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Economist: Area consumer spending hits $1B

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Flush with the estimated $19 billion in cash flow generated by Permian Basin oil production this year, with an additional $3.6 billion from natural gas production, companies and individuals alike opened their pocketbooks.

Amarillo economist Karr Ingham said Monday that retail spending in the third quarter surpassed $1 billion for the first time. General real spending in the third quarter was up 24.3 percent over the third quarter of 2010, and for the first three quarters of the year, is up 26.4 percent over the previous year.

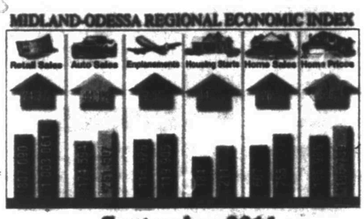
Ingham prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for the Midland Development Corporation and Security Bank and estimates the value of Permian Basin oil and natural gas production.

That doesn't mean Midland and Odessa received $1 million in sales tax rebates from the state during that quarter, said Bob McNaughton, finance director for the city of Midland. "There are lots and lots of exemptions. Automobile spending, for example — we get nothing," he said.

But rising consumer spending means the city is doing well, he said, and the excess sales tax revenue lets the city fund one-time capital projects without turning to additional ad valorem taxes. The city has $7 million in capital projects planned for the next several years, funded on excess sales tax revenues it has received, he said.

"We used excess sales tax revenue to help advance-fund part of

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TALL CITY SHOWS SPIRIT





ABOVE: Garren Smith, 3, plays with fog created when biology professor Paul Mangum places pieces of dry ice into water Monday during a Halloween festival at the Petroleum Museum. Hundreds of children attended the event and worked on Halloween experiments, played games and took flashlight tours of one of the museum's wings.

RIGHT: Vicky Austin pushes her mother Dorthy Sloan down the aisle as they show off their "Spider Family" costumes Monday during the annual Halloween party and costume contest at Senior Care Center.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy
Reporter-Telegram

Church reaches out for Halloween

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

For years, staff with First Baptist Church of Midland said they held activities and Trunk-or-Treat events at their church and on campus for Halloween. But last year, they decided to do something different by starting ParkFest, a Halloween alternative, at local parks to try to reach those in the community.

"We were making them come to our church, but instead we decided to bring it to the parks and neighborhoods," said Children's Minister Sarah Arrambide.

This year was no different. Volunteers and church members set up festivals at Washington and Doug Russell parks from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday for the second annual event.

Free hot dogs, jumpers and bounce houses and candy were available to the community. Prizes like iPods and a Nintendo DS also were given away as door prizes.

Online

Be sure to check out Halloween pictures submitted by our readers at www.MyWestTexas.com.

The event was held at four parks last year and averaged about 1,000 people at each location. This year, officials estimated just before the event that at least a couple of thousand Midlanders were expected to come to each park.

"Doing this is one of the ways we can share with the community the free gift of salvation," said FBC Associate Pastor David Johnson.

Johnson said the church wanted a way to reach Midlanders with information about their Sunday school programs and adult and youth ministries. They also had a prayer tent where visitors could be prayed for while at the outreach.

Arrambide said staff and volunteers sought new ways to get involved with the community and connect with more people.

As children — dressed in Spiderman costumes, Batman capes and characters from Disney's Toy Story movies — ran around the park and played in the inflatable bounce houses and on the slides, many parents and grandparents said they were thankful for a free event in their neighborhood.

Priscilla Woodson, who lives across from Washington Park, said the convenience of its proximity was a big draw for her and her grandchildren.

It was her first year to attend. After she heard about the event from a friend and said she thought it was a good alternative to traditional Halloween activities.

Her granddaughters 8-year-old Denaysia, decked out with hot pink and black hair, and 6-year-old Jaeshay, dressed as a witch, both said their favorite part of the event was the jumper houses.

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Manor Park to add 2 nursing homes by 2013

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Manor Park is moving forward with plans to add two residential-style nursing homes on its property by 2013.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zone change that will allow for the addition of two nursing homes on the organization's land near Loop 250 and Sinclair Avenue.

"We think of it as a small nursing home," Executive Director Alan Hale said. "The difference is, it's supposed to be a home people want to live in."

Each home will house 22 residents rather than the more than 100 who can live in more traditionally designed nursing homes.

Instead of constructing it like a typical nursing home where rooms are shared and centered around a nurse's station, Hale said this model will place people in their own rooms that resemble a private residence.

He said many residents move in to nursing homes after living for 40 to 50 years with their spouse. They're then paired with a roommate they typically don't know and are forced to adjust to another person's lifestyle and that person's family visiting schedule.

With individual rooms, residents still

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Texas shoots donkeys, stirs burro backlash

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

PRESIDIO — Unofficially, the state of Texas celebrates donkeys and their historical and cultural significance in shaping the American West.

Officially? The policy on wild burros out here is shoot to kill.

Texas park rangers are trying to wipe out hundreds of free-roaming donkeys in Big Bend State Park, killing nearly 130 to date with .308-caliber bolt-action rifles on this side of the Rio Grande. But in the process, the shootings are stirring a whole new kind of cross-border controversy, pitting state officials against burro-lovers who believe the animal holds a special place in history and deserves protection.

The state's stance: Wild donkeys wandering over from Mexico simply don't belong. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department considers an estimated 300 burros in Big Bend to be destructive intruders, hogging forage and lapping up

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ UTPB grand gala featuring Rod Stewart, Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Want to vote?

Early voting runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 3-4. Early voting takes place at the Midland County Elections Office, 2110 N."A" St.

Election Day, Nov. 8: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at one of 10 voting centers: Cogdell Learning Center, Midland County Annex, Fairmont Park Church of Christ, Greenwood ISD, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Manor Park, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, Odessa Country Club, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Got too much candy?

MidessaMommies and COM Aquatics are collecting candy to send to deployed U.S. troops via Operation Gratitude. Drop off your excess candy from 4-7 p.m. today in the COM Learn to Swim foyer.

Going to see Rod Stewart tonight?

Send us your thoughts about the concert and the new Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center by posting on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Community calendar

■ Midland Book Review Unit will meet 11:30 a.m. today at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Midland author Patrick Dearen is to present the program.

To make luncheon reservations, call 683-2138.

■ The Newcomers Club will meet 10 a.m. Thursday at 1500 Harvard Ave.

For more information, call Kim Butterfield at 288-2806 or Marge Frank at 218-9207.

■ The Midland Genealogical Society is to meet 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at 902 West Dengar.

John Trischitti III, director of Midland County Public Library, will present the program.

■ A 5K run/walk for Face the Race is Nov. 12 at Midland College. Race starts at 9 a.m.; registration begins at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $10; kids 5 and under are free.

Face the Race is a program created by Junior League of Midland to increase self-esteem in 13- and 14-year-old girls. The after-school program includes physical fitness training, courses on women's health and goal-setting skills. The girls then have the opportunity to run in the 5K race.

To register or for more information, call 682-4732 or visit www.JLMidland.org or FaceTheRaceMidland@gmail.com

EZ Rider report

FIXED ROUTE

	2011	2010
Total	41,909	37,580
Midland	23,256	16,620
Odessa	18,653	20,960

Year-to-date: 476,696 (an increase of 4.1 percent compared to last year)

Year-to-date in Midland: 251,356 (an increase of 11.98 percent compared to last year)

Ridership in Midland was 19,438 in September 2009 and 21,907 in September 2008

TOTAL REVENUE IN AUGUST

	2011	2010
Total	$23,507	$16,404
Midland	$13,446	$7,279
Odessa	$10,123	$9,125

Year-to-date in Midland: $367,214, (an increase of 6.25 percent compared to last year)

PARATRANSIT RIDERS IN MIDLAND-ODESSA

Year-to-date: 27,552 (an increase of 10.01 percent compared to last year)

What's on the radio

News Talk: KCRS (AM 550); KWEL (AM 1070)
Sports Talk: KMND (AM 1510)
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 98.7)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 6-2-3
Pick 3 night: 3-8-9
Daily 4 day: 1-3-7-4
Daily 4 night: 1-0-0-7
Cash Five: 2-9-12-24-32
Texas Two Step: 1-3-7-24 BB: 3

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 1, the 305th day of 2011. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

On this date:

In 1512, Michelangelo finished painting the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

In 1936, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1950, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In 1968, the Motion Picture Association of America unveiled its new voluntary film rating system: G for general, M for mature (later changed to GP, then PG), R for restricted and X (later changed to NC-17) for adults only.



Associated Press

Cheyenne Rondeaux relaxes on the back of Penny, a rescued burro, Oct. 13 at Rachael Waller's ranch in Alpine. Texas park rangers are trying to wipe out hundreds of free-roaming donkeys in Big Bend Ranch State Park along the U.S.-Mexico border, killing nearly 130 to date, stirring up a whole new kind of border-crosser controversy.

BURROS

From 1A

precious water in the drought-starved mountains — thereby threatening the survival of hundreds of native species.

Outraged locals, however, claim there's only one animal the state really cares about — bighorn sheep.

"They say we're doing this just so four rich white guys can hunt bighorn sheep out here," said David Riskind, director of natural resources for the parks agency. "That's just not true."

Once extinct in Texas for decades, bighorns made a heralded homecoming to Big Bend last year when a herd of nearly four dozen was relocated to the 316,000-acre range. But even that's not big enough for what the state says are foreign burros and the native bighorns.

Skeptics suspect the state's stance is all a wink to wealthy and well-connected hunters. Coveted state permits to bag bighorns fetch upward of $100,000 at auction in Texas, and opponents like Margaret Farabee, of the Wild Burro Protection League, believe that's why the state wants to eliminate any threat to the sheep's survival so the bighorn hunters can one day return to Big Bend.

Riskind said it will take decades before the bighorn population is robust enough to possibly allow hunting in Big Bend, but that doesn't quiet the doubts of a growing campaign to save the burros — for a second time.

Among those trying to stop the shootings include a Wisconsin woman who has bombarded the state with open records requests, a former state park supervisor in Big Bend and more than 94,000 supporters on Change.org, making it one of the website's most popular petitions ever.

But their biggest ally may be history. In 2007, a similar uproar caused the state to temporarily suspend its first foray into "lethal control" after park rangers killed 71 wild burros.

Luis Armenderiz, the former Big Bend supervisor who retired following the initial controversy, said the burros are no more destructive to the park than humans who put in bike trails.

"We are invading their ecosystem. They're not invading ours," Armenderiz said.

Shooting wild animals doesn't generally create much of a stir in Texas, where hunting is a celebrated pastime. A year ago, Gov. Rick Perry famously paused from a morning jog to take aim at a coyote. This past summer, state lawmakers made gunning down feral hogs from helicopters legal.

No one sticks up for the ugly, rooting, beastly feral hog. So why the burro backlash?

"They're charismatic," Riskind said.

Opponents say the reasons are cultural. Donkeys did the dirty work of hauling supplies during America's westward expansion in the 1800s, and here along the border, families owned burros like households today have dogs. When the peso was weak, Mexican families strapped American-bought microwaves to their burros' backs to haul across the Rio Grande.

Even at Big Bend National Park, right next door to the state-owned land, killing wild burros is prohibited by a 40-year-old federal ban that Congress said protects the "living symbols and pioneer spirit of the West."

Riskind is quick to call burros "historically significant" and said the state tells the animal's important legacy through its books and museums. But he said those creatures were domesticated donkeys — and times have changed.

Heightened border security has made walking a donkey across the Rio Grande nearly impossible, and Mexico's violent drug war has decimated small towns in northern states and sent families fleeing inward. Riskind said many of the wild burros in Big Bend today simply were abandoned by Mexican ranchers.

The donkey dust-up is playing out in an isolated, rugged region that looks like a stock Texas landscape in some old western shoot-'em-up. Residents proudly call it the Lone Star State's last frontier, but attitudes here lean more progressive than small-town rustic.

An hour up the road is Marfa, the arty desert oasis where Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant played a surprise show last month. In nearby Alpine, ranchers who drive into town to buy hay bales and horse feed drive past two yoga studios. Rachael Waller, who runs an equine rescue in Alpine, hands out "burro-friendly store" stickers to shop owners and said nearly every business in town is on board, including the local taxidermist.

Waller, who is the daughter of Robert Waller, author of "The Bridges of Madison County," has a 7-year-old burro named Penny on her 400-acre ranch.

"We like going to Big Bend and seeing all the wildlife. It's all supposed to be there," she said.

Riskind described "lethal control" as a reluctant but necessary measure of last resort. Park rangers don't actively hunt for burros, and they pull the trigger only when they stumble upon a herd. Conservancy groups tried trapping the burros in 2007 after the state backed down to protesters, but spent months without wrangling one donkey from the impossibly rocky terrain.

For now, Riskind doesn't see the state giving into opposition again.

"I think it's safe to say we're not re-evaluating," he said.

HOMES

From 1A

will have their own privacy.

The building also will be designed to look like a large home rather than a nursing facility. It will be constructed with brick veneer and have a roofing style and other details that mimic smaller homes.

"The structure will look like a house," Hale said.

This new type of nursing home is one Manor Park has considered for a few years. They plan to break ground in the first quarter of 2012 and expect the construction process will take 15 months, Hale said.

The Midland City Council still must consider Hale's request.

In other business:

■ Midland Bible Church moved closer to realizing its new facility after it was approved for a zone change at its property in north Midland.

The church plans to move to a 15.25-acre lot near Midland Classical Academy, just north of Mockingbird Lane. The proposed 40,400 square foot building would be located on the east side of Whitman Drive, according to city staff.

A zone change was requested because the church will reach 65 feet at its tallest point, which exceeds the limit allowed in residentially zoned areas. The planned district for an office that was approved will allow for such a height.

The church plans to include 203 parking spaces around the building and included the possibility of an additional structure in its plans in case it wants to house a future church ministry.

The Rev. Tyler Beard said the church is working on plans to turn the current church, which is just south of Wadley Avenue on "A" Street, into a facility that other ministries can use.

An official celebration and ground breaking is planned for Nov. 6.

■ The "Brass Monkey" restaurant and lounge may make its debut in downtown Midland in the coming months.

Sonny Aguilar was approved for a specific-use permit for the sale of alcohol by the commission on Monday.

Aguilar said he plans to offer food and alcohol from a space he is rehabilitating near the southwest corner of North Colorado and Ohio streets.

Gloria Salazar, who spoke in favor of the request, said the plan is consistent with Midland's vision for its downtown because it would offer entertainment options for adults.

"We need this type of entertainment," she said. "Revitalizing a vacant building brings life to the city."

One person opposed the request. She said the owner of a building nearby is working to obtain a historical designation because the structure was the birthplace of former first lady Laura Bush.

Commissioner Becky Ferguson said while she understood the argument, she liked the idea of putting a business in a building that has been empty.

"That piece of property has sat vacant for years and years and years," she said. "I'm enthusiastic about folks who want to do something with it."

Proposed hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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ECONOMY

From 1A

the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center," he said, explaining that the matching fund grant from the state required up-front funding so the excess revenue was used for that until the money was paid back. Excess funds also have been spent on Holiday Hill Road, on Centennial Plaza and $300,000 was spent to upgrade the city's radio system.

Having excess funds means that in times when spending is reduced, such as in 2008-09, "without those excess funds, you just have to sit back and hope your savings account is big enough," McNaughton said.

Mike Hatley, president of the Midland Development Corporation, said the sales tax "tells us a lot of information about the people spending money," and he said residents seem to have a positive outlook about the economy.

Kevin Church, director of marketing and business development with Midland Park Mall, said with the holidays approaching, "we expect to see a steady stream of shoppers throughout the holiday season."

"National predictions indicate an increase of up to 3 percent over last year," he said. "Shoppers in Midland have demonstrated an increased confidence this year, as reflected in the tax-free weekend sales, so we expect to have steady traffic and are optimistic about sales this holiday season."

"We feel that shoppers have become more savvy with their pre-shopping research both online and in stores," Church said. "With current technology available to them, including downloading Simon Mall apps on their smartphones, shoppers plan strategically for their shopping excursions. Black Friday will benefit from this new trend because of the increase in advertisement by retailers on Thanksgiving Day using this platform."

Jim Smitherman, president and chief executive officer of Security Bank, said his bank's customers are "busy like everyone else."

"They're having employee issues, there's no housing, people are coming to town," he said.

Smitherman said his bank is loaning a lot of money but also is seeing a lot of debt repayment from cash flow.

He said he sees the area's fortunes being fueled by the oil and gas industry, especially as operators' increasing use of new technology such as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing. "With this hydraulic fracturing, they're going to redrill the whole Permian Basin!" Smitherman said.

Hatley said, "It is amazing. We're this little island (of prosperity). Economies in the rest of the country and the state are not ticking as we would like. Our economy would probably be doing better if they were."

People he talks to, Hartley said, "are talking sustainability and long-term growth versus a bubble. Slow, sustainable growth is more desirable; let's hope this is sustainable."

He stressed that the MDC's goal is not to diversify the economic base away from oil and gas but utilize the expertise used in that industry in other sectors. Manufacturing is one example, he said, given the amount of oilfield manufacturing in the region.

"We go fishing every day," he said. "I wish we could guarantee a catch every day, but that doesn't always happen. But you can't catch anything if you don't cast that line."

Hartley acknowledged the concern among some residents that the area's rising population is putting too much of a strain on the area's water supplies during the current severe drought.

"I think we have a real concern short-term," he said. "But long-term, I think we'll be all right. I have to rely on the people in the know, who are working on the situation."

Ingham reported that housing construction is booming, with the third quarter total the third-highest dating back to at least 1995, while the 665 permits issued by the two cities in the first three quarters of the year are highest on record for that time period, as well.

Midland has followed the state trend of housing sales peaking in 2005-06 and, though sales were up 26 percent in the third quarter, Ingham said they are down 20 percent compared to the third quarter of 2005. Average sales prices, however, are "easily the highest quarterly average on record for any quarter and is up nearly 6 percent compared to a year ago," he said. "For the year-to-date, the average home sale price is up nearly 8 percent and has also surpassed the corresponding average for all prior periods by a considerable amount."

The third quarter was one of continued rapid economic expansion in Midland and Odessa, closing the quarter with a substantial increase, Ingham said. The September index was two points above August and is 12.9 percent above September 2010. While the index has not yet returned to its late 2008 high, Ingham said the gap has narrowed rapidly "and it appears as if that will happen by year-end."

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CHURCH

From 1A

While the events were designed to reach those in the neighborhoods and communities near the parks, some came from areas across the city for the event.

Claire Flores, a mother who lives near Midland International Airport, said a friend who lives near Washington Park invited her to the event.

It was her first time attending, and she brought her 2-year-old son Dominic, who was dressed as Winnie the Pooh. She said she felt safe because she easily could see what her son was doing and because many adults were around.

Johnson said that's what the church hoped to accomplish.

"We're trying to build bridges and just let people know we care about them and their whole families," Johnson said.

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Kim Kardashian files for divorce after 10 weeks

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Just 10 weeks after their lavish, made-for-TV wedding and less than a month after the wedding special aired, reality starlet Kim Kardashian is canceling her marriage to NBA player Kris Humphries.

The "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" star filed for divorce Monday, citing irreconcilable differences.

Humphries told TMZ he was "devastated" to learn his bride had filed for divorce and is "willing to do whatever it takes to make it work."

The filing in Los Angeles County Superior Court provided few details, other than to state the couple have a prenuptial agreement that will dictate how they divide up their assets. Kardashian is asking that both sides pay their own attorneys' costs and that a judge terminate Humphries' rights to spousal support.

Kardashian, 31, and Humphries, 26, were wed Aug. 20.

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Cain says he was 'falsely accused' of harassment



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain wipes his forehead before answering questions at the National Press Club in Washington on Monday. Denying he sexually harassed anyone, Cain said Monday he was falsely accused in the 1990s while he was head of the National Restaurant Association, and he branded revelation of the allegations a "witch hunt."

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Denying he ever sexually harassed anyone, Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain declared Monday he was falsely accused in the 1990s while he was head of the National Restaurant Association and the allegations are surfacing now as part of a "witch hunt."

The former pizza company executive responded to a Politico report that said the trade group gave financial settlements to at least two female employees who had accused him of inappropriate sexual behavior.

But throughout the day, Cain offered conflicting responses about whether he remembered the specifics of the allegations or the existence of settlements with the women. That raised new questions about the candidate who now is at or near the top in many polls on the GOP race.

At an appearance at the National Press Club on Monday afternoon, Cain said he did not know of the trade association provided any settlements, and he declined to address specifics of the accusations or any resolution.

"I am unaware of any sort of settlement. I hope it wasn't for much, because I didn't do anything," he said.

But in an interview later with Fox News, Cain said he did know about it. "Yes, there was some sort of settlement or termination," he said.

During his appearance at the press club, he declared: "There's nothing else there to dig up. ... We have no idea the source of this witch hunt, which is really what it is."

In an interview with the Associated Press immediately afterward, Cain first said he had some memory of specific allegations — and then said he was not aware of any.

"Some of them," he responded initially.

When pressed, he said: "That was 12 years ago. So no, I don't remember."

Still later, in an interview with PBS NewsHour, he said he remembered that "once I referenced this lady's height and I was standing near her" and that the woman "thought that that was too close for comfort."

How presidential candidates use Twitter varies widely

Associated Press

Analysis

NEW YORK — Twitter is abuzz with presidential candidates this year, though not all in the Twittersphere are equal.

Rick Santorum tweets a lot more than Rick Perry. Herman Cain is the Republican most likely to be retweeted and GOP candidates' Twitter followers are dwarfed by President Barack Obama's.

That's according to an Associated Press analysis of the presidential candidates' use of Twitter that found widely different levels of engagement, despite the site's emergence as a go-to hub for political communication.

The AP analyzed each candidate's Twitter stream beginning the day he or she joined the presidential contest through, Oct. 24. The data, available from Twitter's website, highlights every message posted by candidates, as well as how many times their messages were "retweeted," or reposted, by other users on the site.

No one believes the campaign will be won or lost on Twitter — it's just one slice of an enormous communication effort each campaign wages in cyberspace. But with a well-timed 140 character blast, candidates can make news, respond to charges or reinforce talking points in a matter of seconds.

"Candidates are living in a new media ecology that rewards speed, and there is no faster way to distribute your message intact than over Twitter," said Andrew Rasiej, the founder of Personal Democracy Media, which tracks the intersection of media and politics. "If TV ads were the rifles of campaign battles in the past, Twitter is the machine gun used to distribute a message or annihilate an opponent."

And unlike pricy television and Web advertising, tweeting is free. That's one reason some of the financially struggling candidates have relied on Twitter as a way to promote themselves away from the media filter.

To that end, the AP found the Newt Gingrich campaign, which trails many other rivals in fundraising and is more than $1 million in debt, to be one of the most active on Twitter. The former House speaker has Tweeted more than 470 times as of Oct. 24.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator, had tweeted 326 times to more than 35,000 followers.

Perry, the well-funded Texas governor, is at the other end of the Twitter spectrum. His campaign has sent 42 tweets to more than 99,000 followers under his Twitter handle, @GovernorPerry, since he launched his presidential campaign in August.

"20% Flat Tax is the way to go! Cut, Balance and Grow plan," Perry's campaign tweeted after delivering a speech announcing his flat tax plan Oct. 25.

A candidate's Twitter feed is often a reflection of his or her persona.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign has tweeted 233 times under the Twitter handle @MittRomney to more than 150,000 followers, almost all directly from Twitter's website. Most of his messages have been relatively safe, largely reflecting the campaign's orderly nature.

"Excited & honored to officially be on the NH ballot-great being there yesterday with Gov. Sununu," Romney tweeted after receiving the endorsement of New Hampshire's former governor.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman has taken a riskier approach. Trailing in polls, Huntsman has used Twitter to raise eyebrows and draw attention to his unconventional candidacy.

Huntsman, who served as Obama's ambassador to China, responded to a renewed debate about Obama's birthplace after Perry questioned the validity of the president's birth certificate. "Barack Obama was born in America. Period," Huntsman tweeted to some 44,300 followers.

AP found Huntsman had sent 120 tweets since becoming a candidate.

The success of a candidate's Twitter strategy can in part be gauged in how often a candidate's message is retweeted by followers to a broader audience. By that measure, the AP analysis found Cain has outpaced his GOP rivals.

Cain, the former pizza magnate, has sent 579 messages to about 142,000 followers under @THE-HermanCain handle since joining the race. Of those, 144 have been retweeted more than 100 times.

Despite their best efforts, none of the Republicans are in the same league with the president when it comes to the successful use of Twitter.

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US soldier admits war trophies, denies murder

Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Washington — An Army staff sergeant described by a comrade as "evil incarnate" cut fingers off the corpses of three Afghan civilians — but he had nothing to do with any plot to slaughter those unarmed men for sport, his lawyer said Monday.

A court martial opened for Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, of Billings, Mont., who pleaded not guilty to 16 criminal charges ranging from murder to taking the fingers as bloody mementos. He maintains that, as far as he knew, the three killings early last year were legitimate engagements — and that his co-defendants conspired to blame him when they got caught.

"What you are seeing in this case is the ultimate betrayal of an infantryman," Gibbs' attorney, Phil Stackhouse, told jurors in his opening statement.

In some of the most gruesome allegations to emerge from the Afghan war, prosecutors said Gibbs and his co-defendants slaughtered the victims with grenades and powerful machine guns during patrols in Kandahar province, then dropped weapons near their bodies to make them appear to have been combatants.

Of the five soldiers charged as part of the so-called "kill team" within the platoon, three have pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against Gibbs, who faces up to life in prison without parole if convicted.

Gibbs, 26, is the highest-ranking of those charged. Others in the unit, including some of his co-defendants, portrayed him as an imposing sociopath with little respect for life — a man who gunned down dogs without provocation, threatened fellow soldiers and who tallied his kills with skull tattoos on his calves.

Another lead figure in the plot, Pvt. Jeremy Morlock, testified Monday that Gibbs played with the corpse of the first victim, a teenager, as if it were a puppet. The jurors were shown graphic photographs, including one in which Morlock stood over the victim's body and held up his head as though he had just bagged a deer.

A prosecutor, Capt. Dan Mazzone, told the jurors at Joint Base Lewis-McChord south of Seattle that Gibbs took advantage of weak leadership in the platoon to lead his juniors into the diabolical plot. This wouldn't be a case where they have to second-guess difficult combat decisions, Mazzone told them.

"This case is the exact opposite: It is about premeditated murder," Mazzone said.

Gibbs joined the unit in what was then known as the 5th Stryker Brigade in Kandahar province in late 2009. He soon began telling others how easy it would be to kill civilians, Mazzone said.

And when the platoon later came across a body that had been mangled by a helicopter gun, Mazzone said, Gibbs had reason to believe he'd really be able to get away with murder: As the platoon's leadership watched, one soldier stabbed the corpse with a knife and posed for a photo.

"This platoon is out of control," Mazzone said. "He sees weak leaders, he sees an opportunity, he sees soldiers who are willing to cross the line."

Gibbs' lawyer sought to lay the blame for any unjustified killings with Gibbs' comrades. When Gibbs came to the unit, hash smoking was already rampant, Stackhouse said.

Gibbs, who had more combat experience than most of the others, did talk frequently of previous shootings he'd been involved in — including one in Iraq, when Gibbs fired on a car that refused to stop at a checkpoint, only to later learn that the vehicle was carrying an innocent Iraqi family.

The others may have misinterpreted Gibbs' stories, Stackhouse suggested.

"On hash-filled nights, under a cloud of intoxication ... they'd talk about these things," he said.

Stackhouse admitted in his opening statement that Gibbs took fingers from the victims. He noted that while it's inappropriate to take such trophies, soldiers are taught to disassociate war casualties from the human being they once were.

Gibbs is accused of a wide range of misconduct, from providing a grenade used in January 2010 to kill the first victim, an unarmed farmer in a field in Kandahar province, to directly shooting or tossing grenades at the next two in February and May of that year. One co-defendant, then-Cpl. Morlock of Wasilla, Alaska, said that he or Gibbs enlisted one other soldier to participate in each of the three killings.

Prosecutors said Gibbs led a group of others in assaulting a soldier who reported drug use in the unit, and that he threatened that same soldier with fingers severed from the bodies of dead Afghans. That soldier, Pfc. Justin Stoner, ultimately prompted the war crimes investigation by telling investigators who were looking into his beating that members of his platoon had engaged in unjustified kills.





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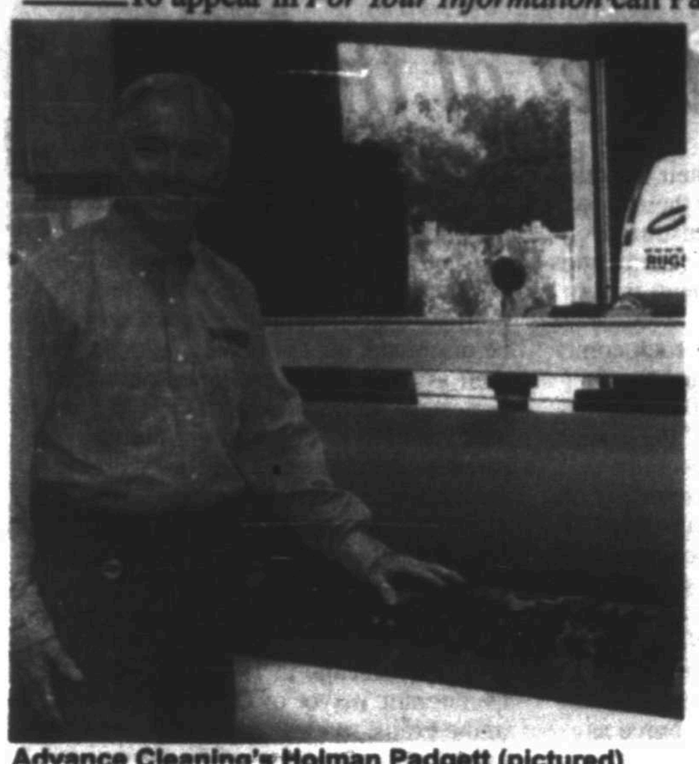
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Democrats embrace Occupy Wall Street at their peril

■ Whether talking about the "whack jobs" or those ready to protest like it is 1968, protestors might not make the best political allies.



JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Since their historic shellacking in last November's midterm elections, Democrats have been looking for some sort of strategy — anything — to avoid another wipeout in 2012. If only they could harness the political power of a progressive, grassroots movement that would reinvigorate Democratic prospects in the same way the tea party has done for Republicans.

By coincidence or contrivance, the Occupy Wall Street movement has emerged, to which President Obama and leading Democrats have hitched their electoral hopes.

"I understand the frustrations that are being expressed in those protests," the president told ABC News. "The most important thing we can do right now is, those of us in leadership, letting people know that that we understand their struggles, that we are on their side."

Major differences exist between the tea party and the OWS movement, not least in their use or abuse of public spaces. But the two groups do share one important similarity: a deep resentment about too-big-to-fail policies and the way that the wealthy and politically connected play by a set of economic rules different from everyone else.

Just as Democrats badly misjudged the potency and longevity of the tea party movement, it would be a mistake for Republicans to underestimate the effect of Occupy Wall Street. The danger for Obama and Democratic strategists is that those effects may not be entirely positive.

So far, the OWS protests have received largely fawning press coverage — about the diversity of the crowds, their affecting stories of unemployment and their capacity for self-rule. What the mainstream media have not yet done, but conspicuously did to the tea party movement, is play "Spot the Extremist."

Whether at sporting events, rock concerts or political protests, large crowds will draw a certain number of the maladroit and unbalanced. One of the easiest and cheapest ways to try to discredit a group is to pick an outlier and portray him or her as a representative. That's what Democrats have done to the tea party, misrepresenting a handful of signs and unverified incidents to render an image of a movement filled with neo-Nazi racists.

The irony is that many of the extremists now gathering on the fringe of the OWS protests come from the same source as those at tea party rallies: Lyndon Larouche whack jobs who see a conspiracy of Jewish bankers behind every conceivable problem. The OWS movement, which supposedly stands for the masses against a greedy and nefarious "1 percent," is particularly susceptible to such kooks. If journalists ever get around to spotting the OWS extremists with the same industriousness they stigmatized the tea party extremists, it won't be pretty.

Another peril for Democrats in allying with the OWS movement is that their political objectives, to the extent they can be discerned, are completely at odds with their grievances and public opinion. The protesters' incongruous solution to government bailouts of corporations and the incestuous marriage of politics with big business is ... more government! And this at a time when a CBS News/New York Times poll is showing public trust in government at a historic low.

The final danger for Democrats is that Occupy Wall Street in 2012 could begin to look like Chicago in 1968. Last week, the Democratic mayor of Oakland, Calif., sent in the police to clear out OWS protesters, citing concerns about public safety, sanitary conditions and crime.

This violent takedown occurred in one of America's most reliably liberal cities. If the OWS protests provoke that kind of response in Oakland, how will the Democrats' strategy of embracing them play in Peoria?

GUEST VIEWS

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Perry is correct on Confederate flag dispute

No one really knows what Gov. Rick Perry might say about the proposal for a specialty license plate that features the Confederate battle flag if he weren't running for president. As lieutenant governor more than a decade ago, Perry opposed efforts to remove Confederate memorials and symbols from public property.

Now Perry says he's opposed to the license plate, which is being sought by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Whatever his motivations, Perry is correct in saying that Texans "don't need to scrape that wound again." The board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles should follow the governor's lead and reject the proposal.

The Confederate battle flag is a symbol of hatred and oppression for millions of Texans. The state has no business giving its sanction for that symbol to appear on an official form of license and identification.

The state has neither the responsibility nor the constitutional authority to protect people from being offended. The Sons of Confederate Veterans and Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who sponsored the plate request, are free to celebrate their heritage and display the Confederate battle flag as they please.

The state, however, has no obligation to put its seal of approval on the Confederate battle flag or expend taxpayer resources to produce a vanity license plate that features the flag. This is no more an issue of free expression than if a group requested, and the DMV board rejected, a specialty plate featuring the Nazi flag or a flaming cross.

In an op-ed for the Express-News, Patterson wrote that "political correctness has warped perception" of the Confederate battle flag and the issue of secession itself. Yet it is a matter of historical fact, not perception, that the first finding of the Texas declaration of secession held as an undeniable truth that the Confederacy was "established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity," and that the "African race" is "rightfully held and regarded as an inferior and dependent race."

Racists continue to use the flag as a symbol of white supremacy. It does not belong on a Texas license plate in the 21st century.

The DMV board has been deadlocked on the license proposal. Now that Perry has given board members cover to act appropriately, they should do the right thing and reject the request.

Texas handled school budget woes better last time

Houston Chronicle

It didn't take long for Texas public schools to feel the pain of the savage budget cuts they incurred this year. The whopping $4 billion reduction is already resulting in fewer teachers and overcrowded classrooms.

Now, reports the Chronicle's Ericka Mellon, thousands of our elementary schoolchildren are in classrooms that exceed the state class cap of 22 pupils per teacher — 6,000 classrooms this fall, compared with 2,238 last year. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas lost 900 school jobs in August, a month that usually sees an increase as districts gear up for a new school year.

It need never have come to this. Gov. Rick Perry and state lawmakers refused to consider increasing revenues or dipping into the state's rainy day fund, at that time more than $9 billion, to mitigate the cuts. But why not? Texans were willing to consider both, especially the rainy day fund. This is exactly the kind of crisis it was designed to forestall.

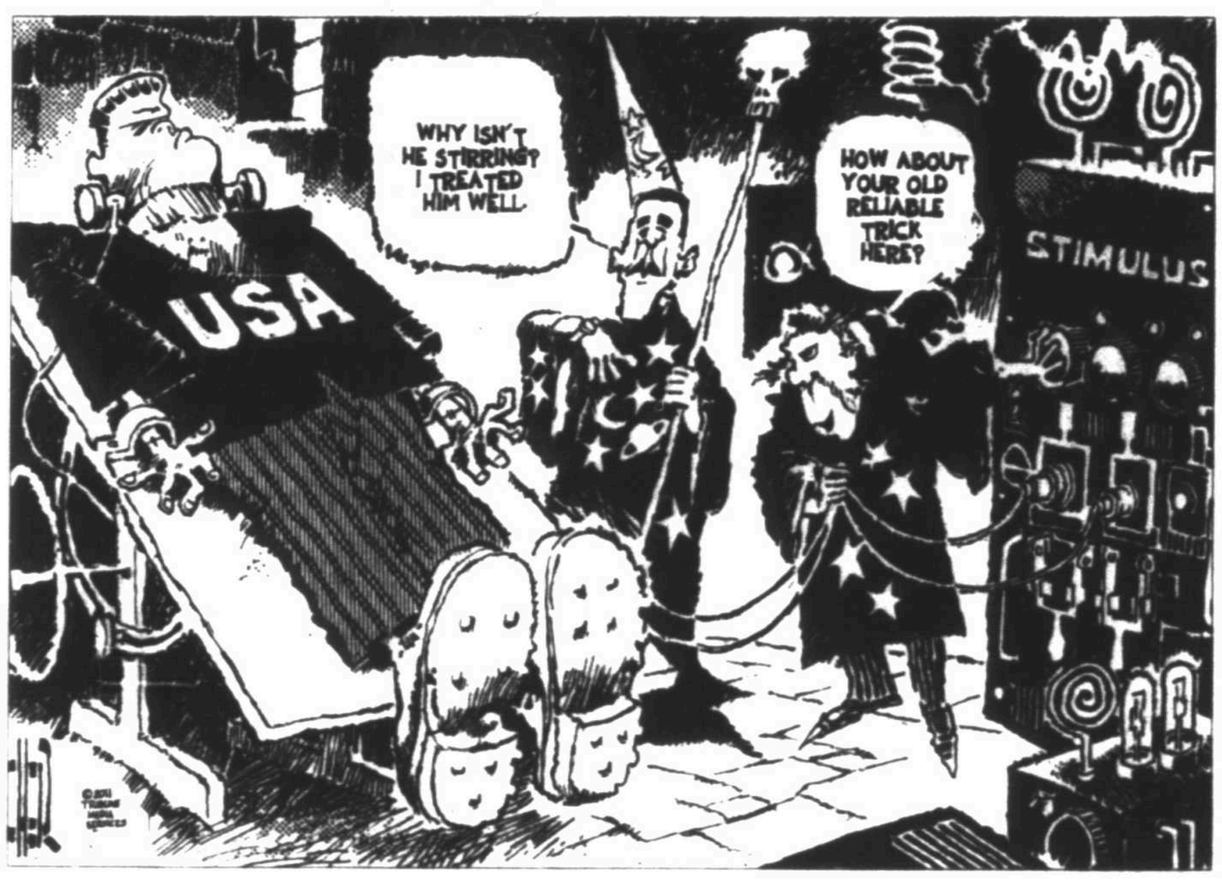
And what is most distressing is that Texas has faced this exact problem before, and chose to support our education system, rather than jeopardize it for years to come.

In 1987, reported the Chronicle's Joe Holley, Texas lawmakers faced an economic climate much like today's.

Lawmakers of both parties reasoned that the best way they could lift the state out of its dependence on the vagaries of oil and gas and build a diverse business climate was to support education: so they did. They put through the largest tax increase in Texas history: $5.8 billion.

State officials had already laid the groundwork for reform; in 1984 a landmark bill was passed that reworked school finances, funded full-day kindergarten, capped elementary class size at 22 and created the pre-kindergarten program.

This year many of these gains are in jeopardy. And it's not over: Next year, schools face another $2 billion in cuts. If this isn't a rainy day, what is?



Judge's abortion ruling has consequences

■ Saying the requirement of women to view an ultrasound image of their womb violates First Amendment rights is a reach and political.



CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

U.S. District Court Judge Catherine Eagles last Tuesday granted a request for a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocks a provision in North Carolina's new abortion-restriction law that would require women seeking an abortion to view an ultrasound image of their womb within four hours of the procedure.

In her decision to suspend this one requirement, while upholding other provisions in the law pending resolution of the lawsuit by several plaintiffs, Judge Eagles said the ultrasound requirement likely violates patients' First Amendment rights. Come again?

Various "rights groups" argued that requiring women to see what they are about to abort amounts to using women's bodies as "virtual billboards," to promote an ideology mandated by government.

Judge Eagles wrote, "The First Amendment generally includes the right to refuse to engage in speech compelled by the government," adding that freedom of speech precludes limits on "both what to say and what not to say."

As Craig Jarvis of the Charlotte Observer reported, Katy Parker, legal director of the ACLU of North Carolina Legal Foundation, said the law "would have put medical providers on uncertain legal ground and harmed women." Harmed women? What about the aborted babies?

Let's apply this twisted reasoning to commercial airline travel. FAA regulations require that passengers receive an oral and video demonstration of the plane's safety features. Though safety information is clearly written on laminated cards slipped into the pockets of every airline seat, passengers also are shown what to do in the event of an emergency.

Are the First Amendment rights of passengers violated because the government requires them to listen to these instructions? Apparently not; the safety announcement is a "federal regulation," and as such, passengers must hear it each time they fly.

Some of these emergency instructions might be unsettling for passengers to hear — like how to put on your oxygen mask should the plane lose cabin pressure or how to access your floatation device if the plane is headed for a crash landing in water — but again, no one is suggesting their First Amendment "right" not to hear such speech is being violated.

Another federal regulation requires a person seeking sterilization to receive several specific pieces of information in order to have informed consent. In addition to the patient certifying receipt of the information, the physician also must certify in writing that the procedure and its consequences have been thoroughly explained.

So, to compare this to Judge Eagles' ruling, one must have informed consent in order to be made incapable of having a baby, but denied informed consent when one is carrying a child and wants to abort it.

A federal mandate requires agriculture employers to provide an oral warning to employees of certain pesticide applications in greenhouses, farms, nurseries and forests. Another requires a home health agency to orally disclose to a patient before giving them care the extent to which payment may be expected from the federal government and how much the individual must pay. The comptroller of the currency, the Federal Reserve and the FDIC require banks that sell insurance to orally disclose to the consumer that the insurance is not FDIC insured.

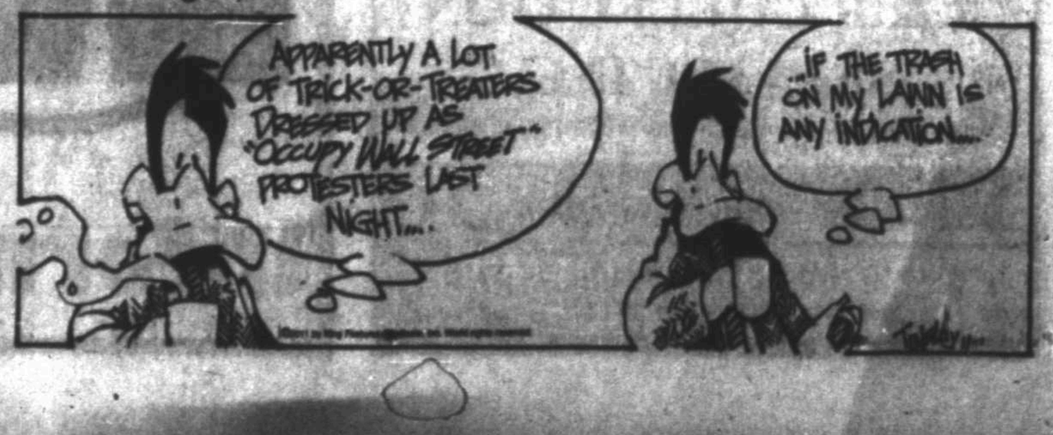
No one is challenging in court any of these oral requirements. So what's the objection to orally and visually disclosing to a woman seeking an abortion what's inside her womb? Judge Eagles' decision, and the rationale behind it, is unabashedly political. How can more speech containing factual information violate the First Amendment, which is all about protecting, not restricting, speech?

With studies and stats showing large numbers of women choosing to give birth after viewing an ultrasound of their baby and learning about the consequences of abortion — along with positive alternatives — refusing to empower women in this manner makes "pro-choicers" censors and an enemy of women, as well as the enemy of another generation of babies who are not being born. This has consequences for society and corrodes culture. It also darkens our souls and harms the common good.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLORIDA

NTSB: Disney monorail death caused by switch

LAKE BUENA VISTA — A federal agency says a monorail crash that killed a Walt Disney World worker in 2009 was caused by a failure to properly position a track switch.

The report released Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board also faulted a monorail manager for failing to verify the position of the switch.

The report said that at the time of the crash the manager was at a restaurant, remotely filling in for a monorail coordinator who had gone home sick.

Disney worker Austin Wuennenberg was killed. His mother has a filed a lawsuit against Disney.

OREGON

Suspect falls through ceiling, into police custody

PORTLAND — Police officers in Oregon say a domestic disturbance suspect more or less fell into their hands — through the ceiling.

Portland police were called Monday to a home to deal with an intoxicated man reported as threatening relatives. Lt. Robert King said they found him barricaded in the attic and determined he wasn't a threat, so they began to leave with the intention of following up later.

They said that's when they heard a crash and returned to find the man had fallen through the ceiling and onto the living room floor.

Aaron Deon Kinsey, 21, was not injured in the fall. He was booked on domestic violence charges, fourth-degree assault and harassment.

WYOMING

Hunter escapes grizzly attack with minor injuries

MOOSE — A grizzly bear has attacked another person in the Yellowstone region, this time a Wyoming hunter who said the animal came at him with so little warning he had no time to use the pepper spray he was carrying for defense in just such a predicament.

This has been a dangerous year in grizzly country: The big bears that can weigh more than 450 pounds have attacked about 10 people in and around Yellowstone National Park, killing two hikers in separate attacks in Yellowstone.

Palestine joins UNESCO; US cuts all funds

Associated Press

PARIS — Palestine won its greatest international endorsement yet on Monday, full membership in UNESCO, but the move will cost the agency one-fifth of its funding and some fear will send Mideast peace efforts off a cliff.

In an unusually dramatic session at the Paris-based United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, there were cheers for "yes" votes and grumbles for the "no" votes and abstentions. When the results were in, many delegates jumped to their feet and applauded, and someone let out a cry of "Long live Palestine!" in French.

"Joy fills my heart. This is really a historic moment," said Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki. "It's the return of he who was banished."

But the jubilation was quickly pierced by reality: The United States said it wouldn't make a $60 million payment to fill out its contributions for this year and would suspend all future funding.

UNESCO depends heavily on that money — Washington provides 22 percent of its budget — but has survived without it in the past: The United States pulled out of UNESCO under President Ronald Reagan, rejoining two decades later under President George W. Bush.

Monday's vote was a grand symbolic victory for the Palestinians, but it alone won't make Palestine a state. The issues of borders for an eventual Palestinian state, security, a solution for Palestinian refugees, the fate of Jerusalem and other disputes that have thwarted Middle East peace for decades remain unresolved. Some argued it would make it harder for the Palestinians to reach their goal.

White House spokesman Jay Carney called UNESCO's decision "premature" and said it undermines the international community's efforts toward a comprehensive Middle East peace plan. He called it a distraction from the goal of restarting direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

Israeli Ambassador Nimrod Barkan said the decision did "a great disservice to international law and to chances for peace."

"UNESCO deals in science, not science fiction," he said in a speech to delegates after the vote. "However, a large number of member states, though most emphatically less than two-thirds of the member states of this organization, have adopted a science fiction version of reality."

His government said it was reconsidering its cooperation with UNESCO.

The request to grant Palestine full membership passed 107-14, with 52 abstentions. Eighty-one votes were needed for approval — or two-thirds of the 173 eligible member delegations present. There are now 195 members in all.

In a surprise, France voted "yes" — and the room erupted in cheers. It was joined by Ireland, Austria and the Arab states. The "no" votes included the United States, Israel, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany, while many American allies abstained, including Japan, Britain and New Zealand.

Monday's vote is definitive, and the membership formally takes effect when Palestine signs UNESCO's founding charter.

It is part of a broader Palestinian quest for greater international recognition in hopes of moving closer to statehood through channels other than simply negotiations with Israel.

There are concerns that strategy could backfire. Before the vote, Israel's outspoken foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, said that if the measure passed, Israel should cut off ties with the Palestinian Authority. It was not clear whether he was voicing government policy.

By contrast, Malki said he hoped the vote would only provide momentum for the Palestinians' quest for statehood. But he added that it was no substitute for the Palestinians' more high-profile request for admission to the United Nations.

The Obama administration has vowed to use its veto power in the Security Council to quash Palestinian membership in the broader U.N. but had hoped wouldn't come to that because wielding its veto could undermine the United States' typically pivotal role as negotiator between Israel and the Palestinians.

Malki said Monday that he thought he had enough support to win a Security Council vote, which has not yet been scheduled.

UNESCO, like many U.N. agencies, is a part of the world body but has separate membership procedures and can make its own decisions about which countries belong. The disconnect between memberships is rare but not unprecedented. Two tiny Pacific island nations — the Cook Islands and Niue — are members of UNESCO but not the U.N., while Liechtenstein belongs to the larger world body but not the cultural agency.

Even if the vote's impact isn't felt right away in the Mideast, it will be quickly felt at UNESCO, which protects historic heritage sites and works to improve world literacy, access to schooling for girls and cultural understanding. One of the first results of Palestine's membership could be that the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is listed as a world heritage site; Palestine already has prepared an application for the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

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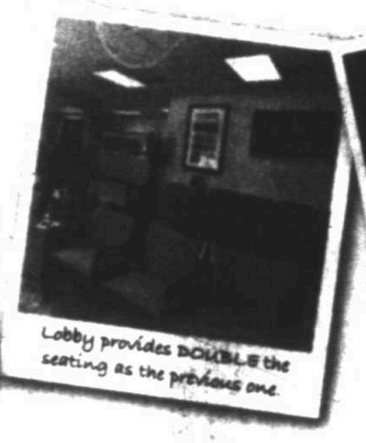


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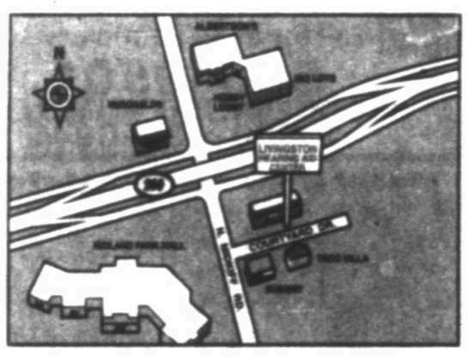

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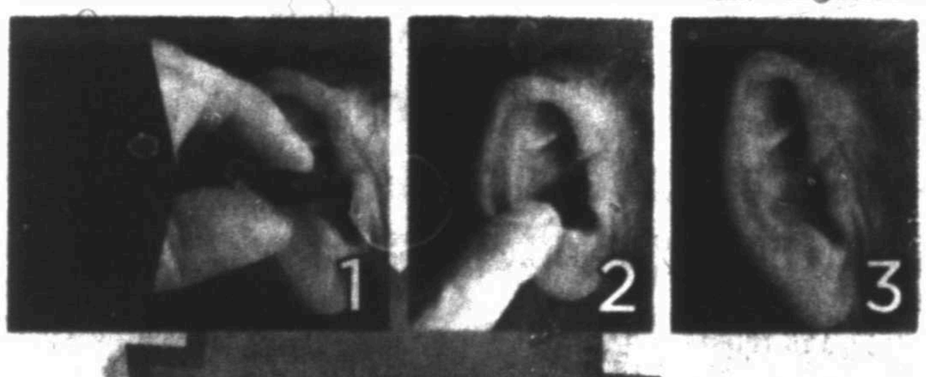
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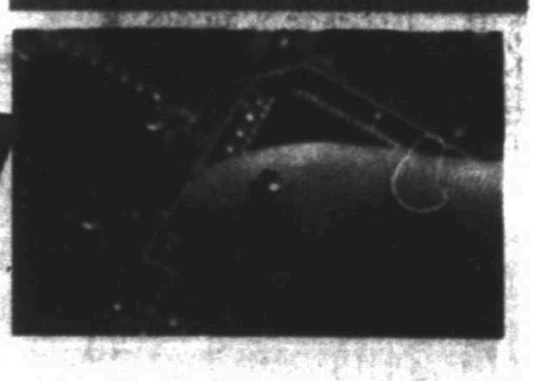
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Mom's boyfriend suspected of hurting child

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — A 26-year-old mother and her boyfriend were awaiting arraignment in Howard County Jail on Monday after police discovered a 1-year-old child in their apartment who had been severely beaten.

Big Spring Police Department officers responded to an injury call in the 300 block of Tulane Avenue about 4:35 p.m. Friday.

Upon arrival, officers discovered a 1-year-old girl with severe swelling on her eyes and face, bruises on her face and chest and red welts on her legs, according to a release from BSPD Sgt. Tony Everett.

Everett said the situation is a rare one in Howard County and for law enforcement.

"This is very unusual. We don't normally see children injured this severely," he said.

The girl was transported to a women and children's hospital in Lubbock. Her condition was unknown as of press time, authorities said.

The investigation centered around the mother's boyfriend, Johnny Edmonson, 21, who was alone overnight in the apartment with the 1-year-old and her 6-year-old brother. Edmonson was arrested at the scene and charged with injury to a child, Everett reported.

The mother, Vanessa Armendarez, also was charged. She was working during the night when police said they belive the injury occurred. But, she did not seek medical attention for her daughter after arriving home from work.

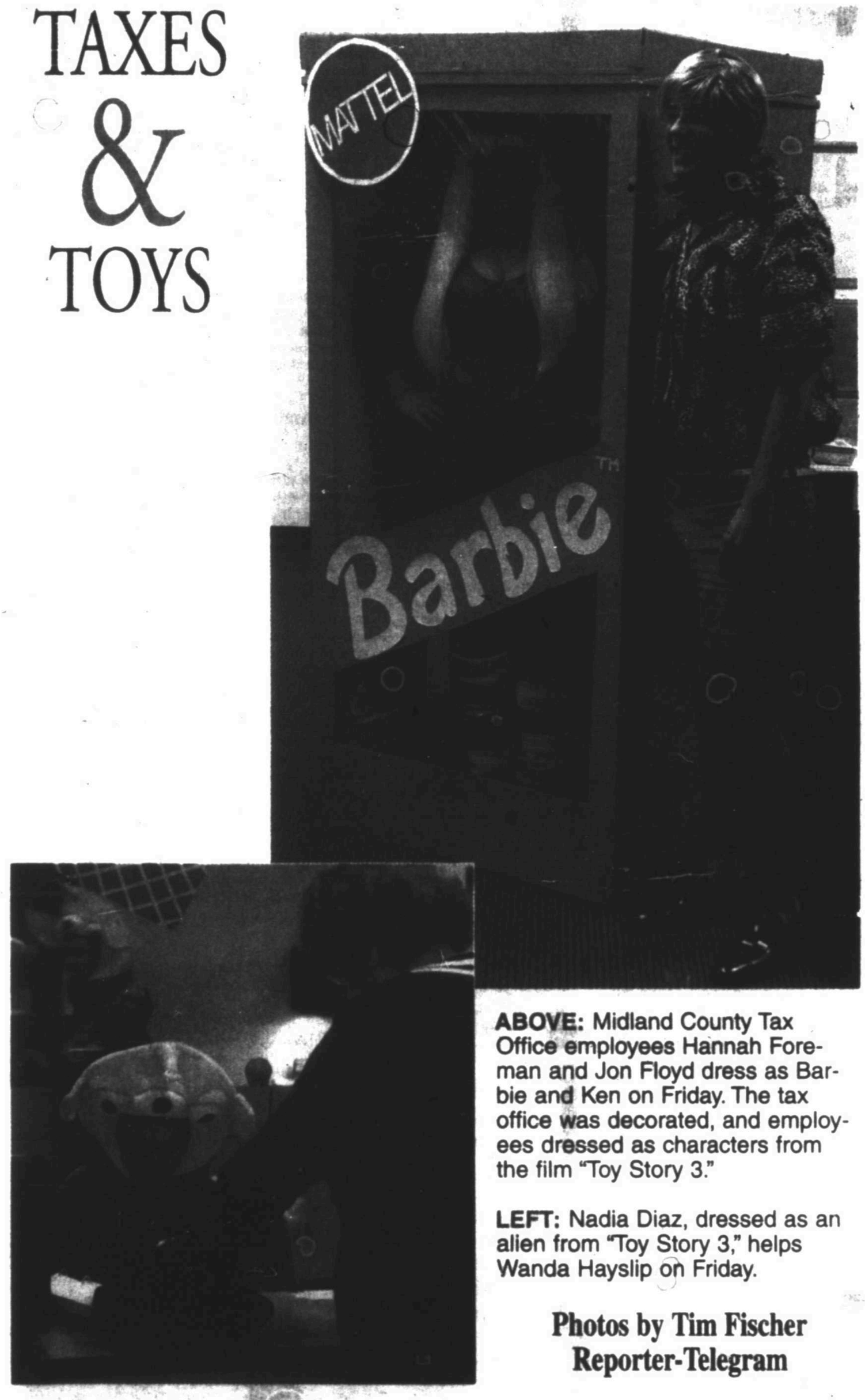
She was charged with endangering a child because she failed to seek medical help and because she left her children in what police described as a dangerous situation, according to the release.

Child Protective Serivces took custody of both the 1-year-old girl and her 6-year-old brother, spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said.

The 6-year-old boy will be placed in foster care, and the girl still is receiving treatment in Lubbock, Meisner said.

Bond had not been set for either Edmonson or Armendarez as of Monday night.

TAXES & TOYS



ABOVE: Midland County Tax Office employees Hannah Foreman and Jon Floyd dress as Barbie and Ken on Friday. The tax office was decorated, and employees dressed as characters from the film "Toy Story 3."

LEFT: Nadia Diaz, dressed as an alien from "Toy Story 3," helps Wanda Hayslip on Friday.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Midlander fights for air conditioning requirement

■ NYU grad student works to add amendment to city's housing codes.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Jonathan Brackens wants to ensure Midlanders don't have to go without air conditioning.

After a record hot summer, the New York University graduate student and Midland native is working to have an amendment added to the city's code that requires landlords provide adequate air conditioning in every dwelling unit where heating already is mandated.

Brackens first asked about consideration of his proposal in March. He's hoping to get support from the public for the shift.

"Air conditioning not being mandated is a large problem," Brackens said.

After first beginning conversations with city staff, Brackens said he was told the committee that considers code changes could meet as early as May. When there weren't enough other proposals and changes to necessitate a meeting at that time, Brackens went back to work on his request, adding research and data he believes support his initiative. The idea for such an amendment sprang from his own experience with poor air conditioning as well as his grandmother's experience with an inadequately air conditioned rental home, he said.

Instead of fixing air conditioners, Brackens said landlords often just provide window units, which is what he'd like to see changed. He said the issue disproportionately affects low-income residents and can present a public health risk if not addressed.

"It doesn't matter if you have an efficiency or a three-bedroom, the window unit isn't going to be enough to cool your house," Brackens said.

Steve Thorpe, building official for the city, said the committee will consider Brackens' request. But, he added, from a code enforcement standpoint, air conditioning a tough one. National codes don't require it and few cities and states regulate it, he said.

Heat is mandated because people can freeze to death, Thorpe said. Because there are ways to move air in a home without air conditioning, Thorpe said it still is not considered a necessity to many.

"There's going to be some difficulty in mandating conditioned air," Thorpe said. "It's a luxury and not everybody likes conditioned air."

Please see **CODE/2B**

Readers share their West Texas fish tales



Last week, I shared my observation about a disproportionate number of West Texans disliking seafood, noting there's not a lot of fresh fish to be found around these parts.

Then readers emailed a few fish stories of their own.

Lou Bost tells the tale of what happened at an Andrews restaurant, as originally told to him by the late geologist D.M. Norman.

As the story goes, a patron asked the waitress if the seafood was fresh, to which she replied:

"Yes, we get it in by bus every morning from Lubbock." (Now, you know it doesn't get much fresher than that.)

It is Bost's understanding that it might be a tall tale, but no one knows for sure.

But another reader, Bill Cameron, recalls a trip to Seattle a few years back. Unbelievable as his story may sound, it's true.

With time in between engineering convention sessions, he ventured out to see more of the Pacific Northwest and was hungry for some fresh salmon. Along the way, he met a man who happened to have a daughter and son-in-law in Midland, so the two gentlemen engaged in friendly conversation.

Bill, of course, was glad to meet a local and wanted to get advice on where to get a good salmon dinner. He obviously figured a local would know the best place to dine.

"He told me that there really wasn't a good place close by and then proceeded to tell me about the most

Please see **SISSOM/2B**

Red Ribbon week recital



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Motivational speaker June Evans talks with fourth- and sixth-grade girls at South Elementary School as part of Red Ribbon Week activities. For more photos from the weeklong activities, see Page 6B.

Obituaries



Glen Davis

Billy Glen Davis, Jr., loving son, brother, and friend, went home to be with his Heavenly Father, on October 29, 2011, in the Hospice Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital, after a courageous twelve-year battle against cancer.

Glen was born October 30, 1944, in Odessa, TX to Billy Glen Davis, Sr. (deceased), and Josephine (Joan) Sadler Davis. He is survived by his mother, Joan Davis; and his sister, Martha Jo Davis, both of Midland; his brother, Don Davis of Odessa, TX; his aunt, Charmayne Sadler of Hobbs, NM; and numerous cousins.

Glen and his family moved to Midland in 1952. He graduated, with honors, from Robert E. Lee High School, Midland, TX in 1963, and attended the University of Texas, Austin, receiving a B.A. degree in Latin and English and a M.S. degree in Planning and Administration from the School of Social Work. Glen taught Latin at Ball High School, Galveston, TX for a year, returned to Midland, and served as director of the Housing Demonstration Project for Family Counseling Services. He moved back to Austin in 1979 and began his career as a Program Specialist at the Office of Procurement for the Department of Human Services. He retired in 1998. He taught Computer Programming at Austin Community College for several years. Glen enjoyed the UT Lady Longhorns' basketball games and was a long time coach of women's softball and soccer in the Austin area. He returned to the Midland/Odessa area in 2001 and was a volunteer instructor of American Indian History at Midland College Classics series for several semesters.

A memorial service for Glen will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W Loop 250 North, Midland, TX, celebrated by the Rev. James E. Liggett, Jr., Rector. Inurnment will follow in St. Nicholas' Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that memorials be made to Hospice Midland, P O Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702, the St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, or a charity of your choosing.

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

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Gary Allen Hale

Colorado City: Gary Hale, age 54, of Colorado City, died Saturday in a local hospital. Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City, with Shane Johnson and Dr. Jerry Shields. Burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hale was born April 1, 1957, in Hobbs, NM to Cecil and Joyce Paurm Hale, and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 2000. He married Delaine Lusk on August 5, 1977, in Midland, TX. He was a pumping unit repair manager for Weatherford, International in Coahoma. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and also attended Christian Temple.

Gary was a wonderful Christian man that would help anyone out, even after his passing, through organ donation, he will be helping out 50 people.

He is survived by his parents, Cecil and Joyce Hale of Colorado City; his wife, Delaine Hale of Colorado City; a son, Gary and wife, Jennifer Hale of Colorado City; a daughter, LaDonna and husband, Larry Towery of Colorado City; 2 brothers: Bill Hale and Glen Hale, both of Midland; a sister, Becky Gray of Midland; 5 grandchildren: Justin Towery, Brianna Towery, Lindsey Towery, Lane Hale and Katie Hale. Also his father and mother-in-law, Doug and Lorna Lusk of Midland; 2 sisters-in-law, Esther Jones and Donna and husband, Kenneth Bertelson, all of Midland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to Joyful Noise, 505 E. 4th St. Colorado City, TX 79512 or to the Ronald McDonald House.

Kevin Kyle Shoemaker

Kevin Kyle Shoemaker, 53, of Stanton, died on Sunday, October 30, 2011, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at the Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Chris Tyler, officiating.

He was born on December 28, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas. Kevin graduated from Stanton High School. He loved farming and ranching, and invested his life in various organizations that dealt with farming and ranching. He had served as a director of the Tarzan Farmers Coop Gin for many years.

Survivors include his mother, Elizabeth Shoemaker of Stanton; two sisters, Trina Shoemaker of Houston and Trica Cook and husband, Steve of Stanton; two nephews, Nathan Cook and wife, D'Lee of Corinth and Brady Cook and wife, Jonna of Lubbock; two great-nephews, Caleb Cook and Colby Cook; three aunts, Clara Clements and husband, Gene of Stanton, Shirley Connell and husband, Duane of Brookesmith, and Judy Creech of Odessa; and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard R. Shoemaker; an infant brother, Linsey Shoemaker; and his grandparents, Kyle and Laura Shoemaker and Bryan and Alice Creech.

The family suggests memorials be made to Evergreen Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 224, Stanton, Texas 79782 or to the Lenorah Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Dusty Wells, P. O. Box 125, Lenorah, Texas 79749.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Death Notices

Elma Nell Kyzer

Elma Nell Kyzer, 78, of Midland, formerly of Denver City, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2011, in Midland.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at Denver City Memorial Park, under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

She is survived by a son, Tracy Kyzer (Beth); two sisters, Kathy Wimberly and Elaine Faircloth (Bill); a sister-in-law, Laticia Thomason; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

Gloria "Glo" Dearing

Graveside services for Gloria "Glo" Dearing, 81, of Seminole, will be conducted Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in the Gaines County Cemetery. Services will be under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seminole. Mrs. Dearing passed away Sunday, October 30, 2011, in Seminole.

Mrs. Dearing is survived by two daughters, Debbie Therwhanger (Charlie) and Kim Jones; one brother, Guy T. "Sonny" Nelson; one sister, Mary Donna Donald; and three grandchildren.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Gonzala Aguilar

Funeral Services for Ms. Gonzala Aguilar, 87, are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

J. K. Jones

J.K. Jones, 85, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2011, in Midland. No services are scheduled at this time.

He is survived by his daughter, Pattie (Rickey) Barnett; son, Kenneth (Becky) Jones; sister, Helen Davis; nine grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

J. V. Anderson

J. V. Anderson, 93, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, October 30, 2011.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Anderson; one daughter, Judy Marrow; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Julia Vasquez

Julia Vasquez passed away on Sunday, October 30, 2011, in Plano.

Julia is survived by her sons, John M. Inocencio and Victor I. Valdez, Jr.; daughters, Benita Pina and Angelita Pina; brothers, Pete Inocencio, Valentine Inocencio, Robert Inocencio, Elpedio Inocencio, and Cayetano Inocencio; and one sister; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty great grandchildren.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Thelma Fern Smith

Thelma Fern Smith, 88, of Big Spring, passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Peace Chapel, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Page (Nelson), Connie Fraum, and Candy Smith (Ray Kiles); one son, Freddie Coy Smith; one brother, Frank Helton; one sister, Frances Brogdon; twelve grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GEORGETOWN

Judge to be questioned in wrongful conviction case

Attorneys will question a former prosecutor, who is now a Texas judge, behind closed doors because a man claimed he was wrongfully sent to prison for nearly 25 years after evidence was suppressed in his case.

Ken Anderson was to give a deposition Monday in the Williamson County courthouse in Georgetown, where he is a judge.

He will be questioned by attorneys for Michael Morton, freed this month based on new DNA evidence after serving 24 years of a life sentence in the 1986 murder of his wife in Williamson County, located near Austin.

Anderson's deposition is part of efforts investigating accusations he concealed evidence at Morton's trial while he was a prosecutor.

An appeals court last week denied his attempt to stop the deposition.

DALLAS

Sixth Floor Museum to commemorate 1963 JFK death

A Dallas museum that chronicles the 1963 assassination and legacy of President John F. Kennedy is planning a commemoration on the 50th anniversary of his death.

The Sixth Floor Museum is trying to raise $2.2 million to complete restoration of Dealey Plaza, where Kennedy's motorcade was when he was shot. City funds have been used for some upgrades.

The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday that the city has honored Kennedy family wishes and not sponsored official events to mark the Nov. 22, 1963 killing.

The museum's executive director, Nicola Longford, said the 2013 commemoration simply may be a moment of silence.

The museum is in the former Texas School Book Depository, where Lee Harvey Oswald was accused of shooting Kennedy from a window on the sixth floor.

FORT WORTH

Amtrak says it has no beef with cow-powered train

Amtrak officials say they have no beef with using cattle-based biodiesel to power their Heartland Flyer train.

The railroad said Monday that a mix of beef tallow and diesel fuel effectively powered the passenger train's 3,200-horsepower engine. Following a yearlong test on the rails between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth, an evaluation found the fuel blend met industry standards, engine wear was limited and emissions were below federal limits for the type of engine using it.

Roy Deitchman, Amtrak's vice president of environmental, health and safety vice president, said the railroad replaced about 35,000 gallons of diesel with a locally produced renewable fuel during the test.

Tallow is often used to make soap or animal feed. Previous tests found that engines running on a biodiesel mix had lower emissions, but further testing was needed to ensure its gaskets didn't wear prematurely with an animal-based product in the engine. Amtrak said the blend resulted in no more wear than usual.

The results, presented last week at a railroad environmental conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, also showed less pollution.

Amtrak used a $274,000 federal grant from the Federal Railroad Administration and worked with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to test the fuel in a General Electric P32-8 locomotive. It launched the test during Earth Day festivities in Oklahoma City in 2010.

The train stops daily at Oklahoma City, Norman, Purcell, Pauls Valley and Ardmore in Oklahoma, Gainesville and Fort Worth. State governments help fund its operation.

While biodiesel can be more expensive than traditional fuel, it can reduce demand for oil.

Sissom

From 1B

interesting and delicious salmon he had enjoyed while visiting his daughter in Midland a few weeks earlier," Bill recalled.

Much to Bill's surprise, the Midland salmon the Pacific Northwesterner described was served at the old Luby's restaurant.

"He was very impressed by the unusual presentation they had for the salmon — made into a patty and fried, which was not a preparation method common in the Pacific Northwest."

At that point, Bill said he made a hasty retreat.

"Salmon croquettes did not seem to be a dish that I was eager to try in that part of the country," Bill wrote, adding he did find a tasty smoked salmon dinner that evening after all.

Last week, I mentioned there were only two places in Midland where I would consider ordering seafood, and even then it's hit or miss.

But, while dining at a chain restaurant the other night, I told my companion how tempted I was to try the mahi mahi, a fish I had tasted for the first time in Hawaii many years ago.

Having been burned so many times before, I reluctantly ordered. What a pleasant surprise it was.

Sure, it's hit or miss. But that just goes to prove good seafood sometimes can be found in Midland.

And that's no fish tale.

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Ex-bishop of polygamists goes on trial

Associated Press

ROBERT LEE — A former bishop accused of marrying an underage girl to polygamist group leader Warren Jeffs goes on trial this week in Texas.

Jury selection for 75-year-old Frederick Merril Jessop is scheduled to start Monday in Robert Lee.

Jessop is charged with one felony count of performing an illegal wedding ceremony. The wedding occurred in 2006 at the West Texas Yearning for Zion ranch owned by the Jeffs-led Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The Utah-based church practices polygamy in arranged marriages that sometimes involve underage girls. The faith believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.

Authorities raided the sect's Eldorado ranch in 2008 after a telephone call alleging the abuse of an underage bride by her husband was placed to a domestic violence hotline. More than 400 children were temporarily removed from the ranch and placed in state protective custody.

Although the call was later investigated as a hoax, prosecutors have used family and church records seized in the raid to bring charges against 12 sect men, including Jessop and Jeffs.

In August, Jeffs was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides. Prosecutors said Jeffs had two dozen underage wives in all.

Prosecutors said one of Jessop's daughters was allegedly married to Jeffs at age 12. The girl was the only child from the YFZ ranch to remain in foster care after the courts ordered the children removed during the raid returned to their parents.

Jessop was a longtime FLDS bishop and senior church leader believed to be second in line for the presidency after Jeffs. He was in charge of running the daily operations at the YFZ ranch until January, when he was reportedly ex-communicated from the faith.

Code

From 1B

He said the committee doesn't convene for one resident's request. However, when the committee meets to adopt other codes, Brackens' request will be examined. It's anticipated that will happen in January, Thorpe said.

"The national building code and mechanical code does not require air (conditioning)," he said.

Brackens said while that may be true, it doesn't mean it's not a necessity.

Pointing to a 2009 report from the Pew Research Center, Brackens said surveys show 70.3 percent of Americans see air conditioning as a necessity. When the data are narrowed to Texas, the percentage jumps to 92.4 percent, and when refined to just those with "432" area codes, it is 100 percent.

"This thought that air conditioning is somehow a luxury is incongruent with the majority of Americans, not just Midland," he said.

Additionally, Brackens cites the Energy Information Administration's 2005 Residential Energy Consumption Survey as evidence that, to most, air conditioning is needed. It shows 7.7 million out of 8 million Texans had both air conditioning and heating.

Typically, when something is classified as nonessential, it's because of the elasticity of demand for the product, Brackens said. Based on the reports, he said he views air conditioning as a nonelastic product and is something that could be required.

He said he would not propose code enforcement to inspect all homes and apartments. Instead, he said the staff could respond to complaints from tenants about a lack of air conditioning.

"We're not asking the city to buy the air conditioning, we're asking them to mandate it," he said.

Thorpe said if the code were amended, they likely couldn't make the requirement retroactive, meaning only new buildings would have an air conditioning requirement.

"Right now, we're not seeing new construction that's not air conditioned," he said.

At least for now, he said air conditioning will remain an issue between landlords and tenants.

"If in your lease it says you have an air conditioned unit, that's between you and your landlord," he said.

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State struggles with Perry-backed tax system

By Peggy Fikac
San Antonio Express-News



Associated Press

Republican presidential hopeful Gov. Rick Perry speaks during the Johnson County GOP Fall BBQ at Clear Creek-Amana High School on Oct. 7 in Tiffin, Iowa. A Texas tax system that Perry supported comes under fire from businesses, school districts and lawmakers while the governor champions a flat tax in his presidential campaign.

As Gov. Rick Perry pushes to retool the nation's taxes, a business tax overhaul he championed back home is under fire from businesses, school districts and leading lawmakers.

The Texas Supreme Court could blow a hole in Texas' budget if justices toss out an expanded business tax that was part of the overhaul. The budget already has been slashed to bridge a multibillion-dollar revenue shortfall caused partly by the 2006 tax changes.

"I'd love to urge Gov. Perry to come back home and start working on our Texas financial crisis," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, former state House Ways and Means Committee chairman.

State Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, repeatedly has called for fixing the chronically underperforming business tax. House Speaker Joe Straus has directed an examination of the business levy.

"It needs to be examined for change or for replacement," said Straus, R-San Antonio, who supported the tax in 2006 as "the closest thing to a consensus" among businesses. "In my view, it isn't just about the revenue it produces. It's about whether or not it's good for business and job creation."

Perry spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said Texas, as required by its Constitution, has a balanced budget that "supersedes any perceived mandatory spending level."

"Texas will always produce a budget that lives within available revenue," she said, "and the federal government ought to start doing the same."

It's unclear if Perry will face political fallout from the struggle, said David Crockett, professor of political science at Trinity University. The recession played a role in Texas' problems; an opponent would need to pin the issue on Perry and make it resonate.

"The alternative argument would be that the national economy is catching up to us in Texas, and that's where it's easy for someone like Gov. Perry to deflect the blame to external factors," Crockett said.

At issue is a 2006 legislative package pushed by Perry and approved by lawmakers to meet a court order to revamp school funding. They cut local school property tax rates and, to help cover the revenue loss, raised state taxes, including a business-tax expansion.

Texas' business tax is formally called the franchise tax. Before lawmakers last revamped it, the tax was imposed on earned surplus, or profits plus compensation for officers and directors, of corporations and limited liability companies.

The 2006 changes extended the tax to partnerships and professional associations, deleted a number of previously available deductions and changed it, in the words of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, to "something of a hybrid between a tax on gross receipts and a tax on income, although not quite either one."

But state taxes weren't raised enough to cover the full cost of the property tax relief. The gap widened when the expanded business tax, first collected in 2008, failed to bring in as much as forecast. That became a problem when the recession hit, other state revenues fell and federal stimulus money dried up.

Lawmakers for the two-year budget period that began Sept. 1 reduced state and federal spending by $15.2 billion, slashing public education funding by more than $5 billion compared to what schools would have received under previous law and pushing off dealing with billions of dollars in Medicaid costs.

School districts quickly sued over alleged inadequacies and inequities in funding. Business groups generally lined up in favor of the tax changes in 2006, but some individual businesses now are challenging the business tax as unconstitutional.

The business lawsuits were filed directly with the Texas Supreme Court, an expedited process provided in the law. If the court finds it unconstitutional, its remedy will determine if lawmakers face fresh budget problems.

"If the court says, 'Yeah, this tax is invalid, and every penny you've ever collected has to be refunded,' then that's a $25 billion problem. We couldn't weather that with an $80 billion (state general-revenue) budget," said Dale Craymer of the business-based Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. "If the court comes back and says ... 'Prospectively, Legislature, you cannot tax partnerships,' then that's probably a $1 (billion) to $2 billion problem."

In one business lawsuit, Allcat Claims Service, an insurance adjustment company, contends that extending the franchise tax to limited partnerships' income amounts to a personal income tax, barred by the state Constitution without a statewide vote. A second lawsuit has been filed by Nestle USA Inc.; a temporary housing company called Switchplace; and NBSMA, which rents large equipment. Their claims include an assertion that the tax violates the state Constitution because it's not equal and uniform.

As Perry spreads his tax vision nationally, some aren't surprised that critics say it would require such a big spending cut it would brutalize federal services.

"If you want to look at Texas ... here's a sneak peek of what you can look forward to — you can look forward to a budget that doesn't generate enough revenue to cover basic services in this state," said Richard Kouri of the Texas State Teachers Association.

But Bill Hammond of the Texas Association of Business, who described the business tax expansion as "the least worst solution available" in 2006, said Perry has a lean but appropriate approach to governing.

"We applaud his efforts, as (former Texas Gov.) Bill Clements used to say, to build a fence between the hog and the trough," he said.

Man dead after he's dumped into trash compactor

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A man died after the garbage bin where he slept was dumped into a trash-compacting truck in San Antonio.

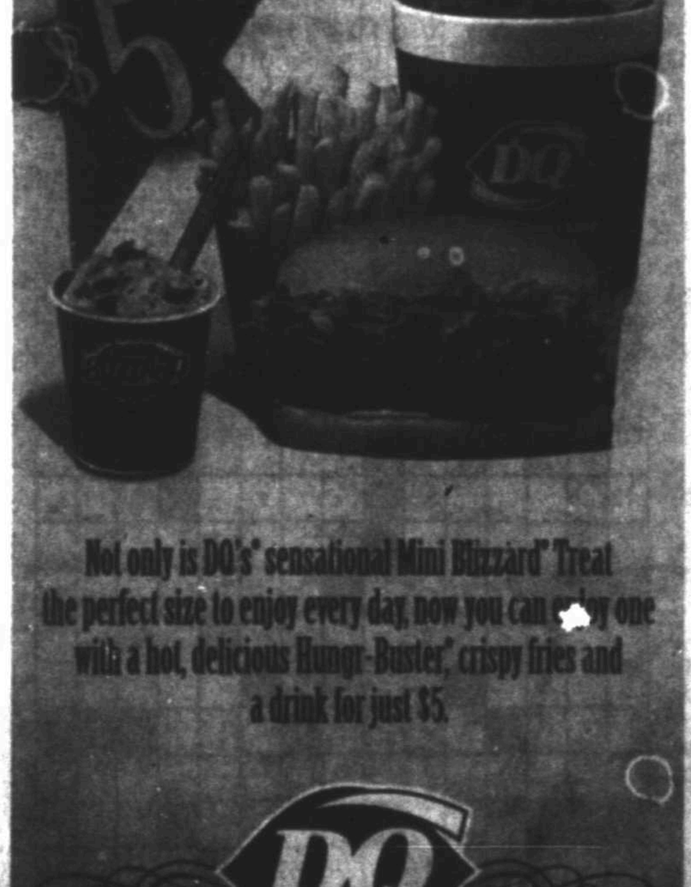
The incident happened about 4:30 a.m. Monday behind a shopping strip on Loop 13 in southeastern San Antonio. Police Sgt. Malcolm Guidry said the driver of a Waste Management truck used his truck-mounted forklift to lift a large bin and dump it into his compactor, along with two men sleeping within.

Guidry said the driver was unaware that anyone was inside the bin until Richard Salinas climbed from the compactor, knocked on his window and pleaded for him stop.

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Sunny	Mostly sunny	Sunny
high 81	high 63	high 60
low 52	low 31	low 39

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 81 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 52 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

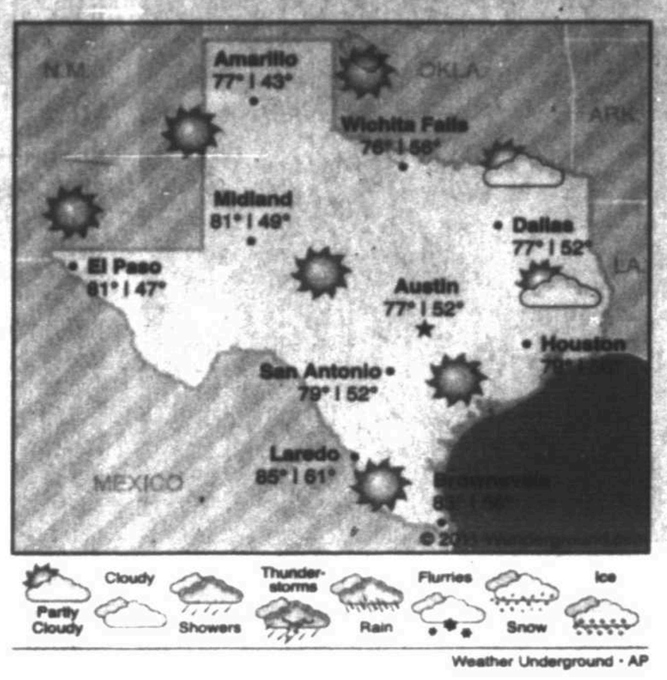
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 63 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph becoming north between 25 and 30 mph. Wednesday night, the forecast calls for the first freeze of the fall. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday, expect mostly sunny skies with a high around 60 and a low around 39.

The high on Monday reached 76 while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Oct. 31 is 89 set in 1934 and 1952. The record low is 25 set in 1993.

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A sprawling area of high pressure will provide the East with generally dry weather today. The only exception will be across the mid-Atlantic coast, where a couple of showers will occur. Temperatures will start out rather cool in New England before warming in the afternoon. Pleasant conditions will be found from the Southeast through the Great Lakes.





Precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for month	1.46 in.
Total for year	3.66 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.31 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	76
Low	39
Normal high	73
Normal low	46
Sunrise	8:04 a.m.
Sunset	6:59 p.m.

Wife loses sight of future after husband admits he's gay

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned that my husband of 35 years is gay. I never suspected, and I am stunned. I have loved him since we met. I still do. I have never been interested in anyone else. We have three children and eight grandchildren who all adore him.

I learned his secret from an email he left on the computer screen. It took a few days, but I confronted him and he told me everything. He has been with men since before our marriage. He assured me he has never done anything that could have caused me to get a disease. I went for an examination, and I'm fine.

I'm lost about what my next step should be. I'm in my late 50s. Starting over isn't something I ever considered. I'm seeing a therapist who suggested it might be simpler to consider myself a widow. I have no interest in having sex with my husband again, but being apart from him terrifies me. I feel like I'm in prison. Have you any suggestions? — HELPLESS IN MIAMI

DEAR HELPLESS: You are not "in prison," and you're not "helpless." You're probably in shock, knowing your husband deceived you from the time you met him. That's understandable. My advice is to do NOTHING until you regain some sense of balance.

Finding that email was no accident. Consciously or unconsciously, your husband wanted you to see it. That you no longer want to have sex with him isn't surprising. Some things to consider: Does he still want to have sex with you? How do you feel about having sex with anyone? Is your husband involved with more than one person or just one? And does HE want to stay married?

Some women (and men) remain married to their bisexual spouse. Others marry people they know are gay. I do not agree with your therapist that you should "consider yourself a widow," unless you want to be married to the living dead.

Before making any decision about your future, you should contact the Straight Spouse Network. It's a confidential support network of current or former heterosexual spouses or partners of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender mates. It helps straight spouses or partners cope constructively with the coming-out crisis and assists mixed-orientation couples and their children to build bridges of understanding. The phone number is (201) 825-7763 and the website is www.StraightSpouse.org. I wish you luck on your journey.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old woman. When I was 4, my mom went to prison for eight years. It turned her life around. At 38, she now has a college degree, a loving husband, a good job and a new home.

My two younger sisters say they don't want to be part of Mom's life, but they never fail to call her at holiday and birthday time to pick up the gifts they know she has bought them. Afterward, they don't contact her or answer her calls and texts until the next holiday. It leaves Mom depressed and feeling used. I have tried telling them they're wrong, but they don't listen. They say I'm wrong for getting in their business. Is it wrong to want my mother to be happy? — DAUGHTER ON THE OUTSIDE

DEAR DAUGHTER: I don't blame your mother for feeling depressed and used. Your two younger sisters are manipulative, selfish and self-centered. However, your mother is enabling them to behave that way. Talk to her and suggest family counseling. She may be giving and giving out of guilt, they may be taking and taking in order to punish her, and that's not healthy for any of them.

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NORTH
♠ 10 6 5 4
♡ A 10 3
♢ J 8 2
♣ K 6 2

WEST
♠ 7 2
♡ K Q 6 4
♢ Q 7 5
♣ A 8 7 3

EAST
♠ A K J 3
♡ 8 7 2
♢ 10 4 3
♣ 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8
♡ J 9 5
♢ A K 9 6
♣ Q J 9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♣

Squeezes at the game and slam level occur relatively frequently in top-level competition. This deal, from an early round of the Spingold Team Championship at the recent Summer National Championships held in Toronto, is most unusual — not only was declarer squeezed, but it occurred at the one-level! Sitting North-South was one of the world's great pairs, Alfredo Versace and Lorenzo Lauria of Italy. East-West was Dian Petrov and Fred Schenken of Buffalo.

The Italians arrived in one no-trump on a straightforward auction and Schenken attacked with a fourth-best heart, ducked around to the nine in the closed hand. The nine of clubs was won by dummy's king and the jack of diamonds was run to the queen. West returned the king of hearts, which was allowed to hold, and another heart was ducked to the ace, setting up the queen.

Declarer cashed three rounds of diamonds and exited with the club queen. West won with the ace and cashed the queen of hearts. Declarer, who had six tricks in the bank and the good jack of clubs in hand if he could get there to cash it, was forced to discard from Q 9 8 of spades and the jack of clubs. He elected to part with a spade, and the defenders took three spade tricks to go with two hearts, a diamond and a club — down one!

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011:

You discover the power of popularity this year. Many people gravitate toward you. If you are single, you could meet someone who will be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, be careful not to make your sweetie jealous. You seem to have a way with words and a twinkle in your eye that encourages others to go along with you. Use care with spending, as you could go overboard. Your home life soars to the top of your priorities. AQUARIUS can be so boring.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You push hard to finish your to-do list, but by late afternoon, others become more important. A meeting allows you to visualize your goals and see others' support. What starts out as a relatively stern get-together loosens up. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to gain a total picture proves to be very helpful. Your understanding of what is happening with a partner comes through. This person's words have unusual meaning. Grab the pedestal in the p.m. and let others know what you want too. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ A partner plays a role in your thoughts and actions. How you handle a person and the choices you make could affect this relationship, but that might not be news. Make calls, find an expert or two, but test out an idea before acting on it. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others seem to be consumed by their thoughts. You might not be sure which way to go with a personal matter. Laughter goes far with an associate, and both of you can relax. Let others make the decision. Do your thing. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Remain nurturing and direct. You will accomplish a lot, though you'll want to push people-type activities to the late afternoon. Someone clearly enjoys flirting with you. The unexpected wings through your door (or your phone or computer). Tonight: Dance the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Creativity helps you walk in another person's shoes. What might be a casual introduction could evolve into more, if you wish. Do check out an investment. Concerns involving your personal or domestic life need to be assuaged. Tonight: Exercise time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Family and/or a domestic matter dominates your thoughts. Your ability to hop through problems marks nearly anything you do. A child or friend depends on this quality. Be willing to help another person learn or understand your resilience. Tonight: Be playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Keep talks moving, and refuse to get into unnecessary details. The smart move is to bypass gossip if you have any intention of completing your work. Touch base with a family member later today. You have an awful lot to discuss. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Be careful with a tendency to spend too much or go to extremes. You might not always be comfortable with what happens. Be open and direct. Laughter marks your interaction with a sibling, neighbor or close friend. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are in your element this morning. Though you might feel a little drained by a boss or responsibility, you bounce back well. Don't overthink a money matter. Listen to your intuition, but keep risk minimal. Call a loved one in the evening. Tonight: Splurge a little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might be out of sorts, but that mood won't last long. By the end of the afternoon, you are energized, running around accomplishing more than you thought possible. Make plans before you leave work. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to accomplish as much as possible. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a child or loved one. Meetings are unusually beneficial. Schedule an important meeting for the end of the day. Tonight: Thinking time.

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Boxer Max Rosenbloom (1907), singer Lyle Lovett (1957), actor Penn Badgley (1986)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Held, as a protest
7 Beggar's request
11 T-shirt sizes, for short
14 Bow user
15 Homebuyer's request
16 "Bali __"
17 "Great" Russian emperor
18 Missing someone special
20 Modern recording device
22 "Now, listen to me ..."
23 Start of a fictional sea shanty
27 Flair
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30 Enjoys the shallows
31 Duke U.'s conference
32 Jib or spinnaker
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34 '80s-'90s ABC drama
40 Time workers, briefly
41 Topsoil
42 Not worth a __
43 Doorposts
46 Male swine
47 Poetic black
48 Layer between the sclera and retina
49 Quick nap
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53 Adam's second
54 Competitive look
56 Black Sea port
60 Before, in an ode
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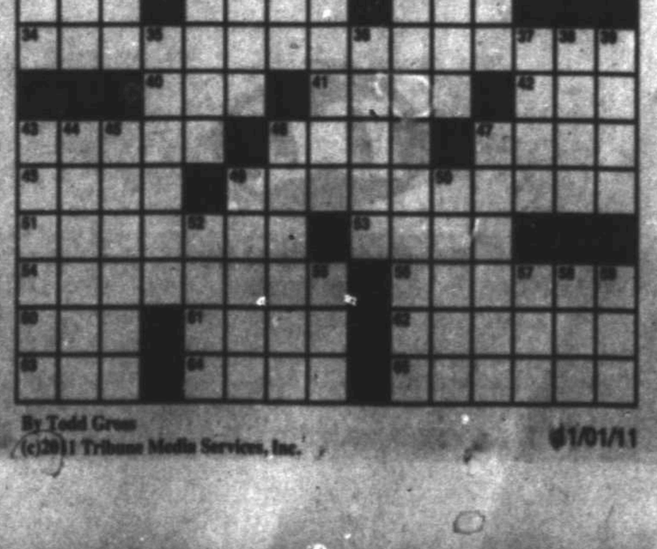
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3 Performance
4 Inner city area
5 Weird
6 Garage entrances
7 More than most
8 Not so tight
9 Expert
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11 Protection against spears
12 Gordon of "Oklahoma!" (1955)
13 Notes similarities (to)
19 Blade cover
21 "__ the loneliest number": old song lyric
23 Italian automaker
24 Skin irritation
25 Centers of attention
26 Unpleasant smell
30 Measure of power
32 Conventions, for short
33 Interisland transport
35 Dealer's incentive
36 Sporty Mazda
37 Literary ID
38 Barnes & Noble e-book reader
39 Six-shooters
43 Court figures
44 Zoo section
45 German physician from whose name a spellbinding word evolved
46 Black-spotted feline
47 Brennan of "Private Benjamin"
49 Oil holder
50 Golfer's lofted iron
52 Sci-fi subjects
55 One-point Scrabble letters
57 It can be carnal or cardinal
58 Govt. assistance program
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MAKINGTHEGRADE

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Midland High School senior **Tanner Culp** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Tim and Annette Culp.



Culp

He is captain of the football team, member of National Honor Society and is an academic and football letterman and a Texas Scholar. He was a member of the homecoming court.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church and Young Life.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in petroleum engineering.

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Greenwood High School senior **Kendall Maddox** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Rick Maddox and Cara Maddox.



Maddox

She is a member of Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Students in Philanthropy, National Honor Society, Points 'n' Picas, PALS and the softball team. She is class secretary, a Legacy aide and All-District team.

She is involved in First Baptist Church youth group and Hi-Sky Emmaus.

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Lee High School senior **Mason Wuthrich** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Ed and Kim Wuthrich.

He is a member of the tennis and debate teams and National Honor Society. He is a state qualifier in debate and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

He is a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Wuthrich plans to attend University of Texas or Texas A&M University and major in Spanish and theology/religious studies.

Because of space constraints and in the interest of fairness, the Midland Reporter-Telegram has established new guidelines for Making the Grade.

- *Submissions will be accepted only from* schools and organizations.
- *Individual items will be limited to 75 words.*

INTERNS

From 6B

"They're hilarious and independent enough to get things done on their own."

Having the student interns in class is beneficial for everyone, Hoke said.

"She was a good role model for the students and talked with them about how things were in high school and what she is doing to get ready for college. She gave them a goal to reach for," Hoke said.

Ready, Set, Teach! gives interns unique insight on the teaching process that otherwise may not be gleaned until student teaching, she said.

"As students, they only see one side of school," Hoke said. "With this program, it gives them the responsibilities that a teacher would have and insight into what it would be like to teach."

Although Ambe Gonzalez is enjoying the program and learning a lot, she's not certain on becoming a teacher.

"I know I would enjoy it, but I'm just wondering if there is something else out there," she said. "I don't want to be one of those teachers who's just there for a paycheck."

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

From 6B

own original fables in play script form," she said. "The winners of this year's playwriting contest will win the honor of having their plays performed by the Thinking Cap Theatre as part of their performances in the fall of 2012."

Upcoming "Thinking Cap Theatre" Performances (which are from 2 to 3 p.m.):

- Today: DeZavala Elementary School, 705 N. Lee St.
- Thursday: Emerson Elementary School, 2800 Moss Ave.
- Nov. 8: Houston Elementary School, 2000 W. Louisiana Ave.
- Nov. 15: Long Elementary School, 4200 Cedar Spring Drive
- Nov. 17: Henderson Elementary School, 4800 Graceland Drive
- Nov. 29: Travis Elementary School, 900 E. Gist Ave.

Lee orchestra seeks sponsors for new harp

Lee High School's orchestra is planning to purchase a harp and is seeking sponsors, said director Brigido "Beau" Garza.

He said the orchestra is "selling strings" on the harp for $350 each. If 46 strings are sold, it would fund the $16,000 Lyon & Healy 85SG model harp.

Sponsors' names would be included in concert programs, on the LHS orchestra website, and on a plaque in the Karen Walker McAfee Orchestra Hall, Garza said.

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For information or to help sponsor the harp, call the orchestra office at 689-1694 or visit www.leerebelorchestra.org.

Robotics program receives two grants

The Midland High School robotics program received two grants from the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Junkyard Dawgs" and "Bodacious Bulldawgs" each received $1,255, said physics teacher John Jeffries, robotics program sponsor.

The funds will be used for competition fees, software and for electronic and mechanical parts needed for this year's competition, Jeffries said.

Region 18 to host transition fair

Region 18's annual Student Transition Fair is planned for 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday at the Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd.

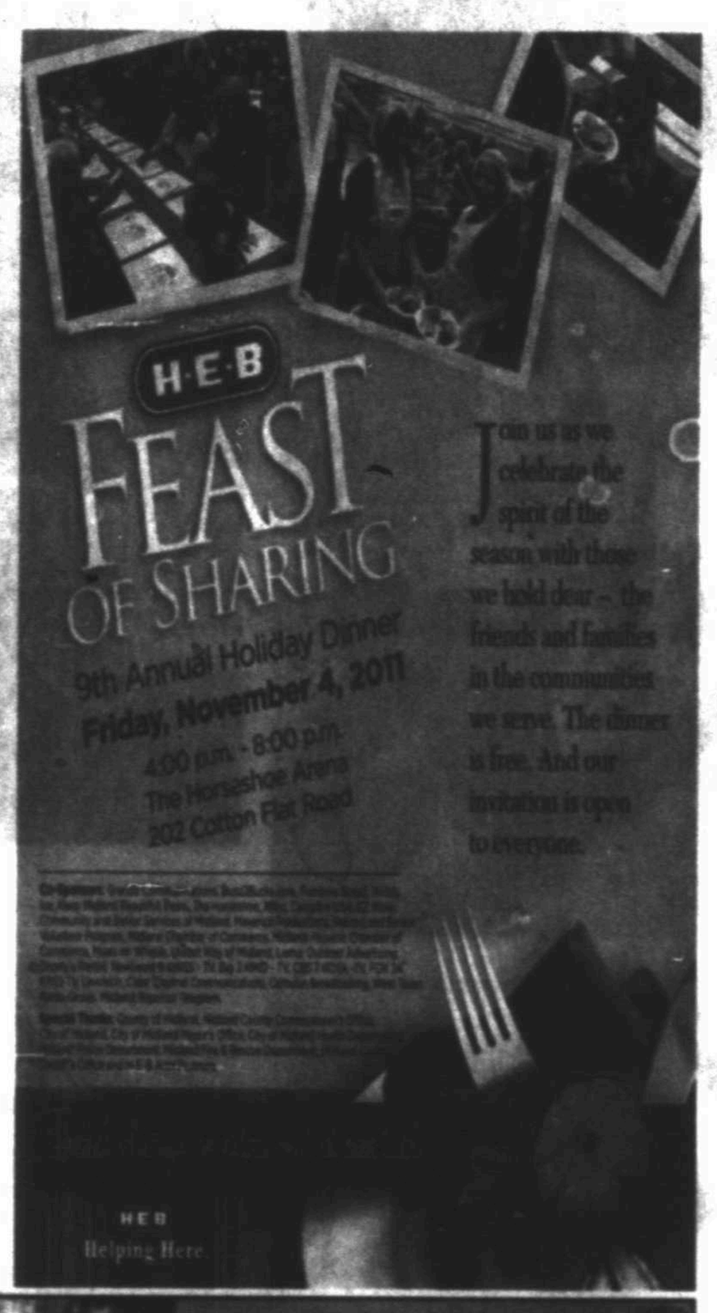
The keynote speaker is Doug Smith, a pianist, composer and recording artist who has been featured on "Texas Country Reporter" and did the soundtrack to Wyman Meinzer's documentary "West Texas." Smith has used a wheelchair since he was in a one-vehicle rollover in 2007.

The fair is for junior and senior high school students with special needs, their parents, teachers and administrators. Information will be available about employment, independent living, adult services and benefits, community agencies, skills and functional vocational training, higher education, financial aid and technical/trade schools.

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Education

Program gives students insight into teaching

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

When Lee senior Dontavia Bell enrolled in the Ready, Set, Teach! program, she didn't know what to expect. She knew she liked kids and might want to be a teacher.

Three months into the year-long classroom internship and training program, Bell has realized she may not have the patience to be a teacher.

"These are other people's kids, and you can't discipline them the way that you might your own child," Bell said. "I just don't think I'd have the patience to do this for the rest of my life."

Bell spent the first of four nine-week rotations with second-graders and now finds kids from Georgann Small's kindergarten class waiting for her at the door every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

"They know when I'm supposed to be there, and when I'm not, they ask where I've been," she said of her new friends at Rusk Elementary.

Although teaching may not be Bell's career path, she said she's learning a lot about patience, different teaching styles and the needs of individual students.

"I really like the kids, and I'm definitely learning patience," Bell said. "There's one kid that is really hyper. (I) feel like I'm giving him the attention he needs."

Through the Ready, Set, Teach! program, students get a background knowledge of child and adolescent development principles. Three days a week are spent in elementary classrooms helping teachers with a variety of tasks such as copying, stuffing folders, administering spelling tests and reading to the class.

The other two days in Tiffany Parker's class, they learn about everything from child nutrition to personality traits to school safety policies.

Each year, about three to five of Parker's 20 students decide they want to teach professionally, she said. The others, like Bell, have learned skills that help them work with kids.

The skills learned through the program have helped second-year student Samantha Gonzalez as a Learn to Swim coach at COM Aquatics, she said.

Students are exposed to four different teachers and grade levels during the rotations, and Gonzalez said she enjoys the younger grades most. In contrast, her cousin Amber Gonzalez enjoys the upper elementary grades.

"I loved the sixth-graders," Amber Gonzalez said of her time in Melissa Hoke's class at Parker Elementary.

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Lee High School senior Dontavia Bell, an intern in the Ready, Set, Teach! program, works with a kindergartener at Rusk Elementary School.

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Lee orchestra sells ducks for fundraiser race

Lee High School Orchestra students are selling rubber ducks for use in the Lee Great Duck Race, scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at the C.J. Kelly Park Pond, adjacent to Holiday Hill Road.

Ducks are $5 and are available at the LHS Orchestra Office or from any Lee orchestra student.

Lucky ducks who win the race get prizes of $2,000 cash, a Cowboys versus Giants package for two, a $750 gas card, an iPad 2, a Samsung laptop computer or a Nook Color.

Representatives from the Midland Fire Department will be there to blow the ducks across the water if necessary.

April Howard, LHS Orchestra Booster Club member and duck race chairwoman, said the fundraiser helps students attend competition in San Antonio and a trip to South Padre Island.

"The students work hard to raise money for this trip, and the Lee Great Duck Race is our biggest fundraiser," Howard said. "We are always thankful for the community's support of this event."

For more information, call the orchestra office at 689-1694.

'Thinking Cap Theatre' visits Midland ISD schools

"Thinking Cap Theatre" will be at Midland ISD elementary schools throughout November.

Midland College students will perform the program under the direction of Midland Community Theatre. This year's show is "Aesop's Fables."

"When students see live theater, they experience story and literature in a new way," said Judith Giebler, MCT education director. "The hope is that the performances will create an excitement for literature and serve as a springboard for additional literature-based learning in the classroom."

This year, a playwright contest for third- through fifth-graders has been added in conjunction with the performances.

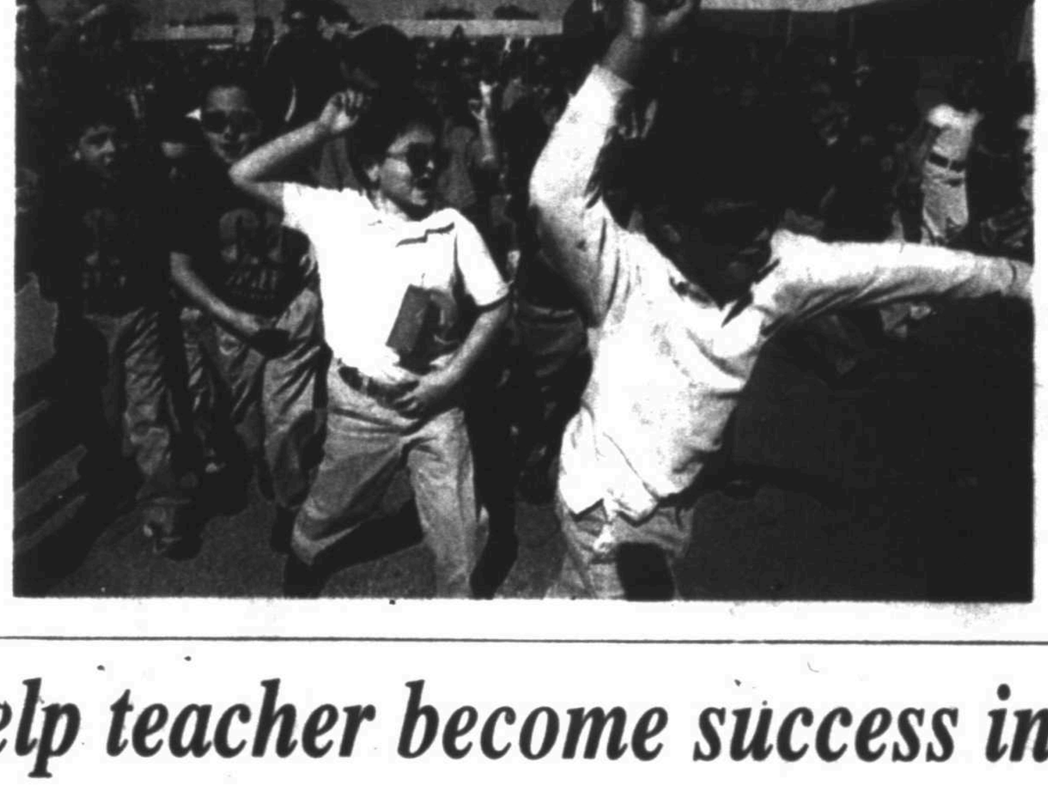
"The theme for 2011-2012 is 'fables.' We hope students will be inspired as they write their

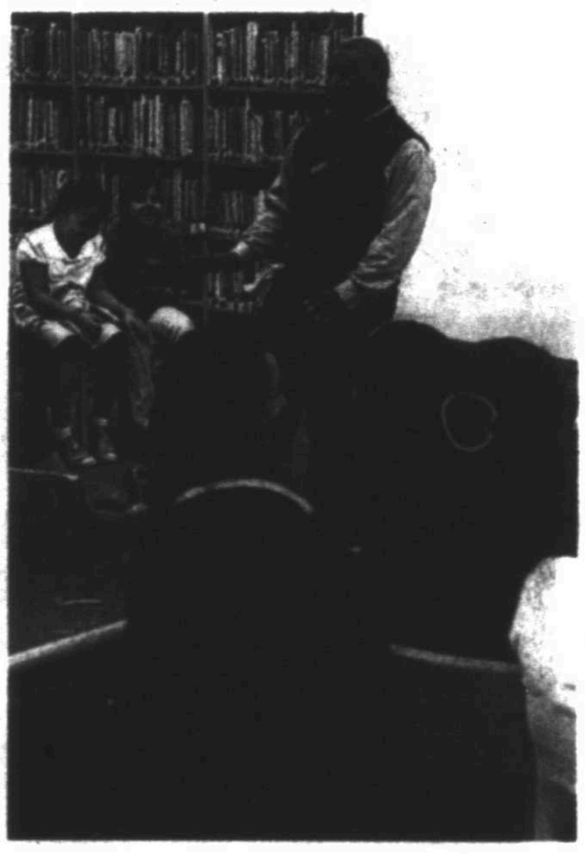
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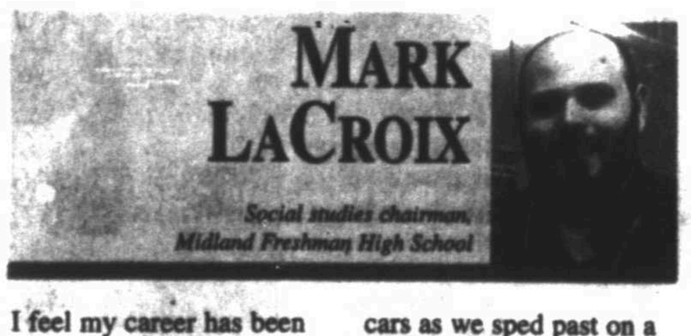




ABOVE: Christian motivational speaker Melvin Adams, a former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, talks to fourth- and sixth-grade girls Thursday at South Elementary School as part of Red Ribbon Week activities. TOP LEFT: Rapper Gifter, Terrance Veal, talks to South Elementary students about how the bad choices he made growing up led him to drugs and alcohol at a young age and how he turned his life around. CENTER LEFT: Nicholas Ramos, 9, from left, Jacob Baze, 9, and Gabriel Natividad, 8, dance before the start of their Red Ribbon Week drug-free parade Friday at Pease Communication and Technology Academy. BOTTOM LEFT: Pease students parade down the streets while chanting, "We are drug-free." Red Ribbon Week — the oldest and largest drug-prevention campaign in the nation — aims to educate children about the dangers of drugs and substance abuse. It also commemorates the death of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

South photos by Tim Fischer; Pease photos by Cindelia Healy Midland Reporter-Telegram

Mentors help teacher become success in the classroom



Recently, I had the pleasure of reconnecting with a former student through Facebook. He has transformed from a confused freshman to a young man with a promising career in the medical field. When I congratulated him, he credited his success to having been in my class. I accused him of exaggeration, but he stood firm in his claim.

The exchange made my day. It also served as partial inspiration for this article, which pays tribute to three men whose mentorship and friendship have meant so much to me, both personally and professionally through the years. Despite the fact that there are days when I still feel like a rookie teacher, I have been blessed with a number of honors and awards in my career. As a result, I have been asked more than a few times why I feel my career has been such a success thus far. The truth is, it probably has far more to do with great mentoring than anything else. Certainly, having a wonderful wife who also is an educator and understands the demands of the career helps, but that does not greatly impact classroom performance. For that, I must go back to my own high school days and to a science teacher named Phil Rand.

Mr. Rand took a personal interest in the well-being of his students. He cared about us. When he recognized several of our cars as we sped past on a rural road racing home from watching our team win a state championship basketball game, Mr. Rand met us the following Monday with a tearful plea for us to use more common sense on the road. He spoke about a former student who had been killed in a car wreck, and he treated us like his own kids. I never expected to become a teacher, though now that I am, Mr. Rand's caring serves as a model for my teaching style.

After four years in the Air Force and another four at Hardin-Simmons University, I found myself doing intern hours in the classroom of Gordon Stokes at Madison Middle School in Abilene. Mr. Stokes was a storyteller — a master teacher. He had a strict policy against accepting student teachers, but after a 25-hour internship, he told me he would make an exception if I desired. I did. In Mr. Stokes' class, I first had the opportunity to teach. Mr. Stokes helped me to look at each lesson I taught with a critical eye. He praised my strengths and helped to shore up my weaknesses. He worked to prepare me for the day when I would have my own classroom. That opportunity came in the fall of 1999 at Alamo Junior High School.

My assigned mentor at Alamo was Brad Gibson. That first year was heaven wrapped in a nightmare. For the first time, the complexities of teaching hit me head-on. I had eighth-graders on a second-grade reading level. I had a severely disabled non-verbal student in a wheelchair and a deaf student for whom I had to wear a microphone. My schooling did not prepare me for many of the situations that arose day to day and taught me nothing about how to wade through the mountains of daily paperwork or how to deal a 14-year-old cussing at me.

Brad took me under his wing and taught me how to deal with those issues and so much more. Along the way, he showed me that teaching and learning can be and should be fun. Together, we developed some incredible lessons that truly impacted and inspired kids. Brad also tried hard to show me that teachers must balance work and life outside of the classroom. Admittedly, that is one lesson that never really took.

The bottom line is that while many others have helped me in innumerable ways, I doubt that I would be effective in the classroom were it not for knowledge gained from these three terrific educators. I believe most successful professionals, be they educators or not, have a number of people to thank for guidance and expertise offered along the way. I encourage each of you to find a way to show your mentors how much you appreciate them. Phil, Gordon, Brad — thank you. Each of you is at the heart of every good thing that happens in my classroom. Your legacies carry on across generations.

With 'unreal' win, Rangers prove they're playoff contenders



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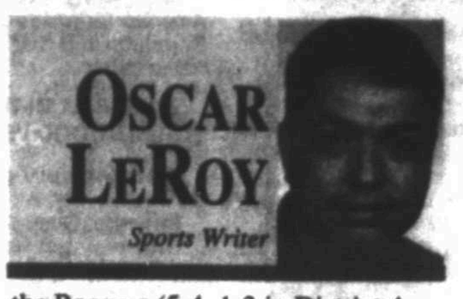
Greenwood's Kyle Rimer, front, and Jacob Armitage, back, combine to tackle Monahans running back Pedro Cano, center, on Oct. 21 at Estes Memorial Stadium in Monahans. Rimer hit the game-winning field goal in Greenwood's 62-61 win over Andrews on Friday at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

Greenwood coach Shad Hanna said it was an "unreal" performance just for his team to come back and then be able to fight through the rest of the game in a 62-61 victory over Andrews on Friday night.

It was more like unbelievable with the way the Rangers fought back from being 27 points down in the first quarter to charging all the way back and finally winning it when Kyle Rimer hit a 34-yard field goal with 17 seconds remaining in the game.

"It was huge for our program and a huge confidence booster," Hanna said. "Our confidence was really shaken after losing to Seminole (48-14) and Monahans (45-7)."

What this win also does is keep



the Rangers (5-4, 1-2 in District 4-3A) alive for a playoff spot, but Andrews (5-4, 1-2) is not out of it either. If Andrews defeats Monahans (7-2, 2-1), the Mustangs are in regardless of what Greenwood does at Fort Stockton (6-3, 0-3). But if Greenwood wins and Andrews loses, the Rangers get into the playoffs and end a two-year drought.

But in order for the Rangers to even have a chance, they had to do a lot of things right after falling behind 27-0 to the Mustangs.

First the Rangers had to get their offense going. Dropped passes, an interception off a deflection and a fumble helped the Mustangs jump out to that big lead.

But then as the first quarter wound down, quarterback Kam Williams broke loose for an 81-yard touchdown run and it gave the Rangers a little bit of hope.

Then in the second quarter, the Rangers outscored Andrews 24-14 to pull to within 41-31 at the half. During that spurt, the Rangers scored three touchdowns and were good on all three 2-point conversions.

"I think we just finally relaxed," Hanna said. "When we had that long

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Nothing gets through



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Midland High's Alli Kenney gets congratulated after making a play during a volleyball match earlier this season. The Lady Bulldogs play North Crowley in the first round of the playoffs today in Abilene.

Kenney, Behrmann take charge on the Lady Dawg defense

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



Behrmann



Kenney

From the opening day of two-a-day workouts in August, Midland High coach Terri McColloch has said this year's squad will rely on its defense.

That hasn't changed in nearly three months, and defense is a major reason the Lady Bulldogs won a second consecutive outright District 3-5A championship. And anchoring the back row for much of the season has been seniors Alli Kenney and Claire Behrmann.

The duo have spent much of the season alternating at the libero position during matches, but more importantly they have been key to the growth of a team that was working to find its identity at the frontline and on offense.

Behrmann's and Kenney's defensive play now complement an offense that has progressed through the last three weeks of the season, and the Lady Bulldogs are playing as a more complete team as they enter today's Class 5A bi-district match against North Crowley at Abilene High School. The two teams will play at 8 p.m.

"We weren't as strong offensively as we were last year and we knew we had to have a good defense," said Behrmann, who plays libero and substitutes in on the back row when she's not playing libero. "Us two working together, it's really strong on the back line when we are together. It's pretty hard to get past us if everyone is on."

Even before the season started, McColloch said she had confidence that both Behrmann and Kenney could do the job, and it only took a few matches into the year for McColloch to begin rotating the two at the libero position.

It was a move that surprised both Kennedy and Behrmann, but as this season has progressed the two have become used to it and are even liking it.

"Early in the year I decided I was going to (rotate) to see if anybody won the position out," McColloch said. "I felt like based on last spring and the first week of two-a-days they were just dead even and both very good. It's just kind of worked out for us to keep doing it that way."

Midland High vs. North Crowley

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Both players said they were not expecting the rotation and when it continued during the season they were surprised. But now that it's become something normal they said it allows both of them to play on the back row for long periods of time during matches.

"It's on Claire and I," Kenney said. "We have other good people on defense and even some of our frontline hitters are good at defense, but it's just us getting into a rhythm and jumping up and being a leader with them."

The two will be counted on again today as North Crowley brings in one of the Dallas-Fort Worth area's top hit-

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Lee's Ciara Sheppard tries to get the ball past Odessa Permian's Emily Tollin and Katie Reeves during a match earlier this season at Lee High School.

Sheppard proves herself as the Lady Rebels' go-to hitter

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Ciara Sheppard never expected to see this much playing time on varsity for the Lee volleyball team this season.

She expected to play, but she never thought she would suddenly be a go-to hitter as a sophomore for the Lady Rebels this season. But as Lee prepares for its Class 5A bi-district match against Metroplex power and District 4-5A champ Arlington High, Sheppard is being looked at as one of the players that will be key to a chance for a Lady Rebel upset.

Lee (24-18) will take on the Lady Colts (32-11) at 6 p.m. today at Abilene High School.

"Some people are natural go-to people and she is one of those," Lee volleyball coach Diane Sandoval said. "She is competitive and you don't ever have to tell her to be aggressive in anything. You just never know with sophomores how early they are going to take that leadership role."

Sheppard's rise to her position in Lee's lineup is something that prob-

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Philadelphia's Trent Cole sacks Dallas quarterback Tony Romo on Sunday in the second half in Philadelphia. The Eagles won, 34-7

Garrett says he's not immune from blame

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Accountability was a hot topic at Valley Ranch the day after the Dallas Cowboys' humiliating 34-7 loss at Philadelphia.

In the locker room after the game, defensive coordinator Rob Ryan accepted all the blame, saying, "It all comes down to coaching. (Eagles coach) Andy Reid was reading my mail. He kicked my ass. I've got to be smarter than this."

It would be hard to argue with Ryan after the Eagles zipped through his guys for 495 yards, nearly 200 more than Dallas' average as the NFC's stingiest defense.

But what about the offense, which didn't score until the Eagles led 34-0 early in the fourth quarter?

Cowboys coach/offensive coordinator Jason Garrett said the defeat, his first by more than 4 points since he took over at midseason last year, boiled down to poor execution, a statement some took to mean he had placed the blame entirely on the players' shoulders.

But on Monday, Garrett suggested he wasn't immune from blame.

"When we talk about execution, execution is everybody," he said. "Execution is coaches putting a plan together, coaches implementing a plan during the week and then players hopefully executing that plan. It's a mistake to say when a coach says we need to execute better to say that, 'Boy, the players need to play better.'

"When we talk about execution in house, it's about all of us."

Ryan was much more blunt Sunday night, saying simply, "I called a crappy game ... I was too aggressive early, and it killed us."

One day later, Garrett applauded Ryan's stance.

"When you lose a game, there are

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HSVOLLEYBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A BI-DISTRICT ARLINGTON HIGH VS. LEE

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Abilene High School

Records: Lee 24-16, Arlington High 32-11

How they got here: Lee finished fourth in District 3-5A; Arlington High won District 4-6A

Notes & Quote: Today's match will mark the third consecutive playoff appearance for the Lady Rebels as they search for the program's first playoff victory since the 1999 season. That 1999 season was also the last year Lee won a district championship. ... Lee earned their playoff spot by finishing fourth in District 4-5A and clinch the spot by beating Odessa Permian in three games last week. ... The Lady Rebels will likely be at a height disadvantage as the Lady Colts have two players listed at 6-foot-2, another at 6-0 and one more at 5-11. "Literally we've been outsized most of the season and that is just something that we've learned to live with," Lee coach Diane Sandoval said. "We may not match up as far as size, but the good thing about athletics is that if you work really, really hard and compete you never know what is going to happen."... Ashley Mariani, who is listed at 6-2, has a kill percentage of 48 this season, and Jacqueline Vernor has 55 blocks in the 43 matches this season.

Next: Winner will play either El Paso Eastwood or Lubbock Coronado in a Class 5A area round match

MIDLAND HIGH VS. NORTH CROWLEY

When/where: 8 p.m. today, Abilene High School

Records: Midland High 30-16, North Crowley 22-26

How they got here: Midland High won District 5-5A; North Crowley tied for third in District 4-5A and lost a third-place playoff to Fort Worth Paschal

Notes & Quotes: This is the second consecutive year that the Lady Bulldogs and Lady Panthers have met in the postseason. In 2010, Midland High beat North Crowley in three games for the Lady Bulldogs' first playoff victory since the 2006 season. ... North Crowley lost a third-place playoff with Fort Worth Paschal last Friday as they won their final match of the regular season against Arlington Lamar to earn the tie for third spot. ... North Crowley is led by Paige Panfil, who is listed at 6-1, and has more than 500 kills this season for the Lady Panthers. Midland High coach Terry McColloch said that Panfil will be tough to slow down, and they need to get touches on her attacks and score points when she is playing on the backline. "We didn't stop her last year, and she's tall enough that she is going to go over our block a lot," McColloch said. "We are going to try to get our hands on as many balls as she hits, and just try win other areas of the game."

Next: Winner will play either Amarillo Tascosa or El Paso Coronado in a Class 5A area round match

CLASS 3A BI-DISTRICT GREENWOOD VS. FABENS

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Gallego Center, Alpine

Records: Greenwood 22-17

How they got here: Greenwood finished third in District 4-3A; Fabens finished second in District 3-3A

Notes & Quotes: The Rangerettes are making a return to the playoffs after a six-year absence and are coming in with plenty of confidence after a solid campaign in District 4-3A. Greenwood did end the season with two losses to Andrews and Monahans, but first-year head coach Trish Redwine said the five-game loss to the Lady Loboes helped her team's confidence when it came to playing at a high level. "The girls learned that they can play at that level for an extended period of time," Redwine said. "We've got a lot more talent that we even understand we have, and it's just a matter of putting it together." ... Greenwood's last visit to the playoffs in 2005 also included a playoff victory against Fort Stockton in 2005.

Next: Winner will play Lubbock Cooper in Class 3A area round match

BIG SPRING VS. VERNON

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Eastland High School

Records: Big Spring 31-12, Vernon 20-16

How they got here: Big Spring finished second in District 5-3A; Vernon finished third in District 6-3A

Notes & Quotes: Tonight's is a rematch of last year's first round match as Vernon won in five games. ... The Lady Steers finished the district season with a victory against Brownwood to earn the second seed in the district, and coach Lynn Osborne said her team has found its stride late in the season. "We are kind of an upward swing, and we went into a little bit of a slump in the second half of district, but I think now we are on an upward swing," Osborne said. "We are just starting to apply the things that we've been teaching them and just getting a little more consistent."

Next: Winner will play Kennedale in a Class 3A area round match

Compiled by Len Hayward

HSVOLLEYBALLPAIRINGS

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CLASS 5A
Bi-district

Arlington High (24-16) vs. Lee (F3, 24-18), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene HS

El Paso Eastwood (R1, 31-9) vs. Lubbock Coronado (T2, 39-5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton

Amarillo High (R2, 21-12) vs. El Paso Monwood (F2, 28-10), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole

San Angelo Central (R3, 24-12) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (T4, 23-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Cisco JC

Lewisville Hebron (W5, 35-11) vs. Keller (F7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Flower Mound HS

Mansfield Legacy (R6, 23-16) vs. Richland (T5, 27-11), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, White Settlement Brewer HS

Colleyville Heritage (W6, 31-11) vs. Midlothian (F5, 18-21), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Mansfield Summit HS

Coppell (R7, 34-6) vs. Flower Mound (T8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Carrollton Newman Smith HS

Midland High (W3, 30-16) vs. North Crowley (F4, 22-26), 8 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene HS

Amarillo Tascosa (R2, 29-13) vs. El Paso Coronado (T1, 29-12), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Andrews

El Paso Franklin (W1, 38-5) vs. Lubbock High (F2, 25-18), 4 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS

Arlington Martin (R4, 24-10) vs. Abilene Cooper (T3, 24-14), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Brownwood HS

Southlake Carroll (W7, 43-1) vs. Plano East (F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Grand Prairie HS

Grapevine (R8, 30-12) vs. Cedar Hill (T5, 16-13), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Bowie HS

Mansfield (W5, 31-9) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (F6, 23-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Arlington Lamar HS

Flower Mound Marcus (R9, 28-10) vs. Justin Northwest (T7, 31-10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Justin Nelson HS

CLASS 3A
Bi-district

Andrews (W4, 27-16), bye

Dalhart (R1, 12-22) vs. Levelland (T2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dimmitt

Lubbock Cooper (W2), bye

Fabens (R3) vs. Greenwood (T4, 22-17), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Gallego Center, Alpine

Kennedale (W6), bye

Big Spring (R6, 31-12) vs. Vernon (T6, 20-16), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Eastland HS

Graham (W5), bye

Burleson Centennial (R7, 22-16) vs. Glen Rose (T8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Weatherford

Clint (W3), bye

Lamesa (R2) vs. Borger (T1, 19-16), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo High

Pampa (W1, 29-8), bye

Monahans (R4, 27-16) vs. Pecos (T3), 7 p.m. today, Kermit HS

Winner 7, bye

Burkburnett (R5) vs. Brownwood (T5), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge

Abilene Wylie (W5), bye

West (R8) vs. Bridgeport (T7), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Joshua HS

SHEPPARD

From 1C

ably should've been expected. It was last spring that Sheppard was a key contributor as a freshman on a Lady Rebel softball team that qualified for the playoffs, and that experience playing at the varsity level has been a big factor in her success on the volleyball court.

"I didn't come in near as nervous, and I guess some people get really intimidated by playing with older people, but that really didn't affect me too much," Sheppard said. "Growing up in sports I've always played with older kids."

Sheppard was a contributor early in the season but to show how important her presence was to the team later in the season was how worried both Sandoval and the rest of the squad was prior to an important Oct. 11 match against District 3-5A rival Odessa High.

Sheppard injured one of her ankles during an afternoon walk-through, and at first glance it was doubtful that Sheppard might play. That prompted even some seniors on the squad to worry, but Sheppard played and Lee went on to win the match to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Sheppard had 10 kills, 20 digs and three aces in the match.

"Our team is smart enough to know who our go-to girls are and it's not about pride or being a senior, and when she went down with an ankle injury there was concern," Sandoval said. "It's a role she's embraced, and she's just such a good kid and likeable. They feed off her, and we are in the playoffs because of that attitude with this team of whoever gets it done we don't care."

Sheppard will play in her first playoff volleyball match today after a season of unexpected success, and Sheppard said she will do what she's done all season and that's work hard and do the job that's expected.

"I didn't expect for me to do this well," Sheppard said. "I guess just being put in there with this team I had to stay true to myself and do what I'm out there to do."

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DEFENSE

From 1C

ters in Paige Panfil, but those are the type of challenges that the two are ready to take on knowing that defense will be important for Midland High's success.

"Coach McColloch told us, 'Our biggest thing is defense and defense is going to win games for us,'" Kenney said. "That puts a lot of pressure on us to be in the right positions. I think we know what we are capable of, and if we play up to our standards we will be fine."

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LEROY

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run and then came back and scored again, we said to ourselves, 'We could do this.' Going in at halftime to be down 10 was big for us. We knew right then we were in that ballgame.

"Earlier in the game, I really saw some heads drop, but you could tell the tempo and the attitude of the team got better as the game went along. Our confidence got stronger and better the closer we got."

Along the way, a few records were broken by the Rangers. Williams finished the night with a school-record 436 yards on 28-of-43 passing with four touchdowns and two interceptions. His top receiver was Colin Sullivan, who had school bests in receptions (15) and yards (180) to go with one TD on the night.

But it wasn't just the offense, which was huge. The defense finally made enough stops and forced Andrews into a huge three-and-out with 2:40 remaining in the game. The punt by the Mustangs gave the Rangers the ball at their own 24-yard line to begin the winning drive.

Then there was the work of the special teams with strong kickoff returns, of course the game-winning field goal by Rimer, and the crucial blocked extra point that kept the Andrews lead at 54-45 with 9:41 remaining.

A lot of things had to go right for the Rangers in the game to pull off this miraculous comeback, but in the end they knew they had to do it to keep their playoff hopes alive.

BIG GAME IN 2-2A, DIVISION II: There will be several games around the area that will have playoff implications, but there is a big game in Idalou that will determine the champion out of District 2-2A, Division II as Coahoma (6-3, 5-0) visits the No. 2-ranked Wildcats (8-1, 5-0).

Both teams have already secured a spot in the postseason, but the winner of this game will also have a first round bye in the playoffs.

Coahoma gave Idalou its toughest game last year (14-6) during district play as the Wildcats went on to win the Class 2A Division II state title. That could be the case again this year as there has been no team to even challenge the Wildcats during district play, and only Stanton has been able to score on the Wildcats (45-7). Since that game against the Buffaloes, Idalou has posted four consecutive shutouts and has outscored opponents 199-0.

Coahoma coach Trey Gardner said his team's goal was to put itself in position at the end of the year to play for a district title, and now the Bulldogs get the unenviable task of heading to Idalou to try to knock off the heavily-favored Wildcats.

But if there was a team that could pull the upset it is Coahoma, who will no doubt try to keep the ball away from the Wildcats by running its Wing-T offense and try to come up with enough plays on defense.

LATEST RANKINGS: Seminole received four votes this week to place the Indians at No. 15 in the latest Associated Press Class 3A poll.

In the sixmanfootball.com Division I poll, Rankin jumped three places to No. 3 after the Red Devils rolled to a 60-12 victory over rival and two-time defending state champion Garden City. Ira is ranked No. 1, while Water Valley is No. 2.

The Bearkats, who were eliminated from playoff contention with the loss, are at No. 13.

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AREASTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 4-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa	7	0	308	119	.777
Midland	6	1	238	119	.777
Fort Stockton	4	3	222	177	.571
Brownwood	3	4	177	222	.429
Cooper	1	6	119	238	.143
Abilene	0	7	119	308	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Odessa	5	0	247	87	1.000
x-Midland	4	1	190	87	.800
x-Fort Stockton	3	2	174	159	.600
Brownwood	2	3	159	174	.400
Cooper	1	4	87	190	.200
Abilene	0	5	87	247	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title

Last week's results

Brownwood 27, Cooper 21; Midland 38, Abilene 0; Odessa 56, Fort Stockton 0; Monahans was open

This week's games

Brownwood at Fort Stockton; Monahans at Andrews; Seminole is open

District 5-5A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	8	0	347	137	1.000
Seminole	6	1	247	222	.857
Abilene Wylie	5	2	245	210	.714
Abilene Cooper	3	4	210	245	.429
Big Spring	1	6	137	247	.143
Sweetwater	0	7	88	308	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Snyder	3	0	111	54	1.000
x-Abilene Wylie	2	1	73	54	.667
x-Seminole	2	1	79	48	.667
Abilene Cooper	1	2	77	102	.333
Big Spring	0	3	29	96	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title

Last week's results

Big Spring at Snyder; Abilene Wylie at Brownwood; Sweetwater is open

District 2-2A, Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Wall	10	0	396	125	1.000
Colorado	7	2	295	152	.777
Alpine	6	3	256	168	.666
Kermit *	5	4	260	141	.555
Crane	5	4	309	171	.555
Denver City	3	6	216	335	.333
Grape Creek	0	9	47	432	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Wall	6	0	235	54	1.000
x-Colorado	4	1	162	77	.800
Kermit	3	2	132	86	.600
Alpine	2	3	119	127	.400
Crane	2	3	88	117	.400
Denver City	1	4	74	127	.200
Grape Creek	0	5	21	252	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title

Last week's results

Alpine 35, Kermit 22; Crane 24, Denver City 6; Wall 60, San Angelo Grape Creek 0; Colorado City was open

This week's games

Alpine at Denver City; Colorado City at Kermit; Crane at San Angelo Grape Creek; Wall is open

District 2-2A, Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Idalou	8	1	376	48	.888
Hawley	7	2	269	163	.777
Stanton	6	3	299	117	.666
Coahoma	6	4	274	224	.600
Stanton	4	5	188	182	.444
Post	1	9	163	344	.100
Anson	0	9	126	344	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Idalou	5	0	244	7	1.000
x-Coahoma	5	0	199	67	1.000
Hawley	3	2	122	103	.600
Forsan	2	3	110	139	.400
Stanton	2	3	105	131	.400
Post	1	5	114	213	.166
Anson	0	5	54	183	.000

x-clinched playoff spot

Last week's results

Idalou 53, Anson 0; Stanton 23, Forsan 13; Hawley 21, Post 20; Coahoma was open

This week's games

Anson at Stanton; Coahoma at Idalou; Forsan at Hawley; Post is open

District 5-4A, Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ozona	7	0	308	105	.777
Iraan	6	1	268	130	.666
Sonora	5	2	215	130	.555
Marfa	4	3	215	170	.444
Van Horn	3	4	170	215	.333
Fort Hancock	2	5	130	215	.222
Balmorhea	1	6	105	308	.111
Grandfalls-Royal	0	7	130	268	.000

x-clinched playoff spot

Last week's results

McCamey 33, Marfa 0; Iraan 48, Van Horn 20; Ozona is open

This week's games

Iraan at Marfa; McCamey at Van Horn; Ozona is open

District 1 Six-man
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	3	0	242	199	1.000
x-Borden County	3	0	224	92	1.000
O'Donnell	2	1	204	235	.500
Grady	1	2	174	243	.333
Klondike	0	3	71	143	.000

x-clinched playoff spot

Last week's results

Borden County 56, Grady 0; O'Donnell 41, Klondike 35; Sands was open

This week's games

Grady at Klondike (Thursday); Sands at Borden County; O'Donnell is open

District 7 Six-man
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Fort Davis	7	1	486	400	.875
Rankin	7	2	483	316	.777
Garden City	4	3	454	340	.444
Sierra Blanca	2	5	344	486	.222

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Rankin	2	0	116	18	1.000
x-Fort Davis	2	0	92	42	1.000
Garden City	0	2	48	86	.000
Sierra Blanca	0	2	8	110	.000

x-clinched playoff spot

Last week's results

Rankin 60, Garden City 12; Fort Davis 54, Sierra Blanca 0

This week's games

Rankin at Fort Davis; Sierra Blanca at Garden City

TAPPS Division II District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	8	1	344	191	.888
Mid. Christ.	7	2	318	197	.777
Grace Prep	5	4	338	237	.555
Briggs Christ.	5	4	299	264	.555
Grapevine Faith	5	4	279	254	.555
FWSW Christian	4	4	171	306	.444

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Mid. Christ.	4	0	219	39	1.000
x-FW Christian	3	1	139	126	.750
Grace Prep	2	2	132	107	.500
Grapevine Faith	2	2	112	125	.500
Perrytown	1	3	100	143	.250
FWSW Christian	0	4	26	178	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title

Last week's results

Midland Christian 55, FW Southwest Christian 7; Fort Worth Christian 48, Grapevine Faith 42; Arlington Grace Prep 48, Arlington Perrytop Christian 18

This week's games

Midland Christian at Arlington Grace Prep; Fort Worth Christian at FW Southwest Christian; Arlington Perrytop at Grapevine Faith

HSPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in the preseason poll:

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Katy (18)	(9-0)	249	1
2. Allen (4)	(9-0)	231	2
3. DeSoto (2)	(9-0)	203	3
4. Euless Trinity (1)	(9-0)	181	4
5. Cibolo Steele	(9-0)	157	5
6. Dallas Skyline	(9-0)	109	7
7. Southlake Carroll	(9-0)	104	6
8. Longview	(8-1)	74	9
9. Lufkin	(8-1)	26	8
10. Cypress Fairbanks	(8-1)	25	

Others receiving votes: 11. Harlingen 17, 12. Lewisville Marcus 5, 13. Cedar Hill 4, 13. Port Arthur Memorial 4, 15. Colleyville Heritage 3, 15. Converse Judson 3, 15. Copperas Cove 3, 18. Abilene 2, 18. SA Reagan 2, 18. La Porte 2

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Lake Travis (25)	(9-0)	250	1
2. Denton Ryan	(9-0)	211	2
3. Brenham	(9-0)	193	4
4. Smithson Valley	(9-0)	166	5
5. Dallas Highland Park	(9-0)	132	6
6. Port Lavaca Calhoun	(9-0)	128	8
7. Manvel	(9-0)	111	7
8. Cedar Park	(8-1)	74	9
9. Angleton	(10-0)	48	
10. Aledo	(7-2)	25	

Others receiving votes: 11. La Marque 12, 12. Pearland Dawson 9, 13. Wolfforth Frenship 4, 14. Hewitt Midway 3, 14. Nederland 3, 16. Barbers Hill 2, 16. Frisco Centennial 2, 16. Hutto 2, 19. Lake Dallas 1, 19. Rockwall-Heath 1, 19. Stephenville 1

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Tyler Chapel Hill (17)	(9-0)	242	1
2. Wimberley (6)	(9-0)	227	2
3. Coldspring-Oakhurst (2)	(9-0)	201	3
4. Gilmer	(9-0)	177	4
5. Celina	(9-0)	142	5
6. Alvarado	(9-0)	103	6
7. Mineola	(9-0)	102	7
8. Argyle	(8-1)	57	8
9. Lufkin	(8-1)	39	10
10. Wilson La Vega	(9-0)	28	

Others receiving votes: 11. Carthage 11, 12. Gonzales 7, 12. Devine 7, 14. Henderson 6, 15. Decatur 4, 15. Seminole 4, 15. Snyder 4, 18. Navasota 3, 19. Prosper 2, 19. Stamford 2, 19. Lampasas 2.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (24)	(9-0)	248	1
2. Idalou	(8-1)	209	2
3. Hempstead (1)	(9-0)	198	3
4. Rogers	(9-0)	158	4
5. Wall	(10-0)	130	6
6. Eastland	(10-0)	120	7
7. Godley	(8-1)	81	8
8. Sonora	(9-0)	65	10
9. Schulenburg	(8-1)	55	9
10. Corsicana Mildred	(9-0)	42	

Others receiving votes: 11. Crockett 12, 12. Newton Boston 14, 13. Poth 9, 14. Daingerfield 7, 15. East Bernard 6, 15. Muleshoe 6, 17. Lago Vista 5, 18. Tatum 4, 19. Cisco 2,

Class 1A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Granado (18)	(9-0)	238	1
2. Tenaha (4)	(9-0)	224	2
3. Mason (3)	(9-0)	209	3
4. Muenster	(9-0)	158	4
5. Albany	(9-0)	150	5
6. Garrison	(8-1)	101	6
7. Windthorst	(8-1)	98	7
8. Wellington	(10-0)	75	8
9. Clarksville	(8-1)	58	9
10. Price Carbide	(9-0)	42	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Sunray 17, 12. Merkel 8, 13. Sundown 6, 14. Milano 4.

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NFL

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	211	147
New England	4	2	0	.667	211	147
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	172	148
Miami	2	5	0	.286	147	211
South						
Houston	5	2	0	.714	175	148
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	172	148
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	147	172
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	148	211
West						
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	170	135
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.714	171	123
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	148	148
Cleveland	1	5	0	.429	107	140

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	3	0	.571	129	170
San Diego	4	3	0	.571	185	159
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	158	158
Denver	2	5	0	.286	135	200

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	174	164
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	179	152
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	156	182
Washington	3	4	0	.429	116	139
South						
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	200	189
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	131	169
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	198	183
Carolina	2	6	0	.250	187	207
North						
Green Bay	7	0	0	1.000	229	147
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	239	147
Chicago	4	3	0	.571	170	150
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	172	199
West						
San Francisco	6	1	0	.857	187	107
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	109	162
St. Louis	1	6	0	.143	87	192
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	143	183

Sunday's Scores

Tennessee 27, Indianapolis 10
St. Louis 31, New Orleans 21
Houston 24, Jacksonville 14
N.Y. Giants 20, Miami 17
Minnesota 34, Carolina 21
Baltimore 30, Arizona 27
Detroit 45, Denver 10
Buffalo 23, Washington 0
San Francisco 20, Cleveland 10
Cincinnati 34, Seattle 12
Pittsburgh 25, New England 17
Philadelphia 34, Dallas 7
Open: Atlanta, Chicago, Green Bay, N.Y. Jets, Oakland, Tampa Bay

Monday's Score

Kansas City 23, San Diego 20, OT

Sunday's Games

Seattle at Dallas, Noon
Miami at Kansas City, Noon
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, Noon
Cleveland at Houston, Noon
San Francisco at Washington, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, Noon
Atlanta at Minnesota, Noon
Denver at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Detroit, Jacksonville, Minnesota

Monday, Nov. 7

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX

CHIEFS 23, CHARGERS 20, OT

San Diego	3	9	0	0	–	20
Kansas City	10	3	0	7	3	— 23

First Quarter

KC—FG Succop 30, 8:16
KC—Baldwin 39 pass from Cassel (Succop kick), 2:51

Second Quarter

SD—FG Nowak 44, 8:31
KC—FG Succop 47, :03.

Third Quarter

SD—FG Nowak 44, 8:10
SD—FG Nowak 42, 6:01
SD—FG Nowak 28, 1:46

Fourth Quarter

KC—Battle 1 run (Succop kick), 12:01
SD—Brinkley 2 run (Rinkley pass from Rivers), 7:11

Overtime

KC—FG Succop 30, 5:16

A—72,733.

	SD	KC
First downs	22	19
Total Net Yards	447	341
Rushes-yards	27-102	32-94
Passing	345	247
Comp-Att-Int	26-41-2	19-32-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-24	3-14
Punts	3-58.0	5-57.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	12-105	9-53
Time of Possession	37:29	32:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Matthews 13-57, Brinkley 10-43, Rivers 3-1, Hester 1-1. Kansas City, Battle 19-70, Cassel 2-14, Jones 5-10, McCluster 6-0.

PASSING—San Diego, Rivers 26-41-2-369. Kansas City, Cassel 19-32-2-261

RECEIVING—San Diego, Matthews 6-55, Floyd 5-107, Gates 4-73, Clayton 3-50, Jackson 3-48, Brinkley 3-24, McMichael 2-11. Kansas City, Baldwin 5-82, Bowe 4-62, Breaston 3-42, McCluster 3-28, McClain 2-17. Colbert 1-19, Popo 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Novak 52 (WR).

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
x-Winnipeg	10	7	0	20	408	402
x-Montreal	10	7	0	20	514	425
x-Hamilton	9	8	0	18	485	448
Toronto	5	12	0	10	364	482
WEST DIVISION						
x-B.C.	10	7	0	20	468	384
x-Edmonton	10	7	0	20	466	402
x-Calgary	10	7	0	20	481	452
Saskatchewan	5	12	0	10	328	459

x-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday

Hamilton at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour Money Leaders Through Oct. 26

Rank	Player	Tm	Money
1.	Luke Donald	19	$6,663,214
2.	Webb Simpson	28	$5,347,359
3.	Nick Watney	22	$4,802,478
4.	K.J. Choi	22	$4,454,691
5.	Dustin Johnson	21	$4,309,981
6.	Matt Kuchar	24	$4,300,900
7.	Bill Haas	29	$4,089,637
8.	Steve Stricker	19	$3,992,780
9.	Jason Day	21	$3,947,847
10.	David Toms	23	$3,858,000
11.	Adam Scott	18	$3,794,797
12.	Phil Mickelson	23	$3,783,468
13.	Keegan Bradley	28	$3,758,600
14.	Brandt Snedeker	26	$3,567,205
15.	Hunter Mahan	25	$3,552,540
16.	Bubba Watson	22	$3,477,811
17.	Gary Woodland	25	$3,446,551
18.	Justin Rose	23	$3,401,437
19.	Mark Wilson	27	$3,400,824
20.	Aaron Baddeley	22	$3,094,669
21.	Jason Dufner	23	$3,057,990
22.	Jonathan Byrd	25	$3,055,333
23.	Martin Laird	27	$3,040,559
24.	Chad Schwartzel	25	$2,954,556
25.	Charles Howell III	30	$2,939,000
26.	Fredrik Jacobson	35	$2,498,325
27.	Rory Sabbatini	34	$2,455,655
28.	Ryan Moore	23	$2,453,000
29.	Billy Horschel	25	$2,344,540
30.	Kevin Na	28	$2,339,000
31.	Tommy Levin	27	$2,316,000
32.	Y.E. Yang	38	$2,314,666
33.	John Senden	26	$2,294,811
34.	Chez Reavie	27	$2,290,000
35.	Kevin Chappell	24	$2,284,000
36.	Ricky Fowler	24	$2,094,683
37.	D.A. Points	28	$2,094,159
38.	Brendon de Jonge	29	$2,093,000
39.	Steve Marino	31	$1,975,070
40.	Bryce Molder	27	$1,957,940
41.	Scott Piercy	27	$1,942,000
42.	Ryan Moore	22	$1,942,000
43.	Geoff Ogilvy	31	$1,918,000
44.	Rich Goellnicht	34	$1,888,000
45.	Chris Kirk	23	$1,877,027
46.	Jonathan Vegas	28	$1,854,414
47.	Ryan Palmer	32	$1,853,000
48.	Brian Gay	41	$1,833,327
49.	Nick Watney	18	$1,779,810
50.	Sean O'Hair	29	$1,753,000

Nationwide Tour Money Leaders Final

Top 25 are fully exempt for 2012 PGA Tour

Rank	Player	Money
1.	J.J. Wood	$414,275
2.	Michael Putnam Jr.	$378,492
3.	Nathan Smith	$370,402
4.	Jason Kokrak	$368,000
5.	Jonas Blixt	$362,000
6.	Brendon Todd	$361,000
7.	Danny Lee	$358,000
8.	Kiradech Aphibarnrat	$357,000
9.	Kevin Chappell	$356,000
10.	Chad Collins	$354,000
11.	Jason Gore	$353,000
12.	Michael Thompson	$352,000
13.	Richard Lee	$351,000
14.	Ben Curtis	$350,000
15.	Scott Brown	$349,000
16.	Bryce Molder	$348,000
17.	Brian Davis	$347,000
18.	Daniel Chopra	$346,000
19.	Jason Bohn	$345,000
20.	Michael Letzig	$344,000

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Polls

FCS Coaches Poll

The Sports Network/Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 30, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.	North Dakota State (133)	8-0	1,918	3
2.	Montana State (19)	8-1	1,871	1
3.	Appalachian State (5)	6-2	1,567	5
4.	Sam Houston State (1)	9-0	1,416	6
5.	Georgia Southern	7-1	1,193	4
6.	Northern Iowa	6-2	1,066	2
7.	Maine	7-1	2,987	8
8.	Lehigh	7-1	2,883	9
9.	New Hampshire	6-2	2,801	10
10.	Montana	7-2	2,532	11
11.	Wofford	7-2	2,443	12
12.	Old Dominion	7-2	2,163	15
13.	James Madison	6-3	1,747	9
14.	Towson	6-2	1,364	13
15.	Jackson State	7-1	1,230	19
16.	Delaware	5-4	1,076	21
17.	Eastern Illinois	6-3	977	22
18.	Jacksonville State	5-3	955	14
19.	William & Mary	4-4	928	18
20.	Tennessee Tech	5-2	825	20
21.	Indiana State	5-3	653	25
22.	Liberty	6-3	710	23
23.	Harvard	6-1	653	24
24.	South Dakota	5-4	586	17
25.	Central Arkansas	6-3	444	NR

Others receiving votes: Cal Poly 348, Furman 346, Alabama State 341, Nicholls State 307, Norfolk State 187, Brown 154, Alabama A&M 135, Albany 109, North Dakota 105, Portland State 71, Southern Utah 50, Jacksonville 49, Samford 49, Chattanooga 45, Georgetown 41, Youngstown State 34, Eastern Kentucky 33, Stony Brook 30, Northwestern State 22, Duquesne 15, UT Martin 12, San Diego 12, Richmond 8, Tennessee State 7, Florida A&M 7, South Carolina State 2, Bethune-Cookman 1, Penn 1, The Citadel 1

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll

Through Oct. 30

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.	Delta St. (Miss.) (25)	8-1	717	1
2.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.) (1)	8-0	686	3
3.	Northwest Missouri St.	11-1	661	4
4.	Colorado St.-Pueblo	9-0	629	5
5.	Midwestern St.	9-0	628	8
6.	St. Cloud State (Minn.)	8-1	531	11
7.	Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	9-0	530	9
8.	Nebraska-Kearney	8-1	502	10
9.	Washburn (Kan.)	8-1	488	12
10.	New Haven (Conn.)	8-1	448	13
11.	West Virginia Wesleyan	9-0	446	2
12.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	8-1	429	7
13.	Kutztown (Pa.)	8-1	351	16
14.	Slippery Rock (Pa.)	8-1	334	17
15.	Minnesota-Duluth	7-2	263	6
16.	Abilene Christian	6-2	256	19
17.	North Alabama	9-2	248	14
18.	West Alabama	7-2	220	23
19.	Humboldt St. (Calif.)	7-1	216	21
20.	West Texas A&M	9-2	196	20
21.	Albany St. (Ga.)	7-2	158	22
22.	California (Pa.)	7-2	115	24
23.	Colorado School of Mines	7-2	84	25
24.	Wayne St. (Mich.)	7-2	83	15
25.	Mars Hill (N.C.)	7-2	40	NR
25.	Missouri Western St.	7-2	40	NR

AFCA Division III Coaches Poll

Through Oct. 23

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.	Wis. Whitewater (39)	8-0	1047	1
2.	Mount Union (Ohio) (3)	8-0	1011	2
3.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	9-0	944	3
4.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	8-0	904	4
5.	Linfield (Ore.)	7-0	783	5
6.	Rowan	8-0	782	6
7.	North Central (Ill.)	7-1	697	7
8.	Wesley	8-0	696	8
9.	Hardin-Simmons	8-0	695	9
10.	Trinity (Texas)	8-0	694	10
11.	Wheaton (Ill.)	8-0	693	11
12.	Cortland St.	8-0	692	12
13.	Ithaca	8-0	691	13
14.	Wartburg	8-0	690	14
15.	Hanover	8-0	689	15
16.	Bridgewater (Va.)	8-0	688	16
17.	Frostburg St.	8-0	687	17
18.	Johns Hopkins	8-0	686	18
19.	Wesleyan (Conn.)	8-0	685	19
20.	Salisbury	8-0	684	20
21.	Bethel (Minn.)	8-0	683	21
22.	Dubuque (Iowa)	8-0	682	22
23.	Lakeland (Wis.)	8-0	681	23
24.	Coast Lutheran	8-0	680	24
25.	Dubuque (Iowa)	8-0	679	25

NAIA Football Poll

Through Oct. 30

	Record	Pts	Prv
1.	Saint Xavier (Ill.) (14)	9-0	346	1
2.	Morton (Ind.) (1)	9-0	335	2
3.	Carroll (Mont.)	8-1	313	3
4.	Marian (Ind.)	8-0	305	4
5.	Mid-America Nazarene (Kan.)	7-1	269	5
6.	Morningside (Iowa)	7-1	275	6
7.	Missouri Valley	8-1	241	9
8.	William Penn (Iowa)	8-1	241	8
9.	Benedictine (Kan.)	7-2	232	10
10.	Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	7-2	218	11
11.	Saint Francis (Ind.)	6-2	210	12
12.	St. Ambrose (Iowa)	7-1	203	13
13.	Dakota St.	7-2	175	14
14.	Cumberland (Tenn.)	7-1	171	15
15.	Valley City State (N.D.)	8-1	162	16
16.	Tabor (Kan.)	7-2	148	18
17.	Bethel (Tenn.)	6-2	127	19
18.	Southern Nazarene (Okla.)	7-2	116	20
19.	Reinhardt (Ga.)	6-2	108	17
20.	Northwestern (Iowa)	7-2	108	22
21.	Eastern Oregon	6-3	65	25
22.	Olivet Nazarene	6-2	55	24
23.	Grand View (Iowa)	6-3	54	—
24.	Bethany (Kan.)	7-2	44	18
25.	Baker (Kan.)	5-3	27	—

Schedule

(Subject to change)

Today

N. Illinois (5-3) at Toledo (5-3), 6 p.m.

Wednesday

MIDWEST

Temple (5-3) at Ohio (5-3), 7 p.m.

Thursday

EAST

Florida St. (5-3) at Boston College (2-6), 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Virginia Tech (6-1) at Gardner-Webb (3-5), 5 p.m.

MVSU (1-8) at South Alabama (5-3), 6:30 p.m.

Tulsa (5-3) at UCF (4-4), 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Akron (1-7) at Miami (Ohio) (3-5), 6:30 p.m.

FAR WEST

Southern Cal (6-2) at Colorado (1-8), 8 p.m.

Saturday

SOUTHWEST

Texas Tech (5-3) at Texas (5-2), 11 a.m.

Tulane (2-7) at SMU (5-3), 1 p.m.

Texas A&M (5-3) at Oklahoma (7-1), 1:30 p.m.

Alabama St. (6-2) at Ark.-Pine Bluff (4-4), 2:30 p.m.

UTEP (4-4) at Rice (2-6), 2:30 p.m.

Prairie View (4-4) at Texas St. (5-4), 3 p.m.

Missouri (4-4) at Baylor (4-3), 6 p.m.

Stephen F. Austin (5-3) at Lamar (3-5), 6 p.m.

Southern U. (3-5) at Texas Southern (3-5), 6 p.m.

South Carolina (7-1) at Arkansas (7-1), 6:15 p.m.

Kansas St. (7-1) at Oklahoma St. (8-0), 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

TCU (6-2) at Wyoming (5-2), 1 p.m.

W. Oregon (6-3) at Montana (7-2), 2:05 p.m.

Army (3-5) at Air Force (4-4), 2:30 p.m.

Stanford (6-0) at Oregon St. (2-6), 2:30 p.m.

Montana St. (8-1) at Weber St. (3-5), 2:30 p.m.

Idaho (1-7) at San Jose St. (3-5), 3 p.m.

Sacramento St. (3-5) at Portland St. (3-5), 3:05 p.m.

Cal Poly (5-3) at UC Davis (2-6), 4 p.m.

N. Colorado (0-9) at N. Arizona (3-5), 4:05 p.m.

Washington St. (3-5) at California (4-4), 5:30 p.m.

Utah (4-4) at Arizona (2-6), 6 p.m.

Arizona St. (6-2) at UCLA (4-4), 6:30 p.m.

New Mexico (0-8) at San Diego St. (4-3), 7 p.m.

Louisiana Tech (4-4) at Fresno St. (3-5), 9:30 p.m.

Boise St. (7-1) at UNLV (2-5), 9:30 p.m.

Oregon (7-1) at Washington (6-2) 9:30 p.m.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR Sprint Cup Leaders

Through Oct. 30

	Points
1. Carl Edwards, Ford	2,273
2. Tony Stewart, Chevrolet	2,265
3. Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet	2,252
4. Brad Keselowski, Dodge	2,245
5. Matt Kenseth, Ford	2,237
6. Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet	2,230
7. Kyle Busch, Toyota	2,216
8. Kurt Busch, Dodge	2,215
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet	2,203
10. Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet	2,197
11. Denny Hamlin, Toyota	2,193
12. Ryan Newman, Chevrolet	2,184
13. Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet	2,183
14. Mike Bliss, Chevrolet	946
15. Kasey Kahne, Ford	915
16. A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge	912
17. Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet	863
18. Marcos Ambrose, Ford	862
19. David Ragan, Ford	857
20. Mark Martin, Chevrolet	857

Money

1. Carl Edwards, Ford	$7,617,866
2. Kyle Busch, Toyota	$5,932,241
3. Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet	$5,902,378
4. Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet	$5,795,786
5. Matt Kenseth, Ford	$5,673,401
6. Kurt Busch, Dodge	$5,577,701
7. Tony Stewart, Chevrolet	$5,515,797
8. Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet	$5,498,891
9. Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet	$5,200,827
10. Denny Hamlin, Toyota	$5,012,868
11. Ryan Newman, Chevrolet	$4,896,448
12. Brad Keselowski, Dodge	$4,773,746
13. Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet	$4,684,027
14. Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet	$4,450,925
15. A.J. Allmendinger, Dodge	$4,420,908
16. Marcos Ambrose, Ford	$4,403,016
17. Regan Smith, Chevrolet	$4,286,173
18. Kasey Kahne, Toyota	$4,222,562
19. Bobby Labonte, Toyota	$4,190,818
20. David Reutimann, Toyota	$4,035,842

NASCAR Nationwide Points Leaders

Through Oct. 14

	Points
1. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 1,100; 2. Elliott Sadler, 1,035; 3. Aric Almirola, 1,013; 4. Justin Allgaier, 1,009; 5. Reed Sorenson, 1,006; 6. Jason Leffler, 940; 7. Kenny Wallace, 894; 8. Brian Scott, 877; 9. Steve Wallace, 870; 10. Michael Annett, 859.	
11. Trevor Bayne, 774; 12. Mike Bliss, 766; 13. Mike Wallace, 713; 14. Joe Nemechek, 672; 15. Josh Wise, 659; 16. Jeremy Clements, 632; 17. Timmy Hill, 595; 18. Blake Koch, 537; 19. Dennis Cope, 519; 20. Eric McClure, 512.	

NASCAR Nationwide Money Leaders

Through Oct. 14

	Money
1. Carl Edwards, $1,168,205; 2. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $971,343; 3. Elliott Sadler, $858,803; 4. Justin Allgaier, $843,948; 5. Reed Sorenson, $802,777; 6. Aric Almirola, $764,673; 7. Jason Leffler, $756,886; 8. Brad Keselowski, $738,660; 9. Brian Scott, $736,858; 10. Kenny Wallace, $725,943.	
11. Kyle Busch, $708,170; 12. Steve Wallace, $699,958; 13. Michael Annett, $693,453; 14. Mike Wallace, $680,998; 15. Mike Bliss, $680,585; 16. Trevor Bayne, $666,948; 17. Jeremy Clements, $638,469; 18. Eric McClure, $617,911; 19. Josh Wise, $613,210; 20. Timmy Hill, $606,650.	

NASCAR Camping World Truck Points Leaders

Through Oct. 29

	Points
1. Austin Dillon, 811; 2. James Buescher, 800; 3. Ron Hornaday Jr., 798; 4. Johnny Sauter, 790; 5. Timothy Peters, 783; 6. Todd Bodine, 744; 7. Matt Crafton, 720; 8. Joey Coulter, 719; 9. Cole Whitt, 715; 10. Parker Kligerman, 685.	
11. Brendan Gaughan, 675; 12. Nelson Piquet Jr., 672; 13. David Starr, 648; 14. Justin Lofton, 626; 15. Jason White, 615; 16. Ricky Carmichael, 612; 17. Miguel Paludo, 604; 18. Max Papis, 590; 19. Ryan Sieg, 514; 20. Clay Rogers, 391.	

IndyCar Points Leaders

Final

	Points
1. Dario Franchitti, 573; 2. Will Power, 555; 3. Scott Dixon, 518; 4. Oriol Servia, 425; 5. Tony Kanaan, 396; 6. Ryan Briscoe, 364; 7. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 347; 8. Marco Andretti, 337; 9. Graham Rahal, 300; 10. Danica Patrick, 314.	
11. Helio Castroneves, 312; 12. James Hinchcliffe, 302; 13. Takuma Sato, 297; 14. J.R. Hildebrand, 296; 15. Alex Tagliani, 296; 16. Viter Mees, 287; 17. Mike Conway, 260; 18. E.J. Viso, 241; 19. Charlie Kimball, 233; 20. Simona de Silvestro, 225.	

Formula One Points Leaders

Through Oct. 30

	Points
1. Sebastian Vettel, 374; 2. Jenson Button, 240; 3. Fernando Alonso, 227; 4. Mark Webber, 221; 5. Lewis Hamilton, 202; 6. Felipe Massa, 98; 7. Nico Rosberg, 75; 8. Michael Schumacher, 70; 9. Vitaly Petrov, 36; 10. Nick Heidfeld, 34.	
11. Adrian Sutil, 30; 12. Kamui Kobayashi, 27; 13. Jaime Alguersuari, 26; 14. Paul di Resta, 21; 15. Sebastien Buemi, 15; 16. Sergio Perez, 14; 17. Rubens Barrichello, 4; 18. Bruno Senna, 2; 19. Pastor Maldonado.	

NHRA Leaders

Through Oct. 30

TOP FUEL: 1. Spencer Massey, 2,503; 2. Del Worsham, 2,501; 3. Antron Brown, 2,489; 4. Larry Dixon, 2,459; 5. Tony Schumacher, 2,387; 6. Brandon Bernstein, 2,326; 7. David Grubnic, 2,220; 8. Doug Kalitta, 2,207; 9. Shawn Langdon, 2,198; 10. Morgan Lucas, 2,054.

FUNNY CAR: 1. Matt Hagan, 2,416; 2. Jack Beckman, 2,415; 3. Cruz Pedregon, 2,390; 4. Mike Neff, 2,382; 5. Robert Hight, 2,345; 6. Ron Capps, 2,344; 7. Bob Tasca III, 2,295; 8. Jeff Arend, 2,270; 9. John Force, 2,200; 10. Tim Wilkerson, 2,179.

PRO STOCK: 1. Jason Line, 2,592; 2. Mike Edwards, 2,424; 3. Greg Anderson, 2,393; 4. Vincent Nobile, 2,344; 5. Allen Johnson, 2,336; 6. Erica Enders, 2,327; 7. Rodger Brogdon, 2,275; 8. Greg Stanfield, 2,238; 9. Shane Gray, 2,186; 10. Ron Krisher, 2,167.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE: 1. Eddie Krawiec, 2,589; 2. Hector Arana Jr. 2,520; 3. Matt Smith, 2,403; 4. Andrew Hines, 2,394; 5. Karen Stoffer, 2,329; 6. Hector Arana, 2,312; 7. Jerry Savoie, 2,305; 8. LE Tonglet, 2,299; 9. Michael Phillips, 2,246; 10. Jim Underdahl, 2,201.

RODEO

Pro Rodeo Leaders

Through Oct. 30

Bareback Riding

1. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock $8,457
2. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $8,484
3. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $4,760
4. Chris Harris, Ilasca $3,780
5. Matt Bright, Ajo $3,697
6. Jake Brown, Hillsboro $3,584
7. Matthew Smith, Cisco, Miss. $3,030
8. Tyson Thompson, Bradley, Calif. $2,770
9. Jared Keylon, Uniontown, Kan. $2,596
10. Brian Bast, Culver, Ore. $2,537
11. Viktor Dey, Fort Scott, Kan. $2,533
12. Teddy Atteberry, Livermore, Calif. $2,447
13. Tanner Aus, Prairie Grove, Ark. $2,337
14. Dustin Egusquiza IV, Placerville, Calif. $2,270
15. Dave Wohlfeld, Wandoan, Queensland, Australia $2,154
16. Morgan Heaton, Paradise, Utah $1,924
17. Sidney Webb, Cottonwood, Calif. $1,462
18. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $1,411
19. Steven Ardrey, Crossroads $1,354
20. Jared Smith, Cross Plains $1,261

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Shane Mlton, Cochrane, Alberta $7,537
2. Ken Lewis, La Junta, Colo. $6,927
3. Layton Green, Joseph, Ore. $6,594
4. Seth Goodman, Beaumont $4,994
5. Ryan Smyrczek, Freedom, Okla. $4,047
6. Tommie Dobbins, Anderson $3,605
7. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $3,510
8. Jason Voster, Cheyenne, Wyo. $3,309
9. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $3,008
10. John Francis, Riverton, Wyo. $2,874
11. Sterling Wilkins, Joplin $2,542
12. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $2,327
13. Gabe Lockhart, Apple Valley, Calif. $2,262
14. Tyler Harris, Cole Camp, Mo. $2,191
15. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $2,130
16. Billy Bugenig, Flordale, Calif. $2,032
17. Ethan Thurmond, Hope, Calif. $2,017
18. Jonah Hansen, Billingsley, Mont. $2,000
19. Randy Hess, Dillon, Mont. $2,000
20. Kenny Dunnick, Waterloo, Ill. $1,991

Team Roping (Header)

1. Colby Lovell, Huachuca City $6,675
2. Shane Pinkerton, Wagoner $5,563
3. Brandon Beaver, Chelsea, Okla. $5,451
4. Caleb Davis, Tecumseh $5,399
5. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla. $5,100
6. Tyler Wade, Terrell $5,096
7. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $3,780
8. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $3,559
9. Lance McClaughry, Tilden $3,459
10. Danny Leslie, San Miguel, Calif. $2,955
11. Caleb Mitchell, Mason $2,601
12. Morgan Jones, Leighton, Ala. $2,458
13. T.J. Duhon, Pass Robles, Calif. $2,237
14. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $2,054
15. Tyler Magnus, Minden $1,927
16. Colby Hansen, Stephenville $1,923
17. John Dye, Glenrock, Wyo. $1,779
18. Lee Brown, Stephenville $1,779
19. Levi Grantham, Prep Robles, Calif. $1,715
20. Dustin Hemmick, Arroyo Grande, Calif. $1,715

Team Roping (Heeler)

1. Ryan Motes, Weatherford $6,675
2. John Phillips, Washington $5,563
3. Broc Cresta, Santa Rosa, Calif. $5,451
4. Tyler Barton, Burlington, Kan. $5,399
5. Kenny Harrell, Marshall $5,259
6. Keith Hawkins, Durant, Okla. $5,100
7. Cole Cashion, Mullinville $4,159
8. Justin Wade Davis, Cottonwood, Calif. $3,780
9. Mike Manighalt, Los Alamos, Calif. $3,691
10. Patrick Smith, Midland $3,559
11. Larry Hammons, San Antonio $3,459
12. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. $2,955
13. Derick Freeman, Dadeville, Ala. $2,458
14. Evan Arnold, Santa Margarita, Calif. $2,237
15. Sid Spicer, Cody, Wyo. $2,212
16. Jon Bell, Shiloh $2,054
17. Jake Teichelman, Santa Margarita, Calif. $1,951
18. Shawn Brown, Llano $1,927
19. Trevor Cain, Gonzales $1,923
20. Lance Brown, Stephenville $1,779

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cole Echeverria, Folin, S.D. $6,819
2. Tyrel Larson, Ingle, Manitoba $6,560
3. Jake Vold, Milford, Utah $5,092
4. Chad Foley, Oakville, S.D. $5,057
5. Andrew Cooper, Abbeyville, S.C. $3,858
6. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $3,858
7. Jesse Kruse, Ellensburg, Wash. $3,858
8. Kolton Williams, Houghton, La. $3,492
9. Joaquin Real, Woody, Calif. $3,379
10. Jake Hendricks, Amarillo $1,987
11. Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand $1,853
12. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $1,853
13. Alex Wright, Milford, Utah $1,787
14. Aaron Tate, College Station $1,642
15. Jacobs Crowley, College Station $1,397
16. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $1,310
17. Justin Browning, Sulphur, La. $1,159
18. Jake Costello, Newell, S.D. $1,144
19. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo. $1,144

Tie-down Roping

1. Jeremy Smith Bolanger, Ponca City, Okla. $6,001
2. Riley Profit, Gering, Neb. $4,771
3. Cill Crocker, Decatur $4,673
4. Braxton Laughlin, Westlake, La. $3,502
5. Shane Edwards, Tatum, N.M. $3,492
6. Jake Harrison, Plain City, Utah $3,443
7. Justin Maass, Giddings $2,996
8. Blake Dedford, Buffalo, Okla. $2,914
9. Rye Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $2,801
10. C.J. DePorest Jr., Wheatland, Calif. $2,522
11. Trent Creager, Stillwater, Okla. $2,312
12. Clint Cooper, Paso Robles, Calif. $2,233
13. Cory Solomon, Prairie View $2,053
14. Ross

K-State, Aggies, Tech try to bounce back on road

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, — Texas A&M and Texas Tech fell out of the top 25 after home upsets to unranked teams on Saturday and No. 17 Kansas State took its first loss of the year at home against seventh-ranked Oklahoma.

Getting back on track won't be easy for these three teams, with each facing tough games on the road this week. Kansas State is at No. 3 Oklahoma State, the Aggies visit the Sooners and the Red Raiders play at Texas.

The Aggies, who are coming off a 38-31 overtime loss to Missouri, have lost six straight to Oklahoma in Norman and have won just twice there in 15 tries.

Before losing to Texas Tech, the Sooners had won 39 straight at home.

"Norman is a difficult place to play, obviously, and their record proves as such," Texas A&M coach Mike Sherman said. "It's going to be a tremendous challenge. We've got to bounce back from a tough home loss."

Texas A&M beat the Sooners, 33-19, at home last season, but hasn't won two straight against them since winning four consecutive meetings ending in 1998.

Oklahoma got back on track last week with a 58-17 win over Kansas State after dropping its first game of the season to Texas Tech the week before. Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops knows his team can't underestimate the Aggies after losing to them last year.

"They're still very good," Stoops said. "They're doing a lot of the same things offensively and defensively. They look very similar."

Stoops will remind his team this week that if a few plays would have gone differently, the Aggies could very well be undefeated this season. Texas A&M, which also lost to Oklahoma State and No. 8 Arkansas, led by double digits at halftime in each of its losses.

"All of those teams are all good football teams and they're in a position to win in all those cases," Stoops said.

The Red Raiders followed up their big win over Oklahoma with a 41-7 loss to Iowa State. It was the first time in five years that Texas Tech didn't have a touchdown pass and Seth Doege managed a season-worst 171 yards passing

Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said he learns something new about his team every week and this week his lesson was clear.

"We don't know how to handle success, obviously," he said. "But it's a good lesson learned."

He said his team played hard and with a lot of emotion through its first seven games, but that simply didn't happen on Saturday.

"We were flat," he said. "You know you're going to have one or two games a year that you're going to play that way and hopefully you're good enough to win your way out of it, and we're obviously not."

Texas Tech has dropped six in a row to the Longhorns in Austin and hasn't beat Texas since 2008. Texas coach Mack Brown said he wasn't shocked by Tech's loss to Iowa State.

"It's very difficult for young guys to play consistently well each week," Brown said. "When people are bragging on them it's easy to have a letdown some."

He figures Saturday's loss will make the Red Raiders even more motivated to play well against his team.

"We plan on seeing the Texas Tech team that played Oklahoma in Norman," Brown said.

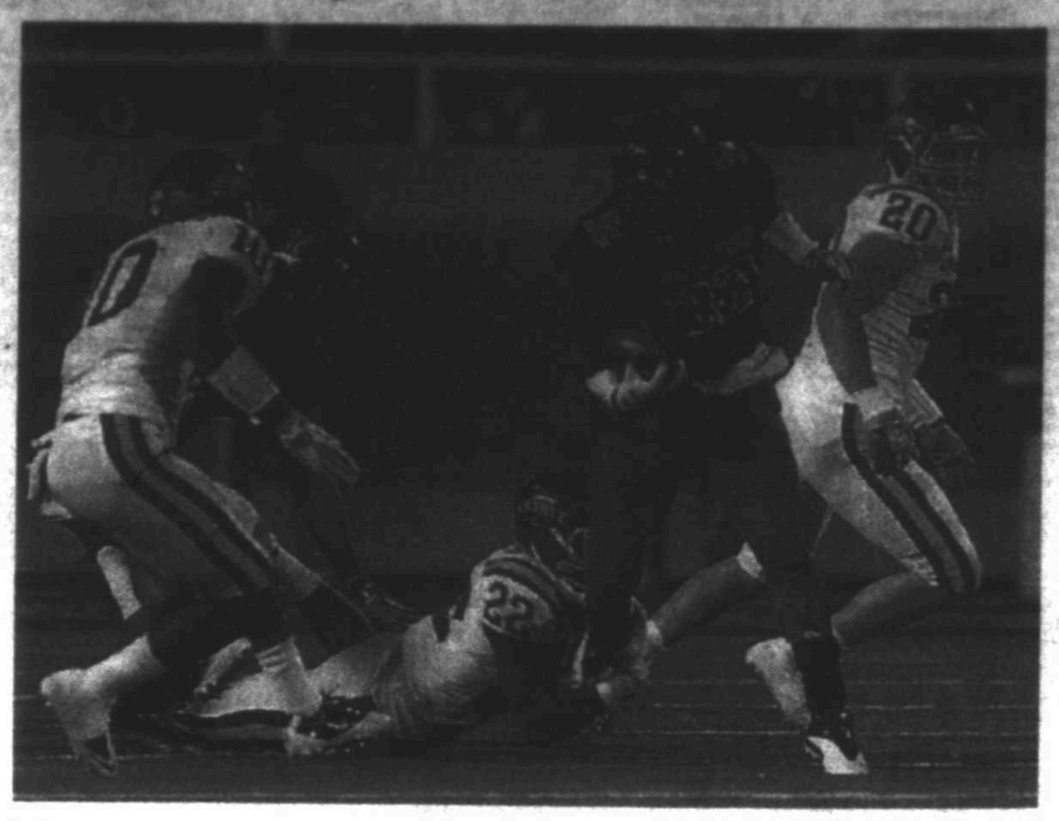
Tuberville doesn't feel as if he needs to say much to his team this week to get them up for this game.

"Anytime you play rival games, coaches don't normally have to get involved," he said. "There will be very good preparation, a lot of emotion and more fan involvement."

Oklahoma State has won the last two at home over Kansas State, but the Wildcats won the previous four in Stillwater. Oklahoma's Landry Jones threw for a school-record 505 yards and had five touchdowns against Kansas State last week.

"We have to play better against the pass and offensively we have to be more productive," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "It wasn't all about our defense. It really was a team loss."

The Cowboys are 8-0 for the first time since 1945 and the second time in school history. It's also the first time they've ever been 5-0 in conference play.



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Texas Tech running back Aaron Crawford (32) gains yards against the Iowa State defense Saturday at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

Conference shuffling yields hoops winners, losers

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — About a week ago, West Virginia coach Bob Huggins was singing the virtues of a Big East Conference that had already been poached of Pittsburgh and Syracuse.

"I mean let's be honest," Huggins said at the time, "if you have Georgetown, Villanova, St. John's, Connecticut, West Virginia, whoever — Louisville, you know, whoever, it's still a very, very, very good basketball league."

Well, the conference realignment merry-go-round promptly sent West Virginia spinning off to the Big 12, and Huggins is now praising a conference that he's been involved with before, one that added West Virginia only because it lost Texas A&M and Missouri is headed out the door.

The ongoing saga of conference realignment has been driven by the big-money world of college football. Huggins knows that. But its ramifications on college basketball are undeniable.

Some conferences have won. Others have lost.

Divining who falls in each category is an exercise in mathematics, history — some would argue futility. Did the Big 12 add through subtraction? It lost traditional lightweights Nebraska and Colorado, likely boosting its overall RPI, which figures heavily into the decisions made by the NCAA tournament selection committee every March. What about the ACC adding Pittsburgh and Syracuse?

Where does a Big East that doesn't suddenly seem all that big fit into things?

"People ask me what's it like. I've done it before," DePaul coach Oliver Purnell said. "When I was at Dayton, we were in the Great Midwest Conference for six months. That league blew up and it became, I think, Conference USA. We weren't invited in, and we went to the Atlantic 10.

"So I've been through it before," the former Clemson coach said. "At Old Dominion, I was in the Sun Belt and Colonial Athletic Association. So although it seems like this stuff has never, ever happened before, certainly there are some things like that that have happened before."

Just not on this level. Not this widespread.

It hasn't ended, either. After the announcement last week that West Virginia is headed from the Big East to the Big 12, and with the pending defection of Missouri from the Big 12 to the SEC, the dominos are still teetering, and each one that falls will knock several others down.

The latest news has the Big East courting UCF and Memphis, among others. If they decide to leave Conference USA, that traditionally strong basketball league will go searching elsewhere to restock, and the merry-go-round will spin on and on.

"The minute you think everything's settled, it's not," Purnell said. "When I first got in the ACC, it was a nine-team league. One year later, it was a 12-team league, and I thought that was fast — not like this. This is lightning fast.

Uncle Mo made early 5-2 favorite in BC Classic

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Uncle Mo is back at Churchill Downs as the early 5-2 favorite in a field of 13 for the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic nearly six months after he was knocked out of the Kentucky Derby on the eve of the race with what was later diagnosed as a life-threatening liver disease.

He was the second favorite for the Derby. Now all eyes are back on Uncle Mo to see if he can complete his comeback with a season-ending victory in North America's richest race.

"Uncle Mo has never looked better, has never trained better," said owner Mike Repole, due to arrive in Louisville on Tuesday. "This is the Uncle Mo we thought we'd see the whole 3-year-old season. For him to make this comeback in just four months from being diagnosed is amazing."

Uncle Mo lost 200 pounds while he was sidelined with the illness that initially puzzled veterinarians and trainer Todd Pletcher alike. He returned to the races in August and lost the King's Bishop by a nose before winning the Kelso Handicap by three lengths earlier this month.

"He's doing as well as he can be doing," Pletcher said. "We've come a long way since May and we're hoping we can get all the way there."

Uncle Mo and John Velazquez will break from the No. 12 post in Saturday's 1 1-4-mile race.

"It gives Johnny some options going to the first turn," Pletcher said about Uncle Mo's post position. "It's perfect. He's a good horse getting away from the gate."

Uncle Mo will be running against an accomplished field that includes his stablemate Stay Thirsty, filly Havre de Grace, Belmont Stakes winner Ruler On Ice, Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Flat Out and Santa Anita Handicap winner Game On Dude.

Pletcher and Repole will have two shots at winning the Classic with Uncle Mo and Stay Thirsty. Repole owns both colts.

Succop's FG in OT lifts Chiefs over Chargers

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

Chiefs	23
Chargers	20 (OT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ryan Succop kicked the Kansas City Chiefs into the history books.

Philip Rivers will be quite the footnote.

Succop knocked through a 30-yard field goal in overtime Monday night, giving the Chiefs a 23-20 win over the San Diego Chargers and moving them into an improbable tie atop the AFC West.

Kansas City became the first team in NFL history to lose its first three games and share at least part of a division lead after four more games. The Chiefs are also the first team since the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2000 to win four straight games after losing their first three.

Rivers could have prevented all of it from happening.

The Chargers had trailed the whole way before the three-time Pro Bowl quarterback marched them downfield in the closing minutes of regulation. With first-and-10 at the 15 and just 48 seconds on the clock, Rivers fumbled the snap and the Chiefs' Andy Studebaker clawed under the pile and retrieved the ball.

Kansas City moved down the field for its own chance to win in regulation, but Matt Cassel overthrew his intended receiver and Eric Weddle's second interception sent the game to overtime.

The Chargers won the toss but failed to pick up a first down, and Cassel calmly led Kansas City right down field. Succop's field goal with 5:16 left gave the Chiefs (4-3) their fourth straight win and moved them into a tie with San Diego (4-3) and the idle Oakland Raiders (4-3) in the division.

Kansas City got off to an abysmal start this season, losing its first two games by a combined 89-10 and then dropping its third game on the road, at San Diego. Along the way, the Chiefs lost Pro Bowl running back Jamaal Charles, safety Eric Berry and tight end Tony Moeaki to season-ending injuries.

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two ways to go," Garrett said. "You could say it's somebody else's fault or you take responsibility, accountability for what your job is within that ball game, and we had a lot of guys who want to take responsibility and be accountable for what they did or didn't do and Rob is certainly one of them.

"We have a number of really good players who have the same approach, who said the same kind of thing to me today."

Safety Abe Elam was the lone starter to meet with reporters Monday. He called the loss "painful" and said Ryan reflected how everybody on the team felt afterward.

"Everybody in this locker room felt like we let each other down," Elam said. "He's a warrior. He's a fighter. He takes pride in his defense. When we don't perform well, it starts with him. But we know as players we have to do our job as well."

The Cowboys flew to Philadelphia full of optimism, knowing a win would bolster their playoffs hopes and severely dampen the postseason aspirations of the defending NFC East champion Eagles.

But instead of playing like there was a lot at stake, the Cowboys didn't show up. Powered by LeSean McCoy's career-best 185 rushing yards and two touchdowns, the Eagles dominated throughout.

McCoy's rushing total was the most against the Cowboys since Tampa Bay's Warrick Dufn gained 210 in 2000.

Afterward, owner Jerry Jones expressed confidence that there's still plenty of time to make a move in the division, which is ruled by the New York Giants (5-2). No other team in the East has a winning record, including the Cowboys and Eagles, both 3-4.

"I would be concerned if I thought we weren't going to go back out here and win a lot more football games. We will," Jones said.



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Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels takes a moment before speaking to reporters Monday during a media availability in Arlington. Daniels said the Rangers are a "very motivated group" heading into the offseason after their second consecutive season-ending loss in the World Series.

Rangers moving forward motivated after Series loss

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers are already starting to think about how to get to another World Series.

"We've got a very motivated group right now," general manager Jon Daniels said Monday, three days after the Rangers' second consecutive season-ending loss in a World Series. "In the clubhouse, on the field, and in the front office, we want to get the job done."

Just take away from after their first World Series, the Rangers go into this offseason with their left-handed No. 1 starting pitcher being the most prominent free agent. This time, it's C.J. Wilson coming off a winless postseason after winning 16 games in the regular season. Cliff Lee left in free agency last winter.

"No doubt we've got a decision to make and a discussion to have with C.J.," Daniels said, not offering a timetable.

The two-time American League champion Rangers made their first offseason move Monday when they picked up the 2012 club option for Colby Lewis, who will make $3.25 million next season. The right-hander is 26-23 with a 4.06 ERA in two seasons since returning to Texas from Japan.

All the other core pieces, including all regulars in the primary batting order, are either already under contract or club control for next season. That includes Mike Napoli and AL championship series MVP Nelson Cruz, who are both eligible for salary arbitration, along with contracted players like Josh Hamilton, Adrian Beltre, Ian Kinsler and Michael Young.

"We've got a really strong nucleus, a really good core," Daniels said. "Most of the players on this club are going to be back, and are in their prime."

The Rangers are also expected to talk with manager Ron Washington about a new contract. Since his debut in 2007, Texas has increased its victory total every season.

"It's kind of the same thing as our core guys. No doubt he's a huge part of why we're here," Daniels said. "There's no question about his job security."

The Rangers, a franchise that started as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961 and moved to Texas for the 1972 season, had never even won a postseason series until getting to last year's World Series.

This year, they set a franchise record with 96 wins and won their second consecutive AL pennant. But they again lost in the World Series, in seven games against the St. Louis Cardinals after twice in Game 6 being within one pitch of winning that game and the championship.

"We're all very emotional about how it ended, a lot of heavy hearts," Daniels said. "But we're certainly not going to let that take away from what we've accomplished, how far we've come, what we've been able to put together. ... We've got a huge advantage going forward in our ownership group and their commitment to winning, not just being there, but winning it all. And a baseball group more motivated, more committed than ever."

The Rangers began 2011 with a payroll of just over $92 million, a number expected to increase next season.

Part of that will come just from the anticipated increased salaries for Napoli, Cruz, reliever Mike Adams and shortstop Elvis Andrus through new contracts or salary arbitration.

What about the re-signing of Wilson or the possibility of pursuing 25-year-old Japanese standout pitcher Yu Darvish should he become available for bidding? Or going after the big free-agent bats of first basemen Albert Pujols or Prince Fielder?

Daniels said pitching is "going to be priority one, always will be." But he added that the Rangers will sort through their own pitchers before starting to look externally, including the idea again of moving closer Neftali Feliz into the starting rotation.

The Rangers also considered making Feliz a starter last spring. Daniels said they will decide on Feliz before going to spring training, and that could obviously be affected by whatever other moves are made.

"As far as any sort of significant investment, whether it's offense or pitching, especialy when you're talking about a financial investment, our mindset is going to be to look internal first," Daniels said. "The reality is over the next two, three, four years, we have a lot of players that, C.J. being the first, our core guys, have a chance to reach free agency. We want to make sure we're able to retain the core.

Rangers pick up '12 club option on RHP Colby Lewis

ARLINGTON (AP) — The two-time American League champion Texas Rangers have made their first offseason move, picking up the 2012 club option for right-hander Colby Lewis.

Lewis will get $3.25 million next season, which will be his third back with the Rangers since returning from Japan.

The move was made Monday, three days after the Rangers ended their second consecutive season with a loss in the World Series.

Lewis was 14-10 with a 4.40 ERA in the regular season and 1-1 with a 3.04 ERA in the postseason.

Later Monday, Texas picked up the 2012 club option for right-handed reliever Yoshinori Tateyama, who was 2-0 with a 4.50 ERA in 39 appearances this season.

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TMC		336	67	22	155	26	"Death at a...		"The Other Woman (2011, Drama)					"A Single Man Colin Firth.		"The Haunting at the ...
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(6:30) "Boys 'N the ...		"The Mummy ('99, Adv) Brendan Fraser.							"The Mummy ('99, Adv) Brendan Fraser.	
BET		58	26		40		106&Park	"Phat Girlz ('06, Com) Jimmy Jean-Louis, Mo'Nique.				Reed (N)	Reed (N)	Reed	Reed	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Millionaire		Millionaire (N)	Fashion	Fashion	Millionaire		Fashion	Fashion
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Marijuana USA		60 Minutes		American Greed		Mad Money		60 Minutes
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Dirty Jobs		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	American Guns		Auction	Auction	American Guns
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T. Jessie		TBA		"Little Manhattan"		A.N.T.	Jessie	Shake Up	Babysit.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(6:00 (N)		ESPN Films "Unguarded" (N)			Poker World Series		Poker World Series		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Football Northern Illinois vs. Toledo (L)						Gold Glove (N)		SportsC.	Poker	NFL Live	Poker
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(6:30) "Remember the Titans"		"Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.						The 700 Club	Line?	Line?
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	The Stampede	Stars Insider	WPT Poker Diamond World Classic		UEFA Soccer Champions League					The After Party	WPT Poker Diamond World Classic
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2 1/2Men		"District 9 ('09, Act) Jolo Copley, Sharlto Copley.					Anarchy "Kiss" (N)		Horror "Halloween"	Anarchy "Kiss"
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		Little House Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	HouseH	House	House	Property	Property	Property
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Meltzer's Decoded		You Don't Know Dixie				Top Gear		Meltzer's Decoded
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		"Wandering Eye ('10, Thriller) Jaqueline Fitzpatrick, Amanda Righetti, Maren Abbott.				Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow		The Ed Show		The Last Word		Rachel Maddow
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Sponge	Brain	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Flip Men	Auction	Auction	Queens	Queens
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Grimm		"The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian Ben Barnes.						"The Odyssey Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next		
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Scoffaw"	Seinf. "The Doodle"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		The Office	The Office
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(6:00) "The Big Sleep"		"The Adventure of Sherlock...					(10:45) "Sleeper Woody Allen.			"Lost in America.	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Mi corazon insiste		Flor salvaje		La casa de al lado		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso	Decision	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	The Little Couple	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Boy With the Answer"		Bones "The Beginning of the End"		Bones "The Mastodon in the Bedroom"		Bones "The Couple in the Cave"		Southland "Punching Water"		CSI: NY "Heroes"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Married	Married	Scrubs	Scrubs	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trials"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Mask"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Dirty"		Covert A. "The Wake-Up Bomb" (SP) (N)		Psych "This Episode Sucks"		Burn Notice "Hard Out"	
VERSUS		38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Anaheim Ducks vs. Washington Capitals (L)				NHL Live!	Overtime	NBC Sports Talk		AdvSprt	AdvSprt
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		30 Rock	30 Rock	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

After 3 World Series titles, La Russa retires

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Tony La Russa waited until after the championship parade and then called a team meeting with his players.

"We didn't know what to expect," said pitcher Chris Carpenter, who won Game 7 of the World Series against Texas on Friday night. "I think we all figured it was just going to be like, 'Thataway guys. Great year. Way to battle!' Instead, he dropped that on us. I think everybody was caught off-guard."

And with that, the 67-year-old La Russa said goodbye to baseball and became the first manager to retire immediately after leading his team to a Series title — the third of his career.

"I think this just feels like it's time to end it," he said Monday. "When I look in the mirror, I know I'd come back for the wrong reasons, and I didn't want to do that."

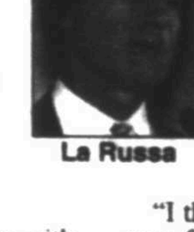
La Russa said he told general manager John Mozeliak of his decision in August — before the Cards rallied from a 10 1/2-game deficit in the NL wild-card race to upset Philadelphia and Milwaukee in the playoffs.

They won the thrilling seven-game Series after twice coming within a strike of elimination in Game 6.

"I tip my hat to him. He's had a great career. What a way to go out," Washington Nationals manager Davey Johnson said.

The player meeting was short and emotional.

"Some grown men cried," La Russa said, joking that, "I kind of liked that because they made me cry a few times.



La Russa

La Russa won the World Series with Oakland in 1989, and St. Louis in 2006 and this year, joining Sparky Anderson as the only manager to win with clubs in both leagues.

During 33 seasons with the Chicago White Sox (1979-86), Oakland (1986-95) and St. Louis (1996-11), La Russa compiled a 2,728-2,365 regular-season record. He trails only Connie Mack (3,731) and John McGraw (2,763) for wins. And his 70 postseason victories are behind only Joe Torre's 84.

A rare manager with a law degree, La Russa was voted AL Manager of the Year three times, and NL Manager of the Year in 2002. He will be up for consideration for the Hall of Fame in December 2013, at the same time as Torre and Bobby Cox.

"I think you can make a case for him as best of all-time. Absolutely," said Detroit manager Jim Leyland, who coached for La Russa with the White Sox after managing against him in the minors.

Leyland said La Russa was the "total package" as a manager, obsessing over the lineup card, outfoxing opponents during games and refusing to bend to public opinion.

"Terry Francona used to say 'If you manage for the guys in the seats, pretty soon you'll be sitting with 'em.' Tony never worried about that stuff," Leyland said. "It's a good lesson for managers."

La Russa revolutionized the sport during his time with Oakland, making Dennis Eckersley a one-inning closer. Now, it's common for all 30 big league teams.

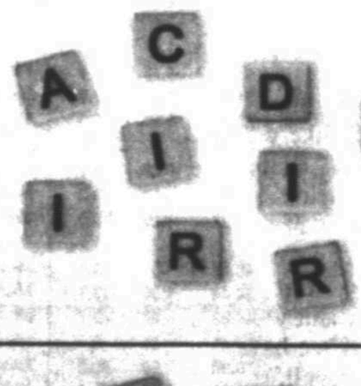
"He's been an outstanding leader of many different teams under many different circumstances, and that's hard to do," said New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson, La Russa's GM with the Athletics.

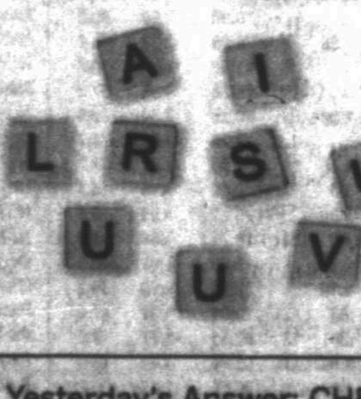
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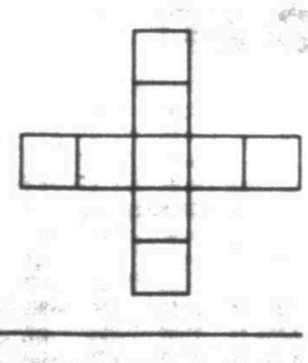
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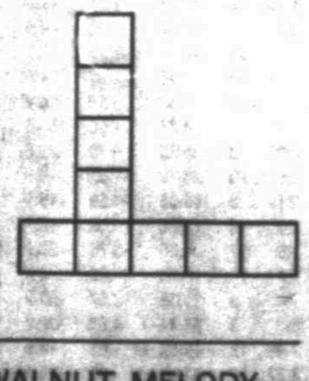
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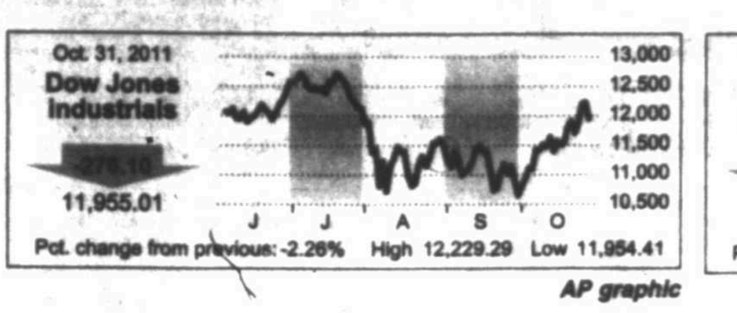
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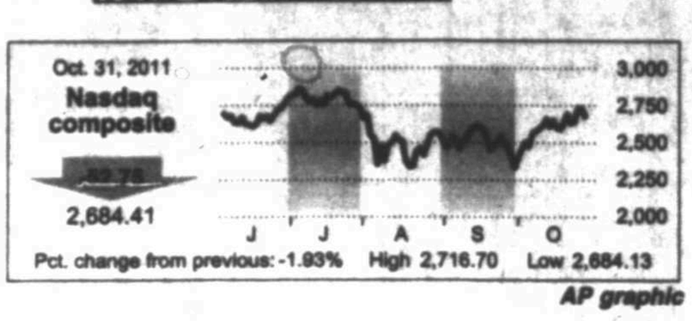
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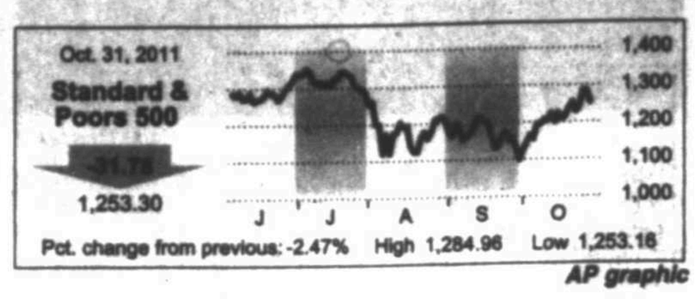
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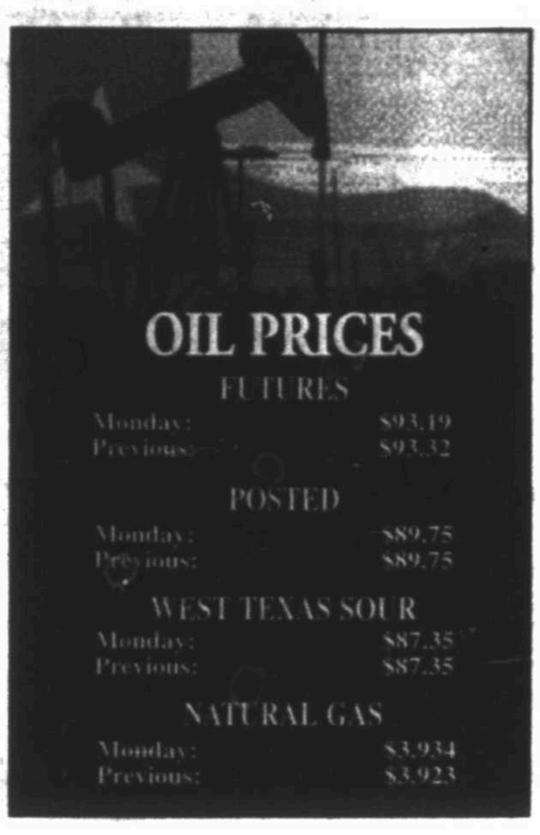
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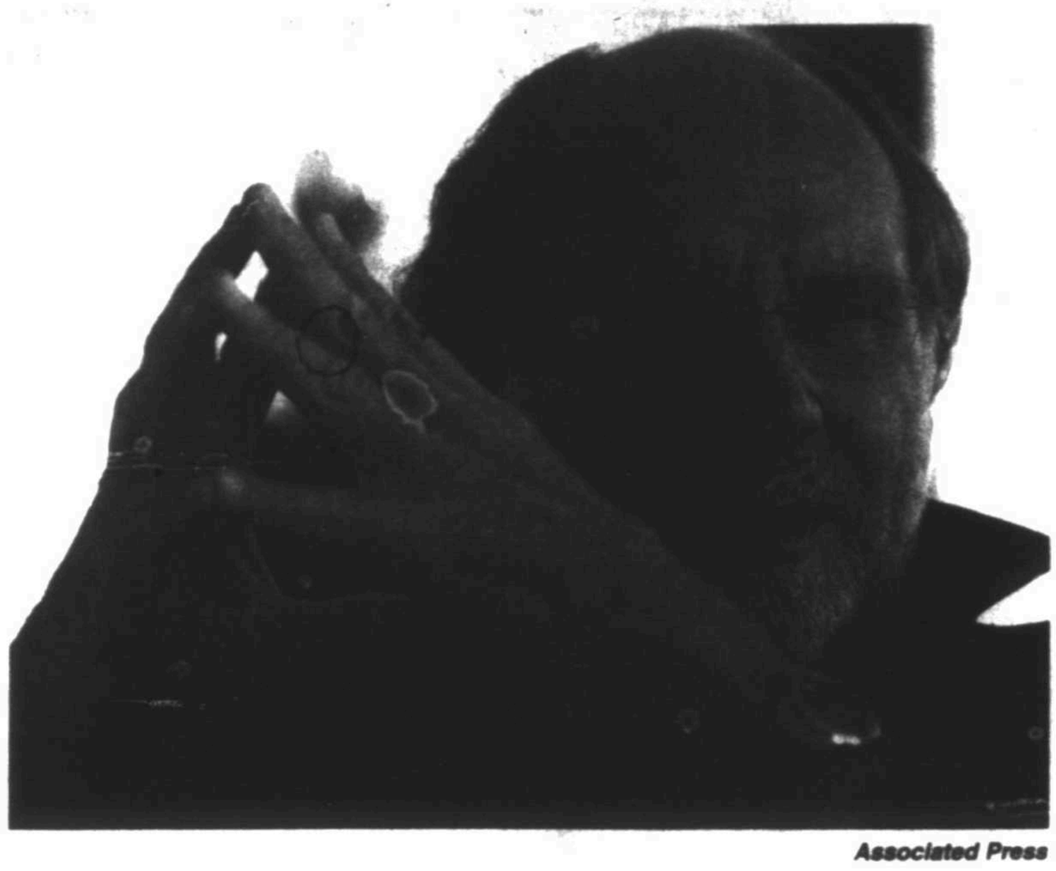
A DAY ON WALL STREET











Associated Press

Former New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine reflects on his four year term in office during an interview with the Associated Press at his home in Hoboken, N.J., on Jan. 9. MF Global Holdings Ltd. has been suspended from conducting new business with the New York Fed amid reports that the company plans to file for bankruptcy.

MF Global is first big US victim of Europe crisis

By Daniel Wagner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The European debt crisis has claimed its first big casualty on Wall Street, a securities firm run by former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine.

MF Global Holdings Ltd., which Corzine has headed since early last year, filed for bankruptcy protection Monday. Concerns about the company's holdings of European debt caused business partners to pull back last week, leading to a severe cash crunch, the company said in papers filed in federal bankruptcy court.

Corzine, the former head of investment banking giant Goldman Sachs Group Inc., oversaw MF Global as it amassed $6 billion in debt issued by financially strapped European countries such as Italy, Spain and Portugal. Their bonds paid bigger returns than U.S. Treasury debt because bond investors believed that they were more likely to default.

That bet eventually doomed the company. Its regulator complained last month that it was overvaluing European debt, forcing it to raise more money, according to papers filed with U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Last week, MF Global reported its biggest ever quarterly loss.

Credit rating agencies downgraded MF Global last week. Its stock plunged 66 percent. Spooked business partners required it to post more money to guarantee its trades. Before long, the company was short on cash.

MF Global looked for outside investors or buyers, but no alternative emerged before the regulators' deadline, the court papers said. Trading in shares of MF Global Holdings Ltd. was halted early Monday.

MF Global's bankruptcy shows the danger of investing when the outcome will be determined by government action, said Daniel Alpert, managing partner at the New York investment bank Westwood Capital Partners LLC.

"I don't think it's a canary in the coal mine, but it does show you that it's still a very volatile market," he said. "The nature of this crisis is that events can lead in any number of ways, and markets are trading on news, not numbers."

MF Global's big bet on Europe might not have happened before Corzine's tenure. Until he joined, the company was known mainly as a dealer in derivatives, investments based on the value of some underlying asset. Corzine wanted to build it into a major investment bank.

One method: Trading for the bank's own profit, a practice known as proprietary trading. Corzine made his career at Goldman as a trader, and the company became a trading powerhouse under his watch.

Proprietary trading was responsible for much of MF Global's quarterly loss, it said in court papers.

Oil soars in October

Oil soared 17.7 percent in October on the expectation that the world's thirst for petroleum would keep growing despite economic struggles in the West.

West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark oil in the U.S., jumped from about $79 to $93 per barrel during the month as fears of another U.S. recession subsided while Europe struck a landmark deal to reduce Greece's debt. Demand from emerging markets remains strong. And a strategy calling for traders to buy WTI futures contracts while selling another variety, Brent crude, also boosted the price of WTI.

The conditions that fostered the increase remain in place.

In other energy trading, heating oil slipped 1.63 cents to finish at $3.0429 per gallon and gasoline futures lost 3.93 cents to end at $2.6429 per gallon. Natural gas rose 1.1 cents to finish at $3.934 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar rises

The dollar rose sharply against the yen Monday after the Bank of Japan weakened its currency to help Japanese exporters.

The Bank of Japan said it sold yen and bought dollars during Tokyo trading Monday to pull the yen down from a post-World War II high against the dollar. The strong yen was hurting Japanese exporters by making their goods more expensive for overseas customers.

The dollar jumped to 78.05 Japanese yen late Monday from 75.75 yen late Friday. Earlier, the dollar was worth 79.52 yen, its highest level since Aug. 4.

The euro fell to $1.3924 from $1.4153. The euro is down 2.3 percent against the dollar since hitting a seven-week high of $1.4246 Thursday after European leaders reached a deal on a plan to help the region contain its debt crisis.

The Bank of Japan intervention also sent the dollar higher against most other currencies. The dollar rose to 0.8736 Swiss franc from 0.8621 Swiss franc and to 99.41 Canadian cents from 99.34 Canadian cents.

December gold fell $22, or 1.3 percent, to settle at $1,725.20 per ounce.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	2425423	6.83	-.52
S&P500ETF	1987579	125.50	-3.10
SPDR Fncl	1083785	13.50	-.56
iShEMkts	674019	40.82	-1.59
Citigrp rs	633970	31.59	-2.57

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVS2xVxS	45.40	+8.15	+21.9
PrUltVixST	17.33	+3.04	+21.3
C-TrCVOL	34.99	+5.25	+17.7
DrDMBr rs	33.89	+4.55	+15.5
DrxRsaBear	35.32	+4.51	+14.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirxDMBull	39.61	-7.17	-15.3
YingliGrn	4.06	-.72	-15.1
NBGre pfA	4.20	-.72	-14.6
DrxRsaBull	16.49	-2.76	-14.3
LincNtl wt	11.98	-1.99	-14.3

Diary

Advanced	559
Declined	2,485
Unchanged	90
Total issues	3,134
New Highs	35
New Lows	8
Volume	4,207,988,899

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	86963	11.46	-.47
Rentech	61008	1.61	+.07
VantageDrl	34373	1.36	-.08
NwGold g	28433	12.38	-.40
GrtBasG g	27154	1.43	-.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GrahamCp	23.04	+2.50	+12.2
VimetX	21.55	+1.97	+10.1
UQM Tech	2.07	+.18	+9.5
Quepasa	4.83	+.42	+9.5
AvalonHld	2.40	+.20	+9.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MdwGold g	2.10	-.26	-11.0
FieldPnt	2.57	-.31	-10.8
GenMoly	3.44	-.40	-10.4
PionDrill	9.89	-1.14	-10.3
iBio	2.01	-.19	-8.6

Diary

Advanced	186
Declined	270
Unchanged	32
Total issues	488
New Highs	4
New Lows	3
Volume	80,234,336

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	543022	57.95	.99
Cisco	491883	18.53	.03
SiriusXM	469216	1.79	.05
Microsoft	444708	26.63	.35
Intel	412651	24.54	.44

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SillyTech	6.30	+2.43	+62.8
Rdiff.com	10.93	+3.34	+44.0
Momenta	14.80	+2.56	+20.9
ChiValve	3.07	+.42	+15.8
CmGnom n	5.70	+.70	+14.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NPS Phm	5.17	-2.59	-33.4
HampRB rs	4.39	-1.56	-26.2
IntegLfSci	32.06	-6.29	-16.4
Galvo n	7.43	-1.24	-14.3
GrpoFin	8.26	-1.29	-13.5

Diary

Advanced	552
Declined	2,001
Unchanged	97
Total issues	2,650
New Highs	22
New Lows	30
Volume	1,726,567,181

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $18.34 Down 1.49

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $65.34 Down 4.87

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $94.72 Down 5.15

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.90 Down 1.51

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.47 Down 0.39

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.83 Down 0.18

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $13.76 Down 1.42

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.72	15	29.31	-.43	-.2
Abraxas	...	78	3.80	-.31	-14.7
AdamsEx	.81e	...	10.19	-.21	-5.1
AMD	...	4	5.83	-.11	-28.7
AlcatelLuc	...	...	2.74	-.10	-7.4
Alcoa	.12	11	10.76	-.81	-30.1
AlonUSA	.16	...	7.60	-.68	+27.1
Altria	1.64f	17	27.55	-.01	+11.9
Amgen	1.12	14	57.27	+.03	+4.3
Anadarko	.36	47	78.50	-5.24	+3.1
Annaly	2.51e	6	16.85	-.13	-6.0
Apache	.60	10	99.63	-5.36	-16.4
ApldMatl	.32	8	12.22	-.30	-12.3
ATMOS	1.36	16	34.32	-.57	+10.0
AudioCds	1.44	20	32.33	-.27	+13.1
BP PLC	1.68	17	44.16	-1.32	...
BakrHu	.60	18	57.99	-2.90	+1.4
BkofAm	.04	...	6.83	-.52	-48.6
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	40.11	+3.85	+6.6
BasicEnSv	...	34	18.34	+1.49	+11.3
BerkHa A	...	1011	98950.00	-3050.00	-2.9
BerryPet	.32f	13	34.55	-2.27	-20.9
BldrMtlsCp	1.46	17	33.71	-.51	+12.4
BostonSci	...	16	5.89	+.08	-22.2
BrkBy Bg	1.32	16	31.89	-.50	+19.3
BrownFA	1.28e	18	72.66	-1.36	+4.9
BrownFB	1.28e	19	74.79	-1.27	+7.3
CVS Care	.50	15	36.33	-.51	+4.5
Cameron	...	20	49.14	-2.64	-3.1
Caterpillar	1.84	14	94.46	-2.39	+.9
Celestic g	...	8	8.30	-.51	-14.4
Centex	...	...	4.37	-.06	-57.8
CntryLink	2.90	13	35.26	-.70	-23.6
ChesEng	.55	10	28.12	-1.62	+8.5
Chevron	3.12	8	105.65	-4.89	+15.1
Chicos	.20	16	12.36	-.58	+2.7
Cintarec	.40	10	64.00	-3.79	-27.7
Cisco	.24	16	18.53	-.03	-8.4
Citigrp rs	.04	8	31.59	-2.57	-33.2
CitrixEng	...	9	66.34	-4.87	-23.2
CocaCola	1.88	13	68.32	-.61	+8.9
ConocPhil	2.32	16	66.37	-1.85	+15.4
Comcast	.45	17	23.45	-.40	+7.2
ComPrdS	...	10	32.80	-1.63	+11.0
ConAgra	.90f	14	25.33	+.86	+12.2
ConchoRes	...	...	94.72	-5.15	+8.0
ConocPhil	2.84	9	69.86	-2.09	+2.3
Corning	.30f	7	14.29	-1.02	-28.0
CrackerB	1.00f	12	42.38	-.60	-22.6
CrosTim	2.95e	16	46.78	-.46	+17.3
DCP Mid	2.56f	...	43.94	+.53	+17.5
DTE	2.65	13	52.11	-.19	+15.0
Dataram h	...	...	1.21	+.06	-22.9
Dawson	...	...	28.90	-1.51	-9.4
DevonE	.68	5	64.96	-3.20	-17.3
DrSCBr rs	...	...	30.63	+2.31	-34.6
DirFnBr rs	...	...	39.78	+3.60	-15.8
DrxFnBull	...	...	14.67	-1.66	-47.3
DirxSCBull	...	...	47.51	-4.18	-34.4
Disney	.40f	15	34.88	-1.33	-7.0
DowChm	1.00	12	27.88	-1.37	-18.3
EMC Cp	...	24	24.51	-.52	+7.0
EOG Res	.64	62	89.43	-6.75	-2.2
EKodak	...	7	1.11	-.12	-79.3
EmpDist	...	16	19.97	-.29	-10.0
Energen	.54	12	49.06	-1.75	+1.7
EngyTsfr	3.56	29	46.72	-.51	-9.8
EnPro	...	19	34.44	-1.09	-17.1
EntPrPt	2.45f	38	44.83	-.07	+7.7
EricssnTel	.37e	...	10.41	-.51	-9.7
ExtremeN	...	...	9.50	-.99	-60.3
ExxonMbl	1.88	9	78.49	-0.39	+6.8
FordM	...	9	11.68	-.32	-30.4
FossilOlls	...	10	11.86	-.98	-57.3
FMCG s	1.00a	7	40.26	-2.54	-33.0
FrozenPd	...	...	1.25	-.05	-71.7
GATX	1.16	20	37.96	-1.27	+7.7
GabGldI	.80	...	6.89	-.16	-16.5
GAInv	.63e	...	25.91	-.53	-3.5
GenElec	.80	14	16.71	-.54	-5.8
Golfsmith	...	...	3.52	+.01	+45.5
Goodrich	1.16	29	122.63	-.10	+30.2
GtPlainEn	.60	15	20.74	-.37	+7.0
Halliblrtn	.36	10	37.35	-1.77	-8.5
Heinz	1.92	17	53.44	-.89	+8.0
HercOffT	.40	6	25.61	-1.33	-30.6
Hitachi	...	...	54.08	-3.69	+1.4
iShJapn	.17e	...	9.40	-.58	-13.8
iShSilver	...	...	33.44	-.83	+10.8
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iShEMkts	.84e	...	40.82	-1.59	-14.3
iS Eafe	1.68e	...	52.38	-2.87	-10.0
iShR2K	1.02e	...	74.01	-2.02	-5.4
IntegrysE	2.72	17	52.91	-.70	+9.1
Intel	.84	10	24.54	-.44	+16.7
InterDig	.40	20	43.45	-1.67	+4.3
JPMorgCh	1.00	7	34.76	-1.93	-18.1
JohnJn	2.28	16	64.39	-1.21	+4.1
KimbClk	2.80	17	69.71	-.86	+10.8
KindME	4.64f	...	75.99	-.35	+8.2
KindMM	4.64f	...	66.24	-.34	-1.0
LVSands	...	27	46.95	-1.18	+2.2
LegacyRes	2.18f	...	29.47	-.39	+2.6
Lubys	...	...	4.83	-.09	-23.0
MGM Rsts	...	...	11.52	-.50	-22.4
MassMICp s	1.20	...	17.86	-.04	+16.9
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NokiaCp	.55e	...	6.73	-.45	-34.6
NvldAd	.99	...	14.05	+.07	+7.4
NvPlR	.84	...	13.91	...	+6.5
NuvPl	.92	...	13.56	+.07	+6.0
NSTFR	.64	...	13.80	-.13	+6.3
NTXCtl	.56	...	16.05	+.09	+7.8
OcciPet	1.84	13	92.94	-4.83	-4.3
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PennRE	.80	...	16.26	+.07	-29.4
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TylerTech	...	40	31.57	-.84	+62.1
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Vale SA	1.14e	...	25.41	-1.21	-26.5
ValeroE	.60f	20	24.60	-2.10	+6.4
VangEmg	.82e	...	41.53	-1.70	-13.7
Vulcanlf	.84m	...	31.29	-1.62	-29.5
Walgrn	.90	11	33.20	-.61	-14.8
WellsFargo	.48	10	25.91	-1.17	-16.4
WstnRefin	...	15	15.98	-.99	+51.0
WhitngPt s	...	17	46.55	-3.84	-20.8
WmsCos	1.00f	22	30.11	-1.14	+21.8
XcelEngy	1.04	19	25.85	-.06	+8.8
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12,878.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	11,955.01	-276.10	-2.26	+3.26	+7.48
5,027.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	4,892.57	-119.41	-2.38	-4.19	+2.85
459.94	391.95	Dow Jones Utilities	450.14	-3.55	-.78	+11.15	+12.04
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,563.28	-240.56	-3.08	-5.03	+.70
2,400.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,272.29	-65.28	-2.79	+2.89	+8.92
2,887.75	2,268.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,684.41	-52.74	-1.93	+1.19	+7.11
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,253.30	-31.79	-2.47	-.29	+5.82
14,592.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,191.07	-327.91	-2.43	-1.27	+5.89
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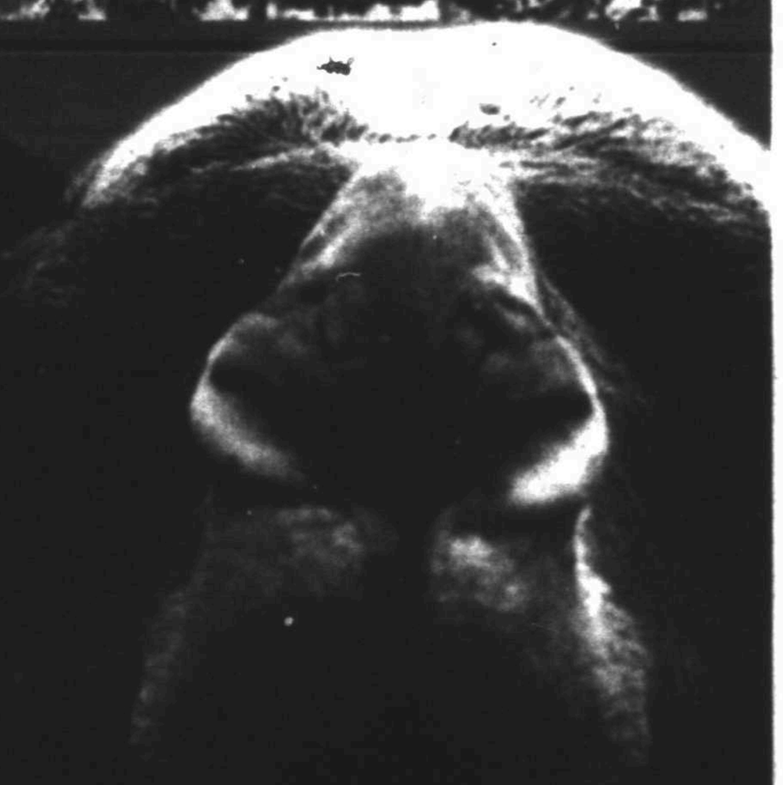


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FOUND RETRIEVER mix, on S. Midkiff Rd., south of CR 150. Call 432-689-9352.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jacquelyne Cromwell, Deceased, were issued to Steven Glynn Cromwell on October 13, 2011, in Cause No. P16824, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Steve Cromwell
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 31st day of October, 2011

PINSON LAW FIRM

By: Brandon W. Pinson

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Temporary Administration for the Estate of Larry Don Hallman, Deceased, were issued to Tina Kay Hallman on October 5, 2011, in Cause No. P16834, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Tina Hallman
c/o Brandon W. Pinson
P. O. Box 8530
Midland, Texas 79708

DATED the 31st day of October, 2011.

PINSON LAW FIRM

By: Brandon W. Pinson

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 24, 2011
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 5, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-0273112
Status/Permit No. 722668

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665746] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 11, Blk. 38 T3S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-92, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 11+8 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than no minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Dec 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT 'C'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	46
Lease/Unit Acres :	3880.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	1830.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1200.0
Lease Lines :	1854.0 F NORTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	1854.0 F NORTH L, 2100.0 F WEST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN), (2) PARSLEY (ATOKA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/600, 80.0 acres.
BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) :	Oil, Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
PARSLEY (ATOKA) :	Oil, Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 31, 2011
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 12, 2011
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-0273188
Status/Permit No. 726916

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

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Lease/Unit Name :	DONALD L HUTT 'FEE'	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	66	
Lease/Unit Acres :	4228.8	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	660.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1670.0	
Lease Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L,	4789.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L,	660.0 F WEST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) AZALEA (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/600, 80.0 acres.
AZALEA (STRAWN) :	GAS Special Rules 660/2940, 320.0 acres. Oil, Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11575 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

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Rapid Oil Change FT
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201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
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come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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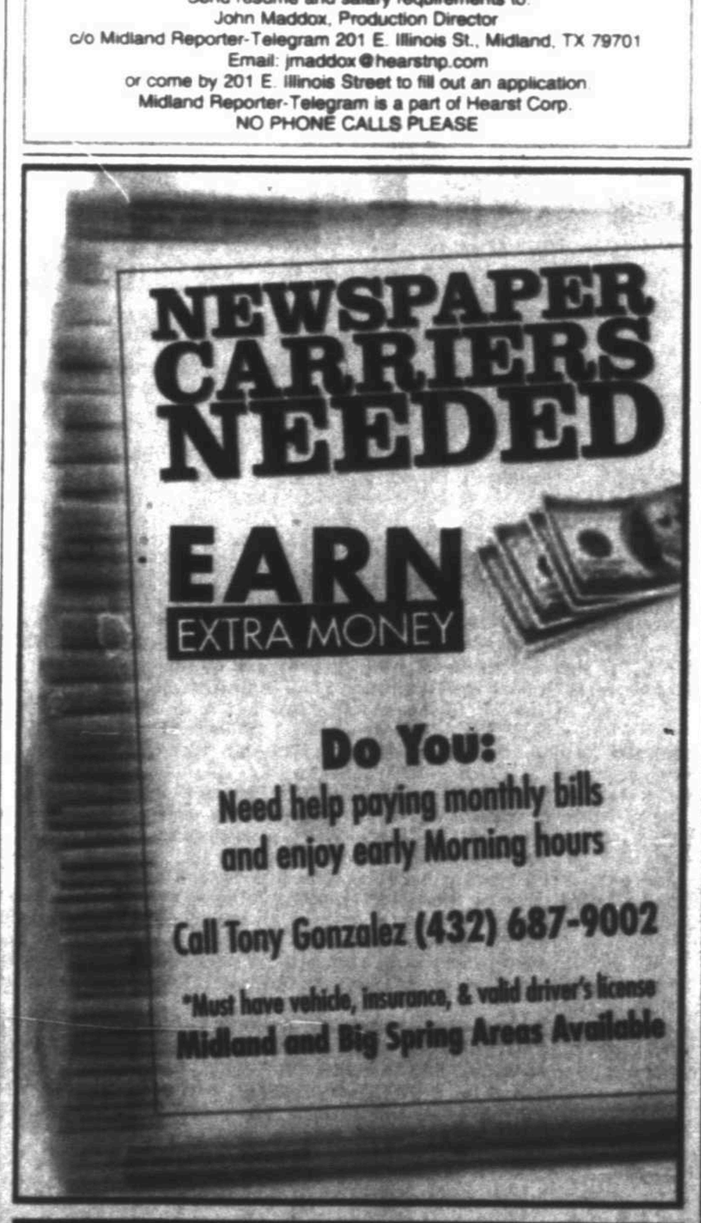
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Astonomers discovering new solar systems every year

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For centuries scientists have studied our own solar system consisting of the sun and planets. But they did not know of any other solar systems until just the last few years. That's because planets around other stars are really hard to find. Planets shine only by the light they reflect from their star. Other solar systems are very far away, so seeing one of their planets may be harder than seeing a grain of sand next to a car's headlight from miles away.

Nonetheless, in the middle 1990s, astronomers found strong evidence of planets around other stars. They couldn't see them directly, but they discovered some stars wobble just a little bit. They figured this wobble was most likely due to the force of a large planet's gravity as it orbited the star. Although the star's gravity holds the planet tightly in its orbit, the planet's gravity also tugs on the star and makes it wobble, and that is what astronomers measure.

Astronomers then found other ways to detect planets. For example, as a planet orbits its star, the planet may pass in front of it and block some of the star's light. Even though the planet is tiny compared to the star, extremely sensitive instruments can measure the tiny change in the star's brightness.

How common are other solar systems? Is our solar system typical, with giant planets like Jupiter and smaller ones like Earth? Are there other planets capable of supporting life?

So far, astronomers have found more than 500 solar systems and are discovering new ones every year. There may be tens of billions of solar systems in our galaxy, perhaps even as many as 100 billion. No one yet knows how accurate this estimate is or how similar other solar systems are to ours. NASA is working on space missions that will help scientists to find other solar systems and to study their planets in greater detail. Soon we will know much more.

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Netflix needs to remember its customers

Dear PropellerHeads: What the heck is going on with Netflix?

A: Well, isn't that the million dollar question? Or, as Netflix's stock price has dropped from almost $300 in mid-July to around $100 recently, make that a $10 billion dollar question!

I have to admit, my answer to this question may be a bit biased because I owned Netflix stock until April of this year. What made me decide to sell? I predicted increased competition from major players such as Apple, Amazon and even Walmart would start to eat away at Netflix's good thing.

But what we've seen in both the collapse of their stock price as well as the collapse of their image is a classic example of a company that's making money hand over fist, thinking they can do no wrong, and forgetting the golden rule: the customer is king.

As a refresher, Netflix (www.netflix.com) is the company that put Blockbuster out to pasture, and it will always have a special place in my heart for that act of kindness. Via their DVD-by-mail service, they provided movie rentals more conveniently than Blockbuster. Netflix also had a much greater selection and was cheaper than Blockbuster. Later on, they added movie streaming over the Internet.

It's this last point that is the root of Netflix's current problems. They believe the DVD will go the way of the dodo, leaving only streaming. Nobody is really arguing that point, but Netflix is acting like this is imminent while I think it's going to be a few years yet.

I'm not going to go into the well-documented, bone-headed decisions made by Netflix since July and the resulting backlash. I'll leave that for Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Netflix. Instead, I think it is a lot more fun to speculate on where Netflix will go from here.

First, their movie-by-mail side of the business will chug along pretty much business as usual. They won't be able to push through a price increase because of competition from Redbox (www.redbox.com), which provides a cheap and convenient alternative for renting recent releases. However, videophiles aren't impressed with Redbox's selection and will therefore keep Netflix afloat until DVD and Blu-Ray do eventually go the way of the dodo on Feb. 16, 2017 (we PropellerHeads just know these things).

The streaming side of things is a lot more interesting because there are (and will be) a lot more players. Amazon, Apple, Google, Hulu and Vudu (Walmart) are all competing with Netflix for this business. Those are some big names and they can throw a lot of money around.

And money is what is needed, because the movie studios aren't going to let these companies stream unless they get a nice cut off the top. That is primarily why Netflix jacked up their rates, to cover the increasing cut the studios demand. And also to get a larger library of available titles to make their service more desirable compared to the others.

If one looks at the library of movies Netflix currently streams, it isn't too impressive yet. Neither are the libraries of their competitors. But what Netflix can offer its competitors cannot is an impressive collection of DVDs by mail. So until their online library gets better, Netflix had better stick with the status quo, because that is their only true advantage over the competition.

Oh, and treating their customers like they exist also helps. Comcast should pick up on that too. I'm still waiting for my $100 Visa gift card after all.

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