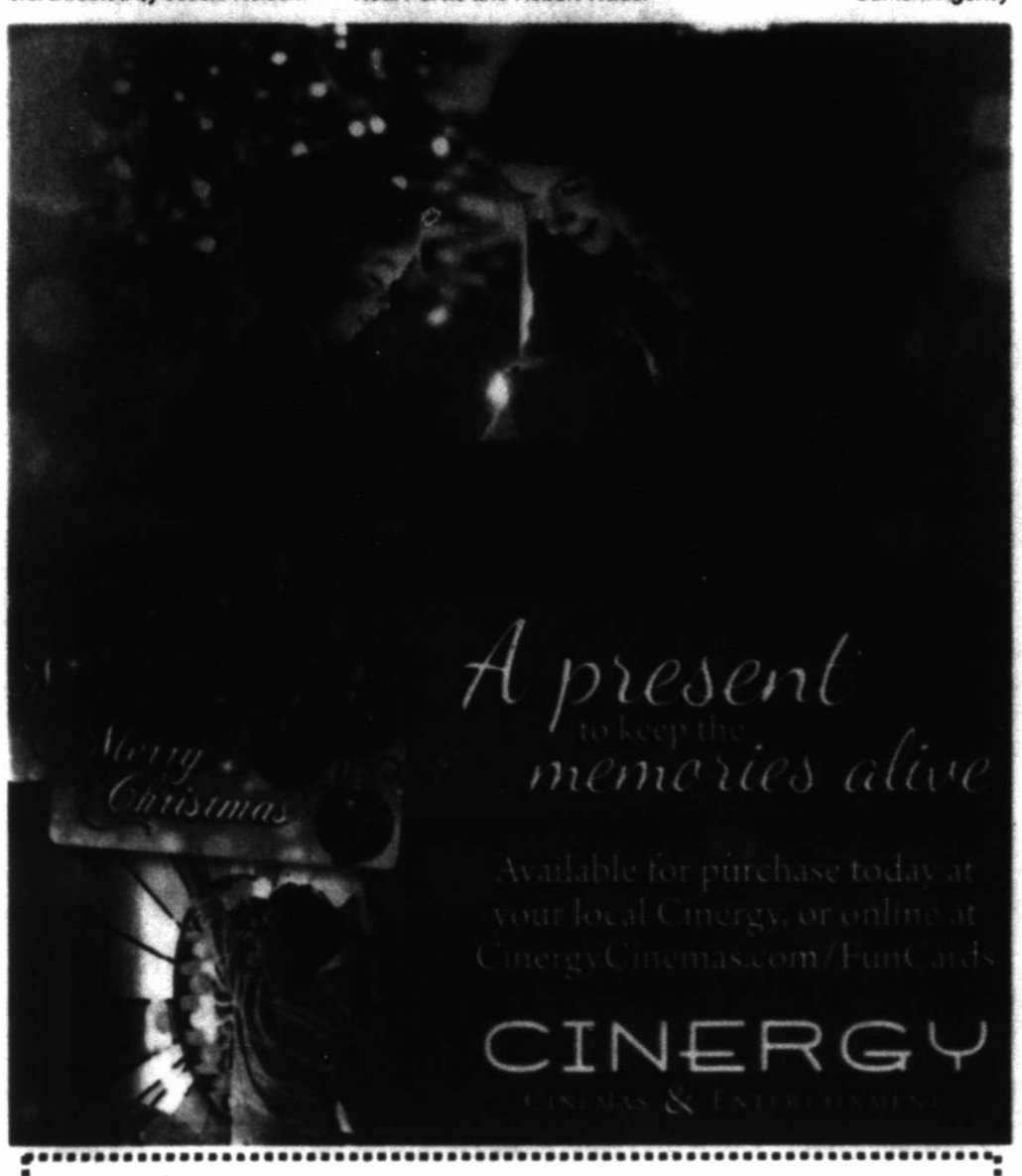

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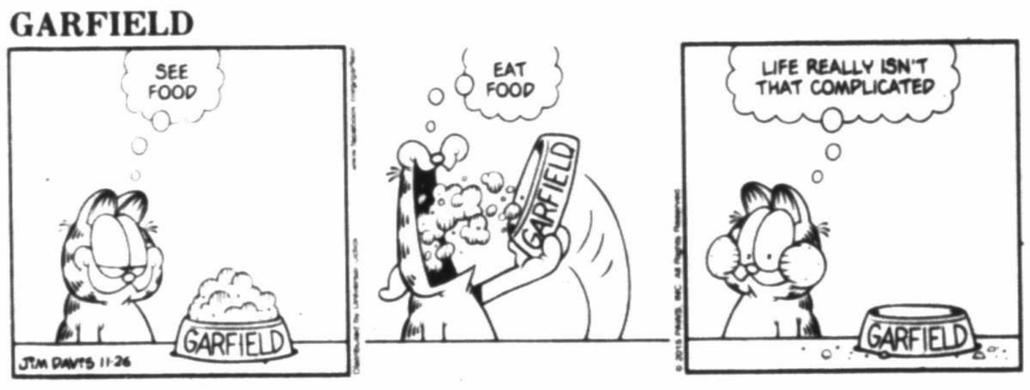

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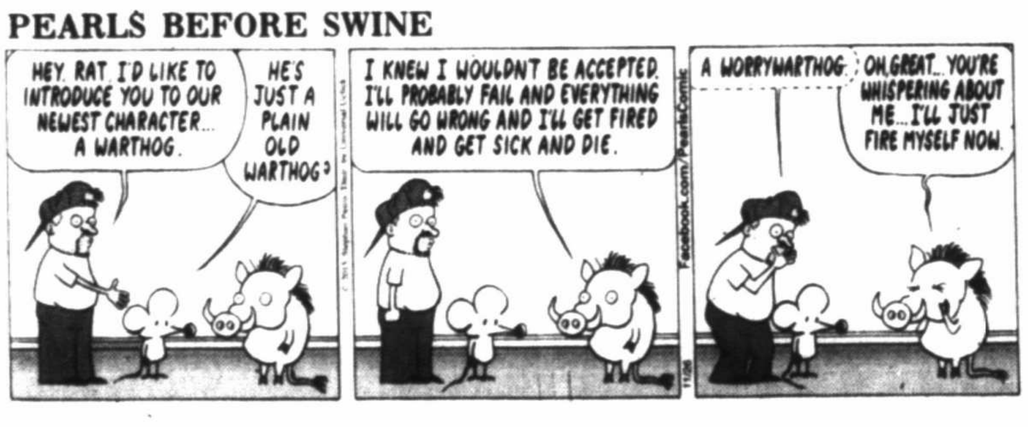

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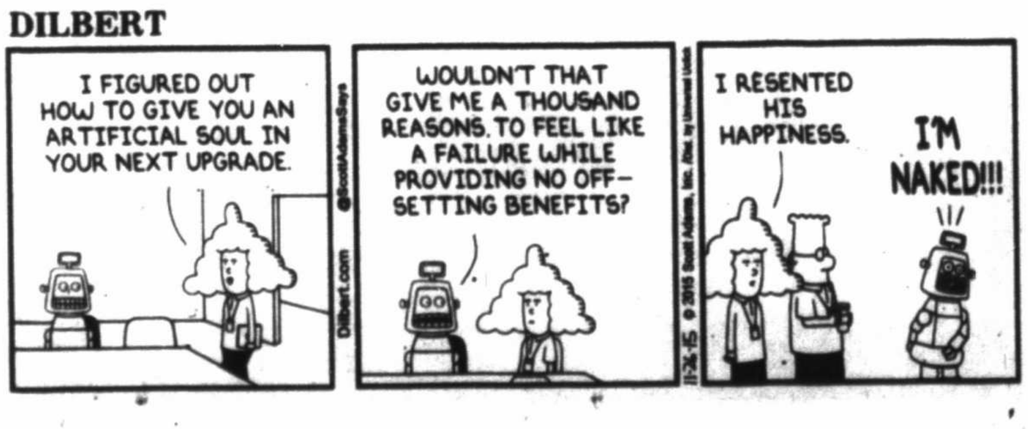

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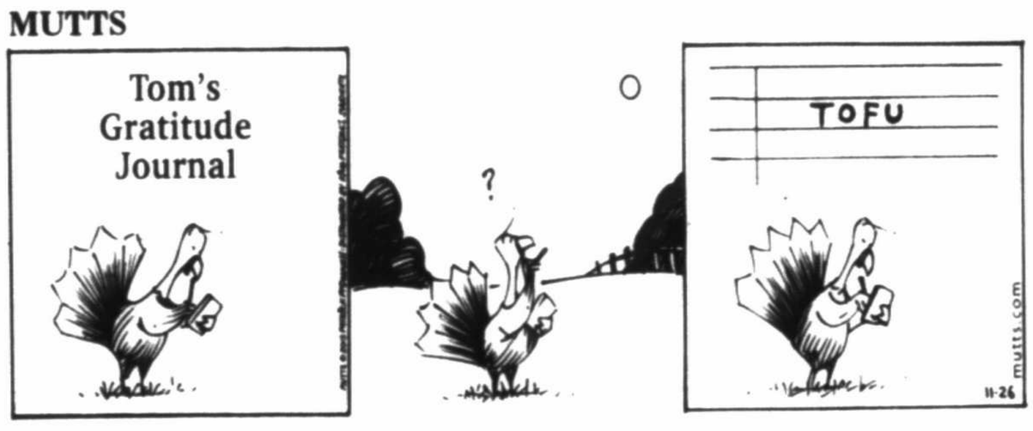

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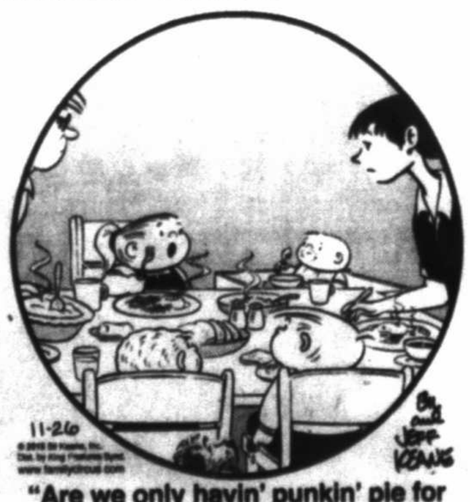

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	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	(3:30) NFL Football Carolina vs Dallas (L)		Big Bang Theory	Life in Pieces (N)	Mom (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Elementary "All My Exes Live in Essex" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden	
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	B.Nelson-hart	That Girl	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Fickle Fortune"	McCloud	
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	The All-Star Dog Rescue Celebration Viewers get to adopt a new dog. (N)		TMZ		2 Broke Girls		Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
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	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey Season 4: Part Sevpn"			Masterpiece	Masterpiece Classic		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(5:05) The Paper		★★★ Parenthood Steve Martin.				(:05) ★★ Nacho Libre			(:45) ★★ Scary Movie		
	HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:05) Night at th...		Night at the Museum: Secr...		1stLook		The Leftovers		(:05) Amy Schumer		(:05) Confessions	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie		U2 Innocence + Experience Live in Paris				★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.				(:05) Dumb & D...	
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	PLEX			96			(5:05) Searching f...		★★★ Who's Harry Crumb?				(:35) ★★ Lone Wolf McQuade			(:25) ★★ Oliver Twist		
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	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:30) Mandela: ...		★★ Runaway Bride Julia Roberts.				★★ Serendipity John Cusack.			★★ Grosse Pointe Blank		
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	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Dra) Marlon Brando.						★★★ The Godfather II ('74, Drama) Robert De Niro, Robert Duvall, Al Pacino.					
	BET	58	-		40		★★ Meet the Browns ('08, Com/Dra) D.Mann.						★★ Meet the Browns ('08, Com/Dra) D. Mann.					#TheWestbrooks
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	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Anthony "Scotland"		A. Bourdain "Iran"		A. Bourdain "Libya"		A. Bourdain "Cuba"		Anthony "Paraguay"		A. Bourdain "Spain"	
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	FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★★ Ratatouille			(:45) Planes ('13, Ani) Voices of Stacy Keach, Dane Cook.					The 700 Club		Holiday in Han...	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
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	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) I'm Not Rea...		12 Gifts of Christmas Katrina Law.				Northpole ('14, Dra) Tiffani Thiessen.				Northpole	
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	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
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	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★★ The Mummy ('99, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.						★★ The Mummy Returns ('01, Adv) Rachel Weisz, Brendan Fraser.					
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) Die Another...		WWE Smackdown! (N)				Haven (N)		2 Nation		Haven	
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	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★ Clash of the Titans		★★ Wrath of the Titans ('11, Act) Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike, Sam Worthington.				(:15) ★★★★ John Carter Taylor Kitsch. A Civil War veteran and a princess are held captive on Mars by 12-foot tall barbarians.					
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'American Ultra' has several flaws but it's still a treat

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"American Ultra" (R) Although the idea of Jesse Eisenberg playing a stoned convenience store clerk is well within his huge realm of capabilities, you might think playing a highly skilled CIA agent — within the same role — might fall outside that realm. Not so. He sells it beautifully. **B-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Call Me King" (R) Crime thriller is so forgettable that I had to watch the trailer to refresh my memory of a film I'd just seen three or four days previously, and I still had trouble recalling the story. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

'Alleluia" (unrated) Uncompromising Belgian thriller shows the dark side of low self-esteem. **B**

"Alvinnn!!! And the Chipmunks" (TV-Y7) Just in time to promote the theatrical release of the new film, "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip," this compilation of funky-animated episodes from the TV series does its job of getting you in the mooc. **B**

"Charlie's Farm" (not rated) There's no lack of blood and gore in this Aussie horror flick, yet it will still leave you anemic. **D**

"Eden" (R) It's "Lost" — without the horrible ending that will forever ruin your perspective on the series — meets "Lord of the Flies" with adults behaving badly meets Alfred Hitchcock's "Lifeboat" without the master director's penchant for suspense. **C+**

"The Horror Network" (unrated) As is the case with most of these compilations told by different writers and directors, the results are mixed. Overall, though, most of the stories are quite unexpectedly chilling. **B-**

"Jimmy's Hall" (PG-13) You can see where it's going every step of the way, yet you don't mind because it's so well-done. **B**

"The Man From U.N.C.L.E." (PG-13) It doesn't take a fan of the 1960s TV series to fully appreciate this kitschy update. Despite constantly referring to the Soviet Union as Russia and Henry Cavill's terrible one-liners, the film is campy fun. **B**

"Ricky and the Flash" (PG-13) Meryl Streep is unquestionably one of the best thespians of all time. Playing a rock band frontwoman may be a bit of a stretch, though. Fortunately, the film is wonderfully helmed by director Jonathan Demme ("Silence of the Lambs"). Add a surprisingly touching performance by Rick Springfield and the result is quite satisfying. **B-**

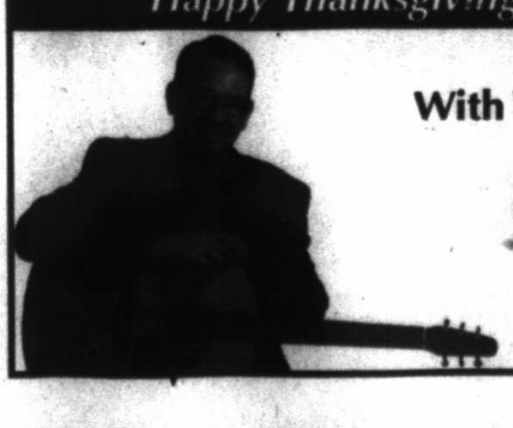
"The Stanford Prison Experiment" (R) For the optimists out there who believe humans are innately good, this film might cause a slight shift to the dark side. For the pessimists, the brutality caused by the volunteers in this true story will still be shocking and thought-provoking. **B+**

"The Snow Queen 2" (unrated) If you, too, missed the original, have no fear. The first 10 minutes are expository and the rest will make you wonder how such terrific animation can accompany such a dull story. **C**

"We Are Your Friends" (R) Formulaic story is buoyed by Zac Efron's earnest performance. **B-**

"We're Still Here" (unrated) A unique setting — the frozen tundra of New England — really helps deliver the chills in this horror fare. **B**

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless You



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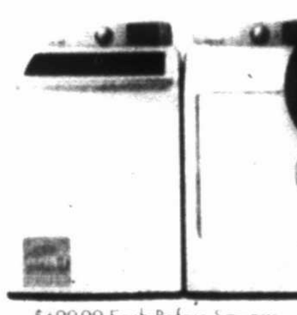

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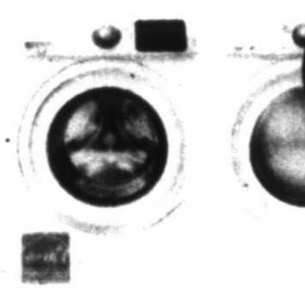

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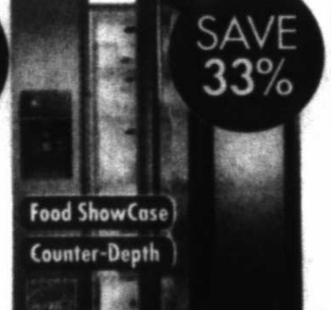

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Rivera sees surging Cowboys facing his Panthers

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Carolina coach Ron Rivera sees a Dallas team on the verge of a run with Tony Romo back and trying to keep the Cowboys in the playoff picture.

Rivera should know. That's exactly what the Panthers did a year ago.

Cam Newton's team rallied from 3-8-1 to win four straight and qualify for the postseason. This time, Carolina is 10-0 for the first time in franchise history, making its Thanksgiving debut Thursday against the Cowboys (3-7).

Dallas just snapped a seven-game losing streak that covered all the games Romo missed with a broken collarbone, and four of the games All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant was out with a fractured foot.

"Their best receiver has been hurt, their tight end has been hurt, their running game is still in flux because it's just starting to develop and the runner is getting used to the blockers, and the blockers are just getting used to the quarterback being back," Rivera said of the defending NFC East champions. "They're, I think, on the cusp of getting ready to start rolling again."

Romo has a knack for winning these games. According to STATS, he's the only quarterback in NFL history with multiple wins against teams that were 9-0 or better — Indianapolis (9-0) in his fourth career start in 2006 and New Orleans (13-0) three years later.

While Newton and the Panthers are trying to "manage our success," as Rivera put it, and in prime position for a first-round bye in the playoffs, Romo does at least share one thing with Carolina's dual-threat star. The four-time Pro Bowl quarterback is undefeated this season, too — in three starts.

"I just think we won a football game," Romo said when asked if last week's 24-14 victory at Miami was a lift for a fading team that somehow is only two games behind the division-leading New York Giants.

"As far as going into this week, it's such a short week you just forget about last week and you have to move right on. You get about four

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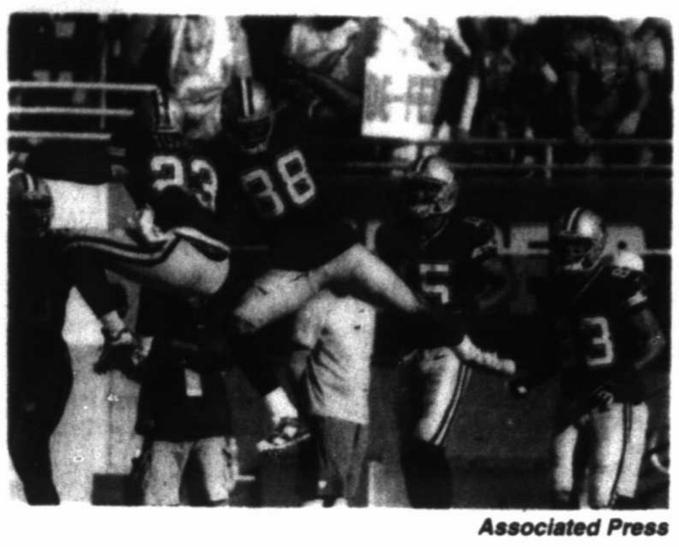

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Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) celebrates his touchdown with Robert Turbin (23) during the second half of a game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday in Miami Gardens, Fla.

STIFF COMPETITION

MRT file photo

Midland Christian running back McLane Mannix runs the ball against Addison Trinity's Chase Rea, left, and Cory McQuilkin on Oct. 2 at Mustang Field.

McClendon likes team's fight in tough division

By Christopher Hadorn
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SEASON WRAPUP

The Midland Christian football program did not live up to its lofty goals in its two years at the TAPPS Division I level.

The Mustangs compiled a 12-12 overall record, won two postseason games and couldn't advance beyond the quarterfinal round in each season.

On Saturday, Midland Christian's current TAPPS Division I chapter was closed when Houston St. Pius X eliminated the Mustangs (5-7) with a 51-35 win in the TAPPS Division I quarterfinals in Fort Worth.

Mustangs head coach Greg McClendon says his team will move down to the TAPPS Division II level during the 2016-17 academic year, a familiar place where his program captured seven state titles since 2000.

Even though McClendon has a championship-or-bust mentality, he was proud of the way his players handled the jump to TAPPS Division I while competing against larger-enrollment schools and deeper teams that oftentimes fielded NCAA Division I-bound players.

"I thought our kids played their tails off," McClendon said. "They came to work every week and busted their tail every time we showed up. I couldn't be prouder of them, you know. The season didn't go exactly how we planned or wanted to, but in the end, all you can really do is depend on those kids to do everything that you ask of them, and they absolutely did that."

Next year's top returners include leading scorer McLane Mannix (18 touchdowns), game-breaking running back Luke Sheppard, quarterback/wide receiver Anderson Needham and the team's top three tacklers in middle linebacker David Threadgill, middle linebacker Garrett Eddison and defensive back Landon Troglin.

McClendon believes that TAPPS Division I competition toughened his deep group of juniors and sophomores that are coming back next season.

"I don't think there's any question that we're going back to Division II and we'll be better, be stronger, be smarter," McClendon said. "Our offense and our defense has been challenged over the last couple of the years, and there's no question that we've gotten better in schemes and coaching-wise and our kids understand what it's like to play at that

Please see **MUSTANGS**/2C

Texas hosts Texas Tech, fighting for bowl spot as injuries mount

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Very little has gone right for the Texas Longhorns this season, so why not add a few more complications to make a late-season bowl push that much harder?

Already struggling to keep up with the weekly scoring frenzy in the Big 12, Texas (4-6, 3-4 Big 12) heads into tonight's matchup against Texas Tech (6-5, 3-5) with the Longhorns expecting to be without two of their best rushers and a starting offensive lineman.

D'Onta Foreman, who has provided the only real punch in the Texas offense in recent weeks, had pinkie surgery after the loss to West Virginia. Senior tailback Johnathan Gray has had nagging turf toe problems that could sideline him for his final home game.

And coach Charlie Strong said freshman guard Patrick Vahe, a key member of an improving offensive line, also will likely miss the game with a knee injury.

With Texas needing to win its final two games to become bowl eligible, Strong didn't need more bad news in an already disappointing season.

"The (Foreman) injury is going to hurt us," Strong said. "We've got other guys who have got to step in and play."

The Longhorns lost Foreman just in time to play one of the worst rush defenses in the country, too. Texas Tech surrenders 260 rushing yards per game — only five teams give up more in the Bowl Subdivision — and Texas runs for 214 per game, 24th in the country.

If Texas can't control the clock with a grinding ground game, Texas Tech's high-powered offense could run wild behind quarterback Patrick Mahomes. The Red Raiders' 46-point average ranks second nationally, and Mahomes is only nine passing yards shy of 4,000 this season.

The Red Raiders have already qualified for a bowl. A win tonight would prevent a second-consecutive losing season for third-year coach Kliff Kingsbury. A Texas loss would guarantee a second-consecutive losing season for Strong.

Please see **TEXAS**/3C

Big 12 this week

Things to watch during Week 13 in the Big 12 Conference, with two Top 25 matchups on Thanksgiving weekend:

GAME OF THE WEEK: No. 5 Oklahoma (10-1, 7-1 Big 12, No. 3 CFP) at No. 9 Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1, No. 11 CFP). For the fifth time in eight years, the Bedlam game could determine the Big 12 title. The Sooners, who have won six games in a row and moved to third in the playoff rankings, can clinch their ninth Big 12 title with a win Saturday night. Oklahoma State is 10-1 for the fourth time in six seasons, but coming off its only loss last week at home against Baylor. The Cowboys claimed the outright Big 12 title by winning Bedlam in 2011, but a home loss to Oklahoma two years ago cost them the chance for another title. To win the Big 12 this year, Oklahoma State has to win Bedlam and have Baylor lose one of its last two games.

BEST MATCHUP: Art Briles vs. Gary Patterson, the coaches for No. 7 Baylor (9-1, 6-1, No. 7 CFP) and No. 15 TCU (9-2, 6-2, No. 19 CFP). With his big-play offense, Briles has led the Bears to back-to-back Big 12 titles and they again have the nation's top offense and still could win their third conference title in a row. While Patterson changed his team's offensive scheme before last season, he still runs the TCU defense the same way he did as coordinator before becoming head coach 15 years ago. Baylor won 61-58 with its big comeback in the last matchup, in Waco nearly 14 months ago.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS: Texas (4-6, 3-4) plays at home on Thanksgiving for the 56th time. This is only the second one against Texas Tech (6-5, 3-5). ... Paul Rhoads led Iowa State to three bowl games in his first four seasons as coach, but is 32-54 overall in seven seasons. The Cyclones (3-8, 2-6) play their final game under Rhoads at West Virginia (6-4, 3-4).

LONG SHOT: Kansas (0-11, 0-8) being able to avoid becoming the first Power Five conference team since Washington in 2008 to finish a season without winning a game. The young Jayhawks, under first-year coach David Beaty, are nearly three-touchdown underdogs at home in the Sunflower State rivalry against Kansas State (4-6, 1-6), which is still trying to get bowl eligible.

IMPACT PLAYER(S): Patrick Mahomes is only 89 yards from becoming the seventh Texas Tech quarterback with 4,000 yards passing in a season. If he gets that, the Red Raiders will have a 4,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard rusher (DeAndre Washington) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Jakeem Grant) in the same season for the first time in school history.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

USF at UCF, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Texas Tech at Texas, 6:30 p.m., FS1

GOLF

European PGA: Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, 1st Round, 6:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: Emirates Australian Open, 2nd Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Xavier vs Alabama, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Battle 4 Atlantis: Semifinal, Noon, ESPN

Wichita State vs USC, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Georgia Tech vs Arkansas, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Battle 4 Atlantis: Semifinal, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Boise State vs UC Irvine, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Villanova vs Stanford, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

West Virginia vs Richmond, 4 p.m., FS1

Boston College vs Michigan State, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

Notre Dame vs Monmouth, 5:30 p.m., ESPNU

Battle 4 Atlantis: Consolation, 6 p.m., AXS

Dayton vs Iowa, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Providence vs Evansville, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Middle Tennessee at Alaska-Anchorage, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN

Battle 4 Atlantis: Consolation, 8:30 p.m., AXS

Arizona vs Santa Clara, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2

California vs San Diego State, 11 p.m., FS1

Drexel vs UNC Asheville, 11 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Krasnodar vs Borussia Dortmund, 9:40 a.m., FS1

UEFA Europa: Dinamo Minsk vs Viktoria Plzen, 9:40 a.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: Rubin Kazan vs Sion, 10 a.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Augsburg vs Athletic Club de Bilbao, 11:50 a.m., ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Qarabag vs Tottenham Hotspur, Noon, FS1

UEFA Europa: Schalke 04 vs APOEL, Noon, FS2

UEFA Europa: Basel vs Fiorentina, Noon, FSP

UEFA Europa: Liverpool vs Girondins de Bordeaux, 2 p.m., FS1

UEFA Europa: Celtic vs Ajax, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Brugge K.V. vs SSC Napoli, 2 p.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: Villarreal vs Rapid Vienna, 2 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa Sudamericana: Huracan vs River Plate, 5:30 p.m., FXDEP

Liga MX Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Veracruz vs Pumas UNAM, 6:50 p.m., UDN

Liga MX Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Puebla vs Toluca, 8:50 p.m., UDN

NFL

Philadelphia at Detroit, 11:30 a.m., FOX/FXDEP

Carolina at Dallas, 3:30 p.m., CBS

Chicago at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m., NBC

TENNIS

Spieth's Northwest Conquest, 3 p.m., FOX

ON RADIO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6:30 PM- Texas Tech at Texas- KCRS 95.5 FM/550 AM, KTBS 94.3 FM (Big Spring), KACT 105.5 FM (Andrews), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

NFL

3:30 PM- Carolina at Dallas- KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KBAT 99.1 FM, KTXC 104.7 FM (Esp)

LATE HS BASKETBALL

Girls

LATE TUESDAY

ANDREWS 53, SLATON 45

Andrews (1-3) – Myranda Bejarano 5, Taylor Bailey 11, Kataya Bazan 2, Rae Johnson 6, Mikyla Alvidrez 12, Janey Leach 15.

Slaton – Michael Myers 7, Quansha McDaniel 6, Aurora Luera 20, Jada Coronado 4, Avery Betancourt 6, Kim Hernandez 2.

Andrews	13	8	15	17	— 53
Slaton	9	18	7	11	— 45

Free throws – Andrews 9-14, Slaton 12-24. 3-point goals – Andrews 2 (Bejarano, Bailey), Slaton 1 (Betancourt). Total Fouls – Andrews 19, Slaton 16. Fouled out – None.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE – Suspended Chicago Cubs RHP Tanner Griggs (AZL Cubs) 50 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – Designated INF Andy Wilkins for assignment.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – Agreed to terms with C Alex Avila on a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS – Extended their player development contract with Columbus (IL) through the 2018 season.

HOUSTON ASTROS – Traded INF Jed Lowrie to Oakland for RHP Brendan McCurry. Traded OF L.J. Hoes to Baltimore for cash.

NEW YORK YANKEES – Agreed to terms with RHP Daniel Mahler on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – Released 1B Matt Hague.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – Traded RHP Allen Webster to Pittsburgh for cash. Named Dave Magadan hitting coach.

COLORADO ROCKIES – Traded LHP Rex Brothers to the Chicago Cubs for LHP Wander Cabrera.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES – Agreed to terms with 1B/OF Jake Goebbert.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS – Released RB Dan Herron and WR Denarius Moore. Signed G Ryan Groy and WR Marcus Thigpen.

CAROLINA PANTHERS – Released OT Pierce Burton from the practice squad. Signed G Reese Desmules to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – Signed OT John Wetzel to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS – Released OT Chris Martin from the practice squad. Signed G Anthony Steen to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – Signed QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson and LB Kevin Snyder to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES – Assigned D Ladislav Smid to Stockton (AHL) for conditioning.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS – Placed RW Rene Bourque and D Cody Goloubef on injured reserve.

MONTREAL CANADIENS – Agreed to terms with executive vice president and general manager Marc Bergevin on a contract extension through the 2021-22 season.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS – Activated F Patrik Elias from injured reserve.

COLLEGE

NCAA – Reduced scholarship restrictions on the Syracuse men's basketball program from 12 to eight over four years.

RADFORD – Named Sheli Sayers women's assistant track and field coach.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	9	6	.600	—
New York	8	7	.533	1
Boston	7	7	.500	1½
Brooklyn	3	11	.214	5½
Philadelphia	0	15	.000	9

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	9	4	.692	—
Atlanta	10	6	.625	½
Charlotte	8	6	.571	1½
Washington	6	5	.545	2
Orlando	6	8	.429	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	2	.786	—
Chicago	9	4	.692	1½
Indiana	9	5	.643	2
Detroit	7	7	.500	4
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	3	.786	—
Dallas	9	6	.600	2½
Memphis	8	7	.533	3½
Houston	5	9	.357	6
New Orleans	3	11	.214	8

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	9	6	.600	—
Utah	6	7	.462	2
Minnesota	6	8	.429	2½
Denver	6	9	.400	3
Portland	6	10	.375	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	16	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	7	7	.500	8
Phoenix	7	7	.500	8
Sacramento	5	10	.333	10½
L.A. Lakers	2	12	.143	13

Tuesday's Scores

Indiana 123, Washington 106

Memphis 110, Dallas 96

Atlanta 121, Boston 97

L.A. Clippers 111, Denver 94

Chicago 93, Portland 88

Golden State 111, L.A. Lakers 77

Wednesday's Games

New York at Orlando, late

Washington at Charlotte, late

Cleveland at Toronto, late

Miami at Detroit, late

Philadelphia at Boston, late

Atlanta at Minnesota, late

Sacramento at Milwaukee, late

Memphis at Houston, late

Brooklyn at Oklahoma City, late

Dallas at San Antonio, late

New Orleans at Phoenix, late

Utah at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

Milwaukee at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	22	16	4	2	34	78	50
Ottawa	21	11	5	5	27	68	61
Detroit	21	11	8	2	24	49	52
Boston	20	11	8	1	23	66	59
Tampa Bay	22	10	9	3	23	53	50
Florida	21	8	9	4	20	55	56
Toronto	22	7	10	5	19	51	62
Buffalo	21	8	11	2	18	44	57

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	21	16	3	2	34	66	38
Washington	20	14	5	1	29	62	44
Pittsburgh	20	12	8	0	24	45	46
New Jersey	20	11	8	1	23	50	50
N.Y. Islanders	21	10	8	3	23	59	53
Philadelphia	21	7	9	5	19	38	60
Carolina	21	7	10	4	18	42	61
Columbus	22	8	14	0	16	55	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	22	17	5	0	34	79	57
St. Louis	22	14	6	2	30	59	53
Minnesota	19	11	5	3	25	57	51
Nashville	20	11	6	3	25	53	51
Chicago	21	11	8	2	24	57	55
Winnipeg	22	10	10	2	22	58	69
Colorado	21	8	12	1	17	60	82

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	21	13	8	0	26	54	46
San Jose	21	13	8	0	26	59	51
Vancouver	22	8	8	6	22	64	60
Arizona	20	10	9	1	21	55	59
Anaheim	22	8	10	4	20	43	58
Calgary	22	8	13	1	17	53	80
Edmonton	21	7	13	1	15	55	64

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

Tuesday's Scores

Ottawa 7, Dallas 4

Anaheim 5, Calgary 3

Wednesday's Games

Nashville at Buffalo, late

Columbus at New Jersey, late

Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, late

St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late

Winnipeg at Washington, late

Edmonton at Carolina, late

Vancouver at Minnesota, late

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, late

Boston at Detroit, late

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, late

Anaheim at Arizona, late

Ottawa at Colorado, late

Chicago at San Jose, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Boston, noon

Nashville at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.

Winnipeg at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Washington, 4 p.m.

Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Montreal at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Arizona, 8 p.m.

MUSTANGS

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level. Yeah, it should pay huge dividends for us in the future."

On the downside, the Mustangs part ways with key seniors such as quarterback Westin Elliott, defensive end Brett Thomason, receiver/kick returner Lukas Singh, cornerbacks Landon Garnett and Bryan Nguyen and linemen Bryson Breeding, Corey Joe Potter, Ryan Wilson and Mark Mizzles.

Some of these seniors were members of Midland Christian's 2012 and 2013 TAPPS Division II state championship teams during their freshman and sophomore seasons.

"They've upheld the Mustang tradition of excellence," McClendon said. "They led extremely well and busted their tail and took a hard situation and made the best out of it. That's exactly what we asked of them."

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2015 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS

(5-7, 2-5)

Opponents	107	119	84	64	—374
Midland Christian	126	108	54	50	—338

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	103	584	5.7	5
Luke Sheppard	75	518	6.9	6
Ty Russell	32	242	7.6	3
Westin Elliott	93	167	1.8	1
Lukas Singh	10	45	4.5	0
Tristen Davis	3	18	6.0	0
Josh Brown	1	8	8.0	0
Logan Schmidt	1	5	5.0	0
Blake Ray	1	-1	-1.0	0
Anderson Needham	1	-3	-3.0	0
Ty Young	2	-4	-2.0	0
Totals	**322**	**1,579**	**4.9**	**15**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Westin Elliott	182	312	13	2,816	24
Anderson Needham	3	5	0	41	0
McLane Mannix	1	2	1	14	0
Lukas Singh	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	**186**	**320**	**14**	**2,871**	**24**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	46	874	19.0	10
Anderson Needham	20	433	21.7	3
Blake Ray	27	422	15.6	2
Lukas Singh	40	413	10.3	3
Luke Watson	14	174	12.4	1
Bryan Nguyen	6	138	23.0	1
Josh Brown	12	130	10.8	0
Tyson Banks	8	91	11.4	1
Ty Young	4	83	20.8	2
Luke Sheppard	6	71	11.8	1
Josh Bailey	2	34	17.0	0
Silas Crews	1	8	8.0	0
Totals	**186**	**2,871**	**15.4**	**24**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
McLane Mannix	18	41	0	5	164
Luke Sheppard	7	0	0	0	42
Lukas Singh	6	0	0	0	36
Ty Russell	3	0	0	0	18
Anderson Needham	6	0	0	0	18
Ty Young	2	0	0	0	12
Blake Ray	2	0	0	0	12
Casey Hart	1	0	0	0	6
Tyson Banks	1	0	0	0	6
Bryan Nguyen	1	0	0	0	6
Luke Watson	1	0	0	0	6
Westin Elliott	1	0	0	0	6
Landon Garnett	0	0	1	0	2

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS (through 11 games)

Player	ST	AT	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Threadgill	67	68	0	8	1	0
Eddason	59	56	3	6	0	1
Troglin	46	39	0	0	0	0
Thomason	40	56	4	12	0	0
Crews	38	43	1	3	1	3
Garnett	38	23	0	1	0	0
Nguyen	38	20	0	0	0	2
Hart	32	36	1	2	0	2
Hooper	25	30	2	4	1	0
Mannix	21	3	0	0	0	1
Schmidt	13	10	0	0	0	1
Banks	9	12	0	1	0	0
Brown	9	6	1	1	1	0
Breeding	8	11	1	2	0	0
Russell	8	8	0	0	0	0
Wilson	8	9	0	0	0	0
McKinney	7	8	1	2	0	0
Fisher	5	7	1	1	0	0
Singh	5	2	0	0	0	1
Needham	5	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer	3	5	0	0	0	0
Sheppard	3	4	0	0	0	1
Davis	3	2	0	0	0	1
Potter	3	0	1	1	0	0
Graniczny	2	5	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	2	3	0	0	0	0
Ray	2	0	0	0	0	0
Weathers	1	1	0	0	0	0
Helmcamp	1	2	0	0	0	0
Loftis	0	1	0	0	0	0
Young	0	1	0	0	0	0
Elliott	0	1	0	0	0	0
Watson	0	1	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT- interception, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,579	131.6	2,871	239.3	4,450	370.8

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,061	171.8	2,521	210.1	4,582	381.8

Referees struggle with respect amid growing hostility

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jimmy Woods has been a youth official for nearly 30 years, and he's lost count of how many football games he has refereed and how many times he's been yelled at, threatened or insulted.

Oh, he remembers the details. He has been surrounded by angry parents following games, told he "has no integrity" by coaches and cursed at as recently as this season by players and fans at a private high school in Little Rock.

"People don't respect the emblem anymore," said Woods, a 50-year-old firefighter who officiates games on the side. "They think you're out to get them or cheat them."

Violence against referees is as old as sport itself, and most are familiar with awful stories from lower-division soccer matches in Europe or South America.

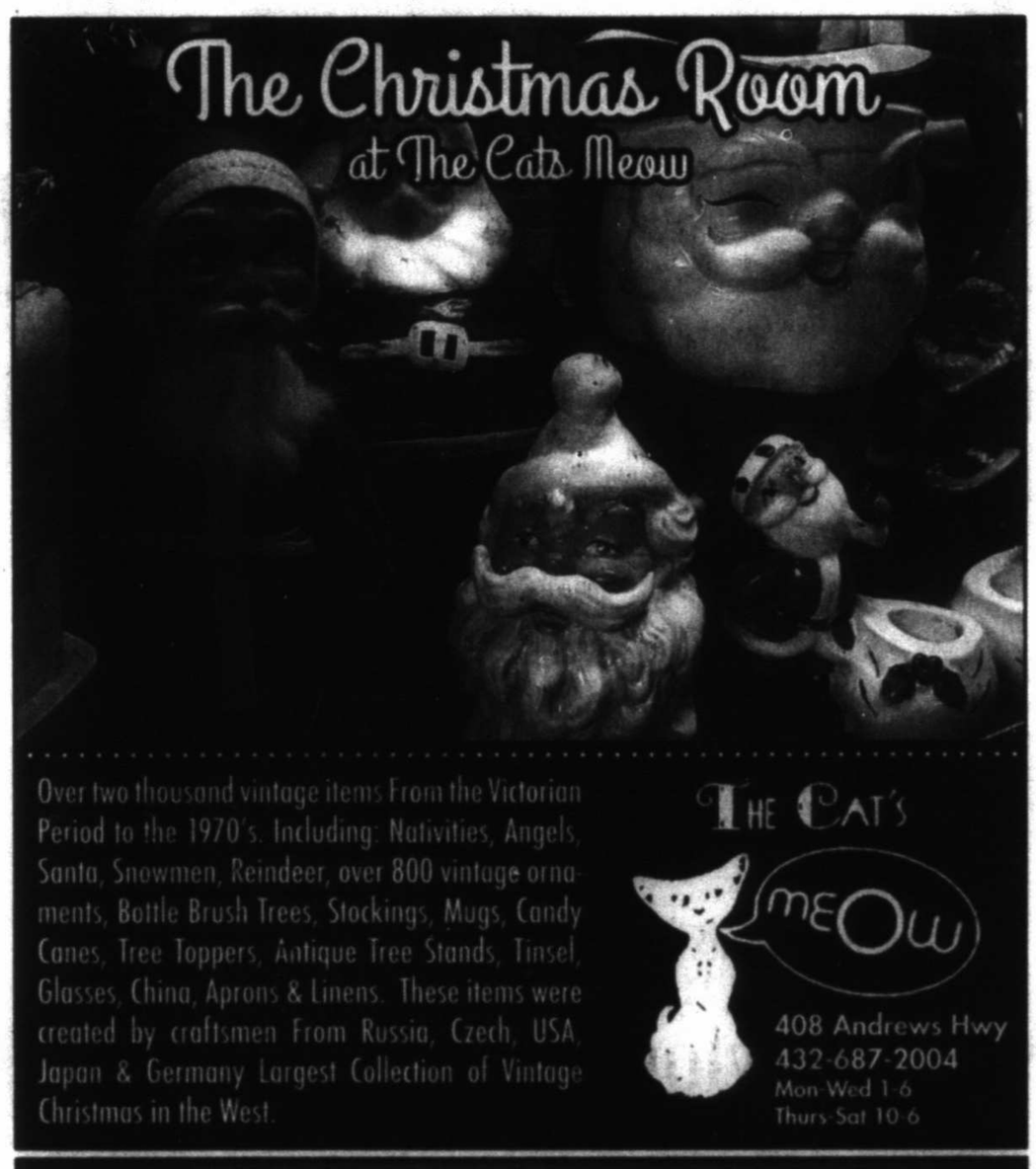
In a two-year span, referees in Utah and Michigan died after they were punched by angry players during games. In September, two San Antonio football players blindsided a referee on purpose, an incident that drew widespread condemnation.

This has come at a cost: By all accounts from those involved, finding and retaining referees is becoming more and more difficult. In fact, recognizing the potential shortage, many desperate state high school associations have taken lead roles in recruiting new talent to an aging workforce facing startlingly hostile conditions.

One of those states is Kansas, where the number of registered officials has dropped since the 2012-13 school year. The state had 2,027 basketball officials that year, compared to 1,887 this year, and the number of football referees has shrunk from 1,372 to 1,309 over the same span. The average age of the state's softball umpires by one measurement was found to be over 60.

The effects of a referee shortage are many — games are delayed or moved or canceled altogether, and referee crews in sports such as soccer and basketball are trimmed from three to two, said Gary Musselman, executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, whose group, like many others, is in the midst of the prep football playoffs.

"I don't want to sound disparaging of younger generations, but I think sometimes younger people aren't as inclined to be as fixed in as some older people," Musselman said. "Maybe they are more established and aren't as caught up in, 'Does everybody like me?' Because officials are going to do things that people aren't going to like, and not everybody can handle that negative feedback."



REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Week 14
Nov. 26—Nov. 29

Chris Hadorn
Last week: 16-4
Season: 201-59
Percent: .773

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 15-5
Season: 193-67
Percent.: .742

Terry Williamson
Last week: 12-8
Season: 191-69
Percent: .734

John Tee
Last week: 14-6
Season: 182-78
Percent: .700

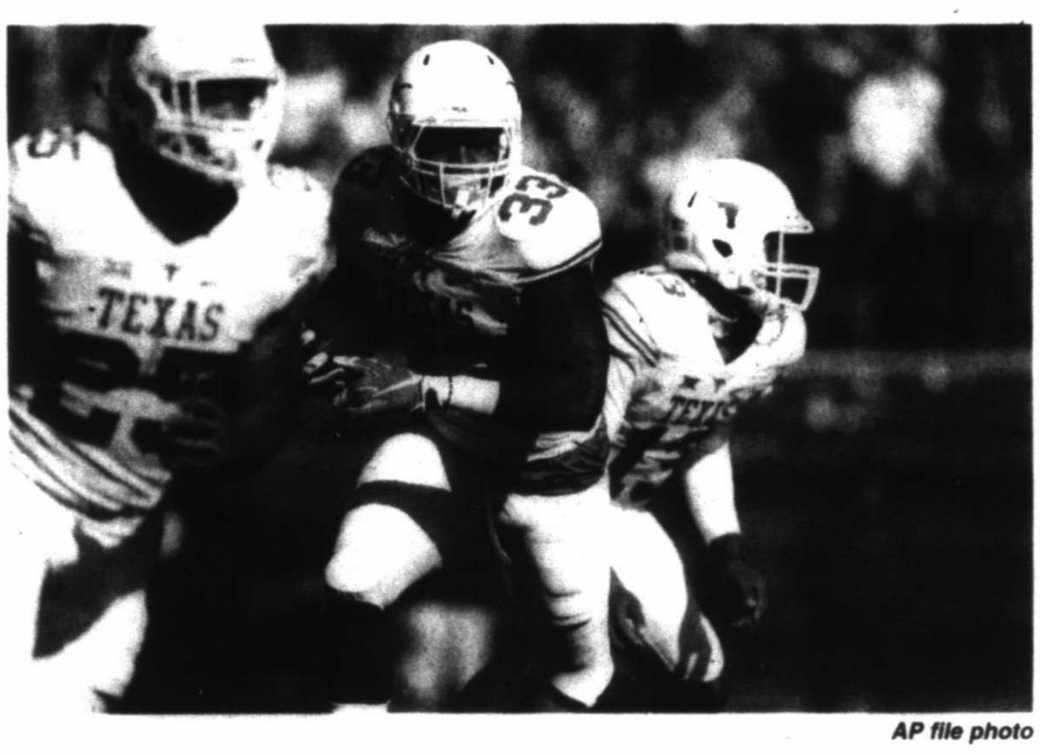
Will Korn
Last week: 13-7
Season: 181-79
Percent: .696

Guest Picker
Shad Hanna
Greenwood
football coach

High school						
San Angelo Central vs. Denton Guyer	Denton Guyer	Denton Guyer	Denton Guyer	Denton Guyer	Denton Guyer	San Angelo Central
EP Eastlake vs. Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas
Abilene Wylie vs. Levelland	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie
Krum vs. Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
Iraan vs. Roscoe	Iraan	Iraan	Iraan	Iraan	Iraan	Iraan
Garden City vs. Crowell	Garden City	Crowell	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Garden City
Happy vs. Borden County	Happy	Borden County	Borden County	Happy	Happy	Borden County
Balmorhea vs. Imperial Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	Balmorhea
Trinity vs. Baytown Christian	Trinity	Baytown Christian	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity
College						
Texas Tech at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas	Texas
Baylor at TCU	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
Texas A&M at LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	Texas A&M	LSU	LSU
Navy at Houston	Navy	Houston	Navy	Houston	Houston	Houston
Oklahoma at Oklahoma State	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma
Notre Dame at Stanford	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Stanford	Notre Dame
Florida State at Florida	Florida State	Florida	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State
Pro						
Carolina at Dallas	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
New Orleans at Houston	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
New England at Denver	New England	New England	Denver	New England	New England	Denver
New York Giants at Washington	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	New York Giants	Washington

How guest pickers have fared this season

Last week's guest picker Mella McEwen was 13-7. This year's guest pickers are 186-74 (.715 percent).



AP file photo

Texas running back D'Onta Foreman (33) runs during a game Nov. 14 in Morgantown, W.Va.

TEXAS

Front 1C

That hasn't happened at Texas since 1988-89.

Texas Tech hasn't won in Austin since 1997. A year ago in Lubbock, the Longhorns knocked Mahomes out of the game in the first half.

"We want to keep Pat as clean as possible," Red Raiders center Jaren Kaster said. "We're really kind of taking what happened last year (personal), like we can't let this happen again."

A few things to watch when Texas plays Texas Tech:

TEXAS RUNNING BACKS: With all the injuries, the ball probably goes to freshmen Chris Warren and Kirk Johnson, who have combined for 23 carries for 100 yards and no touchdowns. Both were highly touted recruits who have been waiting their turn.

MAHOMES: He got his first career start against the Longhorns last year and it didn't last long as a crushing hit in the second quarter sidelined him for the rest of the game. Mahomes has been slicing up defenses this season with 3,911 yards passing and 31 touchdowns. He'll be on the lookout for Texas' two hardest tacklers, linebackers Peter Jinkens and Malik Jefferson.

TEXAS SECONDARY: Mahomes could have his way with a talented but inexperienced Texas secondary. The Longhorns have four freshmen in their two-deep lineup at cornerback and safety. Add the linebackers, and that's eight freshmen trying to cover the Red Raiders.

RED RAIDERS RUNNING: Lost among Mahomes' staggering numbers is Texas Tech running back DeAndre Washington's 1,282 yards rushing. Get him loose in space, and big things happen. Washington has 12 rushing touchdowns and a team-high seven receiving TDs.

No. 7 Baylor down to 3rd QB in Big 12 title, playoff pursuit

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Chris Johnson was catching passes instead of throwing them for No. 7 Baylor until about a month ago.

Now the third-year sophomore is getting ready to become the third starting quarterback this season for the Bears, who go into Friday night's game at No. 15 TCU still with hopes for a third consecutive Big 12 title — and maybe even a spot in the College Football Playoff.

"I don't want to look at it from that perspective as me being the guy to do it," Johnson said. "I know having my teammates around me, they're all great players. So I don't have to go out there and do anything spectacular or special. I just have to go out there and do my job as the quarterback."

Johnson was moved to receiver just before the season after freshman Jarrett Stidham earned the backup role behind starting quarterback Seth Russell during preseason camp.

The 6-foot-5, 235-pound Johnson was switched back to quarterback after Russell sustained a season-ending neck injury Oct. 24. Johnson then accounted for three touchdowns in the second half Saturday for the Bears (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 7 CFP) in a 45-35 victory at previously undefeated Oklahoma State after Stidham got hurt.

"With Chris, he always stays ready," said Corey Coleman, the national leader with 20 touchdown catches.

Even with Stidham taking over the past three games after Russell was the top-rated FBS passer in his seven starts, Baylor still has the nation's top offense (54 points and 644 yards a game). With Stidham and Johnson both playing against Oklahoma State, the Bears reached 700 total yards for the fourth time this season — and first against a Big 12 team.

Stidham already had a sore back before he took a shot on his throwing (right) hand early against Oklahoma State. Then someone rolled up on his lower right leg before halftime, and coach Art Briles has since mentioned the fibula as being the issue.

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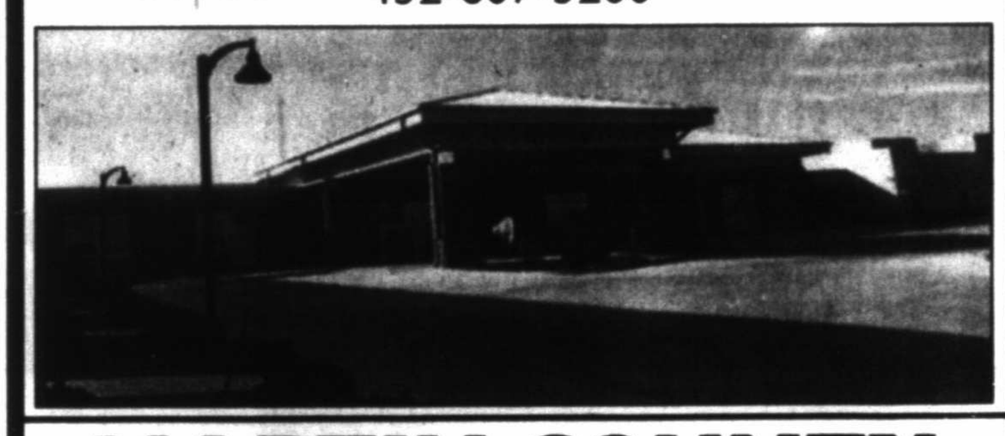

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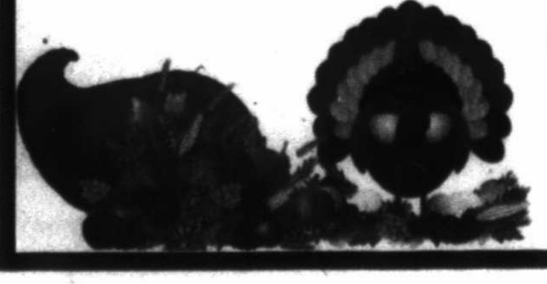
As we head into the joyous holiday season, please take a few quiet moments to be thankful for all your blessings. They may be more than you realize, because it's easy to get lost in the daily commotion in which we all live. Then, when you are shopping, consider picking up a few extra gifts for your community's Angel Tree program, or maybe buy a couple extra bags of groceries and give to a hungry family. Be thankful for your blessings, and then be a blessing to others.



Martin County Hospital wishes you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

COWBOYS

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to six hours of enjoyment with it and then you are right on to Carolina."

The Panthers have an NFL-best 14-game winning streak in the regular season, and are coming off a 44-16 rout of Washington, Dallas' division rival.

And yet Carolina was merely a pick-em on the betting line Wednesday. According to pregame.com, an undefeated team has never been an underdog against a team with a losing record in Week 10 or later.

Chalk it up to the power of Romo's return.

"We've never really pretty much paid attention to anybody being the underdog or whatnot," Newton said. "It really is irrelevant. For us, it's just be ready to go on Thursday."

Things to consider with the Cowboys going for their 30th Thanksgiving win:

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett congratulates Dallas Cowboys middle linebacker Rolando McClain (55) after scoring a touchdown during the first half of a game against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in Miami Gardens, Fla.

HARDY REUNION: Dallas defensive end Greg Hardy wouldn't talk to reporters in the days before his first game against the team that drafted him. He missed the last 15 games with Carolina last season because of his arrest in a domestic violence case, and has been a target of heavy criticism — some of it self-inflicted — since serving a four-game suspension to start this season.

Rivera didn't want to get into his organization's decision not to bring back Hardy, and Dallas coach Jason Garrett didn't want to discuss details of the team's decision to sign him in free agency. Hardy had 34 sacks in 63 games with Carolina, including two seasons of 10-plus sacks.

"Greg is a great teammate, contrary to popular belief," Newton said. "Greg is a person that came in and worked hard, gave everybody everything that he had and a person that you love to watch on Sundays. Anytime you've got a person like that, it's always great to watch."

NEWTON RIDING HIGH: Newton is coming off one of his best games as a passer, throwing for a career-high five TDs against Redskins. Behind Newton, the high-powered Panthers have scored at least 27 points in 10 straight games this season and are third in the league in scoring, averaging 29.9 points per game.

GAME CAPSULE

CAROLINA (10-0) at DALLAS (3-7)
Today, 3:30 p.m., CBS

OPENING LINE — Panthers by 1

RECORD VS SPREAD — Panthers 8-2, Cowboys 3-7

SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 9-3

LAST MEETING — Cowboys beat Panthers 19-14, Oct. 21, 2012

LAST WEEK — Panthers beat Redskins 44-16; Cowboys beat Dolphins 24-14

AP PRO32 RANKING — Panthers No. 2, Cowboys No. 20

PANTHERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (5), PASS (28)

PANTHERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (8), PASS (7)

COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (25), RUSH (9), PASS (26)

COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (15T), PASS (14)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Panthers are 10-0 for first time in franchise history and playing on Thanksgiving for first time, while Cowboys are 29-17-1 on holiday. ... Panthers have won 14 straight in regular season, longest active streak in NFL. ... Panthers have beaten Cowboys just once in regular season. Other two wins were in playoffs. ... Carolina has rushed for at least 100 yards in franchise-record 21 straight games, tied with Seattle for longest active streak. ... QB Cam Newton tied Steve Beuerlein's franchise record with five TD passes against Redskins. ... Newton has 30 career games with pass and rush TD, one shy of Hall of Famer Steve Young's NFL record. ... TE Greg Olsen has six TDs in past eight games. ... LB Luke Kuechly has 541 tackles since entering NFL in 2012, most in league in that span. ... LB Thomas Davis is only NFL player with at least three sacks and three interceptions. ... According to STATS, Cowboys' Tony Romo is only QB in NFL history with multiple wins over teams with 9-0 records or better. He beat Indianapolis (9-0) in 2006 and New Orleans (13-0) in 2009. He's 4-0 against Panthers. ... Jason Witten needs six catches to join Tony Gonzalez as only TEs with at least 1,000 catches and 10,000 yards. ... WR Dez Bryant has three TDs in past three Thanksgiving games. Romo and Bryant have 50 TDs, most by QB-WR duo in team history. ... Bryant needs two touchdowns to join Hall of Famers Bob Hayes and Michael Irvin as only Dallas players with 60 career receiving scores. ... DE Greg Hardy had 34 sacks in 63 games with Carolina, including two seasons of 10-plus sacks. Fantasy Tip: Olsen is on roll after setting franchise receiving yardage record for TEs, and Cowboys likely to be leaning on younger cover guys in Byron Jones and Tyler Patmon with Morris Claiborne (hamstring, ankle) sidelined.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	0	0	1.000	323	182
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	244	227
N Y Jets	5	5	0	.500	234	208
Miami	4	6	0	.400	205	249
South						
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	224	248
Houston	5	5	0	.500	208	228
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	211	268
Tennessee	2	8	0	.200	182	233
North						
Cincinnati	8	2	0	.800	266	186
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	236	191
Baltimore	3	7	0	.300	226	249
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	186	277
West						
Denver	8	2	0	.800	222	183
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	257	198
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	240	258
San Diego	2	8	0	.200	213	282

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N Y Giants	5	5	0	.500	273	253
Washington	4	6	0	.400	221	253
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	229	229
Dallas	3	7	0	.300	190	228
South						
Carolina	10	0	0	1.000	299	191
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	250	214
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	236	254
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	255	315
North						
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	249	198
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	211	184
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	214	251
Detroit	3	7	0	.300	185	274
West						
Arizona	8	2	0	.800	336	216
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	228	192
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	179	199
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	139	252

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Carolina at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Orleans at Houston, noon
Buffalo at Kansas City, noon
Oakland at Tennessee, noon
St. Louis at Cincinnati, noon
Minnesota at Atlanta, noon
N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon
San Diego at Jacksonville, noon
Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23

Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Ex Cowboys RB Joseph Randle arrested at Kansas casino

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Former Dallas Cowboys running back Joseph Randle was jailed early Wednesday after an altercation at a Kansas casino.

Randle was asked to leave the Kansas Star Casino in Mulvane late Tuesday after causing some unspecified concerns on the casino floor, said Fred Waller, an enforcement agent with the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission.

Randle left, but then returned. Randle started arguing with security officers, and a scuffle ensued, Waller said. Several agents had to restrain him and he was taken to the county jail.

"He was belligerent and causing some problems on the casino floor," Waller said, citing the incident report. "The whys, I don't know."

The Kansas Star Casino declined comment, saying it was a law enforcement matter.

No formal charges have been filed yet, said Stephanie McGinnis, legal secretary at the Sumner County attorney's office. Randle remained jailed Wednesday morning on a $25,000 bond.

Rams WR Bailey has surgery after being being shot in Florida

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Suspended St. Louis Rams wide receiver Stedman Bailey was shot and critically wounded as he and four other people were sitting in a car outside a home in the Miami area, police said Wednesday.

Bailey had surgery for injuries that have not been disclosed by the Rams or the authorities and police said he was in critical but stable condition. Another man, Antwan Reeves, was with Bailey and was also shot in the attack Tuesday night. Three others in the car, including two minors, were not wounded.

"The victims drove themselves to an area hospital for evaluation and treatment," Miami Gardens police said in a statement.

Reeves was out of surgery and was also in critical but stable condition, a police spokeswoman said. Police said they were looking for suspects, who had driven up in another car before shooting.

The Rams said they were aware Bailey was "involved in an incident" and that they had spoken with him.

"We are gathering facts about the situation and will provide updates as we learn more," the team said.

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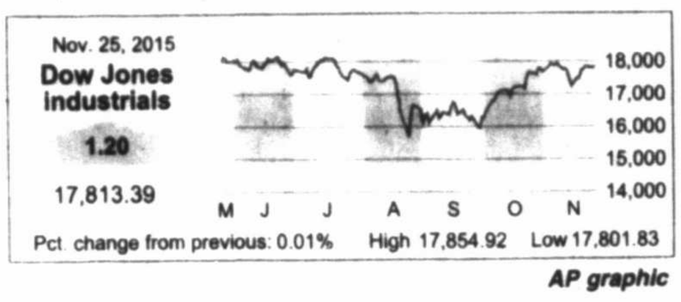

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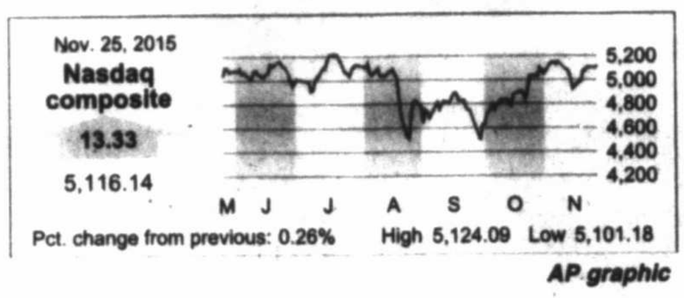

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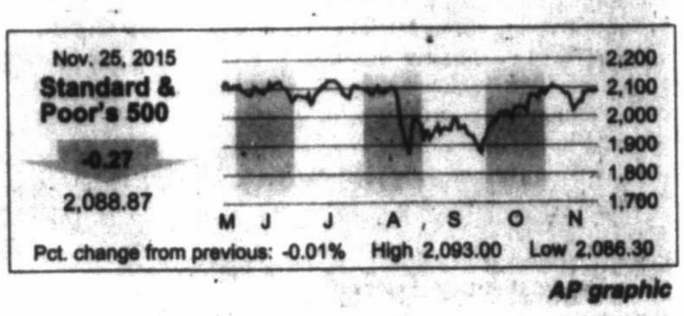

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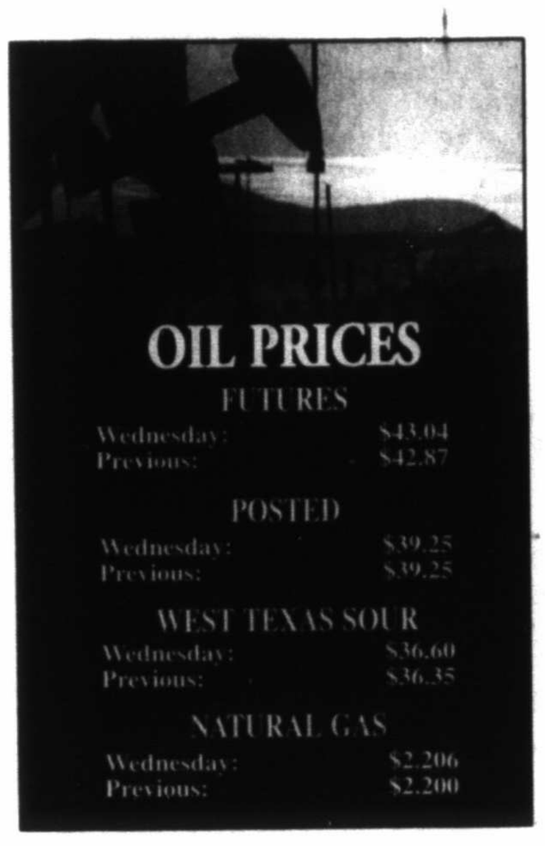

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SunEdison	859968	3.25	-.87
Pfizer	783196	32.87	+.90
HP Inc	711661	12.64	-2.00
GenElec	503247	30.36	-.30
S&P500ETF	485443	209.32	-.03

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SafeBk pfB	16.55	+3.55	+27.3
SafeB pfD	8.95	+1.38	+18.2
SafeBk pfC	9.10	+1.26	+16.0
NavMH pfH	11.69	+1.50	+14.7
TribunePub	9.44	+1.16	+14.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunEdison	3.25	-.87	-21.1
EtrcSPMlp	12.54	-2.44	-16.3
IntShip pfA	42.13	-6.87	-14.0
HP Inc	12.64	-2.00	-13.7
DxBrzBull rs	18.47	-2.87	-13.4

Diary

Advanced	1,882
Declined	1,198
Unchanged	137
Total issues	3,217
New Highs	97
New Lows	45
Volume	2,779,610,260

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
StrPathCm	34187	12.36	+2.77
Globalstar	31988	2.12	+.05
NwGold g	20267	2.22	+.06
BarcGSOil	18127	7.82	+.03
SynthBiol	15066	2.95	+.13

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
StrPathCm	12.36	+2.77	+28.9
YumaE pfA	5.50	+1.15	+26.4
CRH Med	2.88	+.27	+10.3
Can-Fite	3.38	+.31	+10.1
Organovo	3.44	+.24	+7.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LucasE rs	2.20	-.11	-4.8
NMOPt	15.00	-.70	-4.5
AbdnLatA	16.85	-.56	-3.2
Newsun g	2.70	-.09	-3.2
innisulites	2.13	-.07	-3.2

Diary

Advanced	210
Declined	159
Unchanged	24
Total issues	393
New Highs	
New Lows	9
Volume	54,453,097

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	221896	27.24	-.03
Apple Inc	207094	118.03	-.85
Microsoft	205087	53.69	-.56
Intel	176496	34.45	-.09
CSVxSh rs	173444	5.92	-.18

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AEtern g rs	11.43	+3.75	+48.8
KatoBio rs	26.63	+8.23	+44.7
BonTon	2.40	+.64	+36.4
FulingGbl n	4.07	+.85	+26.4
GeneticT rs	3.70	+.74	+25.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AbengoaSA	2.33	-2.32	-49.9
CounterP rs	3.03	-.88	-22.5
TerraFm n	4.11	-1.11	-21.3
TerraFmP	7.27	-1.56	-17.7
Voltari	7.22	-1.35	-15.8

Diary

Advanced	1,846
Declined	939
Unchanged	192
Total issues	2,976
New Highs	86
New Lows	46
Volume	1,510,173,162

Yahoo's CEO is running out of time to turn things around

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Marissa Mayer's nearly four-year attempt to turn around Yahoo needs a turnaround itself, repeating a pattern of futility that has hobbled one of the Internet's best-known companies for the past decade.

Like her predecessors as Yahoo CEO, Mayer has been unable to snap the company out of a financial funk despite spending billions on acquisitions and new projects. Yahoo's stock has sunk by 35 percent so far this year as investors' frustration with the follies have mounted, spurring calls for her replacement.

"This is like an 'emperor has no clothes' situation," said Eric Jackson, a Yahoo shareholder and managing director of the New York hedge fund Ader Investment Management. "The company and the shareholders would be better served with her leaving."

Jackson, though perhaps Mayer's most outspoken critic, isn't alone.

After conferring with investors, SunTrust analyst Robert Peck recently wrote a letter to Yahoo's board recommending that the directors consider firing Mayer. Activist investor Jeffrey Smith of hedge fund Starboard Value is urging Mayer to abandon a spin-off of the Yahoo's most valuable asset — a $30 billion stake in Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group — and sell the company's Internet business instead.

If Mayer continues down her current course, Smith is threatening to lead a shareholder mutiny aimed at overthrowing Yahoo's board next year — a rebellion that, if successful, could lead to her ouster.

Yahoo's own employees seem dispirited as well. Mayer's approval rating among those who posted on the employer-review website Glassdoor.com has fallen to 73 percent from 99 percent after her July 2012 hiring.

At least a dozen members of Yahoo's management team have left in the past year. The departures have included two of Mayer's top lieutenants, former marketing and media chief Kathy Savitt and former development and acquisitions chief Jacqueline Reses.

Yahoo Inc. declined to comment for this article.

Mayer has repeatedly expressed confidence that Yahoo is heading in the right direction, most recently during her October review of the company's disappointing quarterly performance. "I have very aggressive expectations for Yahoo's core business," she said. "We have the right talent, the right strategy, and the right assets to drive long-term sustainable growth for our investors."

Yahoo's revenue fell 8 percent from the previous year after subtracting the company's advertising commissions, its steepest decline since Mayer became CEO. It's likely to fare even worse in the October-December quarter, given that that company expects net revenue to drop by about 20 percent.

Now Mayer is drawing up plans for another major shake-up, one likely to eliminate hundreds of jobs as Yahoo sharpens its focus on "fewer products with higher quality," as she said in October. Mayer promised more details in January.

It wasn't supposed to get this bleak with Mayer at the helm. She came to Yahoo as a widely respected technology executive who had helped build Google into the Internet's most powerful company while repeatedly outmaneuvering Yahoo with products that attracted more traffic and advertising.

Mayer's arrival was supposed to herald a promising new era after the disheartening downfalls of the four CEOs that preceded her. Those executives — Terry Semel, Jerry Yang, Carol Bartz and Scott Thompson — either resigned or were dumped when it became apparent that they couldn't revive the growth that made Yahoo one of the Internet's biggest successes during the dot-com boom of the 1990s.

Things started well. Mayer bought dozens of startups to bring in more engineering expertise in mobile devices and overhauled Yahoo's apps for weather, sports, Flickr and email. She made big splashes by hiring former NBC News anchor Katie Couric to handle online video reports and acquired the trendy blogging service Tumblr for $1.1 billion.

The moves haven't really paid off, although Mayer continues to boast about Yahoo's progress in the important mobile and video markets. None of Yahoo's services rank among the top 50 free apps in Apple's store, and the company's expansion into original video programming resulted in a $42 million charge to account for the duds.

Investors are still awaiting proof that that Tumblr or any other of Mayer's acquisitions will be worth what Yahoo paid.

"Across all dimensions, her efforts haven't delivered the results that people might have expected," said S&P Capital IQ analyst Scott Kessler.

At one point in Mayer's tenure, Yahoo's stock had more than tripled from where it stood when she took over. The gains, though, were almost entirely tied to Yahoo's large stake in Alibaba, which it acquired in a $1 billion deal negotiated a decade ago. That holding — in retrospect, Yahoo's best investment ever — soared in value as Alibaba's e-commerce bazaar boomed, prompting investors to snap up Yahoo shares in order to profit while Alibaba was still privately held.

When Alibaba went public last year, Yahoo sold a portion of its holdings and then announced plans to spin off its remaining $30 billion stake into a new holding company to avoid paying taxes on future gains. Now that strategy, too, is under a cloud; the Internal Revenue Service has declined to say that the spin-off will qualify for the expected tax exemption.

Stocks recover from slump

Stocks wobbled on Wednesday and finished little changed before the Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S.

The market was positive for most of the day, but its gains dissipated in the final minutes of trading. Last week the markets made their biggest weekly jump of 2015, but the indexes have hardly budged this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.20 points to 17,813.39, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.27 points to 2,088.87. The Nasdaq composite index picked up 13.33 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,116.14.

U.S. markets will be closed today for Thanksgiving. They will reopen Friday but will close at 1 p.m. Eastern.

A rebound by drugmakers Pfizer and Allergan boosted the health care sector, while consumer stocks like e-commerce giant Amazon.com and home retailer Home Depot rose in the last trading day before Black Friday unofficially kicks off the holiday shopping period.

Gold falls

Metals prices slipped after making gains on Tuesday. Gold declined $3.80, or 0.4 percent, to $1,070 an ounce. Silver declined a fraction of a cent to $14.158 an ounce. Copper fell 0.9 cents, or 0.4 percent, to $2.046 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $59.60 Down 0.28

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $111.00 Down 1.53

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.30 Down 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $78.70 Down 1.24

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.32 Up 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.44 Up 0.16

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.78 Up 0.49

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.10 Down 0.16

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.73 Up 0.19

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.52 Down 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	36	33.45	+.06	-.4
Abraxas	...	8	1.38	-.02	-53.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.01	+.04	-4.9
AEtern g rs			11.43	+3.75	-80.9
Alcoa	12	14	9.41	+.32	-40.4
Alibaba		51	81.71	+.85	-21.4
AlonUSA	.60	11	17.88	+.15	+41.1
Ambev	.45e		4.96	-.10	-19.6
Amedica h			.14	-.01	-82.9
AmCapLtd		19	15.22	+1.32	+4.2
Amgen	3.16	20	163.95	+1.17	+2.9
Anadarko	1.08	...	61.13	-.89	-25.9
Apache	1.00	...	50.35	-.56	-19.7
Apple Inc	2.08	13	118.03	-.85	+6.9
ApldMatl	.40	16	18.45	+.07	-26.0
Archrock	.60	33	10.91	+.06	-44.7
ATMOS	1.68f	20	62.19	-.47	+11.8
AutoData	2.12f	28	86.41	-.30	+3.6
BP PLC	2.40	...	34.99	...	-8.2
BabsCOInv	1.20		17.12	+.07	+7.7
BakrHu	.68		52.50	-.59	-6.4
BcoBrad s	.44e		5.72	-.41	-48.7
BkofAm	.20	13	17.44	-.03	-2.5
B iPVixST			18.74	-.29	-40.5
BarrickG	.08	21	7.38		-31.3
BasicEnSv			4.10	+.07	-41.5
BerkHe A	...		192022285.03	-1074.99	-10.5
BlkHillsCp	1.62	28	42.68	-.37	-19.5
BoulderBr			10.92		-1.3
BrMySq	1.48	66	68.08	+.26	+15.3
BrownFA	1.36f	36	114.51	+.09	+30.5
BrownFB	1.36f	32	105.08	+.15	+19.6
CVS Health	1.40	21	93.90	+1.65	-2.5
Cameron		18	68.09	-.63	+36.3
Caterpillar	3.08	14	71.49	+.09	-21.9
Celestic g		14	11.41	+.13	-2.8
CntryLink	2.16	20	26.98	-.25	-31.8
ChesEng			5.41	-.08	-72.4
Chevron	4.28	20	90.87	-.49	-19.0
Chicos	.31	53	12.15	+.01	-25.0
Cimarex	.64		120.70	-1.33	+13.9
Cisco	.84	15	27.24	-.03	-1.4
Citigroup	.20	12	54.08	-.10	-.1
ClayEng	...	...	59.60	-.28	-6.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	1.32	28	43.36	...	+2.7
ColgPalm	1.52	25	66.43	-.39	-4.0
ConAgra	1.00	27	41.61	+.06	+14.7
ConchoRes	...	66	111.00	-1.53	+11.3
ConocoPhil	2.96	60	54.38	-.94	-21.3
Corning	.48	13	18.97	+.01	-17.3
CrackerB	4.40a	18	131.00	+1.09	-6.9
CSVLgNG rs			2.82	-.06	-85.8
CSVLgCrd rs				7.53	+.11
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CSVelVST			29.96	+.44	-3.8
CSVxSh rs			5.92	-.18	-78.6
CrosTim	1.55e	7	15.31	-.10	-11.6
DCP Mid	3.12	14	25.72	-.54	-43.4
DTE	2.92f	15	79.88	-.33	-7.5
Dataram			1.09	+.02	-35.9
Deere	2.40	12	80.00	+3.66	-9.6
DevonE	.96	...	45.91	-.64	-25.0
Disney	1.32f	23	118.67	+.72	+26.0
DowChm	1.84f	14	51.92	-1.46	+13.8
EOG Resc s	.67	...	83.53	-1.61	-9.3
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.41	-.06	-24.6
Energen	.08	...	61.15	-.42	-4.1
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	38.63	-.07	-40.6
EnPro	.80	...	50.19	-.91	-20.0
EnProdPt	1.54f	20	25.93	+.21	-28.2
Ericsson	.39e		9.43	-.05	-22.1
ExxonMbl	2.92	17	81.25	-.83	-12.1
Facebook			105.41	-.33	+35.1
FordM	.60	12	14.55	...	-6.1
FreeSea hrs			.03	+.01	-99.9
FrptMcM	.20a	...	8.10	-.20	-65.3
GATX	1.52	9	46.00	+.61	-20.1
GabMultT	.94e	...	8.07	-.02	-19.4
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.13	+.07	-8.2
GenElec	.92	...	30.36	-.30	+20.1
GeneticT rs		...	3.70	+.74	+92.2
GtBasSci f		...	.11	-.01	-95.6
GtPlainEn	1.09f	20	26.86	-.13	-5.5
HP Inc	.50	...	12.64	-2.00	-30.6
HalconRes		...	.63	-.02	-64.7
Halliburtn	.72	49	39.31	-.43	-.1
HP Ent n	.22	...	14.12	+.43	-14.7
HostHotls	.80a	19	16.52	+.28	-30.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	24.06	-1.17	-34.2
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.54	-.08	+11.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.97	-.09	-8.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.70	-.27	-11.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.69	+.14	-.2
iShR2K	1.68e	...	119.17	+.92	-.4
Intel	.96	15	34.45	+.09	-5.1
InterDig	.80	19	52.48	+.27	-.8
ItauUnibH	.40e		7.36	-.52	-37.7
JohnJn	3.00	18	101.96	-.08	-2.5
Keycorp	.30	12	13.15	+.01	-5.4
KimbClk	3.52	64	120.47	-.84	+4.3
KindMorg	2.04f	45	24.10	-.31	-43.0
LegacyRes	.60m		3.32	+.05	-71.0
Lubys	...	...	4.89	+.01	+7.5
MidValGold	12e	...	13.71	-.13	-25.4
MktVRus	.64e	...	17.52	+.25	+19.8
McDnlds	3.56f	24	114.40	+.12	+22.1
Merck	1.80	14	53.72	+.24	-5.4
MeritMed	...	32	19.44	+.16	+12.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.44	+.16	-55.1
MicronT	...	6	15.58	-.05	-55.5
Microsoft	1.44f	36	53.69	-.56	+15.8
Nabors	.24	...	10.38	+.11	-20.0
NBGreece			.19	-.01	-89.6
NatGrid	3.35e	...	70.52	+.38	-.2
NOilVarco	1.84	10	38.08	-.53	-41.9
NetElem h			.14	+.06	-87.5
Netflix s	...	...	124.16	+.85	+154.4
NvMAd	.79e	...	13.42	+.01	-1.8
NvPMI	.78e	...	13.24	+.03	-6.2
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.64	+.03	-1.6
NSTRS	.55e	...	14.82	-.04	-1.5
NTXQI	.55e	...	13.85	+.02	-4.2
OcciPet	3.00	33	75.28	-.52	-6.5
PMC Sra	...	...	11.78	+.18	+28.5
ParTech			6.70	-.06	+8.9
ParkDri	...	...	2.69	-.03	-12.4
PattUTI	.40	...	16.86	+.08	+.4
Penney	...	...	8.27	-.03	+27.6
PennaRE	.84	...	21.79	+.23	-7.1
Prmian	.40e	10	6.22	+.17	-34.9
Petrobras	...	...	5.12	-.45	-29.9
Pfizer	1.12	25	32.87	+.90	+6.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PioNtrl	.08	26	146.58	-1.36	-1.5
PlainsAAP	2.80f	14	24.03	-.17	-53.2
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	114.15	+.10	+10.6
Praxair	2.96	21	113.21	-.82	-12.6
PrmEgy	...	26	58.30	...	-22.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	26.75	-.83	-78.7
ProctGam	2.65	27	75.90	-.55	-16.7
Qualcom	1.92	15	49.10	-.31	-33.9
RangeRs	.16	18	30.28	-.50	-43.3
Rowan	.40	...	20.51	+.09	-12.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	49.93	-.18	-25.4
SpdrDJIA	3.90e	...	177.93	-.05	
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	209.32	-.03	+1.8
SabnR	3.24e	10	32.00	-.17	-10.6
SandsRfn	.88e	6	73.00	+.35	-13.1
SandRidge	...	...	.31	-.03	-82.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	26	77.53	-.65	-9.2
Schwab	.24	34	33.69	+.19	+11.6
SeadrillLtd	...	3	6.37	-.11	-46.6
SiriusXM	...	41	4.11	+.01	+17.6
Smucker	2.68	35	122.94	+.80	+21.7
Sprint	...	...	3.76	-.07	-9.4
SP Engy	1.98e	...	68.26	-.56	-13.8
SPDR Fncl	.44e	...	24.52	+.02	-.8
SunEdison	...	...	3.25	-.87	-83.3
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	28.64	-.24	-31.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Synchrony	...	12	31.53	+.19	+6.0
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	12.19	+.02	-14.2
TerraFmP	1.40f	...	7.27	-1.56	-76.5
Tesoro	2.00f	9	117.30	-.44	+57.8
3M Co	4.10	20	157.63	-.12	-4.1
Torchmark	.54	15	60.70	-.16	+12.1
TriContl	.80e	...	20.45	+.04	-4.5
Twitter	...	...	26.06	+.54	-27.3
TylerTech	...	83	173.45	-1.36	+58.5
UBSI	1.32f	21	42.41	+.19	+13.2
US OilFd	...	...	13.39	+.07	-34.2
USSteel	.20	...	8.23	+.13	-69.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.73	-.16	-54.4
ValeantPh	...	49	87.02	-.43	-39.2
ValeroE	2.00f	8	72.93	-.10	+47.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.75	-.27	-13.2
VulcanM	.40	78	103.38	-1.35	+57.3
WEC Engy	1.83	18	49.07	-.31	-7.0
WalgBoots	1.44	26	83.40	+.47	+9.4
WellsFargo	1.50	13	55.22	-.06	+.7
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	45.17	+.52	+19.6
WhitingPet	...	...	17.17	-.01	-48.0
WmsCos	2.56	66	36.44	-.70	-18.9
XcelEngy	1.28	18	35.50	+.23	-1.2
Xerox	.28	37	10.89	+.02	-23.6
Yahoo	...	...	33.16	+.20	-34.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,813.39	+1.20	+.01	-.05	-.08
9,310.22	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	8,172.05	-2.86	-.04	-10.59	-11.13
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	560.63	-2.65	-.47	-9.29	-5.54
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,450.37	+.65	+.01	-3.59	-5.41
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	5,116.14	+13.33	+.26	+8.03	+6.87
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,088.87	-.27	-.01	+1.46	+.77
1,551.28	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,484.25	+5.22	+.35	+.81	+.80
22,537.15	19,019.28	Wilshire 5000	21,761.88	+22.17	+.10	+.33	-.09
1,296.00	1,078.63	Russell 2000	1,198.01	+9.20	+.77	-.56	+.82

THURSDAY: Showers	FRIDAY: Showers	SATURDAY: Showers	SUNDAY: Partly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny
High: 71 Low: 50	High: 51 Low: 32	High: 38 Low: 35	High: 51 Low: 39	High: 59 Low: 40	High: 55 Low: 38

Local forecast

For Thanksgiving day, expect highs in the low 70s and lows of about 50. There is a 30 percent chance of storms for the day.

The high on Wednesday reached 74, while the low was 52. The record high for Nov. 25 is 85 set in 1965. The record low is 18 set in 1938. On Nov. 25 of last year, the high was 56 and the low was 33.

Weather brief

Appeals court: EPA chief doesn't have to give deposition

RICHMOND, Va. — A federal appeals court says U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy doesn't have to give a deposition in a coal company's lawsuit over the impact of regulations on jobs.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond on Wednesday overturned a decision by U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey in Wheeling, West Virginia.

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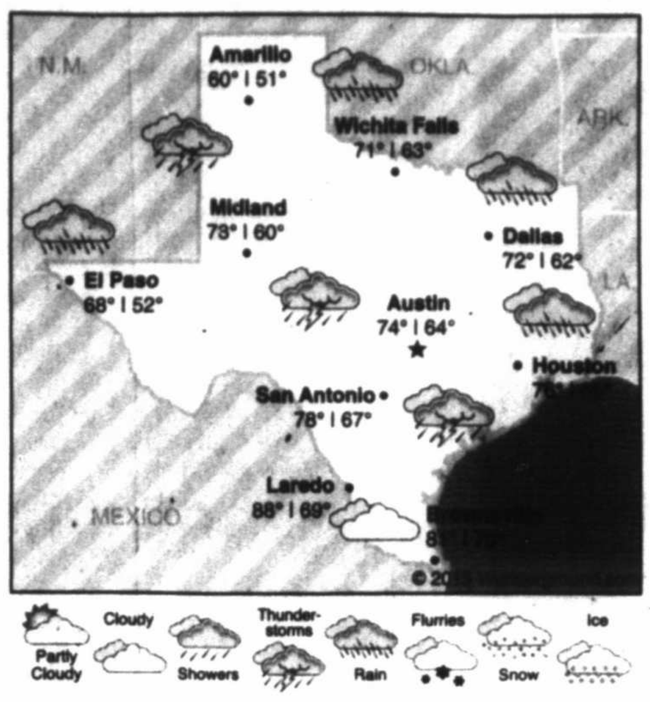


Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

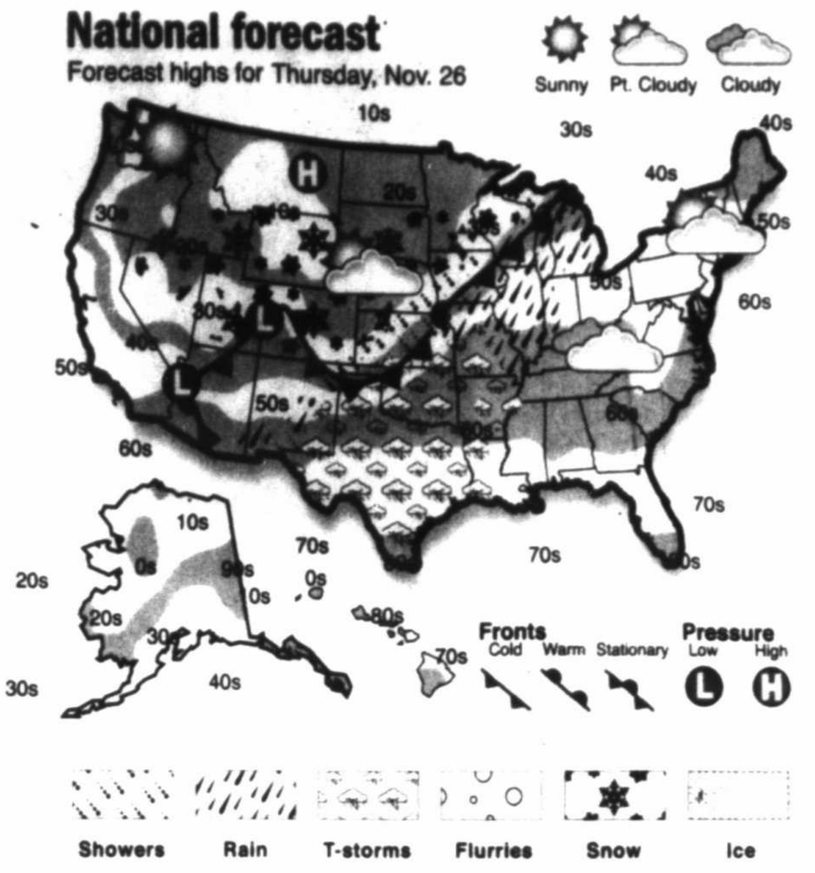
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.17 in.
Year total	19.95 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.89 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	74
Low	52
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Nov. 26



Mom and sister join forces to dictate wedding party

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: My mother and older sister are trying to spoil my happiness about my upcoming wedding. I have known my ex-stepmother, "Gina," for 20 years and have been best friends with her for the last 15. We remained close even after she divorced my biological father, who is not in the picture.

I had an appointment to go dress shopping and invited my friends, my mom and Gina (who lives out of state). When I told Mom that Gina was coming, her response was she would come "some other time." Abby, Mom has been remarried for more than 30 years and has spent time with Gina prior to this. It's not like they are enemies.

My older sister doesn't get along with Gina. She told me if Gina is part of the bridal party, she won't come to my wedding. I'm having a bachelorette party in the state where Gina lives. The invitations won't be sent for another few months. When my older sister found out, she accused me of not telling her. I explained that I'm not planning the party, my friend will be sending out the invitations and I wasn't keeping anything from her. She hung up on me!

These two ladies are spoiling what should be a happy time for me. Have I done something that, from an outside perspective, you consider wrong? — DESPERATELY SEEKING ADVICE

DEAR DESPERATELY SEEKING: Your mother's refusal to participate in the selection of your wedding gown was an example of passive aggression. Your mother and sister aren't trying to spoil your happiness about your wedding. They are trying to manipulate and blackmail you into excluding your former stepmother. From this outsider's perspective, you have done nothing wrong — but they have.

DEAR ABBY: I recently started volunteering at a wonderful organization and was asked to assist the board with a special project. At the initial meeting with two of the board members, everything was going well until the first board member excused himself and the other one immediately began to badmouth the person who had left the room.

I'm new to volunteering here. Neither board member knows me at all. It made me very uncomfortable and I didn't know how to respond. These two individuals have known each other for many years.

I don't want to get involved in this petty business, but I'll have to work closely with both of them in the coming months. Most of my interactions will be with the person who was spoken about poorly. At least three board members have recently quit because of this person. How should I proceed? — NEW VOLUNTEER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NEW VOLUNTEER: Proceed by not allowing yourself to get dragged into board politics. If one board member starts badmouthing another, excuse yourself.

If three people have quit, there are obviously problems with the governance of this organization. If you can do your job without getting involved in the dysfunction, stick with it. If you can't, then for your own sanity, find another place to donate your time and talents.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Count at the five level

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9 7 4
♥ A Q 3
♦ 8 7 5
♣ Q 9 7

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ 10 9 7 4 2
♦ A K Q 10 6
♣ J

EAST
♠ Q
♥ J 8 5
♦ J 9 4 2
♣ K 10 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 8 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ 3
♣ A 5 3 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♠	2♣*	3 **
5♣	5♠	All pass	

*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5
**Spade fit, at least invitational values

Opening lead: Ace of

East, as a passed hand, could not have a big club suit of his own. He intended his five club bid to be "pass or correct." Had South not bid five spades, West would have "corrected" five clubs to five diamonds.

The ace of diamonds lead held the first trick, and West woodenly continued with another high diamond. That was the end of the defense. South ruffed, drew trumps in two rounds, and cashed three heart tricks, shedding a low club. He ruffed dummy's last diamond, completing the elimination of both red suits from his hand and the dummy. A low club to the jack, queen, and king, left East on lead with no winning choice. A club would run around to dummy's nine, or he could yield a ruff-sluff. Contract made!

A club shift at trick two by West would have defeated the contract. West should probably have figured this out, as East likely held four diamonds for his aggressive bid, but there is also another way. Many experts feel that count at the five level and higher is more important than attitude — it may be a cash-out problem. They routinely signal count when partner leads an ace at this high level. Had East shown an even number of diamonds by playing the nine at trick one, West's forlorn hope that a second diamond was cashing would have died on the spot. The winning switch would have been apparent.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015:

This year you often understand both sides of an argument. Finding the appropriate stance could be difficult, unless you find a way to incorporate both perspectives. You attract people who have similar issues but choose to manifest them differently. Be aware of the common ground that lies between you. If you are single, you will need to accept a potential sweetie as he or she is. The more respect you give this person, the better your bond will be. If you are attached, you could feel pressured by the demands of your relationship. Learn to let go of all other areas of your life when focusing on your bond. GEMINI loves to tease you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A relative peacefulness comes with your day. You might aggravate yourself over some minor details, but others will work with you to get past them. A parent, friend or relative will give up his or her strong stance for now. Communication flourishes. Tonight: Very cozy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Keep communication open. Be willing to handle some last-minute events or problems that pop up from out of the blue. Someone who usually is not around could be difficult, and might need your attention. Don't take his or her attitude personally. Tonight: Pitch in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be exhausted by the end of the day. Somehow you will find a way to revive yourself. A friend who surprises you might be a source of irritation at the moment. Know that this response has more to do with you than the person. Tonight: The odds are with you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Listen to the words that are shared behind the scenes. Your ability to understand where others come from marks your decisions. You might opt to play it low-key. Others will respond accordingly, and they are likely to reveal their feelings. Tonight: Try to squeeze in some sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be quite imaginative when dealing with a child or loved one. Have a conversation with someone very close to you, as he or she needs to know that you care. You might feel as if you have only so much time and energy. Tonight: Catch up on news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might feel as if you have to handle yourself well. Others want to know the real you. A partner or loved one could confuse you by sending you mixed signals. Don't worry so much; this haze soon will disappear. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one whom you have not seen lately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be having a difficult time understanding someone's reaction. Resist personalizing this person's response. Make sure that you accurately interpret what is going on. A loved one is unpredictable. Tonight: Make calls. Listen to others describe their Thanksgiving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes over. The unexpected is likely to occur in your plans; be ready to make a quick adjustment. Confusion seems to surround communication. You might feel as though someone is speaking a foreign language! Tonight: Let a friend choose where and when.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Do whatever you must in order to have the flexibility you desire. You might be tired of constant changes and new plans. Roll with the moment, and trust that everything will work out fine. Be aware of your finances. Be more in sync with what is occurring. Tonight: Lighten up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your imagination takes you to a new level of understanding. Honor a change of pace when an older family member appears. How you celebrate your Thanksgiving is subject to change. Remain sensitive to what is happening with others. Tonight: Plan on pitching in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Defer to others, and observe what is happening within your immediate circle. You could be surprised by someone's action. This person could be a neighbor or someone with whom you interact daily. Greet the unexpected with a smile. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Be sensitive to a family member's needs. Know that you can do only so much to help change this person's mood. You know which way to go, so follow your instincts. Use caution with your funds; otherwise, you could have a problem. Tonight: Happiest at home.

BORN TODAY

Cartoonist Charles Schulz (1922), singer Tina Turner (1939), playwright Eugene Ionesco (1909)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Letters before Choice, Prime or Select
5 Filter target
9 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
13 Fork locale
14 "Meet John Doe" director
16 Kept in the email thread
17 Folk singer Guthrie
18 Present to a large degree
20 Farm kids' hangout
21 "Very cute!" sounds
22 Trojan who survived the fall of Troy
23 "Pontoon" Grammy-winning country group
27 Dyes
28 Head for the hills
29 "Same here"
30 Mother of the Titans
31 When said thrice, "and so on"
35 Sleep stage
36 Civil War nickname
38 "Unbelievable" rock band
40 Bit of advice
41 Thin nail
43 Tiny army members
45 Peel and Stone
47 Ill-fated energy company
49 Tough as nails, e.g.
50 Digressing
53 Obnoxious type, in slang
54 Recycled container
55 Blubber
57 City in a classic Sinatra song
60 Cellar dweller?
61 Loving murmurs
62 Flood deterrent
63 Birth of an invention
64 Youngest Brontë
65 Complimentary ticket
66 Class struggle?

DOWN

1 River through Kazakhstan
2 Poor sport
3 "My religion is kindness" speaker
4 Rumpus
5 Displeased looks
6 Short stop
7 Well-suited
8 Sports doc's order
9 Thrifty management
10 Common fastener
11 Bakery nut
12 Some Ben Jonson poems
15 No more stars, to astronomers
19 Greek pizza topping
21 Well-lit courts
24 "Bad as Me" singer Waits
25 Troop gp.
26 Frozen treats
27 Paleo diet no-no
30 Piazza de Ferrari city
32 Sign appealing to short people?
33 Land line signals
34 Church niche
37 White-faced predator
39 Make a false show of
42 Department created during the Truman administration
44 Big bang cause
46 Fr. title
48 "Uh-uh!"
49 Ladders counterparts
50 DuPont acrylic
51 Was nourished by
52 Lots and lots
53 __-Cola
56 Exhausted
58 "Uh-huh!"
59 Lab eggs
60 Clever one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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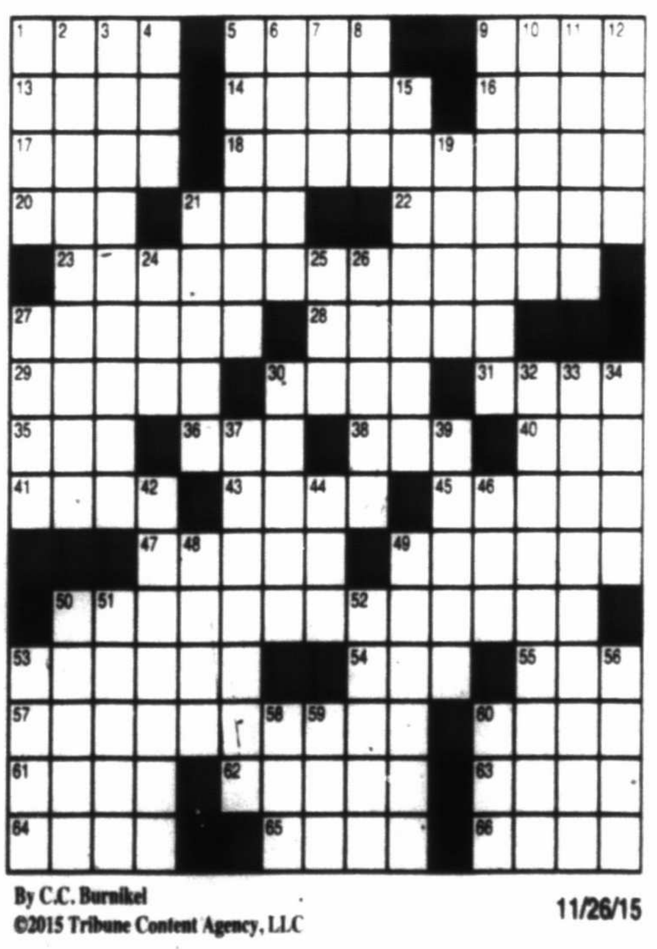

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A's acquire Jed Lowrie from Astros for minor league reliever

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

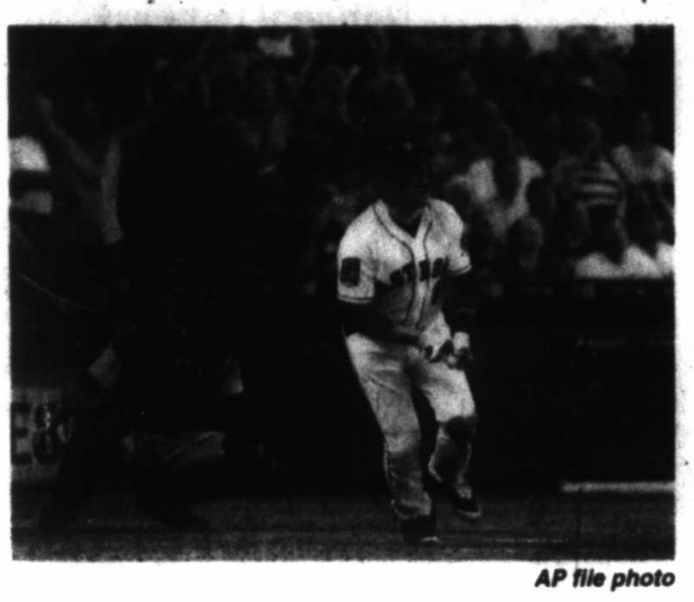
OAKLAND, Calif. — Infielder Jed Lowrie is returning to Oakland after a one-year stay in Houston.

The Athletics acquired Lowrie from the Astros on Wednesday for minor league right-hander Brendan McCurry less than a year after Lowrie left Oakland to sign a three-year deal with Houston.

"Jed is a very good player," A's general manager David Forst said. "He was very good here, he had a good year in Houston. It was a good opportunity for us."

The 31-year-old Lowrie hit .222 with nine homers and 30 RBIs in 69 games for Houston this year, starting 45 at third and 16 at shortstop. He was sidelined for more than three months by a torn ligament in his right thumb but Forst said he has no concerns about his health.

As a free agent last December, Lowrie agreed to a $23 million, three-year contract with the Astros that called for salaries of $8 million in 2015, $7.5 million in 2016 and $6.5 million in 2017. There is a $6 million club option for 2018 with a $1 million buyout.



AP file photo

On Sept. 6, Houston Astros' Jed Lowrie (8) watches his grand slam in the seventh inning of a game against the Minnesota Twins, in Houston. Infielder Jed Lowrie has been acquired by the Oakland Athletics from the Houston Astros for minor league right-hander Brendan McCurry. The trade was announced Wednesday.

This marks the second time Lowrie was part of a deal with these two teams, having been sent from Houston to Oakland before the 2013 season in a deal that sent slugger Chris Carter to the Astros.

Lowrie helped the A's make the playoffs in two straight seasons, batting .271 with 21 homers and 125 RBIs in 290 games. He was almost exclusively a shortstop during his time in Oakland but is also capable of starting at third base and second base and has even played a bit of first.

"We acquired Jed to play," Forst said. "Exactly where, we have some time to figure that out. He's too good an offensive player not to be in there somewhere."

Lowrie has expressed a desire to Forst and manager Bob Melvin to remain at one position. Whether that happens might depend on what other moves the A's make this offseason. Currently Marcus Semien is slotted at shortstop and Brett Lawrie is at third base.

"There's plenty of time for us to figure things out," Forst said. "He may end up getting to do that. The nice thing for us is he really can play all over the infield."

Lowrie has a .257 career average with 65 homers and 314 RBIs.

The 23-year-old McCurry was 3-3 with a 1.37 ERA and 29 saves this year with Class A Stockton and Double-A Midland, striking out 82 and walking 17 in 63 innings.

Houston also dealt outfielder L.J. Hoes to Baltimore for cash. The 25-year-old hit .295 with three homers and 53 RBIs in 99 games this year at Triple-A Fresno. He was dealt from the Orioles to the Astros in July 2013 as part of the trade that sent pitcher Bud Norris to Baltimore.

Hoes has a .237 average, four homers and 22 RBIs in 112 major league games during the past four seasons.

Div. III team forfeits game in protest of coach's firing

By Jim Hague
Associated Press

WAYNE, N.J. — A Division III basketball team forfeited a conference game to protest the firing of its coach, dressing and warming up before collectively walking off the court as the game was about to begin.

William Paterson forefeited Tuesday night against Ramapo College in support of longtime coach Jose Rebimbas, who was in his 21st season.

Rebimbas, the school's leader in coaching wins with 384, declined comment on Wednesday, saying he would comment publicly at a later date.

He said on Facebook on Sunday that he was fired because of a misunderstanding over facility rental fees for a camp he runs.

"The university has unfairly and illegally taken my right to coach and mentor the student-athletes I love," Rebimbas said. "I am prepared to fight the actions of William Paterson University and restore my good name and that of the program."

Athletic director Sabrina Grant and athletic spokeswoman Heather Brocious did not immediately return calls seeking comment from The Associated Press. The school is closed because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Syracuse University appeal of NCAA sanctions rewarded

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The NCAA has lessened its punishment of Syracuse University, reducing the penalty of lost basketball scholarships by four.

The NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee ruled that the total reduction of scholarships will be eight over four years rather than 12.

The decision was announced Wednesday.

The sanctions were imposed in March after a long-term investigation of the athletic department by the NCAA Committee on Infractions and the school appealed.

The NCAA did, however, uphold its decision to vacate all men's basketball wins in which an ineligible player participated from 2004 through 2012. That total is 101 victories, which reduces coach Jim Boeheim's career win total from second on the all-time wins list with 969 to sixth at 868.

The 71-year-old Boeheim, in his 40th year at Syracuse, also has appealed a nine-game suspension that is to commence at the start of Atlantic Coast Conference play in December. That appeal is still pending, the university said in a statement.

The March 6 NCAA report found several violations, particularly with the men's basketball program. Violations involved academic misconduct, extra benefits and the university's drug testing policy.

Auditor worried by border security for Rio Olympics

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — A government watchdog said Wednesday that "flaws" in Brazil's border security are a "big concern" heading toward next year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Augusto Nardes, a government auditor, told a news conference organized by Brazil's Justice Ministry that police and military need better ways to control the country's 10,500-mile border, which touches 10 countries and runs through remote areas of the Amazon jungle.

"We are aware that we have seven months to correct (the problem)," Nardes said, speaking at a news conference with security issues for the Olympics on the rise following the deadly attacks almost two weeks ago in Paris.

However, Public Security Secretary Regina Miki dismissed those concerns.

Miki said Brazil's policing was also questioned before the World Cup in 2014, when thousands of police and soldiers were deployed to keep order.

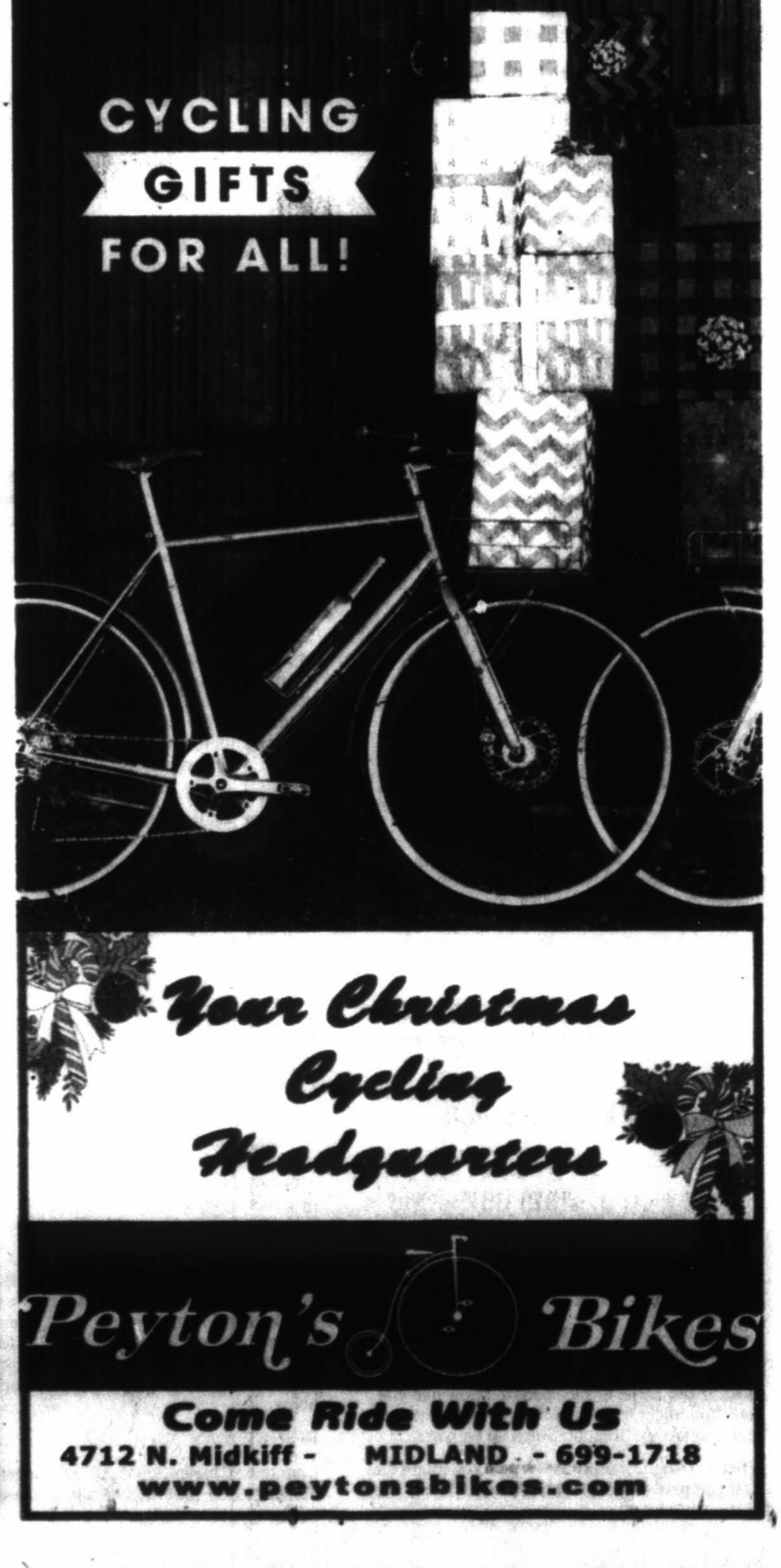
"The Olympics in Rio will be held in total security," she said.

Andrei Rodrigues, a former bodyguard for President Dilma Rousseff and since 2013 managing Brazil's security for special events, said the Paris attacks did not change Olympic security planning.

However, independent security consultant Paulo Storani disagreed.

"Brazil's public security plan for the Olympics is a total improvisation," he told The Associated Press. "There are no deadlines for things to happen. It is hard to know who is responsible for what."

As in most Olympics, Brazil is working with many countries, including France and the United States, to improve security.



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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

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Give Thanks!

Many people call Thanksgiving Turkey Day. The traditional Thanksgiving bird is full of surprises.

For example, Benjamin Franklin once recommended that the turkey be America's national bird instead of the eagle.

Read on, complete the activities and learn some facts that will amaze your family on Thanksgiving Day!

Turkey Code

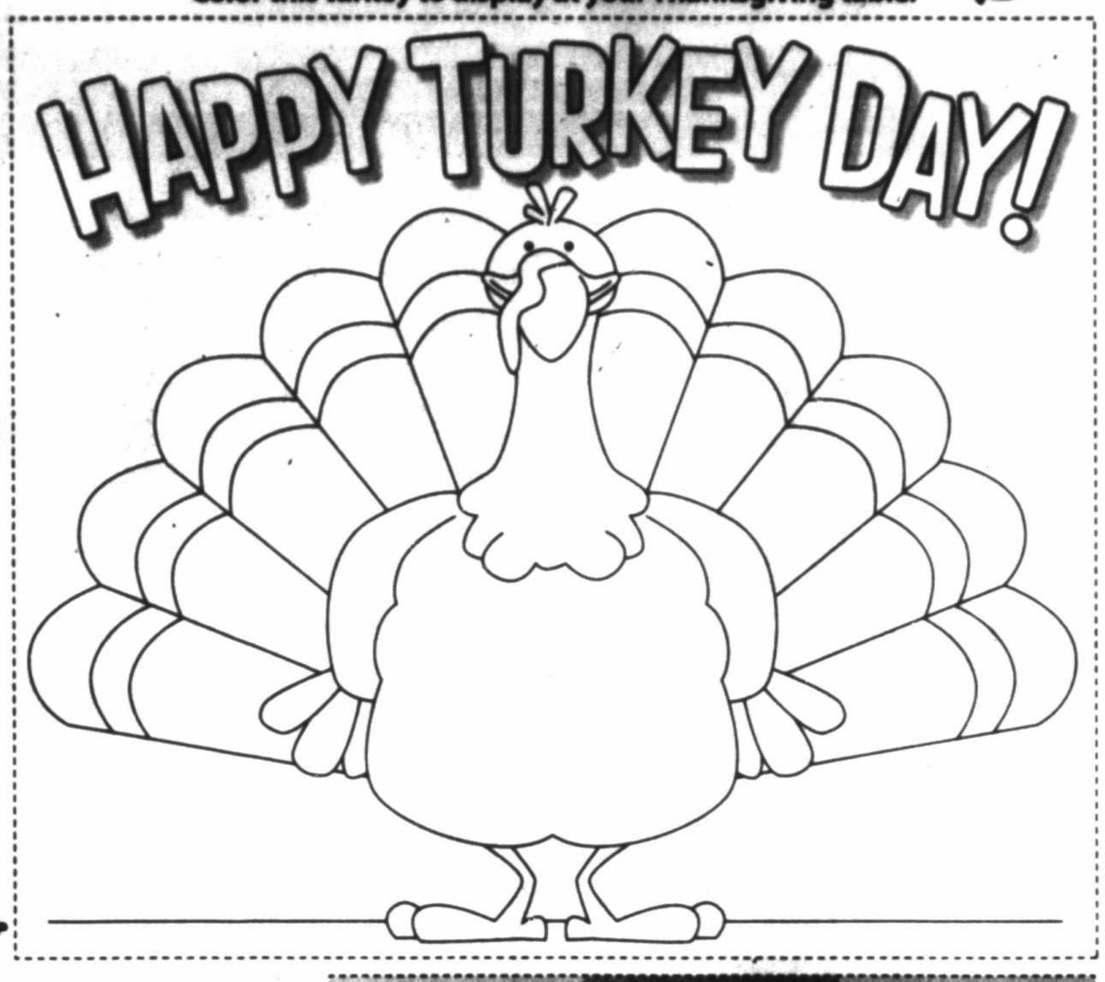
A = 17	I = 11	P = 10
C = 6	K = 9	R = 7
D = 3	L = 1	S = 2
E = 19	M = 18	T = 5
G = 8	N = 14	U = 13
H = 15	O = 4	W = 16

Only _____ turkeys make
18 17 1 19
the gobble-gobble sound.

Female turkeys make _____
6 1 13 6 9 2
and small, _____-like noises.
6 15 11 7 10

Male turkeys are called gobblers, or _____. Female turkeys are
5 4 18 2
called _____.
15 19 14 2

Color this turkey to display at your Thanksgiving table.



Thank You Notes

Give these coupons to family and friends before Thanksgiving dinner. Before you eat, read them aloud to everyone at the table.

I'm thankful for:

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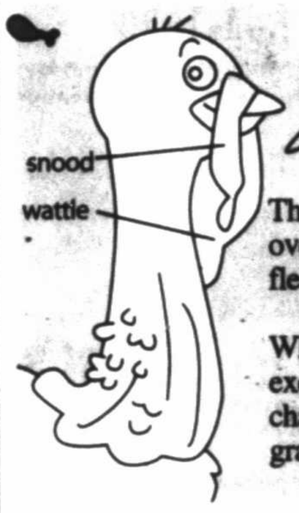


Color me after reading!

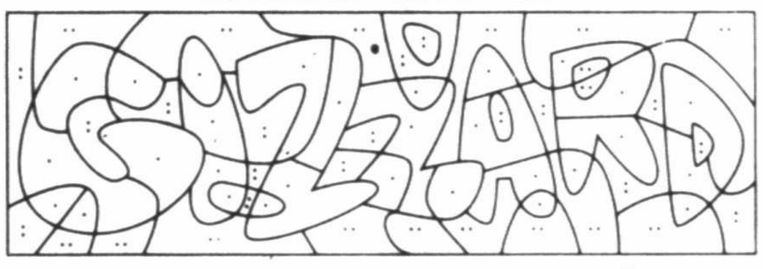
The head of a turkey has very few feathers. But, it does have a **snood** and a **wattle**!

The snood is a fleshy body part that hangs over the turkey's beak. The wattle is the fleshy area on the turkey's throat.

When a turkey becomes frightened, agitated, excited or ill, the snood and wattle can change from their usual pale pink or bluish gray color to red, white, or blue.

Stones in the stomach?

A part of the turkey's stomach contains tiny stones that the bird has previously swallowed. This organ has strong muscles and uses the stones to grind up food. Color the spaces with one dot to see what it is called.



How many turkey drumsticks can you find on this page?

Turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour and can fly as fast as 55 miles per hour!

Have three players race to unscramble these Thanksgiving dinner words. The winner gets the first slice of pie.

NROC	VARYG	FIGFUNST	KINPPUM	KYETRU	TOTOPA	SAPE
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NROC	VARYG	FIGFUNST	KINPPUM	KYETRU	TOTOPA	SAPE

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

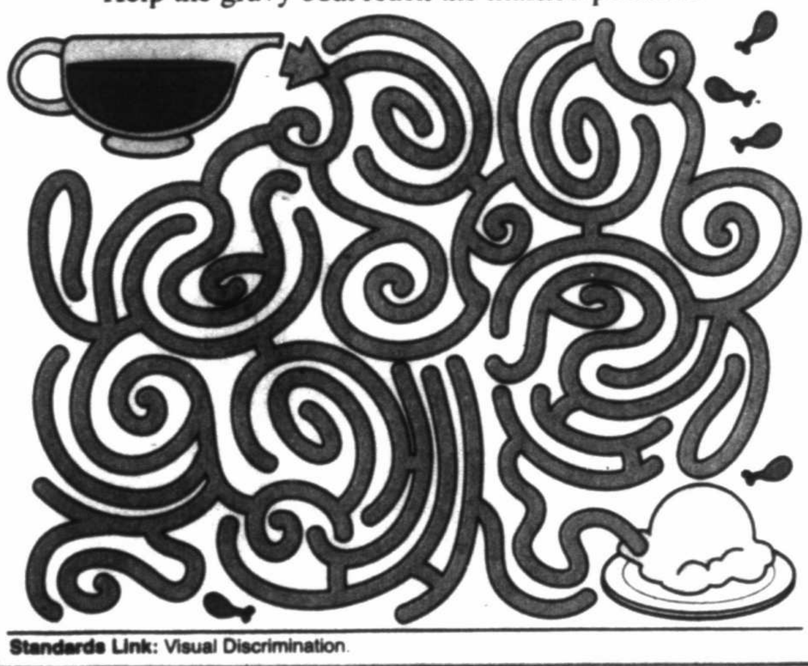
Extra! Extra! Thankful

Look through the newspaper and circle five or more things you are thankful for. Choose one and write a sentence telling why you are thankful for it.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Help the gravy boat reach the mashed potatoes.



Standards Link: Visual Discrimination.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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SWALLOWED
STOMACH
TURKEY
WATTLE
FLESHY
WINNER
SNOOD
THANK
AMAZE
GRIND
EAGLE
HOUR
RACE
BEAK

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H	B	G	I	H	V	T	I	A	I
Y	E	K	R	U	T	N	S	E	W
G	D	E	W	O	L	L	A	W	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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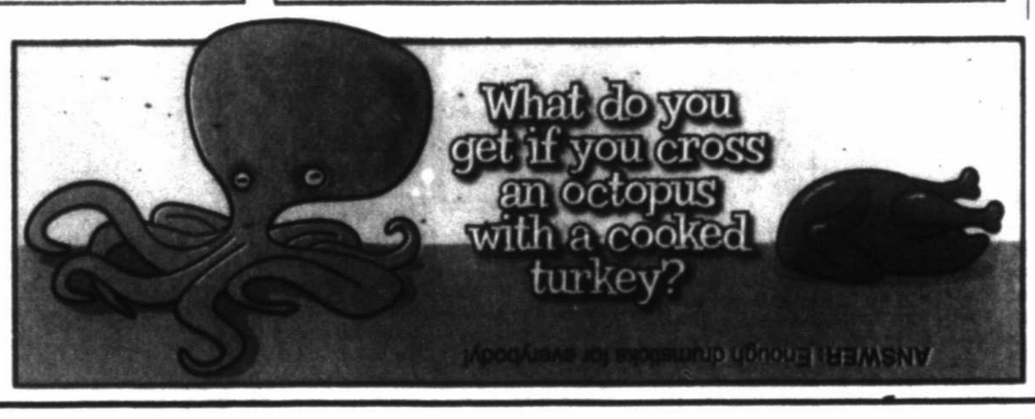
Thanksgiving Symbols

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that relate to Thanksgiving. Cut out each word. Then cut each word into syllables and glue them onto a piece of paper to show where the syllable breaks are located.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Weekly Writing Corner

Holiday Spirit

Me and my family show holiday spirit by cooking turkey every Thanksgiving. Before we start eating, we do a big prayer for all our family and friends. I love Thanksgiving.

Kyndi Hines,
4th grade, St Ann's

Holiday spirit is when you celebrate a holiday and you get really happy. Me and my family show holiday spirit by loving each other and giving hugs. We also celebrate holiday spirit by making food. And we celebrate by spending time with family and our family members that have gone before us. And we also play games.

Jaycie Pacheco,
4th grade, St Ann's

The way my family shows the holiday spirit is we invite all of our family members to our house, and make a big dinner. We have turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, bread rolls, and pumpkin pie to eat. I like to help cook. My favorite part is when we get to the dessert. During Thanksgiving we also celebrate my sister's birthday. When my sister opens her presents, I get so curious and excited. This is how we show the holiday spirit.

Kiki Sandberg,
4th grade, St Ann's

I always love to go with my family especially my brother. This is his first time, he is going to have a blast. I love spending some time with my family. They take me every year to go somewhere but it's so fun! I get to see all my cousins, and me and my cousins we always get to play these fun games with each other. It's so fun, and our parents call us in to come and eat, and they tell us to go wash up, and eat ham & turkey it's so fun to be with them every year.

Mariza Olgin,
4th grade, St Ann's

Thanksgiving spirit is where you celebrate that holiday. During Thanksgiving we would go to my friend's house for a feast and then we'll go to my aunt's house. We play with our cousins.

Bella Campos,
4th grade, St Ann's

I love the holiday because my family shows peace and love. Me and my mom decorate and we love to cook holiday foods. My family and I show holiday spirit by decorating our home with beautiful lights. During Christmas we also decorate the tree with ornaments and with an angel at the top of the tree. We go to mass on special holidays and in the end we have a big party and bake cookies.

Alyssa Valadez,
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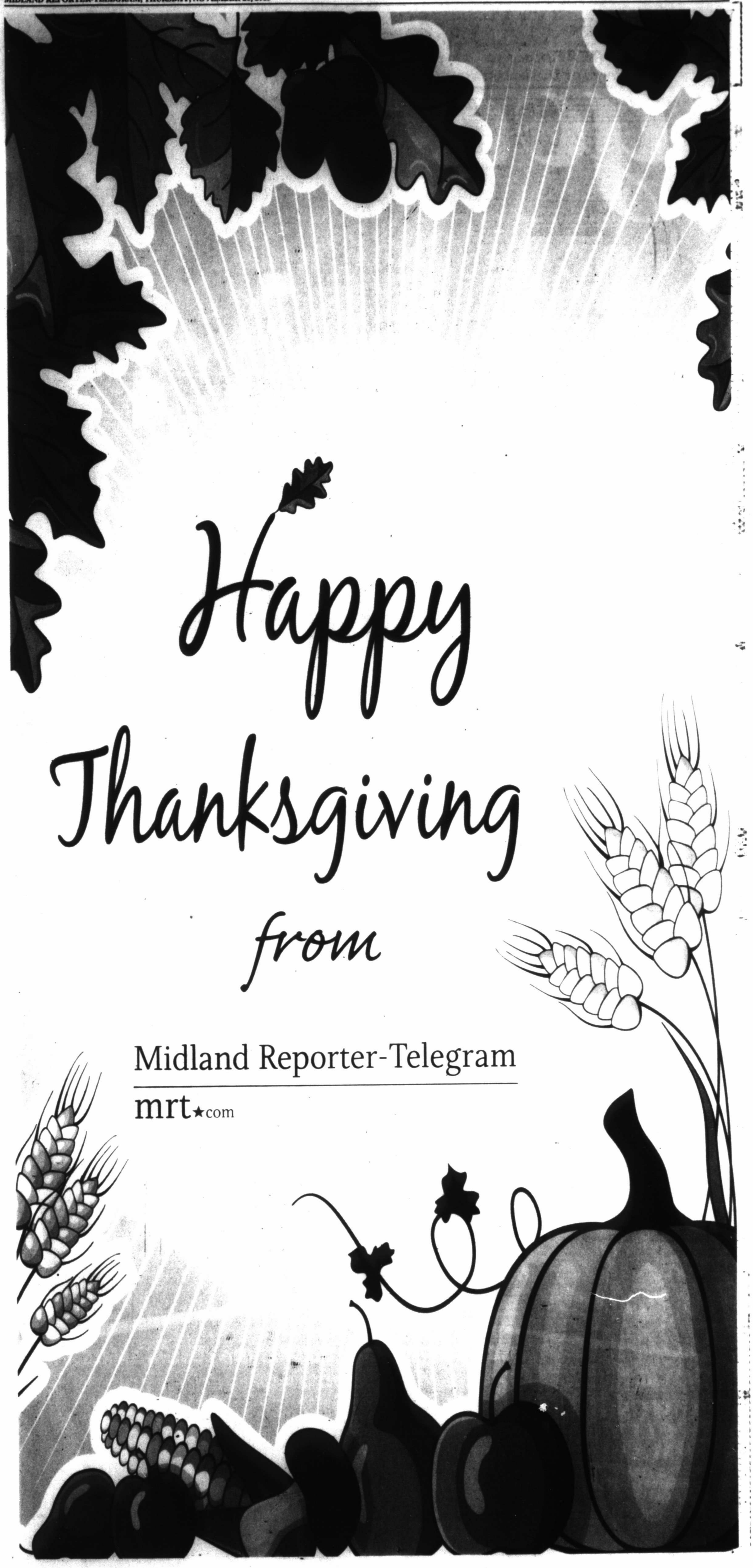
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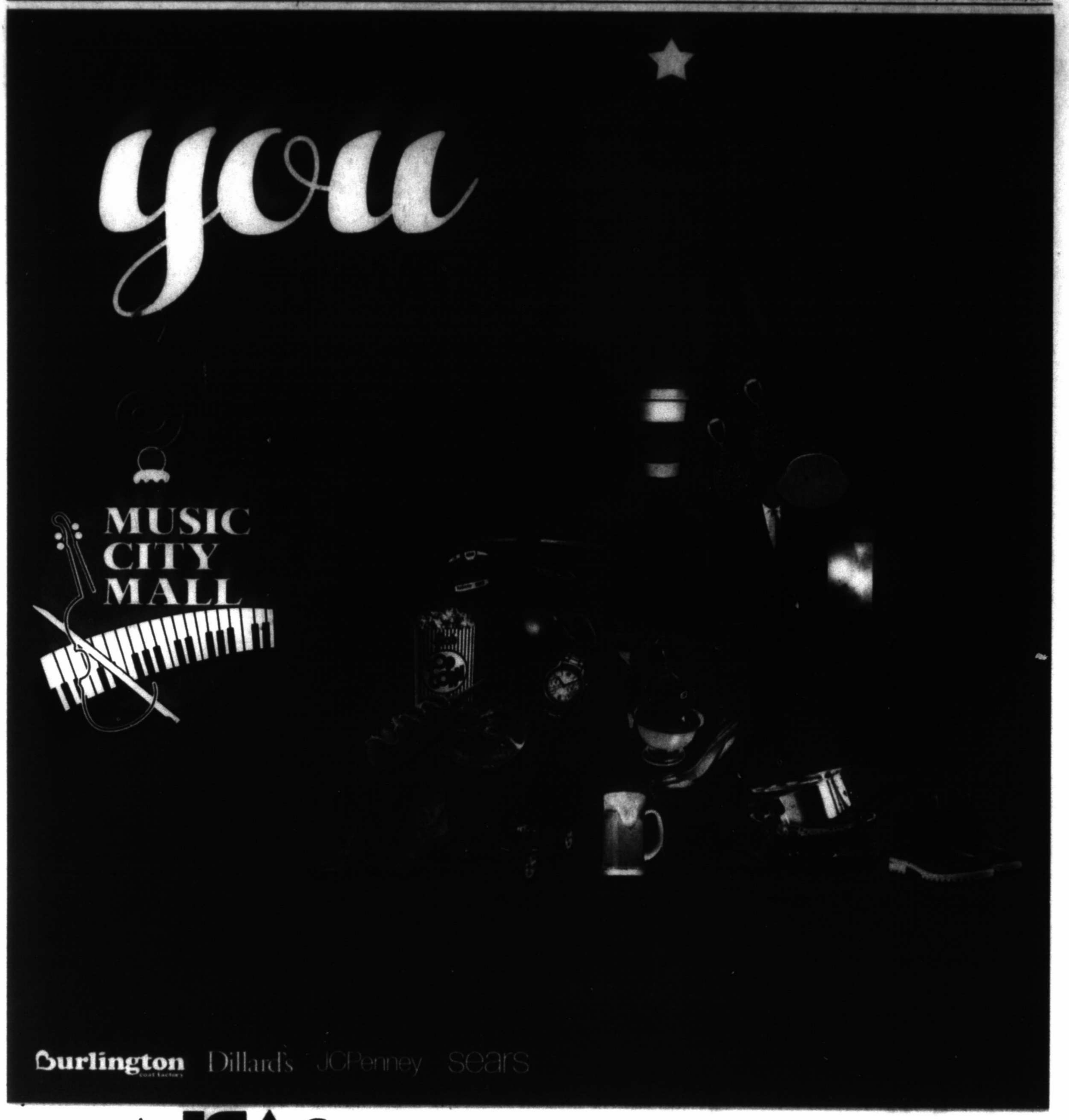
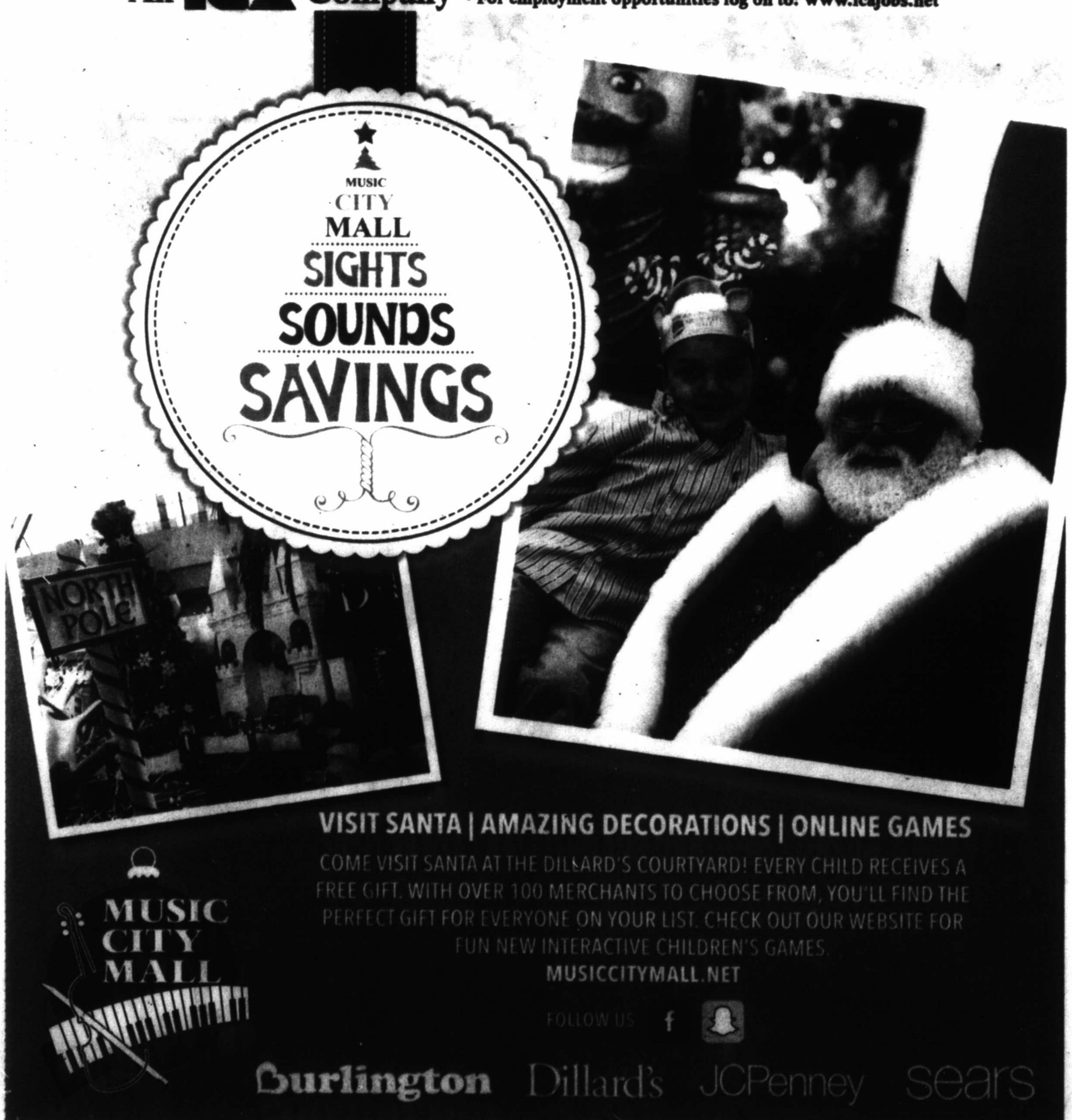
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