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TODAY IN HISTORY

Baby Jessica McClure made headlines 27 years ago today.

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DOWNSIDE OF A DROP

The price of oil has fallen in recent weeks, but that might not spell happy news for the economy. Read about the effects of the recent price plunge on today's Business & Oil page.

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MISD to file 18 class-size waivers with TEA

District originally planned to request about 5; hiring struggle continues

By Tessa Duvall
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Unexpected teacher departures and portable classroom delays are causing Midland ISD to request more class-size waivers from the state than officials previously hoped.

The board of trustees approved the request of 18 waivers to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency at its meeting Monday evening. State law mandates a 22-student-to-1-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade, and any waivers must be submitted to the board of trustees, then the TEA.

Superintendent Ryder Warren previously said he expected the district to file "fewer than five" waivers, according to a Reporter-Telegram report in September.

The delay of the installation of portable classrooms is responsible for eight of the waivers, Warren said. A teacher for each of those classrooms is in place, and teachers are currently team-teaching with teachers of the same grade until the portable classrooms arrive, Warren said. Team-teaching has been in use for about a month now, he said.

The loss of five elementary teachers in the first six-week period of the school year has further complicated matters, Warren said. All five teachers left MISD as a result of their spouses being transferred elsewhere in the oil and gas industry, he said.

The best-case scenario for these five classes is to find a full-time teacher to fill the vacancies, but hiring becomes more difficult as the school year progresses, Warren said. The teaching positions have been posted on MISD's human resources openings online.

The next-best option is to find a long-term substitute teacher, he said. Students will be divided among other classes in

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HONOR FLAG ARRIVES

Ceremony held before fallen deputy's funeral

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A somber mood emanated from about 100 people gathered in the southern wing of the airport terminal at Midland International Air and Space Port as the United States Honor Flag was delivered to the Midland Sheriff's Department for Sgt. Mike Naylor's funeral.

In the ceremony, Midland police officer Lauren Frost handed the folded flag, which flew at the World Trade Center after the 9/11 attacks in New York City, to the Sheriff Office's honor guard. Before the honor guard departed, the emotional Frost raised a trembling hand in salute.

Speaking before the ceremony to reporters, Frost talked about what the flag represented and about Naylor, who was both a friend and a colleague. With a tear falling down his face, Frost described how the flag, which has accompanied many

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Midland County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard members, Midland Police Department Honor Guard members and others escort the United States Honor Flag on Monday after it arrived on a flight from Dallas to be present at the funeral of Sgt. Mike Naylor today. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

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Graphic details from an arrest affidavit for Dan Higgins — who has been charged in the shooting death of Midland County Sgt. Mike Naylor — revealed that Higgins allegedly sexually abused a female child for five to six years.

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J Penos Café opens second location near downtown

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An established restaurant has opened a new downtown location with an updated menu and look. J Penos Café, which operates its original location on West Illinois Avenue, has opened a second restaurant because of customer demand, according to co-owner Elisa Bennett.

"It was hard for us to open it because it's a family business, but the customers, they kept asking when we were going to open another location in (the downtown) area because for some of the customers it was hard for them to go all the way to Illinois," Bennett said.

The new location is on South Main Street, a few hundred feet from the railroad tracks. Bennett said that the remodeling took almost a year because of unforeseen fixes that had to be done on the building. But the redone structure is complete with a metal roof and fresh paint on the walls and brick. Inside, the walls have been adorned with bright Mexican art and sculptures, and the bar comes complete with a faux red tile roof.

Bennett said that her aunt, who co-owns the restaurant, wanted her second restaurant to be a lot nicer than their first one.

"My aunt wanted to invest more money into this one, so that was why it was harder for us to open it," Bennett said. "She doesn't know if she wants to open up a third one, so she wanted to make the second one really nice."

Bennett hopes the addition of a bar, which will serve alcohol when the restaurant gets its license, will help to bring more people in during the late afternoon and dinner hours.

She said that unlike other restaurants downtown J Penos Café #2 will be open from 7 a.m. until 9 or 10 at night every day except for Monday. She hopes this will give people another choice later in the evening.

Both the new restaurant and J Penos Café #1 will undergo menu changes to include more fajita-style dishes and seafood, said Bennett. The Café opened on Monday.

Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$85.74	▼	$0.08
WTI Posted	$82.50	▲	$0.25
WTS Posted	$73.60	▲	$0.25
Natural Gas	$3.916	▲	$0.057
Gasoline	$3.151	▼	$0.030

The big number
Nurse with Ebola was among
70 staff members
who were involved with man who died of the illness. 6A

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

On Oct. 14, 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on Oct. 16.

Things to do

■ Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Gov. Jeb Bush, George P. Bush and Aaron Watson, 6 p.m., Petroleum Museum. georgepfortexas.org.

Boots, Buckles and Bronze

Haley Library, 1801 W. Indiana Ave., will host Boots, Buckles and Bronze featuring master craftsmen for M.L. Leddy's. During the three-day event, attendees can meet with members of the Leddy family and design custom boots and belt buckles.

The preview show is noon-5 p.m. today, followed by a reception set for 5-7 p.m. The event continues 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call 682-5785.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse, interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available. House of Hope, 570 S935.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor,559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St., 687-1671.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater, Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St., 685-7486.

■ all City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games, 7 p.m.

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County is closed today

County Judge Mike Bradford reports that county offices are closed today for the funeral and burial of Sgt. Mike Naylor.

Beal Parkway meeting

The city of Midland is planning a public meeting to discuss the proposed extension of Beal Parkway to Thomason Drive. The meeting is 7 p.m. today at the cafeteria of Jones Elementary School, 4919 Shadylane Drive.

Engineers will be available to answer questions from the public regarding the project during an open house that is to start at 6:30 p.m. The formal presentation is to begin at 7 p.m.

The proposed project is intended to improve traffic circulation and access to properties along the Loop 250 frontage road. The extension of Beal Parkway would provide a new connection to Thomason Drive and will reduce traffic in adjacent neighborhoods. A roundabout is also proposed at the intersection of Thomason Drive and Illinois Avenue to provide a safer interchange of traffic between the three roadways.

Maps and drawings regarding the project will be displayed at the public meeting. In addition, display materials will be available in Suite 510 at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St., until Oct. 21.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-1-1
Pick 3 day: 3-6-7
Pick 3 evening: 0-2-2
Pick 3 night: 6-1-8
Daily 4 morning: 2-1-5-2
Daily 4 day: 0-9-0-3
Daily 4 evening: 8-5-8-7
Daily 4 night: 0-5-7-0
Cash Five: 10-13-17-22-27
Texas Two Step: 11-23-26-30 BB: 24
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-7-9-10-13-18-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-4-8-10-11-12-13-14-16-17-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-6-7-8-12-15-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-5-7-8-10-11-12-13-17-18-19-20

Today in history

In 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison.

In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy suggested the idea of a Peace Corps while addressing an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

MCSO: Higgins allegedly abused child for 5 years

From staff reports

Higgins

Graphic details from an arrest affidavit for Dan Higgins — who has been charged in the shooting death of Midland County Sgt. Mike Naylor — revealed that Higgins allegedly sexually abused a female child for five to six years.

On Oct. 3, a Child Protective Services investigator contacted Midland County Sheriff's Office in reference to a report of alleged aggravated sexual abuse of a child. An investigator with the Sheriff's Office contacted the alleged victim's mother and scheduled a forensic interview on Oct. 8.

During the subsequent interview, the alleged victim said to the forensic interviewer that Higgins, 37, committed more than 15 acts of aggravated sexual abuse acts on her for years while she was between 6 and 12 and he was between 29 and 34, according to the affidavit.

On Thursday, Naylor and other deputies went to Higgins' residence to serve a warrant on an aggravated sexual abuse of a child charge.

Higgins allegedly shot Naylor in the head while the deputies were serving the warrant at Higgins' home. Naylor was pronounced dead at Midland Memorial Hospital by Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Judge Billy Johnson.

Higgins is being held in the county jail on a $100,000 bond for the sexual abuse charge and on a $2.5 million bond for the capital murder of a police officer or fireman charge.

The sexual abuse charge alone could bring between five to 99 years in state prison and a $10,000 fine if Higgins is convicted. If convicted of the capital murder charge, Higgins could face execution or life in prison with possibility of parole.

Texas Rangers are investigating the capital murder charge.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders line North Big Spring Street on Monday evening to show their support for Midland County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Mike Naylor as they wave American flags near Nalley-Pickle & Welch funeral home during the visitation. Naylor was killed in the line of duty Thursday.

FLAG

From 1A

funerals for law enforcement officials since 9/11, will be present both at the funeral home for Naylor and at his burial in Hobbs, New Mexico.

"When we started, he was my corporal and then he became my sergeant, and he was a great guy," Frost said about Naylor. "He took care of his business. He loved doing what he did."

Sheriff Gary Painter said he and his department were deeply honored to have the Honor Flag in Midland for the funeral.

"We're going to treat it with all of the honor and respect it deserves, and we will be transferring it from here to the sheriff's office to hold it overnight until we go to the church in the morning, and it will be present during the funeral," Painter said as he held back tears.

Painter described Naylor as an "achiever" and a deputy who excelled wherever he went.

"He was dedicated to handling people," Painter said of Naylor. "His entire adult life has been dedicated to serving people. And it has been an honor for me to be his sheriff and for him to be a deputy."

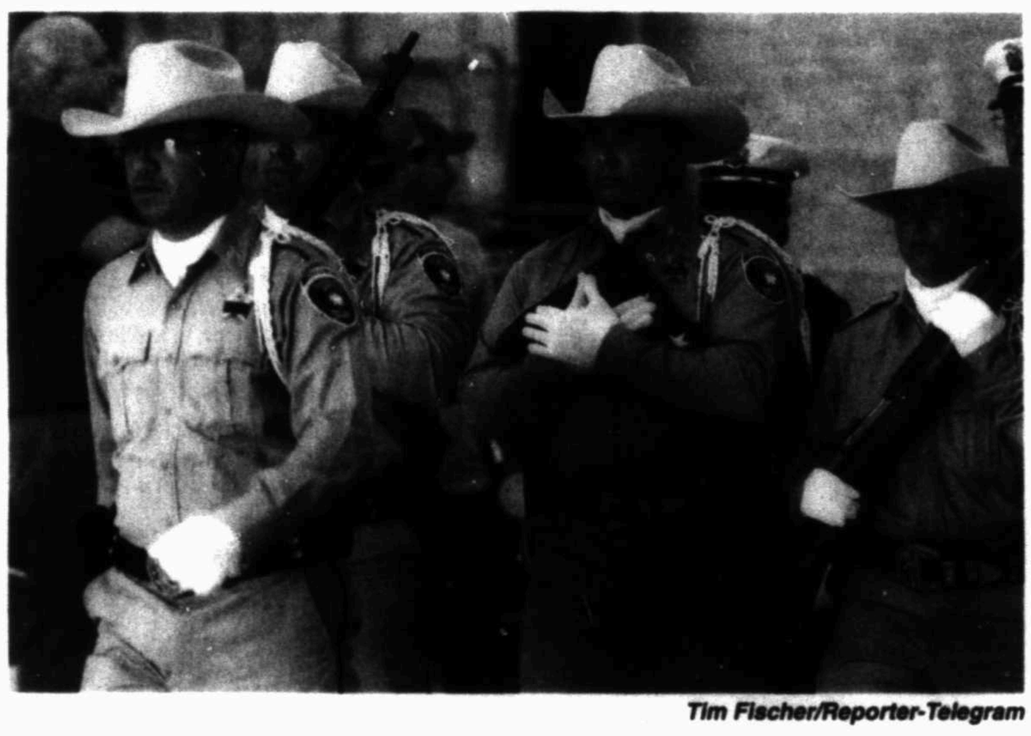
Painter said Naylor was his "go-to guy" and that "it's going to be hard" for the department to move on without Naylor.

The sheriff declined to say what stage the investigation was at, but he said that all of the evidence had been collected and was being reviewed by the Texas Rangers. When their investigation is complete, Painter said, it will be handed over to Midland's district attorney, who will determine what steps to take next.

While the killing of Naylor shocked the community, Painter said he has been overwhelmed by the community's reaction and that he had received calls from former heads of the National Sheriffs' Association and from other sheriffs who have gone through similar situations.

The sheriff's office has been helping Naylor's family through the last few days, Painter said, answering questions that they have and posting a deputy at the residence of Naylor's wife so that she won't be disturbed. He also said that the department is trying to intercept anything that could harm the family.

An online fundraiser that began the night of the shooting and was expected to raise $10,000 for Naylor's family has raised more than $23,000. Hundreds of comments have been posted on Facebook in support of Naylor and his family.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Sheriff Office Honor Guard members escort the United States Honor Flag on Monday after it arrived in Midland to be present at the funeral of Sgt. Mike Naylor today.

Sgt. Mike Naylor's funeral

The funeral services will be held on today Crestview Baptist Church at 10 a.m., with the burial following at 3 p.m. (MDT) at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Midland police will escort the body of Sgt. Mike Naylor from Nalley-Pickle and Welch funeral home to Crestview Baptist Church via Loop 250.

The escort will take the hearse around the loop beginning at 8:30 a.m. The escort will then take the family around beginning at 9:30 a.m. Both of these escorted processions will be minimal in size.

After the service, the escort will take Highway 158 to Highway 385 and on to Andrews County and eventually Hobbs, New Mexico, where the burial will take place.

WAIVERS

From 1A

their grade as a last resort, he said.

Though MISD is still seeking more waivers than originally hoped, this year will still mark the second-consecutive year of decreasing waiver requests. Nineteen were requested in 2013-14, and 109 in 2012-13, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

The waivers are in addition to the five teachers who were asked to switch campuses and the three who were asked to teach a different grade level at their current campus in order to accommodate growth, according to a previous report.

Warren said the mid-year changes are "hugely tough" on students and teachers alike.

"Think about a brand new teacher," he said. "She spends two weeks getting her room set up, and then I tell her she's got to move across town, and she's spent maybe two weeks with her kids. It's a really unique process that we have to have developed here."

In other board of trustees news:

■ Trustees unanimously approved the implementation of three TEA innovative courses as a part of the high school Petroleum Academy initiative. The courses are principles of oil and gas productions, oil and gas production I and oil and gas production II.

■ A second draft of the proposed new elementary attendance zones will be presented to trustees in November. The initial draft was presented in March, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. Community meetings about the revised draft are tentatively set to begin in December in hopes of refining the zones in January and receiving final board approval in February. The new zones will be implemented for the 2015-16 school year when three new elementary campuses are scheduled to open.

Warren said the zones will be drawn as fairly as possible, though it may not be possible to grandfather in students who wish to remain at the same campus they currently attend. Each elementary campus is expected to be at about 90 percent capacity next school year.

■ No members of the public spoke at the public hearing regarding the eight Texas Accountability Intervention System School Improvement Plans up for board consideration. The board approved the plans unanimously.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

3 arrested, 1 hospitalized after shooting

Lubbock police say three people have been arrested and one hospitalized after reports of gunshots near a children's party.

Crime tape blocked off a yellow inflatable bouncy castle on Sunday in Lubbock. Police say they were called out to the neighborhood earlier in the day on reports of gunfire before the shooting that happened two hours later.

No one was injured in the first reported incident. A witness tells KCBD-TV the party was going on at the time shots were first reported.

Police said a woman was hospitalized after the second shooting but her injuries aren't life-threatening. Her identity hasn't been released.

Police said three men left the scene of the shooting in a Chevy Impala and were later arrested. It's unclear if any have been charged.

DALLAS

Airlines start longer flights from Love Field

A new era and increased competition has begun in air travel in the Dallas area.

Limits on flights at Dallas Love Field expired Monday after more than three decades, and Southwest Airlines Co. and Virgin America launched new long-haul service.

For Southwest, it means going head-to-head with American Airlines, which flies all over the country and overseas from nearby Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. For Virgin America, it means moving from DFW to Love Field and having better odds at the smaller airport.

A longtime federal law known as the Wright Amendment limited Love Field flights to Texas and a few nearby states unless the plane had 56 or fewer seats. Effectively, it blocked competition with DFW Airport. In 2006, after lobbying by Southwest, Congress agreed to let the law die in 2013.

Virgin America CEO David Cush said Love Field is more convenient than DFW for Dallas business travelers, and adding flights to Washington and New York will diversify Virgin's coast-to-coast network.

Virgin is counting on attracting lucrative business travelers with its first-class cabin, which Southwest does not offer, and on getting out from under American's long shadow at DFW.

"Absolutely we expect it to be easier to compete against Southwest," Cush said. Because American has a massive network of connecting flights at DFW, it offers about twice as many flights as Southwest to the Dallas area from other cities.

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County OKs expenditures for train wreck trial prep

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County commissioners approved two expenditures on Monday specifically for the Nov. 15, 2012, veterans' train crash case to keep up with the thousands of pages of documents it has produced and to streamline the case before the trial, set to start Jan. 26, 2015.

A $2,458 expense was for a permanent document projector in the Central Jury Room. And a $10,000 expense was for contracting an attorney to help prepare Ector County 244th District Court Judge James Rush for the case before the trial begins in January.

Though the lawsuit initially was filed in late 2012, Rush became the presiding judge on Sept. 3 after a series of presiding judge disputes and change of venue disputes. By then, the case had gone through months of filed documents with a total page count in the tens of thousands.

Before voting to approve the expenditures, Midland County Judge Mike Bradford said local district judges told him both purchases were "urgent needs" for the case.

The projector, as explained by Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, allows documents to be shown on a screen and be highlighted or circled on. Precinct 4 Commissioner Randy Prude said the projector will allow jurors to see the documents referred to during the trial.

Regarding the contract with the attorney, the commissioners discussed that since none of the district judges' staff members could help Rush with reviewing the documents, hiring an outside assistant was a logical choice.

"None of us are fortunate enough to have staff attorneys to assist us," Rucker said. "But this is a rather document-intensive case, and there is quite a bit of law to consider. And (Rush) felt that it would be appropriate for him to have some legal-independent assistance to help him as he goes through those documents and the rules and issues that may come up during the trial."

On the large number of documents from this particular civil case, Rucker said it is atypical for civil cases to produce this amount of documentation unless it is a rare, high-stakes case, such as this one.

Rucker said that though the case was first filed in late 2012, the Jan. 26 trial puts this case in a " rather efficient move" through the docket.

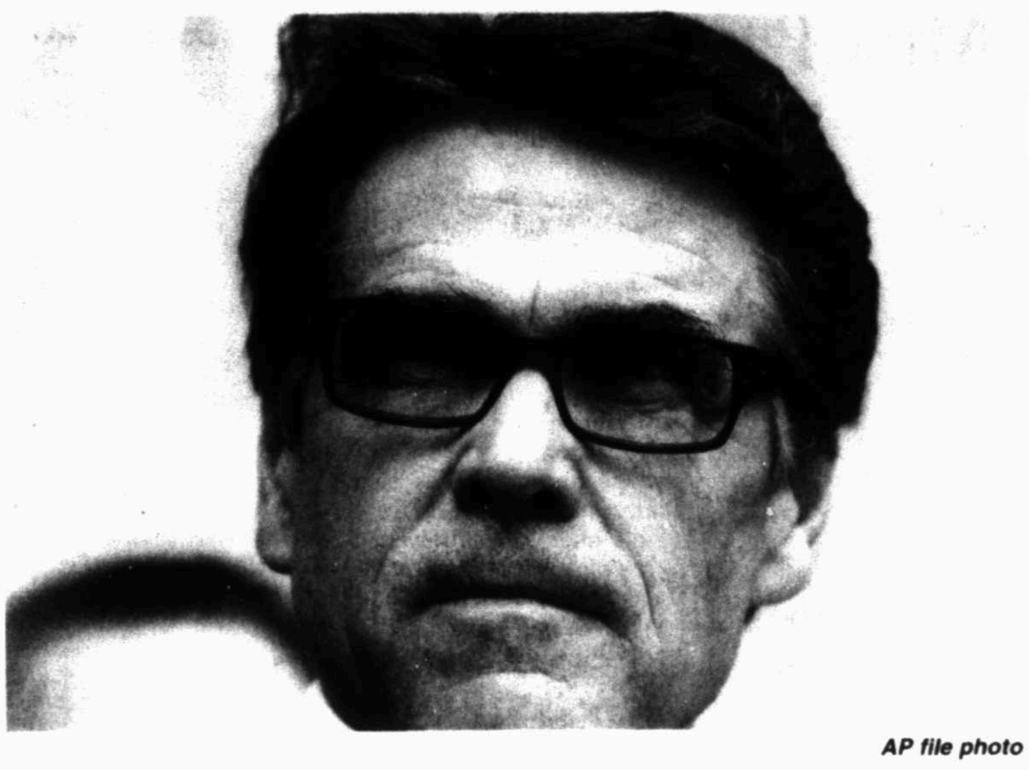
Rucker and Prude said there likely won't be any more expenditures for the county before the trial starts.

Military veterans and spouses being honored during the non-profit Show of Support's Hunt for Heroes annual parade on Nov. 15, 2012, were injured in a collision that occurred at the South Garfield Street railroad crossing. One of two parade floats carrying veterans and spouses was navigating through the crossing as a Union Pacific train approached.

Four veterans died as a result of the collision.

Most of the veterans, spouses and family members affected by the wreck sued Union Pacific shortly afterward, claiming negligence for having inadequate warning signal times at the crossing. UP is maintaining the train speed and warning signal times were adequate according to federal regulations. The city of Midland, Midland County and Show of Support have not been sued but have been named responsible third parties by UP.

The jury trial for the original lawsuit was scheduled for April 21, 2014. The jury trial on Jan. 26 is scheduled to last about six weeks.



AP file photo

Gov. Rick Perry talks to the media and supporters Aug. 19 after he was booked at the Blackwell Thurman Criminal Justice Center in Austin. Perry will make his first court appearance on Halloween as his defense team tries to quash the two felony counts of abuse of power against him on both constitutional and technical grounds.

Gov. Perry ordered to appear at next court date, set for Halloween

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Indicted Gov. Rick Perry will make his first court appearance on Halloween as his defense team tries to quash the two felony counts of abuse of power against him on both constitutional and technical grounds.

The Republican was on a state economic mission to Europe and was granted permission to skip a pretrial hearing Monday in Austin, where state District Judge Bert Richardson set the next court date.

"Because this affects the case, the judge has ruled that he, like other defendants, needs to appear in court," special prosecutor Michael McCrum said of Perry after the hearing. The governor, meanwhile, is set to address the Royal United Services Institute in London on Tuesday.

During the upcoming court appearance, Perry's attorneys will argue that McCrum was never properly sworn in and also that he should produce transcripts of secret grand jury testimony for the judge to review. McCrum joked with reporters that the governor's legal team is throwing the kitchen sink at him.

"There's been a couple of dishes thrown into the sink, and so we're having to go through them one by one," he said. "But I'm confident everything's going to proceed in a good fashion."

Also Monday, the judge set a Nov. 7 deadline for McCrum to file written responses to the defense's two motions to quash.

Perry was indicted in August by an Austin grand jury after publicly threatening — and then carrying out — a veto of state funding for public corruption prosecutors. He promised the veto after the Democratic district attorney who oversees the investigative unit, Rosemary Lehmberg, refused to resign following her conviction for drunken driving.

The defense has since filed two motions, one arguing that the case is unconstitutional because Perry was within his rights to issue the veto, and the other seeking to throw it out on technicalities, including whether McCrum was properly sworn in and if Lehmberg filed appropriate paperwork to recuse herself from the case.

Richardson, a San Antonio Republican, appointed McCrum special prosecutor. The case against Perry grew out of a complaint from a left-leaning government watchdog group in Austin, but Lehmberg's office hasn't been involved in investigating it.

McCrum said he was properly sworn in and that he and Lehmberg filed the necessary paperwork.

In brief comments after Monday's hearing, Tony Buzbee, a Houston-based attorney for Perry, responded "I've seen some paperwork. I'm not sure it resolves the issue."

Cool front triggers high winds in Midland

From staff reports

The front that cooled down the region also packed a punch when it came to the winds.

The National Weather Service reported sustained winds of 35 mph and gusts as high as 43 mph as of its 10:53 a.m. Monday report. Average winds for October are around 10 mph.

High winds started to pick up at about 3 a.m., with gusts as high as 37 mph at Midland International Air and Space Port, according to a regional wind roundup issued by the service.

NWS officials said the winds were expected to come down rapidly Monday night. Today's forecast calls for winds between 5 and 10 mph.

The record for sustained winds in October is 46 mph, set on Oct. 2, 1983. The record for peak wind gusts is 69 mph, set on Oct. 11, 1986.

The winds helped cool conditions in Midland. After a high temperature of 88 on Sunday, forecasters expect the high to barely eclipse 70. The normal high for Oct. 14 is 79.

A high temperature in the 90s could return by Thursday, according to the NWS forecast. Expect highs in the 80s this weekend.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Derik A. Huskey, 29, of Midland was charged Sunday with cruelty to non-livestock animals.

Christopher D. Knox, 27, of Midland was charged Sunday with burglary of a habitation.

George L. Ramirez Jr., 41, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of parole.

Quentin T. Spells, 26, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of parole.

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Maine, most other states don't have hayride regulations

Associated Press

MECHANIC FALLS, Maine — Maine, like most states, doesn't have strict regulations for hayrides, including the one that lurched down a steep hill and into a tree over the weekend, killing a 17-year-old girl and injuring more than 20 others.

A mechanical problem caused a Jeep towing a wagon full of passengers in Mechanic Falls to crash during a Halloween-themed hayride at Harvest Hills Farm on Saturday, authorities said. Cassidy Charette of Oakland died from head injuries, police said.

Maine doesn't have statutes that regulate hayrides, the state fire marshal's office has said. Rhode Island is the only state that appears to explicitly require a permit to operate hayrides, said James Hanseen, transportation program director at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

South Carolina and Texas laws mention the need for permits, but there's no clear administrative regulations regarding what's required, Hanseen said. In Maine and at least 14 other states, operators must display signs warning of dangers of the rides and stating that the operators aren't liable for injury or death, Hanseen said.

State police spokesman Steve McCausland said it's unclear whether Harvest Hills Farm had a warning sign, but it's not a focus of the investigation.

In Pennsylvania, the Department of Agriculture inspects amusement rides, but operators will often argue that hayrides don't fall into that category because they're being used on private property, said Jeffrey Reiff, a Philadelphia lawyer who represents people injured in amusement park accidents.

"It's only when we have an issue like this when people open their eyes and say, 'Gee, we didn't know they weren't regulated,'" he said.

Investigators in the Maine crash are inspecting the Jeep to determine what kept it from stopping, and state police were looking into whether the hay wagon was carrying too many passengers, spokesmen said. A key factor in the investigation is whether the 1979 Jeep's brakes were in working order, McCausland said.

Harvest Hills Farm didn't return a message left Monday by The Associated Press seeking comment.

Charette was among a group of friends from Messalonskee High School who visit the farm every fall, authorities said.

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Cedar Chest is the area's only authorized Miss Mustard Seed's Milk Paint retailer

You've probably seen all the creative ideas on Pinterest, Etsy, Flea Market Décor, Junk Market Style and other websites and magazines—the ones that show how milk paint can rescue and update old furniture.

If you've wondered where you can buy Miss Mustard Seed's Milk Paint, or learn more about using it to bring new life to classic furniture, you'll be excited to know that it's at The Cedar Chest on Michigan, just west of Midland Memorial Hospital. They carry the full line, including all 18 paint colors, along with the companion products such as oils, waxes, brushes, soaps, wax pucks and more.

Pam Christian, store manager at The Cedar Chest, is ready to help you learn how to get the most from Miss Mustard Seed's Milk Paint. The Cedar Chest is the only authorized dealer in this area.

Store manager Pam Christian has been fully trained in Miss Mustard Seed's methods, and she offers classes that will show you how to transform dated or damaged furniture into something you can be proud of. You'll see how much fun it can be to give new life to some older furniture that is probably better made than anything you could find today.

For the beginner, The Cedar Chest offers Milk Paint 101. This class teaches you everything you'll need to know to get started. The next Milk Paint 101 will be this Saturday, October 18, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The cost for this class is $48.00.

For more advanced milk painters, there's the BYOP (Bring Your Own Piece) class, where you will learn about the paint and companion products, including mixing, preparing and layering, as well as how to achieve Miss Mustard Seed's trademark "chippiness," Pam says. "Bring in a small piece of your furniture and walk out with a finished piece. We provide paint, waxes, brushes, sandpaper, light refreshments and lots of help and advice!" The cost for this class is $60. Ask at the store for the class schedule.

The Cedar Chest also carries a variety of vintage items from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Categories include home décor, collectibles, gift items and furniture, both painted and unpainted.

You will also find jewelry, kitchenware, glassware, vintage accessories and some rusty, crusty treasures like old electric fans, globes, suitcases, crates, wood boxes, baskets and old tools.

"Our store and everything we sell and offer is really about giving new life and love to some treasured pieces from the past," Pam says. "We get our ideas from the latest trends in magazines and web sites," like Pinterest and the others listed above.

They have just added a line of potpourri and room sprays from Claire Burke, including some great fall and Christmas fragrances. Also new is Fusion Mineral Paint, a wonderful line that requires little prep work.

The Cedar Chest is a fun place to browse, reminisce, and take home something to remember. And with the gift-giving season on its way, this is where to look for that perfect gift. There is a reason it's known as "The cutest little shop in town!"

The Cedar Chest, located at 2306 W. Michigan, is owned by Teresa Newman. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The phone number is 432-685-0019.

Gingerbread houses and so many other delights of the season are on display now at Flowerland, 413 Andrews Highway in Midland. The phone number is 682-1634.

Collect the colors of Christmas at Flowerland

That spritely jingle in the air is simply the first carol of Christmas wafting your way. As the sounds of the season begin to dance in your head, the colors of the season are ready to dazzle your eyes at Flowerland again this year.

The store's Chief Designer, Chris Collum, AIFD, TMF, is in the process of outdoing himself yet again at bringing the joy and celebration of Christmas to the Permian Basin. Words cannot do justice to the charm and beauty at Flowerland—this is just a pale introduction. You'll want to see and experience the store yourself as soon as you can!

When you arrive, you'll be greeted by colors soft, colors gentle, colors bright and colors sweet. Feast your eyes on the brilliant candy-land section with gingerbread houses and flashes of peppermint abounding. This is where you'll find the memories flowing as you enjoy the throwback look of childhood.

Nearby is the home of luscious chocolate colors, including bronze and other deep dark flavors.

Blending well with the soft chocolates is the nature area, with its woody browns and leafy greens. Look closely and you'll see the deer peering bashfully from behind a tree stump, waiting patiently for you to pass so she can nibble on those sweet berries.

Just over the way is the emerald and gold city, with its shimmering reflections and bright hopes for the future.

Then you'll be dazzled by the sweet lime greens and purples just across the way.

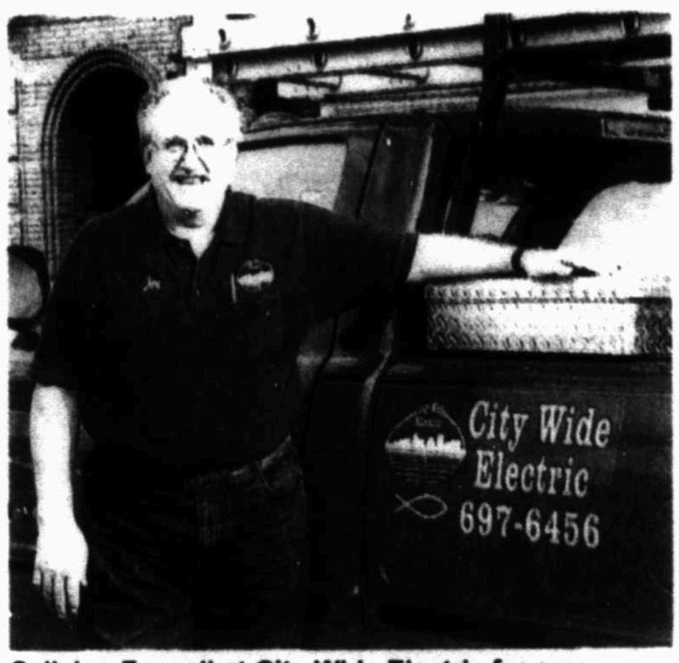
Of course, it would not be Christmas without the manger scene and the Baby Jesus ready to bring peace on Earth, good will toward men.

You will also get to see Santa's workshop, with the Jolly Old Elf and his helpers making toys and planning their upcoming travel across the globe.

Whatever the vagaries of West Texas weather, you'll step into a holiday fairyland every time you stop in at Flowerland. Everything on display is for sale, so when you find something that strikes you as the perfect addition to your own Christmas enchantment, it can indeed be yours.

So go, breathe the air of the season at Flowerland.

Flowerland is located at 413 Andrews Highway in Midland. The phone number is 682-1634. Flowerland is an FTD and Teleflora florist. Their web address is www.flowerlandmidland.com.



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Call City Wide for electrical projects

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If you're remodeling a home that was built in the 1960s or earlier, this would be a good time to have Joe and his staff upgrade your wiring to current standards.

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K-9 Potty Patrol's Bill Saxon cleans up after dogs like Cooper so you don't have to. Call him (Bill) at 1-800-DOG POOP or on his cell at 254-9951. Cooper doesn't have a cell phone so you can't call him.

K-9 Potty Patrol happily collects your pet waste

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Everyone knows that dog waste looks and smells unpleasant. Here are some facts about what you can't see or smell in canine waste. Dog waste can transmit bacteria and viruses including tapeworm, roundworm, e. coli, parvo and more. Canine fecal matter is a top contributor to storm water pollution. It can attract mice and parasites, taking a year or more to break down.

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On a related matter, K-9 Potty Patrol would like to bring attention to the Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals in Midland. Lone Star is a "no-kill" shelter for animals. The next time you consider adopting a pet, K-9 recommends you check with Lone Star first. Lone Star is located at 4200 N. Fairgrounds Road.

To eliminate pet waste in your yard, call K-9 Potty Patrol Pet Waste and Cleanup Service at 1-800DOG-POOP (364-7667) or their cell number at 432-254-9951. Visit their web site at www.k-9pottypatrol.com.

Why not get rotting bricks replaced now?

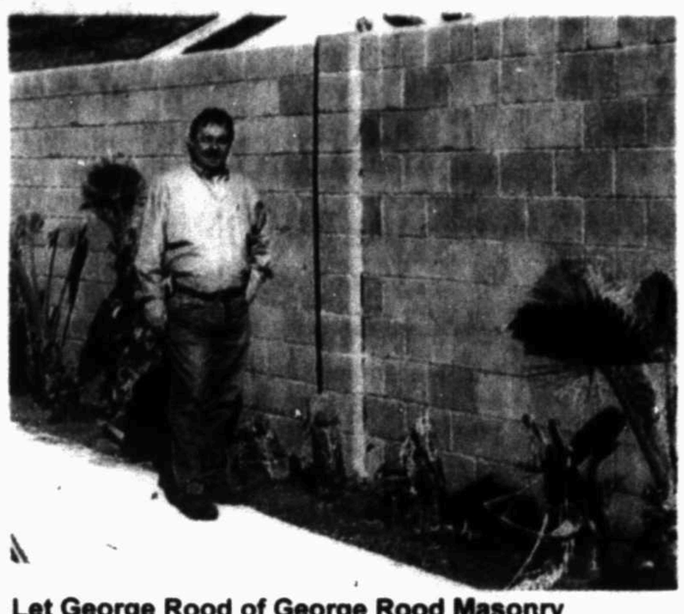
Very often, the need for a home repair is obvious. A ceiling that leaks right on top of you or a bathtub that won't drain gets your attention immediately. But a far less obvious problem can cause more damage – and far more often goes unchecked.

"We deal a lot with rotting brick," says George Rood, owner of George Rood Masonry. "All around the area, people have problems with it. By the time a homeowner finally realizes it, the problem has been going on for 10 years."

Frequently, homeowners won't notice areas of rotting brick until they try to sell the house. Then, when the damage is noticed, the real estate agent often recommends that the homeowner call George Rood.

However, George says, there is good reason to repair the damage now - long before you try to sell the home.

"The rotting areas of the brick can cause a loss of heating or cooling," George says. "Holding down energy use, lowering your utility bills and keeping your house comfortable are all good reasons to keep your brickwork in repair."



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Often, the repair costs less and takes less time than the customer imagined.

"Many customers tell me, 'If I'd known it was this easy and that you could do it, I would have called you years ago,'" George says.

In addition to brick repairs, he builds new fences and lays brick for patios and swimming pools. For those projects, George takes the time to sit down with you and discuss layouts and floor plans. He knows exactly what you need before he begins the project. "I go out to customers' homes, help lay out the job, show them all their possible options and give them free estimates," George says.

A hands-on boss, George can usually be found working right alongside his crew. Often, he is the only bricklayer on the project. "If I'm right there, I can be sure the job will be done right," he says.

George has been repairing brickwork and building fences for 47 years, 34 of those years in this area.

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America has to confront its problems

■ Since World War II, U.S. is only nation able to keep semblance of order around the world

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The value of American foreign policy conducted by majority vote — which might have resulted in a Nazi-occupied London — is once again evident.

In 2013, 52 percent of Americans agreed that their country should "mind its own business internationally." (In 1964, the figure was 20 percent.) This robust consensus for disengagement was soon followed by the rapid expansion of the Islamic State in a vacuum left by American inattention. And then by an outbreak of Ebola in West Africa that should have been confronted months earlier with larger resources.

In recent years, Americans have generally gotten what they wanted on foreign policy issues — and now ruthlessly punish those who implemented their will. A recent poll has President Obama's foreign policy approval rating at a sorry 34 percent. Americans may applaud "nation-building at home," but they eventually make judgments based on outcomes in Mosul and Monrovia. And this is fair. A commander-in-chief does not sign on to reflect public consensus but to defend the country and the Constitution.

This interplay between an often-reluctant public and a chief executive energetically pursuing the national interest has generally served the country well. Presidents since World War II have possessed broad powers to exercise American influence on a global stage — declaring strategic doctrines, enforcing red lines, arming proxies, sending emergency assistance, striking enemies with drones — while trying to persuade Congress to fund such efforts and Americans to support them.

This is a different role for an American president than in Jefferson's old republic. But it emerged when it did for a reason. German philosopher Karl Jaspers argued that history before World War II had been "a dispersed field of unconnected ventures." With the war, it became "the totality, which has become the problem and the task." The world, for the first time, had a meaningfully unified history. A variety of challenges — nuclear proliferation, environmental degradation, terrorism — eventually became global in nature. And some old problems, including pandemic disease, gained the speed of air travel and the momentum of growing, tightly packed populations.

Since World War II, America has been the only nation willing enough, capable enough and responsible enough to keep a semblance of order. The divided states of Europe will sometimes join a coalition but seldom lead it. Russia and China remain engaged in Great Power games. International institutions are weak at best. America has consistently undertaken to encourage the capabilities of other responsible actors. But it is still the U.S. 7th Fleet that deploys near Japan; the Second Infantry Division that stands guard at the Korean Demilitarized Zone; the U.S. Central Command that conducts most of the airstrikes in Iraq and Syria.

Some naturally complain about these burdens. But without America bearing them, the horrors of the 20th century would have been infinitely more horrible. The death camps emptied only by ruthless efficiency. Or Europe unified under Soviet rule, with gulags outside Berlin and Paris.

Threats to America have shifted, or perhaps diversified. The 9/11 attacks originated in the failed and distant state of Afghanistan. Afterward, some academics argued that this case was unique and that the "problem of failed states" was exaggerated. Now the Islamic State feeds off governing failure across two countries. And Ebola spreads in the absence of effective health care structures across three countries. So America has no real interest in the problem of failed states — except when it results in al-Qaida, the Islamic State and Ebola.

President Obama's embrace of these duties has been double-minded. He is, intellectually, an internationalist who speaks of the dangers of globalized threats. But he ran for office promising national retrenchment in order to focus on domestic concerns, and has cited the polls (on Syria in particular) as confirmation of his own instinct for inaction. His prosecution of war against the Islamic State seems (so far) constrained and half-hearted.

Some conservatives are no better — imagining that global problems can be contained by the isolation of Syrian chaos ("baddies versus baddies" anyway), or by the effective quarantine of Liberia.

But 200,000 dead in Syria, along with 9 million displaced, proved to be an uncontainable regional catastrophe. And the isolation of Ebola-affected nations could accelerate economic and political collapse, increase suffering and death, and result in further spread of the disease. It will not work — and it cannot be right — to allow these countries to die behind a curtain.

America has problems that can't be isolated, only confronted. And the longer it takes to realize it, the harder our tasks become.

OUR VIEW

City transportation officials take center stage at public meeting

Many times there are meetings listed in our Today in Midland box (Page 2 today and Page 4 most other days) that a reader looks at and then moves on.

A meeting isn't important just because of the personal impact it might have. A meeting about the extension of Beal Parkway to Thomason Drive is one such meeting. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at the cafeteria of Jones Elementary School, 4919 Shadylane Drive.

Does the meeting matter to you if you don't live in the area or your daily drive does not include that road? We think it might. Today, city engineers will be available to answer questions from the public regarding the project. An open house is to start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the formal presentation at 7 p.m.

The project will include information about city operations, including techniques to deal with traffic in a more populated Midland. Got a question about roundabouts, which appear to be a part of traffic control moving forward? Go to the meeting.

Midlanders don't often get to ask the experts about our community's road system. So yes, we encourage Midlanders to ask about this project, because these features could be part of the future.

Midland traffic often is not easy to navigate. That really isn't debatable, but the city could have done a better job explaining certain processes in the past.

It is hard to find anyone who understands why millions have been spent on the traffic synchronization system that doesn't appear to be working as well as it was advertised.

There's also that intersection at Briarwood Avenue and Midland Drive — the one with the blinking yellow arrows. It is different than just about every other intersection in our city. Are more intersections like that going to be part of Midland's future?

There are questions and in some cases misconceptions. Why? One reason is the lack of communication between city officials and residents. Tonight, those officials will be out and willing to answer your questions. Take advantage of the opportunity.

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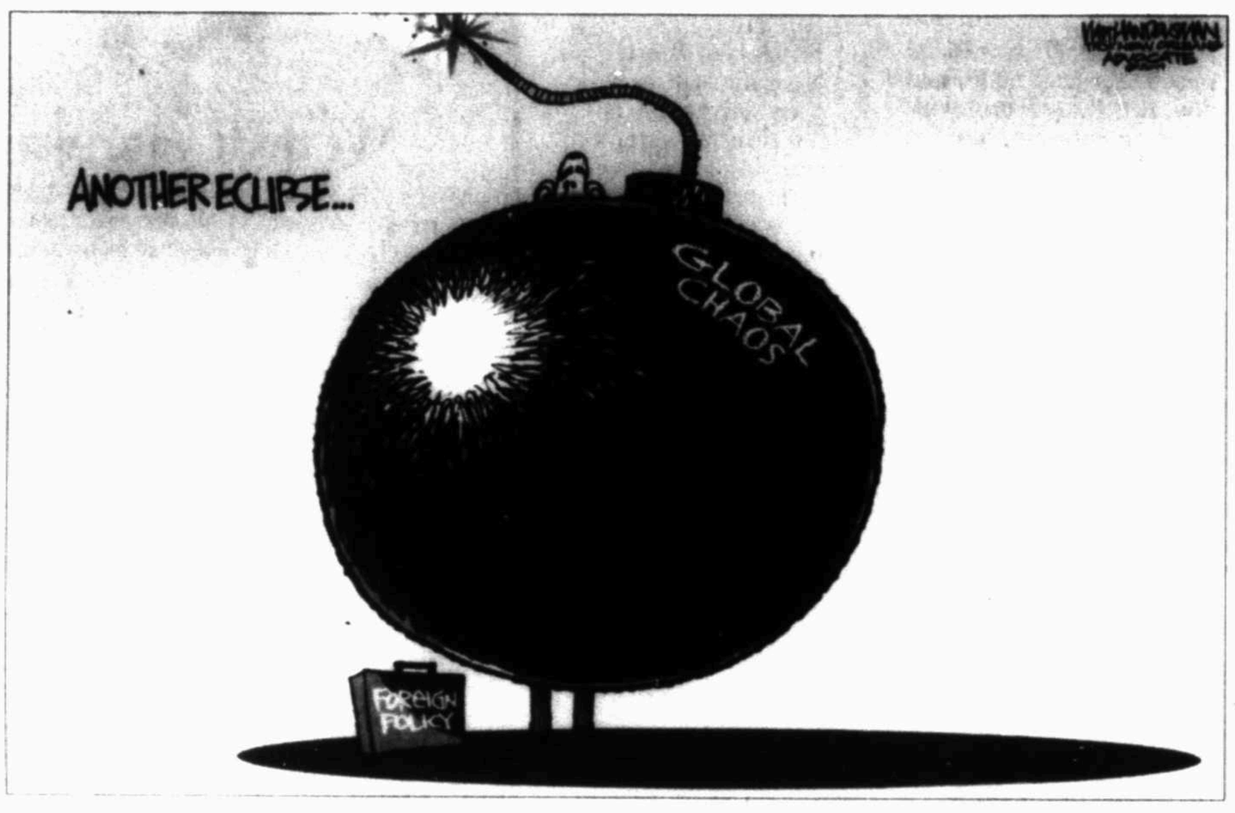

Panetta is largely correct about Obama

■ Pursuing a centrist course might not succeed

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's contention in his memoirs that President Barack Obama's insistence on total U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq facilitated the region's terrorist resurgence and that his Syria policy reflected "hesitation and half steps" has two unfortunate aspects.

First, the highly respected Panetta has joined an increasing number of previous prominent presidential appointees who wrote books criticizing both the policies and leadership of the chief executives who appointed them — before their terms ended.

The lengthy list includes Bob Gates, his predecessor as Obama's defense secretary; George Stephanopoulos, President Bill Clinton's communications director; Larry Speakes, President Ronald Reagan's press spokesman; and Scott McClellan, President George W. Bush's press secretary.

Second, his criticisms are essentially correct. Indeed, much of what Obama is doing now seems designed to fix the mess that his policies exacerbated.

A prime example is whether Obama should have kept a residual force in Iraq. Panetta makes a persuasive case that, as critics like Sen. John McCain have charged and Obama officials have mostly denied, the administration could have reached an agreement with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on a status of forces agreement allowing American troops to stay.

"Those on our side of the debate viewed the White House as so eager to rid itself of Iraq that it was willing to withdraw rather than lock in arrangements that would preserve our influence and interests," Panetta writes in the newly published "Worthy Fights." "To this day, I believe that a small, focused U.S. troop presence in Iraq could have effectively advised the Iraqi military on how to deal with al-Qaida's resurgence and the sectarian violence that has engulfed the country."

On Syria, Panetta says Obama caused "a blow to American credibility" by failing to follow through with his bombing threat if President Bashar el-Assad used chemical weapons. "When the president as commander in chief draws a red line, it is critical that he act if the line is crossed," he writes. "The power of the United States rests on its word."

It is against the background of Obama's previous decisions that the rise of the presumptive Islamic State caliphate has given him a second opportunity to re-assert U.S. leadership and restore some stability to the war-torn, terrorist-spawning region.

In essence, as several analysts have noted, he has chosen a middle course between Bush's ill-fated decision to invade Iraq with thousands of American troops and his own total withdrawal that left the Iraqis and Syrians to their own devices.

Interestingly, each action has in turn been popular with the American people. The public initially supported both Bush's 2003 attack on Iraq and Obama's 2011 decision to bring the final troops home amid general sentiment favoring reduced U.S. attention to overseas problems.

More recently, the rise of the Islamic State, and especially its brutal beheading of three hostages (so far), has prompted an increase in support for a more assertive U.S. role. Polls show a majority approves both Obama's decision to step up air power and troop training in the region and his desire to withhold American "boots on the grounds" by urging they come from our regional allies.

And a recent Pew Research Center poll for USA Today showed that the proportion believing the United States was doing too much abroad dropped in less than a year, from 51 percent to 39 percent.

Unfortunately, Obama's effort to pursue a centrist course might not succeed. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, has already warned that, despite Obama's stance, the military will recommend use of ground troops if it feels they're necessary.

And critics like McCain, who have never been reconciled to Obama's policy of restraint, are arguing that he has to do more and ultimately will.

In fact, it's easy to make a military and strategic case that, to "degrade and ultimately destroy" the Islamic State, Obama needs to expand the U.S. role by actively supporting the remaining "moderate" elements in Syria and sending a modest number of ground troops to guide those from Iraq and other nations.

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Hagel: Climate change will challenge US military

AREQUIPA — Rising sea levels and other effects of climate change will pose major challenges for America's military, including more and worse natural disasters and the threat that food and water shortages could fuel disputes and instability around the world, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Monday.

Addressing a conference of military leaders as the Pentagon released a new report on the issue, Hagel said, "Our militaries' readiness could be tested, and our capabilities could be stressed."

U.S. military officials have long warned that changes in climate patterns, resulting in increased severe weather events and coastal flooding, will have a broad and costly impact on the Defense Department's ability to protect the nation and respond to natural and humanitarian disasters in the United States and around the globe.

The new report — described as a Pentagon roadmap — identifies four things that it says will affect the U.S. military: rising global temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, more extreme weather and rising sea levels. It calls on the department and the military services to identify more specific concerns, including possible effects on the more than 7,000 bases and facilities, and to start putting plans in place to deal with them.

"Climate change is a 'threat multiplier' because it has the potential to exacerbate many of the challenges we already confront today — from infectious disease to armed insurgencies — and to produce new challenges in the future," Hagel said. He spoke during the opening session of the conference, which was attended by defense ministers and military chiefs of more than 30 countries from the Americas, Spain and Portugal.

WASHINGTON

US eyes sale of NY's Waldorf hotel to Chinese firm

Concerned about potential security risks, the U.S. government is taking a close look at last week's sale of New York's iconic Waldorf Astoria hotel to a Chinese insurance company.

U.S. officials said Monday they are reviewing the Oct. 6 purchase of the Waldorf by the Beijing-based Anbang Insurance Group, which bought the hotel from Hilton Worldwide for $1.95 billion. Terms of the sale allow Hilton to run the hotel for the next 100 years and call for "a major renovation" that officials say has raised eyebrows in Washington, where fears of Chinese eavesdropping and cyber espionage run high.

The officials also said the sale could have implications for the government's longstanding relationship with the hotel, which serves as home to the American ambassador to the United Nations and hosts the president and hundreds of U.S. diplomats during the annual U.N. General Assembly.

"We are currently in the process of reviewing the details of the sale and the company's long-term plans for the facility," said Kurtis Cooper, a spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations. He and other officials said decisions about the future of the U.S. relationship with the Waldorf would be made based on cost, Anbang's long-term plans for the hotel, and the government's needs and security concerns.

Wendy Davis defends wheelchair ad in Texas race

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis on Monday defended her campaign television ad that highlights opponent Greg Abbott's use of a wheelchair, denying that it exploits his disability while attacking his record.

"This ad is about one thing and one thing only: It is about Greg Abbott's hypocrisy," Davis said at a news conference in Fort Worth.

Davis's campaign released the ad Friday to harsh criticism from Abbott and conservatives. At her news conference, Davis was defended and flanked by disability rights advocates, including two who use wheelchairs.

The ad ran over the weekend in Texas' major metropolitan areas. The Davis campaign said Monday the ad is still running but has declined to say for how long or how much it cost. Early voting starts Oct. 20 for the Nov. 4 general election.

Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch called the ad "desperate and despicable."

The 30-second ad begins with a shot of an empty wheelchair. It criticizes the state attorney general for receiving millions from a 1984 lawsuit after a falling tree crushed his spine, then working to limit the legal rights of other victims.

The Davis ad notes that in one case, Abbott argued that an amputee suing for employment discrimination was not disabled because she had a prosthetic limb. It also cites two other cases that have already been the subject of previous Davis campaign spots.

"He deserved justice for the terrible tragedy he endured," Davis said. "But then he turned around and built his career working to deny the very same justice he received to his fellow Texans rightly seeking it for themselves."

Republican Abbott has held statewide office since 1995, first as a Texas Supreme Court Justice before he was elected attorney general in 2002. But Davis's ad is the first by an Abbott opponent to make an overt issue of his wheelchair.

Abbott openly discusses his disability in his speeches and campaign ads. Abbott's recent TV ads include one of him talking about his recovery from the injury, and another in which he jokes about how a "guy in a wheelchair" can move faster than cars stuck in bad Texas traffic.

Obama and the midterm elections: What's at stake?

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For President Barack Obama, the stark reality of the looming midterm elections is that the best outcome for his party gets him nothing but two more years of the status quo.

Two more years of a divided Congress. Two more years battling a Republican-led House that sees little overlap with the president's priorities. And two more years that are likely to pass without the kind of legacy-building legislation that has eluded the president throughout his second term.

And yet to White House aides, it sure beats the alternative — a Republican takeover of the Senate.

"Who sets the agenda in the Senate matters in a big way," said Dan Pfeiffer, Obama's senior adviser. If Republicans take the Senate, Pfeiffer predicted a "doubling down on the (Texas Republican Sen.) Ted Cruz, shutdown, hostage-taking" approach to government."

The reality is that Obama's advisers have low expectations for passing major legislation even if Democrats hang onto the Senate. That's been a struggle for Obama ever since the GOP won the House four years ago and will likely get even harder as both parties turn their attention toward the 2016 presidential election and lawmakers get even more reluctant to take on tough issues.

With three weeks until Election Day, Republicans have a takeover of Congress within their sights. The party is likely to extend its majority in the House and needs to pick up just six seats to grab control of the Senate for the first time in nearly a decade.

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President Barack Obama speaks in the Oval Office on Sept. 30. For President Barack Obama, the stark reality of the looming midterm elections is that the best outcome for his party gets him nothing but two more years of the status quo. Two more years of a divided Congress. Two more years battling a Republican-led House that sees little overlap with the president's priorities. And two more years that are likely to pass without the kind of legacy-building legislation that has eluded the president throughout his second term.

Obama enters the campaign's homestretch with approval ratings hovering near the lowest point of his presidency, forcing Democratic candidates to distance themselves from their party's leader. Losing control of the Senate could cement the impression of a politically impotent, lame-duck president more than two years before the end of his term.

In a flurry of fundraisers this fall, Obama has cast the elections as crucial to his efforts to raise the minimum wage, institute equal pay legislation and boost infrastructure spending. "I hope that in these midterms you feel a sense of urgency," he told donors in California last week.

Beyond the long-shot prospects for major legislation, White House aides point to the impact a Democratic-led Senate would have in helping Obama to get nominees confirmed, including his upcoming pick for attorney general and potential Supreme Court openings. A Democratic Senate majority would give the president a firewall to prevent GOP efforts to repeal or scale back some of his most significant achievements, including his massive health care overhaul and sweeping financial reform legislation. And it would allow the White House to fend off any Senate investigations of the administration.

It's hardly the kind of ambitious and inspiring agenda Obama forecast in his two presidential bids. With that in mind, some Democratic strategists have speculated that both the president and the party might actually be better served if Republicans were to take control of the Senate.

Few Democrats will make that case publicly in the closing weeks of a high-stakes campaign. But privately, some strategists suggest that Republicans may feel pressure to show they can be productive in power, allowing Obama to forge alliances with a GOP Senate on issues like tax reform and perhaps even a compromise on an immigration overhaul.

Indeed, past presidents have had some luck in forging agreements with the opposing party, including Bill Clinton, who overcame staunch opposition from Republicans to work with the party to pass a balanced budget and welfare reform. But unlike Obama, Clinton maintained approval ratings above 50 percent for much of his presidency and oversaw a booming economy, both factors that helped him leverage support from the GOP.

"That gave him the ability to elevate his standing," said Chris Lehane, a former Clinton White House official. "He could put the Republicans in the place of coming along or getting run over."

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Federal health officials urge hospitals to 'think Ebola'

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DALLAS — Federal health officials on Monday urged the nation's hospitals to "think Ebola" and launched a review of procedures for treating patients, while medical records showed that an infected Texas nurse repeatedly visited the room of a Liberian man as he was dying from the disease.

The World Health Organization called the outbreak "the most severe, acute health emergency seen in modern times."

Nurse Nina Pham was among about 70 staff members at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital who were involved in Thomas Eric Duncan's care after he was hospitalized, according to the records. They drew his blood, put tubes down his throat and wiped up his diarrhea. They analyzed his urine and wiped saliva from his lips, even after he had lost consciousness.

The 26-year-old was in his room often from the day he was placed in intensive care until the day before he died last week.

Pham and other health care workers wore protective gear, including gowns, gloves, masks and face shields — and sometimes full-body suits — when caring for Duncan, but Pham became the first person to contract the disease within the United States.

Her family told Dallas television station WFAA on Monday that she was the health care worker with Ebola. A rector at her family's church, Hung Le, told The Associated Press that Pham's mother told him Pham has the virus.

The Texas Christian University nursing school graduate was monitoring her own temperature and went to the hospital Friday night when she discovered she had a low fever. She was in isolation and in stable condition, health officials said.

By Monday evening, she had received a transfusion of plasma from Kent Brantly, a Texas physician who survived the virus, according to her pastor and the nonprofit medical mission group Samaritan's Purse.

Since she tested positive for the disease, public health authorities have intensified their monitoring of other Dallas hospital workers who cared for Duncan.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Tom Frieden said he would not be surprised if another hospital worker who cared for Duncan becomes ill because Ebola patients become more contagious as the disease progresses.

Pham's name appears frequently throughout the hundreds of pages of records provided to The Associated Press by Duncan's family. They show she was in his room Oct. 7, the day before he died.

Her notes describe nurses going in and out of Duncan's room wearing protective gear to treat him and to mop the floor with bleach.

She also notes how she and other nurses were ensuring Duncan's "privacy and comfort," and providing "emotional support."

Frieden has said a breach of protocol led to the nurse's infection, but officials are not sure what went wrong. Pham has not been able to point to any specific breach.

The CDC is now monitoring all hospital workers who treated Duncan and planned to "double down" on training and outreach on how to safely treat Ebola patients, Frieden said.

When asked how many health care workers are being checked, Frieden said officials "don't have a number."

Health officials have relied on a "self-monitoring" system when it comes to U.S. health care workers who care for isolated Ebola patients. They expect workers to report any potential exposures to the virus and watch themselves for symptoms.

Besides the workers, health officials continue to track 48 people who were in contact with Duncan before he was admitted to the hospital and placed in isolation. They are monitoring one person the nurse was in contact with while she was in an infectious state.

None has exhibited symptoms, Frieden said.

The case involving Pham raised questions about assurances by American health officials that the disease will be contained and that any U.S. hospital should be able to treat it.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told ABC's "Good Morning America" that federal health authorities should consider requiring that Ebola patients be sent only to highly specialized "containment" hospitals.

Duncan, who arrived in the U.S. from Liberia Sept. 20, first sought medical care for fever and abdominal pain Sept. 25. He told a nurse he had traveled from Africa, but he was sent home. He returned Sept. 28 and was placed in isolation because of suspected Ebola.

Among the things the CDC will investigate is how the workers took off protective gear, because removing it incorrectly can lead to contamination. Investigators will also look at dialysis and intubation — the insertion of a breathing tube in a patient's airway. Both procedures have the potential to spread the virus.

Fauci told CNN that the CDC is examining procedures like dialysis to see if they "heighten greatly" the risk of health care workers contracting Ebola. He suggested that in cases where the patient has deteriorated to the point where he or she cannot be saved, such high-risk procedures should not be done.

Every emergency room needs to be prepared to take action because no one can control where an Ebola patient might show up, said Dr. Dennis Maki, an infectious-disease specialist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and former head of hospital infection control.

However, only large hospitals such as those affiliated with major universities truly have the equipment and manpower to deal with Ebola correctly, Maki said.

Ebola has killed more than 4,000 people, mostly in the West African countries of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, according to WHO figures published last week.

The virus spreads through close contact with a symptomatic person's bodily fluids, such as blood, sweat, vomit, feces, urine, saliva or semen.

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A Protect Environmental employee sanitizes his hands outside the apartment of a healthcare worker who treated Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan and tested positive for the disease Monday in Dallas.

Ebola outbreak quick hits

Ebola patient's dog

Texas officials say they're trying to find an appropriate place to monitor a dog that belongs to a nurse diagnosed with Ebola.

Nina Pham's Dallas apartment is being thoroughly cleaned after tests over the weekend confirmed she is infected. A Dallas spokeswoman says the city will make sure the dog is cared for.

There was an uproar in Spain after Madrid authorities euthanized a dog named Excalibur that belonged to a nursing assistant sickened by the virus. She remains hospitalized. Authorities were concerned the dog might be harboring the virus.

Waste disposal blocked

A state judge signed an order Monday temporarily blocking ash from the incineration of a Texas Ebola victim's belongings to be disposed of at a southwest Louisiana site.

Attorney General Buddy Caldwell had sought the order to stop the soot from linen, bedding and carpet taken from the Dallas apartment where Thomas Eric Duncan first got sick from being brought east. The items were destroyed Friday at the Veolia Environmental Services incinerator in Port Arthur.

The ash was to be sent to a Calcasieu Parish facility run by Chemical Waste Management Inc. of Lake Charles.

Chemical Waste Management said Monday that it would not accept the ash until state officials agree that doing so would pose no public health threat. But the Attorney General's Office went ahead with the restraining order request "out of an abundance of caution."

Ebola and the budget

Democrats say Republican-driven spending cuts have hurt the nation's ability to fight Ebola.

After watching Republicans accuse President Barack Obama of doing too little to combat the deadly disease, his party pushed back Monday, saying the GOP's steady push for less government spending is hampering public health agencies at a crucial time.

Democratic groups are running ads with that message in several states. But little money is behind the ads so far.

Polls show Americans are paying far more attention to Ebola than to the Nov. 4 elections three weeks away.

Journalist's condition improves

Hospital and family members say the American video journalist being treated for Ebola in Nebraska is showing signs of improvement.

Dr. Mitchell Levy told The Associated Press on Monday that his son, 33-year-old Ashoka Mukpo, has been improving in recent days and currently has no symptoms of nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Mukpo contracted Ebola in West Africa. He arrived at Nebraska Medical Center on Oct. 6 after he was flown back to the U.S. to be treated at the Omaha hospital's specialized unit.

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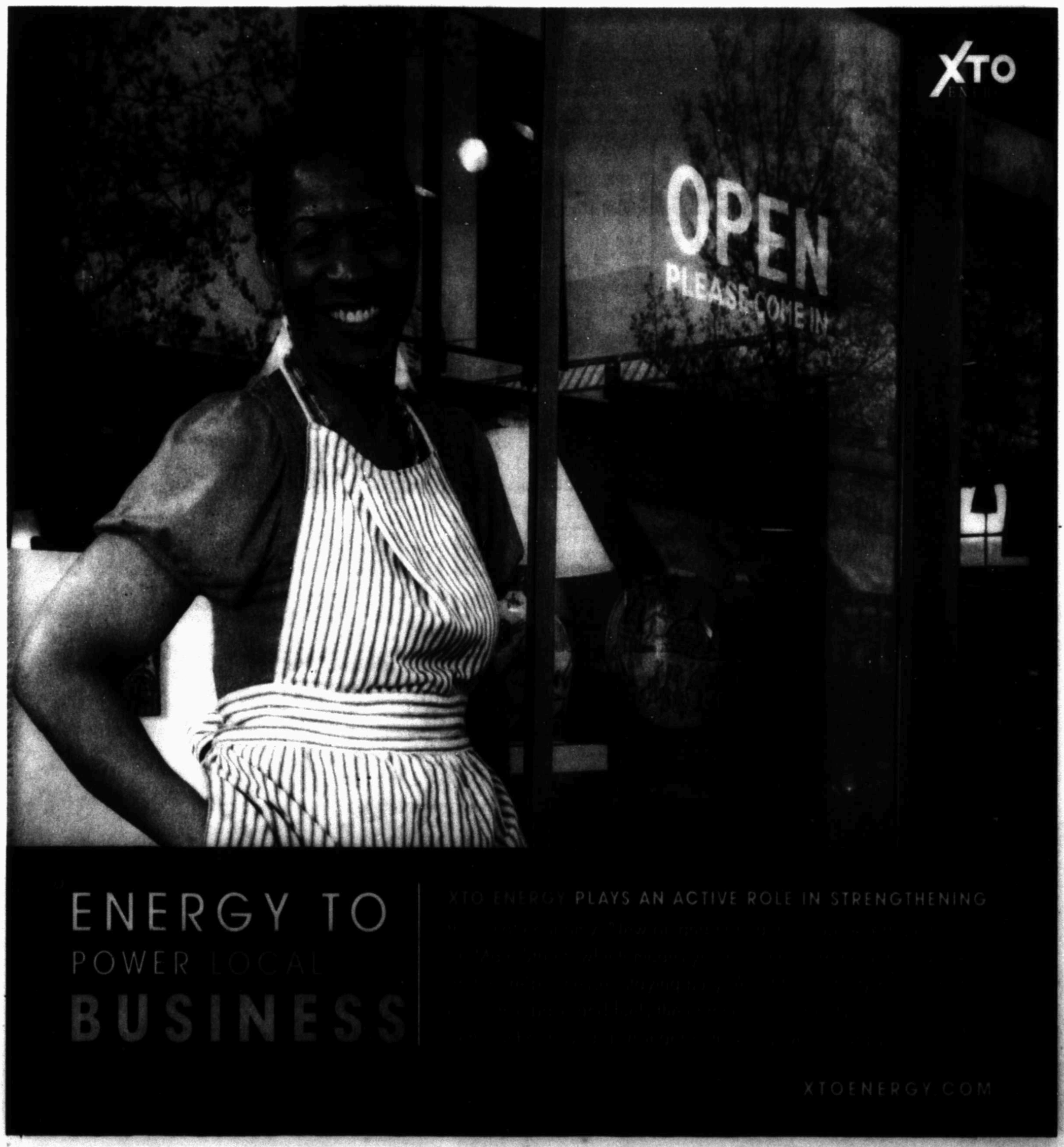

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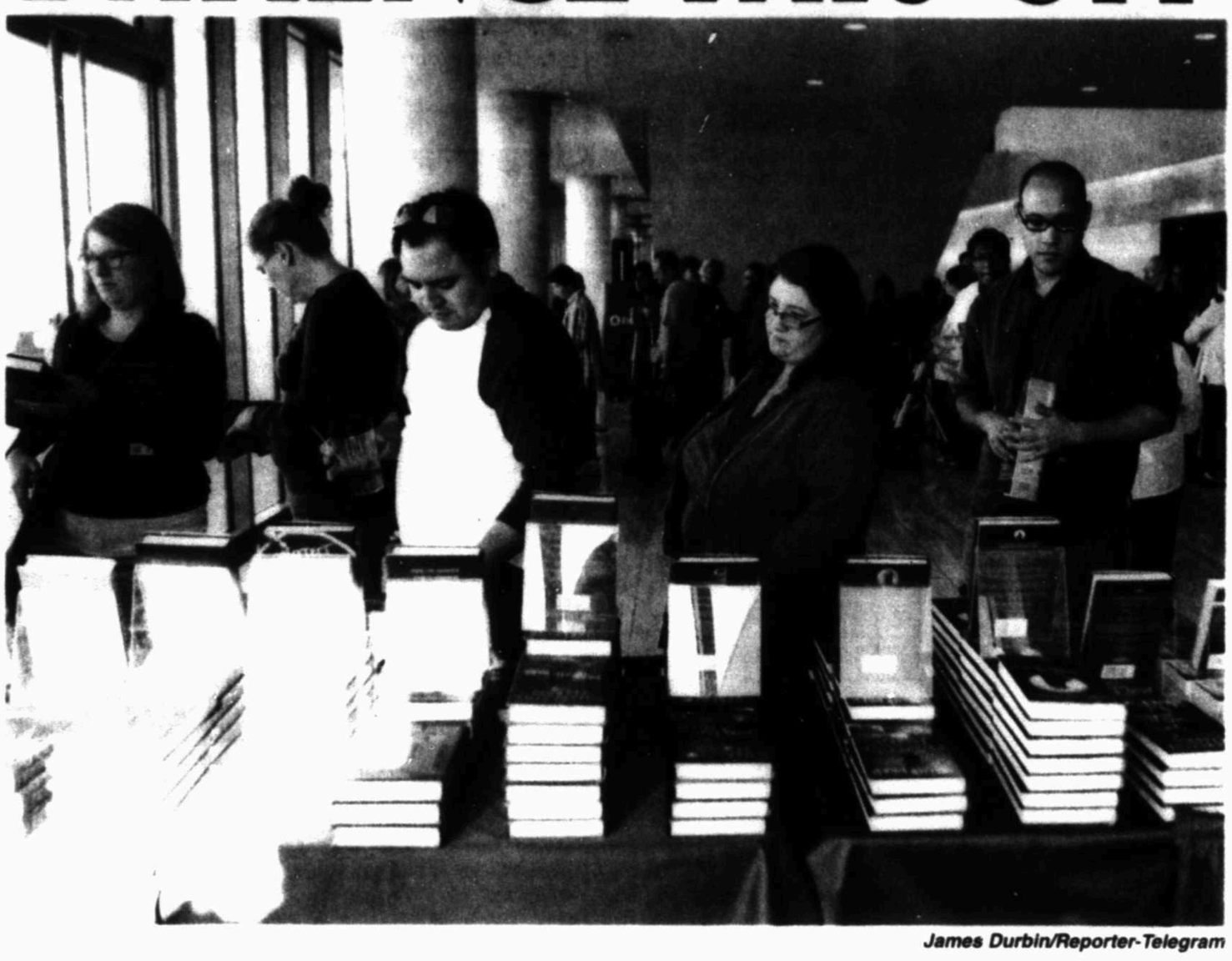

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Eventgoers browse during the Books in the Basin event Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. The news that author Neil Gaiman would be was visiting Midland was revealed Saturday during author Kami Garcia's Books in the Basin talk at the center.

Author Neil Gaiman to appear at Wagner Noel

By Rich Lopez
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Major news was revealed Saturday during author Kami Garcia's Books in the Basin talk at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

Randy Ham, executive director of the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities, asked Garcia to help him make the announcement.

"I know we didn't want to make any announcement before the festival so it could grow on its own merit," he said Sunday afternoon. "But we wanted to use the momentum of Books in the Basin for upcoming events and we had decided to mention it at the Wagner."

After Garcia was prompted, she revealed Neil Gaiman would appear at the Wagner Noel in spring.

There were audible gasps from the audience.

"That was the icing on the cake for an already exemplary event," Ham said.

The British author of novels, comic books, graphic novels, children's fiction and films is scheduled to appear May 20 at the performing arts center. Notable works by Gaiman include "Coraline," "The Sandman" comic book, the novels "Stardust" and 2013's "The Ocean at the End of the Lane." Gaiman is also a favorite of Ham's, and the Odessan will conduct the onstage interview.

"He's someone I've wanted to bring to the basin for a long time since we started One Book Reads in Odessa, then Books in the Basin expanding into Midland. It just never quite worked out with timing. Plus, he's hard to pin down and doesn't say 'yes' to everything," Ham said.

But with a May 19 appearance at the Pen & Podium literary festival in Denver, Ham took a gamble and sent a proposal to Gaiman's people.

It paid off. And for now, Ham, former department coordinator for Ector County Library, can only speculate why he agreed to the appearance.

"He's one of the most popular and influential defenders and advocates for libraries," Ham said. "He's been on CNN, posted on Huffington Post and always tweets about libraries. I like to think he saw the proposal from both (Midland and Ector) libraries banding together for this."

Although Ham said it's too soon to talk about the full schedule surrounding Gaiman's appearance, he hopes people can start getting excited now that he'll be making his way to the area.

Courtesy photo

Author Neil Gaiman is shown in this undated photo. The writer of "Coraline," "The Sandman" comic book, the novels "Stardust" and 2013's "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" will be appearing at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center on May 2015.

Author blends fact with fiction in new historical novel

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While some stories thrive in fantastical and surreal settings, pushing the imagination to its limits, others are grounded in reality, existing in a world that is all but identical to our own. Local author Patrick Dearen's new novel, "The Big Drift," attempts to do just that.

Dearen

"The event itself, the Big Drift of history, was just truly an astounding event," Dearen said. "(It) really kind of forever altered the cattle industry when this great blizzard struck and pushed all these cattle as far as 600 miles down to Texas, all the way to the Devils River and Pecos River."

Framed by the historical event in which thousands of cattle were driven south from the Great Plains into Texas by a blizzard, the story follows two cowhands through the harrowing winter and the following spring that saw what Dearen described as the "greatest round-up in western annuls" when nearly 300 cowboys descended on the cattle.

"The second half of my novel ends up taking place on the Devils River where, in reality, as many as 200,000 cattle bunched

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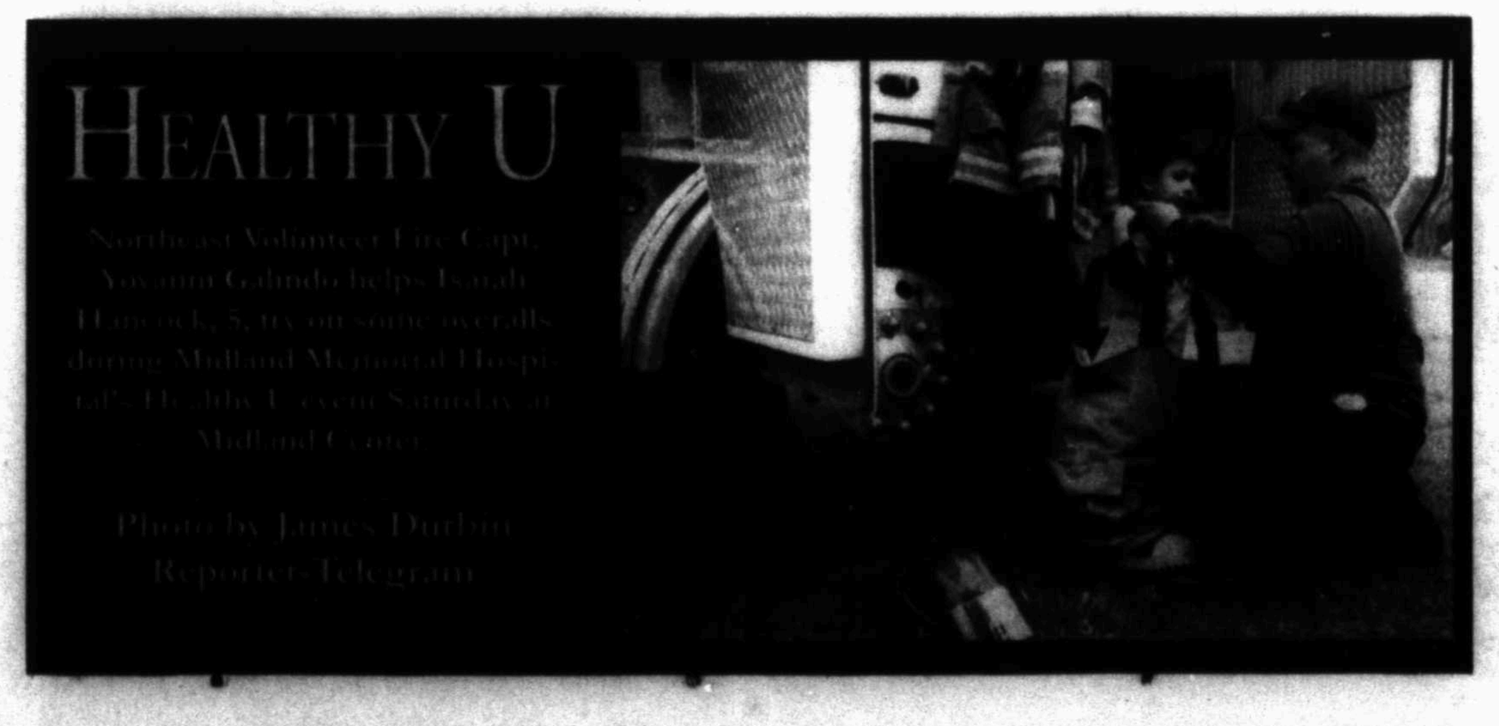

Big Brothers Big Sisters to host costumed fundraiser

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland will host the inaugural Boo Bash fundraiser Saturday, giving adults the opportunity to dress up in costumes for an evening of food, drink, dancing and music.

"We've done a couple of different fundraisers over the years, but they're always sports related, but this is going to be a little bit different for us," said Julie Brice, resource development director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. "There's going to be a lot to do, it should be a lot of fun."

The nonprofit's other two annual fundraisers are Bowl for Kid's Sake and Golf Fore Kid's Sake.

"We do plenty of events with children, so we're trying to reach out to adults to not only fundraise, but also to reach adults that maybe don't know about our program," said Kay Crites, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. "Our purpose for being here and for doing this is so that people know that Big Brothers Big Sisters is in Midland and to let them know how we help Midland children grow into stronger, better members of our community."

The event will feature an open bar with beer and wine, silent and live auctions and three costume contests for those who choose to dress up for the event.

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KNIFE & FORK

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Soups bring comfort for first cold weather of the season

Monday morning was cold — yes, I'm a native Texan, so anything below 70 degrees is considered chilly. Honestly, I usually grab a sweater if the forecasted high is below 80. The cold snap was accompanied at my house by the first cold virus of the season. By Sunday evening every member of my family was sneezing and sniffling and our Kleenex supplies were running low.

So my plan for tonight, after a quick trip to the grocery store, is to get one of these soups started simmering, make a cup of hot tea and pray that we all start feeling better by the time the temps climb back to the 80s later this week.

Mom's chicken noodle soup

What can be better than chicken noodle soup when you're sick? The egg noodles in this recipe lend it a bit more sustenance than other chicken soups with thinner noodles.

4 chicken breasts
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 can chicken broth
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 8-ounce package wide egg noodles
salt and pepper to taste

Boil chicken breasts until done and save liquid. Sauté onion in butter. Cut up chicken breasts and return to pot with liquid. Add onion, chicken broth, cream of chicken soup, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Add noodles and cook until tender. *Adjust broth level by adding more water if needed.

Vegetable soup with beef or beef stew

I've always called this vegetable soup with beef because, while it does include stew meat, the majority of the ingredients are vegetables. My husband calls it beef stew. Whatever you call it, it's a hearty fall or winter recipe that's easy to make in a slow cooker.

1 pound beef stew meat
3-4 medium or large golden potatoes, chopped
1/2 small bag frozen mixed vegetables
1 can diced or stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 carton beef broth
1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon olive oil
salt and pepper to taste

Season meat with basil and garlic powder and brown in a skillet with olive oil. Transfer to slow cooker and add can of tomatoes and half carton of beef broth. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. After 4-5 hours, add potatoes and remaining broth. An hour before serving add frozen vegetables.

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The board members of Mission Center Adult Day Service are back row from left, Laurie Stephens, Elaine Cowley, Paula Barbieri, Randy Lalk, Paul Brown, Sandra Coke and Lauren Berkebile; and front row from left, Jackie Berry, Glenda Pruitt and Rae Smith. In Monday's Names & Faces section, the wrong photo accompanied the board members' names. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Obituaries

Don Roush

Don Roush, 85, our dear husband, dad and grandfather, was welcomed home by his Heavenly Father on October 12, 2014.

Don Roush married Phyllis Duke on December 17, 1948. Everyone predicted it would not last; they were too young. They would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 17, 2014. So much for what "everyone knows."

Don was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 27, 1929 to Lawrence and Marie Roush. He grew up in Amarillo, Texas, attended Amarillo schools and graduated from Amarillo High School. Graduating from high school was quite a feat since he never bothered to go to school on Mondays. On Mondays, he worked at the stockyards making good money for a kid (of course Marie never knew about the Mondays). He had his priorities.

Don was first and foremost a man of faith. He was not showy with his religion, but after getting up at 5:30 a.m. to go to work six days a week, he faithfully attended an 8:20 a.m. Presbyterian service on Sunday. He left a spiritual legacy to all of us that we do not take lightly and will pass on to future generations. He served First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, as a deacon and elder, headed two ministerial search committees and served on countless building committees. He bled Presbyterian blood.

After retirement, Don drove Phyllis over a four state region so that she could attend Presbyterian Women meeting when she was moderator of Presbyterian Women, Synod of the Sun. He carried too many tables and books to count. As a result of the years of supporting PW, he was named "Honorary Presbyterian Woman" by the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Women. He was never a joiner and did not have his hand up in the air to volunteer, but he served in every part of the church that he was asked to serve.

Don was not only blessed with people who loved and needed him, but God gave him a career that he loved from the day he walked into Duke Electric in 1948 until the day of his retirement. He was one of those fortunate men who truly loved his job. He and Elmo Duke worked beautifully together for over 40 years, and although his family is so very proud of his work, you can't look at the Amarillo skyline and not see Don and Elmo's handprints all over it. Don would not want to be remembered for this but for the people he loved, molded, and provided for so well and for his love of God.

What Don Roush was to his church, his family and work cannot be contained in this short obituary. How can we illustrate how hard he worked and how loyally he loved? His dear friend, Katherine Wilson, gave him a statue that she thought described Don in a nutshell, a clown kneeling down to pray.

In his retirement, he was blessed to spend so much time with his son, Duke, playing golf, eating bar-b-q sandwiches and never missing a chance to go to a Midland Rockhounds baseball game. As Alzheimer's began slowly robbing him of his memory, he would turn to Duke and say, "I'm not always sure what is going on out there, but it is great just to be here." It was just heavenly for us to spend our lives with him.

Don was preceded in death by a brother, Douglas Roush, and sister, Helen Robertson.

Don leaves behind those who mourn him and miss him; his wife of 65 years, Phyllis Roush of Midland, Texas; daughter, Dona Roush of Edmond, Oklahoma; son, Duke Roush and his wife Cheryl of Midland, Texas; two granddaughters, Ashley and Lindsey Roush of Midland, Texas; brother, Larry Roush of Amarillo, Texas; niece, Kay Neathery and her husband Ray of Georgetown, Texas; and a nephew, Dean Robertson and his wife Marilyn of Longview, Texas.

God provided Don with angels who loved and cared for him as only angels can. We thank Maria Juardo, Josie Frausto, Ana Marta, Silvia de los Rios, Maria Madrid, Bertha Mendosa, Myra Siemz, and Chaplain Bill Billett of Manor Park. Not only did they minister to Don, but they healed the family. What dear friends!

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating. Graveside services will be held on Friday, October 17, 2014 at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to the Breaking Bread Soup Kitchen, PO Box 9402 Midland, Texas 79708.

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

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Death Notices

Barbara J. Barcey

Barbara J. Barcey of Fort Davis, Texas, 75, passed away on Wednesday, October, 8, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Thomas Williams; and her two daughters, Penny Warren and Carlene Fairbanks.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Elsie Elaine (Smith) Underwood

Elsie Elaine (Smith) Underwood, 68, of Goldsmith passed away October 11, 2014.

Family visitation will be at Acres West Funeral Chapel from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Texas State Veteran's Cemetery in Abilene.

She is survived by her mother, Marybelle (Smith) Gaddis; step-dad, Harold Gaddis; and daughter, Tammy Underwood Duke; and by one brother.

Reba L. Adams

Reba L. Adams, 90, of San Marcos, Texas, died October 12, 2014.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home.

NOVEL

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up and they grazed the banks bare," Dearen said. "It was just buzzard-filled skies and a carrion ridden valley."

While Dearen went to great lengths to ground his story in historical events, he said ultimately the novel is about the journey of his characters.

"The Big Drift is really the story of two men's search for redemption on the cattle range," Dearen said. "One cowhand is white and the other is black and they're both in very dark places in their lives. They're haunted by memories of racially charged events that can't be changed."

Dearen said both of his main characters were inspired by interviews with real cowboys from around that time period. For the character of Will Brite, Dearen used 76 interviews he had personally conducted with men who were cowboys before 1932 to inform the character. For Zeke Boles, he looked to interviews housed in the Library of Congress with one-time slaves or first-generation free men.

From the time period, to the inspiration for his characters and a first-hand understanding of his story's terrain, Dearen said he pays close attention to the details to craft a world that has a "sense of reality."

"I go to the place where the events actually happened as much as possible to get a common frame of reference with my character," Dearen said. "If the place is real and the background events were real, then I automatically have this aura of authenticity that I wouldn't otherwise have. I really love to take true events and weave fiction around them."

For his readers, Dearen said that — like his "writing idol Edgar Rice Burroughs" — he wants to entertain first and foremost. After that, he said he hopes to enlighten readers from outside the region.

"As someone who grew up in West Texas, lived here all my life and researched it, I think I understand West Texas," Dearen said. "It's good to be able to let readers from other areas know that we aren't totally in a literary wasteland here."

Dearen will be available to sign copies of the book this week at the Haley Memorial Library.

Dearen is the spouse of Reporter-Telegram Managing Editor Mary Dearen.

Book signing

Today: noon - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Haley Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., 682-5785

Tour de Vine event raises money for moms and children

By Steve Kuhlmann
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March of Dimes is set to host its 11th annual Tour de Vine fundraising event Thursday evening at the Midland Center.

The event will feature wine selected by Pinkie's Liquor Store and food from several restaurants such as Texas Roadhouse, Cotton Patch, H-E-B and Exquisite Catering.

Live music will be performed by the local cover band The Shades and live and silent auctions will feature several premium items including trips to Hawaii and Disneyland.

"Fundraisers like this are how March of Dimes is able to support all of the different programs that we service throughout the year such as our Hope Chest program," said Tracy Renton, division director for March of Dimes. "The support in the community has been very vital to the success of this event. We feel privileged to be able to host Tour de Vine in Midland so that the community can get involved with an organization that has been around for over 75 years helping moms and babies."

Renton said with the recent boom bringing in more mothers and families to the area, March of Dimes' services have been growing in demand.

"More and more of our parents that are coming into our community in Midland-Odessa come here with sometimes very little support, they're moving away from their families and they're being planted here in this community," Renton said. "Participating in programs such as our Hope Chest is allowing our moms to be able to connect with other moms and families that are going through similar or the same situations that they're going through and it's providing some extra support."

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

To donate or for more information, call 570-0172 or visit marchofdimes.org.

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choose winners for most original and best couple on site, the winner in the people's choice category will be decided on the non-profit's Facebook page.

"The people's choice is where we would like for them to take a picture of themselves that night at the party and post it to our Facebook page and then ask their friends to vote," Crites said. "At the end of the evening, the picture that has the most votes will be the people's choice."

Each winner will receive a trophy and a $25 gift card to Outback Steakhouse.

While costumes may be encouraged, they are not a requirement.

"Some people really like dressing up in costumes and others don't," Crites said. "In order not to exclude anyone, it is costume optional and if the person doesn't wear a costume then it's cocktail attire."

Auction items include "pumpkins that are either carved by some of our big brothers and sisters and their littles or if they are younger, they'll just be painted decorated pumpkins," Crites said.

The Boo Bash will be held 7-11 p.m. Saturday at the ClayDesta atrium.

Tickets for the event are $75 in advance and $85 at the door. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 687-0195 or at bbbsmidland.org.

DANCE TROUPE PERFORMANCE

Courtesy photo

Shaping Sound: Dance Reimagined takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Mixing modern dance against a variety of musical landscapes, the company gained fame with appearances on "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing With The Stars" and its own reality show, "All the Right Moves," on Oxygen network.
Troupe founder and Emmy-nominated choreographer Travis Wall has worked with musicians such as Eminem, Florence and the Machine and Rihanna. He also has worked on choreography for the Academy Awards and the MTV Video Awards. Fellow founder and Emmy nominee Teddy Forance has worked with Lady Gaga, Usher and Kelly Clarkson. Forance also performed as lead dancer on Cirque du Soleil's Dellerium.
Tickets range from $35-$79 and are available at wagnernoel.com.

'Ring of Steel' examines WWI

By Conrad Bibens
Houston Chronicle

■ REVIEW

In 1914, just like today, Russian expansionism caused great alarm in Germany and eastern Europe. Those fears helped cause World War I. May today's world leaders be wiser than the leaders of a century ago.

There are many books out to mark the centennial of World War I's beginning, so to stand out from the crowd, Alexander Watson has written "Ring of Steel" from the viewpoint of Germany and Austria-Hungary, the empires that were officially blamed for starting the conflict. He doesn't try to whitewash them but to explain their self-justifications for going into a war that destroyed them. Watson's subtitle is "The People's War," for he also focuses on the inhabitants of these empires, their patriotism and bravery, as well as their prejudices and weaknesses. "Why did the peoples of Austria-Hungary and Germany hold out for so long in the face of terrible hardships and against dreadful odds?" he asks.

A century ago, Europe ruled most of the world and most of Europe was ruled by royalty — emperors or tsars with real power, not just figureheads as in Great Britain. Most of their subjects felt an almost religious loyalty to these kings, if not to the countries they controlled, and were willing to fight and make sacrifices for them.

Austria-Hungary was a giant, multi-ethnic state that encompassed much of southeast Europe. Its inhabitants were Germans, Czechs, Croatians, Italians, Serbs, Poles and a half-dozen other nationalities, some of whom were eager to form their own nations or join other states that shared their ethnicity. When a Serbian nationalist assassinated the Hapsburg heir to Austria-Hungary's throne, the Austrians wanted revenge on the independent nation of Serbia, blaming it for encouraging the killer. Austria-Hungary had many military weaknesses but its generals thought that "now was the time to strike, to prove the Empire's vitality and to smash its enemies before they coalesced into an invincible coalition. In July 1914 Hapsburg leaders were desperate men. They were ruthless because they felt they had nothing to lose."

The Germans felt they had to stand by their Austrian allies. The Russians stepped in to support the Serbs, their fellow Slavs. Great Britain and France were allies of Russia, so they also declared war on the Germans and Austrians. Much of the rest of the world played a role, with colonial soldiers from places including India, Australia, Africa and Canada taking part. By 1916, the United States was dragged in on the British-French side. An exhausted Russia had a revolution in 1917 and dropped out, but the war continued. It was

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Selfie (N)	Love Story (N)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)		Forever "The Pugilist Break" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Nightl.
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Choke Hold" (N)		NCIS: New Or "The Recruits" (N)		Person of Interest "Brotherhood" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	Perry Mason	Adam 12
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Big Bang	Big Bang Theory	TheSimpsons	Bob's Burgers	New Girl (N)	MindyProject (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot/ Cleve.	Hot/ Cleve.	Met Mother	Met Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Voice "The Battles Premier, Part 2" (N)		Marry Me (N)	About a Boy (N)	Chi.Fire "Apologies Are Dangerous" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Your Roots "Roots of Freedom" (N)		MAKERS "Women in Space" (N)		Frontline (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65		165		(4:30) ★ Secrets & ...		★★★ Gosford Park Michael Gambon.						★★★ A Room With a View		Movie
HBO		300	68	14	14		Namath	J.Bell (N)	★ Rush ('13, Act) Daniel Bruhl.				Jerrod Carmichael		Boardwalk Empire	1stLook (6:15)	Hunted
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(3:50) ★ ★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Bruce Willis.				LastWeek		Bill Maher		The 50 Year Argument		Movie
HBO3		304	70	16	102		The Leftovers		Wire "Hamsterdam"		Boardwalk Empire		★★ Monster-In-Law			(:45) ★★ Gangster Squad	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ Top Gun		★★ The Heat Sandra Bullock.				Knick		(:50) ★★ The Hangover Part III		Movie
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★ The Counselor Cameron Diaz.				★★ The Waterboy			Lingerie "Sheer & Sexy"			★★★ Gravity
PLEX			96				(5:20) Get Loud		★★ Bio-Dome			(:40) ★ American Ninja 5: Little Ninja...				(:25) ★ Adventures of a Tee...	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:35) ★ Fruitvale...		The Affair		Inside the NFL		Jim Rome (N)		Inside the NFL		Homeland
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) ★ Streetdance			★ StreetDance 2 Tom Conti.			★★ Step Up Revolution			(:40) ★ The Kings of Summer	
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	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines					4th and Loud (N)		4th and Loud		★ Men in Black
BET		58	26		40		106 & Park (N)		Awards "2014 BET Hip Hop Awards" (N)				Husbands	Husbands of Hollywoo			Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	63		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		People Couch (N)		Watch	Manzo'd	Housewives NJ
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Yukon "New Blood"		Yukon Men (N)		Yukon Men (N)		Ice Lake (N)		Yukon Men		Ice Lake Rebels
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	(5:25) ★ Hallowee...		★ Return to Halloweentown		Wolfbld	DogBlog	Austin	Babysit.	Babysit.	GoodLk	GoodLk
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	Playoff	FIFA Soccer International Friendly (L)			30 for 30 (N)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Mike	SportsC.	NCAA Football Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Texas State (L)						NFL Live		Baseball T. (L)
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ('02, Fam) Daniel Radcliffe.								The 700 Club		★ Honey, I Shr...
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Columbus Blue Jackets Site: Nationwide Arena -- Columbus, Ohio (L)					Stars Live (L)	Stars (N)	Instant Replay	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle TCU/Bay		The New College Football Show (N)
FX		31	31	59	64	69	M&M	★★★ Men in Black 3 ('12, Act) Will Smith.					Sons of Anarchy (N)			Sons of Anarchy	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGar	JenGar	H.Hunt	House	JenGar	JenGar	JenGar	JenGar
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn	Pwn Star	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear (N)		Count.	Count.	(:05) Top Gear		Pawn	Pawn
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Studio Rescue "Point of No Return"		Dance Moms		Kim of Queens		Kim of Queens (N)		Studio Rescue "Point of No Return"
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	39				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Buffalo vs Carolina (L)					Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	Mixed Martial Arts	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Movie	Max (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		LiveDead	LiveDead	Face Off		LiveDead	LiveDead
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Post Pre-Game (L)	MLB Baseball American League Championship Series (L)							MLB Post	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Mr. Dood...		★ The Stranger's Return			(:45) ★★★ Dangerous			(:15) ★ Sadie McKee Edward Arnold.		
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina Corazones		Los miserables		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titular.	Los miserables	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids "Wedding Countdown!" (N)		Preach AL "Who's the Boss?" (N)		19 Kids "Wedding Countdown!"		Preach Alabama "Who's the Boss?"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	★★★ The Hangover ('09, Com) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.				★★★ The Hangover ('09, Com) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.				CSI: NY "Crossroads"		CSI: NY "Means to an End"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hillbill	Hillbillies	Feud	Feud	Feud	Soul Man	The Exes	Hot In	Friends	Friends	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Annihilated"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	(:05) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Fault"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★★ Backdraft Kurt Russell. Two feuding firefighters assist a detective in the investigation of a mysterious arsonist.						Manhattan		Manhattan	

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Eldorado artist enjoys detail work in miniatures

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

"I just have all kinds of art projects every day. There's no way you can be painting a picture and feel bad." Rita McWhorter of Eldorado has been an artist most of her life. "My mother was an artist. I was just always around it. The smell of turpentine and paint while she was painting was a thrill to me. I'd watch her and feel that I could do that, too."

Rita has been artist in residence at the State Fair of Texas. "It was so exciting to hear Big Tex invite everyone to come see me demonstrate." Among other projects, she has painted baptistery scenes in churches. She once did an oil painting of a nude. "It was from the backside and she was lying on a bunch of pillows. I was interested in getting the muscles in her back just right. When I finished it I couldn't hang it because my husband's family are all Baptists. For about 20 years, she stayed under the bed, in a closet or attic or garage. But now she has a home in a beautiful house in San Antonio and she's out of my life."

Rita picked up her guitar and sang me a song in Spanish. She entertains occasionally in nursing homes. While in her home I noticed some miniature furniture items she has made. The quality was astonishing. So was the subject matter. She made tiny replicas of the furniture in her home. "It's the most exciting thing to do something like that. As soon as I finished a piece, I wanted to start another."

Her ladies' desk looks exactly like the real thing. "All the drawers work. They couldn't just be a block of wood with a pull on it. This just goes back to painting and perspective and being able to do detail work."

Her miniature living room couch looks exactly like the larger one. "I used a quarter-inch plywood. Since I didn't want to use power tools, I used a coping saw to cut a frame. I know all about sewing because I took costume design in college. So I just made the cover for the couch like you would upholster a piece of furniture."

Rita made a miniature replica of a covered wagon with all the accessories. "It was a thrill to make that. The cover on the wagon is a dishtowel. After I got it tight I painted it to make it real taut, then I did all the stuff to go with it. I made a powder horn from a rooster spur."

Rita made up a story to go along with the covered wagon. "It's about a long distance love affair. "That story is by the wagon on tiny pages the size of postage stamps and you can read what's on them."

She doesn't sell her miniatures. She makes them just for fun. "When I would have a one-man show I always took them because people would crowd around to see them and they made everybody happy." She has several miniatures throughout her home. A bunch of grapes is made from mustard seeds. A set of silverware is made from copper wire flattened out with a hammer. A display of her miniatures was in the conference room at the LBJ State Park for 10 years.

Rita McWhorter is a painter from Eldorado who lives in San Antonio. She also makes miniatures, including this replica of a covered wagon with all the accessories. "It was a thrill to make that," she said. "The cover on the wagon is a dishtowel. After I got it tight I painted it to make it real taut, then I did all the stuff to go with it. I made a powder horn from a rooster spur."

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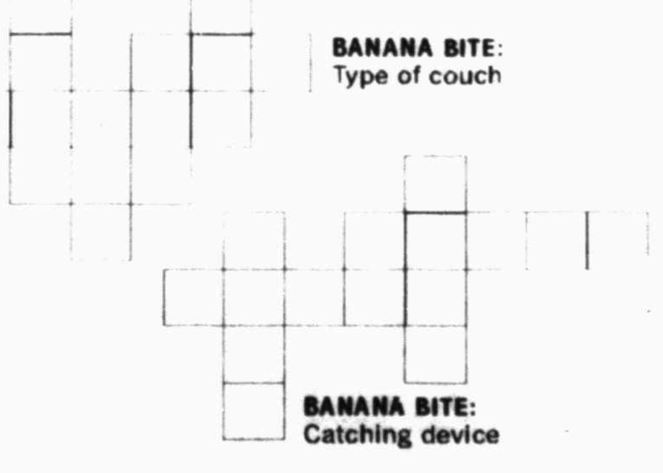

Yesterday's Answer: FAUCET, PLACID, ABRUPT, ABOUND

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STEEL

From 2B

a stalemate until the U.S. was able to fully mobilize its forces. The war officially ended in November 1918, with Germany and Austria-Hungary the major losers.

Watson's book is slow going at first, mainly because he gives you more than you probably want to know about the nations' pre-war military planning. He picks up momentum as the war begins, especially describing Russia's actions:

"The invasions of Germany and Austria by Russia do not receive much mention in history books today. The victims have been forgotten, their suffering and the wrongs inflicted upon them disregarded. Yet the importance of the Russian attacks cannot be overstated. The Tsarist army's invasions in the east ... offer the closest link between the campaigns of 1914 and the genocidal horrors of the mid-twentieth century. Racial ideology, anti-Semitism and ambitious plans to remold and exclude populations, all hallmarks of later Nazi actions in the same region, characterized these operations."

Watson is strong on the social changes and tensions in the civilian populations. Germany was far more united than Austria-Hungary ethnically, but the loss of loved ones and the shortages of resources widened the gap between the unapologetically snobbish nobility, the ambitious middle class and the restive working class. Before the war, anti-Semitism had been relatively mild in both countries and the Jewish populations were steadfastly loyal to their rulers. In Germany, Watson says, Jews were just 1 percent of the population but 2 percent of the armed forces, a fact that was ignored later by the Nazis looking for a scapegoat for the nation's defeat.

For those who already have a general knowledge of the war, "Ring of Steel" is a good addition to their understanding. The trouble with all the new books is that they have to compete with a couple of great ones about the war and its causes, both written by Barbara Tuchman in the 1960s. "The Proud Tower" and "The Guns of August" are still the most readable publications about the subject.

World War I casts a heavy shadow on the 21st century. It gave us weapons of mass destruction with millions of deaths. It began to crack Europe's domination of the world, for good and ill. It ended the reign of powerful kings and set the stage for Nazis and fascists to seize power in the war's aftermath. And it put communists much like Vladimir Putin in control of Russia.

NEIL SPERRY

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Pests bother gardener more than plants

Dear Neil: I have whiteflies on my fall tomatoes. I've tried an insecticide, but they're still there. Any suggestion?

Answer: Whiteflies are among the most difficult insects we have to control. Fortunately, they are much more of a nuisance to us as gardeners than they are hazardous to our plants. A big part of the problem in controlling them is they reproduce so quickly. Even if you kill the adults, there are eggs waiting to hatch. If you have found an insecticide that is legitimately labeled to control them (as opposed to home remedies), I would keep using it. However, you might also try the yellow sticky traps you can buy from local organic garden supply stores or online. Whiteflies are attracted to the yellow color, and they get stuck to the traps and die. Unfortunately, so will other insects. As late as it is in the fall garden season, however, I'm not sure I would bother with any of this.

Dear Neil: We just had work done to our porch, and the builders cut a root of our blue pine that was about 6 inches across. They had been instructed to leave the roots of the 40-year-old tree alone. What can we do to save the tree?

Answer: Wow! That's a large root. First and foremost, keep its soil moist. Get a certified arborist on the job to look at the tree immediately. At least it's fall, so if this had to happen, it's so much better now than it would be going into the summer. I wish I could give better advice, but I'm not familiar with a blue pine that would be grown here. Blue spruce. Blue Atlas cedar. There are many other conifers with the name "blue." Start by getting it identified. That may help with the plan of attack. Good luck.

Dear Neil: I have attached a photo of our 9-year-old sago palm. Obviously, it's happy here, but it's way too big. How can I prune it? When should I do so? I've not had luck with them in other locations.

Answer: You need to move this plant. To compare, you have a king-sized bed in a pop-up camper. There just isn't room for it, and there is no way to trim it without disfiguring it permanently. If you can hold out until February, that will get the plant through the bulk of the winter's cold weather. You might find a new plant that has grown up near the larger mother plant, and if so, perhaps you could save that one and replant it in this same spot to gain yourself another several years. But if you want to save this plant, it will have to go to larger surroundings, be dug and planted into a large patio pot (to be brought indoors during freezing weather) or be disfigured by pruning. There just isn't any other way out.

Dear Neil: What would cause our plum trees to leak sap badly? The bark is also splitting. Is this normal? What can I do?

Answer: If it's near the bottoms of the trunks, it could be damage being done by peach tree borers. The adult moths lay their eggs in the lower trunk tissues of peaches and plums. The larvae that develop tunnel around within the trunk, and the sap exudes through those tunnels. Trees that are impacted are difficult to save.

The other possibility would be that the tree has bacterial stem canker. That's common on plum trees' branches. (It shows up higher on the trees than the borers will.) For it, you need to apply a copper-based fungicide in the fall, just after all of the leaves have fallen. However, my own experience has been that it's difficult to stop this disease once it is active in a plum or peach tree.

Dear Neil: We found small black ants on our mimosa tree. My husband put Vaseline on the trunk so they wouldn't be able to climb it, but now it looks dead. He also wants to cut our crape myrtles back. Is this the time?

Answer: The ants were innocent bystanders. Something internal killed the mimosa top. Mimosas' life expectancy is short anyway. If you want to save the straightest of the sprouts as your new tree, you could do so, but cut the rest down. Better yet would be to replace it with a longer-lasting tree. As for trimming crape myrtles, branches can be removed at almost any time.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

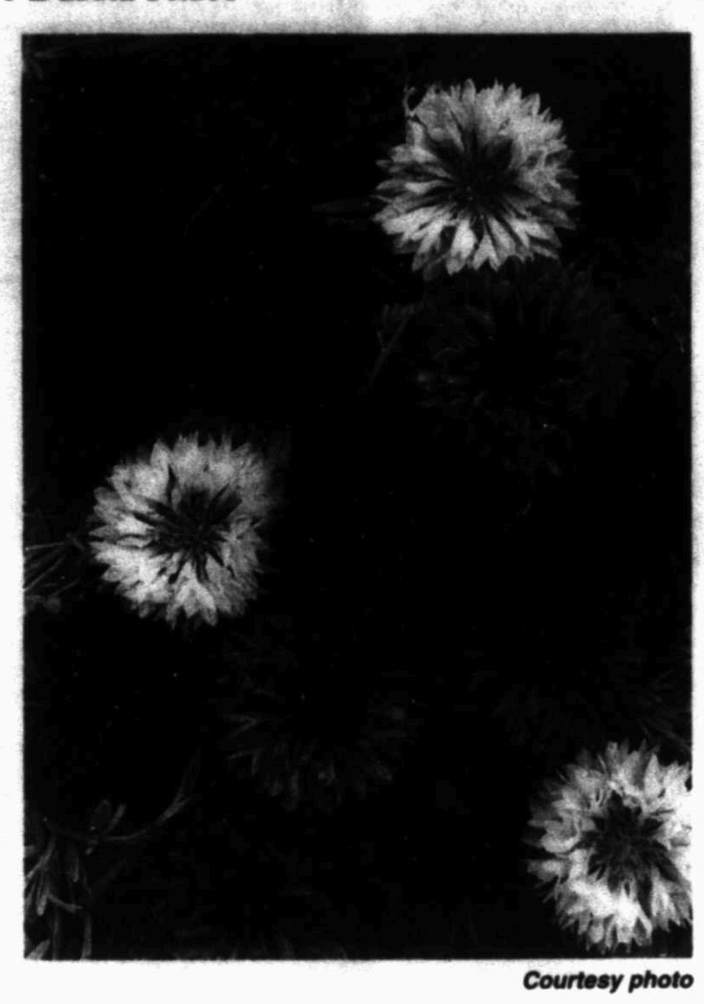
Fall colors range from muted to brilliant and come from many sources. Some color comes from plants that have been delivering color all summer, and are still going strong, like the gomphrena genus.

Gomphrena is a genus (group of related plants) that belongs to the amaranth family. Those who grew up on a farm might know the plants as the careless weed or pigweed family. While careless weed is an incredibly strong grower and abundant producer of weed seeds, some of the gomphrena species are equally vigorous in the garden.

Globe amaranth (Gomphrena globosa), also called bachelor button, is the most common species grown in gardens. It is a warm-season annual that grows with vigor once the soil and air temperatures are warm. They grow about 2 feet tall and 18-24 inches wide, have a branching growth habit and lots of clover-like flower heads. The flower color actually comes from a bract, while the true flower is a tiny white or yellow feature that is easily overlooked. Magenta or purple is the most common color but there are also lavender, rose, pink, white and bi-colored cultivars. There is also a dwarf selection that gets about 10 inches tall. Globe amaranth thrives in ordinary well-drained soil, heat, sun and can tolerate dry conditions.

A recent and worthy cultivar of globe amaranth is called "fireworks." True to the species, this annual is a tremendous source of color, even with the cooler temperatures of fall. Fireworks has smaller flower heads, but many more of them with a bright pink color and the tiny yellow true flowers located at the tips of the bracts which look like fireworks. Plants gets 3-4 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide. It is easy to grow in full sun, well-drained soil and hot conditions. A new hybrid called "pink zazzle" has 3-inch wide pink flowers that last for weeks. Plants are much stockier, growing about 15 inches tall and wide. Not much is known about their performance locally, but save room to try some next year when availability will be better.

Rio Grande globe amaranth (Gomphrena haageana) is another gorgeous and useful plant for summer and fall color. Strawberry fields is the most commonly grown cultivar with flower heads that are reminiscent of strawberries. This plant gets about the same size as globe amaranth and is very similar, except in flower bract color which is a bright orange-red. It also grows in plain, well-drained soil, heat and sun and it will tolerafe drier conditions.



Courtesy photo

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Need color re-leaf? Make a note on your 2015 calendar to plant one or more of the pretty pigweed members. Try gomphrena for easy, heat-tolerant color that goes from early summer to fall freeze.

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Mowing to correct height helps keep lawns healthy

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Many calls make their way into the extension office every month from folks wanting information on how to keep their lawns alive and healthy. Homeowners gain a lot of satisfaction from maintaining a swath of rich green turf as a component of their overall landscape. Winter can be hard on West Texas turf, but there are some things you can do to protect your investment in labor and time.

All lawn grasses have a preferred mowing height for best performance. As winter approaches, it becomes important to mow grass near the upper end of its optimal performance height. The taller mowing heights offer the growing regions of the turf plants some cool-weather protection and cause a little slower growth, resulting in less frequent mowing.

In his textbook, "Southern Turfgrasses: Their Management and Use," Richard Duble of Texas A&M University recommends Bermuda grass species be mown between 1 to 1.5 inches. Both hybrid and common species of Bermuda tend to become less tolerant of traffic when allowed to grow taller than 1.5 inches.

St. Augustine grass performs best when the mower is set somewhere between 1 and 3 inches. Mowing St. Augustine below 1 inch may create enough stress during cool weather to predispose it to the very injurious fungal disease called take-all-root-rot (TARR). TARR is an opportunistic soil fungus that infects the roots of turfgrass in the moist cool environments often accompanying fall.

Zoysia grass is a species we are seeing more frequently in West Texas lawns. Zoysia has been performing well as a drought- and shade-tolerant turf in the Permian Basin, even when irrigated with marginal quality well water. This Southeast Asian native shows great promise as a lawn turf for West Texas. Although Zoysia is slow to green-up in spring and turns dormant a little early in the fall, it produces a thick dark green stand that can be enjoyed throughout the summer.

Buffalo grass is the only Texas native species we find in Permian Basin landscapes. Buffalo is the most drought tolerant of all southern turfgrass species and responds well to fertilizer but does not tolerate the use of most common turf herbicides. It looks very attractive when allowed to grow tall. In fact, buffalograss prefers to be kept between 2 and 3 inches and looks very nice waving in a breeze at 4 inches.

If you plan to fertilize your lawn this fall, be sure to get your soil tested first. This type of prescriptive fertilization method helps you avoid adding too much phosphorous to the soil if there is no need for it. Fertilizers should be applied at least one month before the first expected frost. Fertilizing after mid-October may cause your turf to generate a lot of tender growth that could be susceptible to cold damage.

An informational session for those interested in becoming a Texas Master Gardener in 2015 will be held 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 10 at the Ector County Annex, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. Classes will be taught Saturdays to accommodate both retired and working volunteers. Enrollment costs $250 and covers the Master Gardener manual, speaker fees and printing of class material. To learn more, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686.4700 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

TODAY: Sunny High: 75 Low: 49

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 51

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 90 Low: 55

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 81 Low: 55

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 59

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 59

Local forecast

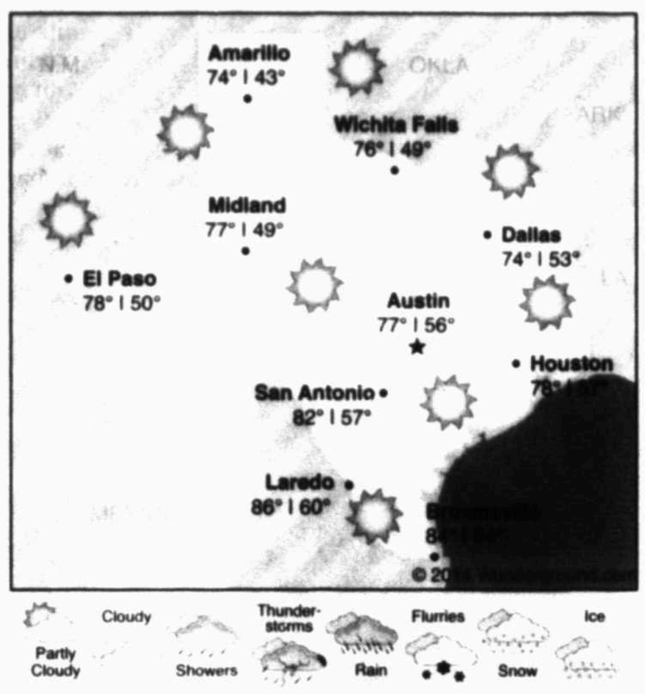
Expect temperatures to warm up with highs in the 80s for the remainder of the week — except for Wednesday when the high could reach 90. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 71, while the low dropped to 54. The record high for Oct. 13 is 94 set in 1968. The record low is 34 set in 1969.

Weather why

Q. Sometimes you hear the forecaster refer to the "jet stream." What is it?

The jet stream is one of the most influential forces of weather known, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The jet stream is a river of air that flows high above the Earth, usually between 20,000 to 40,000 feet,. The core of the jet stream is a fast-moving wind current that blows west to east in the Northern Hemisphere, and it can range from speeds of 90 to more than 250 miles per hour." McRoberts said. "Winds in the jet stream are stronger during the winter months because that's when the temperature contrasts between the Equator and the North Pole are greater — the greater the surface temperature, the bigger the contrast."



Precipitation

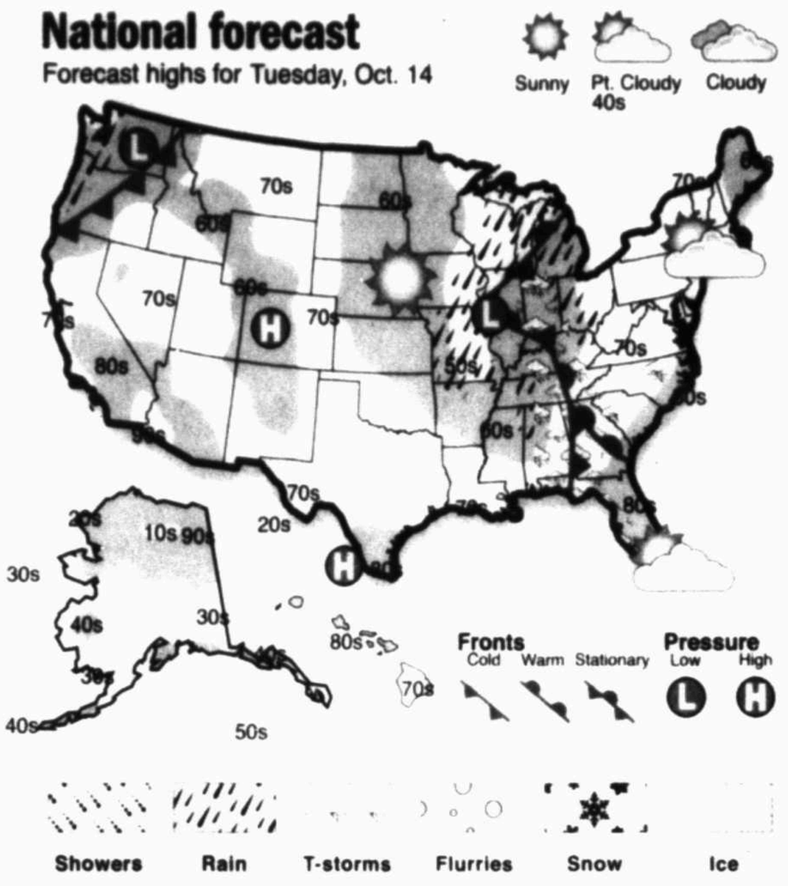
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	6.46 in.
Normal total (year to date)	12.43 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	71
Low	54
Normal high	79
Normal low	53
Sunrise	7:51 a.m.
Sunset	7:17 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Oct. 14



Transgender husband is embarrassment to his sons

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: After 10 years of marriage, my now ex-husband told me he is transgender. He isn't taking hormones, but he makes no attempt to hide his feminine dressing, makeup and wigs from our 6- and 9-year-old sons. They understand little of their dad's new life, other than that their dad likes "girl stuff." They often tell me they are embarrassed being with their dad in public when he has his nails painted or is wearing female clothing.

I have tried talking to my ex about this, but he becomes resentful when I bring it up. He feels he can do whatever he wants regardless of how he embarrasses our sons. Do you think I could take him to court to have an order put in place that he not dress like that when he has our children? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: You could discuss it with your divorce lawyer, but I don't think it would work. It would be much better if you asked your ex to explain to his boys the reason he's dressing in female attire so they can understand it. Your husband is not going to change, so they are going to have to interact with him until they are quite a bit older.

DEAR ABBY: Our nephew, whom we raised, has offered my husband and me a lovely home to live in during our "senior years." We are both in our 70s, live on Social Security, and I am physically unable to do much of anything, so our nephew has also offered us a weekly gardener and a house cleaner twice a month.

Abby, how are we ever going to be able to repay his generosity? My children are not in a position to offer us much help, but they plan to be around and help with additions to the house, painting and things like that. How can I repay them for the labor they're going to expend? I'm so grateful to all of them and feel helpless to let them know how I feel. — SO GRATEFUL IN ROMNEY, W.VA.

DEAR SO GRATEFUL: You have obviously been a wonderful parent to your children and the nephew you raised like a son. Now it's time for them to repay YOU, so please relax and accept it. Because you want to give them something, consider assembling family albums for each of them or a cookbook containing some of your special recipes. I am sure that receiving such treasures along with your thanks and your love will be compensation enough.

DEAR ABBY: I have an 11-year-old daughter who was diagnosed with severe ADHD and anxiety at the age of 7. She is receiving treatment for her condition.

My problem is, I don't know how to cope with her and her condition. I get impatient and frustrated when I have to continually repeat myself because she's not doing what she has to do. I'm afraid I may have hurt her by lashing out at her in anger, and I catch myself yelling and screaming more than hugging and praising. I need to find help and resources to educate me and provide support for this very real condition. — IN ADHD TURMOIL

DEAR IN TURMOIL: A place to start would be to discuss your concerns with the doctor or therapist who has been treating your daughter. Your feelings are not unusual, and he or she may be able to direct you to a parent support group in your area.

If that's not possible, go online and search "support groups for parents of children with ADHD." You will find many pages of resources — so many that it's not possible to list all of them here.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Subterfuge

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K J 10 7 4 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 8 4

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

EAST
♠ 8
♥ A Q J 7
♦ K Q 10 2
♣ 9 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ 10 5 3
♦ A J 9 6 3
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2 ♥*	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	3♣	3♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

East's well-judged balancing double pushed North-South slightly out of their comfort zone. Eight tricks would have been easy; nine tricks was a challenge.

South won the opening club lead, cashed the ace of spades and led another spade, inserting dummy's 10 for a successful finesse. The 4-1 trump split proved too difficult for declarer to handle. He tried to reduce dummy's trump length for a possible trump coup, but ran short of entries and eventually conceded down one.

The defense can always prevail, but a clever declarer might have improved his chances. Can you spot how?

The poor spade split is predictable on the auction. South might have tried the effect of smoothly ducking the opening club lead! The defense will still succeed if West shifts to hearts and they take three heart tricks before playing another club, but would you shift if you were West? Partner's low club play might have been from a holding like ace-king-three.

Assuming a club continuation, South wins and cashes a third club, discarding a diamond from dummy. Now a low spade (not the ace) to dummy's 10 is followed by a diamond to the ace and a diamond ruff. A spade is played back to the ace for another diamond ruff. Dummy is down to the king-jack of trumps and three low hearts. Declarer can exit with a heart and dummy cannot be prevented from winning both remaining trumps for nine tricks.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014:

This year you are able to move through problems with ease if you focus on your objectives and refuse to get involved in gossip. You are evolving to a new maturity level, and you are likely to make choices that will reflect this transformation. If you are single, the type of person you attract could be very different from those you've attracted in the past. With this knowledge, date and enjoy your life, but make no commitments for a while. If you are attached, the two of you might be experiencing some differences, mainly because your sweetie is getting used to the new you. Give him or her time to adjust. CANCER's moodiness can irritate you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your responses will change from optimistic to grumpy if you are not careful. You could feel fortunate that people are so inquisitive in the morning, but you might feel manipulated by someone's questions by the end of the day. Tonight: Change locations to change your mood.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You'll go along with a friend's decision to move in a chosen direction. This person's drive will help you feel more creative and open to change. You might have a surprising revelation when you look at this new path. Tonight: Take a risk, but only if you can deal with the loss.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Be aware of what is being offered. You might have pushed too hard to create more of what you want. As a result, you'll need to step back and get others' opinions. Be open to criticism, as you can improve your decision with some feedback. Tonight: Curb possessiveness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You seem to be coming from a very caring position. You could feel as if you have pushed beyond what you had thought possible. Manifesting a long-term desire could be feeding your drive. A person you need to answer to could jolt you with his or her behavior. Tonight: On a roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your attitude defines your day. Fortunately, you'll remain upbeat when others get involved in a power play. Tapping into your creativity could prevent you from descending into a difficult situation. Greet the unexpected as a way of opening your mind. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on others' expectations when trying to come to an agreement. Evaluate how realistic these projections are in order to determine if there is a common thread. A sense of unity could be important. Tonight: You could be stunned by a loved one's actions and/or attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A disagreement about a project or joint commitment will need to be addressed. Air out each party's differences rather than ignore them. You could be taken aback by someone else's thoughts or actions. Tonight: Use a disruption to create an opening for spontaneity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your mind and your intuition will merge and lead you in the best direction possible. You are likely to gain an unusual perspective, which will allow greater possibilities. Tonight: Someone will sense that you're the right person to have a discussion with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others expect you to let them put in their two cents and elaborate on their comments. You might be walking a tough diplomatic line if you don't establish strong boundaries. Being polite simply might not work in the long run. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Follow-through counts, and you will be able to make all the difference with your choices. Listen to what is being shared, and allow others to apply their ideas to the situation. Do not interfere with this process. Tonight: Head home for some more liveliness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Reach out for more information, especially if you find a clog in the works. It is very likely that a thought or idea won't play out as you would have liked it to. Stay centered, and know full well that you will find a better solution or path. Tonight: At work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to be more reflective and open to the possibilities around you. A little too much flirtation could backfire in multiple ways. Maintain strong boundaries to separate different areas of your life if you desire fewer complications. Tonight: Spice up the night.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Usher (1978), fashion designer Ralph Lauren (1939), former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Westminster landmark
6 Literary captain who says "I'd strike the sun if it insulted me"
10 Natural bandage
14 Witch
15 Decide, as a judge
16 Freight train hopper
17 Stolen pastries in "Alice in Wonderland"
18 Access using force
20 Say with certainty
21 "Get off the stage!"
22 Without any slack
23 Old-time fountain employee
25 Right-angle bend
26 Amigo
27 They're earned by completing college courses
31 Shade
34 __ bear
37 Buffalo's lake
38 1954 Oscar-winning Brando film, or where either half of 18-, 23-, 51- and 61-Across can literally be found
42 Gyro bread
43 Staircase pillar
44 Ultimate degree
45 Many a rush-hour rider
48 Drink often iced
50 Justice Dept. division
51 Like unabridged print dictionaries
56 Less biased
59 Wall-climbing plant
60 Bump off
61 Being attacked
63 Sudden power increase
64 Observes
65 Tablet operator
66 In base eight
67 Police crisis unit acronym
68 One of the deadly sins
69 Kick off

DOWN

1 Attend to the duties of
2 "Well done!"
3 Yawning in class, say
4 Catch in a sting
5 "Certainly!"
6 Ann __, Michigan
7 "Impresario" memoirist Sol
8 Stein filler
9 Car that's ready for the scrap heap
10 Side of a road
11 Egyptian Christian
12 Adam's second son
13 More than lean
19 Leafy green
21 Later on the page
24 Joke
27 Group of workers
28 Appliance with a water reservoir
29 Shade
30 Late-night host Meyers
31 Beer flavoring
32 Curriculum part
33 James of jazz
35 Path to the pins
36 Consumed
39 Ergonomic keyboard feature
40 Second attempt
41 Hurried away
46 Bucks and does
47 Tongue-lashing
49 Kidnap
51 Adds to the staff
52 Stave off
53 Vital blood line
54 Groucho's smoke
55 Prepared to be knighted
56 Make a scene
57 Once again
58 Creative spark
62 Pocatello sch.
63 Sea captain's "Help!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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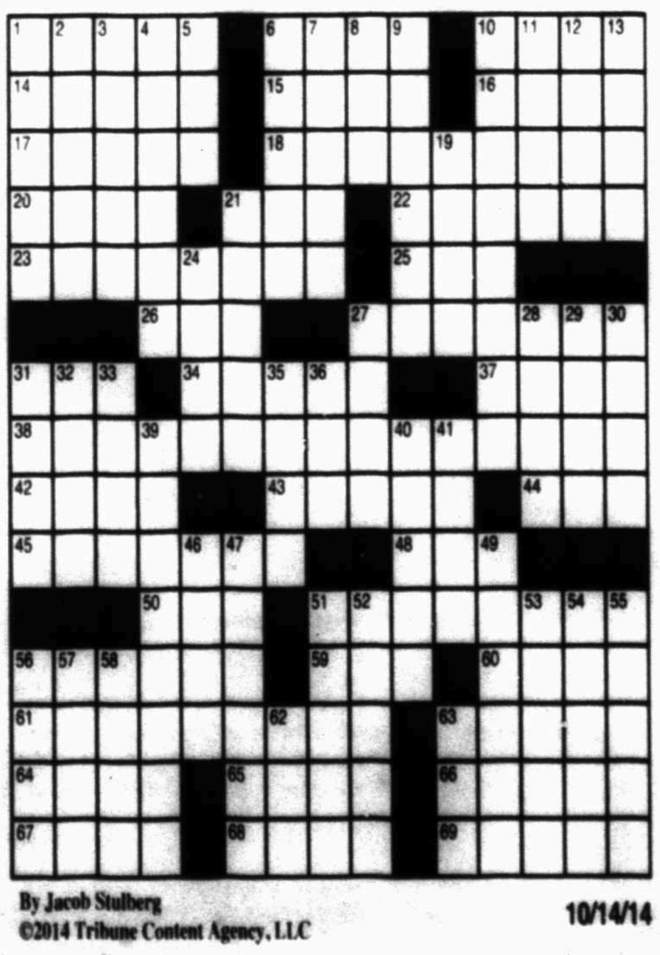

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SOUND BITES

Reviews of recent releases

FLORIDA GEORGIA LINE
"Anything Goes"

Busting out with a record-breaking country single, as Florida Georgia Line did with its multiplatinum smash, "Cruise," doesn't always ensure long-term success. But "Anything Goes," the duo's second album, suggests they have enough talent and ideas to get past the backlash that comes with overexposure.

Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley keep the mood fun and grooving, with producer Joey Moi bringing plenty of fresh sonic surprises amid the beats and harmonies. For example, "Sun Daze" could be undermined by the silly pun of its title, on a song about spending a Sunday soaking in rays and indulging in at least two brand-name liquors. But Moi's arrangement brings in whistling, hand claps and a banjo to create a bright groove that insists on making hips sway.

Similarly, new single "Bumpin' the Night" works a predictable double-entendre about a couple moving in tandem while drinking (of course), cruising the town and sharing time alone. But the arrangement once again comes to the rescue.

Florida Georgia Line's recent hit "Dirt" proved the band can deal with subjects beyond throwing down with friends. But they rarely bother on the rest of "Anything Goes." And that's OK, as long as Florida Georgia Line remains this consistently inventive and engaging.

Michael McCall/AP

ANGALEENA PRESLEY
"American Middle Class"

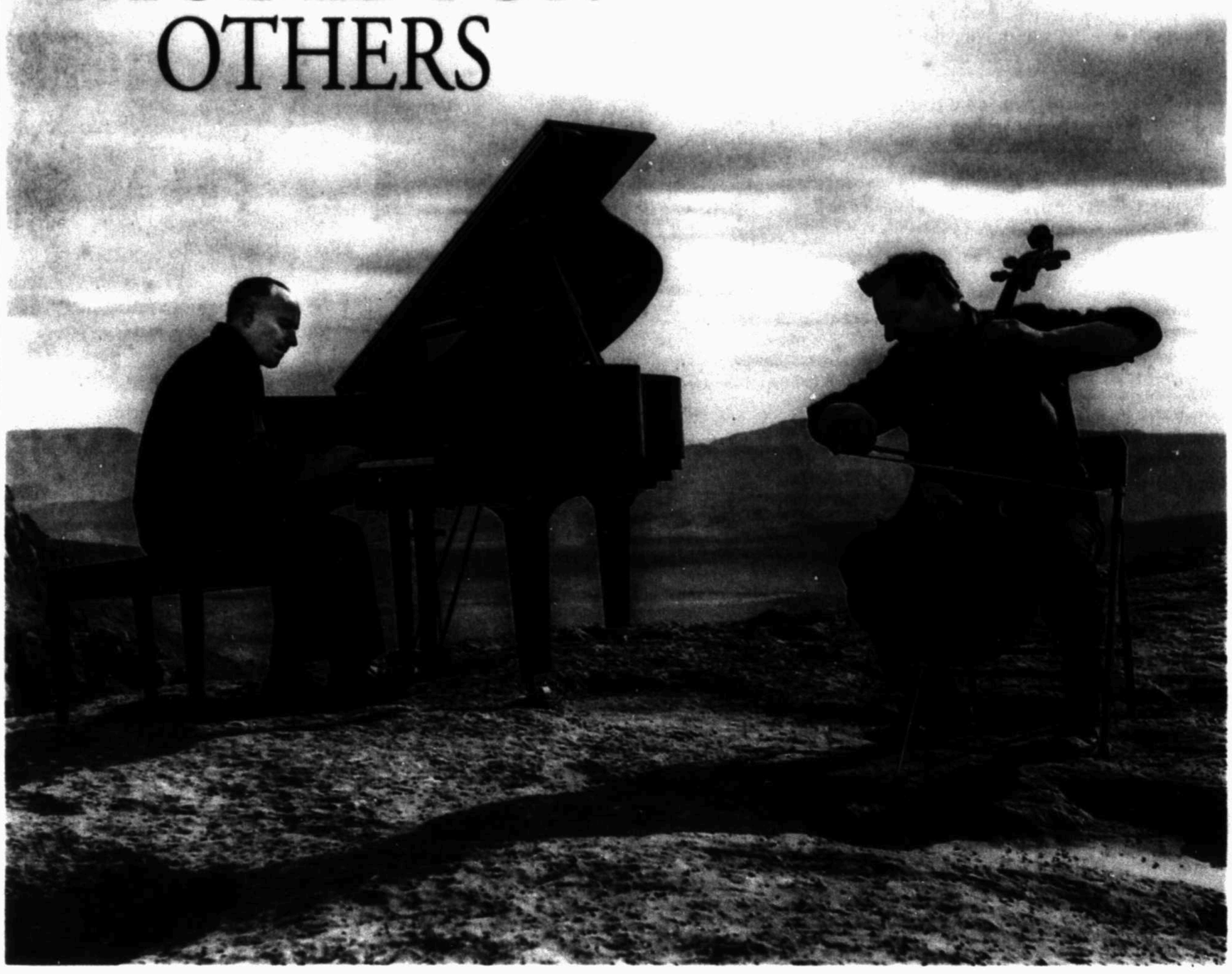
Angaleena Presley was little-known outside of Nashville when she formed the Pistol Annies with Miranda Lambert and Ashley Monroe. Her solo debut, "American Middle Class" — with its potent narratives about working-class Southerners — shows off the gutsy songwriting that made the others so eager to collaborate with her.

Like revered country songwriters Matraca Berg, Dolly Parton and Gretchen Peters, Presley uses her facility for wordplay to probe life's complexities rather than deliver catchy confections. She repeatedly downplays choruses in favor of stanzas packed with everyday truths.

A coal miner's daughter from Kentucky, she sings in a wholly Southern twang set to soulful country rock that's laid back rather than arena aggressive. But it's her lyrics that matter. Presley may be the first mainstream country artist to sing about the rural epidemic of methamphetamine and Oxycontin abuse, as she does in "Dry County Blues" and "Pain Pills." She deals in consequences instead of escapism, whether she's singing about liquor ("Drunk"), unmarried pregnancy ("Knocked Up") or defying the devil ("All I Ever Wanted").

Michael McCall/AP

MODEL FOR OTHERS



A musical mash-up plays well on the Web

By Leslie Kaufman
N.Y. Times News Service

YouTube stars tend to fall into a handful of categories: game players, teenage makeup artists, grumpy cats and, occasionally, young rockers.

Then there are the Piano Guys — a pianist and a cellist — whose videos of their classical and pop mash-ups against the backdrop of places like the Utah desert, the Great Wall of China and, most recently, a set for the Batcave have turned them into a YouTube viral sensation.

Their videos have been viewed nearly a half-billion times, they said, and their YouTube channel has 3.2 million subscribers, which gives them just a tad fewer fans than Justin Timberlake, but more than Jennifer Lopez and One Direction, according to the independent ranking site VidStatsX. Their new album, "Wonders," is already at the top of the iTunes classical album chart, and their international concerts have been selling out.

But it's not just the Piano Guys' music that's a mash-up — their marketing strategy mixes a homegrown approach with an institutional one. In 2012 they secured an unusual contract with Sony, with the label agreeing to distribute the group's work internationally but ceding creative control to the band. And instead of paying royalties to the Piano Guys, as Sony insists with most new artists, it is sharing the profits as partners.

Bogdan Roscic, president of Sony Music Masterworks, said the arrangement supported a productive and already successful organic marketing and music-making process. In the two years since the contract began, the band has released five albums and 50 videos (they had 20 videos before the deal) — all with its own funds, Simone said.

In the social media age, in which a new YouTube star seems to emerge weekly, the Piano Guys deal could quickly become a model for others.

"The way we work together may be unusual, but I think you will see it become much more common very quickly," Roscic said.

In addition to Jon Schmidt, the pianist, and Steven Sharp Nelson, the cellist, two others round out the group behind the scenes. Al van der Beek is a producer and Paul Anderson provides the instruments and often the ideas for the videos. Moving a piano onto a red rock cliff in Utah for an early video was his inspiration.

The four men, all of whom live in Utah, seem as surprised by their unlikely success and speak of it in spiritual terms. "Our first video did a million in the first month," Nelson said, discussing the group's breakout in 2011, "Michael Meets Mozart" (as in Jackson and Wolfgang Amadeus). "Selling a homemade music tune by putting four middle-age dads playing classical instruments in the desert is not a business model; it is a miracle."

The band is named after a business in St. George, Utah, a small city about an hour northeast of Las Vegas. Anderson, the store's owner when the band formed, had hurt his back moving a piano and for six months was stuck in bed, where he became a student of YouTube. Convinced that he could use social media to sell his wares, he shifted his entire advertising budget to making videos that would prominently feature his Yamaha pianos.

In 2011 Schmidt, a well-known pianist in the area, walked into his shop. Anderson recognized him and begged him to work on a video, promising it would promote both their careers and that he would foot the production cost. Schmidt agreed and brought along Nelson, who in turn brought in van der Beek.

Their music is hard to categorize. The group performs both pop songs like "Let It Go" from the Disney movie "Frozen" and classical music like "Pictures at an Exhibition" by Mussorgsky.

"You have a cello and a piano playing in a classical vein, but it is tough to pin us down," Nelson said. He dislikes the term crossover because, he said, most classical musicians just put a drum beat behind traditional music to reach a broader audience. Instead they will take, for example, five of the most memorable melodies from a classical work like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and infuse it with a pop song, as they did with OneRepublic's "Secrets."

"We are, with a delicate machete, carving out a new path," Nelson said.

Today's releases

U2 'Songs of Innocence'

Bob Seger 'Ride Out'

Florida Georgia Line 'Anything Goes'

you & me 'rose ave.'

Jessie J 'Sweet Talker'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

OCTOBER

14 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **AJR** @ McKinley Park
14 **Destroyer, Romantic Rebel, Ghetto Justice, Kanye East** @ Blue Max
15 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
15 **The Peculiar Pretzelmen, American Swine, Grupo Frackaso** @ Blue Max
15 **Shaping Sound** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Sam Riggs & Night People** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
16 **Whiskey Myers** @ Comanche Trail Amphitheatre in Big Spring
16 **Suzanne Vega** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Cody Bryan Band** @ Lone Star Bar
16 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
16 **Nelly's Echo** @ UTPB
16 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
17 **Cory Morrow** @ Graham Central Station
17 **No Dry County, Nick Verzosa and the Noble Union** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **Buggaboo** @ Redneck's
17 **Alex Culbreath, Scott Kirby, The Ditchrunners** @ Blue Max
17 **WB Quartet, Dene Redmon** @ Music City Mall
17 **No Show Jones** @ The Detour
17-18 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
17-18 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
18 **For Michael, The Music of Michael Jackson** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Samuel Zachary, Richard Acuna, Tyler Kirk, Martha Elliot** @ Music City Mall
18 **Coffee Anderson** @ Horseshoe
18 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
18 **Forgotten Road** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Hogg Mollies** @ Redneck's
19 **Susan Boyle** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Padlock, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
20 **Chaos in Tejas, Redeemed Chaos, Kilter** @ Blue Max
21 **Heart** @ Wagner Noel
21 **Upon A Burning Body, Whitechapel, Glass Cloud** @ Club Patron
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
21 **Bass Line Burns, The Vibrators** @ Blue Max
22 **Aaron Woods Band** @ Permian Basin Oil Show
22 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
23 **Guttermouth, Against the Grain, In the Whale** @ Blue Max
23 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
23 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
23 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Millenium Jazz** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
24 **Loco Motive** @ The Detour
24 **Tyler Kirk** @ Music City Mall
24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
24 **Kevin Fowler** @ Graham Central Station
24 **Jesse Jennings** @ YMCA Fall Festival
24 **The Shane Rogers Band** @ Redneck's
24-25 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
24-25 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
24-25 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
25 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Martha Elliot** @ Music City Mall
25 **Ana Gabriel** @ La Hacienda
25 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
25 **TJ Broscoff** @ 10 Sports Bar
25 **The Justin Cole Band** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Black Dutch Sioux** @ Redneck's
26 **MOSC West Texas Winds - "Back in Time"** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
26 **Micawber** @ Blue Max

LUBBOCK

OCTOBER

19 **Bear Hands, Wild Party, Butcher Babies, Anti-Mortem** @ Jake's
21 **Five Finger Death Punch, Volbeat, Hellyeah, Nothing More** @ Lone Star Event Center
25 **A Flock of Seagulls** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

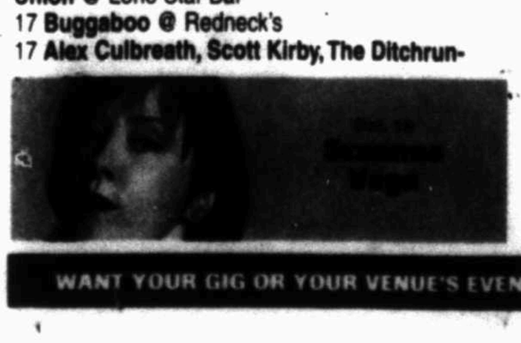
OCTOBER

31 **Blue Oyster Cult** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

OCTOBER

14-15 **Erasure, Dangerous Muse** @ House Of Blues
16 **Papa Roach, Chevelle, P.O.D., Starset, Crobot, New Medicine** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
17 **Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, J Balvin** @ American Airlines Center
17 **Widespread Panic, Orleans Avenue** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie



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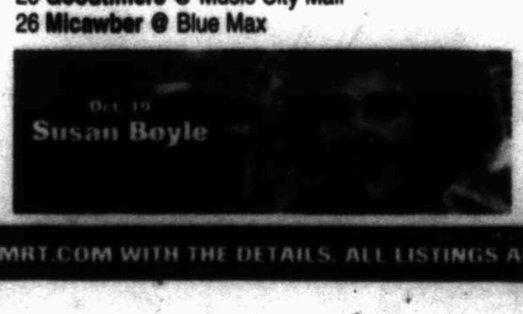

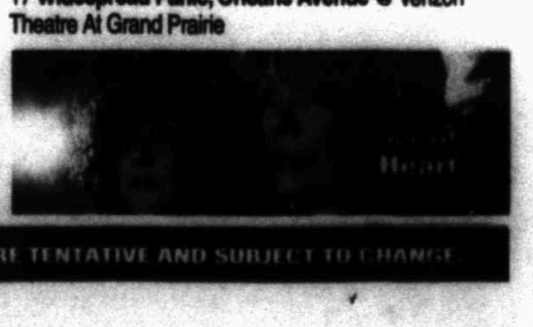

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Mustangs determined to bounce back from loss

By Len Hayward
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On Saturday mornings the Midland Christian football team will meet after a home game to watch film and be treated for any injuries from the night before.

This past Saturday marked the first time since 2009 the Mustangs returned to the field house on a Saturday morning after a loss. While Friday night's loss to Argyle Liberty Christian is the Mustangs' first this season in the rugged TAPPS Division I, District 1, coach Greg McClendon said he didn't see a team that was down.

He saw a team that was upset at having lost, but determined to improve and bounce back.

"Look, losing around here is heartbreaking, that's the kids, the coaches ... everybody," McClendon said on Monday. "But I saw a different team that was still ticked off on Saturday. I also got texts (Sunday) night, and the main message was, 'I'll pick it up and cut my mistakes out.' And that's not with me asking them."

McClendon said that determination to get better is something that has him confident the Mustangs (4-2, 2-1 in TAPPS Division, District 1) will bounce back and correct the mistakes that haunted them in a 20-13 loss to Argyle Liberty Christian.

The Warriors turned two Midland Christian turnovers into touchdowns, plus the Mustangs were stopped on downs inside the 3-yard line to prevent a game-tying touchdown.

Midland Christian outgained the Warriors, 410-179, on Friday, which shows how costly the turnovers were for MCS.

McClendon said his team was ready to play and ready for the charged atmosphere of a game against the Warriors, but said one too many mistakes and missed opportunities made the difference. In Midland Christian's two losses this season, they've totaled eight turnovers. In the other four games, all wins, the Mustangs have three.

"The missed opportunities were the mistakes," McClendon said. "I think one goes hand in hand with the other. It was a big-game environment, it was extremely loud ... they were uncharacteristic mistakes, and they were enough to cost us the football game."

McClendon said the big thing will be focusing on correcting those mistakes and also preparing for another tough test this week against Plano Prestonwood, who is 4-2 and 2-1 in district play. Both teams are coming

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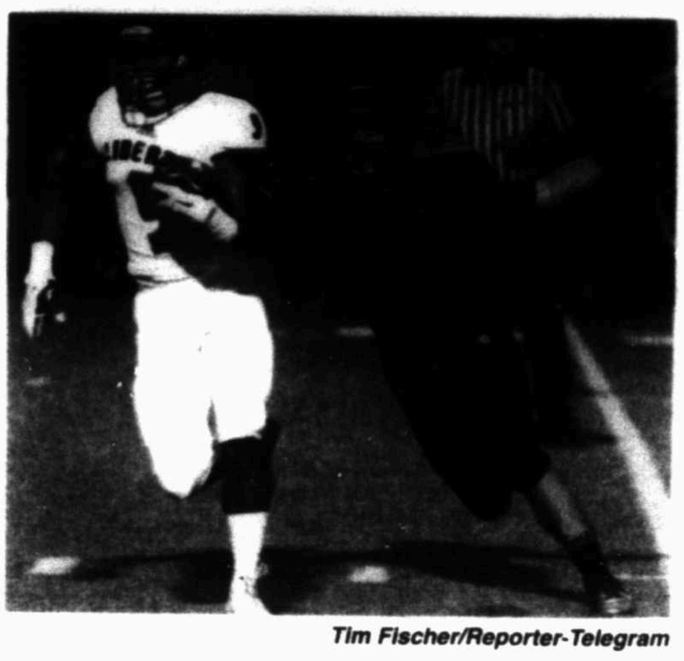

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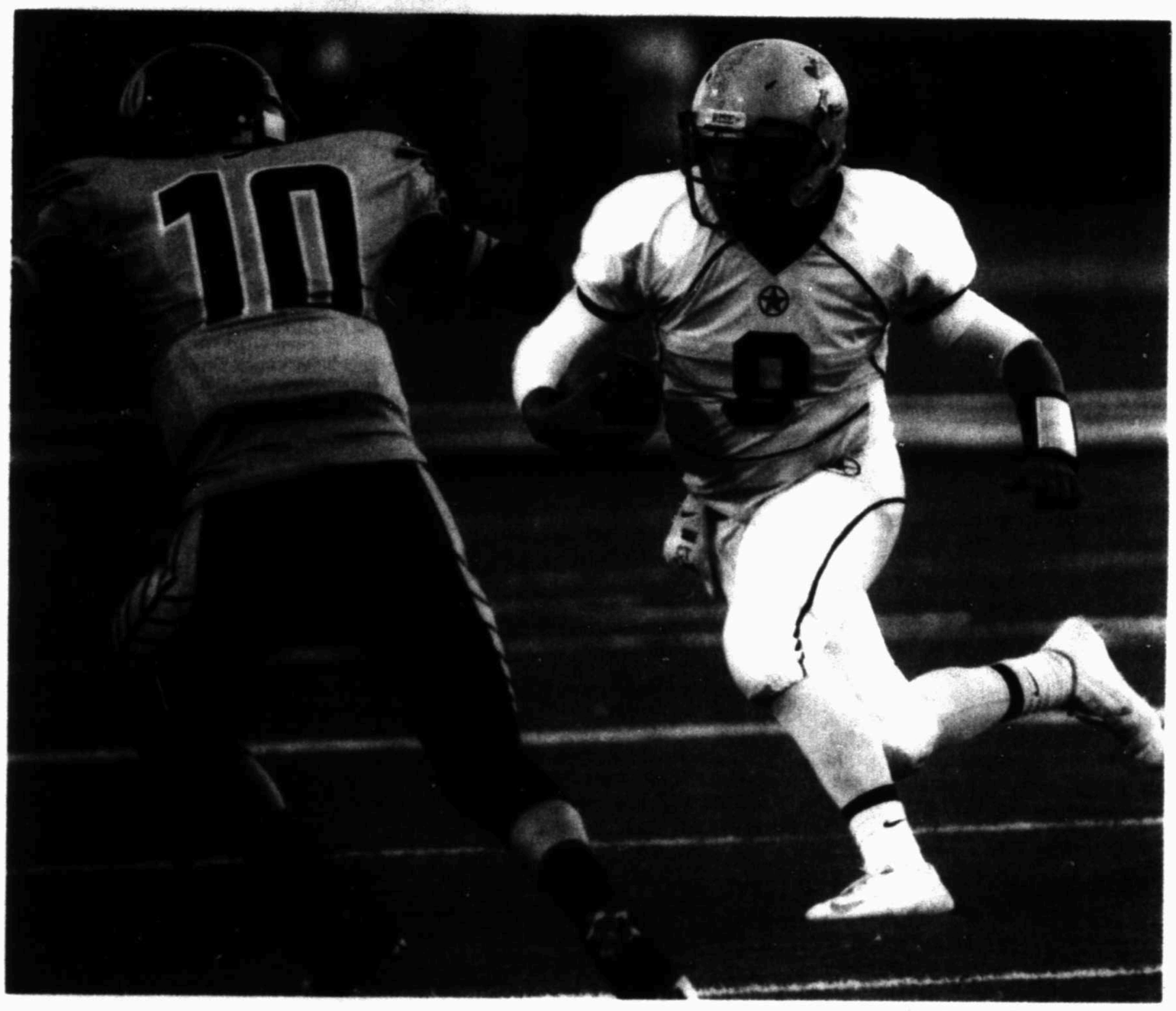
Argyle Liberty's Justus Lee tries to get away from Midland Christian's Reagan Brown on Friday at Mustang Field.

MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Only getting better



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Greenwood's Zach Redwine tries to get around Seminole's Brennen Dominguez during an Aug. 29 game at Wig Wam Stadium in Seminole. Redwine has been recognized as the MRT Player of the Week.

Redwine finishes strong after slow start

By Oscar LeRoy
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Zach Redwine showed on Friday how far he's come as a quarterback. Even though he and Greenwood got off to a slow start against Lamesa in the District 2-4A Division II opener, the senior gathered himself and led the Rangers to a 36-14 victory over the Golden Tornadoes for the team's first district win in two seasons.

Redwine was instrumental in the comeback win as he was 14-of-28 passing for 179 yards, one touchdown and one interception, to go with 73 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 11 carries.

For his performance, Redwine is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"He played well on Friday night," Greenwood coach Shad Hanna said. "He started off real tight, made some bad decisions and didn't connect with his receivers. When he finally relaxed, he did some great things. He made some great reads and took advantage of what Lamesa was giving him. And then when it came to running the ball, he made things happen. He had a bad snap and he turned what could have been a 15-yard loss into a first down."

Redwine admitted that knowing it was the first district game of the season, got him a little nervous at the beginning.

"I settled down and stopped worrying so much about the blitz and just about my reads," he said. "I realized as a quarterback I had to be calm for my team. I started trusting in my offensive line and they started to do their job, and my receivers did their job. I just had to do my job. Not only did the offensive line start picking up the blitzes but the receivers caught some balls that I kind of threw behind them and that helped my confidence as well."

Lamesa took a 14-6 lead in the first quarter as the Rangers (3-3, 1-0) only had a punt return for a touchdown by Javier Vizcaino at that point. But then Redwine helped the Rangers take a 30-14 halftime lead with touchdown runs of 3 and 10 yards.

"We didn't play well in the first half

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Cowboys showing different side in fast start

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys crumbled two years ago in Seattle after an early special teams blunder. This time he led another fourth-quarter comeback in the strongest sign yet that a four-year playoff drought could end.

A 30-23 Dallas win Sunday that reverberated around the NFL came after the Cowboys fell behind 10-0 when the Seahawks returned a blocked punt for a touchdown. They faced the same deficit in 2012 after fumbling the opening kickoff in a 27-7 loss.

Those Cowboys didn't have the league's leading rusher and an unwavering will to keep running, even against a Super Bowl champion that was the league's best at stopping the run. And the Dallas defense wasn't geared to match that physical style of play.

"I think we are a little better ballclub," Romo said after throwing for two touchdowns and keeping the winning drive alive with a scrambling 23-yard completion to Terrance Williams on third-and-20. "Our team understands we do a lot of things pretty well and I think we have the ability to impose ourselves on the other team."

There's even a lesson for eternally optimistic owner Jerry Jones in a 5-1 start that has Dallas tied with Philadelphia and San Diego for the NFL's best record. Maybe a little pessimism isn't a bad thing.

Jones said during the offseason he thought the defense would be better only because it couldn't get any worse than in 2013, when Dallas gave up the third-most yards in league history. Then he tamped down expectations by telling thousands of fans at the kickoff luncheon that his team faced an "uphill battle."

If so, the Cowboys are winning it heading into their first NFC East game Sunday against the New York Giants (3-3). It's the first of three straight at home — and four overall — in which Dallas figures to be favored.

"We actually said before we came up here, I just really couldn't imagine us playing and competing" the way they did, Jones said. "I really do think it's the kind of win under adverse circumstances, which this is, that you really build from."

DeMarco Murray, who leads the league with 785 yards rushing, has a chance against the Giants to become

Please see **COWBOYS**/3C

Baylor continues to lead era of high scoring

By Kurt Voight
Associated Press

The age of high-powered offenses continues to drive college football this season, with no end — or limit — in sight to how high the points can go.

Nowhere was the scoring fun more in focus this weekend than Baylor's 61-58 win over TCU on Saturday.

The Bears, led by Bryce Petty's national best of 510 yard passing for the week, rallied from 21 points down to hand the Horned Frogs their first loss of the season. Following the dramatic win, Baylor continues to lead the country with an average of 52.7 points per game, while TCU is third at 45.8.

The two teams combined to gain 1,267 yards in the game, which was the second-highest scoring affair between two ranked teams. Baylor was also involved in the highest scoring one, a 70-63 loss to West Virginia in 2012.

While the two Big 12 Conference teams put on an offensive show for the rest of the country to enjoy the truth is high-scoring games like Saturday's shootout are becoming more and more commonplace.

Nationally, Football Bowl Subdivision teams are averaging 30.3 points per game this season. That's up from 27.1 points per game in 2009 and 29.5 last year, with Spread offenses and stricter defensive rules contributing to the steady rise.

The Pac-12 leads all conferences with an average of 35.6 points per team per game. More surprisingly, the Southeastern Conference — home to Alabama's 14-13 win over Arkansas on Saturday — is the second-highest scoring conference with an average of 34.8 points per team.

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Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune Herald

Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty throws in Saturday's game against TCU in the second half in Waco.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas State, 7 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

PGA: Grand Slam of Golf, Day 1, 3 p.m., TNT

MLB

NLCS Game 3: Giants at Cardinals, 3 p.m., FS1/FOX-DEP

ALCS Game 3: Orioles at Royals, 7 p.m., TBS

MEN'S SOCCER

International Friendly: Argentina vs. Kong Kong, 6:50 a.m., beIN/beIN2

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifiers MD3: Armenia vs. France, 10:50 a.m., ESPNDEP

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier: Denmark vs. Portugal, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier MD3: Germany vs. Republic of Ireland, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifiers MD3: Northern Ireland at Greece, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP

International Friendly: Ecuador vs. El Salvador, 5:45 p.m., beIN2

International Friendly: Chile vs. Bolivia, 5:50 p.m., beIN

International Friendly: USA vs. Honduras, 7 p.m., ESPN/UniMas/UniDep

Copa Sudamericana: Club Cerro Porteno vs. CA Lanus, 7:30 p.m., FOXDEP

International Friendly: Colombia vs. Canada, 8:05 p.m., beIN/beIN2

NBA

Exhibition: Bucks at Cavaliers, 6 p.m., NBATV

NHL

Stars at Blue Jackets, 6 p.m., FSSW

Sabres at Hurricanes, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Midland High at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Trinity at Midland Classical, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Chrsitian, 7 p.m.
Fort Stockton at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Seminole at Greenwood, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Texas A&M-Kingsville at UTPB, 6 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

CORRECTION

Amarillo San Jacinto defeated Trinity, 25-19, 19-25, 25-18, 25-19 during a TAPPS 1-3A match on Friday at Trinity. The score was incorrect in Saturday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

JUNIOR TENNIS

USTA National Selection Tournament
Saturday-Monday
Midland College Tennis Center
Final Results
Boys 18
Doubles

Eric Rutledge, Fort Worth, def. Reese Stalder, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1-6, 6-4, 10-7.

Costa Mesa, Calif., 1, def. William Genesen, Tulsa, Okla., Michael Tan, Albuquerque, N.M., 4-6, 6-4.

Singles
Final

Eric Rutledge, Fort Worth, 2, def. Spencer Furman, Seattle, Wash., 6-4, 6-1.

Consolation

Ben Vandehorn, Lberbville, Ill., def. Reese Stalder, Costa Mesa, Calif., 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 10-8.

Girls 18
Doubles

Tamwan Furnagalli, New Braunfels, Melissa Pick, Albuquerque, N.M., def. Alex Sanford, Phoenix, Savannah Slayman, Phoenix, 1-6, 6-4.

Singles

Girls 18 Singles, Final Round:

Rebecca Weissmann, Loveland, Colo., 1, def. Alexandra Letzt, Scottsdale, Ariz., 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Consolation

Priya Nezgoda, Austin, def. Rylee Cox, Rockwall, 6-1, 6-1.

HSVOLLEYBALLBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS BEGINS BIG STRETCH IN 3-6A

The Midland High volleyball team will begin its most important two-match stretch of the season when it travels to face Abilene High at 6 p.m. today.

The Lady Bulldogs (25-6, 3-2 in District 3-6A) sit in third place in the district, one match behind the Lady Eagles for second. Abilene High knocked off Midland High in four sets in the District 3-6A opener on Sept. 26.

Midland High is riding a three-match winning streak at the moment, while the Lady Eagles lost their last game, in an undefeated battle with San Angelo Central.

LEE LOOKS TO REBOUND

The Lee volleyball team has had a tough three-match stretch over the last week and a half, and things won't get any easier for the Lady Rebels today.

Lee will take on first-place San Angelo Central at 6 p.m. today in San Angelo.

The Lady Rebels (16-19, 1-4) have lost three straight matches — all in straight sets — and need a win to stay in the playoff chase. However, it won't be easy to accomplish on the road against Central, which sits atop the 3-6A standings at 5-0.

Lee lost its district opener to Central in straight sets earlier this year.

District 3-6A volleyball

Team	District	Overall
	W	W L
San Angelo Central	5	0 32 5
Abilene High	4	1 29 7
Midland High	3	2 26 6
Odessa Permian	2	3 22 12
Lee	1	4 16 19
Odessa High	0	5 10 22

Friday's Scores

Odessa Permian def. Lee, 25-8, 25-13, 25-14
Midland High def. Odessa High, 25-8, 25-16, 25-11
San Angelo Central def. Abilene High, 25-9, 25-21, 25-22

Today's Matches

Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER DUSTDEVILS BEAT FALCONS IN SHOOTOUT

LAREDO — Texas A&M-International scored four second-half goals to upend the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 6-4, in a Heartland Conference match on Monday.

The Falcons took a 3-2 lead in the first half as Nathan Cotterell scored all three goals, and all three were unassisted.

But A&M-International came roaring back in the second half as Ryan Hodgson, Jovany Macias and Eduardo Gonzalez all tallied goals in the second half.

UTPB fell to 1-8-1 overall and 0-3 in Heartland Conference play and will return to action at 7 p.m. Saturday against Newman in Odessa.

WOMEN'S SOCCER A&M-INTERNATIONAL HOLDS OFF FALCONS

LAREDO — Texas A&M-International's Kim Garcia scored a goal in overtime to give the Dustdevils a 2-1 victory against the University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's soccer team on Monday in Heartland Conference action.

Jasmin Lopez scored for UTPB late in the first half as Danica Hansen had the assist.

UTPB (1-9-1, 0-3 in Heartland Conference) will return on action against Newman at 5 p.m. Saturday in Odessa.

SWIMMING TCU TOPS UTPB IN DUAL

ANDREWS — TCU topped the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in a dual swimming meet on Saturday at the Andrews Natatorium.

TCU scored 106 points to UTPB's 78 to win the women's title. The Horned Frogs had 118 to win men's title while the Falcons' men's squad scored 83 points.

Results
Winners listed only
Women

Team standings: 1 TCU 106 2 UTPB 78
200 medley relay: UTPB (Sammi Strohmeyer, Jillian Covey, Amanda Alspaugh, Lauren Porras) 1:57.41
200 freestyle: Peyton Slater UTPB 2:01.27
200 IM: Emily Gibson TCU 2:11.88
50 freestyle: Meagan Thompson TCU 25.52
100 butterfly: Maggie Burkhardt TCU 58.97
100 freestyle: Ali Bleasdell, TCU 54.50
500 freestyle: Mackenzie Schuler TCU 5:13.35
200 relay: UTPB (Peyton Slater, Jillian Covey, Caitlin Diaz, Ariana Marek), 1:42.45
100 backstroke: Devin Newton TCU 58.55
100 breaststroke: Michelle Gardiand 1:08.31
400 freestyle relay: UTPB (Lauren Porras, Ariana Marek, Amanda Alspaugh, Peyton Slater), 3:51.75

Men

Team standings: 1 TCU 118, UTPB 83
200 medley relay: UTPB (Jack Maloy, Alex Ruata, Kyle Smith, Kyle Marshall) 1:37.47
200 freestyle: Ryan Whelan TCU 1:48.37
200 IM: Carlos Hunincutt TCU 1:56.01
50 freestyle: Thor Stentford TCU 21.93
100 butterfly: Adam Szilgao TCU 51.93
100 freestyle: Garrett Hills TCU 48.17
500 freestyle: Connor Dobbs TCU 4:48.13
200 relay: UTPB (Kyle Smith, Alex Ruata, Hunter Grioza, Kyle Marshall) 1:29.88
100 backstroke: Cooper Robinson TCU 51.16
100 breaststroke: Alex Ruata UTPB 57.43
400 freestyle relay UTPB (Evan Allard, Jack Brown, Jack Maloy, Brandon Hay) 3:32.36

Former champion Leon Spinks hospitalized

By Tom Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks is in a Las Vegas hospital after a second operation for abdominal problems.

The 61-year-old boxer, who catapulted to fame by beating Muhammad Ali in 1978, had the second surgery in recent days after complications from the first emergency surgery, his wife said.

"It's going to be a long road ahead, but he's strong and he's starting to recover," Brenda Spinks told The Associated Press.

Brenda Spinks said she doesn't know how long her husband will be hospitalized, but that she's optimistic about his recovery.

"There were complications after his first surgery, but everything has been fixed," she said.

Earlier, singer Tony Orlando sent out a tweet asking people to pray for Spinks, a good friend of his. Orlando wrote that Spinks was "facing the greatest fight of his life."

Spinks and younger brother Michael both won Olympic gold medals in 1976 in different weight classes and went on to become heavyweight champions. Leon's rise was meteoric — he got a shot at Ali and the heavyweight title on Feb. 15, 1978, after just seven pro fights.

Few in boxing — including Ali — gave Spinks any chance in the fight, but he used his energy and awkward style to frustrate Ali and win a 15-round split decision at the Las Vegas Hilton. But he lost the title back to Ali in their rematch seven months later before more than 60,000 people at the Superdome in New Orleans.

"Ali thought I was a wimp and I had to prove to him I wasn't," Spinks said recently. "I knew I could beat him after watching his fights."

Spinks would get one more chance at the title in 1981 against Larry Holmes, only to be stopped in the third round. He would never become the heavyweight champion again but fought until 1995, finishing with a career mark of 26-17-3.

Spinks was known to mix partying with training, and quickly burned through the big money he made early in his career. He would later move to Nebraska, where he worked as a custodian at a YMCA before moving to Las Vegas in 2011.

Spinks, who has slurred his words since his active boxing days, was diagnosed in 2012 with shrinkage in his brain, which doctors said was likely caused by the punches he took during his career.

"My brain has got to let me know I'm doing all right and I've got to do things to help my brain now," Spinks said after the diagnosis.

Michael Spinks upset Holmes for the heavyweight title in 1985 and fought Mike Tyson in a title showdown three years later. Tyson knocked him out 91 seconds into the fight, and he retired.

AP file photo

In this June 12, 2011, photo, former heavyweight boxing champion Leon Spinks waves during a Boxing Hall of Fame parade in Canastota, N.Y. Leon Spinks is in a Las Vegas hospital after a second operation for abdominal problems.

Diskerud aims for larger US role in next 4 years

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Mix Diskerud is not planning on becoming the next Landon Donovan.

He just hopes to have a role in filling the void the U.S. men's national team will have to address going forward.

There's something fitting that in Donovan's final international appearance for the U.S. last week against Ecuador, he started a sequence that led to a goal by Diskerud, who was issued Donovan's No. 10 jersey for this year's World Cup.

And now Diskerud will get another chance to impress, as the post-Donovan era for the Americans gets under way in an exhibition against Honduras on Tuesday night.

"It was definitely memorable," Diskerud said of his goal in the 1-1 draw against Ecuador on Friday, his fourth in 22 international appearances. "It was Landon's last game, and it was fun to be a part of that, an honor. Turned around, he was the first one I saw, gave him a huge hug and he was a part of the goal. It was fun."

It seemed appropriate that Donovan and Diskerud were part of what became the final goal the best scorer in U.S. men's history would be a part of on the international stage. Diskerud made the U.S. team that went to Brazil for the World Cup. Donovan didn't, and Diskerud wound up getting his number — though actually didn't appear in any of the U.S. matches during the tournament.

Diskerud said he has no qualms about not seeing action in Brazil. The U.S. is already looking forward to the challenges of the next four years, which doesn't leave the Norwegian-American midfielder any time to lament what might have been.

"Not difficult at all. It was huge to be part of the whole group," Diskerud said. "It's not only on the field you contribute, it's off the field, the training sessions and everything. I feel I was a big part of the group and I learned from the best. Hopefully I'll be a bigger part going forward."

That's what the mission these days is for the U.S., finding the new names that will play roles going forward and can mesh with longtime stalwarts of the program like Clint Dempsey, Jozy Altidore — who will be playing Tuesday in his hometown — and Michael Bradley.

"It's the evolution of a team, especially of a national team," Bradley said. "Somebody like Mix who has had the experience of being around for a few years now starts to get asked to take a bigger role."

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Named Chip Hale manager and signed him to a two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated RHP Stephen Fife from the 60-day DL and assigned him outright to Albuquerque (PCL).

American Association

AMARILLO SOX — Exercised the 2015 option on INF Kevin Mahoney.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Sold the contract of RHP Chris Peacock to Pittsburgh (NL).

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Traded LHP Ryan Bollinger to Troy Rivemen (Can Am), as one of the two players to be named in a previous trade.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Sent LHP Luke Westphal to Joliet to complete a previous trade.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed LHP Ryan Brockett and RHP Tim Koons to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived G Lorenzo Hancock.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Named Rod Baker scout.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Waived G Jeffery Holland.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released QB Dennis Dixon from the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed CB Terrance Mitchell from the practice squad. Waived LB Terrell Manning from the practice squad. Signed S Shamier Gary and TE Jacob Maxwell to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Re-signed OL Gavin Hautpmann to the practice squad. Released OL Chris Martin from the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed fullback Lonnie Pryor and DE George Uko to the practice squad. Released WR Kevin Lone and RB Jeff Demps from the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived TE Brett Brackett. Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with OL Aaron Dalton.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Activated F Brandon Mashinter from injured reserve and assigned him to Rockford (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned LW Curtis McKenzie to Texas (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Adirondack (LW Trevor Vallers) 10 games for his actions in an Oct. 10 game at Rochester.

ELMIRA JACKALS — Released F Luke Kastner, F Jacob Johnstone, F Duncan Schulz and D Jakub Baca from their tryout agreements. Released D Brett Sudermann and G Neil Comeau.

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Announced F Andrew Hogarth was assigned to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Acquired F Pat Mullane from Greenville for the rights to D Mike Barnett. Released G Sam Maciuhis and D Kyler Nixon from their tryout agreements.

Western Hockey League

VICTORIA ROYALS — Acquired a conditional draft pick from the Edmonton Oil Queen for F Jake Kotthuisen.

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League

MINNESOTA SWARM — Signed F Shane McDonald, F Joe Maraglia, D Eric Guttman and G Pat Merritt to two-year contracts.

COLLEGE

BUFFALO — Fired football coach Jeff Quinn.

LOUISVILLE — Dismissed freshman WR Kamphron Pharr from the team after campus police found him for drug possession.

MIAMI — Signed women's basketball coach Katie Meier to a contract extension through 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE — Suspended LB Jerrod Fernandez, S Josh Jones, WR Johnathan Alston, WR Jumichael Ramos, OL Justin Jones, OL Pharaoh McKever and CB Mike Stevens one game apiece after a BB gun incident at an off-campus residence. Placed redshirting freshmen Tyler Jones, Kaleb McCain, Deyshawn Middleton, Antonio Pierce and Maurice Trowell on team probation.

RANDOLPH-MACON — Named Shawn Postoykovic men's assistant basketball coach.

TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE — Fired football coach David Calloway. Named defensive line coach Jaime Martinez interim football coach.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Ottawa	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Detroit	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Toronto	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Boston	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Florida	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Buffalo	1	1	0	0	2	3	2

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	5	2
Columbus	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Washington	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
N.Y. Rangers	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Carolina	1	1	0	0	2	3	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	2	2	0	0	4	8	0
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	7	3
Chicago	2	2	0	0	4	7	4
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	6	4
Winnipeg	2	1	1	0	2	7	6
Colorado	2	1	1	0	2	7	6
Dallas	2	1	1	0	2	2	3

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
Vancouver	1	1	0	0	2	4	0
Anaheim	1	1	0	0	2	3	0
Los Angeles	1	1	0	0	2	3	0
Arizona	1	1	0	0	2	3	0
Calgary	1	1	0	0	2	3	0
Edmonton	1	1	0	0	2	3	10

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

Monday's Scores

Colorado 2, Boston 1
Anaheim 5, Buffalo 1
Ottawa 1, Florida 0
Tampa Bay 1, Montreal 1

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Oct. 13
All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $259,262
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $158,537
3. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah, $88,643
4. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $86,832
5. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, $86,668
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $80,309
7. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $74,496
8. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $61,394

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $172,384
2. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore $126,929
3. Austin Foss, Terebonne, Ore $122,717
4. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $102,890
5. Will Lowe, Canyon, $99,013
6. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $95,309
7. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands $89,935
8. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $84,225

Steer Wrestling

1. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $91,604
2. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $82,055
3. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $80,278
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $77,754
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $76,578
6. Bray Armes, Ponder, $69,216
7. Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb. $67,832
8. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif $65,992

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $110,181
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $101,421
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $101,399
4. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $80,643
5. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $81,470
7. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $79,491
8. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $76,963

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $110,181
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $101,789
3. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $101,399
4. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $93,735
5. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $81,470
7. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $79,491
8. Rich Skelton, Llano, $76,963

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $126,879
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $111,085
3. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $102,413
4. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $92,574
5. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville $88,729
6. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $83,875
7. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $77,694
8. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $77,495

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $153,822
2. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $116,983
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $93,849
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $85,893
5. Marty Yates, Stephenville $83,188
6. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $81,533
7. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $79,687
8. Cade Swor, Winnie, $76,319

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $68,835
2. Chet Herron, Pawhuska, Okla. $67,910
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $53,561
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $45,415
5. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $43,489**
6. Chance Ketton, Mayer, Ariz. $37,464
7. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $35,224
8. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $33,281

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $143,165
2. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $125,547
3. Cody Teel, Kountze, $102,589
4. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $85,634
5. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $77,830
6. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $77,307
7. Reid Barker, Comfort, $76,227
8. Josh Koschel, Hurrn, Colo. $72,837

Barrel Racing

1. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $155,280
2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, Texas $131,471
3. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $121,617
4. Nancy Hunter, Nephi, Utah $104,289
5. Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D. $102,947
6. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas $100,645
7. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $99,712
8. Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo. $93,135
9. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $93,048

AREAHSFOOTBALLSTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	4	1	203	102	.857
Fabens	4	3	127	158	.571
Clint	4	3	200	138	.571
San Elizario	3	3	147	113	.500
Mountain View	1	5	78	212	.166

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	1	0	62	00	1.000
Clint	1	0	29	13	1.000
San Elizario	0	0	00	00	.000
Fabens	0	1	13	29	.000
Mountain View	0	1	00	62	.000

Last week's scores
Andrews 62, Mountain View 0; Clint 29, Fabens 13; San Elizario 28, Lordsburg N.M. 15

This week's games
Andrews at San Elizario; Fabens at Clint
Mountain View: Clint is open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	5	1	250	171	.833
Stephenville	5	1	282	118	.833
Ab Wylie	4	2	151	112	.667
Brownwood	3	3	182	153	.500
Snyder	2	3	177	240	.285

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	1	0	49	06	1.000
Stephenville	1	0	40	21	1.000
Ab Wylie	0	0	00	00	.000
Brownwood	0	1	21	40	.000
Snyder	0	1	06	49	.000

Last week's scores
Big Spring 49, Snyder 6; Stephenville 40, Brownwood 21; Abilene Wylie was open

This week's games
Brownwood at Abilene Wylie; Snyder at Stephenville; Big Spring is open

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	6	0	288	201	1.000
Fort Stockton	4	2	186	161	.667
Greenwood	3	3	131	177	.500
Monahans	3	3	236	156	.500
Lamesa	1	5	146	187	.166
Pecos	1	5	107	173	.166

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	1	0	35	14	1.000
Monahans	1	0	52	20	1.000
Sweetwater	1	0	34	28	1.000
Fort Stockton	0	1	28	34	.000
Lamesa	0	1	14	36	.000
Pecos	0	1	20	52	.000

Last week's scores
Greenwood 36, Lamesa 14; Sweetwater 34, Fort Stockton 28; Monahans 52, Pecos 20

This week's games
Sweetwater at Greenwood; Fort Stockton at Pecos. Lamesa at Monahans

District 3-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coleman	6	0	259	62	1.000
Coahoma	5	1	138	99	.833
Colorado City	4	2	240	167	.667
Post	3	3	152	115	.500
Stanton	2	4	105	181	.333
Ballinger	1	5	109	178	.166

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coahoma	1	0	19	14	1.000
Coleman	1	0	28	00	1.000
Colorado City	1	0	41	19	1.000
Ballinger	0	1	14	19	.000
Post	0	1	00	28	.000
Stanton	0	1	19	41	.000

Last week's scores
Colorado City 41, Stanton 19; Coahoma 19, Ballinger 14; Coleman 28, Post 0

This week's games
Coahoma at Stanton. Ballinger at Post. Coleman at Colorado City

District 3-3A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	5	1	209	34	.833
Ozona	3	2	131	130	.600
Christoval	2	4	172	166	.333
McCamey	1	5	104	226	.166
Anthony	0	6	27	258	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	1	0	51	00	1.000
Christoval	1	0	43	28	1.000
Ozona	0	0	00	00	.000
Anthony	0	1	00	51	.000
McCamey	0	1	28	43	.000

Last week's scores
Forsan 51, Anthony 0; Christoval 43, McCamey 28; Ozona was open

This week's games
McCamey at Forsan; Christoval at Ozona; Anthony is open

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co.	6	0	360	165	1.000
Klondike	5	2	353	231	.714
O'Donnell	4	3	391	301	.571
Grady	3	3	366	226	.500

Last week's scores
Garden City 56, Grady 26; Borden County 75, Water Valley 58; Motley County 52, Klondike 47; Ira 56, O'Donnell 7

This week's games
Amherst at Borden County; Grady, Klondike and O'Donnell are open

District 5-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	5	1	361	180	.833
Fort Davis	4	2	192	162	.667
Rankin	4	2	307	329	.667
Marfa	4	2	289	169	.667

Last week's scores
Garden City 56, Grady 26; Rankin 54, Sterling City 52; Fort Davis 66, Odessa Latter Rain 47; Marfa 78, El Paso Home School 16

This week's games
Sanderson at Rankin. Garden City, Fort Davis and Marfa are open

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Bishop Dunne	6	0	280	70	1.000
Argyle Liberty	5	1	213	118	.833
Plano Christian	4	2	204	136	.667
Prestonwood	4	2	269	188	.667
Bishop Lynch	4	3	298	212	.571
Addi. Trinity	2	4	214	234	.333
FW Nolan	2	4	108	156	.333
John Paul II	0	6	143	300	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Argyle Liberty	3	0	104	44	1.000
Bishop Dunne	3	0	126	63	1.000
Mid. Christ.	2	1	86	78	.667
Prestonwood	2	1	173	89	.667
Bishop Lynch	1	2	112	116	.333
FW Nolan	1	2	61	98	.333
Addi. Trinity	0	3	62	130	.000
John Paul II	0	3	71	161	.000

Last week's scores
Argyle Liberty Christian 20, Midland Christian 13; Dallas Bishop Dunne 49, Plano Prestonwood 35; Fort Worth Nolan Catholic 36, Addison Trinity 29; Dallas Bishop Lynch 52, Plano John Paul II 34

This week's games
Plano Prestonwood at Midland Christian; Fort Worth Nolan at Dallas Bishop Lynch. Plano John Paul II at Addison Trinity; Dallas Bishop Dunne at Argyle Liberty Christian

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

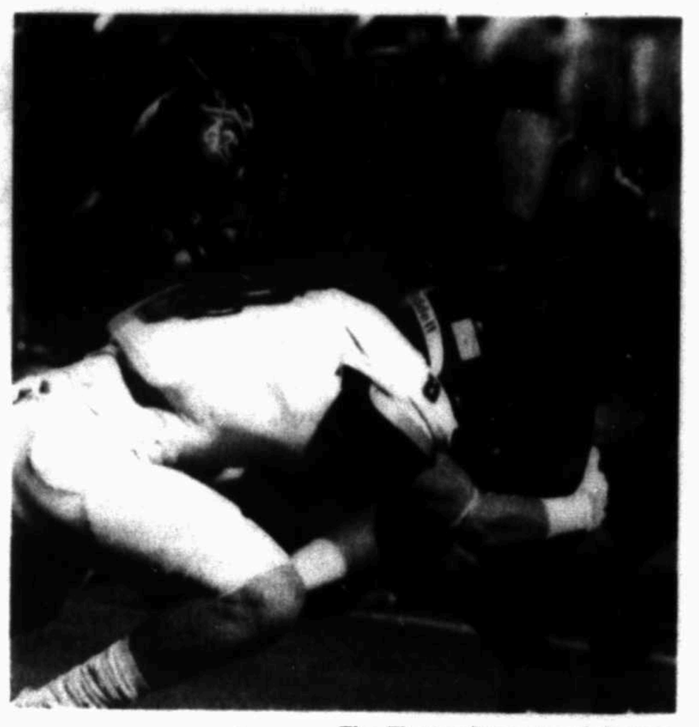
Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Rock Heritage	6	0	342	103	1.000
Trinity	5	1	282	144	.833
Harvest Christ	4	1	282	130	.800
Ovilla Christ	2	4	217	312	.333
The Covenant	1	6	267	386	.142
Ab Christ	1	5	194	391	.166

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab Christ	1	0	56	36	1.000
Rock Heritage	1	0	54	06	1.000
Trinity	1	0	66	50	1.000
Ovilla Christ	1	1	68	114	.500
Harvest Christ	0	1	50	66	.000
The Covenant	0	2	96	116	.000

Last week's scores
Trinity 66, Watauga Harvest 50; Abilene Christian 56, Dallas the Covenant 36; Rockwall Heritage 54, Red Oak Ovilla 6

This week's games
Abilene Christian at Trinity; Watauga Harvest at Rockwall Heritage; Dallas the Covenant and Red Oak Ovilla Christian are open



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Argyle Liberty's Andrew Hunnicutt knocks the ball loose as Midland Christian's Justin Fender runs Friday at Mustang Field.

STATISTICS

Midland Christian (4-2, 2-1)

Midland Christian	56	76	23	49—204
Opponent	27	45	51	13—136

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	118	64
Rushes-Yards	242-1,781	206-536
Passing Yards	1,004	1,077
Comp-Att-Int	55-106-5	87-151-4
Fumbles-Lost	8-6	6-3
Penalties-Yards	41-363	20-143

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	137	846	6.2	16
Powell	42	336	8.3	3
Mayberry	24	200	8.3	1
Mannix	19	183	9.6	1
Burditt	12	95	7.9	0
D. Fender	4	38	9.5	1
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Hall	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	242	1,718	7.1	22

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	53	103	5	857	5
Mannix	2	3	0	47	1
Totals	55	106	5	904	6

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	17	277	16.3	2
Burditt	10	158	15.8	2
Mannix	8	173	21.6	1
Lawrence	8	123	15.4	0
Warren	3	49	16.3	1
Nguyen	5	82	16.4	0
J. Fender	3	34	11.3	0
D. Fender	1	8	8.0	0
Totals	55	904	16.4	6

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burditt	6	123	20.5	0
Mannix	3	68	22.7	0
Gilbert	3	51	17.0	0
Mayberry	1	34	34.0	0
D. Fender	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	14	276	19.7	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mannix	2	22	11.0	0
Totals	2	22	11.0	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	12	447	37.3
Brown	4	86	21.5
Totals	16	533	33.3

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Warren	1	0	0.0	0
Eddison	2	31	15.5	0
J. Fender	1	4	4.0	0
Totals	4	35	8.8	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	16	0	0	0	96
Causey	0	27	3	0	36
Powell	3	0	0	0	18
Mannix	2	0	0	0	12
Burditt	2	0	0	0	12
Mayberry	1	0	0	0	6
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D. Fender	1	0	0	0	6
R. Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Totals	28	27	3	0	204

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Talley	43	4	5	0	0	1
Sanford	42	3	7	1	1	0
J. Fender	40	0	1	0	0	3
Calhoun	34	1	3	1	1	0
Hall	32	5	2	0	0	2
Eddison	31	0	1	0	0	1
Warren	27	0	0	0	0	0
Hooper	25	1	1	0	0	0
Brown	25	0	0	0	0	5
Mannix	22	0	2	0	0	3
Gilbert	20	0	1	0	0	7
D. Fender	19	0	0	0	0	0
J. Thomason	13	0	2	1	0	2
Garnett	12	0	0	1	1	0
Burditt	9	0	0	1	0	1
Davila	9	0	0	0	0	1
Mowles	8	0	1	0	0	0
Lawrence	6	0	0	0	0	0
Nguyen	5	0	1	0	0	1
Wilson	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	4	0	1	0	0	0
Mayberry	4	1	0	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	2	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	2	0	0	0	0	0
Threadgill	2	0	0	0	0	0
Muzzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causey	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles.

TEXASHSFOOTBALLPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 6A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1 Allen (16)	(7-0)	240	1
2 DeSoto (8)	(6-0)	227	2
3 Southlake Carroll	(6-0)	165	3
4 Euless Trinity	(7-0)	145	4
5 Marvel (1)	(6-0)	126	6
(tie) Pearland	(7-0)	126	5
7 Dallas Skyline	(6-0)	103	7
8 Cibolo Steele	(6-1)	71	8
9 SA Northside Brennan	(7-0)	66	9
10 Denton Guyer	(5-1)	42	10

Others receiving votes: 11 Katy 25. 12 Cedar Hill 19. 13 Hewitt McLeod 12. 14 The Woodlands 4. 15 Amarillo 2. 15 Lake Travis 2

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1 Aledo (14)	(5-1)	230	1
2 Fort Bend Elkins (9)	(6-0)	205	2
3 Temple (1)	(5-1)	170	3
4 Mansfield Timberview (1)	(5-1)	155	4
5 Tyler	(5-1)	152	5
6 Fort Bend Ridge Point	(6-0)	112	7
7 CC Flour Bluff	(6-0)	74	9
8 Georgetown	(5-1)	70	8
9 Richmond George Ranch	(5-1)	47	NR
10 Ennis	(4-2)	36	NR

Others receiving votes: 11 Cedar Park 20. 12 Cedar Park Vista Ridge 18. 13 Houston King 16. 14 Lufkin 11. 15 West Mesquite 8. 16 Richmond Foster 7. 17 Mesquite Poteet 6. 17 Hutto 6. 17 EP Del Valle 6. 21 Lancaster 5. 21 Longview 5. 21 Port Neches-Groves 5. 24 Crosby 4. 25 Canutillo 3. 26 Boerne Champion 2. 27 Georgetown East View 1. 27 FW South Hills 1

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1 Navasota (20)	(6-0)	243	1
2 Argyle (2)	(6-0)	216	2
3 Gilmer (2)	(6-0)	209	3
4 Kennedale (1)	(6-0)	154	4
5 La Grange	(7-0)	137	5
6 Stephenville	(5-1)	118	6
7 La Marque	(6-1)	76	7
8 Van	(6-0)	64	8
9 Atlanta	(6-0)	52	10
10 Gladewater	(5-1)	47	9

Others receiving votes: 11 La Vernia 16. 12 Port Isabel 13. 13 Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 11. 14 West Orange-Stark 6. 15 Celina 4. 16 **Andrews 3**. 16 Graham 3. 18 Sweetwater 2. 19 **Big Spring 1**.

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1 Cisco (23)	(6-0)	244	1
2 Franklin (2)	(5-0)	222	2
3 Rockdale	(6-0)	176	3
4 Corrigan-Camden	(6-0)	155	4
5 Wall	(6-1)	147	5
6 Kirbyville	(6-0)	118	6
7 Teague	(6-0)	109	7
8 Maidroit	(6-0)	89	8
9 Waskom	(5-1)	62	9
10 Blanco	(6-0)	24	10

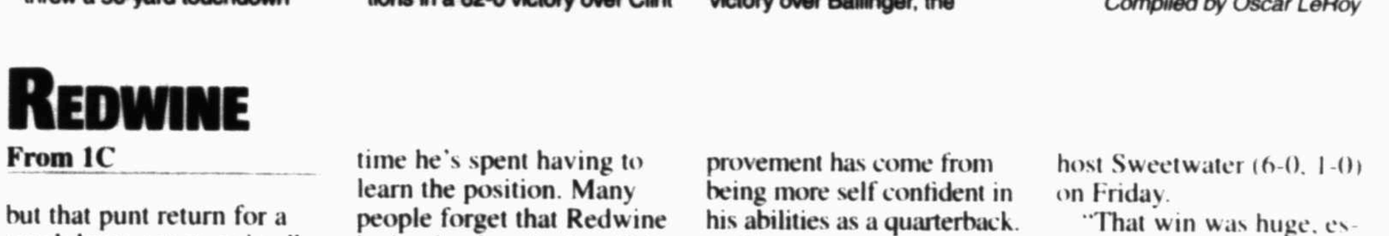
Others receiving votes: 11 Goliad 9. 12 East Bernard 7. 13 Eastland 6. 14 Coleman 2. 14 Newton 2. 16 Shallowater 1. 16 Spearman 1. 16 Buna 1.

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1 Refugio (14)	(6-0)	230	1
2 Marfa (8)	(6-0)	227	2
3 Canadian (1)	(6-0)	180	3
4 Bremond	(7-0)	161	4
5 Mason (1)	(7-0)	134	6
6 Albany	(6-0)	130	5
7 Crawford	(6-0)	87	8
8 Alto (1)	(5-0)	83	9
9 Shiner	(5-1)	54	7
10 Iraan	(7-0)	37	NR

Others receiving votes: 11 Seagraves 22. 12 Abernathy 13. 13 Stratford 7. 14 Tenaha 4. 15 Booker 2. 15 Hamlin 2. 17 Menard 1.

Other notable performances from the week



Samuels Balano Hammack Tannehill Melendez Franks

■ Trinity had a pair of standout performances in a 66-50 victory over Watauga Harvest Christian. **Ethan Samuels** rushed for 195 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries, caught two passes for 68 yards and a touchdown, and threw a 50-yard touchdown pass. Also for the Chargers, **Vincent Balano** was 12-of-15 passing for 208 yards and three touchdowns.

■ Andrew QB **Jase Hammack** continued his aerial onslaught by completed 13 of 15 passes for 347 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions in a 62-0 victory over Clint Mountain View.

■ Big Spring's **Tobyn Tannehill** rushed for 202 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries and was 6-of-12 passing for 114 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in a 49-6 victory over Snyder.

■ In Coahoma's 19-14 victory over Ballinger, the Bulldogs had a pair of standout performances as **Joe Melendez** rushed for 149 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, while **Kyler Franks** added 143 yards rushing and a touchdown on 16 carries.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

REDWINE

From 1C

but that punt return for a touchdown got us going," Redwine said. "In the second half we realized we needed to be more focused."

Redwine added a 27-yard touchdown pass to Eric Rojas in the second half and also completed a pass to Vizcaino for a two-point conversion.

Hanna said he's seen a lot of improvement in Redwine, such as throwing the deep ball better, and that says a lot about how much time he's spent having to learn the position. Many people forget that Redwine had only played a handful of snaps at quarterback after spending most of his high school career at linebacker.

"He's come a long way for not having played a lot of quarterback," Hanna said. "He's learning what he needs to learn and is understanding his reads better. I'm really pleased with what he's done and he's only going to get better."

Redwine said his improvement has come from being more self confident in his abilities as a quarterback.

"I've gotten more confident in myself and I think that's shown," he said. "I just started to realize that Coach Hanna has confidence in me, too. I feel like I've gotten better as the season has gone along. While practicing well is great, there's nothing like game reps and game experience."

Redwine said the win over Lamesa should help his team going forward, especially when the Rangers host Sweetwater (6-0, 1-0) on Friday.

"That win was huge, especially after not winning a district game last year," he said. "A lot of the guys were on the team last year and we remember what is was like not to win a game, so that was another confidence boost. Sweetwater is a solid team, but I feel that if we execute and everybody does their job, the ball has a good chance of bouncing our way."

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MUSTANGS

From 1C

off losses on Friday.

"I think we will refocus extremely well, and you could see that in the kid's eyes," McClendon said. "I think we will come back and play to the caliber that we are able to play at."

DISTRICT STREAK BROKEN: Midland Christian had a 27-game district winning streak broken with its loss on Friday against Argyle Liberty Christian. The Mustangs have not lost in district play since 2009.

Also, the Mustangs are now 35-2 since 2008 when the turf was installed at Mustang Field.

TAPPS DIVISION I, DISTRICT 1 UPDATE: The district season will reach the halfway point on Friday and it's starting to clear up a little bit.

Argyle Liberty Christian and Dallas Bishop Dunne are the only two undefeated teams in the district at 3-0, while Midland Christian and Plano Prestonwood have one loss at 2-1.

Friday's game for the Mustangs will not only be important for their confidence but it could also be big in the Division I playoff picture. The TAPPS website's bracket has the top three teams in each district receiving automatic berths in the 16-team bracket. While the other seven spots are reserved for "wild card" teams.

A win for MCS on Friday will not only keep it in the upper tier of the standings, but also help them with wild card points.

TRINITY OPENS DISTRICT STRONG: The Trinity football team continues its roll winning its fourth straight game, and also opening TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 play with a solid 66-50 victory against Watauga Harvest Christian.

Trinity has not lost since dropping a non-district game to Rankin on Sept. 5.

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COWBOYS

From 1C

the first back to start the season with seven straight 100-yard games.

He was sitting at 64 yards and a 2.9-yard average late in the fourth quarter. He broke loose for 46 yards on three carries, capped by a 15-yarder that gave Romo his NFL-leading 25th winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime since he became the starter during the 2006 season, according to STATS.

Murray's late surge to finish with 115 yards was just another sign Dallas is sticking with the running game after years of being quick to abandon it under a variety of circumstances. Going into the game, Seattle hadn't allowed any running back more than 38, and was giving up an average of 62 per game.

The Cowboys had 162 yards on 37 carries — after getting 49 yards on just 16 tries when they fell behind by the same score in Seattle two years earlier.

"There are a lot of things that we can build on from this game and we can learn from it," coach Jason Garrett said. "When you play teams like this, you can't do what we did with the football. You can't have a blocked punt, you can't turn the ball over twice."

Dallas essentially handed the Seahawks 17 points at home, where they had lost just once since the start of 2012. The Cowboys won because the defense held Russell Wilson and company to season lows in all three yardage categories and in first downs.

But nothing changes in the mind of 12-year veteran Jason Witten, originator of the "same old story" line before the second of the current run of three straight 8-8 seasons that ended with losses to keep Dallas home for the playoffs.

"We're not going to make it bigger than it is," said Witten, who scored a touchdown on the same catch that made him the second tight end in NFL history with 900 for his career. "It's a huge win, we are going to enjoy it, but we are going to move forward. There is a lot of football to be played."

But this is a different Dallas team playing it.

49ers throttle Rams for 3rd straight win

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers answered St. Louis' fast start with a big finish.

Kaepernick threw for 343 yards and three touchdowns, helping the 49ers erase an early 14-point deficit and beat the Rams 31-17 on Monday night.

Brandon Lloyd, Anquan Boldin and Michael Crabtree each caught a scoring pass for the 49ers (4-2), who have won three in a row. Ahmad Brooks and Dan Skuta had two sacks apiece for a stifling defense that sacked Austin Davis five times and permitted one first down on St. Louis' first six possessions of the second half.

"Our receivers did a great job today," Kaepernick said. "Our offensive line did a great job, protecting us and giving us time."

The Rams (1-4) had 151 yards and a 14-0 lead after the first quarter on Benny Cunningham's 1-yard run and a 22-yard touchdown pass from Davis to Lance Kendricks.

St. Louis wore throwback uniforms — royal blue and bright yellow — to honor its 1999 Super Bowl title team and represented that winning squad very well for a short time. Guard Adam Timmerman joined wide receivers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt for an impromptu bob n' weave TD dance in the end zone at halftime.

The Rams haven't had a winning season since the Greatest Show on Turf petered out in 2003. They doubled their first-quarter scoring for the year with a start that mimicked their last home game when they led Dallas 21-0.

49ers	31
Rams	17

NFL STANDINGS AND BOX

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	160	129
Buffalo	3	3	0	.500	118	126
Miami	2	3	0	.400	120	124
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	.167	96	158
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	189	136
Houston	3	3	0	.500	132	120
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	104	153
Jacksonville	0	6	0	.000	81	185
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	3	1	1	.700	134	113
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	164	97
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	134	115
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	124	139
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	5	1	0	.833	164	91
Denver	4	1	0	.800	147	104
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	119	101
Oakland	0	5	0	.000	79	134

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	183	132
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	165	126
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	.500	133	139
Washington	1	5	0	.167	132	166
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	2	1	.583	141	157
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	132	141
Atlanta	2	4	0	.333	164	170
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	.167	120	204
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	116	82
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	130
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	143	144
Minnesota	2	4	0	.333	104	143
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	1	0	.800	116	106
San Francisco	4	2	0	.667	141	123
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	133	113
St. Louis	1	4	0	.200	101	156

Thursday, Oct. 9
Indianapolis 33, Houston 28

Sunday's Scores
Tennessee 16, Jacksonville 14
Detroit 17, Minnesota 3
Baltimore 48, Tampa Bay 17
Denver 31, N.Y. Jets 17
New England 37, Buffalo 22
Carolina 37, Cincinnati 37, OT
Cleveland 31, Pittsburgh 10
Green Bay 27, Miami 24
San Diego 31, Oakland 28
Dallas 30, Seattle 23
Arizona 30, Washington 20
Chicago 27, Atlanta 13
Philadelphia 27, N.Y. Giants 0
Open: Kansas City, New Orleans

Monday's Game
San Francisco 31, St. Louis 17

Thursday's Game
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 19
Seattle at St. Louis, Noon
Miami at Chicago, Noon
Carolina at Green Bay, Noon
Atlanta at Baltimore, Noon
Tennessee at Washington, Noon
Cleveland at Jacksonville, Noon
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, Noon
Minnesota at Buffalo, Noon
New Orleans at Detroit, Noon
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Philadelphia, Tampa Bay

Monday, Oct. 20
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
49ERS 31, RAMS 17

San Francisco	0	10	14	7	—31
St. Louis	14	0	0	3	—17

First Quarter
StL—Cunningham 1 run (Zuerlein kick) 7:55
StL—Kendricks 22 pass from A.Davis (Zuerlein kick) :53

Second Quarter
SF—FG Dawson 54, 7:07
SF—Lloyd 80 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick) :14

Third Quarter
SF—Boldin 11 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick) 9:58
SF—Crabtree 32 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick) :13

Fourth Quarter
StL—FG Zuerlein 38 2:24
SF—D.Johnson 20 interception return (Dawson kick) :53
A—56,851

	SF	StL
First downs	17	19
Total Net Yards	432	309
Rushes-yards	30-89	24-93
Passing	343	216
Comp-Att-Int	22-36-0	21-42-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	5-20
Punts	5-43.0	8-43.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-23	8-38
Time of Possession	28:38	31:22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Gore 16-38, Kaepernick 3-37, Hyde 11-14. St. Louis, Mason 5-40, Cunningham 7-21, Stacy 8-17, Austin 3-16, A.Davis 1-minus 1).

PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 22-36-0-343. St. Louis, A.Davis 21-42-1-236.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, Boldin 7-94, S.Johnson 5-53, Crabtree 3-48, V.Davis 3-30, Lloyd 1-80, V.McDonald 1-21, Miller 1-15, Hyde 1-1. St. Louis, Cook 4-74, Austin 4-35, Britt 3-39, Pettis 3-15, Stacy 2-17, Cunningham 2-12, Kendricks 1-22, Mason 1-12, Quick 1-10.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

New Jersey hazing arrests put focus on policies

By David Porter and Joseph Scandrick
Associated Press

PARLIN, N.J. — As classes resumed in a New Jersey town Monday for the first time since the arrest of seven high school football players on charges of sexually abusing younger teammates, attention turned to whether the state's anti-bullying laws adequately address team sports.

The seven members of the celebrated Sayreville War Memorial High team were charged Friday over behavior that allegedly occurred during a 10-day period last month.

Advocates say New Jersey, which passed an anti-bullying law in 2002 and has added to it since then, is among the leaders nationwide in dealing with the problem. But the laws do not specifically address sports teams.

Acting state Education Commissioner David Hespe said the allegations have prompted a review.

"We do see this as an opportunity to provide guidance and to take a fresh look at how school districts have not only been responding to hazing and bullying — hazing is certainly part of bullying — but to see what additional best practices" can be put in place, he said.

State Sen. Joseph Vitale and Assemblyman John Wisniewski, whose districts include Sayreville, cautioned against rushing to make changes before all the facts are known.

Sayreville Superintendent Richard Labbe, who canceled the rest of the school's football season last week over the allegations, and School Board President Kevin Ciak didn't return calls for comment Monday.

The state's high school sports governing body, in its constitution, encourages schools to establish rules on hazing, and schools are also obligated under state law to have anti-bullying procedures. Sayreville's 17-page anti-bullying policy doesn't mention the words "athletics," "sports" or "coaches."

Steve Timko, executive director of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association, said the organization is going to review its rules on hazing and expand its education programs addressing the issue.

No. 4 Baylor tops Big 12 class at season's midterm

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

There is no midterm break for Big 12 Conference football teams, and the only grades that matter are win-loss records.

No. 4 Baylor (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) is the lone league team to make it to the halfway mark of the regular season undefeated. The defending Big 12 champion stayed that way only after overcoming a 21-point deficit in the final 11 minutes against then-No. 9 TCU in the highest-scoring game ever played between two Top 10 teams.

"We don't worry about points or stats," Baylor coach Art Briles said Monday during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "We just worry about whether we win or don't win. ... That's just the way we're approaching it."

Aside from the undefeated Bears, the Big 12 has four one-loss teams jammed together in the latest AP poll — No. 11 Oklahoma, No. 12 TCU, No. 14 Kansas State and No. 15 Oklahoma State. But two of those teams will have their second loss by Saturday night, and likely fall out of the mix for the first four-team playoff in major college football.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1), which bounced back from its Oct. 4 loss at TCU with a win over Texas in the Red River rivalry, is back home for the first time in more than a month against K-State (4-1, 2-0). The Horned Frogs (4-1, 1-1) are hosting Oklahoma State (5-1, 3-0), a team that even its own coach described as average.

Rod Aydelotte/Waco Herald Tribune

Baylor cornerback Ryan Reid , left, attempts to tackle TCU wide receiver Josh Doctson, right, Saturday in Waco.

The Cowboys have won five games in a row since a close season-opening loss to defending national champion Florida State. But OSU's conference victories have come against Iowa State, Kansas and Texas Tech — a trio tied at the bottom of the Big 12 standings, all 2-4 overall and 0-3 in the league.

"We've played a lot of football games here over the last five or six years with very experienced and NFL-caliber players, and right now we're a young inexperienced team. So it's different," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "There's some adjustments that we're going through, but it's OK. We're glad that we've won five football games. But we know this week, and as we progress through the schedule, we're going to play some really, really good football teams, and we'll have our work cut out for us."

TCU coach Gary Patterson said he had no concern about his team being able to rebound from the 61-58 loss to Baylor, which kicked a field goal on the game's last play. He said the Frogs had a "much better practice" Sunday than they did a week earlier when coming off an emotional home victory over then-No. 4 Oklahoma.

Patterson's message to his players was the same after both games: They have to move forward and can't get too high or low to win a championship.

"There were our goals, and there were everybody else's," Patterson said. "I don't think anybody expected us to be 4-1 and take two of the teams in the top five in the nation to the wire, beating one and losing by three points to the other one."

Playoff committee cautious when talking football

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

West Virginia athletic director Oliver Luck takes what he calls a lawyerly approach to talking about his involvement with the College Football Playoff selection committee.

Luck focuses on process over substance.

"That's easy for me as a lawyer," he said.

He'll talk about how he and the rest of the committee responsible for picking the four teams that will play for the national title plan to go about making that decision. When the cocktail party conversations turn to which team is better — say, Alabama or Oklahoma and West Virginia has played both — Luck politely eases out.

"I'm very sensitive about that," he said.

While all 13 selection committee members have been encouraged to steer clear of public opinions about teams and how the season is playing out, the ADs have been advised to be especially cautious about what they do and say for fear of being perceived as biased.

"Our positions require us to be a little more out in front," Clemson athletic director Dan Radakovich said in a telephone interview Monday.

Along with Luck and Radakovich, the five current athletic directors on the committee are: Arkansas' Jeff Long, who is serving as the committee chairman, Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez and Southern California's Pat Haden.

The committee will release the first of its weekly Top 25 rankings on Oct. 28. On Dec. 7, it will set the four-team field for the College Football Playoff and pick many of the teams that will play in the four other top New Year's Bowls.

Earlier this season, Haden forced the College Football Playoff into damage-control mode when he came down to the field during the Stanford game and confronted game officials. Haden was fined by the Pac-12, but his status on the committee did not change.

Radakovich called what happened to Haden a "teachable moment."

"A moment that you said 'Wow.' You are no longer just the athletic director at Clemson University. You're a College Football Playoff selection committee member first. That's part of your obligation," Radakovich said.

Haden put himself in an unusually conspicuous situation that Saturday at Stanford Stadium, but it's not unusual for ADs to be high profile. Athletic directors routinely mingle with boosters, fans and alums. They'll speak at the local Rotary or Kiwanis Club. Radakovich, Luck and Long do so these days knowing what they say could circulate beyond the room.

"I am consciously aware of not talking about other teams, other schools," Long said last week. "When I was just an AD, I'm as competitive as the next, I might have some fun talking about the 'Bama game this week. But I don't talk much about the 'Bama game other than we're excited to play Alabama and it's a big game for us."

BAYLOR

From 1C

The Big 12 is third at 34.1, though Baylor and TCU are likely to push that upward with their continued assaults on opposing defenses.

Some other notable statistics from the weekend:

RUNNING RAWLS: Central Michigan senior Thomas Rawls had the top rushing performance of the week, rushing 40 times for 270 yards as the Chippewas shocked Mid-American Conference power Northern Illinois in a 34-17 win. The win snapped a national-best 28-game home winning streak for the Huskies, who had also won 24 regular season conference games in a row before Saturday.

FLIP FLOP: A week after falling to second nationally in rushing, Indiana's Tevin Coleman regained the lead on Saturday with a 15-carry, 219-yard rushing performance in a 45-29 loss at Iowa. The junior is now averaging 176.7 yards rushing per game, narrowly ahead of Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon. Gordon is averaging 174.3 yards rushing per game after a 175-yard, four-touchdown performance in a 38-28 win over Illinois.

KICKING ACC: Led by Florida State kicker Roberto Aguayo, the Atlantic Coast Conference is the home to some of the best field-goal kickers around this season. Aguayo is 13 of 13 on field goal attempts this season to lead the country, but he's far from alone — with four of the top five kickers all from the ACC. Pittsburgh's Chris Blewitt, Duke's Ross Martin and Wake Forest's Mike Weaver are all also perfect on field goals this season and rank third through fifth nationally.

Former Alabama player Tommy Lewis dies

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Former Alabama player Tommy Lewis, who gained fame for a play when he wasn't supposed to be on the field, has passed away.

Lewis died Sunday in a Huntsville retirement home at age 83, according to Laughlin Funeral Home.

Lewis came off the sideline in the 1954 Cotton Bowl and tackled Rice All-America halfback Dicky Maegle near the 50-yard line.

Maegle had eluded Alabama's Bart Starr and was on his way to a 95-yard touchdown run when Lewis brought him down. Lewis ran back to the bench, and Maegle was credited with a touchdown.

Lewis explained the actions by saying that he "was just too full of Alabama."

The two players appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show two days later.

Lewis was captain of Alabama's 1953 Southeastern Conference championship team.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND POLLS

STANDINGS
TEXAS
BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Baylor	3	0	138	93	6	0	316	120
Oklahoma St	3	0	109	75	5	1	221	148
Kansas St	2	1	77	41	4	1	204	75
Oklahoma	2	1	109	96	5	1	241	129
West Virginia	1	1	99	103	4	1	190	147
TCU	1	1	95	94	4	1	229	115
Texas	1	2	56	59	2	4	118	127
Iowa St	0	3	58	78	2	4	142	199
Kansas	0	3	48	83	2	3	91	146
Texas Tech	0	3	82	127	2	4	182	237

Saturday, Oct. 11
Oklahoma 31, Texas 24
West Virginia 37, Texas Tech 14
Baylor 61, TCU 58
Iowa State 37, Toledo 40
Oklahoma St 27, Kansas 20

Saturday's Games
Baylor at West Virginia, 11 a.m.
Kansas St at Oklahoma, 11 a.m.
Kansas at Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m.
Oklahoma St at TCU, 1 p.m.
Iowa St at Texas, 7 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

	East Conference W	East Conference L	East Conference PF	East Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Georgia	3	1	148	47	5	1	259	108
Kentucky	3	1	76	81	5	1	219	112
Florida	2	2	84	111	3	2	159	111
Missouri	1	2	71	54	4	2	173	137
South Carolina	1	2	117	187	3	3	205	210
Tennessee	0	2	47	45	3	3	168	115
Vanderbilt	0	4	61	150	2	5	123	238

	West Conference W	West Conference L	West Conference PF	West Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Mississippi St	3	0	120	83	6	0	251	120
Mississippi	1	1	96	42	6	0	214	71
Alabama	2	1	73	57	5	1	199	92
Auburn	2	1	109	66	5	1	233	110
Texas A&M	2	2	138	139	5	2	307	158
LSU	1	2	66	102	3	2	244	133
Arkansas	0	3	62	94	3	3	236	143

Saturday, Oct. 11
Kentucky 48, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Georgia 34, Missouri 0
Mississippi St 38, Auburn 23
Tennessee 45, Chattanooga 10
Alabama 14, Arkansas 13
LSU 30, Florida 27
Vanderbilt 21, Charleston Southern 20
Mississippi 35, Texas A&M 20

Saturday's Games
Furman at South Carolina, 11 a.m.
Texas A&M at Alabama, 2:30 p.m.
Georgia vs. Arkansas at War Memorial Stadium, 3 p.m.
Missouri at Florida, 6 p.m.
Tennessee at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Kentucky at LSU, 6:30 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
East Carolina	2	0	73	41	5	1	246	143
Temple	2	0	71	34	4	1	191	72
UCF	1	0	17	12	3	2	123	107
Houston	1	1	40	41	3	3	166	115
Memphis	1	1	65	42	3	3	202	125
South Florida	1	1	34	42	2	4	114	173
Tulane	1	1	43	41	2	4	118	177
Tulsa	1	1	62	66	1	5	141	247
Cincinnati	0	1	14	41	2	3	165	204
SMU	0	1	24	45	0	5	36	247
UConn	0	3	27	65	1	5	77	154

Thursday, Oct. 9
UCF 31, BYU 24, OT

Saturday, Oct. 11
Temple 35, Tulsa 24
Miami 55, Cincinnati 34
Houston 28, Memphis 24
East Carolina 28, South Florida 17
Tulane 12, UConn 3

Friday's Game
Temple at Houston, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tulane at UCF, 11 a.m.
South Florida at Tulsa, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at SMU, 2:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA

	East Division Conference W	East Division Conference L	East Division Conference PF	East Division Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Marshall	2	0	105	38	6	2	287	103
Middle Tenn	2	0	152	105	4	3	254	233
JAB	1	1	118	94	4	2	241	166
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FIU	1	1	77	79	3	3	127	212
Old Dominion	1	1	122	87	3	3	214	258
W Kentucky	0	2	86	82	3	3	215	182

	West Division Conference W	West Division Conference L	West Division Conference PF	West Division Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Louisiana Tech	2	0	97	24	3	1	205	167
Rice	1	1	83	68	3	3	179	189
UTEP	1	1	45	90	3	3	172	226
UTSA	1	1	53	54	2	4	125	151
North Texas	0	2	42	98	2	4	193	194
Southern Miss	0	2	54	78	2	4	113	219

Saturday, Oct. 11
Rice 41, Army 21
Marshall 49, Middle Tennessee 24
JAB 56, North Texas 21
UTSA 16, FIU 13
UTEP 42, Old Dominion 35

Saturday's Games
W. Kentucky at FAU, 11 a.m.
UTSA at Louisiana Tech, 11 a.m.
UAB at Middle Tennessee, 2:30 p.m.
Marshall at FIU, 5 p.m.
Southern Miss. at North Texas, 6 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
SE Louisiana	3	0	154	63	5	2	262	139
Cent Arkansas	3	0	171	57	4	3	296	199
Sam Houston	2	0	80	32	3	3	187	211
S.F. Austin	2	1	119	72	4	2	208	164
Abilene Christn	2	1	101	38	4	3	252	152
McNeese	1	1	67	41	3	2	200	95
Northwestern St	1	1	71	42	3	3	185	200
Lamar	1	2	68	124	4	3	241	234
Incarnate Word	1	4	51	179	1	5	66	206
Houston Baptist	0	3	22	160	1	5	131	220
Nicholls St	0	3	41	139	0	7	77	360

Saturday, Oct. 11
Abilene Christian 55, Ave Maria 14
Sam Houston St. 38, McNeese St. 22
SE Louisiana 63, Lamar 34
Northwestern St. 49, Incarnate Word 12
Stephen F. Austin 42, Nicholls St. 20
Cent. Arkansas 70, Houston Baptist 0

Saturday's Games
Lamar at Nicholls St., 3 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Northwestern St., 3 p.m.
Abilene Christian at McNeese St., 6 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	East Conference W	East Conference L	East Conference PF	East Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Alcorn St	3	1	162	60	5	2	289	103
Alabama St	3	2	158	99	4	3	205	171
Jackson St	1	2	131	145	3	4	209	197
Alabama A&M	1	3	127	138	1	6	171	256
MVSU	1	4	94	184	2	5	126	253

	West Conference W	West Conference L	West Conference PF	West Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Grambling	4	0	132	104	4	3	182	229
Texas Southern	3	1	98	112	5	1	187	142
Southern U	3	1	136	150	4	3	225	260
Prairie View	2	3	181	181	2	4	177	199
Ark-Pine Bluff	0	3	73	128	1	4	104	191

Saturday, Oct. 11
Southern U. 35, Alabama A&M 34
Grambling St. 28, Alcorn St. 21
MVSU 27, Jackson St. 23
Prairie View 34, Alabama St 24

Saturday's Games
Prairie View at MVSU, 2 p.m.
Texas Southern at Alcorn St, 2 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Grambling St., 2 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Ga. South	4	0	145	72	5	2	289	147
Arkansas St	2	0	80	34	4	2	177	122
Texas St	1	0	35	30	3	2	193	141
La. Lafayette	1	0	34	31	2	3	123	175
South Alabama	2	1	47	59	3	2	113	107
La. Monroe	1	1	74	39	1	3	106	168
Troy	1	1	61	46	1	3	123	232
New Mexico St	0	2	86	108	2	3	180	261
Appalachian St	0	2	35	81	2	5	183	209
Georgia St	0	3	72	120	1	5	162	250
Idaho	0	4	95	154	0	6	152	235

Saturday, Oct. 11
Kentucky 48, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Arkansas St 52, Georgia St 10
Troy 41, New Mexico St 24
Liberty 55, Appalachian St 48, OT
Georgia Southern 47, Idaho 24

Today's Game
Louisiana-Lafayette at Texas St., 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Appalachian St at Troy, 2 p.m.
New Mexico St at Idaho, 4 p.m.
Georgia St at South Alabama, 6:30 p.m.

NATIONAL
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Atlantic Division Conference W	Atlantic Division Conference L	Atlantic Division Conference PF	Atlantic Division Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Florida St	4	0	160	81	6	0	234	124
Clemson	3	1	131	75	4	2	225	127
Louisville	3	2	117	75	5	2	217	99
Boston College	1	1	50	44	4	2	178	116
Syracuse	0	2	26	66	2	4	128	160
Wake Forest	0	2	13	63	2	4	94	144
NC State	0	3	55	127	4	3	216	201

	Coastal Division Conference W	Coastal Division Conference L	Coastal Division Conference PF	Coastal Division Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Virginia	2	0	47	40	4	2	190	135
Georgia Tech	2	1	80	72	5	1	198	150
Duke	1	1	41	47	5	1	215	93
Virginia Tech	1	1	58	44	4	2	183	119
Pittsburgh	1	1	49	44	3	3	183	114
Miami	1	2	52	69	4	3	220	171
North Carolina	0	2	52	84	2	4	223	260

Saturday, Oct. 11
Miami 55, Cincinnati 34
Florida St. 38, Syracuse 20
Duke 31, Georgia Tech 25
Clemson 23, Louisville 17
Notre Dame 50, North Carolina 43
Boston College 30, NC State 14

Thursday's Game
Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Syracuse at Wake Forest, 11 a.m.
Virginia at Duke, 11:30 a.m.
Clemson at Boston College, 2:30 p.m.
NC State at Louisville, 2:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Florida St., 7 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	East Conference W	East Conference L	East Conference PF	East Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Michigan St	2	0	72	53	5	1	273	134
Ohio St	1	0	52	24	4	1	223	104
Rutgers	1	1	36	37	5	1	177	130
Maryland	1	1	61	67	4	2	208	151
Penn St	1	2	32	57	4	2	127	91
Michigan	1	2	56	69	3	4	152	150
Indiana	0	2	44	82	3	3	194	188

	West Conference W	West Conference L	West Conference PF	West Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Iowa	2	0	69	39	5	1	158	115
Minnesota	2	0	54	31	5	1	162	112
Northwestern	2	1	66	44	3	3	129	105
Nebraska	1	1	37	41	5	1	249	122
Wisconsin	1	1	52	48	4	2	208	106
Purdue	1	2	79	96	3	4	188	211
Illinois	0	3	69	121	3	4	200	251

Saturday, Oct. 11
Iowa 45, Indiana 29
Wisconsin 38, Illinois 28
Minnesota 24, Northwestern 17
Michigan St 45, Purdue 31
Michigan 18, Penn St 13

Saturday's Games
Purdue at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Iowa at Maryland, 11 a.m.
Rutgers at Ohio St, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan St at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Nebraska at Northwestern, 6:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

	West Conference W	West Conference L	West Conference PF	West Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
San Diego St	2	1	71	55	3	3	143	121
Fresno St	2	1	86	67	3	4	201	249
San Jose St	1	1	43	31	3	3	105	124
Nevada	1	2	91	92	3	3	171	159
UNLV	1	2	57	94	2	5	131	259
Hawaii	1	0	38	28	2	4	137	156

	Mountain Conference W	Mountain Conference L	Mountain Conference PF	Mountain Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Utah St	1	0	34	16	4	2	166	139
Boise St	2	1	102	98	4	2	187	163
Wyoming	1	1	45	51	3	3	110	186
Colorado St	1	1	55	61	5	1	201	137
Air Force	1	2	57	65	4	2	179	140
New Mexico	0	2	38	59	2	4	144	192

Friday, Oct. 10
San Diego St. 24, New Mexico 14
UNLV 30, Fresno St. 27, OT

Saturday, Oct. 11
Utah St. 34, Air Force 16
Colorado St. 31, Nevada 24
Hawaii 38, Wyoming 28

Friday's Game
Fresno St. at Boise St., 7 p.m.

Saturday's Game
New Mexico at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.
San Jose St. at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
Utah St. at Colorado St., 6 p.m.
Nevada at BYU, 9:15 p.m.
Hawaii at San Diego St., 9:30 p.m.

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE

	North Conference W	North Conference L	North Conference PF	North Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Oregon	2	1	104	92	5	1	260	146
Stanford	2	1	64	43	4	2	158	60
California	2	2	171	195	4	2	257	233
Washington	1	1	44	27	5	1	209	128
Oregon St	1	1	46	66	4	1	141	117
Washington St	1	3	135	159	2	5	245	245

	South Conference W	South Conference L	South Conference PF	South Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Southern Cal	3	1	110	84	4	2	193	134
Arizona	2	1	108	97	5	1	225	161
Ariz St	2	1	103	120	4	1	206	157
Utah	1	1	57	56	4	1	198	107
UCLA	1	2	120	99	4	2	210	171
Colorado	0	3	111	133	2	4	190	214

Friday, Oct. 10
Stanford 34, Washington St. 17

Saturday, Oct. 11
Oregon 42, UCLA 30
Washington 31, California 7
Southern Cal 28, Arizona 26

Thursday's Game
Utah at Oregon St., 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
UCLA at California, 2:30 p.m.
Colorado at Southern Cal, 5 p.m.
Washington at Oregon, 7 p.m.
Stanford at Arizona St., 9:30 p.m.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Notre Dame	6	0	207	103
BYU	4	2	194	141
Navy	3	4	206	190
Army	2	4	165	212

Thursday, Oct. 9
UCF 31, BYU 24, OT

Saturday, Oct. 11
Rice 41, Army 21
Navy 51, VMI 14
Notre Dame 50, North Carolina 43

Sday's Games
Army at Kent St., 2:30 p.m.
Notre Dame at Florida St., 7 p.m.
Nevada at BYU, 9:15 p.m.

POLLS
FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 North Dakota State (26)	6-0	650	1
2 Eastern Washington	6-1	624	2
3 Coastal Carolina	7-0	583	3
4 Villanova	5-1	566	5
5 New Hampshire	5-1	549	6
6 Montana	4-2	516	7
7 Jacksonville State	5-1	498	8
8 Southeastern Louisiana	5-2	461	9
9 Illinois State	5-0	401	15
10 McNeese State	3-2	388	4
11 Montana State	5-2	385	14
12 Eastern Kentucky	6-0	321	16
13 Fordham	6-1	286	18
14 Bethune-Cookman	5-1	268	17
15 Chattanooga	3-3	256	12
16 South Dakota State	4-2	246	19
17 Southern Illinois	5-2	245	13
18 William & Mary	4-2	236	11
19 Youngstown State	4-2	216	10
20 Richmond	4-2	208	20
21 Northern Iowa	3-3	148	21
22 Charleston Southern	5-1	109	23
23 Indiana State	4-2	77	22
24 Harvard	4-0	59	NR
25. Sam Houston State	**3-3**	**58**	**NR**

Others receiving votes: Sacred Heart 18, Delaware 12, Tennessee State 11, Alcorn State 5, Bryant 5, James Madison 5, Cal Poly 4, Central Arkansas 4, Southeast Missouri State 4, Bucknell 3, Missouri State 3, Samford 2, **Stephen F. Austin** 2, Dartmouth 1, Liberty 1

TSN FCS POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 North Dakota State (156)	6-0	3996	1
2 Eastern Washington (4)	6-1	3817	2
3 New Hampshire	5-1	3514	4
4 Coastal Carolina	7-0	3510	3
5 Villanova	5-1	3369	6
6 Jacksonville State	5-1	3077	8
7 Montana	4-2	3047	7
8 Southeastern Louisiana	5-2	2710	9
9 Montana State	5-2	2424	11
10 Illinois State	5-0	2224	15
11 McNeese State	3-2	2141	5
12 Fordham	6-1	2106	14
13 Eastern Kentucky	6-0	1861	17
14 Southern Illinois	5-2	1749	12
15 William & Mary	4-2	1673	10
16 Bethune-Cookman	5-1	1600	18
17 Chattanooga	3-3	1492	13
18 South Dakota State	4-2	1457	19
19 Richmond	4-2	1279	22
20 Northern Iowa	3-3	1174	21
21 Youngstown State	4-2	798	16
22 Indiana State	4-2	788	20
23 Charleston Southern	5-1	541	24
24. Sam Houston State	**3-3**	**444**	**NR**
25 Harvard	4-0	315	NR

Others receiving votes: Sacred Heart 183, Delaware 138, Tennessee State 87, Southeast Missouri State 81, Liberty 54, Albany 35, Samford 33, Bryant 29, Missouri State 25, Central Arkansas 25, Western Carolina 21, Dartmouth 21, Northern Arizona 18, Jacksonville 18, Alcorn State 17, Bucknell 15, Grambling State 15, Western Illinois 13, Furman 12, James Madison 10, Presbyterian 9, Yale 7, South Carolina State 6, North Carolina A&T 6, Texas Southern 6, Wofford 5, Stephen F. Austin 4, Towson 3, Northwestern State 3, Alabama State 2, Stony Brook 1, Duquesne 1, Colgate 1, Cal Poly 1.

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Northwest Missouri St (31)	6-0	775	1
2 Minnesota St.-Mankato	6-0	730	3
3 Minnesota-Duluth	6-0	707	4
4 North Alabama	5-0	672	5
5 Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	6-0	618	6
6 Henderson St. (Ark.)	6-0	617	7
7 Ohio Dominican	6-0	582	8
8 Shepherd (W.Va.)	6-0	538	9
9 Delta St. (Miss.)	5-0	497	11
10 West Chester (Pa.)	6-0	487	10
11 Ferris St. (Mich.)	6-0	454	13
12 Bloomsburg (Pa.)	6-0	431	12
13 Harding (Ark.)	5-0	364	14
14 Colorado St.-Pueblo	5-1	360	2
15 Colorado School of Mines	6-0	317	16
16 Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	5-1	312	15
17 Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	5-1	274	18
18 Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	4-1	259	17
19 Sioux Falls (S.D.)	6-0	252	20
20 Michigan Tech	5-0	206	22
21 Concord (W.Va.)	6-0	144	23
22 Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	5-0	107	NR
23. Texas A&M-Commerce	**5-1**	**87**	**NR**
24 Ashland (Ohio)	5-1	61	NR
25 Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	5-1	58	NR

AFCA DIVISION III COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
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NASCAR faces tough calls on issuing penalties

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR Chairman Brian France has always been very clear about the action he wants to see in races.

He loved the 2011 season finale when Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards waged a white-knuckle battle for both the race win and the championship, and France was captivated in March 2013 by the intensity of the closing laps at Fontana. Feuding drivers Denny Hamlin and Joey Logano wouldn't give an inch as they raced for the win and ended up wrecking each other, and Kyle Busch squeezed through to steal a victory.

For good measure, Stewart tried to confront Logano on pit road after the race to add another layer of excitement to an already thrilling finish.

Those are the races talked about on Mondays, the ones that garner mainstream media attention. Fans remember Juan Pablo Montoya hitting a jet dryer and triggering a massive fireball during the Daytona 500 far longer than they can recall that Matt Kenseth actually won that 2012 season opener.

That puts NASCAR in a very tough position as series officials spent Monday reviewing video and data from several post-race skirmishes at Charlotte Motor Speedway. NASCAR must decide what, if any, punishments are warranted for a sequence of events that has captivated its fan base.

Brad Keselowski, Hamlin and Kenseth — three championship contenders — were all involved in some sort of fracas after the checkered flag fell Saturday night. Keselowski firmly believed Hamlin and Kenseth both had it coming when he first tried to spin Hamlin on the cool-down lap, then hit Kenseth's car on pit road.

Hamlin admitted to being angry with Keselowski over the way he raced Hamlin over the final two laps, and he brake-checked him to send his message. Keselowski tried to spin him in retaliation but missed, then headed to pit road to deal with Kenseth.

Upset over damage he believed Kenseth had done to his car under yellow with six laps remaining, Keselowski hit Kenseth, which led one of them to run into unwitting victim Tony Stewart.

Both drivers were livid — Stewart backed his car up and into Keselowski's as payback — and Kenseth hustled into the garage to exact his own justice.

Only Kenseth had to get in line: Hamlin followed Keselowski, and the two cars weaved through a crowded garage area until coming to a stop. Hamlin had to be restrained by crew members from getting to Keselowski when both drivers climbed from their cars.

Keselowski then headed between the Team Penske haulers toward a side door, but was jumped from behind by Kenseth. The melee was quickly broken up, but the visuals of drivers losing their cool became the immediate headline of the race.

Never mind that Kevin Harvick won to earn an automatic berth into the third round of the Chase, or that Dale Earnhardt Jr. had a mechanical problem to put his season on the ropes, or that Jimmie Johnson had an in-race verbal spat with his crew chief. Heck, even Danica Patrick's threat to intentionally wreck Logano was forgotten.

All of it fell to the wayside once drivers started slamming their cars into each other and the always mild-mannered Kenseth had to be peeled off a rival driver.

It should be noted that when second-place finisher Jeff Gordon entered the media center for his post-race obligations, the first words out of his mouth were, "That was awesome!" If there was any doubt he was referring to the post-race fireworks, he threw his arms up in the air in triumph and yelled, "Kenseth!"

He and rookie Kyle Larson then stood under a television and watched — with great delight — the replays of all the skirmishes. Out in the garage, various industry members crowded around a portable monitor to get their own view.

So what is NASCAR to do? Precedent is to fine everybody involved, just as Marcos Ambrose and Casey Mears were for fighting in the garage earlier this year, or Harvick was fined for a pit-road confrontation in 2011 or Kurt Busch in 2012. In Busch's case, he was fined $50,000 for dangerous driving on pit road.

Keselowski could be found guilty of the same crime, and both he and Hamlin could be taken to task for weaving their cars through a dark and crowded garage area after the race. Kenseth could get slapped on the hand for jumping Keselowski between the haulers.

Monetary punishments mean little to drivers at their level, and it won't hurt their championship chances. As is, Kenseth and Keselowski both need to win Sunday at Talladega to avoid Chase elimination, and that won't change even if NASCAR docks points for Saturday night. A points penalty would hurt Hamlin, who sits in seventh in the 12-driver field headed into a race in which the bottom four will be dropped from the Chase.

More important, though, is the message NASCAR sends through its actions. Penalties are a deterrent to the drivers to show the emotion that the fans are eating up right now. They can't act out or settle scores if they'll be punished every time they do so. But if NASCAR looks the other way, it's openly embracing behavior that some could argue is too dangerous.

It's a no-win situation for NASCAR at a time when France is getting exactly what he's always wanted.

ALCS Game 3 postponed by rain

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The last two times the Kansas City Royals played a postseason game at home, rain fell after the final out. This time, it started well before the first pitch.

Game 3 of the AL Championship Series between the Royals and Baltimore Orioles was postponed Monday because of steady rain that saturated Kauffman Stadium. The game was rescheduled for today at 7:07 p.m.

Along with steady rain, wind gusts of 25 mph were buffeting the ballpark. The forecast for today is cold and windy but dry with weather improving the rest of the week.

"We want a game we know we can get through nine innings, hopefully play dry baseball, not risk player safety or uncomfortable fans," Major League Baseball Senior Vice President Peter Woodfork said about 4 hours before the scheduled first pitch.

The Royals, who lead the best-of-seven series 2-0, will keep former Orioles pitcher Jeremy Guthrie on the mound for Game 3. The Orioles will start Wei-Yin Chen, as planned.

After that, rotations become a little murky.

Royals manager Ned Yost said he'll decide before tonight's game whether to stick with left-hander Jason Vargas for Game 4 on Wednesday or call for an audible and pitch Game 1 starter James Shields on regular rest.

Orlin Wagner/AP

Fans tailgate in the rain outside of Kauffman Stadium before Game 3 of the American League Championship Monday, in Kansas City, Mo. The game was postponed until today due to heavy rain.

That game is scheduled to start at 3:07 p.m.

"Guthrie will throw (today), and then we'll go from there," Yost said. "Shields can come back or if we feel like we want to give him another day, we can do that, too."

Orioles manager Buck Showalter was facing a similar conundrum. Miguel Gonzalez was slated to start Game 4, but Chris Tillman could return on regular rest. He opposed Shields when the Royals beat the Orioles in extra innings in the series opener.

"He's on normal rest, so yeah, he's an option," Showalter said. "That'd be five (days), right? But I wouldn't commit to anything right now other than Chen and see where we are."

It's not a slam-dunk decision for Yost and Showalter to go with their aces. Shields and Tillman struggled Friday night, neither lasting past the fifth inning.

"We're still getting our arms wrapped around it," Showalter said.

If needed, Game 5 would start at 4:07 p.m. EDT on Thursday. Games 6 and 7 would return to Baltimore and be played Friday and Saturday, as scheduled.

"Our teams are used to play consecutive games in a row," Woodford said. "Hopefully it will not have a negative impact on the clubs."

Rain had been in the forecast for the first two games of the ALCS at Camden Yards, but both games were played without delay. The Royals won the first, 8-6, in 10 innings, and Alcides Escobar's go-ahead double in the ninth inning boosted them to a 6-4 victory Saturday.

Schedule

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7)
American League
All AL games televised by TBS
Kansas City 2, Baltimore 0

Friday, Oct. 10: Kansas City 8, Baltimore 6, 10 innings

Saturday, Oct. 11: Kansas City 6, Baltimore 4

Monday, Oct. 13: Baltimore at Kansas City, ppd., rain

Today: Baltimore (Chen 16-6) at Kansas City (Guthrie 13-11), 7:07 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15: Baltimore (Gonzalez 10-9 or Tillman 13-6) at Kansas City (Vargas 11-10 or Shields 14-8), 3:07 p.m.

x-Thursday, Oct. 16: Baltimore at Kansas City, 3:07 p.m.

x-Friday, Oct. 17: Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:07 p.m.

x-Saturday, Oct. 18: Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:07 p.m.

National League
San Francisco 1, St. Louis 1

Saturday, Oct. 11: San Francisco 3, St. Louis 0

Sunday, Oct. 12: St. Louis 5, San Francisco 4

Today: St. Louis (Lackey 3-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 9-13), 3:07 p.m. (FS1)

Wednesday, Oct. 15: St. Louis (Miller 10-9) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13), 7:07 p.m. (FS1)

Thursday, Oct. 16: St. Louis at San Francisco, 7:07 p.m. (FS1)

x-Saturday, Oct. 18: San Francisco at St. Louis, 3:07 p.m. (Fox)

x-Sunday, Oct. 19: San Francisco at St. Louis, 6:37 p.m. (FS1)

Thunder prepare to play without Durant

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — For the first time, the Oklahoma City Thunder will be forced to play without Kevin Durant for more than a handful of games.

The team announced Sunday that the league's reigning MVP would be out for an undetermined length of time with a fracture in his right foot, at the base of the small toe. Typically, the injury requires surgery and six to eight weeks of healing.

The Thunder haven't officially determined what's next, although general manager Sam Presti said surgery would be likely.

The Thunder will play without Durant on Tuesday night in a preseason game against Memphis.

"No one's feeling sorry for us," Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks said. "I can honestly say I did not receive any text messages from coaches around the league looking to postpone the season."

Opponents have seen more than enough of Durant. Since he entered the league in 2007, he leads the league in points and minutes played. He has missed just 16 regular season games in his seven-year career and has never missed more than eight games in a season.

His longest absence was a seven-game stretch during the 2008-09 season because of a sprained right ankle. He missed one game last season, one game the season before, played in all 82 games during the 2009-10 season and all 66 games during the lockout-shortened 2011-12 season.

"When you look at Kevin, you see all the great offense of abilities and leadership qualities, but you never really think about the toughness, for him to be able to play all those years and play just about every game at a high level, and he continues to get back up," Brooks said.

Point guard Russell Westbrook, who has missed significant time the past two years with a knee injury, admires how durable Durant has been over the years.

"Very, very impressive," Westbrook said. "He's probably one of the hardest working guys I've seen. He comes in every day and does what he's supposed to do. He doesn't take days off in practice. He tries to compete every day. It's definitely unfortunate, but he's a strong guy mentally and physically, and he'll get back to his better form."

Brooks said Durant is struggling with the idea of missing games, even though it's the preseason.

"He's about as good as anybody can possibly be," Brooks said. "One of the things I love about Kevin is he loves to play. He loves the game of basketball. He's very passionate about it. It's not a hobby for him."

Durant felt discomfort in the foot on Saturday and told the Thunder staff, leading to the diagnosis. Brooks said the injury could have been much worse if Durant had waited to get help.

"This is a minor, minor setback in the big scope of things," Brooks said. "He's going to come back in no time, and like I said, our goal is to be a better team when he gets back from where we are today without him."

The injury puts more of the focus on Westbrook, an explosive scoring point guard who averaged 26.7 points, 7.3 rebounds and 8.1 assists during last year's playoffs. This season on media day, Brooks called Westbrook the best point guard in the NBA.

Westbrook said his role won't change.

"It's not about me, it's about our team," he said. "I can't win games by myself. I can't do anything by myself, so I kind of want to take the attention off of me and put it on more of the team. Everybody keeps asking what I'm going to do and how I'm going to change. I think it's more about our team, and what we can do to get better."

Cardinals arrive at familiar AT&T Park for Game 3

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The St. Louis Cardinals arrived in the Bay Area ballpark they know so well in October and began preparing for the possibility of facing the Giants without star catcher Yadier Molina.

"Another beautiful day in NorCal!" reliever Randy Choate shouted as he hopped up the dugout steps and onto the field for Monday's workout.

"Shocker!" bench coach Mike Aldrete hollered in response.

Manager Mike Matheny is encouraged Molina might be able to help St. Louis as soon as today in Game 3, perhaps initially just off the bench as he recovers from a strained left oblique muscle sustained in Sunday's 5-4 victory at Busch Stadium. Playing at all appeared doubtful only a night earlier, then Molina played catch under cloudless skies at AT&T Park and gave Matheny hope.

"A little better than what I expected," Molina said afterward. "When I woke up, I was moving all right. We'll see. I'm going to try."

A.J. Pierzynski is the likely choice to catch former Boston teammate John Lackey in Game 3, and deemed himself ready. The best-of-seven series is tied 1-1.

Molina flew on the team charter on Sunday night after having an MRI. Once the Cardinals arrived at the ballpark on Monday, Molina met with team doctors and medical staff in the training room of the visitors' clubhouse.

Matheny carried three catchers and has Tony Cruz and Pierzynski to fill the big void.

"Obviously it's a big loss, but we spent some time without him this year and we're fortunate to have A.J. and Tony, who are two really good players," infielder Mark Ellis said. "We're lucky to have them but I feel bad for Yadi because this is what he worked for the whole year and he's not able to be with us."

Tim Hudson takes the ball for the Giants, the 39-year-old right-hander's first start beyond the division series in 16 major league seasons.

He is already thriving in the raucous playoff environment of pumped-up crowds.

"At this point in my career, it's almost like a shot of coffee," he said.

While noting he wishes no ill will for the injured Molina, Hudson would be fine not having to face the slugging catcher. There are plenty of other big bats to contend with, anyway.

"That would be a pretty big blow for them, not only from an offensive standpoint but from a defensive standpoint how he handles those pitchers," Hudson said. "But it wouldn't hurt my feelings if he's not in the lineup for a few days, there's no question about that."

As the series shifts to San Francisco's pitcher-friendly ballpark, the Cardinals know plenty about how the Giants protect their home field. Two years ago, St. Louis arrived in town leading the NLCS 3-2 before the Giants rallied to take the series on the way to their second championship in three years.

Lackey, too, has pitched on the big October stage in San Francisco — albeit back in 2002 with the eventual champion wild-card Angels.

Reminded he intentionally walked home run king Barry Bonds four times, Lackey smiled and said: "Wouldn't you? Geez."

"No offense to anybody in their lineup but they don't got Barry Bonds," he said. "They have got a really good lineup."

While Molina is improving, Matheny also is pleased with Adam Wainwright's health. His workload has come into question after the ace right-hander hasn't made it out of the fifth in his two postseason starts. He threw a bullpen session Monday with a hitter standing in the box but not swinging.

"His game comes down to feel and when he has a good feel for his fastball, next thing you know that breaking ball has a nice, sharp break to it," Matheny said. "So to hear from him that he feels great right now is great news for us."

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000	1/2
Toronto	3	1	.750	—
Boston	2	2	.500	1
New York	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Charlotte	2	1	.667	1/2
Orlando	2	1	.667	1/2
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Miami	0	3	.000	2 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	1	.667	—
Chicago	2	2	.500	1/2
Indiana	1	2	.333	1
Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	2	.333	2
Memphis	1	2	.333	2
Dallas	1	2	.333	2
San Antonio	0	0	.000	1 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	1	.500	1
Oklahoma City	1	1	.500	1
Portland	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Denver	1	3	.250	2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	3	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	2 1/2

Monday's Scores

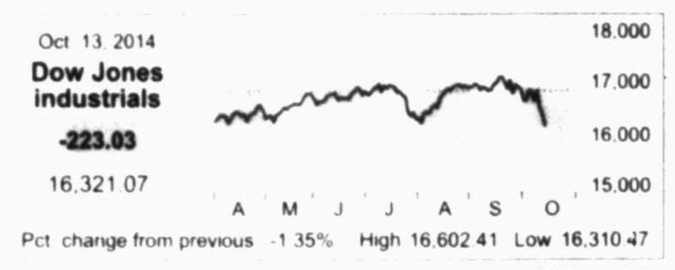
Charlotte 99, Orlando 97
Toronto 81, New York 76
Chicago 110, Denver 90
Houston 85, Phoenix 92
L.A. Clippers at Utah, late

Today's Games

New York vs. Philadelphia at Syracuse, NY, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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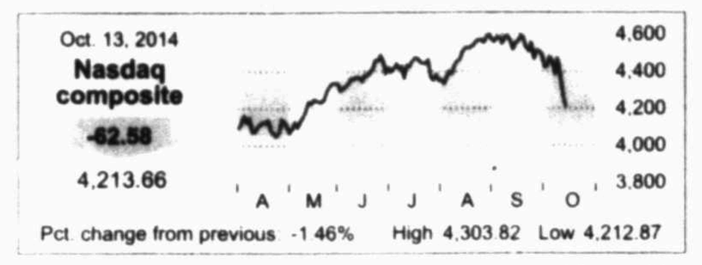

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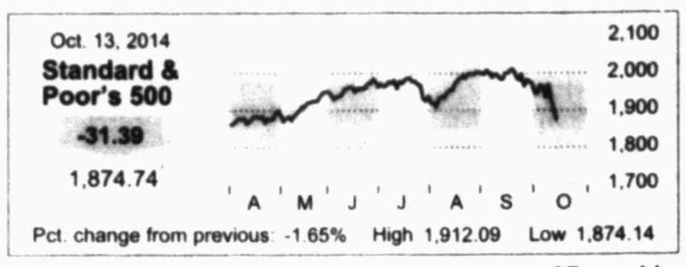

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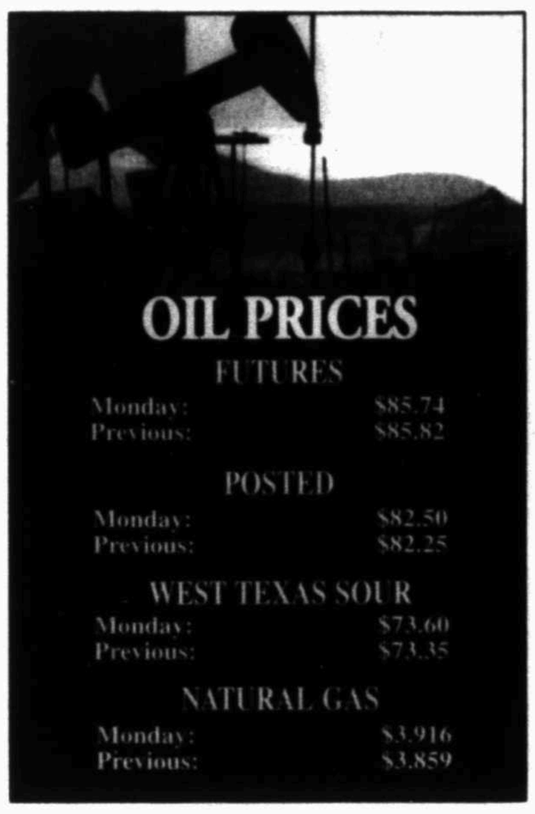

Why drop in oil prices has downside for US economy

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you're a driver, a shipper or an airline, low oil prices sure feel nice. But there are downsides to the recent plunge in oil prices — for the oil industry and for the economy.

Low fuel prices can help boost economic growth by reducing fuel bills and leaving consumers and companies with more money to spend on other things. Problem is, two factors behind the oil-price drop — a weaker global economy and a stronger dollar — could hurt the U.S. economy by reducing exports, employment and spending. And all that, in turn, could outweigh the economic benefit of cheaper fuel.

"Initially, (a lower oil price) will provide a boost to an economy that already has some momentum," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial. "It's like a tax cut. The problem is that it will come back to haunt us in 2015."

A boom in U.S. oil production, which has helped reduce dependence on foreign oil, has been propelled by high prices. Drilling in some areas of North Dakota and Texas, for example, produces only a slight output per day. If prices fell further, drilling would have to slow because it would no longer be profitable.

Oil hasn't fallen quite far enough for that to happen, analysts say. Even the more expensive drilling operations are still profitable when oil sells for $85 a barrel, and oil closed just below $86 on Monday. In general, oil companies would have to expect oil prices to stay below $80 a barrel for many months to scale back their drilling plans.

Unless supplies drop, perhaps from a cut in production from Saudi Arabia or OPEC, or a sudden turnaround in the global economy that would increase demand, prices could fall further.

"It's problematic," said Gary Ross, CEO of PIRA Energy Group. "The wake-up call is on its way."

In the meantime, drivers will be enjoying the lowest gas prices in four years. Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service and Gasbuddy.com, said the national average could fall under $3 a gallon before year's end for the first time since 2010.

Benchmark U.S. crude oil peaked in late June at $107 after Islamic State fighters seized control of some cities and Iraq and seemed capable of disrupting exports from OPEC"s second-largest exporter. Upheaval in Libya sharply cut its output.

Global supplies were unstable, and demand appeared robust. U.S. refiners were churning through more oil than ever and making and exporting records amounts of fuel.

The picture soon flipped. The threat to Iraq's exports diminished. Libyan exports returned to the market. And refineries in the U.S. and Asia slowed for seasonal maintenance. At the same time, slower growth in Europe and China led forecasters to reduce expectations for oil demand.

The weak global economic forecast, combined with a relatively strong one for the United States, raised the dollar's value to a four-year high against other currencies. Because oil is priced in dollars, a stronger dollar makes oil more expensive and tends to reduce demand.

Suddenly there was plenty of supply and not enough demand. By the end of last week, oil had plunged $20 a barrel from its peak. It ended the week below $86 a barrel for the first time in nearly two years. Energy company stocks have fallen 16 percent since late June, compared with a drop of 2 percent in the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, according to FactSet.

Lower fuel prices have followed. The average prices of gasoline, heating oil, diesel and jet fuel are all on track to be the lowest in four years, giving drivers, travelers and fuel-hungry companies a break. Savanthi Syth, an airlines analyst at Raymond James, recently increased her earnings forecast for United Airlines by 31 percent for the fourth quarter because of lower fuel prices.

When energy prices fall because of rising supplies, it can help the economy. U.S. natural gas prices fell even as the economy was recovering from the financial crisis. Those lower prices helped manufacturers by lowering electricity prices and raw material costs.

And increases in U.S. oil production have protected the U.S. economy by keeping fuel prices from soaring in recent years during a period of turmoil in the Middle East.

But a sharp fall in energy prices often results from weakening economic growth, and the benefit of lower fuel costs isn't enough to offset it.

The lower global economic growth that's pulling down oil prices and U.S. stocks will also squeeze U.S. companies. The stronger dollar can hurt the U.S. economy because it makes U.S. goods costlier than foreign goods, so exports fall and imports rise. That can reduce domestic economic activity and job growth.

Some attribute the price drop mainly to seasonal factors and expect OPEC to cut production to help send oil prices back up. At the start of the year, many analysts expected the 2014 annual average for oil to be $90 to $95 a barrel. The average is still above that despite the recent price plunge.

Judith Dwarkin, chief energy economist at ITG Investment Research, expects global supply and demand to balance out soon.

"The sky may be sagging a bit, but it isn't falling," she said.

US indexes slide

The stock market slumped Monday, unable to shake off worries of a global economic slowdown and plunging oil prices.

Airlines, energy and materials stocks were among the biggest decliners. Stocks are coming off their worst week in more than two years.

The downturn leaves the Standard & Poor's index 500 down 6.8 percent from its recent peak last month and up just 1.4 percent for the year.

Many investors remain concerned that growth in Europe and Asia could be slowing.

A late slide in the last half-hour of trading came after an otherwise calm day in the markets. The market opened lower and wavered for much of the day between small gains and losses.

The late wave of selling was likely triggered by automated trading programs that started selling stocks when it became clear that the S&P 500 would close below an important technical level, said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at Schwab Center for Financial Research.

Many traders follow these levels to give them an indication about the near-term direction of the market.

In this case, the S&P 500 closed below 1,905, the 200-day moving average price for the index. The index had traded above the average since November 2012, gaining 36 percent.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	204845	191.87	-3.13
B PVix rs	101192	19.56	+3.71
BkofAm	40297	16.40	.08
iSHEMkts	42471	37.42	-.47
iSHBrzil	36294	34.10	.42

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DoralFin	6.75	+1.46	+27.6
AtlasEngy	37.25	+4.84	+14.9
CliffsNRs	8.25	+.93	+12.7
PetroArA	18.44	+1.89	+11.4
Petrobras	17.27	+1.65	+10.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aeroflex n	4.49	-2.14	-32.3
GoodrPet	7.65	-3.18	-29.4
GoodrP pC	18.51	-7.16	-27.9
GoodrP pD	15.74	-6.43	-25.6
LithaMot	42.11	-16.85	-20.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,015
Declined	2,103
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,229
New Highs	10
New Lows	439
Volume	4,288,443,289

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iBio	4343[illegible]	2.45	-.98
AlphaPro	3343[illegible]	10.05	+2.62
Globalstar	1165[illegible]	1.[illegible]	.09
ChenIEnH n	3937	6.[illegible]	-4.47
Protalix	3[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iBio	2.45	-.98	-66.7
AlphaPro	10.05	+2.62	+35.3
Xinergy	3.60	-.52	-16.9
Protalix	2.45	-.25	-11.4
LomotiBev	2.54	-.18	-9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SL Ind	38.90	-8.28	-17.6
GastarExp	3.64	-.77	-16.3
impaxMfg	3.87	-.4[illegible]	-15.8
TdAm	4.1[illegible]	-.2[illegible]	-10.1
EmeraldC	3.43	-.43	-9.2

DIARY

Advanced	769
Declined	236
Unchanged	17
Total issues	422
New Highs	4
New Lows	56
Volume	191,727,951

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	7393777	90.96	-.48
Apple Inc s	522551	99.81	.92
SiriusXM	503278	3.[illegible]	-.02
MicronT	434947	27.03	.76
Facebook	413861	72.[illegible]	-.38

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lakelnd	29.00	+9.37	+47.7
MarroneB	2.58	+.59	+29.6
NewLink	22.42	+4.29	+23.7
TokaiPhn	14.44	+2.62	+22.2
Codexis	2.89	+.49	+20.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Covisint n	3.[illegible]	-.84	-21.5
BOS Ltd	3.9[illegible]	-.8[illegible]	-19.8
JBI Vac rs	2.1[illegible]	-.48	-18.[illegible]
AndaSeC n	3.[illegible]	-.1[illegible]	-17.4
RexEnerg	3.[illegible]	-.65	-16.[illegible]

DIARY

Advanced	1,154
Declined	1,519
Unchanged	123
Total issues	2,796
New Highs	24
New Lows	339
Volume	2,408,154,611

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $75.98 Down 6.63

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $97.92 Down 7.64

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $17.53 Down 0.20

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $59.21 Down 5.54

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $20.89 Down 0.86

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.77 Up 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.04 Up 0.57

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $22.86 Down 1.00

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.12 Down 0.22

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.18 Down 1.15

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			5.78	.34	29.5
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	33.82	.43	3.8
Abraxas		**43**	**3.42**	**-.42**	**+4.9**
AdamsEx	**84e**		**13.25**	**-.26**	**+1.4**
AMD		27	2.74	+.02	29.2
Alcoa	.12	23	14.49	-.22	+36.3
AlonUSA	40f		13.72	+.11	17.0
AlphaPro		67	10.05	+2.62	+367.4
AmAirl n	.40		28.58	-2.20	-13.2
Amgen	**2.44**	**20**	**133.56**	**-3.83**	**+17.1**
Anadarko	**1.08**		**85.25**	**-3.12**	**+7.5**
Apache	**1.00**	**25**	**75.93**	**-3.98**	**-11.6**
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	99.81	.92	+24.5
ApldMatl	**.40**	**23**	**18.92**	**-.92**	**+7.0**
ATMOS	**1.48**	**17**	**47.92**	**-.06**	**+5.5**
AutoData	1.92b	23	71.95	.71	+1.5
BP PLC	**2.34f**	**6**	**41.22**	**-.32**	**-15.2**
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.22	+.01	+1.9
BakrHu	68f	18	53.42	3.26	3.3
BkofAm	20f	19	16.40	.08	+5.3
B PVix rs			39.56	+3.71	7.0
BascEnSv			13.29	-2.26	-15.8
BerkHa A			**162049**13.13	**-236.90**	**+15.2**
BkHillsCp	**1.56**	**20**	**47.88**	**+.17**	**-8.8**
BrMySq	**1.44**	**30**	**49.09**	**-1.19**	**-7.6**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**27**	**84.41**	**-1.67**	**+14.4**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**27**	**85.02**	**-1.72**	**+12.5**
CSX	.64	18	31.70	+1.76	+10.2
CVS Health	1.10	20	80.12	-2.36	+11.9
Cameron		17	55.76	-2.14	-6.3
Caterpillar	2.80	15	91.68	-1.45	+1.0
Celestic g		12	9.39	-.17	-9.7
Cemex	52t		11.21	-.47	-1.5
CntryLink	2.16		38.41	-.72	+20.6
ChesEng	.35	20	17.83	-1.14	-30.5
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**112.03**	**-1.86**	**-10.3**
Chicos	.30	22	14.64	+.05	-22.3
Cimarex	.64	19	106.25	-6.18	+1.3
Cisco	.76	15	22.93	-.41	+3.0
Citigroup	.04	12	49.90	-.21	-4.2
ClayEng	**...**	**24**	**75.98**	**-6.63**	**-7.3**
CliffsNRs	.60	4	8.25	+.93	-68.5
CocaCola	**1.22**	**24**	**44.07**	**-.40**	**+6.7**
ColgPalm	**1.44**	**27**	**64.19**	**-1.10**	**-1.6**
Comcast	.90	18	51.64	.98	.6
ConAgra	**1.00**	**42**	**33.15**	**-.35**	**-1.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**43**	**97.92**	**-7.64**	**-9.3**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**11**	**68.07**	**-2.29**	**-3.7**
CrackerB	4.00	19	103.02	.60	-6.4
CSVelIVST			28.51	3.35	-17.1
CSVixSht			4.93	+.81	-34.3
CrosTim	**2.74e**	**10**	**25.60**	**-1.37**	**-12.9**
DCP Mid	3.03f	.	50.51	+1.81	+.3
DTE	2.76f	18	78.90	+.17	+18.8
Dataram h			2.29	.05	-11.9
Dawson	**.32**	**...**	**17.53**	**-.20**	**-48.2**
DeltaAir	.36	2	30.90	-2.61	+12.5
DevonE	**.96**	**14**	**56.56**	**-2.86**	**-8.6**
DrxSCBear			19.23	+.24	+13.3
Disney	**.86f**	**20**	**83.91**	**-2.36**	**+9.8**
DowChm	**1.48**	**16**	**44.89**	**-2.68**	**+1.1**
DryShips			1.47	-.39	-68.7
EOG Res s	**.67f**	**19**	**83.76**	**-6.07**	**-.2**
EmpDist	**1.02**	**15**	**25.21**	**+.40**	**+11.1**
Energen	.60	33	55.77	-5.35	-21.2
EngyTsfr	3.82t		56.56	-3.74	-1.2
EnPro	**...**	**55**	**58.21**	**-1.16**	**+1.0**
EntPrdPt s	1.46f	23	34.05	-2.24	+2.7
Ericsson	**.46e**		**11.43**	**+.02**	**-6.6**
ExterranH	**.80**	**22**	**36.35**	**-2.15**	**+6.3**
ExxonMbl	**2.76**	**12**	**90.84**	**-.76**	**-10.2**
Facebook	...	78	72.99	+.08	+33.6
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GabMultT	**.88**	**...**	**8.50**	**-.33**	**-31.5**
GAInv	**2.10e**	**...**	**35.03**	**-.78**	**-.5**
GenElec	**.88**	**17**	**23.95**	**-.32**	**-14.6**
GenMotors	1.20	25	29.79	-.50	-27.1
GtPlainEn	**.92**	**16**	**24.91**	**+.47**	**+2.8**
HalconRes			2.51	-.48	-35.0
Halliblrtn	**.80**	**16**	**50.26**	**-4.03**	**-1.0**
HewlettP	.64	12	32.69	-.81	+16.8
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iShJapan	.17e	...	10.92	-.10	-10.0
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	38.05	+.34	-.8
iShEMkts	.71e	...	40.92	+.41	-2.1
iShR2K	1.50e		104.32	-.42	-9.6
iBio			2.45	+.98	+631.3
IntegrysE	2.72	20	67.62	+.60	+24.3
Intel	**.90**	**16**	**31.47**	**-.44**	**+21.2**
InterDig	.80		39.54	+.72	+34.1
JohnJn	**2.80**	**18**	**99.12**	**-2.11**	**+8.2**
KimbClk	**3.36**	**19**	**106.60**	**-1.83**	**+2.0**
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KindMM	5.56f	71	87.51	-2.60	+15.7
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Merck	1.76	30	56.14	-2.52	+12.2
MeritMed	**...**	**28**	**12.33**	**+.33**	**-21.7**
MexcoEn		38	5.77	+.33	-16.4
MicronT		11	27.03	-.76	+24.3
Microsoft	1.24f	17	43.65	-.38	+16.7
Nabors	24f	34	17.57	-1.29	+3.4
NatGrid	**3.48e**	**...**	**69.76**	**-.25**	**+6.8**
NOlfVarco	1.84	11	68.05	-2.27	-5.1
NvMAd	**.80e**	**...**	**13.43**	**-.02**	**+10.4**
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NuvPI	**.82**	**...**	**13.42**	**-.03**	**+8.8**
NSTFI3	**.61**	**...**	**13.91**	**+.03**	**+8.0**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.57**	**+.09**	**+13.4**
OcciPet	**2.88**	**12**	**87.90**	**-3.66**	**-7.6**
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PioNtrl	.08	...	168.03	-8.21	-8.7
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S&P500ETF	3.68e		187.41	-3.13	+1.5
SpdrOGEx	.55e		55.31	-3.44	-19.3
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Schlmbrg	1.60	18	90.93	-2.14	+.9
Schwab	24	29	25.17	-1.06	-3.2
SigmaAld	**.92**	**32**	**135.26**	**-.23**	**+43.9**
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SunEdison			14.30	-1.70	+9.6
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UBWV	**1.28**	**18**	**31.81**	**+.74**	**+1.1**
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ValeroE	1.10f	8	44.55	-.60	-11.6
VerizonCm	2.20f	11	48.37	-.57	-1.6
VulcanM	**.24**	**48**	**55.28**	**-1.24**	**-7.0**
Walgrn	**1.35**	**30**	**60.69**	**-2.30**	**+5.7**
WellsFargo	1.40	12	50.20	-.44	+10.6
WstnRefin	1.04	16	39.70	-.39	-6.4
WhitingPet		12	57.66	-5.12	-6.8
WmsCos	2.24f	62	47.89	-2.26	+24.2
XcelEngy	**1.20**	**16**	**31.76**	**+.18**	**+13.7**
Xerox	**.25**	**13**	**12.39**	**-.15**	**+1.8**
Yahoo	...	33	38.38	-1.22	-5.1

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576.98	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	560.87	-.80	-.14	+14.33	+14.69
11,334.65	9,441.66	NYSE Composite	10,166.74	-126.40	-1.23	-2.25	+3.77
4,610.57	3,650.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,213.66	-62.58	-1.46	+.89	+10.44
2,019.26	1,646.47	S&P 500	1,874.74	-31.39	-1.65	+1.43	+9.62
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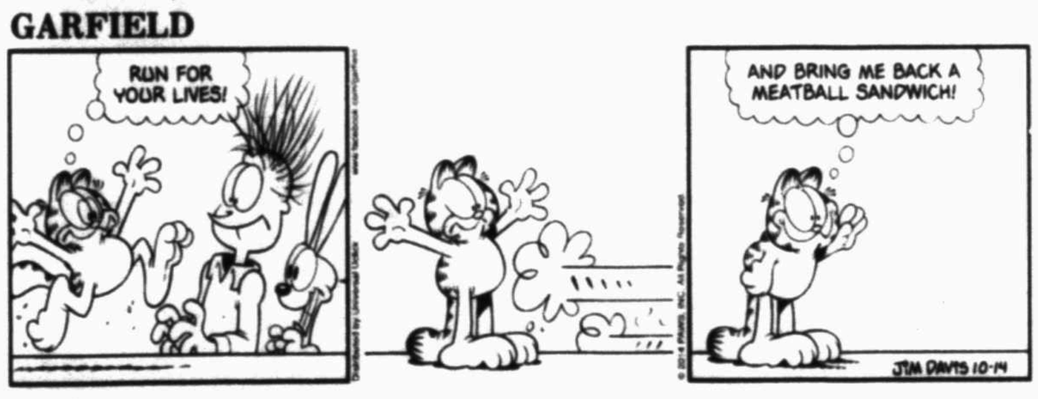

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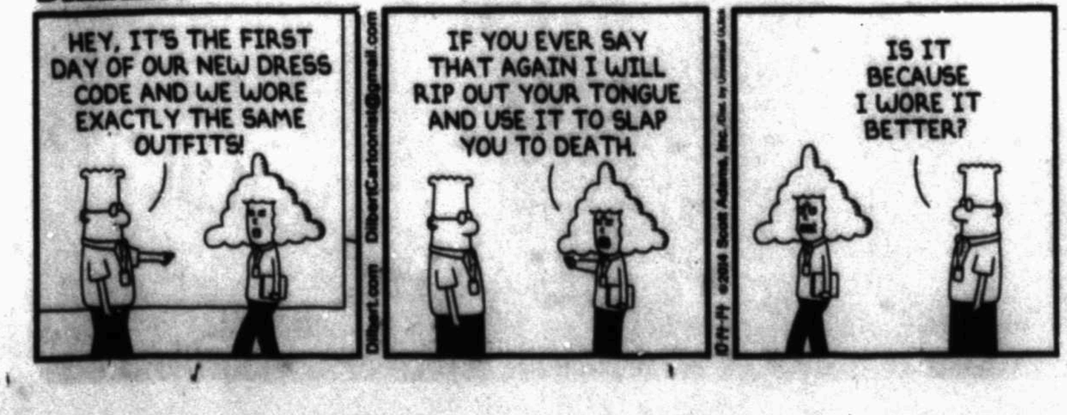

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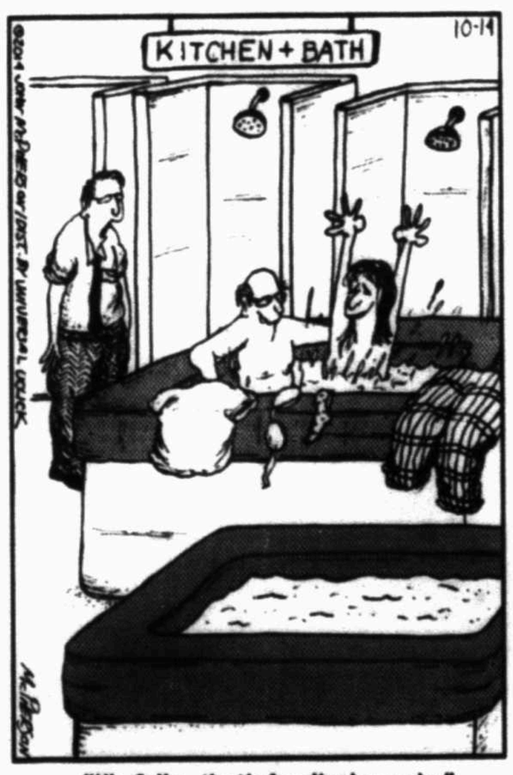

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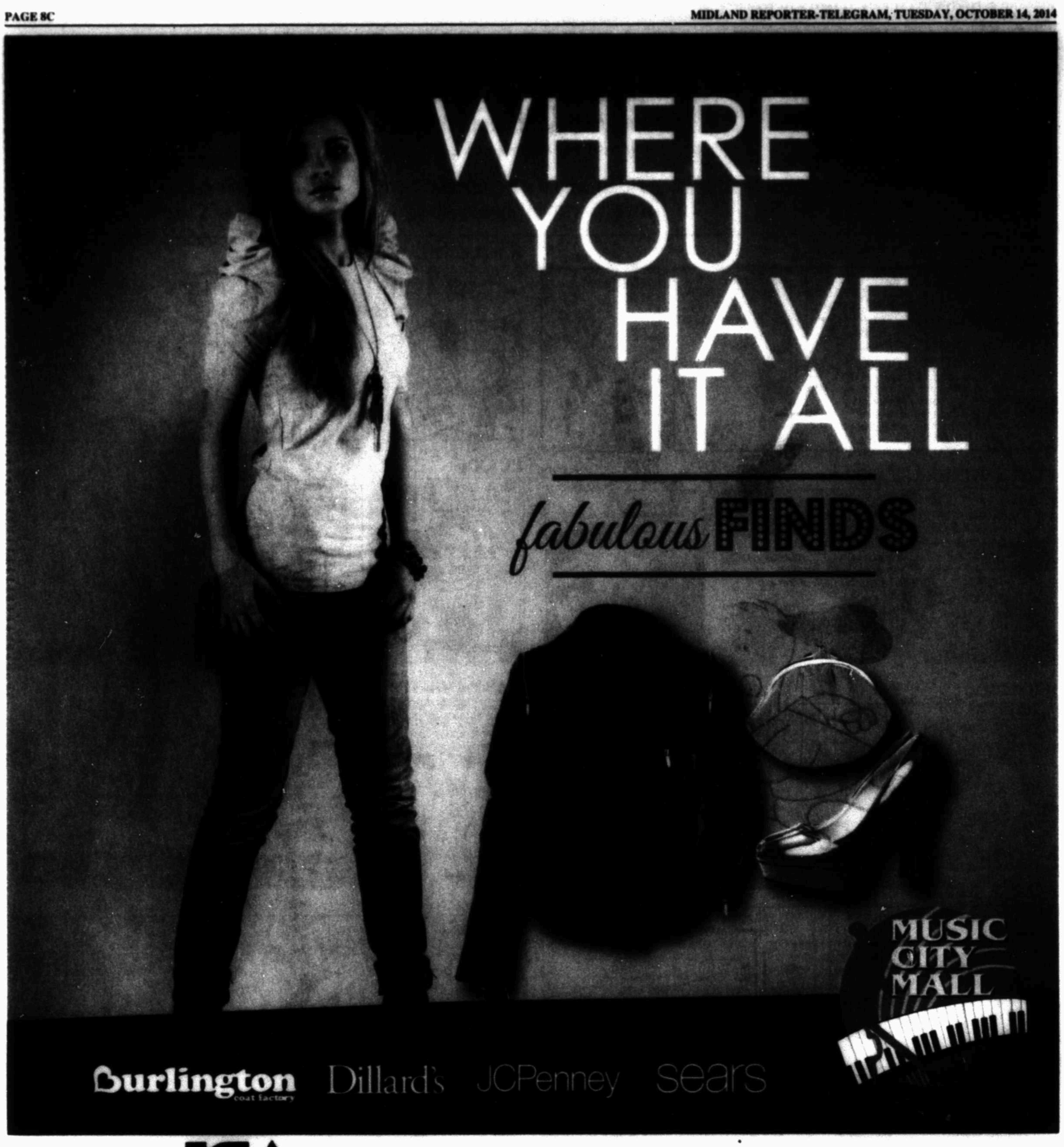

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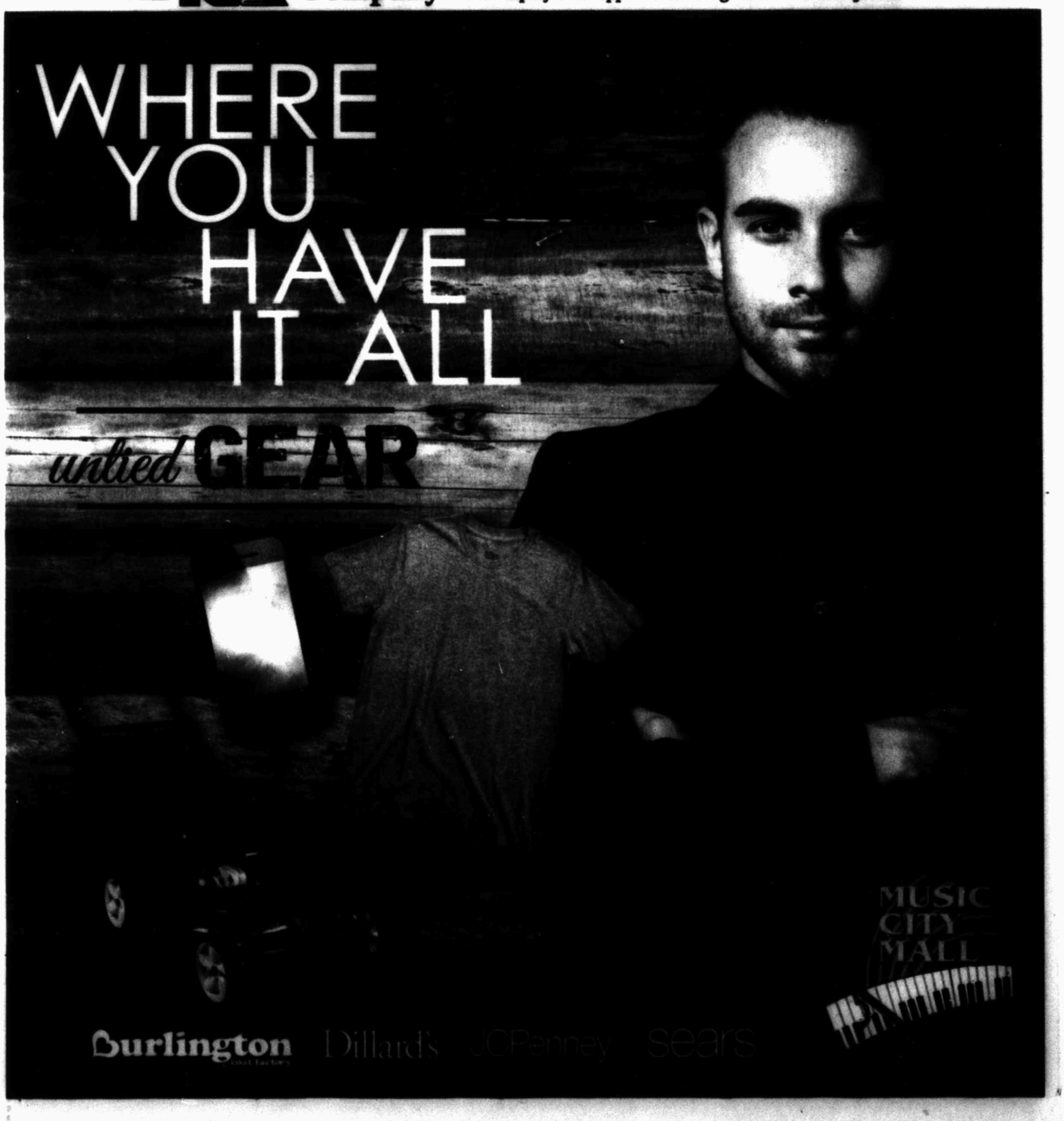

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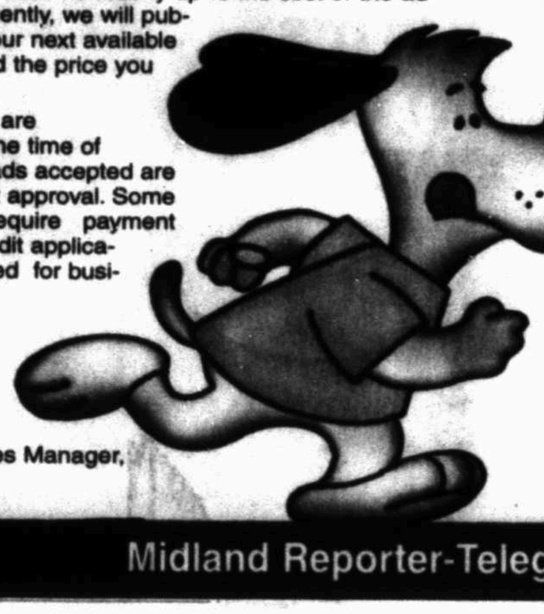

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Bk. D, L&SV RR CO Survey, A-326, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Fields, REAGAN County, being 15.6 miles SE direction from MIDKIFF, 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 the 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 Nov 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A 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	ALDWELL M	
Lease/Unit Well No	4H	
Lease/Unit Acres	162.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	500.0	
Lease Lines	997.0 F EAST L	235.0 F SOUTH L
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Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 1467.0 F EAST L
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Terminus Location
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Section: 48 Block: C Abstract: 821
Survey: L&SV RR CO / WATSON, A
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100.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines: 1467.0 F EAST L
100.0 F NORTH L

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	ALDWELL M	
Lease/Unit Well No	4H	
Lease/Unit Acres	1140.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	500.0	
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10709 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 969-1742.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that application has been made seeking original Letters of Administration for the Estate of David Michael Bailey, Deceased, in the county court of Midland County, Texas, by Linda F. Bailey.

All persons having an interest in this Estate are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Lori M. Ruiz
Attorney at Law
Atkins, Hollmann, Jones, Peacock, Lewis & Lyon
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 500
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DATED the 8th day of October, 2014.

By: Lori M. Ruiz
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VW 2010 Beetle, red exterior, black interior, new tires. 63K miles. $11,500. Please call 432-269-8595.

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Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick up. 432-685-4078

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2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO (Regency) step side. 4.8 liter V-8, new tires, runs great, very clean, well maintained. 178k miles. $6,000. OBO. 432-853-1453.

CHEVY 2013 Silverado 1500, crew cab, LT Texas edition, black exterior with ebony leather interior, loaded, excellent condition with 19,200 miles, one owner. $29,500. Call 432-816-6148.

CHEVY 2013 Silverado Half-Ton towing package. 11K miles, second oil change. Fully extended 4 door short bed. Take over payments. Call for more info 432-978-8473.

FORD 2000 F-250 Powerstroke. Diesel automatic 4x2 Crew Cab short bed. Towing Pkg, great condition. 103K miles. Original owner. Asking $18,000. Call 432-638-2822.

FORD 2004 F350 XLT ext cab super duty diesel dually auto trans. 1 owner. 114k miles. excellent condition. $13,500. Call 432-770-3043.

FORD 2012 F250 62K brown and gold. 4WD short bed. V8, gasoline, great condition, one owner. $33500 432-664-9048

GMC 2003 Sierra 2500 HD crewcab SLT 4x4 Dura Max diesel $5,500 915-549-4728

GMC 2007 Duramax ext cab, power seats, doors, mirrors & locks, auto trans, towing package. 133,600 miles. $19,500. Call 432-664-6587

Vans & Minivans

PLYMOUTH 1988 Voyager 4cyl, new paint, new tires, new interior only. 50k original miles. $3500. Call 432-770-7982

4WD & SUV

CHEVROLET 2005 Suburban Z71, 4x4, black, fully loaded, leather, NAV, SAT radio, DVD & E pkg, Bose premium sound, tow pkg, tilt/cruise, S-roof, running boards, luggage rack. Asking $8,500. 432-682-3147

GMC 2008 Yukon XL, 4x4, fully loaded, leather, sun roof, NAV, SAT radio, new tires. Excellent condition. 87,500. miles. $21,000. 432-638-3393

LINCOLN 2009 Navigator, 4X4. All power including running boards, sunroof, liftgate, rear entertainment 6 CD changer. In excellent condition with 53K miles, new Michelin tires. $24,500. 684-4407 or 260-0010.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 / 38 Case No 0293150
DATE OF ISSUANCE Oct 13, 2014 Status/Permit No 793723
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE 5:00 PM, Nov 17, 2014
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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 37, T3S, T & P RR CO Survey, A-140, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 16.8 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 the 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 Nov 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A 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) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	SHACKELFORD E	
Lease/Unit Well No	3305H	
Lease/Unit Acres	3838.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	619.0	
Lease Lines	6972.0 F WEST L	260.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines	1710.0 F WEST L	260.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines : 6567.0 F WEST L
100.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 28 Block: 37 T3S Abstract: 980
Survey: T&P RR CO / ROE, C
Lease Lines : 6574.0 F WEST L
100.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines: 1305.0 F WEST L
100.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : R 40 EXC: Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 969-1742.

Legal & Public Notices

PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION at HOGAN PARK

A public hearing will be held in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code during the Midland City Council meeting at 10:30 a.m. on October 21, 2014, in the City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas, 79701, to consider a request to use an approximate 10.9-acre strip of land generally located east of the Hogan Park Golf Course from Wadley Avenue to Loop 250.

The City of Midland Engineering Services Department is currently working on a design to widen Fairgrounds Road from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250. This design will require the use of an approximate 10.9-acre strip of land out of Section 13, Block 39, T-1-S, T & P RR Co Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas, more specifically described as the east 90 feet of Section 13, Block 39, T-1-S, T & P RR Co Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

The Engineering Services Department requests the use of the above described land in order to add to Fairgrounds Road extra driving lanes, including turning lanes, as well as appurtenant fixtures and facilities.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodation or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the City of Midland, at 432-685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy Turner, MMC
CITY SECRETARY

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Bank Merger

Notice is hereby given that Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), located at 200 West Second Street, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27101, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for its written consent to acquire certain assets, and to assume certain liabilities, of 41 full service branches and one limited service facility office ("Branches") of Citibank, National Association ("Citibank"), a national bank located at 701 East 60th Street North, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, which are located in Allen, Arlington, Caddo Mills, Coppell, Dallas, Fort Worth, Frisco, Garland, Grapevine, Highland Village, Houston, Humble, Irving, Katy, Plano, McKinney, Midland, Odessa, Pasadena, Shenandoah, Southlake, Sugar Land, Webster, all in Texas (the "Proposed Transaction"). It is contemplated that those Branches of Citibank will continue to be operated as branches of BB&T-NC on consummation of the transaction (with the exception of the Citibank branch located at 6460 N Macarthur Blvd., Irving, Texas, which will be consolidated with the existing branch office of BB&T-NC located at 6650 N Macarthur Blvd., Irving, Texas).

This notice is published pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C.§ 1828(c), and sections 303.44 and 303.65 of the regulations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 12 C.F.R. 303.44 and 303.65. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office located at 10 Tenth Street, NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30309-3906, not later than October 19, 2014. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Land/Legal Administrative Assistant

Immediate Opening! Independent petroleum exploration company land department seeks highly-motivate individual for full time position with benefits. Will perform routine clerical tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, be proficient in computer technologies, particularly MS Office. Must have ability to multitask and handle tight deadlines from multiple sources. Must have sound verbal and written communication and strong organizational skills with a strong service-based approach. 2+ years experience in like position in Oil & Gas Industry or Bachelor's/Associates Degree preferred, but not required. Please submit cover letter with resume to **Gregory Smith at gsmith@rkpetroleum.com**

Manager

America's Storage Center **FT**

Looking for a full time manager. Please call 432-520-6400 or stop by for more information.

Secretary/Admin Assistant

Full or Part Time. Data Entry, returning phone calls, scheduling, basic use of Quickbooks. Excellent pay & flexibility. Call 432-967-1741

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

CONSTRUCTION SITE SUPERINTENDENT

We are currently seeking candidates that possess experience in onsite supervision of construction projects. We are currently seeking candidates for a project in the Andrews, Texas area. Candidates should possess demonstrated experience in overseeing plumbing, electrical, structural, insulation, and finishing contractors. Compensation will include a competitive salary, per diems, housing, and reimburse business expenses. Please fax resume to **(940) 665-2131** or email to **hr@resourcetransport.com**

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

• DON • ADON (staff development) • 10pm-to 6am Nurse • 2pm-10pm Nurse • Wound Care Nurse

$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS

Apply in person.

Night Shift Admission Clerk

Martin County Hospital District now hiring 1 FT Admission Clerk night shift 7pm-7am. Apply @ 600 E. I-20, Stanton, TX. 79782. Fax: 432-607-3265. Email: pdority@martinch.org

Optical Department

Seeking friendly, dependable, hard working person for busy eye clinic and optical shop. Experience preferred but not required. Bring resume in person to **Phillips Eye Clinic 4311 W Wadley, Midland**

Registered Dental Assistant

Permian Basin Oral Surgery is looking for a responsible & dependable assistant who is a certified RDA for our Midland location. 4 1/2 days a wk. Excellent opportunity to join our practice. Please send resume **lisa@pboms.com**

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LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

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7500 N CR 1294, Midland, TX 79707

Hiring now! Full-time security guards. Growing company. Retirees welcome. Safe environment. We will train. Shifts open Sat & Sun Daytime. Competitive pay. Starting pay $10.50-$15 per hour with bonuses! 432-561-5660 tumfinley@oilfieldsecurity.com

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

General Manager

Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District is accepting applications for a General Manager position. Minimum of $45,000/yr. and may vary depending on experience. Benefits for employee included. Please send resumes to: GGCD Board of Directors, P.O. Box 208, Garden City, TX. 79739.

Shop Foreman

Horizon Transportation is now seeking experienced Shop Foreman. Inquiries call 432-699-4468

OTHER JOBS

CARETAKER

Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs/horses. Salary and housing provided. Non smokers and no drinking. References required. Call **432-413-2861**

CARTER'S

Delivery Driver **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

Delivery driver needed. Must have good driving record, able to pass drug testing, heavy lifting required. Must be 21 or older. Apply in person at Carter's Furniture, 2101 W. Wadley #6, Midland,TX 79705.

Digital Press Operator

Finishing, printing, computer and copying experience preferred. Good benefits. salary DOE. 432-889-1410

Earn an extra $500-$1000 per week working part time. 25 year old Golf Community Developer seeking high energy individuals to help promote our 5-star golf community. Call David Holland at 270-589-9915 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Structural Welder Needed

Starting Pay: $19.75/hourly Hours: 45+/week Requirements: Work to be performed inside and outside year round. Physical ability to lift 50 lbs. Must report to work on time and perform job responsibilities in a timely manner in order to meet scheduled deadlines. General working knowledge of torches, grinders, and use of other hand tools. Must be 18 years of age. All applicants will be subject to a pre-employment background check. Benefits after 90 days. Must reside in the Midland/Odessa area. Call to schedule an appointment between 8:30-4:00 M-F. 432-697-7400

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Cooks and Dishwashers

The Garlic Press is hiring Cooks and Dishwashers. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits. Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11am-2pm only.

SALES JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATES - FULL AND PART TIME

Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented **full and part time Sales Associates.** Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy. Midland

TERRITORY SALES REP

As a rapidly growing Concrete Manufacturing company, **Ingram Concrete L.L.C.** is looking for a **TERRORITY SALES REP** to promote the products and service customers. Must possess good Communication and Interpersonal skills to develop long-term customer relations and increase concrete sales volumes. Training available. Bilingual preferred. Must be willing to travel around the Midland/Odessa area and work flexible hours. Call **(325) 646-6518** or email lcreed@us-concrete.com for more information. EEO Employer.

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LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is seeking a **Laboratory Technician. Experience a Plus. Excellent pay and benefits. Please send resumes to tbohannon@impactchemtech.com or PO Box 10887, Midland, TX 79702.**

SKILLED LABOR

Electricians Needed

C A Electric is now hiring electricians from Journeyman to Apprentice (with some experience). Residential with some commercial work. Must have valid drivers license. Employee paid insurance, paid vacation, and 401K offered. Fax resume to 432-697-2083 or email ca52@suddenlinkmail.com

OTHER JOBS

Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will involve the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportations, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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SKILLED LABOR

Equipment Technicians

Air Drilling Solutions **FT**

Equipment Technicians needed. Responsible for assembly and maintenance of products in support of services. Rebuild used or faulty surface and downhole equipment. Operate crane and forklift. Downhole/hardband experience a plus. Must be mechanically inclined and a team player. Please contact 432-218-4700 or apply within at Air Drilling Solutions at 1517 E. County Road 120, Midland, TX 79706

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PRESSMAN

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.

This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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Sales Representative Wanted

Sales Representative Wanted for busy retail floorcovering store. Sales experience preferred. Commission plus benefits. Email resume to: gacbecky@cableone.net.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and non-CDL Drivers

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Class A CDL Driver w/ Hazmat & Tanker Endorsement

Service Seal, LLC is accepting applications for an immediate opening for a Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat & Tanker endorsement. We are a stable company that offers competitive hourly pay and excellent benefits including a $5,000.00 sign-on bonus for this position. More information regarding our benefits will be given during the interview process. Our Drivers have most weekends off and will not have many overnight deliveries. Please submit your resume to tammy@oilcenter.com for review and consideration or contact Rodolfo Sanchez at 432-570-9414 to complete an application.

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

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JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers and Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive Wages and on the job training for spooling. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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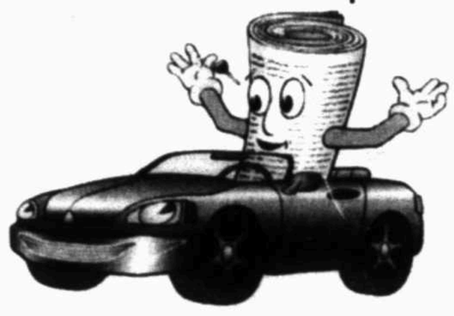

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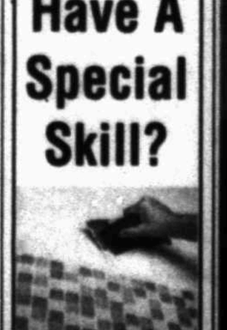

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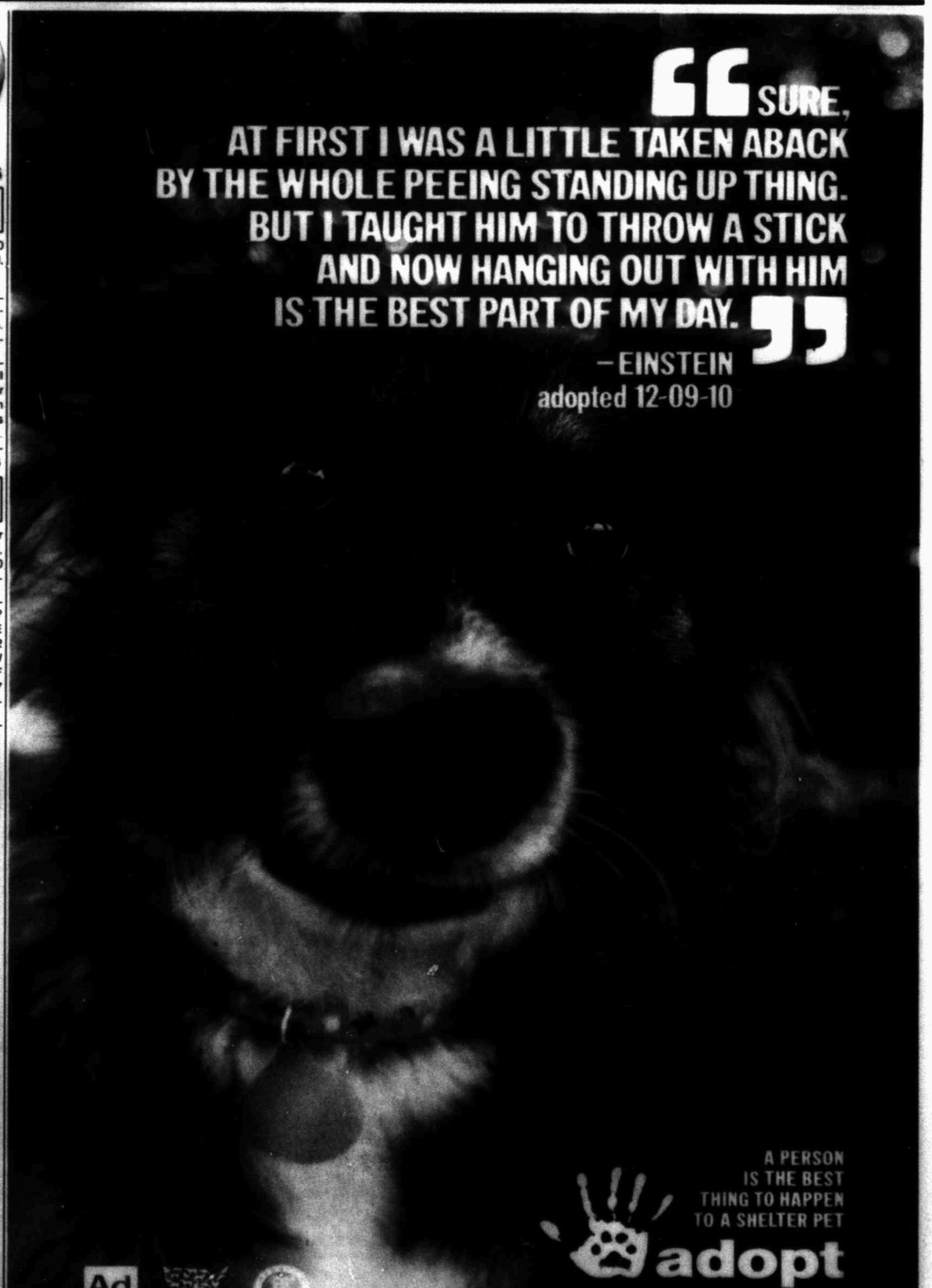

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A teenage girl walks around the track of a park across the street from the Valero refinery Aug. 4 in the Manchester neighborhood of Houston. As Houston's best year for air quality draws to a close, the eight-county region has dropped below the Dallas-Fort Worth area and pulled even with San Antonio by measure of smog, or ozone, throughout the day.

Efforts to reduce Houston's smog problem succeed

By Matthew Tresaugue
Houston Chronicle

Houston, for a time, held the unwanted title of the nation's capital of bad air. These days, however, this land of unchecked growth, traffic-choked freeways and prolific smokestacks isn't even the smoggiest place in Texas.

As its best year for air quality draws to a close, the eight-county region has dropped below the Dallas-Fort Worth area and pulled even with San Antonio by measure of smog, or ozone, throughout the day.

The pollutant remains a stubborn menace for Houston, but its steady retreat is remarkable, considering it wasn't long ago when city leaders bragged about the stench from nearby oil refineries and chemical plants — calling it the smell of prosperity.

"I've got to hope that (smog levels) are going to continue to get better," said Adrian Shelley, executive director of Air Alliance Houston, an advocacy group. "But our work isn't done here."

Environmentalists and scientists warn against making too much of the accomplishment because Houston's smog levels still exceed federal health-based standards. What's more, the Environmental Protection Agency intends to propose stringent new limits by the end of the year.

The current standard, set under President George W. Bush in 2008, allows up to 75 parts of ozone for every billion parts of air. A new EPA study, which adds to a growing body of research on the health risks of lung-irritating smog, calls for a limit as low as 60 parts per billion and no higher than 70 parts per billion.

If the numbers hold, Houston will finish 2014 at 79 parts per billion — down from 118 parts per billion in the late 1990s when it had usurped Los Angeles for the smog crown. Smog levels can be fickle from year to year, so the EPA uses a rolling three-year average to determine compliance with federal ozone limits.

Houston also has seen increasingly fewer days with ozone levels above federal limits. So far, there have been 13 bad-air days in 2014 — down from 56 days three years ago.

Wet weather helped

Ozone is formed when chemicals released from tailpipes and smokestacks react in sunlight. Houston is a prodigious smog factory because of its commuting culture, heavy industry, busy port and climate.

Colder, wetter weather played a big role in short-circuiting smog-forming conditions this year, said Barry Lefer, professor of atmospheric science at the University of Houston. That's because emissions of a key ozone ingredient known as volatile organic compounds have remained fairly flat since 2009.

"Weather is probably the overriding factor" in this year's gains, Lefer said. "But it's interesting that we are seeing this long-term trend as the population grows. Every day we have more people driving cars, we have more power plants producing energy and we have more chemical plants making plastics."

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality attributes the trend to cleaner-burning and more fuel-efficient cars, trucks and ships, new scrubbers on coal-fired power plants and infrared cameras that detect leaks of smog-forming releases from chemical plants and oil refineries.

Industrial facilities also have curbed emissions by altering the way they use open flames, or flares, to burn off pressurized gases. The reforms followed a 2011 study by the University of Texas at Austin that found small operational changes could lead to significant pollution cuts.

While weather plays an important role in ozone formation, the emissions reductions appear to be "real and sustainable," said Elizabeth Hendler, a former state regulator who now works as a consultant to industry.

Natural gas booms

Houston's hard-won gains underscore the challenges facing other Texas cities on the ozone front. Car-dependent Dallas-Fort Worth has improved, too, but not at the same pace, while the smog fight in San Antonio, which isn't known for dirty skies, resembles the early years of the campaign for clean air in Houston.

Unlike Houston, both areas are experiencing a boom from natural gas production. Studies have shown increases in smog-forming emissions from drilling, processing and transporting the gas.

The highest levels of ozone in North Texas can be found near thousands of natural-gas wells west and northwest of Dallas. The TCEQ, meanwhile, plans to add an air pollution monitor amid the drilling activity in the Eagle Ford Shale, south and east of San Antonio, at the request of local officials.

The new Karnes County monitor will be the fourth in the San Antonio area. By comparison, Houston has 21 monitors.

Even with its head start, Houston faces a tough road. The EPA expects the region to achieve the existing smog limit next year, but this target will likely be missed, the TCEQ and industry representatives said.

"That still looks like a significant challenge," Hendler said. "It looks more possible this year than it did last year, but it will require another year like this one."

Odor receptors turn up in unexpected places on humans

By Alex Stone
N.Y. Times News Service

Smell is one of the oldest human faculties, yet it was one of the last to be understood by scientists. It was not until the early 1990s that biologists first described the inner workings of olfactory receptors — the chemical sensors in our noses — in a discovery that won a Nobel Prize.

Since then, the plot has thickened. Over the last decade or so, scientists have discovered that odor receptors are not solely confined to the nose, but found throughout body — in the liver, the heart, the kidneys and even sperm — where they play a pivotal role in a host of physiological functions.

Now, a team of biologists at Ruhr University Bochum in Germany has found that our skin is bristling with olfactory receptors. "More than 15 of the olfactory receptors that exist in the nose are also found in human skin cells," said the lead researcher, Dr. Hanns Hatt. Not only that, but exposing one of these receptors (colorfully named OR2AT4) to a synthetic sandalwood odor known as Sandalore sets off a cascade of molecular signals that appears to induce healing in injured tissue.

In a series of human tests, skin abrasions healed 30 percent faster in the presence of Sandalore, a finding the scientists think could lead to cosmetic products for aging skin and to new treatments to promote recovery after physical trauma.

The presence of scent receptors outside the nose may seem odd at first, but as Hatt and others have observed, odor receptors are among the most evolutionarily ancient chemical sensors in the body, capable of detecting a multitude of compounds, not solely those drifting through the air.

"If you think of olfactory receptors as specialized chemical detectors, instead of as receptors in your nose that detect smell, then it makes a lot of sense for them to be in other places," said Jennifer Pluznick, an assistant professor of physiology at Johns Hopkins University who in 2009 found that olfactory receptors help control metabolic function and regulate blood pressure in the kidneys of mice.

Think of olfactory receptors as a lock-and-key system, with an odor molecule the key to the receptor's lock. Only certain molecules fit with certain receptors. When the right molecule comes along and alights on the matching receptor, it sets in motion an elaborate choreography of biochemical reactions. Inside the nose, this culminates in a nerve signal being sent to brain, which we perceive as odor. But the same apparatus can fulfill other biological functions, as well.

Hatt was one of the first scientists to study these functions in detail. In a study published in 2003, he and his colleagues reported that olfactory receptors found inside the testes function as a kind of chemical guidance system that enables sperm cells to find their way toward an unfertilized egg, giving new meaning to the notion of sexual chemistry.

He has since identified olfactory receptors in several other organs, including the liver, heart, lungs, colon and brain. In fact, genetic evidence suggests that nearly every organ in the body contains olfactory receptors.

"I've been arguing for the importance of these receptors for years," said Hatt, who calls himself an ambassador of smell and whose favorite aromas are basil, thyme and rosemary.

Many sites provide a wealth of information for finding new job

Dear PropellerHeads: I'm about to be "downsized" and haven't been job-searching since Johnny Carson hosted "The Tonight Show." Do you have any hints or tools to assist with my search?

Well, you're heading in the right direction. There are so many tools, websites and job boards out there, you should land a new position in no time. So, clean off those bifocals and get going!

First, the basics. Get your resume in order and add current and appropriate contact information. Be sure to use an email address that you check frequently and that isn't embarrassing. Perhaps your studly_one@toooooohot.com address isn't the best one to use, even if it's an accurate description.

You should also check your own name in search engines to make sure there are no pictures or blog postings out there that could hurt your chances with employers. Spend a few minutes on Facebook and cull anything that you might not want a prospective employer to see.

Be sure to accurately represent your skillset on your résumé. Consider going to Brainbench.com or any other skills assessment site to gauge your proficiency level in whatever area you wish to highlight. This will either reassure you or point out where you may want to spend a little time studying.

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LinkedIn has gotten very important to the job search process for both employers and employees. So, read this: http://bit.ly/1jLnQeG. At the least, put a professional photo up (no glamour shots) and then update your profile to include a nice mix of professional experience, relevant groups, volunteer work and recommendations.

Lastly, have a friend review your résumé and LinkedIn profile before you "hit the streets."

Remember the old adage, "You only have one chance to make a good first impression," That is so true when applying for a new position. Whether your first exposure is by phone, an emailed resume or in person, be professional and know your audience. Do a little groundwork before you get that far.

Researching potential employers will help you organize your thoughts and determine where you might fit into the organization. Most companies have career sections on their websites. Take a look at open jobs to see if there is a potential match for your skillset.

General-interest employment sites such as CareerBuilder.com, HotJobs.com and Monster.com, allow you to search by job title, industry or geographical area. There are also many niche websites that focus on specific skills. Search for buggy whip maker job website and you'll get more hits than you could imagine.

Most sites allow you to send your resume or apply directly from the site. Use a general-purpose employment site purely as a tool to find an appropriate opening, then take a look at the employer's own site to see if the job posting is there, as well. Here you should also find out as much as possible about the job and the company.

Employment sites serve their purpose quite well, but having control over exactly what a potential employer sees is important. Many sites lose formatting information causing your resume masterpiece to look like your first-grader typed it. Try sending it as an attachment, or apply through a career portal site that allows customized résumés for each potential employer.

Be sure to check websites of professional organizations you either belong to or have thought about joining. They often have job postings and are good resources for networking.

Also, check out your local newspaper. Chances are the jobs they list will be local and you know that first-grader of yours does not want to change schools. Our local newspaper has teamed up with Yahoo! HotJobs to give you the best of local and national exposure, so you may need to pack those bags after all!

After submitting your résumé, remember to follow-up with a call or email a day or two later to show interest. This may ensure that your résumé is given a second look.

Given that Jimmy Fallon has hosted "The Tonight Show" for some time now, I'm guessing your memory might not be what it once was. Save or print a copy of the résumé you send to each employer. Include notes, such as the date it was sent, what inspired you about the job posting and contact information for following up. Having that open in front of you when you get called will help make sure you and the potential employer are on the same page. Happy job hunting!

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