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County gears up for 83rd Legislature

Employees to testify on state mandates and observe political process in Austin

By Sara Higgins
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County employees are gearing up to make their voices heard in Austin.

Travel accommodations for the 83rd Legislature were a point of interest at the Commissioners' Court meeting last week, when the court voted unanimously to increase a higher room rate for hotel stays in Austin during the legislative session.

During the 82nd session, the county's maximum allowance nightly for a hotel was $150; next year, it will be $180 because of rising rates in the area, said Judge Mike Bradford.

Last year, the county had a maximum allowable lodging rate of $104 in Austin outside the legislative session, per guidelines set by the U.S. General Services Administration.

The county's efforts at the State Capitol are varied and manifest themselves in many ways, Bradford said. Whether opposing bills or favoring bills, county employees can offer resource testimonies at hearings or make a difference through short interactions with legislators. Taxpayers' money isn't spent on lobbyists because county employees do the footwork on their own, Bradford said.

"During the legislative process, what the county does is observe, in some cases take action, evaluate, and resource-ing what affect a bill has to the county," he said.

County employees have offered testimonies in the past against open sales of fireworks, as well as "anything that doesn't give Midland County the local option on how to protect our community," he said.

A similar mindset is at play when Sheriff Gary Painter heads to Austin to fight statewide mandates dealing with incarceration that he says don't fit a community the size of Midland.

"Everything's at stake during the legislative session," Painter said. "We

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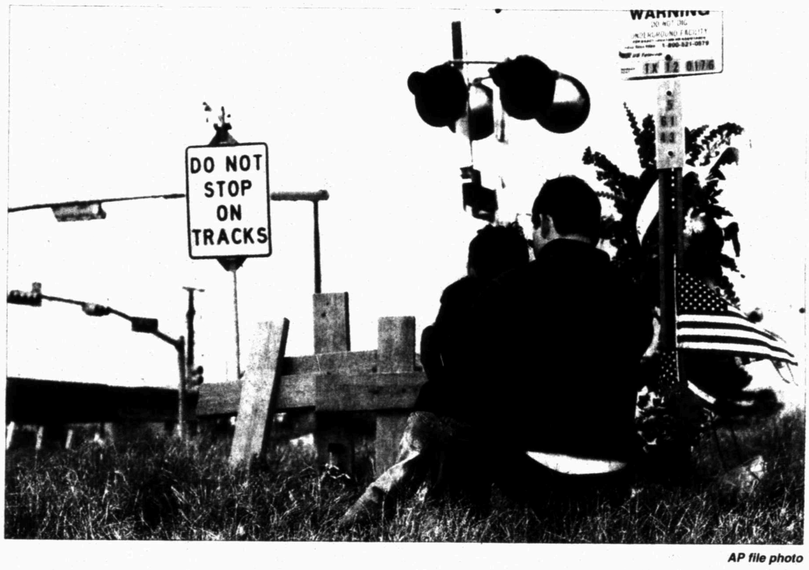
SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY



AP file photo

Mark Thomas and his son, Samuel, bring flowers Nov. 18 to the site where a train struck a parade float carrying wounded veterans.

Rail crossing deaths rise despite state plan

By Danny Robbins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Deaths at railroad crossings in Texas have doubled in the past year, renewing questions about whether the thousands of miles of tracks in the state are being safely maintained and monitored, figures compiled by The Associated Press show.

The spike in fatalities comes after a four-year period in which Texas had lowered its death toll significantly and with the state in the midst of implementing a federally mandated plan aimed at improving rail-crossing safety.

They include not only the Nov. 15 accident in Midland that claimed the lives of four military veterans on a parade float, but also an equally horrific accident that killed three generations of one family in the East Texas town of Diboll last March.

Critics of the railroads believe they deserve much of the blame for increasing the speed of trains without adjusting the timing of crossing gates, while state authorities contend that motorists are ultimately responsible for their own safety.

"In 2012, we can do all kinds of exploration in space, and yet, with all that technology, people are still getting killed at railroad crossings," said Sally Tingle, executive director for the Texas chapter of Operation Lifesaver, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating railroad crossing accidents.

The AP found 32 people died this year at railroad crossings in Texas, based on federal data, news accounts and statements from the Texas Department of Transportation. For the previous four years, the state had averaged just 20 deaths a year. That followed two years in which the death toll reached 34 and 44.

The 2012 Texas death toll contrasts with the national statistics, which show railroad crossing deaths have generally decreased in the last five years and could be headed for a further drop-off this year. Data compiled by the Federal Railroad Administration through the end of August shows 168 deaths nationally, 10 less than what was reported for the same period in last year.

Experts said the spike in deaths in

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Gingerbread Haven to raise funds with frosting

■ Local group aims to help single mothers by hosting a gingerbread decorating party.

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland Fair Havens will hold a fundraiser Tuesday at Midland Country Club as women in the community decorate more than 300 gingerbread houses.

Gingerbread Haven is a new event for the organization, which equips single mothers and their children for self-sufficient living by addressing their vocational, educational, spiritual and emotional needs.

Organizers hope the event becomes an annual fundraiser as the group continues to grow.

"We've never done a large fundraiser; (we've) just always operated based on the generosity of our supporters, but it finally felt like we had a unique idea, and the timing was right," said Dianne Koehl, who has served as Fair Havens' director for all 15 years of its existence.

The idea for a gingerbread decorating party was proposed by a group of women known as the Midland moms, who attend a similar event hosted by the Delta Delta Delta sorority at Texas Christian University annually, said Karen Davis, a mother and member of the Gingerbread Haven planning committee.

"In the center of the room there is any kind of candy you can ever imagine. There are all kinds of roofing materials and colors. You're typically too busy decorating your house, you don't even eat the boxed lunch," Davis said of the event.

The fundraiser was selected because of it's unique nature, Koehl said.

"There are no other agencies in town that do something like this. It's

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Midland has opened a new hospital before

With the grand opening of Midland Memorial Hospital's new patient tower just days away, it is interesting to note the adjectives used to describe the new facility when it first opened more than 62 years ago.

The July 2, 1950, edition of the Reporter-Telegram devoted several pages to the new medical center, running a series of photographs that showed not only the facility itself but doctors, nurses and equipment.

The facility was a grand achievement and launched Midland into the forefront of medical care in West Texas, or as it was commonly called in that time, the "Permian Basin Empire."

One article in particular boasted of the hospital's shiny new equipment. Much of the article contained information about items that perhaps most would not consider mentioning when celebrating such a state of the art medical facility. At least not today.

"Midland Memorial Hospital has been furnished and equipped with the most modern facilities obtainable," the article said. "It is a credit to the vast Permian Basin Empire to have such a hospital.

"Practically every type of equipment needed for the treatment of human ills may be found in this hospital, which is the finest, newest and most modern of its kind in the area.

"But it is the little things rather than the large ones that make it more convenient than other hospitals. In the building, each floor is equipped with laundry chutes and electric drinking fountains. Each floor except the fourth, which is reserved for surgery, has a public telephone. Dumb waiters run from the basement to every floor as do the two electric elevators.

"The hospital building is equipped with venetian blinds throughout and florescent lighting except in the bedrooms, operating and delivery rooms, and other rooms where it was not deemed practical."

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Obituaries

Don Hammond

Don Hammond, age 68 of Andrews, Texas, passed away November 30, 2012 at his residence in Odessa, Texas.

Graveside services will be 2PM Monday, December 3, 2012 in Andrews North Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He was born in Wood County, Texas on March 1, 1944; he had been locally employed for 50 years in the oilfield. Previous employment was Brownlee Well Service and Key Energy; he was currently independently employed with St. Mary's Well Service. Don dearly loved his family and friends and they all loved him in return. He was a joker, fun loving and lived life to the fullest.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce.

Those left to cherish his love and memory are survived by son, James 'Tido' Hammond and his wife Carmen, his loving grandchildren, Hayden, Lauren, Landon and the apple of his eye and granddaughter, Ashlynne, son, Brad Hammond and family of Oklahoma, son Johnny Woodson and family of Arkansas, brother David Hammond of Cisco and sister Dorece Rust of Cisco, numerous nieces and nephews that loved him dearly.

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Jimmy D. "Killer" Kilgore

Jimmy Douglas "Killer" Kilgore, 70, of Midland passed away December 1, 2012 in Odessa, Texas after a lengthy illness. He was born on March 28, 1942 in O'Donnell, Texas to Avadell and Charles Daniel Kilgore. He was a retired deputy with Midland Sheriff's Department where he received his nickname Killer Kilgore. Jimmy enjoyed hunting and taking cruises with his wife Georgia. He loved his job and his family and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his father and brother Paul.

Those left behind to honor and cherish his memory is his loving wife, Georgia; sons, Charlie and wife Kathy Kilgore of Greenwood and Jimmy D Kilgore of Odessa; his mother, Avadell Kilgore; brother, Danny and wife Larenda Kilgore; sisters, Casandra and husband Charles Krugman of Midland, Christine Kilgore of Midland, and sister-in-law, Pat Kilgore of Denton, Tx; grandchildren, Katelyn Kilgore and Breanna Kilgore. Jimmy also leaves behind an extended family at the Midland Co. S.O., Midland Fire Department, Odessa Fire Department, Permian Basin Ambulance and Krisenda Criswell and family.

Family will receive friends on Monday, December 3 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, between the hours of 6:00pm-8:00pm. A funeral service has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 4 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00pm with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Sgt. Paul Urias, Deputy Barry Criswell, Deputy Ralph Gonzales, Deputy Jaime Garcia, Deputy Joanny Rodriguez and Retired Deputy Jim Cowell.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Sheriff Gary Painter, Joe Kilgore and Dusty Kilgore.

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Joe "Poppy" Wills

Joseph "Poppy" Wills, 92 years young, of Midland, joined his Savior on Saturday December 1, 2012. He was born on February 21, 1920 in Drumright, Oklahoma to Nathan Lewis Wills and Susan "Elimina" Burris Wills. He graduated from Drumright High School in 1938. Joe married his highschool sweetheart, Iva Ramey on December 10, 1938 in Cleaveland, Oklahoma. He was inducted into the Navy on October 12, 1944, he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, stationed in Guam. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged on March 19, 1946.

Following his service with the Navy, he and his family moved to West Texas where he worked in the oil industry. He lived in Kermit, Texas and Tokio, Texas prior to moving to Midland where he worked for Ingersoll-Rand as a Service Supervisor for 25 years. He retired in 1985. Also, in 1985 Joe founded Wills Counsulting, Inc. He was Owner/CEO until he dissolved the corporation in 1998.

Known as Poppy to everyone; his greatest thrill was vacationing with his family. Above all was his love of his savior, Jesus Christ. His faith was strong, his heart was large and his smile was never ending. His motto in life was smile and nod, his favorite response to "how are you doing?" was, "GREAT!" Joe and his wife, Iva were members of First Assembly of God church and also attended Lifehouse Fellowship Church.

Joe was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Gregory.

He is survived by his wife Iva, one son Larry Wills of Midland, one daughter Debbie Duncan and husband Shayne of Midland. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Joe Don Gregory, Tracy Gregory Dau, Michael Beggs, Courtney Duncan and Rachyl Duncan; six great grandchildren: Tiffany Dau Christie, Niki Dau, Jody Gregory, Andy Gregory, Kimber and Barrett Beggs; one great-great-grandchild: Kolton Christie and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home.

Services will be held Wednesday December 5, 2012 at 2:00pm at Life House Fellowship with Pastor Jeremy Sutton officiating.

Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Sondra Bryan Pruitt

Sondra Bryan Pruitt, 60, of Midland passed away on December 1, 2012. She was born on June 9, 1954 in Midland to Leland Bryan and Imojene Thompson. Sondra was an Elementary Teacher who was also active in the Arts & Crafts of the Permian Basin. She loved being with her family and also her animals whom she adored. She was also a member of the Church of Christ. Sondra was a very loving wife and mother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leland and Imojene Bryan and a son, Derrick Pruitt.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory are her husband Mike Pruitt; son, P.J. Pruitt and wife Christina of Midland. She also leaves behind many cousins.

Mrs. Pruitt will lay in state Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway Midland, Texas between the hours of 1:00pm-9:00pm. A graveside service has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at Resthaven Memorial Park at 10:00am. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Randell "Wade" Compton

Randell "Wade" Compton, 50, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died November 29, 2012, in a Plano hospital.

Funeral services 10:00 AM, December 5, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment at the Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood. Visitation 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, December 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors: Wife, Kay Compton of Dallas; daughter, Brandi Willis of Stephenville; stepsons, Justin Belcher of Midland, Kevin Belcher and Terrell Belcher both of Big Spring; stepdaughter, Kandice Belcher of San Angelo; father, Jimmy Compton and mother, Marsha Mann both of Big Spring; one brother; three sisters; six grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Robert "Bob" Sharp

Robert "Bob" Sharp, 77, of Bangs, TX passed away December 1, 2012.

Funeral 10 AM December 4, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Bangs. Interment will follow, Masonic graveside rites , in Bangs Cemetery. Visitation 6 - 8 PM Monday at the Heartland Funeral Home.

Survivors: Wife, Bettie; daughter Joella (Kelly) Young of Franklin, TN, two granddaughters; brother Jimmy (Teenie) Sharp of Blanket; sister-in-law Shirley Sharp of Bangs; brother-in-law Otis (Paula) Stephens of Brownwood; sister-in-law Wanda (Ellis) Weatherman of Comanche and four stepgrandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, a brother and son.

Heartland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vernon M. Gill

Vernon M. Gill, 96, of Garden City, died Saturday, December 1, 2012, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Garden City Cemetery, Garden City, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Gill of Garden City; one daughter, Marceline Wright of Euless; two sons, Waymon Gill of Amarillo and Van Gill of San Marcos; three grandsons; and one great-grandson.

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

William "Bill" Dickson

William "Bill" Dickson, 76, of Coahoma, died Friday, November 30, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services 2:00 PM, Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Visitation 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors: Wife, Dana Dickson of Coahoma; daughters, Deidrei Dickson of Big Spring and Dr. Loretta Dickson Lockhaven, Pennsylvania; son, Sgt. Major William Andrew Dickson of Fort Riley, Kansas; two grand daughters; numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Associated Press

Adolfo Bustillos, left, and Eloy Aguirre, both of AJAC Enterprises Inc, continue to work on building a lookout deck near a pond west of Tingley beach near Albuquerque, N.M. The work is part of the Middle Rio Grande Restoration Project.

RESTORATION

NM habitat project enters new phase

By John Fleck
Albuquerque Journal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The canvasbacks, red-headed immigrant ducks, had already made their winter arrival by the time ecologist Ondrea Hummel checked on her wildlife ponds in Albuquerque's bosque earlier this month.

Hummel, who works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is part of the team of federal and local officials working on a major habitat restoration project along this stretch of river.

Their goal is to find a balance between the needs of nature and the desire of humans to reconnect to the Rio Grande and the riparian woods that flank the great river as it flows through the middle of New Mexico's largest urban area.

The ponds themselves, on the cottonwood forest between Albuquerque's Tingley Beach park and the Rio Grande, were one of the first steps in a sweeping effort to use government money and human engineering to intervene to help an ecosystem left badly out of whack by changes in the way we manage the Rio Grande.

Built four years ago, the ponds have been a success, with 194 species of birds catalogued in and around the artificial wetland.

This fall and winter, the next phase of the project is bringing new walking trails, bridges over the little creek flowing through the site, and new bird blinds to make it easier for people to watch the wildlife without spooking the birds.

"Get some people access," Hummel explained, "but make sure we have habitat for the critters, too."

The work on the 68-acre site adjacent to the Albuquerque Country Club and Tingley Beach also includes cleaning out concrete and other debris from what was once an informal Albuquerque dump site. Workers have already pulled up 10,000 cubic yards of debris, Hummel said, and visitors used to sidestepping the great piles of detritus scattered among the cottonwoods can already see the difference.

The site is one of 11 totaling about 650 acres along the river between Sandia Pueblo on the north and Isleta Pueblo on the south where work is under way, funded by a $13 million federal appropriation, according to Hummel. A second phase of the work could add another eight sites and 350 acres if funding can be found.

The riverside ecosystem has been permanently changed by river management, including Cochiti Dam upstream that reduces flooding and levees that confine a river that once wandered the valley floor into a narrow channel.

As a result, an ecosystem once made up of patches of forest interspersed with wetlands, marshy areas and grasslands has been replaced by a narrow ribbon of cottonwood forest.

"The existence in recent decades of a continuous bosque forest, extending between the river and the levee, appears to be unprecedented," according to a Corps report.

While restoration to the pre-dam and levee era is impossible, the habitat restoration work is an effort to mimic some of what nature once provided.

The Corps of Engineers is the lead agency for the work, with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the city of Albuquerque and a number of other government entities involved.

REGIONROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ALBUQUERQUE

NM utilities must have plans for weather crises

New Mexico gas and electric utilities are going to be required to have plans in place for severe weather-related crises.

The Albuquerque Journal said the Public Regulation Commission's recent 5-0 vote mandates state-regulated utilities be better prepared. The new guidelines mean utilities must "explicitly" take into account issues such as backup capabilities and alternate fuel-delivery systems.

The rules stem from recommendations made in a PRC report on the impact of a deep freeze in February 2011. The freeze caused natural gas outages and loss of service for several days for at least 28,000 customers. A New Mexico Gas Co. spokeswoman says the utility supports the new provisions.

BASTROP

Volunteers plant seedlings at burned Texas park

Volunteers at Bastrop State Park this weekend have planted some of the first Loblolly pines since wildfires ravaged the area last year.

About 96 percent of the park was destroyed during the blazes which began on Labor Day 2011, including most of the 6,600-acre park's signature "Lost Pines."

But the Austin American-Statesman reported that about 60 volunteers turned out Saturday to plant new seedlings.

They wiggled spade-like tools called dibbles into the ground to make space for the seedlings' roots.

The small orange flags marking each planted seedling waved against a backdrop of blackened trees, in the park, which is located about 30 miles from Austin. Over the next five years, Texas Parks and Wildlife plans to plant two million trees at the park.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Police use holiday strategy against car burglars

Authorities in Corpus Christi are working to avoid a usual spike in car burglaries between Thanksgiving and Christmas by targeting repeat offenders.

The Corpus Christi Caller Times reported Sunday that investigators usually see auto burglaries increase during the holidays.

A hard-hit area is the South Padre Island Drive corridor, heavy with malls, shops and restaurants whose parking lots fill with vehicles.

Police officials said that in the criminal world, a few people typically commit a majority of crimes.

So investigators expedited cases against the worst repeat offenders, obtaining warrants for their arrest ahead of Thanksgiving.

AUSTIN

Lawmakers want answers from cancer-fighting agency

Two Republican state lawmakers who helped create Texas' embattled $3 billion cancer-fighting effort are now demanding to know how it approved an $11 million grant to a biomedical company even though the proposal wasn't reviewed.

Sen. Jane Nelson, of Flower Mound, and Rep. Jim Keffer, of Eastland, wrote the law creating the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that they have written CPRIT, seeking a written explanation of what occurred.

Their letter said CPRIT "cannot succeed in its efforts to fight cancer without the public's trust, and right now that trust is in serious jeopardy."

AUSTIN

Austin woman allegedly ran over mom of ex-boyfriend

Austin police have charged a 22-year-old woman with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after she allegedly ran over her ex-boyfriend's mother.

The Austin American Statesman reported that Elizabeth Segundo McClain was also charged with stalking after called her ex-boyfriend 750 times in one day.

The arrest warrant said the stalking began in September, after McClain's boyfriend of about three years broke up with her.

On Monday, the boyfriend's mother was waiting beside a car with a flat tire in front of her home when McClain drove up.

The mother called the police but McClain reserved and struck her. McClain then drove forward and ran over her right foot and right arm.

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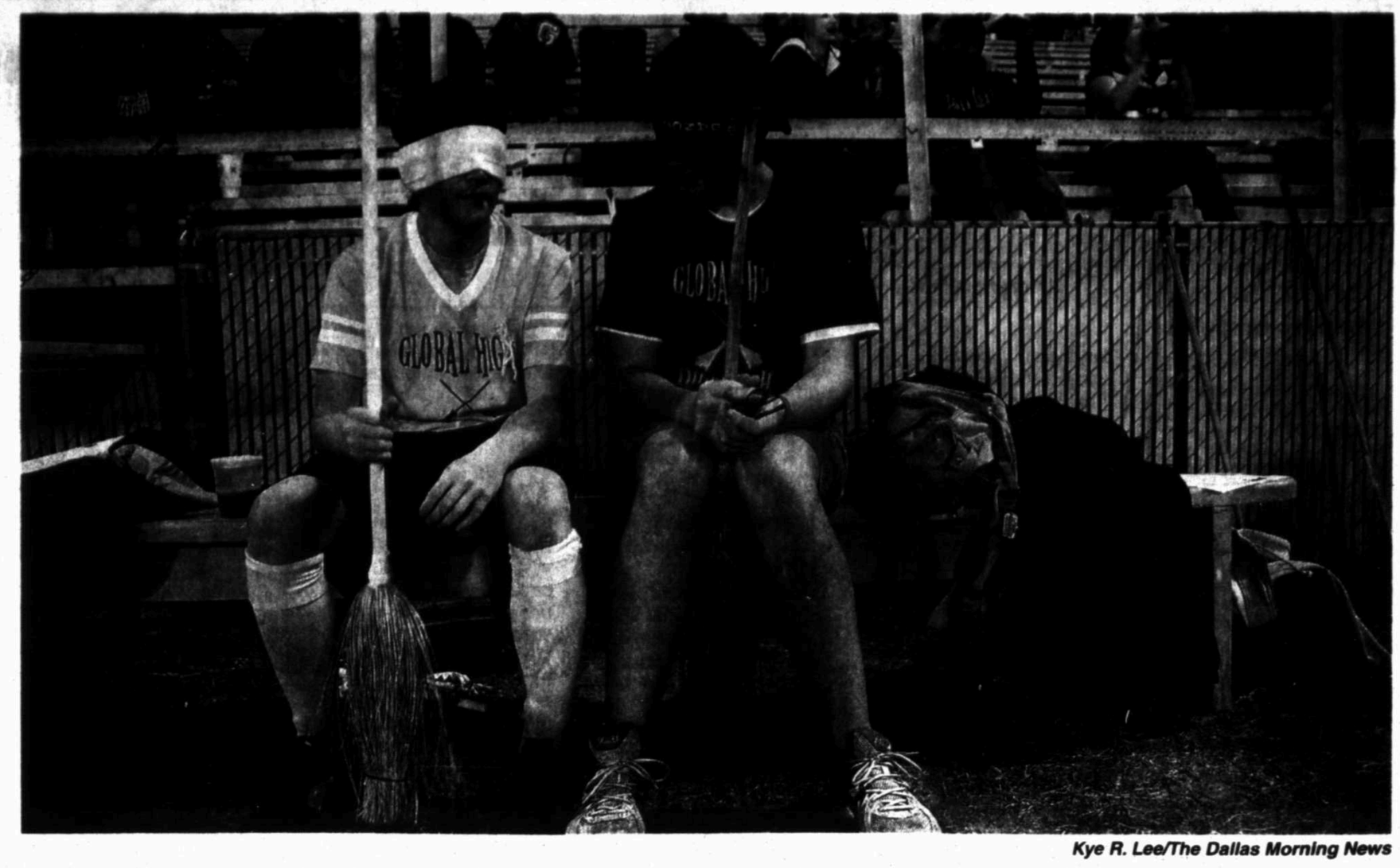

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Hufflepuff team's seeker, Kyle Delgado, left, and Gryffindor team's seeker, Seth Miller, wait during a Quidditch tournament at Global High School in Waxahachie.

QUIDDITCH IS COMING

North Texas school plays 'Harry Potter' game

By Marc Ramirez
The Dallas Morning News

WAXAHACHIE — The brooms they straddled were motley, a ragtag assemblage of kitchen brooms, push brooms, angle brooms, long sticks with streamers or thistles taped to one end. In shirts of blue, green, yellow or red, players took the field under the lights, ready for battle.

While other high schools practiced the weekly religion that is football, the stands here at Waxahachie's Global High were peppered with fans cheering on teams with names like Hufflepuff and Gryffindor.

Before long, the teams would be running all over the field, playing a game that has gone from fantasy to reality.

Conceived in the pages of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, Quidditch is catching on among students around the world, never mind that their brooms can't fly like those of the books' wizards-in-training.

"Quidditch is by far the best thing that has ever happened to Global High," said senior Emma Bauman, the 18-year-old captain of the Slytherin squad. "The stands are getting fuller and fuller each time."

With four balls flying around the field simultaneously, the game can be difficult to interpret at first.

Players from each team battle for a white ball, called a "quaffle," and try to score by tossing it through one of three hoops in the opposite end zone — all while being pelted with the red dodge balls, or Bludgers, by opposing players.

Keep in mind that this is all done while players are holding a broomstick between their legs.

"The balls are all deflated so you can grab them with one hand," explained senior Brittany Wachsmann, who founded the club. "You can't grab the ball with two hands, as you would fall off your broom."

On the sidelines, each team's "seeker" waits blindfolded while a student called a "snitch runner" hides somewhere out of sight.

At the 10-minute mark, the seekers hunt down the runner, trying to grab the snitch — basically a tennis ball in a sock — from the runner's waistband, earning bonus points and ending the game.

Wachsmann was encouraged by the game's rising popularity at universities like Harvard, Yale, NYU and a number of Texas schools including Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State and Baylor.

Though only a few Texas high schools have picked up the game, two of them — Montgomery County's Caney Creek and Tarrant County's Keller — launched a petition drive aiming to persuade the University Interscholastic League to officially endorse the game, so far to no avail. Nonetheless, Wachsmann sees only promise.

"Football has always been around," she said. "But Quidditch is coming."

After getting Spanish teacher Cherie Timmes to sponsor the club, she and about 40 Global students divided themselves into four "houses" echoing those in Rowling's series — Slytherin, Hufflepuff, Gryffindor and Ravenclaw.

At the club's first match, a few students in the stands donned robes like those worn at Harry Potter's Hogwarts School. Not that that was unusual.

"It's become part of the culture because the kids have read it," said principal Don Snook. "They start speaking in Harry Potter-ish terms when they're here at school, and they all understand each other."

Global is a so-called STEM school, focused on science, technology, engineering and math. Students can earn college credits with extra classes and graduate with an associate's degree.

With no real sports program to speak of, students come to the school focused on academics. They've gotten used to their brainiac reputation, or others thinking of them as nerdy or elitist.

"People can think what they think," said junior Jane Almond. "We're just like a big giant family. Once you're in, you're in."

Wachsmann's parents have supported their daughter's crusade. Her father, Neil, who built the hoops posted at either side of the 49 1/2-yard field, is also the head referee.

Her mom, Delilah, makes the "butterbeer" — a broth of warmed cream soda, brown sugar, butter and whipped cream — sold in Styrofoam cups at each match.

The night of the club's most recent game was frigid, and in the cold metal bleachers, some proudly noted their choice to wear long underwear. Blanketed families snacked on take-out burgers and cookies as a trio of young girls cheered from the front row: "Ravenclaw! Ravenclaw!"

At the concessions table, next to the butterbeer and hot dogs, Catalina Guerra took orders for scarves and hats crocheted in each of the team colors.

Jeffrey Trojacek approached the table and handed Guerra a $100 bill.

"Two Hufflepuff," he said, pointing at the yellow sets. With him was daughter Adeline, 8, engulfed in a black hoodie reading "Go Hufflepuff!"

For a school with no real athletic program, that's a real bonus.

"Anything that gets kids up and moving and excited, I'm all for," Snook said.

From their lofty perch, the student announcers blurted commentary: Slytherin immediately snatches the quaffle, attempting to make their way toward Ravenclaw's hoop! And then: The snitch has been released! With that, the two seekers peeled off their blindfolds and set out in search of the furtive snitch runner, who could be anywhere — in or under the bleachers, in the parking lot, anywhere but across the street or in the school building.

A roar of excitement whooshed from the crowd as the snitch runner dashed onto the field at full sprint, the seekers in full pursuit.

While allowed at the college level, tackling is verboten here — but that doesn't stop 16-year-old Melody Mitchell from grabbing the runner's jersey and bringing him down like a calf to get the snitch, nearly earning a disqualification.

The club hopes to invite the few Quidditch teams from throughout North Texas to a spring tournament.

"We probably look really dorky," junior Almond said, "but everybody has a great time."

Kye R. Lee/The Dallas Morning News

Slytherin team's Jake Wilcken, right, shoots the ball while Slytherin plays against Ravenclaw during a Quidditch tournament at Global High School in Waxahachie on Nov. 16. Quidditch is a fast-moving, multi-layered game that Harry Potter and his fictional pals play on flying broomsticks.

How to play:

■ Two teams face off on a 49 1/2-yard field with six players each. Four balls are in play at any one time: the quaffle, which is a white volleyball, and three red dodge balls, or "bludgers."

■ Players from each team battle for the quaffle and try to score by tossing it through one of three upright hoops in their opponent's end zone. The hoops are guarded by a goalie, or a "keeper." Each successful throw through a hoop earns 10 points.

■ At the same time, opposers called "beaters" try to pelt their foes with the bludgers. A player struck by a bludger must immediately drop the quaffle and retreat to his or her own end zone before re-entering play. Each team also fields a "seeker," who waits blindfolded on the sidelines as a "snitch runner" — unassociated with either team — hides somewhere out of sight.

■ After 10 minutes, the seekers remove their blindfolds and go in search of the snitch runner as their teams continue trying to score. Once found, the runner tries to elude the seekers, who attempt to pluck the snitch — a tennis ball in a sock — from the runner's waistband. All the players except the Snitch runner are required to straddle a broom, mirroring the flying wizards in Harry Potter.

■ The game is over when a seeker claims the snitch, earning the seeker's team 30 points, which are added to the scoring total.

Geeks rule: Harry Potter Alliance could be future of civic life

By Joanna Weiss
New York Times

With her oversized glasses and geek-girl enthusiasm, Lauren Bird, 22, a recent New York University grad, epitomizes a certain corner of online culture. Once a week, on a YouTube channel run by the Harry Potter Alliance, she posts a webcam video from her bedroom in Astoria, talking in a rapid-fire, fangirl way, using her love for Potterdom to change the actual world.

The future of civic engagement might wind up looking like this: A blend of fact and fiction, channeled toward a cause. If so, its model is the Somerville-based alliance, which connects the feverish online world of "fandom" to what's known, in Internet jargon, as "IRL" — In Real Life.

The alliance was launched in 2005 by Andrew Slack, then a recent Brandeis graduate and aspiring comic who had discovered, in a series of post-collegiate jobs — at a summer camp in Winchester, a Boys and Girls Club in Cambridge — that the Harry Potter books, filled with themes of social justice, spoke strongly to kids from all backgrounds. The books had already inspired an online world of young, engaged, creative fans, who developed fan fiction and videos and met up IRL for "Wizard Rock" concerts and Quidditch competitions.

Slack's brainchild was to channel that enthusiasm into activism, to appeal to kids who weren't into politics.

"A lot of these kids are finding no access point to engage and no one willing to speak their language," Slack told me. "I put everything into the framework of Harry Potter." His first post declared that the world needed a real "Dumbledore's Army" — like the student-led movement in the books — to alert the world to intractable problems.

What makes the Harry Potter Alliance different is that it's user-generated, since "fandom" isn't about consumption as much as participation. A fan world is a particularly strong draw, Slack said, for kids who feel mildly ostracized in school but embraced by geek culture online. (Harry Potter Alliance leaders make frequent, reverent reference to a community called the Nerdfighters, led by young-adult author John Green and his brother Hank.)

ONLINE:
http://thehpalliance.org

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Meetings schedule

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. today
City Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Scharbauer Tower tour

Midland Memorial Hospital's The BirthPlace, which will be housed at the new patient tower, will offer guided tours 5- 8 p.m. today for expectant parents and their coaches.

Parking is available in the new lot in front of the Scharbauer Tower with golf cart valet assistance. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about BirthPlace and to reserve a tour time, contact Casey Weems at 522-3283 or casey.weems@midland-memorial.com.

The new patient tower wil open Dec. 19.

Support groups, club meetings today

- Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
- For miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
- For post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Talk show schedules

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

KWEL (AM 1070)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon Laura Ingraham
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
6-9 p.m. Michael Savage
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
432-498-2100

Today in history

Today is Monday, Dec. 3, the 338th day of 2012. There are 28 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.
In 1967, surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with the new heart.
In 1992, the Greek tanker Aegean Sea spilled more than 21 million gallons of crude oil when it ran aground off northwestern Spain.
Today's birthdays: Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 64. Actress Julianne Moore is 52.

Republican puts rainy day fund on the table

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As Texas lawmakers prepare for another tough budget year, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has floated the idea of tapping the state's rainy day fund, a surprise suggestion considering most conservatives have spent years fighting to preserve it.

In the past, Gov. Rick Perry has made maintaining the fund's $8.1 billion a top priority. When Democrats wanted to tap the fund last year to avoid cutting $5.4 billion in school funding, Perry said such a move was fiscally unwise.

Yet on Thursday, Dewhurst told the Dallas Regional Chamber that lawmakers should consider taking $1 billion from the fund to start a "water infrastructure development bank" to help cities and counties pay for environmental studies, permits and other groundwork for new construction. He said the fund could also help the state build more roads.

"I think, as a fiscal conservative, we could draw down a little bit and still keep a very healthy balance in the rainy day fund," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate.

Dewhurst was clearly letting the public in on an idea already circulating around the Capitol. No conservatives immediately denounced the suggestion and Perry's spokeswoman said the governor was ready to talk about such solutions to the state's water problems.

Business and environmental groups praised the recommendation.

Dewhurst's recommendation fits within Perry's Texas Budget Compact, a conservative fiscal agenda the governor announced earlier this year.

"An adequate rainy day fund is critical to our ability to respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies, whether they're natural or man-made," the compact states. "When we do pay money out of the fund, it's important it be used exclusively for one-time-only needs, and never be tapped simply to meet ongoing expenses."

The Legislature created the Economic Stabilization Fund — as it's officially known — in 1987 from oil and gas taxes to deal with swings in the state's economy due to the unstable price of petroleum products. Lawmakers have drawn from the fund in 12 of the last 22 years.

In 2003, Perry and the Legislature nearly drained the fund when the Texas economy suffered and tax revenues plummeted. The fund was last tapped in 2011 when Perry and lawmakers used $3.7 billion to make up a budget deficit, a move required by the Texas Constitution.

But tapping the fund to create an infrastructure development bank is more in keeping with how Republicans want to use the fund in the future. Perry tapped the rainy day fund to create his Texas Enterprise Fund in 2003 and his Emerging Technology Fund in 2005.

Perry uses those funds to convince companies to open shop in Texas or invest in promising start-ups already in the state. His office says those funds bring economic development to Texas and more than pay for themselves.

A well-designed water infrastructure development bank could become a self-sustaining way for Texas to prevent major water shortages as the state's population continues to skyrocket.

A water plan approved last year by the Texas Water Development Board said the state should eventually spend $53 billion over the next half-century on new reservoirs, dams, pipelines and wells. So far the Legislature has not set aside a penny to implement the plan.

The bank could become a resource for local governments during the early development of new water resources. Those governments could eventually pay back the bank through their construction budgets, Dewhurst said.

Texas is also facing a transportation crisis after years of shrinking income from fuel taxes and $17 billion in borrowing for road building. Rather than raise fuel taxes, the Republican-controlled Legislature has been allowing the Texas Department of Transportation to cover its budget with voter-approved bond money, an approach that will end next year when the last of that money runs out.

Key figure

The amount of money Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst wants to take from the state's rainy day fund to create a water infrastructure development bank to help cities and counties pay for projects:

$1 billion

RAIL

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Texas merits evaluation, but they cautioned that it may simply be a statistical anomaly. The best measure is what the numbers show over several years, they said.

"Every accident is important, particularly to the family and community that experienced it," said Bob Chipkevich, former director of the National Transportation Safety Board's railroad accident investigation division. "But when you look for trends, you have to look at the longer term."

Texas, with nearly 11,000 miles of track, was one of 10 states required to develop a railroad crossing safety action as a result of a federal law enacted in 2008. The states were selected on the basis of the number of incidents at crossings reported for the previous three years.

The Texas plan, developed by the state's Department of Transportation, lists dozens of strategies, including evaluating crossings with multiple accidents and developing outreach programs to better educate the public and law enforcement.

In an email, TxDOT spokeswoman Veronica Beyer said the plan, which won't be fully implemented until 2014, has already led to crossing upgrades and improved education. However, she noted that motorists "hold the key" to safety.

"We will continue to work with federal partners and railroad companies to ensure safety devices are working at railroad crossings, but, similar to roadway safety, we need the help from Texas drivers to enhance safety at these crossings as well," Beyer wrote.

Bob Pottroff, a Manhattan, Kan., attorney whose practice focuses on railroad crossing accident cases, said it's misguided to put the onus on motorists. The real issue is how the railroads are increasing the speeds of their trains without adjusting mechanical devices at crossings to provide longer intervals between initial warnings and the trains' arrival, he said.

Pottroff, who has filed a lawsuit on behalf of two veterans injured in the Midland accident, said the problem is particularly acute in Texas, a key corridor for moving freight to and from the West Coast.

"They are flying trains through Texas faster than they ever have," he said.

The four veterans killed in Midland were part of a parade honoring wounded vets when the flatbed truck carrying them collided with a Union Pacific train traveling 62 mph. The driver of the truck ventured onto the track after the warning signals had begun to flash and before the arms had descended, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

The NTSB said the device was activated within 20 seconds of the train's arrival, the minimum standard required by federal regulations. However, TxDOT documents made public last week indicate that the device was designed to activate at 30 seconds.

Darin Kosmak, director of TxDOT's rail-highway section, wrote in an email that trains are traveling along the rail line at a maximum speed of 70 mph even though the crossing's design was based on speeds of no more than 25 mph.

The Diboll collision also involved a Union Pacific train and a crossing set for a 20-second warning time.

The train slammed into a Jeep Wrangler that had stopped on the track soon after the arms descended, causing the deaths of the 19-year-old driver, her 54-year-old grandmother and her 18-month-old nephew.

The conductor told police he thought it was a suicide because the vehicle never moved even though it was on the track for 10 seconds. But Jerry Easley, a lawyer who represented the family in a lawsuit against Union Pacific that was settled out of court, said evidence suggests the vehicle stalled and that the two women struggled to remove the toddler from a car seat.

Easley said video showed the vehicle entered the crossing 26 seconds before impact, but that wasn't enough time to escape the approaching train, which was traveling about 50 mph.

The train's operators sounded the horn and backed off the throttle but didn't use the emergency brake until only a few seconds before the crash, he said.

Had the brake been set earlier, the women might have been able to save themselves and the child, Easley said.

"It certainly would have bought them more time, but the railroad can say, 'We don't put on the emergency brake because that might cause a derailment,'" he said.

Union Pacific spokeswoman Raquel Espinoza-Williams said the engineer complied with federal regulations by sounding the horn 21 seconds before the train reached the crossing.

"It is important to remember that trains cannot stop quickly," she wrote in an email to the AP, adding that a train going 55 mph can travel more than a mile before coming to a complete stop.

AP file photo

The remains of a Jeep Wrangler Sahara sit atop a wrecker after a collision with a train in Diboll in March. Deaths at railroad crossings in Texas have doubled in the last year, renewing questions about whether the thousands of miles of track in the state is being safely maintained and monitored.

GINGERBREAD

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unique to the nonprofit world in West Texas," she said.

Koehl said attendees will be able to create one-of-a-kind, unique pieces that can be displayed for their families.

"As we grow, our financial needs increase as well. As the needs of our community expand, we want to be good stewards of the funding we receive and always be prepared to meet the needs at hand," Koehl said. "Single mothers are finding it increasingly difficult to find affordable housing and we are seeing increasing requests for assistance in the community."

As Fair Havens' first attempt at a large scale fundraiser, Koehl said it has been wonderful to have a very committed group working on the event.

"Everyone has worked very hard to make this a reality. It's been a true team effort," Koehl said. "...Planning an event like this is almost like planning a large wedding. These volunteers have been faithful and committed to the cause, going the distance."

The luncheon is sold out, with more than 300 people planning to attend, Koehl said. Well-known local buisnessmen and celebrities will man the candy tables, dressed in bowties, top hats and tool belts full of candy. Many businesses have decorated gingerbread houses that will be displayed thought the room.

"As we grow, we did need to have some sort of annual event that would help sustain us and expand our financial base. It's been fun to watch it grow during the past 15 years and Midlanders have been very supportive and encouraging. This is one way to expand our financial base, reach out to potential donors, build our friend base and increase awareness about or organization," Koehl said.

COUNTY

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have been able to do a lot of good and help. There's others we just can't seem to help because you have larger communities like Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth that push their agendas down the throat of other communities in the state of Texas."

In the upcoming legislative session, Painter expects to push legislation again in regards to bonding out individuals who have had technical violations of their parole. Such legislation made it to Gov. Rick Perry last session and was received with a veto.

"If you have a parole violator who is a state inmate and has just a small, technical violation, they'll be in jail up to 60 to 90 days waiting," Painter said. "That's taking up county taxpayers' money on a state inmate."

Both Bradford and Painter said their state legislators, Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, have been especially helpful in swaying legislative efforts to support the county.

Bradford took five separate trips to Austin during the 2011 session, spending $3,549.40 over a total of 13 days for travel, food and lodging. Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman took two brief trips, spending $1,397.80, and Painter made three stops in Austin for a total of $794.58. Tax Assessor Kathy Reeves logged $573.64 in expenses and Fire Marshal Dale Little incurred $204.85.

When possible, commissioners such as Randy Prude conduct legislative business over the phone or via computer. Each county employee looks out for the interests of his or her department, Bradford said.

Water will continue to be high on the county's priority list as legislators look into a statewide water plan and interbasin transfers that would allow for movement between the state's basins.

"We try to think ahead," Bradford said. "We don't want to react for the immediacy of something."

Funding for roads will be watched carefully by Commissioner Robin Donnelly, and county employees also will look to ensure that counties aren't left to pay the majority of any possible expenditures headed their way due to implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

The legislative session makes for long, chaotic days, such as when Bradford testified alongside the county attorney in opposition to a fireworks bill. They arrived to the committee hearing at 6:30 a.m. and didn't leave until after 2 a.m., Bradford said.

"It takes tenacity, knowledge of the system and, in our case in particular, we have a a very dedicated and focused court that knows the parameters we need in our community," he said.

It's also nearly impossible to see all of the thousands of bills that are filed in the time allotted, Bradford said.

"You try to pick those out that are getting hearings and those that are of interest to you to promote to get a hearing," he said.

Ultimately, Bradford said he tries to do as much damage control as possible by fighting against the bills that would hurt the county, and if he has time, promoting those that would help Midland residents.

"There aren't any secrets as to what the county is trying to do," Bradford said. "We're trying to make our community safer and more nimble in its ability to react in a positive manner to economic opportunities."

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Former Reporter-Telegram Editor Bill Collyns wrote in the same edition about the fundraising effort that made the hospital possible, calling it "the largest community-wide project in the history West Texas." When it opened, the hospital came with a price tag of $1.5 million.

Fundraisers marketed the effort with two main slogans: "Give From Your Heart" and "You May Be Next to Need the Hospital."

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," will be published in 2013. He can be emailed at Jimmyleepatterson@gmail.com.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Felix A. Carrillo, 26, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four grams.

Francisco Cintron Jr., 27, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breath.

Nannette E. Harman, 44, of Marshall, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant.

Melissa M. Lockhart, 35, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on two charges of violation of probation.

Robert Sandlin Jr., 27, was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Utah offers ideas for sect property distribution

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — State officials on Friday began the long-overdue process of formulating a plan to redistribute property and businesses on the Utah-Arizona border belonging to a polygamous sect led by Warren Jeffs.

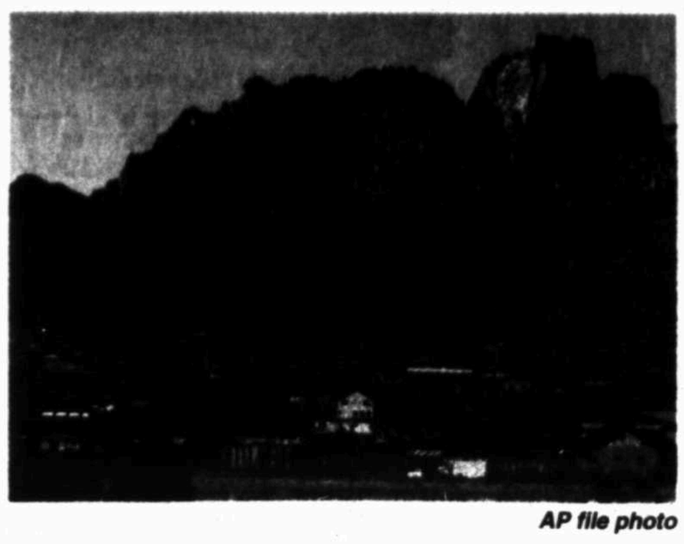
They discussed four options with current and former members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in a town hall-style meeting, which came seven years after Utah seized control of properties in Hilldale and Colorado City, Ariz., following allegations of financial mismanagement by Jeffs and other church leaders.

The Utah Attorney's General office presented four ideas: creating a board of trustees that can function with limited court involvement; dissolving the trust and letting the community decide how to redistribute the properties; dissolving the trust, auctioning off properties and giving people credits to buy them, and negotiating a new settlement.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, who arrived late because of travel delays, called it an opportunity for members, non-members and ex-members of the FLDS church to ensure they don't come away empty handed.

Utah took over a church trust that controls the properties in 2005 amid allegations of mismanagement by Jeffs and other church leaders. The state, which has a statutory duty to protect charitable trusts, stepped in because the trustees failed to respond to lawsuits, said Utah Attorney General spokesman Paul Murphy. A November federal appeals court ruling cleared the way for the state to break up the church trust and sell homes, businesses and farms in the two small towns.

Jeffs is serving a life sentence in Texas for sexually assaulting two underage girls he considered his brides. He continues to try to lead the sect of about 10,000 people from jail. The sect is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.



AP file photo

Hildale, Utah, sits at the base of red rock cliff mountains with its sister city, Colorado City, Ariz., in the foreground in this 2006 file photo. A federal appeals court ruled Nov. 5 that the polygamist sect waited too long to challenge a court-ordered takeover, clearing the way for state authorities to break up a church trust and sell assets including homes, businesses and farms in two small towns.

Shurtleff conceded that he can't stop people from getting property and giving it back to the church, but delivered a passionate plea during the meeting for community members to spread the truth about Warren Jeffs.

"He is a convicted child rapist," Shurtleff said. "He is never coming out of prison."

Willie Jessop, a former church member who attended the meeting, said Jeffs sent an edict from jail forbidding members from attending the meeting. That didn't stop dozens of his followers from attending and risking being ex-communicated, he said.

"I think everyone is concerned about the status of their property," Jessop said.

But there were no city officials or law enforcement from Hilldale or Colorado City, Jessop said.

Officials from Hilldale and Colorado City opted not to attend the meeting because it would be a no-win situation for them to get involved and pick a side, said Blake Hamilton, an attorney representing the two cities. They will become involved when a proposal is finalized, he said.

Although state officials stressed that the four ideas they presented were merely ideas, not final proposals, those at the meeting expressed the most support for the option allowing the community to decide on the property distribution.

Bruce Wisan, the court-appointed trust manager, suggested distribution should be handled on a case-by-case basis and with as minimal disruption as possible. He spoke at length about the option of letting community members decide how to redistribute the homes and property.

Any plan must be approved by the 3rd District Court. Shurtleff's staff said the community will have to prove a contribution of time, talent, money or property to be eligible to get assets from the trust, regardless of church involvement. The staff said the trust must remain religiously neutral and its assets cannot go toward polygamous practices.

Before any homes are turned over to community members, they must sell some of the property to pay off a $7 million debt that accumulated during the lengthy court battle. The properties were estimated to be worth at least $100 million.

Bill Richards, an attorney representing the Arizona attorney general's office, said there is no way to know how long this process will take. Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne did not attend.

Rod Parker, a Nevada attorney for the FLDS, did not return phone calls from The Associated Press.

The meeting exceeded the expectations of the Utah Attorney General's office, said spokesman Murphy.

"We heard some really good ideas and some legitimate concerns," Murphy said. "I heard a lot more common ground than I've heard in a long time."

Fears about sect dwindle in Texas

ELDORADO — When word spread eight years ago that a polygamist sect had settled in a remote corner of Texas, many in the town of Eldorado were nervous.

Some people were even downright terrified, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Outside the local courthouse in 2004, one woman held a poster that read, "The Devil is Here." A man invoked visions of the 1993 armed standoff with a religious fringe group in Waco that resulted in more than 70 deaths.

But the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Warren Jeffs, is serving a life prison sentence.

The group's 1,700-acre Yearning for Zion ranch is largely abandoned, and the state is trying to seize it in a forfeiture action filed this week. And many in Eldorado say fears about the sect have subsided.

"It is a non-issue for this community. They don't interact with this community," said Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, whose five-man department was all but consumed with the issue in the first few years.

Eldorado, population 1,950, had been known for cotton and cattle, deer hunting and Friday night football. But then, hundreds of people wearing prairie-style garb began arriving to build the sprawling Yearning for Zion ranch outside town, which is about 200 miles from Austin.

The sect is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.

The FLDS made headlines nationwide in 2008, when authorities raided its compound after hearing allegations that young girls were being forced into polygamist marriages. More than 400 children were seized temporarily but eventually returned to their families.

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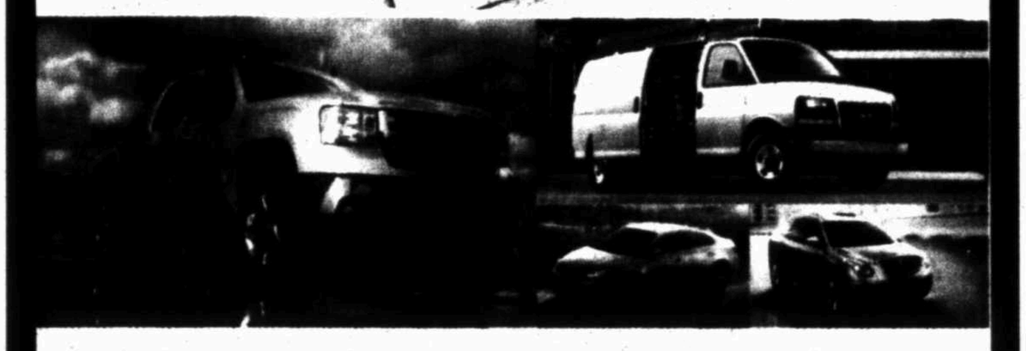

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Can't imagine lunch offered many surprises

■ A fly on the wall probably heard much of the same when Obama and Romney got together.

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Much speculation has followed the private luncheon between President Obama and Mitt Romney, about which little is known.

Photographers captured grainy images of Romney arriving in a black SUV, from which he emerged unassisted and unguarded. Reporters received only the homophonically ironic luncheon menu in response to queries about what transpired in the presidential dining room: White turkey chili and chicken salad.

Alas, where there is a White House, there is always someone willing to whisper a few tidbits in the interest of national curiosity. According to Mr. Fly, who happened to be nearby feasting on a grain of salt, the meeting began with small talk, during which Romney took a stab at self-deprecating humor, while the president remained Rushmorian.

President: Governor, nice to see you again. Welcome to my Oval Office.

Romney: Thank you, Mr. President. Love the way you've decorated the place. Very understated, but where's the bling? Heh-heh.

President: Mitt, you always know just what to say. Jay (press secretary Carney), could you please let the chef know we're ready?

Romney: I don't suppose your chef speaks Spanish, eh? Just a little immigration humor there. You know I never did employ any illegal aliens, despite what they said. Wow, is that the Churchill bust? I thought you gave it back!

President: No, that's Alfred Hitchcock. I'm a fan. You like turkey chili?

Romney: Love turkey chili! Of course, I love everything, especially America.

President: (Smiles while reaching down to pat Bo on the head.)

Romney: Hey, who let the dog out? Heh-heh.

Carney: Mr. President, lunch is served.

President: This way, Mitt.

(Seated, the tone becomes more reserved.)

Romney: Mr. President, first I want to thank you for extending this invitation. I'm honored to be here and hopeful that I can continue to serve my country in any way you see fit.

President: Thank you, Mitt. I really appreciate your willingness to come here today. I know it can't have been easy and, by the way, my apologies for your reception outside.

Romney: Oh, I'm used to hecklers.

President: No, I mean the media.

Romney: No, that's what I meant, too.

President: Very good.

Romney: Well, what can I do for you, Mr. President? Not to be presumptuous, but I think I have some ideas for turning around the economy.

President: So I've heard, but I'm really not that interested. I mostly invited you here because I said I would. Team of rivals and all that, blah, blah, blah.

Romney: Oh. Well, since I'm here, could I just say, Mr. President, that you really must cut discretionary and entitlement spending. Seeking $50 billion more in stimulus funds on top of raising tax rates will break the country. You will decimate the small business community.

President (stifling a yawn): So I've heard, but again, I don't really care that much. I was re-elected and elections matter. Legacies matter even more. I have to raise taxes on the rich and I can't and won't cut spending on the less fortunate. Obviously, closing loopholes and capping deductions won't produce enough revenues to cut the debt and deficit.

Romney: Well, no, it won't, not unless you also significantly cut spending. Moreover, as you know, you're already raising taxes across the board with Obamacare. What happened to your saying you'd go anywhere and do anything to reach a compromise with Republicans? If we go over this cliff and enter another recession, the American people are going to be hurting and eventually they'll understand why.

President: All true, Governor, but by then my agenda will be entrenched and most Americans — your benighted 47 percent among others — will be content with the nation's new organization. Eventually, even the middle class won't mind coughing up more in taxes to finance what I've put in place. By the time I leave office, everyone in this country will have equal access to health care; the rich won't be so rich and the poor won't be so poor. What's wrong with that?

Romney: Nothing much, Mr. President, except the reality is that not everyone can have everything. Equal outcomes, which you seem to see as desirable, inevitably means coercion. Moreover, what you've just described is not free-market capitalism.

President (looking bemused): Your point?

Carney: Excuse me, Mr. President, sorry to interrupt, but your next appointments are here. Gov. Christie, Gov. Jindal, right this way.

OUR VIEW

All Midlanders need to have their special moment this holiday season

We have to admit that we were touched by a recent photo taken of a New York cop kneeling down to give a barefoot homeless man in Times Square a pair of boots on a cold November night.

It's one of those stories that seem to find its way into our newspapers during the Christmas season. It's a feel-good story that warms the heart and just maybe teaches us a little about the spirit of the season.

In this case, it was NYPD officer Lawrence DePrimo, who was on counterterrorism duty in Times Square, when he saw a homeless man without shoes sitting on 42nd Street.

DePrimo left and then returned with a pair of $100 boots he bought at a nearby Skechers store.

This story never was intended to be seen or even heard by the public. This was supposed to be a transaction between two men who had never met.

But it didn't turn out that way. The act of kindness has been displayed on major TV networks and newspapers across the country thanks to Jennifer Foster, a tourist from Florence, Ariz. Foster, communications director for the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, took the photo and emailed it to the NYPD with a note commending DePrimo.

"I have been in law enforcement for 17 years," Foster said. "I was never so impressed in my life. It is important, I think, for all of us to remember the real reason we are in this line of work. The reminder this officer gave to our profession in his presentation of human kindness has not been lost."

We also think it's important that acts of kindness are not lost in this generation or any other. We hope this story speaks to thousands during the Christmas season.

You don't have to spend $100 on a pair of boots to offer a helping hand to someone in need. We all experience times when we can help make someone's day a little better. Bringing out a smile from someone who has had a tough day is a worthy deed.

We hope you discover your own special moment during this holiday season. You might find that an innocent gift of kindness will make your Christmas experience more fulfilling.

We hope that spirit continues throughout the coming year. We could turn out to be a blessed community if that spirit went viral.

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US is delusional about Morsi

■ This country can't be lured into a false sense of security about Egypt's leader and peace-keeping mission in the Middle East.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The great 19th-century satirist Ambrose Bierce defined a revolution as "an abrupt change in the form of misgovernment." He would understand events in Egypt very well.

In the signature revolution of the Arab Spring, the country turned its back on a secular dictatorship only to fall into the arms of what looks like a budding Muslim Brotherhood dictatorship. Meet the new pharaoh, same as the old pharaoh. Except Egypt's old form of misgovernment may soon look progressive by comparison.

Muslim Brotherhood President Mohamed Morsi's decree neutering the judiciary is the latest act in his steady consolidation of power. While he assiduously builds a dictatorship, the Obama administration just as assiduously tells itself bedtime stories. It's a perfect division of labor — he goes about his empire-building with a clear-eyed realism; we consider it through a gauzy lens of delusion.

Since the end of Hosni Mubarak, the air has been thick with descriptions of the Muslim Brotherhood and Morsi as moderates. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper called the Muslim Brotherhood "largely secular." If he had been speaking of the Church of England, he might have had a point.

Unfortunately, the Brotherhood's credo is: "Allah is our objective; the Quran is our law; the Prophet is our leader; Jihad is our way." Morsi summarized his program during the campaign as "the sharia, then the sharia, and finally the sharia." (Unlike President Barack Obama, at least he had an agenda.)

After Mubarak's fall, we fooled ourselves about the level of support for the Brotherhood. We fooled ourselves about the Brotherhood abiding by its promise not to run for the presidency. We fooled ourselves about what a Morsi victory would mean for democracy. Why stop fooling ourselves now?

Morsi staged his latest power grab on Thanksgiving Day in the immediate aftermath of working with Obama to get a cease-fire in hostilities between Hamas (a Muslim Brotherhood offshoot) and Israel. A New York Times piece reported that in his talks with Morsi, "Mr. Obama felt they were making a connection." How sweet.

"He was impressed with the Egyptian leader's pragmatic confidence." And who can resist the lure of pragmatic confidence?

"He sensed," the paper continued, in a gushing tone, "an engineer's precision with surprisingly little ideology."

This is the most embarrassing man-crush misjudgment of a noxious foreign leader since George W. Bush claimed to have peered into Vladimir Putin's soul.

Obama famously disdained Mitt Romney. But the devotee of an Islamist organization about to stage a self-coup? Now, that's a man he can work with.

The business about an engineer's precision is priceless. What did the president expect? Morsi to try to convert him to Islam and harangue him about Malia and Sasha not wearing head scarves?

Morsi didn't get where he is today without rationally calculating his interests. He probably has many crisply precise conversations every day; that doesn't make his ultimate goal any less unreasonable.

The administration's reaction to Morsi's decree has been, "Well, golly, we hope everyone can talk things through." In its mealy-mouthed noncondemnations, the Obama administration doesn't do any favors to the real moderates in the streets of Egypt pushing to get Morsi to back down.

But delusion is hard to give up. We always want to believe that other people are just like us and have, at bottom, the same practical concerns. It's simply not true of fanatics. "This revolution was not about the price of watermelons," Ayatollah Khomeini once told an aide worried about inflation.

Obama is subject to a more personal fantasy, which is the belief that he is uniquely suited to convince people hostile to us that we want to be their friends. This might make for nice phone calls, but it won't change the convictions of a Mohamed Morsi.

If our leverage in Egypt is limited, we should still be using every bit of it to resist Morsi's power grab. The first step is to let go of delusions — and perhaps read more Ambrose Bierce.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

'Cliff' talks: White House waiting on GOP move

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans have to stop using "political math" and say how much they are willing to raise tax rates on the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and then specify the spending cuts they want, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner said in an interview that aired Sunday.

Just four weeks from the proverbial "fiscal cliff," House Speaker John Boehner countered that Republicans have a plan for providing as much as $800 billion in new government revenue over the next decade and would consider the elimination of tax deductions on high-income earners. But when pressed on "Fox News Sunday" for precise details, the Ohio Republican declined to say.

There are "a lot of options in terms of how to get there," Boehner said.

Both Boehner's and Geithner's latest remarks indicate it could be some time before serious negotiations begin between the White House and Republicans on how to avert economic calamity expected in less than a month when President George W. Bush-era tax cuts expire and automatic, across-the-board spending cuts kick in.

Last week, the White House delivered to Capitol Hill its opening plan: $1.6 trillion in higher taxes over a decade, hundreds of billions of dollars in new spending, a possible extension of the temporary Social Security payroll tax cut and enhancing the president's power to raise the national debt limit.

In exchange, the president would back $600 billion in spending cuts, including $350 billion from Medicare and other health programs. But he also wants $200 billion in new spending for jobless benefits, public works projects and aid for struggling homeowners. His proposal for raising the ceiling on government borrowing would make it virtually impossible for Congress to block him.

Republicans said they responded in closed-door meetings with laughter and disbelief.

"I was just flabbergasted," Boehner said. "I looked at (Geithner), and I said, 'You can't be serious.'" Boehner described negotiations as going "nowhere, period," and said "there's clearly a chance" the nation will go over the cliff.

Geithner, the administration's point man for negotiations, was slightly more optimistic while saying the ball was in Boehner's court. But the treasury secretary also said he didn't expect a counteroffer right away, as Republicans work to sort out tensions within the party in the wake of bruising national elections that left Democrats in charge of the White House and the Senate.

Boehner acknowledged in his interview, aired Sunday, that he wasn't happy with public remarks by Republican Rep. Tom Cole, of Oklahoma, who said he was ready to go along with Obama's plan to renew expiring income tax cuts for the majority of Americans and negotiate the rates on top earners later.

"They're trying to figure out where they go next," Geithner said of Republicans, "and we might need to give them a little time to figure out where they go next."

He called the back-and-forth "normal political theater," saying all that's blocking a timely deal is the GOP's reluctance to accept higher tax rates on the wealthy.

"It's welcome that they're recognizing that revenues are going to have to go up. But they haven't told us anything about how far rates should go up ... (and) who should pay higher taxes," Geithner said.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi said Sunday that she will try to force a vote on the Senate-passed bill favored by Democrats to avert a "fiscal cliff."

AP file photo

Supporters of health care reform rally in front of the Supreme Court in Washington in March on the final day of arguments regarding the health care law signed by President Barack Obama.

HEALTH CARE

States mull over Medicaid expansion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's health care brinksmanship, with hundreds of billions of dollars and the well-being of millions of people at stake.

President Barack Obama's health care law expands Medicaid, the federal-state health program for low-income people, but cost-wary states must decide whether to take the deal.

Turn it down, and governors risk coming off as callous toward their neediest residents. Not to mention the likely second-guessing for walking away from a pot of federal dollars estimated at nearly $1 trillion nationally over a decade.

If the Obama administration were to compromise — say, by sweetening the offer to woo a reluctant stat — it would face immediate demands from 49 others for similar deals that could run up the tab by tens of billions of dollars.

As state legislatures look ahead to their 2013 sessions, the calculating and the lobbying have already begun.

Conservative opponents of the health care law are leaning on lawmakers to turn down the Medicaid money. Hospitals, doctors' groups, advocates for the poor, and some business associations are pressing them to accept it.

Here's the big thing: The state does not want to expand Medicaid and get stuck with the bill," said Dr. Bill Hazel, Virginia's health secretary. "Our legislators do not like to raise taxes to pay for a benefit someone else has promised. The concerns we have ... are around federal solvency and the ability of the federal government to meet its commitment."

Medicaid covers nearly 60 million low-income and disabled people but differs significantly from state to state. Under the health care law, Medicaid would be expanded on Jan. 1, 2014, to cover people making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line, or about $15,400 a year for an individual.

About half the 30 million people gaining coverage under the law would do so through Medicaid. Most of the new beneficiaries would be childless adults, but about 2.7 million would be parents with children at home. The federal government would pay the full cost of the first three years of the expansion, gradually phasing down to a 90 percent share.

The Supreme Court said states can turn down the Medicaid expansion. But if a state does so, many of its poorest residents would have no other way to get health insurance. The subsidized private coverage also available under Obama's law is only for people making more than the poverty level, $11,170 for an individual. For the poor, Medicaid is the only option.

Although the health care law fully funded the Medicaid expansion and Obama has protected the program from cuts, the federal government's unresolved budget struggles don't give states much confidence.

Most states, including Republican-led Virginia, are considering their options.

A recent economic analysis by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation and the Urban Institute found that states will receive more than $9 from Washington for every $1 they spend to expand Medicaid, and a few will actually come out ahead, partly by spending less on charity care. States are commissioning their own studies.

So far, eight states have said they will turn down the expansion, while 13 states plus the District of Columbia have indicated they will accept it. The eight declining are Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.

Nearly 2.8 million people would remain uninsured in those states, according to Urban Institute estimates, with Texas alone accounting for close to half the total.

Hospitals aren't taking "no" for an answer in the states that have turned down the expansion. Although South Carolina's Republican Gov. Nikki Haley has had her say, the Legislature has yet to be heard from, said Thornton Kirby, president of the South Carolina Hospital Association.

Mexico swears in president amid violent protests

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Enrique Pena Nieto took the oath of office as Mexico's new president Saturday vowing to restore peace and security and take on the vested interests that have hindered economic prosperity.

As several hundred protesters threw fire bombs at police and smashed plate glass windows, Pena Nieto marked the return of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, with a 13-point plan heavy on old-party populist handouts but with reforms designed to boost the economy and modernize the education and justice systems.

"Mexico has not achieved the advances that the population demands or deserves," Pena Nieto said in an inaugural speech unusual for its heavy emphasis on policy. "It's time for us together to break the myths and paradigms and all else that has limited our development."

Inaugural events were marred all day by protesters opposed to the return of the PRI after a 12-year hiatus.

Inside and outside the congressional chambers where he took the oath of office, his opponents called his inauguration an "imposition" of a party that ruled for 71 years using a mix of handouts, graft and rigged elections.

At least 76 people were treated for injuries, including 29 who hospitalized, as the result of clashes between protesters and tear-gas firing police, the Red Cross said. City officials said 103 people were detained, including 11 minors.

Vandals smashed windows of stores, banks and a hotel and made bonfires of furniture dragged into the streets. One downtown bank office where all the windows were broken had the words "Welcome Pena" painted across the facade in green.

Pena Nieto countered with a speech full of specifics, from creating an integrated crime prevention program to ending the patronage and buying of teacher positions that rule the public education system.

He said he will put security at the center of all policies for Mexicans and their families and will work to ensure that roads and cities are again "peaceful areas where Mexicans can travel safely without fear of loss of their liberty or life."

Mexico has suffered a spike in violence since outgoing President Felipe Calderon launched an offensive against organized crime upon taking office six years ago. Some 60,000 people have been killed by drug violence since then, according to some estimates. While officials first said most of the victims were involved in organized crime, the killings and kidnapping spread to innocent civilians as drug gangs came to rule entire towns and even parts of some states.

Pena Nieto turned to his usual style of result-oriented governing with the list, having started his term as governor of Mexico State with 608 projects that he promised to complete.

The tone of his speech was conciliatory, an attempt to alleviate fears about a return to the PRI's autocratic past.

"I will respect every voice," he said. "I will run an open government that speaks with honesty, seeks opinion, listens to its citizens ... I will be a president who is close to the people."

Many of his proposals harkened back to the old populist PRI, promising pensions for the elderly, life insurance for single mothers to support their children through college, a program to end hunger and a new system of passenger trains.

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Carbon pollution up to 2 million pounds a second

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The amount of heat-trapping pollution the world spewed rose again last year by 3 percent. So scientists say it's now unlikely that global warming can be limited to a couple of degrees, which is an international goal.

The overwhelming majority of the increase was from China, the world's biggest carbon dioxide polluter. Of the planet's top 10 polluters, the United States and Germany were the only countries that reduced their carbon dioxide emissions.

Last year, all the world's nations combined pumped nearly 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to new international calculations on global emissions published Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. That's about a billion tons more than the previous year.

The total amounts to more than 2.4 million pounds of carbon dioxide released into the air every second.

Because emissions of the key greenhouse gas have been rising steadily and most carbon stays in the air for a century, it is not just unlikely but "rather optimistic" to think that the world can limit future temperature increases to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, said the study's lead author, Glen Peters at the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway.

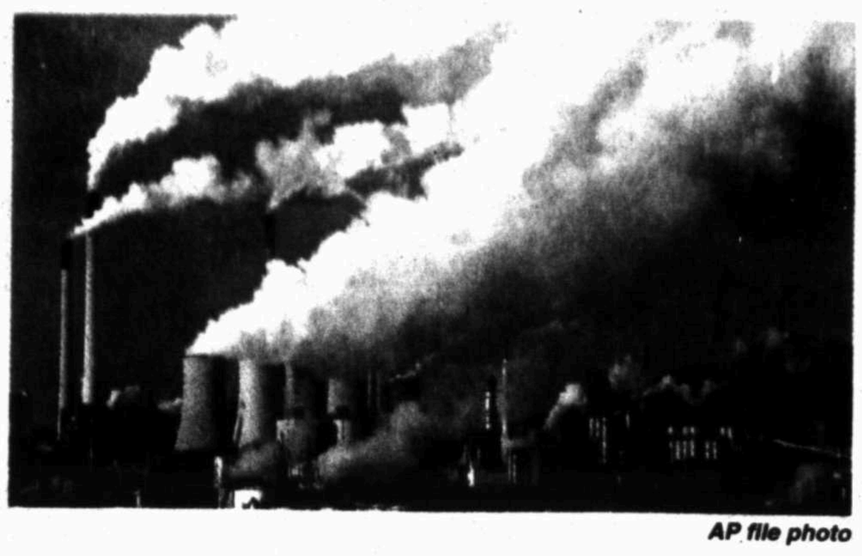
Three years ago, nearly 200 nations set the 2 degrees Celsius temperature goal in a nonbinding agreement. Negotiators now at a conference under way in Doha, Qatar, are trying to find ways to reach that target.

The only way, Peters said, is to start reducing world emissions now and "throw everything we have at the problem."

Andrew Weaver, a climate scientist at the University of Victoria in Canada who was not part of the study, said: "We are losing control of our ability to get a handle on the global warming problem."

In 1997, most of the world agreed to an international treaty, known as the Kyoto Protocol, that required developed countries such as the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 5 percent when compared with the baseline year of 1990. But countries that are still developing, including China and India, were not limited by how much carbon dioxide they expelled. The United States never ratified the treaty.

The latest pollution numbers, calculated by the Global Carbon Project, a joint venture of the Energy Department and the Norwegian Research Council, show that worldwide carbon dioxide levels are 54 percent higher than the 1990 baseline.



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Steam and smoke rise from a coal burning power plant in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, in 2009. A United Nations report on rising greenhouse gas emissions reminded world governments on Nov. 21 that their efforts to fight climate change are far from enough to meet their stated goal of limiting global warming to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

2011 figures for biggest polluters:

1. China: Up 10 percent to 10 billion tons.

2. United States: Down 2 percent to 5.9 billion tons

3. India: Up 7 percent to 2.5 billion tons.

4. Russia: Up 3 percent to 1.8 billion tons.

5. Japan: Up 0.4 percent to 1.3 billion tons.

6. Germany: Down 4 percent to 0.8 billion tons.

7. Iran: Up 2 percent to 0.7 billion tons.

8. South Korea: Up 4 percent to 0.6 billion tons.

9. Canada: Up 2 percent to 0.6 billion tons.

10. South Africa: Up 2 percent to 0.6 billion tons.

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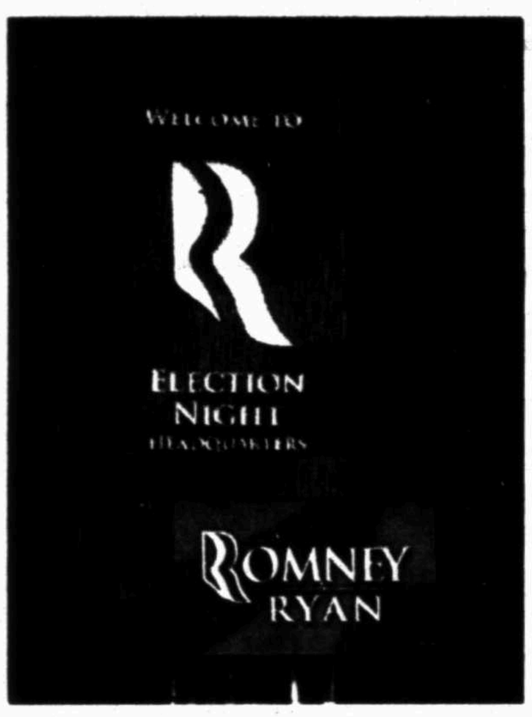

Julie Donnelly and her daughter Abigail, 4, at top, are inside the ballroom where Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney gave his concession speech. ABOVE Garrett and Julie Donnelly and their daughter, Abigail, are at the main level of the Boston Convention Center where the Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan Election Night Party was held. RIGHT Guests were greeted by this sign at the Boston Convention Center. FAR RIGHT Abigail shows off her credentials required to attend the Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan Election Night Party.

Courtesy photos

Midlanders attend Romney Election Night party

By Mary Dearen
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Midlanders Julie and Garrett Donnelly and their daughter, Abigail, 4, were in Boston Nov. 6 for the Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan Election Night Party.

Julie Donnelly said she and her husband were planning to be in Boston for a family gathering the weekend after the 2012 presidential election, and she commented to James Beauchamp, chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, that she wanted to "go to election night."

"A few days after the announcement of where Romney would be to watch election returns, I was at a friend's house when I got an email from one of Romney's campaign aides," said Donnelly, 32, a stay-at-home mom.

"It was asking me to send him some information. I did. We e-mailed back and forth a few times," she said in an email. "Holy cow! The next thing I knew I was being invited to his election night party as the West Texas rep to the party."

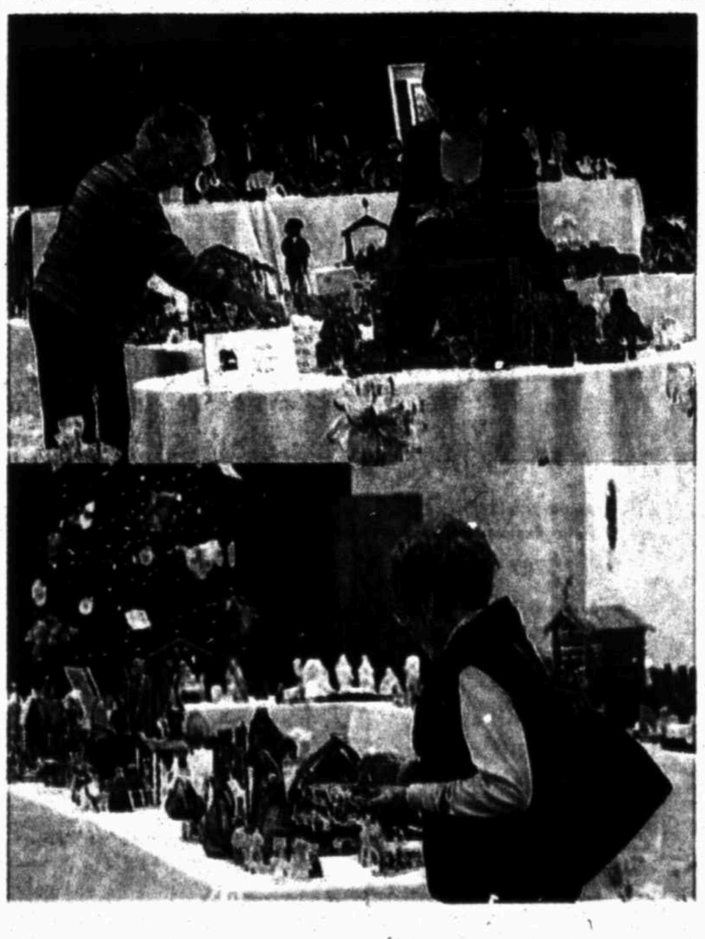
She said when the family arrived at the Boston Convention Center, the mood was upbeat, but "obviously, the mood began to shift as swing state numbers started rolling in."

They had the opportunity to hear a speech by Romney's son, Craig, and mingle with some well-known figures, including Donald Trump and Mark Teixeira, a member of the New York Yankees and formerly of the Texas Rangers.

"I know others were there, but those were the two I remember and knew who they were," she said. "We met so many people that night."

The family spent five days in Boston after Election Day and visited the Museum of Science, Boston Children's Museum, the New England Aquarium and Boston Commons.

Donnelly and her husband also have a 19-month-old son, Miles. Garrett Donnelly, 34, works for Eastland Oil.



No Room at the Inn, a fundraiser for Family Promise, was Nov. 17 at Grace Presbyterian Church. There was a preview party Nov. 16 and among those attending the event were Tom Miller, executive director of Family Promise, far right; H.A. Tuck, right top, Joyce Sherrod, right bottom, and right center, Edna Hibbitts, left, and Sharon Schwab.

Courtesy photos

NO ROOM AT THE INN

By Marilyn Harrison

The mood was festive at the preview party for the No Room at the Inn benefit for Family Promise. The theme was appropriate for a benefit that assists homeless families.

More than 400 manger scenes, works on paper and stitcheries were on display. Several were from recognized artisans and ranged from tiny to huge and from papier-mache to crystal. Among the locales represented were Uganda, Thailand, Poland, Peru, Mexico and Italy.

Guests enjoyed a catered buffet and were entertained by the Grace Presbyterian Church handbell choir. There was a silent auction that featured a landscape painting by local artist Merle Burleson Taylor, a diamond and emerald child's ring, small appliances and a gift basket with wine and holiday specialties. The raffle item was a quilt made by Lona Schwab that featured a central manger scene panel.

Guests included Tom Miller, director of Family Promise; Chris and Jeff Laufer, Carolyn and Nick Nicholas, the Rev. Cheryl Holmsher, Twana Evers and her daughter, Lisa Kilborn, Edna and Mack Hibbitts, Nancy and Walt Laufer, Bambi Byars, Donna Edney and Joyce and Cliff Sherrod.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

SPACE CENTER TOUR

Fred Newman made the winning bid on an auction item at MARC's annual Big Boys' Toys fundraiser last spring — a trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He chose his granddaughter, Sarah Goodnight of Waco, to be his guest to celebrate her 18th birthday. She is a National Merit Scholar and interested in science and technology.

The weekend began with the Astronaut Training Experience, where Fred and Sarah spent half a day with an astronaut experiencing weightlessness and out-of-control tumbling and shooting an approach in a simulator.

Sarah was the youngest participant in the group of 15, and Fred was the oldest. The group also included guests from Great Britain, Japan, Germany and Mexico.

Chris Newman, Fred's wife and Sarah's grandmother, accompanied them as they toured the space center, attended lunch and a question-and- answer period with another astronaut and took a bus tour of the launch pad.

MINUET CLUB PARTY

The Minuet Club began its season of debutante parties with the traditional Black and White Party, which was Nov. 24 at the home of Mary Pat and Jim Nelson.

Honored were the 2012 debs — Abbye Catherine Cremer, McCall Harvey Davenport, Catherine Elizabeth Gerald, Clare Parker Hickey, Caroline Andree Hickey, Carole Anne Nelson, Elizabeth Crandall Norwood, Claire Benham Renaud, Madeline Anne Spinks and Carly Catherine Tull.

As is tradition, the debs were attired in red cocktail dresses. Male guests wore black tie and the women, black and/or white.

Also hosting the party were Lauren and Craig Aldridge, Cheryl and David Albin, Sally and Kip Agar, Deborah and Earl Baldridge, Laurie and Miles Boldrick, Kim and Phil Carleton, Mary Ann and Roby Christensen, Laree and Steve Cole, Pam and Peter Courtney, Karla and Jad Davis, Paula and Gary Douglas, Cathy Eastham, Julie Edwards, Duke Edwards, Glen Ellis and Becky and Doug Ferguson.

In addition, Lois and Richard Folger, Nancy and Richard Gibson, Leslie and Craig McDonnold, Marietta and Albert Metcalfe, Dodie and Steve Mills, Karen and Thom O'Brien, Deborah and Steve Pruett, DeeAnn and Jeff Salehi, Suzanne Smith, Terry and John Staub, Elizabeth and Mark Wheeler, Debbie and Bob Wiggins, Melinda Williamson, Celia and Word Wilson and Becky Yarborough.

The parties will continue when the girls return home for the Christmas holidays. The Presentation Ball is scheduled for Dec. 22 at the Petroleum Club.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Back by popular demand, the Satin Strings of Permian High School entertained the Midland Country Club Ladies Association at its November luncheon meeting.

The young people, attired in long dresses and suits, strolled throughout the ballroom while playing their stringed instruments and paused to kneel next to attendees while performing classical, contemporary, Christmas and Irish songs.

Satin Strings' director, Todd Berridge, showed slides of the group's trip to Dublin, Ireland, last March to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He also expressed appreciation to the association for its donation to the student travel fund.

During the association's business meeting, 2013 officers were elected: Audrey Curry, president; Peggy Davis, vice president; Betty Ewan, treasurer; Karen O'Brien, secretary; Laine Miller and Emily Goodfellow, social; Evalyn Halvorsen, publicity; Lora Jones, parliamentarian; Ricki Perry, house/bridge representative; Lauren Roberson, programs; and Jeannette Oei, Beth Qualia, and Sheree Robb, members at large.

Kathy Leonard and Charlotte Seay won the door prizes. Among others seen at the event were Joanie Holt, Carolyn Winkler, Jackie Perry, Donna Campbell, Jo Sneed, Dee Morris, Aggie Anguish and Bonnie Hubbard.

PACE-ELLIOTT WEDDING

A large contingent of Midlanders traveled to Santa Fe, N.M., for the wedding of Lauren Pace and Carson Elliott Nov. 3 at The Bishop's Lodge.

Lauren is the daughter of Joan and Robert Whitt and Lynn and Mark Pace, and Carson is the son of Holly Elliott and the late Roger Elliott.

The groom's mother hosted the rehearsal dinner at Rio Chama in Santa Fe on the eve of the wedding.

The couple were honored at a pre-nuptial cocktail party in Midland at the home of Susan and Jay Horton. The other hosts were Kay and Ralph Arrell, Jann and Vince Bash, Ellen and Larry Bell, Laura and Jim Brown, Melanie and Lea Crump, Rhonda and Lynn Durham, Kathy Faris, Becky and Doug Ferguson, Lucia and Mike Gray, Linda and Jim Hicks, Nancy and David Holland, Jennie and Lee House, Anne and Bert Johnson, Marylyn and Dave Leonard, Karen Scharbauer and Patti and Chuck Wallace.

High school friends of the couple seen at the wedding were Coleman Smith, Courtney Hawkes, Christy Cowden Doenges, Meredith Brandon Hartman, Carey Emerson Muniz, Zach Thomas and Curt Simmons. Among others attending were Cindy Lanning, Sharon and Jim Woodard, Constance and John Angus, Linda George, Sam Guyton and Nancy Tubb.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Turks and Caicos Islands and live in Santa Fe.

PHILANTHROPY DAY LUNCHEON

Congratulations to all those honored at the 2012 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon on Nov. 15 at Midland Country Club.

They were Kenye Kay Butts, outstanding volunteer fundraiser; Violet Singh, outstanding fundraising professional; the Saulsbury family, outstanding philanthropic family; Trinity School Senior Girls, outstanding youth in philanthropy; Atmos Energy, outstanding philanthropic organization; and The Kent Cos., outstanding philanthropic business.

Vicki Clark, the keynote speaker, said that to be successful, a philanthropist must not only use the financial resources at hand, but also possess the passion and synergy required for the cause.

Clark, of Memphis, Tenn., has extensive experience in working in the nonprofit, government and private sectors.

Kobi Nix Lincoln, president of the Permian Basin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, presided at the luncheon. Event chair was Luanne Thornton.

SPACE CENTER: FAR RIGHT Fred and Chris Newman and their granddaughter, Sarah Goodnight. RIGHT: Sarah Goodnight.

MINUET CLUB: RIGHT Claire Renaud, front row from left, Carole Nelson and Madeline Spinks; and Carly Tull, back row from left, CatherineGerald, McCall Davenport, Elizabeth Norwood and Abbye Cremer. FAR RIGHT Jim and Mary Pat Nelson.

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MIDLAND COUNTRY CLUB: LEFT Andy Ham, left, and Diane Ham. ABOVE Carolyn Sawyer, left, and Donna Bruno.

PACE-ELLIOTT WEDDING: ABOVE Parker Elliott, from left, Laney Wallace, Lynnley Wallace, Caden Alexander and Parker Alexander. AT TOP Lauren and Carson Elliott.

PHILANTHROPY DAY: ABOVE Luanne Thornton, from left, Vicki Clark and Kimberly Harless Smith. RIGHT Kenye Kay Butts, left, and and Vicki Clark.

PHILANTHROPY DAY: Karmen Bryant, from left, the Rev. Mary Beth Anton and Brian Lee Whisenhunt.

MORE NAMES

Griffith

Clepper

Emily Griffith has been named the new development director of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, said Paul St. Hilaire, executive director.

Griffith graduated from Baylor University in 2011 with a degree in history and a minor in museum studies. She and her husband, Greg, recently moved to Midland from Houston.

"Emily embodies a dedication to historic preservation and an affinity for the wonderful volunteers who serve historic attractions," St. Hilaire said. "Her personal and educational experiences blend in nicely with our mission. We are fortunate to have her join our team and look forward to working with her to continue to develop the image of the George W. Bush Childhood home."

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Midland High School student M'Leah Clepper has been named queen of the Midland Morning Lions Club.

She is a cheerleader and a member of academic decathlon team, Latin Club, National Honor Society, D-FY-IT, Dawg Posse and Committee of Fifty.

She volunteers with Midland SPCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Legacy Elite Athletics and GMFL Cheerleading.

Clepper plans to major in biology.

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"The King of Monument: The Life and Times of Henry Clay McGonagil" by Midland author Bill Modisett has been recognized by the 2012 USA Best Book Awards.

The book about the world champion steer roper, who lived in Midland, won for historical biography.

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SEARCY, Ark. — Midlander Chaney Mitchell has been nominated by the faculty of Harding University as a 2012-13 Who's Who finalist.

Mitchell is a senior journalism major.

BRIDGE

Permian Bridge Club

Nov. 12

Marilyn Higgins-Dorothy Brenneman, Charlie Grimes-Ann Servatius, Aggie Anguish-Jerry Burchell, Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, Paulette Turner-Kay Sewell

Nov. 13

Sandy Thomas-Anguish, Betty Dickerson-Bob Baker, Tommie Strack-Servatius, Brenda Brauner-Higgins, Dorothy Baird-Pattie Heard, Frances Levin-Turner, Phyllis Laird-Martha Poss, Janette Kuzmich-Burchell

Nov. 14

Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Brenneman-Grimes, Belle Harris-Ann Parish, Linda Aaron-Burchell

Nov. 15

Pat Grace-Marlene Blumentritt, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Dorothy Baird-Harris, Bill Dent-Sarana Savage, Sewell-Helen Davis

Nov. 16

Ricki Perry-Anguish, Gloria Crites-Betty Dickerson, Grimes-Servatius, Nancy Liberty-Thomas, Frances Mills-Sally Reeder, Poss-R. Bacon, Peggy Cowan-Strack

Nov. 18

Grimes-Servatius, KC Evans-Baker, Linda Aaron-Leilani Matthews

Nov. 19

Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Jean Pistole-Crites, Turner-Higgins, Burchell-Helen South, Witt-Leonard

Nov. 20

Anguish-Thomas, Vicky Fisher-Perry, Levin-Turner, Dickerson-Baker, Jane Myers-Curry, Burchell-South, Irene Hamm-Brauner, Blumentritt-Higgins, Strack-Liberty, Leonard-Witt, Pattie Heard-Dorothy Baird

Nov. 25

Curry-Myers, Lena Nichols-Crites, Debbie Kemp-Thomas, Evans-B. Baker, Joyce Ball-Barbara Miles

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Makeover: Home "Zdroj Family" 1/2 (N)		Makeover: Home "Zdroj Family" 2/2 (N)		Castle "Secret Santa" (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Mother (N)	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Hawaii 5-0 "Ha'Awe Make Loa" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	John Freeman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	90210 "902-100" (N)		G. Girl "It's Really Complicated" (N)		Sein. "The Movie"	Sein. "The Doorman"	'Til Death	'Til Death "Let's Go"	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Ghost in The Machine" (N)		The Mob Doctor "Fluid Dynamics" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Joe McGee	Update News	Jonathan Hansen	Light of the Southwest				House Calls	Mani Erfan	Andrew G. Roth	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	The Voice "Live Top 6 Performances" The top six artists perform live in front of coaches. (N)				Blake Shelton (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Baltimore (Hour Three)"		Market Warriors		Independent Lens "We Were Here"			Charlie Rose		Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	65			165	(5:05) Medicine Man...		★★★ Windstalkers Nicolas Cage.				(:15) ★★ Texas Rangers			★ Highlander: The Final Dimens...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) The Big Year ('11, Com) Owen Wilson.		★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.				24/7			★★ The Art of War		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:15) ★★★ Tower Heist Eddie Murphy.		Boardwalk Empire				★★★ X2: X-Men United Patrick Stewart.		(:20) Sucker Punch			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:25) ★★ A Thousand Words			★ Another Earth Brit Marling.		Making		★★★ Titanic Leonardo DiCaprio.			
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PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Hercules and the Circle of Fire		★★★ Godzilla Matthew Broderick.						(:20) ★★ The Philadelphia Experiment			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★ The Three Musket...		United States (N)		Homeland		Dexter		Homeland		Dexter	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(3:15) ★ Home Front		★ The Other F Word				(:40) ★ Limelight ('10, Doc) Jay-Z, 50 Cent.			★ Freakonomics James Ransone.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Hoarders "Barbara/ Richard"		Hoarders "Constance and Jeri Jo"		Hoarders "Terry/ Adelle" (N)		Intervention "Sandi" (N)		Intervention "Nick"		Hoarders "Constance and Jeri Jo"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.									★★★ The Green Mile Tom Hanks.		
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		★★ Drumline ('02, Fam) Nick Cannon.				★★ My Baby's Daddy Eddie Griffin.			Wendy Williams		
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Bev Hills Social (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Start-Ups (N)		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Start-Ups
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Steve Jobs		Rich Rich		American Greed		Mad Money		Rich	Rich
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		American Chopper		Fast N' Loud (N)		American Chopper		Fast N' Loud	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	★ The Search for Santa Paws				GoodLuck	Phineas	Jessie	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) Monday Countdown (L)		NFL Football New York Giants vs. Washington Redskins (L)							SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Jimmy V Classic Md./Con. (L)				Jimmy V /(:15) Poker World Series Final Table				SportsC.	Football	Tonight	NBA
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★ Rudolph the Red-N...		★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation...				★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation...			★ Chasing Christmas...		
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FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2....	★★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine ('09, Act) Hugh Jackman.							★★★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ A Town Without Ch...		★★★ Silver Bells ('05, Dra) Anne Heche.				★★★ Mistletoe Over Manhattan			★ The Santa Suit		
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		HouseH	House	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	American Pickers (N)		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	The1800s	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Christmas at Water's Edge		★★ A Diva's Christmas Carol ('00, Com/Dra) John Taylor, Vanessa L. Williams.				★★★ The Perfect Holiday ('07, Comedy) Gabrielle Union, Faizon Love, Morris Chestnut.			★★ A Diva's Christmas Carol		
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				To Be Announced								USSA Ski & Snowboard Slalom			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Full House	F.House	F.House	Full House		Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ The Wolfman		★★★★ Halloween ('07, Hor) Malcolm McDowell.						★★ The Last House on the Left Garret Dillahunt.			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Raiders of the Lost ...		★★ Star Trek: Generations Patrick Stewart.						★★★★ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wife"	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan Guests Punch Brothers (N)	Office "Job Fair"	The Office	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	★ Strange Lady in Town		★ Elephant in the Room		★ Captain January		(:15) Short	Such Life	Short	★ Elephant in the R...		Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante		Corazon valiente		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Victorinos		Decision
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss	Cake Boss: "Game On!"	Next Great Baker		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss (N)	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker		Cake Boss	Cake Boss
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Pink Chanel Suit"		The Mentalist "Redline"		The Mentalist "Blood in, Blood Out"		The Mentalist "Red Herring"		CSI: NY "Sleight Out of Hand"		CSI: NY "A Daze of Wine and Roaches"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles "Deliverance"		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		(:05) CSI: Crime "Crime After Crime"		(:05) CSI: Crime Scene "Family Affair"	
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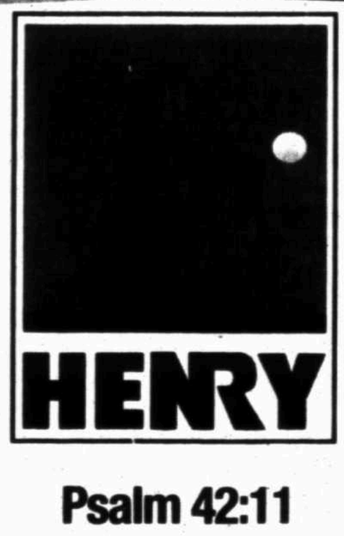

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Psalm 42:11

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Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet
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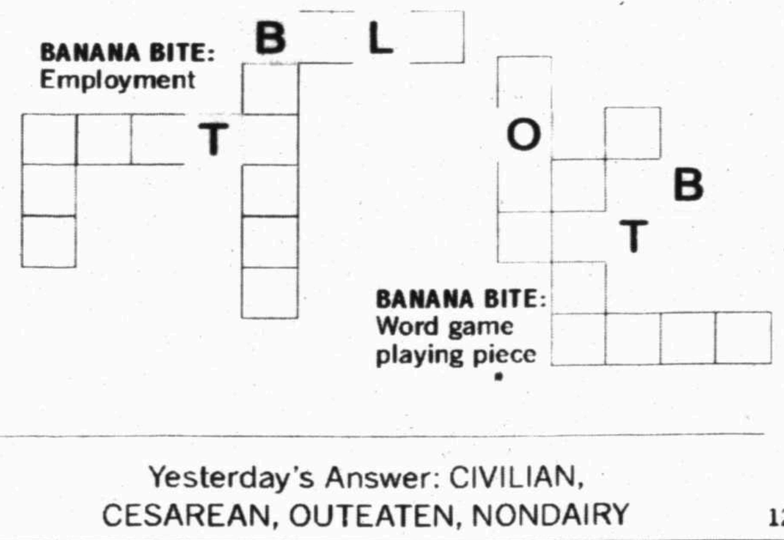

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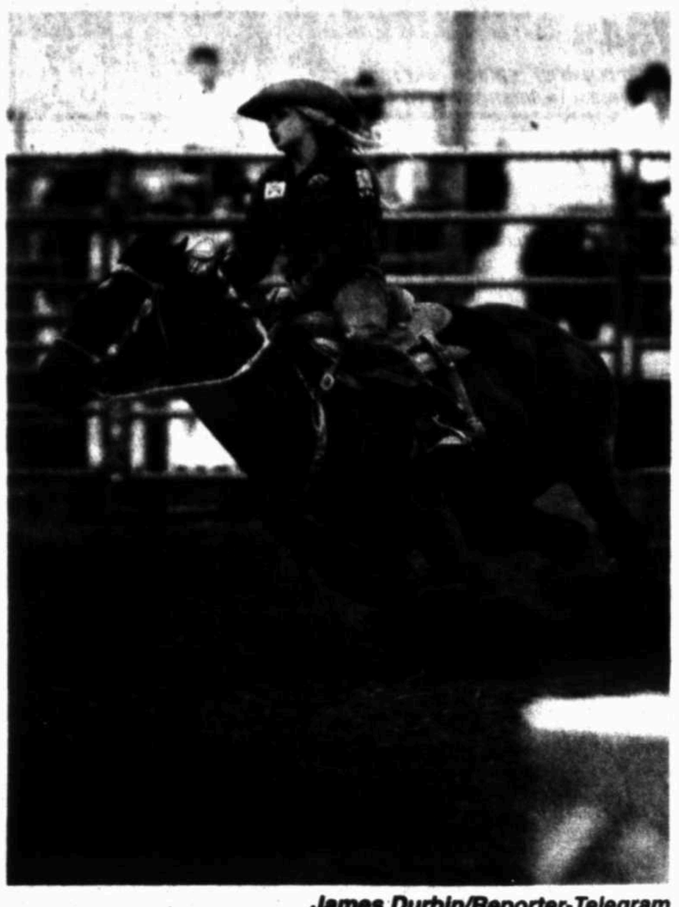

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ARMED FORCES RODEO Jessica Nantz-Beck, of the U.S. Navy, competes in Ladies Barrel Racing during the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association event Nov. 24 at the Horseshoe. Nantz-Beck won the event, completing the course with a time of 16.1 seconds.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

BLOOD DRIVE Jim Harrison, a regular donar, watches TV as he donates blood Nov. 23 at United Blood Services. On Black Friday the blood center hosted a drive for Midland Fire Department Capt. Lee Wise and Tommy Cook, a paramedic driver, who have cancer. United Blood Services collected 50 units of blood that day, and for each unit collected, the center donated $25 to the Professional Firefighter's Association of Midland.

Courtesy photo

FOOD BANK DONATION Endeavor Energy accepted a challenge presented by Clayton Williams Energy for corporations to give to the West Texas Food Bank. On Wednesday, Autry Stephens, president and CEO, and his wife, Linda, presented a check for $3,000 to Rodney Hall, director of development for the food bank. In addition, Endeavor employees donated 300 pounds of canned goods.

HALEY LIBRARY Clint and Vicki Hurt, from left, Kathy Shannon, Sharon Yeager and George McAlpine were among those who attended the Southwest Impressionists annual show and sale last month at the Haley Library. In a previous Names & Faces section, the wrong caption ran with this photo. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Lingerie is always on peoples' minds this time of year, and Sharon has a great selection of exciting items in small to 6X. She invites you to go by and browse.

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For lingerie, undergarments, swimsuits and more, see Sharon Wilcox at The Pennyrich Shop. Mention this ad and save 10 percent on your purchases between now and December 15!

Retinal camera helps Golsons further improve eye diagnosis and patient education

Always looking for new and better ways to diagnose eye issues and to educate their patients in those areas, Drs. Blake and Heather Kern Golson at Texas Country Eye Care have added a state-of-the-art retinal camera and other equipment to their practice.

The retinal camera will help Dr. Golson and Dr. Kern better diagnose conditions like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and others. And, with the images taken by the camera, they can show patients exactly what is happening in their eye.

All these conditions can go for a long time, sometimes years, without the patient seeing symptoms. And, with any health condition, the longer it goes, the more damage it can do. Macular degeneration is characterized by the gradual loss of central vision. Glaucoma is an increase in the pressure in the fluid inside the eyeball, which also does not show symptoms in early stages. However, it can cause damage to the optic nerve, leading to loss of peripheral vision. Eventually it can cause blindness if not treated.

While Dr. Golson and Dr. Kern could already diagnose these and other conditions, the retinal camera will help them see these situations in earlier stages and, most importantly, will allow patients to see for themselves. "Sometimes, with conditions that do not have recognizable symptoms, patients tend to put off treatment because they feel fine," says Dr. Golson. "By showing them the pictures, we think they will understand the situation better."

The corneal topographer is the other notable new piece of equipment. Because it gives a 3-D image, this will help Dr. Golson and Dr. Kern better fit contacts. It will also help them screen patients to see if they are candidates for LASIK surgery and detect dry eyes.

In this climate, dry eyes are a concern all year, but the air is even dryer in the winter and people tend to drink less water in cooler weather, further contributing to dry eyes. In truth, dryness can permanently damage your eyes, whether you know you have it or not. "Many people in this area just get used to their eyes being dry, so they don't know it's a damaging condition," says Dr. Kern. Texas Country Eye Care has a number of treatments that can help.

They also remind those who have eye care health insurance that the end of the year is approaching—so anyone who has met their deductible and wants to get an eye exam, contacts or other eye care under this year's insurance should act right away—there is less than a month left in the year.

Should you need new frames, be sure and look through the expanded frame shop at Texas Country Eye Care. They have everything from Tom Ford and other designers down to budget frames for just about anyone.

Make your appointment today!

Texas Country Eye Care, owned by Blake Golson, O. D. and Heather Kern Golson, O. D., is at 2200 West Wadley, Ste 22, in the Oak Ridge Square, across from La Bebe Boutique. Hours are 8-5:30 M-F and 9-2 on Saturday. The phone number is 684-7287. Look for them on Facebook.

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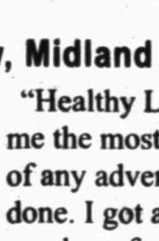
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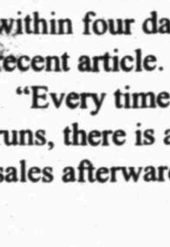
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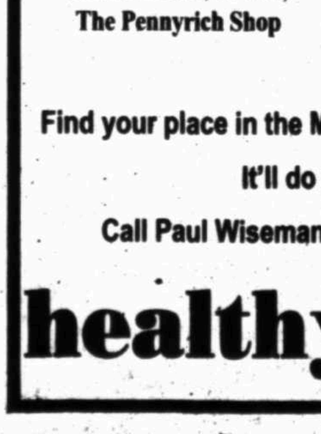
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Cotton Bowl picks Aggies, Sooners for Big 12 reunion

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Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) runs from Missouri's Michael Sam (52) on Nov. 24 in College Station. Texas A&M will play Oklahoma in the Cotton Bowl.

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M only thought it had left its old Big 12 foes behind in July. The 10-2 Aggies will face 10-2 Oklahoma, a former Big 12 South opponent, in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 4. Kickoff will be 7 p.m. on a Friday night in Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

"Plenty of the (players') family and friends will be able to watch them play, and the hospitality is second to none," A&M first-year coach Kevin Sumlin said of the Aggies staying close to home for their postseason shindig.

The contest pits Sumlin against his one-time boss at OU, Bob Stoops. Sumlin was a Sooners assistant, including a stint as offensive coordinator, from 2003-07.

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See what other Texas teams are going to bowl games

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"The Cotton Bowl has long been a marquee postseason destination … and Cowboys Stadium is a great venue," Stoops said.

The Aggies won at least 10 games for the first time since 1998, when they finished 11-3 and earned their lone Big 12 title. A&M also features the Heisman Trophy frontrunner in freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel of Kerrville Tivy. Ballots are due today and the Heisman ceremony is set for Saturday night in New York.

The No. 9 Aggies played above expectations this season, including sweeping their road games in the Southeastern Conference. They also handed Alabama, which will play Notre Dame for the national title, its lone loss this season, 29-24 on Nov. 10 in Tuscaloosa.

No. 11 Oklahoma is coming off a 24-17 victory at TCU on Saturday. The Sooners tied Kansas State for first in the Big 12, but the Wildcats won the head-to-head battle and earned the league's Bowl Championship Series berth. OU's only other loss was against Notre Dame.

A&M and OU competed annually as Big 12 members from 1996-2012, before the Aggies departed for the SEC this past July. The Sooners lead the series 19-11, and have won eight

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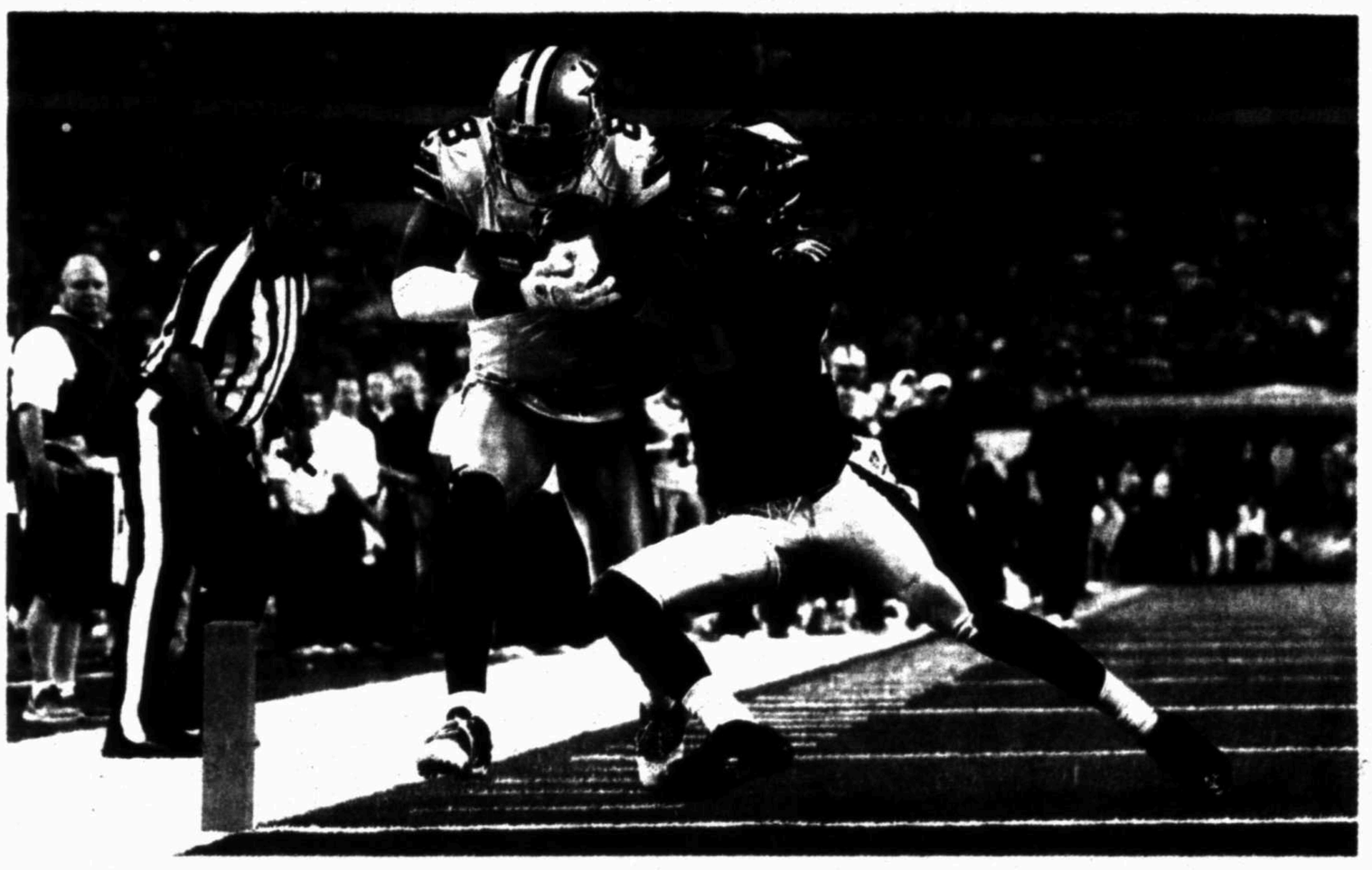
Dallas dumps Eagles



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant, left, scores a touchdown as Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, right, defends during the second half Sunday in Arlington.

Romo breaks TD record in Cowboys' win

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

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ARLINGTON — Tony Romo broke a prestigious franchise passing record while rallying the Dallas Cowboys from an 11-point second quarter deficit to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 38-33 Sunday night.

Romo's 23-yard strike to Dez Bryant early in the third quarter was his first touchdown pass of the game and the 166th of his career, surpassing the mark of 165 set by Troy Aikman in a 12-year Hall of Fame career that ended after the 2000 season.

With Texas A&M Heisman Trophy candidate Johnny Manziel looking on from a luxury suite, Romo finished with three TDs in helping the Cowboys improve to 6-6 and keep their slim playoff hopes alive. He was 22 of 27 for 303 yards without a turnover for a sterling 150.5 passer rating.

"It's about winning games," Romo said. "Records get put aside with the playoff picture being what it is.

"With that said, it's a neat thing when you consider the names in the record book. When you are in any discussion with (Aikman) in anything, that's pretty special."

The Cowboy trailed 14-3 midway through the second quarter and 17-10 at halftime. Dallas has trailed by 10 points or more in its last five home games and has been outscored 148-89 in the first half this season, including 95-40 at home.

Things turned around for the Cowboys in the second half with improved play from their much-maligned offensive line. The Eagles sacked Romo twice in the first half, but they were kept at bay in the second, a big reason why he was 10 for 10 for 169 yards and three TDs after halftime.

"A little bit of that was just getting a handle on what they were doing," Romo said. "The Eagles rush the passer well, so you just have to keep going, expect a couple of negative plays and then hit your receivers when you get enough time."

For much of Sunday night, the focus was on the outstanding play of Philadelphia rookies Nick Foles and Bryce Brown.

But late in the game, the spotlight shifted to another youngster.

Please see **COWBOYS**/4C

Texans take down Titans to clinch playoff berth

Joe Howell/AP

Tennessee Titans quarterback Jake Locker (10) is sacked for a 1-yard loss by Houston Texans linebacker Whitney Mercilus (59) in the second quarter Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Texans	**24**
Titans	10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gary Kubiak can tell his Houston Texans are maturing both as a franchise and as a championship contender with a simple glance around his locker room.

This time, they acted like they've been in the playoffs before.

Yes, the Texans are excited by clinching a second straight postseason berth and setting a franchise record for wins in a season by beating the Tennessee Titans 24-10 on Sunday.

"We're very happy, I can tell you that," Kubiak said. "But I think they expected to get there, and they got there today. There's a lot more to work on. We've got to continue to push our group."

Rookie linebacker Whitney Mercilus recovered a fumble and had two sacks as the Texans (11-1) remain tied with Atlanta for the best record in the NFL with their sixth straight win. After needing overtime the past two games, the Texans forced six turnovers they turned into 10 points and had six sacks of Jake Locker when the Texans weren't batting down a handful of other passes.

Houston is 6-0 on the road this

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Week 13 NFL Scoreboard

Buffalo	**34**	**Green Bay**	**23**	**N.Y. Jets**	**7**	**Denver**	**31**
Jacksonville	18	Minnesota	14	Arizona	6	Tampa Bay	23
Seattle	**23**	**Kansas City**	**27**	**St. Louis**	**16**	**Pittsburgh**	**23**
Chicago	17 (OT)	Carolina	21	San Francisco	13 (OT)	Baltimore	20
Indianapolis	**35**	**New England**	**23**	**Houston**	**24**	**Cleveland**	**20**
Detroit	33	Miami	16	Tennessee	10	Oakland	17
Cincinnati	**20**						
San Diego	13						
Dallas	**38**						
Philadelphia	33						

Notre Dame to play Alabama in BCS title game

Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On one side, a blossoming dynasty from the college football capital of the Deep South. On the other, the sport's most famous team, trying to reclaim its place among the elite.

Notre Dame and Alabama bring star power and power football to the BCS championship.

The matchup became official Sunday night when the final standings were released and, to no one's surprise, the Fighting Irish were first and the Crimson Tide was second.

The one bit of drama on college football's selection Sunday was whether Northern Illinois could be this year's BCS buster. The Huskies got in, getting a spot in the Orange Bowl against Florida State, taking a bid away from Oklahoma and sparking heated debate about a system that never fails to tick off fans in some way.

The other BCS matchups:

- Oregon and Kansas State will play in the Fiesta Bowl.
- Wisconsin and Stanford will meet in the Rose Bowl.
- Florida and Louisville are set for the Sugar Bowl.

As for the main event in the penultimate Bowl Championship Series, there was little controversy about No. 1 Notre Dame against No. 2 Alabama in Miami.

"The tradition of Alabama and Notre Dame brings special attention to it, but we're just trying to the best team on Monday, Jan. 7," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said Sunday night. "All of that tradition, what's happened in the past, is not going to help us Jan. 7, but we do respect the traditions."

The Irish clinched their spot a week ago in Los Angeles by completing a perfect season against rival Southern California.

Alabama earned its spot Saturday, beating Georgia 32-28 in a thrilling Southeastern Conference title game.

The program that coach Paul Bryant turned into an SEC behemoth in the 1960s and 70s, winning five national championships and sharing another during his tenure, is again dominating college football with a modern-day version of the Bear leading the way in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Coach Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide are on the verge of one of the great runs in history. Alabama would become the first team to repeat as champs since the BCS was implemented in 1998, and it would be the 11th time a team has won consecutive AP titles since the poll started in 1936. Alabama is already one of seven programs to repeat. The Tide has done it twice. Notre Dame is another.

Please see **BCS**/4C

Hyosub Shin/AP

Alabama players celebrate after their 32-28 win in the Southeastern Conference championship game against Georgia on Saturday in Atlanta.

SUNDAY'S NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHIEFS 27
PANTHERS 21

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Against the backdrop of an unthinkable tragedy, the Kansas City Chiefs gave themselves a reason to be proud Sunday — and perhaps the impetus to let the healing begin.

Brady Quinn threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns, and Jamaal Charles ran for 127 yards in the Chiefs' 27-21 victory over their Carolina Panthers. The win snapped an eight-game losing streak during one of the most difficult seasons the franchise has ever experienced.

The win came just one day after Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher shot his girlfriend multiple times at a residence near Arrowhead Stadium, then drove to the team's practice facility and turned the gun on himself as general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel looked on.

Pioli walked through the press box before the game and said he was doing "OK," though he didn't stop to talk. Crennel was on the sideline coaching his team to an uplifting victory.

PATRIOTS 23
DOLPHINS 16

MIAMI — Tom Brady had his least efficient game of the year and even threw an interception, but New England took advantage of Miami's mistakes and clinched their fourth consecutive AFC East title.

A botched punt, roughing-the-punter penalty and fumble by Miami led to 17 New England points, and another penalty negated a Dolphins touchdown.

Brady finished 24 for 40 for 238 yards and was sacked four times. But with the Patriots nursing a 20-13 lead midway through the fourth quarter, he led a 16-play drive that took more than seven minutes and led to a field goal.

The Patriots (9-3) have won six games in a row and are assured of their 12th consecutive winning season. Miami (5-7) lost to New England for the fifth consecutive time.

BRONCOS 31
BUCCANEERS 23

DENVER — Peyton Manning threw three touchdowns, including one to defensive tackle Mitch Unrein, to help Denver wrap up the AFC West.

The Broncos (9-3) won their seventh straight and the Tampa Bay (6-6) loss clinched the NFC South for Atlanta, which won on Thursday.

Manning threw for 242 yards. He now has 29 touchdown passes on the season, moving past Jake Plummer and John Elway for the most by a Denver quarterback in a single year.

Manning threw two of the scores to Demaryius Thomas, who finished with eight catches for 99 yards.

Broncos linebacker Von Miller returned an interception for his first NFL score.

The Broncos held Tampa running back Doug Martin to 56 yards on 18 carries.

RAMS 16
49ERS 13, OT

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Greg Zuerlein kicked a 54-yard field goal with 26 seconds left in overtime after booting a 53-yarder as time expired in regulation.

The winning kick allowed the Rams to avoid a second tie in three weeks against the NFC West leaders.

The Rams (5-6-1) scored twice in the final 3:04 of regulation, getting their lone touchdown when rookie Janoris Jenkins returned an errant pitchout by Colin Kaepernick 2 yards for a score. They've won two straight after an 0-4-1 skid.

The 49ers (8-3-1) failed to take advantage of a 14-yard punt by rookie punter Johnny Hekker to midfield when David Akers was barely wide right on a 51-yard attempt with 4:11 to go in overtime. Akers is just 7 for 15 from 40 yards and beyond.

SEAHAWKS 23
BEARS 17, OT

CHICAGO — Russell Wilson connected with Sidney Rice on a 13-yard touchdown with 7:33 left in overtime to lift Seattle.

Unbeaten in five home games, the Seahawks finally figured a way to win on the road after dropping five of their first six, and knocked off the NFC North leaders in the process.

COLTS 35
LIONS 33

DETROIT — Andrew Luck threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Donnie Avery with no time left to lift Indianapolis.

With the final seconds ticking away, the rookie quarterback moved up in the pocket, flipped a short pass to Avery, and the receiver ran untouched into the end zone to complete a rally that started with Lions up 12 points midway through the fourth quarter.

PACKERS 23
VIKINGS 14

GREEN BAY, Wis. — James Starks had Green Bay's first rushing touchdown in almost two months, Morgan Burnett picked off Christian Ponder twice and the Packers overcame a monster day by Adrian Peterson.

Peterson finished with 210 yards, the most he's had since blowing out his ACL and MCL last December. But the Vikings (6-6) clearly felt the absence of Percy Harvin, who missed his third straight game with a sprained ankle.

STEELERS 23
RAVENS 20

BALTIMORE — Shaun Suisham kicked a 42-yard field goal as time expired.

Playing without injured quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for a third straight week, the Steelers turned to the 37-year-old Batch for the second game in a row. He went 25 for 36 for 276 yards, threw a touchdown and moved the Steelers 61 yards before Suisham's game-winning kick.

BENGALS 20
CHARGERS 13

SAN DIEGO — Andy Dalton scrambled up the middle for a 6-yard touchdown with 4:11 left for the go-ahead score and Cincinnati won its fourth straight game.

On second-and-goal, Dalton pump-faked right and then ran up the middle, dived for the end zone and got the ball across.

BROWNS 20
RAIDERS 17

OAKLAND, Calif. — Brandon Weeden threw for a career-high 364 yards and a touchdown as Cleveland snapped a 12-game road losing streak.

Weeden hit fellow rookie Josh Gordon on a 44-yard score in the second quarter and Trent Richardson scored on a 3-yard run after Sheldon Brown made a key interception deep in Cleveland territory when the Raiders (3-9) were driving for the potential tying or go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

JETS 7
CARDINALS 6

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Third-stringer Greg McElroy stepped in for a struggling Mark Sanchez and led New York to its only score.

With Tim Tebow inactive as he heals from two broken ribs, coach Rex Ryan pulled Sanchez for McElroy — as the crowd at MetLife Stadium cheered wildly — late in the third quarter. McElroy led the (5-7) Jets to their only points of the day with an impressive drive, connecting with Jeff Cumberland on a 1-yard touchdown. That ended up being the winning score.

BILLS 34
JAGUARS 18

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Ryan Fitzpatrick directed five straight scoring drives in helping Buffalo keep alive its slim playoff hopes.

Fitzpatrick threw two touchdown passes and scored on a 1-yard plunge in providing a spark to an injury-depleted offense that finished the game minus its top two receivers.

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Winston

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Winston and the Kansas City offensive line paved the way for 158 rushing yards, including the second straight 100-yard effort by Jamaal Charles, in a 27-21 win against the Carolina Panthers.

Winston was penalty-free in the game.

Tannehill

RYAN TANNEHILL
QB, MIAMI DOLPHINS
(BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL)

Tannehill was 13 of 29 for 186 yards with a rushing touchdown and no interceptions in the Dolphins' 23-16 loss to the New England Patriots.

The Big Spring product scored on a two-yard scamper in the third quarter and had five carries for 19 yards in the game.

Cannon

MARCUS CANNON
OL, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
(ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL)

After starting the first game of his career against the New York Jets on Thanksgiving, the former Broncho saw game action as a substitute in the Patriots' 23-16 win agasinst the Miami Dolphins.

Cannon went unflagged in the game.

NFL STANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

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y-New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260	4-1-0	5-2-0	8-1-0	1-2-0	5-0-0
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	296	3-4-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	2-2-0	2-3-0
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337	3-2-0	2-5-0	4-6-0	1-1-0	1-3-0
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249	3-3-0	2-4-0	3-6-0	2-1-0	1-3-0
South											
x-Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221	5-1-0	6-0-0	9-0-0	2-1-0	4-0-0
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	265	306	5-1-0	3-3-0	5-3-0	3-1-0	2-1-0
Tennessee	4	8	0	.333	248	359	2-4-0	2-4-0	3-6-0	1-2-0	0-4-0
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	206	342	1-5-0	1-5-0	2-6-0	0-4-0	2-3-0
North											
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	303	242	5-1-0	4-2-0	8-2-0	1-1-0	4-1-0
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230	4-1-0	3-4-0	4-5-0	3-0-0	2-2-0
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260	3-3-0	4-2-0	5-5-0	2-0-0	1-3-0
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	229	265	3-3-0	1-5-0	4-5-0	0-3-0	2-3-0
West											
y-Denver	9	3	0	.750	349	244	5-1-0	4-2-0	6-2-0	3-1-0	4-0-0
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	258	257	2-4-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	0-3-0	3-2-0
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	235	376	2-4-0	1-5-0	3-6-0	0-3-0	1-2-0
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	188	322	1-6-0	1-4-0	0-8-0	2-2-0	0-4-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
East											
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305	226	4-2-0	3-2-0	6-2-0	1-2-0	2-2-0
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	280	295	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-5-0	1-1-0	3-2-0
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295	285	2-3-0	3-3-0	5-4-0	0-2-0	2-1-0
Philadelphia	3	9	0	.250	217	320	2-4-0	1-5-0	1-8-0	2-1-0	1-3-0
South											
y-Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229	6-0-0	5-1-0	7-1-0	4-0-0	3-1-0
Tampa Bay	6	6	0	.500	333	285	3-3-0	3-3-0	3-5-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	321	327	3-3-0	2-4-0	3-5-0	2-2-0	2-2-0
Carolina	3	9	0	.250	235	292	1-5-0	2-4-0	3-7-0	0-2-0	1-3-0
North											
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	296	259	5-1-0	3-3-0	6-3-0	2-1-0	3-0-0
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	294	198	5-2-0	3-2-0	5-3-0	3-1-0	2-1-0
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	262	272	5-1-0	1-5-0	4-5-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	300	315	2-4-0	2-4-0	3-5-0	1-3-0	0-4-0
West											
San Francisco	8	3	1	.708	289	171	4-1-1	4-2-0	6-3-1	2-0-0	2-1-1
Seattle	7	5	0	.583	242	202	5-0-0	2-5-0	5-4-0	2-1-0	0-3-0
St. Louis	5	6	1	.458	221	267	4-3-0	1-3-1	5-3-1	0-3-0	4-0-1
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	186	234	3-3-0	1-5-0	2-6-0	2-2-0	1-3-0

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Score
Atlanta 23, New Orleans 13

Sunday's Scores
Seattle 23, Chicago 17, OT
Green Bay 23, Minnesota 14
St. Louis 16, San Francisco 13, OT
Kansas City 27, Carolina 21
Houston 24, Tennessee 10
N.Y. Jets 7, Arizona 6
Indianapolis 35, Detroit 33
Buffalo 34, Jacksonville 18
New England 23, Miami 16
Denver 31, Tampa Bay 23
Cleveland 20, Oakland 17
Cincinnati 20, San Diego 13
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20
Dallas 38, Philadelphia 33

Today's Game
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6
Denver at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9
Chicago at Minnesota, Noon
Baltimore at Washington, Noon
Kansas City at Cleveland, Noon
San Diego at Pittsburgh, Noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, Noon
Atlanta at Carolina, Noon
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, Noon
St. Louis at Buffalo, Noon
Dallas at Cincinnati, Noon
Miami at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10
Houston at New England, 7:30

TEXANS

From 1C

season, the only unbeaten team away from home.

Texans quarterback Matt Schaub, injured when Houston clinched its first postseason berth a year ago against Cincinnati, called this a great feeling.

"It's good to know we're in," Schaub said. "It's a great feeling to know that we've reached that goal, but we've got a lot more to accomplish."

The Texans also swept Tennessee (4-8), the team they replaced in Houston, for only the second time. Schaub threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns, and Arian Foster ran for a TD.

The Titans debuted new offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains, but they didn't help him much as receivers repeatedly dropped balls in losing their second straight.

"To work so hard to turn things around and go out and have a performance like that is very frustrating," Titans running back Chris Johnson said.

Tennessee scored on a 34-yard pass from Locker to Kenny Britt late in the third quarter to pull within 24-10. The Titans had plenty of chances, including third-and-3 at the Houston 7 early in the fourth quarter before Locker was sacked and fumbled on fourth down.

Darryl Sharpton sealed the win with the third interception with 2:05 left. Locker finished with two fumbles and three interceptions.

"I guess that's why we're 4-8," Titans coach Mike Munchak said. "We can't make enough plays to win when we have an opportunity."

The Texans avoided all the late-game dramatics needed in beating first Jacksonville, then Detroit in overtime in a span of five days. But their injury list grew.

Linebackers Bradie James and Brooks Reed, cornerback Johnathan Joseph and right tackle Derek Newton all sat out. Cornerback Brice McCain hurt his foot and couldn't finish. Tight end Garrett Graham also suffered a head injury and couldn't finish.

TEXANS 24, TITANS 10

Houston	14	7	3	0	—24
Tennessee	3	0	7	0	—10

First Quarter
Hou—Jean 54 pass from Schaub (S.Graham kick), 12:29.
Ten—FG Bironas 37, 9:30.
Hou—Casey 5 pass from Schaub (S.Graham kick), :19.
Second Quarter
Hou—Foster 2 run (S.Graham kick), 7:48.
Third Quarter
Hou—FG S.Graham 50, 6:54.
Ten—Britt 34 pass from Locker (Bironas kick), 1:34.
A—69,143.

	Hou	Ten
First downs	16	17
Total Net Yards	332	354
Rushes-yards	35-125	17-89
Passing	207	265
Comp-Att-Int	21-35-0	21-45-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	6-44
Punts	10-48.8	6-50.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	11-97	4-35
Time of Possession	33:48	26:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Houston, Forsett 14-64, Foster 14-38, Tate 3-18, Schaub 4-5. Tennessee, C.Johnson 13-51, Locker 4-38.
PASSING—Houston, Schaub 21-35-0-207. Tennessee, Locker 21-45-3-309.
RECEIVING—Houston, Johnson 5-56, Foster 5-15, Walter 4-33, Daniels 3-43, Jean 1-54, G.Graham 1-7, Casey 1-5, Schaub 1-(minus 6). Tennessee, Wright 6-78, Cook 4-51, C.Johnson 4-20, Washington 3-96, Britt 2-40, Williams 2-24.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLTS 35, LIONS 33

Indianapolis	7	7	7	14	—35
Detroit	10	13	7	3	—33

First Quarter
Det—FG Hanson 48, 8:49.
Ind—Avery 17 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 6:29.
Det—Pettigrew 16 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), 1:48.
Second Quarter
Det—Leshoure 6 run (Hanson kick), 11:27.
Ind—Fleener 26 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 9:47.
Det—FG Hanson 33, 7:17.
Det—FG Hanson 52, 3:46.
Third Quarter
Ind—Ballard 11 run (Vinatieri kick), 12:05.
Det—Johnson 46 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), :02.
Fourth Quarter
Det—FG Hanson 31, 8:41.
Ind—Brazill 42 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 2:39.
Ind—Avery 14 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), :00.
A—63,887.

	Ind	Det
First downs	23	21
Total Net Yards	459	451
Rushes-yards	18-87	29-138
Passing	372	313
Comp-Att-Int	24-54-3	27-46-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-19	0-0
Punts	8-50.0	7-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-36	8-61
Time of Possession	22:22	37:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Ballard 9-41, Luck 3-33, D.Brown 6-13. Detroit, Bell 7-81, Leshoure 21-57, Stafford 1-0.
PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 24-54-3-391. Detroit, Stafford 27-46-1-313.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Hilton 6-100, Avery 5-91, Wayne 4-51, Ballard 3-21, Allen 2-50, D.Brown 2-10, Brazill 1-42, Fleener 1-26. Detroit, Johnson 13-171, Scheffler 3-55, Pettigrew 3-43, Bell 3-21, Leshoure 2-16, Heller 1-5, Broyles 1-3, Thomas 1-(minus 1).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RAMS 16, 49ERS 13, OT

San Francisco	7	0	0	6	0 —13
St. Louis	0	0	2	11	3 —16

First Quarter
SF—Gore 1 run (Akers kick), 2:58.
Third Quarter
StL—Team safety, 4:27.
Fourth Quarter
SF—FG Akers 23, 8:43.
StL—Jenkins 2 fumble return (Kendricks pass from Bradford), 3:04.
SF—FG Akers 33, 1:34.
StL—FG Zuerlein 53, :00.
Overtime
StL—FG Zuerlein 54, :26.
A—57,279.

	SF	StL
First downs	18	16
Total Net Yards	339	293
Rushes-yards	36-148	27-85
Passing	191	208
Comp-Att-Int	21-32-0	26-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-17	2-13
Punts	6-51.0	9-43.1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-97	8-65
Time of Possession	38:54	35:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 9-84, Gore 23-58, Jacobs 4-6. St. Louis, Jackson 21-48, Bradford 3-31, D.Richardson 3-6.
PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 21-32-0-208. St. Louis, Bradford 26-39-0-221.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Crabtree 7-101, Manningham 5-37, Moss 3-30, Miller 2-17, V.Davis 2-15, Walker 1-7, Ginn Jr. 1-1. St. Louis, Givens 11-92, Jackson 5-69, Kendricks 3-32, D.Richardson 3-7, Pettis 2-12, St.Smith 1-6, Quick 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco, Akers 51 (WR). St. Louis, Zuerlein 58 (WR).

SEAHAWKS 23, BEARS 17, OT

Seattle	0	10	0	7	6 —23
Chicago	7	0	7	3	0 —17

First Quarter
Chi—Bennett 12 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 8:33.
Second Quarter
Sea—Lynch 4 run (Hauschka kick), 2:15.
Sea—FG Hauschka 31, :05.
Third Quarter
Chi—Forte 12 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 3:10.
Fourth Quarter
Sea—Tate 14 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), :24.
Chi—FG Gould 46, :00.
Overtime
Sea—Rice 13 pass from Wilson, 7:33.
A—62,264.

	Sea	Chi
First downs	25	22
Total Net Yards	459	358
Rushes-yards	32-176	32-132
Passing	283	226
Comp-Att-Int	23-37-0	17-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	1-7
Punts	5-39.6	5-41.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	8-55	5-45
Time of Possession	34:35	32:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Seattle, Lynch 19-87, Wilson 9-71, Washington 2-8, Turbin 1-6, Robinson 1-4. Chicago, Forte 21-66, Bush 7-39, Cutler 4-27.
PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 23-37-0-293. Chicago, Cutler 17-26-0-233.
RECEIVING—Seattle, Rice 6-99, Tate 5-96, Baldwin 4-46, Robinson 2-17, Lynch 2-11, Miller 2-7, McCoy 1-11, Washington 1-6. Chicago, Marshall 10-165, Forte 3-30, Rodriguez 2-8, Weems 1-18, Bennett 1-12.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BILLS 34, JAGUARS 18

Jacksonville	0	10	0	8	—18
Buffalo	7	10	10	7	—34

First Quarter
Buf—Fitzpatrick 1 run (Lindell kick), 9:10.
Second Quarter
Jac—FG Scobee 36, 11:47.
Jac—Henne 1 run (Scobee kick), 3:47.
Buf—Chandler 11 pass from Fitzpatrick (Lindell kick), 1:56.
Buf—FG Lindell 29, :31.
Third Quarter
Buf—St.Johnson 13 pass from Fitzpatrick (Lindell kick), 11:06.
Buf—FG Lindell 50, 2:14.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—Spiller 44 run (Lindell kick), 13:29.
Jac—Shorts 5 pass from Henne (Owens run), 10:47.
A—53,971.

	Jac	Buf
First downs	21	20
Total Net Yards	236	344
Rushes-yards	18-50	46-232
Passing	186	112
Comp-Att-Int	18-41-1	9-17-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	0-0
Punts	5-41.6	4-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-74	9-100
Time of Possession	24:51	35:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Owens 7-29, Jennings 8-20, Henne 3-1. Buffalo, F.Jackson 25-109, Spiller 14-77, B.Smith 2-28, Fitzpatrick 5-18.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Henne 18-41-1-208. Buffalo, Fitzpatrick 9-17-1-112.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Shorts 7-77, Lewis 4-68, Shipley 3-19, Elliott 2-24, Owens 1-11, Blackmon 1-9. Buffalo, Graham 2-54, St.Johnson 2-18, F.Jackson 2-10, B.Smith 1-12, Chandler 1-11, Spiller 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 23, DOLPHINS 16

New England	7	10	0	6	—23
Miami	3	7	0	6	—16

First Quarter
NE—Ridley 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 11:53.
Mia—FG Carpenter 44, :01.
Second Quarter
NE—Welker 7 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:21.
NE—FG Gostkowski 43, 6:53.
Mia—Tannehill 2 run (Carpenter kick), :25.
Fourth Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 32, 13:16.
Mia—FG Carpenter 33, 8:28.
NE—FG Gostkowski 20, 1:10.
Mia—FG Carpenter 42, :31.
A—72,114.

	NE	Mia
First downs	25	15
Total Net Yards	321	277
Rushes-yards	32-108	27-101
Passing	213	176
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-1	13-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	3-10
Punts	3-43.7	5-51.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	8-92
Time of Possession	33:24	26:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New England, Ridley 19-71, Woodhead 6-24, Vereen 3-14, Brady 4-(minus 1). Miami, Bush 15-64, Tannehill 5-19, Thomas 5-10, Thigpen 1-8, Fields 1-0.
PASSING—New England, Brady 24-40-1-238. Miami, Tannehill 13-29-0-186.
RECEIVING—New England, Welker 12-103, Hernandez 8-97, Woodhead 2-15, Edelman 1-13, Lloyd 1-10. Miami, Hartline 5-84, Clay 2-26, Thomas 2-19, Matthews 1-28, Fasano 1-14, Bess 1-13, Lane 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 49 (WR).

CHIEFS 27, PANTHERS 21

Carolina	7	7	0	7	—21
Kansas City	10	7	7	3	—27

First Quarter
KC—Hillis 2 run (Succop kick), 11:49.
Car—Olsen 47 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 8:46.
KC—FG Succop 42, 3:20.
Second Quarter
Car—Smith 23 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 13:27.
KC—Moeaki 1 pass from Quinn (Succop kick), :00.
Third Quarter
KC—Baldwin 3 pass from Quinn (Succop kick), 2:52.
Fourth Quarter
Car—Murphy 8 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 13:21.
KC—FG Succop 52, 4:54.
A—62,860.

	Car	KC
First downs	19	23
Total Net Yards	385	355
Rushes-yards	22-165	43-158
Passing	220	197
Comp-Att-Int	15-27-0	19-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	1-4
Punts	4-46.0	3-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-45	1-5
Time of Possession	22:47	37:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina, Newton 7-78, D.Williams 12-67, Tolbert 2-15, Adams 1-5. Kansas City, Charles 27-127, Hillis 12-19, Quinn 3-12, McCluster 1-0.
PASSING—Carolina, Newton 15-27-0-232. Kansas City, Quinn 19-23-0-201.
RECEIVING—Carolina, Smith 5-120, Tolbert 3-24, LaFell 2-14, Olsen 1-47, A.Edwards 1-11, Murphy 1-8, Adams 1-7, D.Williams 1-1. Kansas City, Bowe 4-64, Moeaki 4-54, Charles 4-11, Baldwin 2-37, McCluster 2-16, Hillis 1-9, Gray 1-6, Newsome 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JETS 7, CARDINALS 6

Arizona	0	3	0	3	—6
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	7	—7

Second Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 48, :00.
Fourth Quarter
NYJ—Cumberland 1 pass from McElroy (Folk kick), 14:55.
Ari—FG Feely 35, 10:39.
A—79,088.

	Ari	NYJ
First downs	5	20
Total Net Yards	137	289
Rushes-yards	21-81	43-177
Passing	56	112
Comp-Att-Int	10-31-1	15-28-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	3-14
Punts	10-44.8	6-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-20
Time of Possession	21:52	38:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Arizona, Johnson 1-40, Wells 15-22, Powell 4-18, Stephens-Howling 1-1. N.Y. Jets, Greene 24-104, Powell 12-58, McKnight 2-8, McElroy 4-5, Sanchez 1-2.
PASSING—Arizona, Lindley 10-31-1-72. N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 10-21-3-97, McElroy 5-7-0-29.
RECEIVING—Arizona, Housler 4-15, Floyd 2-22, Doucet 2-13, Fitzgerald 1-23, Stephens-Howling 1-(minus 1). N.Y. Jets, Hill 5-40, Kerley 3-37, Cumberland 2-25, Keller 2-17, Schilens 2-5, K.Bell 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y. Jets, Folk 46 (WL), 52 (WR).

PACKERS 23, VIKINGS 14

Minnesota	0	14	0	0	—14
Green Bay	10	0	10	3	—23

First Quarter
GB—Ja.Jones 32 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 11:26.
GB—FG Crosby 30, 4:07.
Second Quarter
Min—Rudolph 7 pass from Ponder (Walsh kick), 12:18.
Min—Peterson 82 run (Walsh kick), 5:08.
Third Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 47, 7:47.
GB—Starks 22 run (Crosby kick), 2:12.
Fourth Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 31, 4:00.
A—70,567.

	Min	GB
First downs	16	22
Total Net Yards	359	435
Rushes-yards	28-240	36-152
Passing	119	283
Comp-Att-Int	12-25-2	27-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-3
Punts	5-47.0	4-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-48	10-78
Time of Possession	21:30	38:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Peterson 21-210, Ponder 6-28, Gerhart 1-2. Green Bay, Starks 15-66, Green 12-58, Rodgers 4-15, Kuhn 4-8, Cobb 1-5.
PASSING—Minnesota, Ponder 12-25-2-119. Green Bay, Rodgers 27-35-1-286.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Rudolph 6-51, Simpson 2-25, Felton 1-13, Wright 1-13, Peterson 1-10, Gerhart 1-7. Green Bay, Cobb 6-62, Finley 6-60, G.Jennings 4-46, Kuhn 3-20, Ja.Jones 2-40, Crabtree 2-20, Starks 2-16, Green 1-12, Nelson 1-10.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Minnesota, Walsh 42 (WR). Green Bay, Crosby 53 (WR).

BROWNS 20, RAIDERS 17

Cleveland	0	10	3	7	—20
Oakland	0	3	7	7	—17

Second Quarter
Cle—FG Dawson 41, 12:59.
Cle—Gordon 44 pass from Weeden (Dawson kick), 10:25.
Oak—FG Janikowski 51, 4:28.
Third Quarter
Cle—FG Dawson 35, 9:51.
Oak—Streater 64 pass from Palmer (Janikowski kick), :17.
Fourth Quarter
Cle—Richardson 3 run (Dawson kick), 3:27.
Oak—Myers 17 pass from Palmer (Janikowski kick), :01.
A—43,641.

	Cle	Oak
First downs	23	25
Total Net Yards	475	429
Rushes-yards	30-122	17-85
Passing	353	344
Comp-Att-Int	25-36-2	34-54-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	1-7
Punts	2-34.5	5-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-25	10-65
Time of Possession	32:30	27:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cleveland, Richardson 20-72, Hardesty 5-39, Weeden 5-11. Oakland, Stewart 9-46, Reece 7-36, Palmer 1-3.
PASSING—Cleveland, Weeden 25-36-2-364. Oakland, Palmer 34-54-1-351.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Gordon 6-116, Watson 6-80, Little 4-48, Richardson 3-23, Massaquoi 2-60, J.Cameron 2-30, Benjamin 1-6, Smith 1-1. Oakland, Myers 14-130, Reece 5-20, Heyward-Bey 4-40, Criner 4-26, Streater 3-96, Moore 2-31, Hagan 1-6, Stewart 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cleveland, Dawson 28 (BK). Oakland, Janikowski 61 (WR).

BENGALS 20, CHARGERS 13

Cincinnati	7	3	0	10	—20
San Diego	0	13	0	0	—13

First Quarter
Cin—Gresham 19 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 7:39.
Second Quarter
SD—FG Novak 20, 14:57.
SD—Williams 31 interception return (Novak kick), 14:09.
Cin—FG Nugent 19, 9:38.
SD—FG Novak 19, :00.
Fourth Quarter
Cin—Dalton 6 run (Nugent kick), 4:11.
Cin—FG Nugent 24, 2:47.
A—54,980.

	Cin	SD
First downs	21	20
Total Net Yards	339	297
Rushes-yards	32-128	11-46
Passing	211	251
Punt Returns	3-55	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-56	3-63
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	2-51
Comp-Att-Int	25-39-2	26-48-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-0	4-29
Punts	3-38.0	5-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-55	8-55
Time of Possession	33:18	26:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cincinnati, Green-Ellis 25-118, Dalton 4-5, Peerman 2-4, Leonard 1-1. San Diego, Mathews 9-26, Rivers 2-20.
PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 25-39-2-211. San Diego, Rivers 26-48-1-280.
RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Green 9-85, Hawkins 5-47, Gresham 4-35, Green-Ellis 4-14, M.Jones 2-20, Whalen 1-10. San Diego, Alexander 6-102, Gates 6-49, Floyd 4-61, Brown 4-27, Mathews 3-25, McClain 3-16.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Novak 54 (WR).

STEELERS 23, RAVENS 20

Pittsburgh	3	3	7	10	—23
Baltimore	0	13	7	0	—20

First Quarter
Pit—FG Suisham 46, 7:12.
Second Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 45, 13:52.
Bal—FG Tucker 23, 9:34.
Bal—Boldin 28 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 3:16.
Pit—FG Suisham 41, :32.
Third Quarter
Pit—Dwyer 16 run (Suisham kick), 11:05.
Bal—Rice 34 run (Tucker kick), 4:50.
Fourth Quarter
Pit—Miller 7 pass from Batch (Suisham kick), 7:24.
Pit—FG Suisham 42, :00.
A—71,442.

	Pit	Bal
First downs	19	19
Total Net Yards	366	288
Rushes-yards	26-96	21-111
Passing	270	177
Comp-Att-Int	25-37-2	16-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-6	3-11
Punts	4-38.5	5-50.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-50	8-70
Time of Possession	34:21	25:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Dwyer 16-49, Redman 9-43, A.Brown 1-4. Baltimore, Rice 12-78, Pierce 8-34, Flacco 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Batch 25-36-1-276, A.Brown 0-1-1-0. Baltimore, Flacco 16-34-1-188.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Miller 5-97, Sanders 5-60, A.Brown 5-58, Wallace 5-44, Dwyer 3-8, W.Johnson 2-9. Baltimore, Boldin 5-81, Leach 4-40, T.Smith 3-33, Pitta 1-19, J.Jones 1-5, Pierce 1-5, Rice 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BRONCOS 31, BUCCANEERS 23

Tampa Bay	10	0	0	13	—23
Denver	7	0	21	3	—31

First Quarter
Den—Unrein 1 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 8:47.
TB—FG Barth 31, 4:41.
TB—Clark 11 pass from Freeman (Barth kick), :14.
Third Quarter
Den—D.Thomas 8 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 9:21.
Den—D.Thomas 10 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 4:39.
Den—Miller 26 interception return (Prater kick), 3:56.
Fourth Quarter
TB—FG Barth 50, 14:55.
Den—FG Prater 31, 7:36.
TB—FG Barth 55, 3:23.
TB—Williams 5 pass from Freeman (Barth kick), 2:33.
A—76,432.

	TB	Den
First downs	18	25
Total Net Yards	306	333
Rushes-yards	21-71	29-91
Passing	235	242
Punt Returns	1-15	4-95
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-26
Interceptions Ret.	1-27	1-26
Comp-Att-Int	18-39-1	27-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	0-0
Punts	5-51.4	5-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	11-80	8-75
Time of Possession	26:33	33:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Martin 18-56, Ware 1-8, Freeman 2-7. Denver, Moreno 20-69, Hillman 5-29, Ball 2-(minus 2), Manning 2-(minus 5).
PASSING—Tampa Bay, Freeman 18-39-1-242. Denver, Manning 27-38-1-242.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Williams 6-93, Jackson 3-55, Martin 3-42, Clark 3-21, Stocker 2-19, Underwood 1-12. Denver, Tamme 9-89, D.Thomas 8-99, Moreno 4-14, Willis 3-22, Decker 2-17, Unrein 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, Prater 47 (WR).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	12	4	.750	—
Brooklyn	11	5	.688	1
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	2½
Boston	9	8	.529	3½
Toronto	4	13	.235	8½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	3	.800	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2½
Charlotte	7	8	.467	5
Orlando	6	10	.375	6½
Washington	1	13	.071	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	—
Chicago	8	7	.533	—
Indiana	8	9	.471	1
Detroit	5	13	.278	4½
Cleveland	4	13	.235	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	3	.800	½
San Antonio	14	4	.778	—
Houston	8	8	.500	5
Dallas	8	9	.471	5½
New Orleans	4	11	.267	8½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	14	4	.778	—
Utah	9	9	.500	5
Denver	8	9	.471	5½
Minnesota	7	8	.467	5½
Portland	7	10	.412	6½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	10	6	.625	—
L.A. Clippers	10	6	.625	—
L.A. Lakers	8	9	.471	2½
Phoenix	7	11	.389	4
Sacramento	4	12	.250	6

Sunday's Scores

New York 106, Phoenix 99
Orlando 113, L.A. Lakers 103

Today's Games

Portland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

KNICKS 106, SUNS 99

PHOENIX (99): Beasley 4-10 0-0 9, Morris 2-6 1-1 6, Gortat 8-11 2-4 18, Dragic 4-9 0-1 9, Brown 6-16 4-5 17, Dudley 3-7 2-3 10, Tucker 5-6 0-0 10, Scola 3-8 3-3 9, Telfair 4-7 1-2 11. Totals 39-80 13-19 99.

NEW YORK (106): Anthony 11-27 8-8 34, Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Chandler 6-8 3-4 15, Felton 10-17 0-0 23, Brewer 3-8 1-3 8, Smith 1-11 2-2 4, Novak 4-10 0-0 12, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0, Copeland 4-5 0-0 8, Prigioni 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-90 14-17 106.

Phoenix	20	22	30	27	— 99
New York	24	35	30	17	— 106

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 8-23 (Telfair 2-3, Dudley 2-4, Beasley 1-1, Morris 1-4, Dragic 1-4, Brown 1-6, Tucker 0-1), New York 12-29 (Novak 4-9, Anthony 4-10, Felton 3-6, Brewer 1-2, Smith 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 52 (Gortat 10), New York 48 (Chandler 13). Assists—Phoenix 21 (Dragic 5), New York 21 (Felton 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, New York 13. Technicals—Beasley, Wallace 2. Ejected— Wallace. A—19,033 (19,763).

MAGIC 113, LAKERS 103

ORLANDO (113): Harkless 1-1 0-0 2, Davis 8-15 7-8 23, Vucevic 8-15 1-1 17, Nelson 6-14 5-5 19, Afflalo 11-18 4-4 30, McRoberts 0-3 0-0 0, Redick 6-15 0-0 14, Moore 1-3 0-0 2, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, O'Quinn 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 43-86 19-20 113.

L.A. LAKERS (103): World Peace 5-13 2-2 15, Gasol 4-11 3-4 11, Howard 6-13 9-21 21, Morris 1-5 0-0 2, Bryant 12-27 10-11 34, Jamison 4-7 1-1 10, Duhon 1-2 0-0 3, Ebanks 2-5 0-0 4, Meeks 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 36-86 25-39 103.

Orlando	23	29	21	40	—113
L.A. Lakers	27	25	25	26	—103

3-Point Goals_Orlando 8-23 (Afflalo 4-8, Nelson 2-6, Redick 2-7, McRoberts 0-2), L.A. Lakers 6-17 (World Peace 3-6, Duhon 1-1, Meeks 1-2, Jamison 1-3, Ebanks 0-1, Bryant 0-2, Morris 0-2). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Orlando 51 (Vucevic, Davis 12), L.A. Lakers 57 (Howard 15). Assists_Orlando 34 (Nelson 13), L.A. Lakers 20 (Bryant, World Peace 5). Total Fouls_Orlando 28, L.A. Lakers 16. Technicals_McRoberts. A_18,997 (18,997).

LATE BOXES

CLIPPERS 116, KINGS 81

SACRAMENTO (81): Salmons 4-12 1-2 9, Thompson 6-10 4-4 16, Cousins 3-9 2-3 8, Brooks 1-6 0-0 2, Thornton 7-11 0-0 20, Hayes 1-2 0-0 2, Robinson 1-3 0-0 2, Garcia 1-1 0-0 3, Thomas 4-11 4-4 14, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Outlaw 1-5 2-4 4, Fredette 0-6 1-1 1. Totals 29-76 14-18 81.

L.A. CLIPPERS (116): Butler 4-9 0-0 11, Griffin 5-10 4-5 14, Jordan 6-12 1-4 13, Paul 6-8 0-0 14, Billups 2-5 0-0 6, Crawford 7-14 0-0 17, Bledsoe 6-11 2-3 14, Odom 3-6 0-0 6, Barnes 5-7 0-0 12, Turiaf 2-3 1-2 5, Hollins 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 47-86 10-16 116.

Sacramento	17	17	24	23	— 81
L.A. Clippers	28	30	29	29	— 116

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 9-23 (Thornton 6-9, Thomas 2-4, Garcia 1-1, Fredette 0-1, Outlaw 0-2, Salmons 0-3, Brooks 0-3), L.A. Clippers 12-24 (Crawford 3-5, Butler 3-8, Paul 2-3, Barnes 2-3, Billups 2-4, Odom 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Thompson 12), L.A. Clippers 47 (Griffin 9). Assists—Sacramento 23 (Hayes, Salmons, Thompson, Fredette 4), L.A. Clippers 27 (Crawford 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 19, L.A. Clippers 15. Technicals—L.A. Clippers defensive three second. A—19,060 (19,060).

WARRIORS 103, PACERS 92

INDIANA (92): West 10-16 3-4 23, George 0-7 0-0 0, Hibbert 6-13 3-4 15, Hill 6-12 4-4 19, Stephenson 3-4 0-0 8, T.Hansbrough 0-5 0-0 0, G.Green 3-5 0-0 8, Young 2-6 0-0 5, Mahinmi 2-3 6-8 10, Augustin 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 34-74 16-20 92.

GOLDEN STATE (103): Barnes 2-4 2-3 6, Lee 4-12 5-5 13, Ezeli 2-4 0-0 4, Curry 7-14 3-3 20, Thompson 8-23 2-2 22, Jack 8-9 0-0 18, Biedrins 0-0 0-0 0, Landry 5-10 6-6 16, D.Green 1-3 0-0 2, Jenkins 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-80 18-19 103.

Indiana	20	24	28	20	— 92
Golden State	20	31	31	21	— 103

3-Point Goals—Indiana 8-22 (Hill 3-5, Stephenson 2-3, G.Green 2-4, Young 1-4, Hibbert 0-1, George 0-5), Golden State 9-20 (Thompson 4-10, Curry 3-5, Jack 2-3, Barnes 0-1, D.Green 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 42 (West 8), Golden State 45 (Lee 12). Assists—Indiana 20 (George, Stephenson, West 4), Golden State 22 (Curry 11). Total Fouls—Indiana 19, Golden State 22. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second. A—18,623 (19,596).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FBS Bowl Glance
Subject to Change

Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Nevada (7-5) vs. Arizona (7-5), Noon (ESPN)
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Toledo (9-3) vs. Utah State (10-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
San Diego State (9-3) vs. BYU (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ball State (9-3) vs. UCF (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (6-6) vs. Fresno State (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (7-4), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN2)
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Orgeon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 19
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, TBA (NFLN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH
Clemson 64, South Carolina 55
Georgia St. 67, Liberty 66
High Point 99, Johnson & Wales (NC) 36
Maryland 69, George Mason 62
Mercer 61, Florida St. 56

MIDWEST
Akron 82, Middle Tennessee 77, OT
Cent. Michigan 66, Niagara 64
Kansas St. 72, SC-Upstate 53
Saint Louis 62, Valparaiso 49
Wisconsin 81, California 56

EAST
George Washington 67, Manhattan 55

FAR WEST
Boise St. 87, Seattle 64
Stanford 71, Denver 58
Washington 74, Cal St.-Fullerton 72
Wichita St. 72, Air Force 69

Women

Women's Top 25 Fared
Sunday

1. Stanford (8-0) beat Gonzaga 69-41. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday, Dec. 15.
2. UConn (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Maryland, Today.
3. Baylor (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Notre Dame, Wednesday.
4. Duke (6-0) beat No. 10 California 77-63. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Thursday.
5. Notre Dame (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Baylor, Wednesday.
6. Penn State (6-1) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 101-44. Next: at No. 2 UConn, Thursday.
7. Louisville (8-1) lost to No. 9 Kentucky 48-47. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Saturday.
8. Georgia (9-0) beat Georgia Tech 60-50. Next: vs. Mercer, Tuesday.
9. Kentucky (6-1) beat No. 7 Louisville 48-47. Next: vs. DePaul, Friday.
10. California (6-1) lost to No. 4 Duke 77-63. Next: at Cal State Bakersfield, Friday.
11. Maryland (4-1) did not play. Next: at No. 2 UConn, Today.
12. Oklahoma (7-1) beat Marist 68-55. Next: vs. North Texas, Thursday.
13. Texas (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 UCLA, Saturday.
14. Purdue (7-1) beat Central Michigan 87-71. Next: at IPFW, Thursday.
15. Ohio State (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Sunday.
16. Tennessee (6-1) beat No. 22 North Carolina 102-57. Next: at No. 13 Texas, Sunday, Dec. 16.
17. St. John's (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Duke, Sunday.
18. Oklahoma State (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stephen F. Austin, Thursday.
19. UCLA (4-1) beat Loyola Marymount 86-66. Next: vs. No. 13 Texas, Saturday.
20. Kansas (7-0) beat Minnesota 65-53. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
21. Nebraska (6-2) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Wednesday.
22. North Carolina (7-1) lost to No. 16 Tennessee 102-57. Next: vs. Radford, Wednesday.
23. Dayton (9-0) beat Arizona State 65-59. Next: vs. Michigan State, Saturday.
24. Iowa State (5-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
25. West Virginia (4-2) beat Virginia 54-47. Next: vs. Marshall, Tuesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 64, Pepperdine 39
Oklahoma 68, Marist 55
San Francisco 61, UTSA 60, OT
TCU 60, Houston 51

SOUTH
Clemson 87, Jacksonville 58
Duke 77, California 63
ETSU 57, Morehead St. 53
Florida St. 70, Charlotte 54
George Mason 58, UAB 55
Georgia 60, Georgia Tech 50
Georgia St. 63, Kennesaw St. 42
Kentucky 48, Louisville 47
LSU 81, NC State 73
Old Dominion 73, Dartmouth 59
Richmond 70, James Madison 66
Tennessee 102, North Carolina 57
Tulane 73, UNC Wilmington 58
UCF 64, Bethune-Cookman 43
West Virginia 54, Virginia 47

MIDWEST
Cleveland St. 69, Indiana 58
DePaul 89, Northwestern 61
Detroit 65, Ohio 53
Drake 67, Chicago St. 39
Kansas 65, Minnesota 53
Purdue 87, Cent. Michigan 71
SIU-Edwardsville 55, Southern U. 53
Toledo 59, St. Bonaventure 45
Xavier 69, Cincinnati 67, 2OT

EAST
Boston College 58, Rutgers 56
Brown 50, New Hampshire 43
Duquesne 61, Robert Morris 47
Penn St. 101, Fairleigh Dickinson 44
Princeton 93, UMBC 46
Quinnipiac 72, Rider 57
South Carolina 55, Seton Hall 42
Temple 74, Syracuse 67
Villanova 49, La Salle 44

FAR WEST
Cal Poly 72, Nevada 63
Dayton 65, Arizona St. 59
Denver 73, Oregon 62
Fresno St. 70, Texas-Arlington 45
Long Beach St. 71, Arizona 61
N. Colorado 75, N. Dakota St. 61
Portland St. 64, Portland 49
Stanford 69, Gonzaga 41
UC Riverside 71, N. Arizona 43
UCLA 86, Loyola Marymount 66
UNLV 58, Binghamton 56

GOLF

PGA

World Challenge Scores
Sunday
At Sherwood Country Club
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Purse: $4 million
Yardage: 7,023; Par: 72
Final Round

Graeme McDowell, $1,000,000	68	— 271
Keegan Bradley, $500,000	69	— 274
Bo Van Pelt, $300,000	70	— 278
Jim Furyk, $201,667	70	— 279
Tiger Woods, $201,667	71	— 279
Rickie Fowler, $201,666	69	— 279
Webb Simpson, $160,000	69	— 281
Steve Stricker, $150,000	70	— 282
Hunter Mahan, $142,500	68	— 283
Bubba Watson, $142,500	71	— 283
Matt Kuchar, $132,500	70	— 284
Nick Watney, $132,500	73	— 284
Dustin Johnson, $124,500	71	— 285
Brandt Snedeker, $124,500	69	— 285
Jason Day, $122,500	69	— 287
Jason Dufner, $122,500	71	— 287
Ian Poulter, $121,000	72	— 288
Zach Johnson, $120,000	79	— 293

Sunshine

Nedbank Golf Challenge Scores
Sunday
At Gary Player Country Club
Sun City, South Africa
Purse: $5 million
Yardage: 7,590; Par: 72
Final

Martin Kaymer, Germany	69	— 280
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	69	— 282
Bill Haas, United States	71	— 285
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa	74	— 286
Lee Westwood, England	73	— 287
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	74	— 289
Francesco Molinari, Italy	69	— 290
Carl Pettersson, Sweden	69	— 290
Peter Hanson, Sweden	73	— 291
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	71	— 293
Justin Rose, England	74	— 295
Garth Mulroy, South Africa	74	— 297

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tuesday

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Koki Kameda vs. Hugo Ruiz, 12, for Kameda's WBA World bantamweight title.

Friday

At The Civic Center, Kissimmee, Fla., Glenn Porras vs. Jose Nieves, 10, for the WBO Intercontinental bantamweight title.

Saturday

At BOXEN, Herning, Denmark, Brian Magee vs. Mikkel Kessler, 12, for the vacant WBA World super middleweight title.

At National Indoor Arena, Kingston, Jamaica, Nicholas Walters vs. Daulis Prescott, 12, for the vacant WBA featherweight title.

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Manny Pacquiao vs. Juan Manuel Marquez, 12, welterweights.

At McGonigle Hall, Philadelphia (NBCSN), Bryant Jennings vs. Bowie Tupou, 12, for Jennings' USBA heavyweight title; Jerry Belmontes vs. Teon Kennedy, 10, junior lightweights.

At Resorts World Casino, New York, Vinny Maddalone vs. Byron Polley, 10, heavyweights.

Dec. 15

At Toyota Center, Houston (HBO), Nonito Donaire vs. Jorge Arce, 12, for Donaire's WBO junior featherweight title.

At Los Angeles Sports Arena (SHO), Amir Khan vs. Carlos Molina, 12, junior welterweights.

Dec. 31

At Ota-City General Gymnasium, Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Bryan Vasquez, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Yota Sato vs. Ryo Akaho, 12, for Sato's WBC junior bantamweight title; Tepparith Kokietgym vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for Kokietgym's WBA junior bantamweight title.

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Ryo Miyazaki vs. Pornsawan Porpramok, 12, for the vacant WBA strawweight title.

Jan. 26

At Galen Center, Los Angeles (HBO), Andre Ward vs. Kelly Pavlik, 12, for Ward's WBA and WBC super middleweight titles; Chris Arreola vs. Bermane Stiverne, 10, heavyweights.

Jan. 30

At Sydney Entertainment Centre, Australia, Daniel Geale vs. Anthony Mundine, 12, for Geale's IBF middleweight title.

SOCCER

Italian

Serie A
Friday's Scores
Catania 1, AC Milan 3
Saturday's Matches
Juventus 3, Torino 0

Sunday's Scores
Napoli 5, Pescara 1
Bologna 2, Atalanta 1
Genoa 2, Chievo 4
Inter Milan 1, Palermo 0
Lazio 2, Parma 1
Siena 1, Roma 3
Udinese 4, Cagliari 1
Fiorentina 2, Sampdoria 2

Spanish

Liga Espana
Sunday's Scores
Granada 0, Espanyol 0
Deportivo La Coruna 2, Betis 3
Celta Vigo 1, Levante 1
Mallorca 1, Zaragoza 1

Liga Espana - Segund
Sunday's Scores
Racing 3, Almeria 4
Recreativo 0, Ponferradina 2
Alcorcon 4, Girona 1
Huesca 1, Hercules 1
Mirandes 0, Guadalajara 0
Numancia 2, Sabadell 1
Elche 1, Villarreal 0

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 5:20 am loose granular machine groomed 18 - 18 base 7 of 109 trails
10% open, 100 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/08 Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Sun 10:17 am hard packed 19 - 20 base 6 of 76 trails
8% open, 95 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Sun 7:17 am packed powder 18 - 18 base 8 of 149 trails
11% open, 209 acres, 11 of 25 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;
Breckenridge — Sun 7:22 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 8 of 155 trails
8% open, 184 acres, 5 of 31 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/15 Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Copper Mountain — Sun 5:00 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 19 of 140 trails
13% open, 210 acres, 8 of 22 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Crested Butte — Sun 5:18 am packed powder 18 - 18 base 15 of 121 trails
23% open, 117 acres, 5 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Eldora — Sun 6:17 am packed powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 4 of 53 trails, 8% open
3 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Irwin — Sat 10:22 am packed powder 9 - 9 base 4 of 100 trails, 20% open
3 miles, 360 acres Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p;
Kendall Mountain — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Keystone — Sun 7:20 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 15 of 135 trails, 7% open
223 acres, 14 of 20 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Loveland — Sun 5:12 am packed powder 18 - 18 base 9 of 93 trails, 9% open
143 acres, 5 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Powderhorn — Plan to Open 12/13
Purgatory at Durango — Reopen 12/07 Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p, Open Fri-Sun;
Silverton Mountain — Plan to Open 12/15
Ski Cooper — Plan to Open 12/14
Ski Hesperus — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Snowmass — Sun 10:23 am hard packed 20 - 20 base 6 of 91 trails, 7% open
84 acres, 5 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;
SolVista Basin — Plan to Open 12/12
Steamboat — Sun 1:26 pm hard packed 18 - 18 base 6 of 165 trails, 1% open
37 acres, 3 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Sunlight — Plan to Open 12/07 Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Telluride — Sun 4:58 am packed powder 18 - 18 base 3 of 125 trails, 2% open
3 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Vail — Sun 7:16 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 13 of 193 trails, 2% open
131 acres, 6 of 31 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Winter Park — Sun 5:38 am packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 7 of 143 trails
1% open, 25 acres, 5 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Wolf Creek — Sun 6:19 am packed powder 15 - 17 base 31 of 77 trails
40% open, 500 acres, 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat-Sun: 9a-4p;

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/14
Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Red River — Sun Reopen 12/07 packed powder machine groomed 18 - 23 base 6 of 57 trails
30% open, 4 of 7 lifts, sm Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p, Open Fri-Sun;
Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/15 Wed-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p, Open Wed-Sun;
Sipapu — Sun 11:22 am packed powder machine groomed 16 - 18 base 5 of 41 trails, 13% open
3 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Plan to Open 12/07
Ski Santa Fe — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Taos — Reopen 12/06 Thu/Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Open Thu-Sun;

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 62-69 degrees; 9.45' low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, shaky heads, Texas rigs, jigs and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 66-69 degrees; 8.25' low. Black bass are fair on white crankbaits, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 62-68 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 64-69 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 63-68 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, shad pattern crankbaits and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 62-68 degrees; 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, chatterbaits and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 63-68 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky; 62-68 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 63-68 degrees; 28.82' low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 42.18' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 65-69 degrees; 91.57' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 98.93' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 53.1' low. No report available.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water lightly stained; 71-75 degrees. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are good on live minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water clear; 70-74 degrees; 5.67' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps in coves. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 70-73 degrees; 9.88' low. Black bass to 3 pounds are fair on chartreuse jigs, dark spinnerbaits, and perch colored crankbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on Li'l Fishies and shad colored crankbaits off lighted docks at night. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs over brush piles under lights at night. Channel catfish are good on live bait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 27.11' low. Black bass are good on watermelon topwaters, Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps, and Texas rigged silver flake Whacky Sticks in 10-15 feet. Striped bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and Spoiler Shads off points in 20-30 feet near the dam. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and pet spoons in the river channel. Crappie are fair on chartreuse Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows.

CANYON LAKE: Water lightly stained; 71-75 degrees; 8.16' low. Black bass are fair to good on watermelon red Whacky Sticks, white spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps along creeks in 8-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on deep running crankbaits and blade baits around humps in the lower end of the lake. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are good on white JDC curl tail grubs on jigheads and watermelon Curb's jigs along ledges and over rock piles in 8-18 feet early. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on juglines baited with live perch.

COLEMAN: Water lightly stained; 70-74 degrees; 12.93' low. Black bass are good on small spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on white striper jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Channel catfish are fair on stinkbait and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water stained. Black bass are good on Carolina rigged soft plastic worms, topwaters, and shad colored crankbaits. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 70-74 degrees; 5.04' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on hellbenders and pet spoons. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs. Catfish are fair on shrimp and live minnows.

GRANGER: Water stained; 70-74 degrees, 1.09' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on shad upriver. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are good on prepared baits, and on juglines baited with cut bait and Zote soap. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

LBJ: Water clear; 72-76 degrees; 0.19' low. Black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits, watermelon soft plastics, and wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks along lay downs and stumps in 10-15 feet early and late. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good vertically jigging Pirk Minnows under birds. Crappie are good on watermelon Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on liver and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water lightly stained. 71-75 degrees; 2.46' low. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and blue tube jigs at the fishing docks in Liberty Hill Park. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait. Blue catfish are fair on shad and perch. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water lightly stained; 72-76 degrees; 4.89' low. Black bass are good on watermelon red soft plastic worms and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are very good on stinkbait and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 2.24' low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are good on small watermelon spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers and doughbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.

STILLHOUSE: Water stained; 71-75 degrees; 4.60' low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 48.34' low. Black bass to 3 pounds are fair on chartreuse crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs in 15-20 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and stinkbait in 20-45 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water lightly stained. Black bass are fair on chartreuse deep running crankbaits. Hybrid striper are fair on jigs. White bass are fair un minnows. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water lightly stained; 71-75 degrees; 8.65' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon red soft plastic worms with chartreuse tails. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink/white tube jigs. Catfish are good on frozen shrimp and stinkbait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 72-76 degrees, 33.88' low. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, frogs, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on slabs, spoons, and small crankbaits. White bass are fair on topwaters. Catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water clear. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms. Striped bass are good on green striper jigs and shad. Redfish are good on crawfish, shad, and shrimp. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp, cut bait, and cheesebait near the dam. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait.

CALAVERAS: Water clear. Black bass are good on blue soft plastic worms with gold flakes. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. Redfish are fair on live bait. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait and shad in 181 Cove. Yellow catfish are slow.

CHOKE CANYON: Water clear; 73-77 degrees, 16.15' low. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits early and late. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on frozen shrimp, hot dogs, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear; 3.87' low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

FALCON: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 34.69' low. Black bass are good on perch colored Brush Hogs and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on cut bait and stinkbait upriver. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

NFL
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

SOCCER
Premier League, Wigan at Newcastle, 1:55 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Jimmy V Classic, Maryland vs. UConn, at Hartford, Conn., 6 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS_Assigned F-C Jeremy Tyler to Santa Cruz (NBADL).

HOCKEY
American Hockey League

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS_Recalled G Magnus Hellberg from Cincinnati (ECHL). Assigned G Zoltan Hetenyi to Cincinnati.

Central Hockey League

CHL_Suspended Arizona F-D Kyle Hood indefinitely.

ALLEN AMERICANS_Activatated F Nino Musitelli from leave of absence.

COLLEGE

SOUTH FLORIDA_Fired football coach Skip Holtz.

VANDERBILT_Signed James Franklin, football coach, to a new contract.

VIRGINIA_Fired defensive coordinator and associate head coach Jim Reid, defensive line coach Jeff Hanson, running backs coach Mike Faragalli and tight ends coach Shawn Moore. Relieved special teams coach Anthony Poindexter of his duties, but will remain on the staff. Announced junior QB Michael Rocco will transfer.

GLANTZ-CULVER

College Football
Saturday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
Navy-x	8½	7½	Army
x-at Philadelphia			
Jan. 1			
Rose Bowl			
At Pasadena, Calif.			
Stanford	6	6	Wisconsin
Orange Bowl			
At Miami			
Florida St.	15	15	N. Illinois
Jan. 2			
Sugar Bowl			
At New Orleans			
Florida	13½	13½	Louisville
Jan. 3			
Fiesta Bowl			
At Glendale, Ariz.			
Oregon	9½	9½	Kansas St.
Jan. 7			
BCS National Championship			
At Miami			
Alabama	7½	8½	Notre Dame

NFL
Tonight

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
N.Y. Giants	Pk	3	(50½)	at Washington
Thursday				
Denver	10	10½	(49½)	at Oakland
Sunday				
at Washington	Pk	Pk	(47½)	Baltimore
at Cleveland City	5	5	(37½)	Kansas
at Pittsburgh	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	San Diego
at Indianapolis	5½	5	(49)	Tennessee
N.Y. Jets	3	2½	(38½)	at Jacksonville
Chicago	3	3	(39½)	at Minnesota
Atlanta	3½	3½	(47½)	at Carolina
at Tampa Bay	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Philadelphia
at Buffalo	3	3	(42)	St. Louis
at Cincinnati	3	3	(45)	Dallas
at San Francisco	10½	10½	(39)	Miami
at N.Y. Giants	6	6	(53)	New Orleans
at Seattle	10	10	(35)	Arizona
at Green Bay	6½	6½	(52)	Detroit
Dec. 10				
at New England	4½	5	(51½)	Houston

Off Key
Pittsburgh QB questionable
Philadelphia QB questionable

WINTER SPORTS

Skiing

Women's World Cup Super-G Results
At Lake Louise, Alberta
Sunday

1. Lindsey Vonn, U.S., 1 minute, 22.82 seconds.
2. Julia Mancuso, United States, 1:23.25.
3. Anna Fenninger, Austria, 1:23.27.
4. Tina Maze, Slovenia, 1:23.44.
5. Maria Hoefl-Riesch, Germany, 1:23.98 14.71.
6. Lara Gut, Switzerland, 1:24.07.
7. Dominique Gisin, Switzerland, 1:24.29.
8. Leanne Smith, United States, 1:24.41.
9. Stefanie Moser, Austria, 1:24.47.
10. Fabienne Suter, Switzerland, 1:24.48.
11. Elena Curtoni, Italy, 1:24.49.
12. Viktoria Rebensburg, Germany, 1:24.53.
13. Laurenne Ross, United States, 1:24.57.
14. Elisabeth Goergl, Austria, 1:24.69.
15. Carolina Castillo, Spain, 1:24.78.
16. Marion Rolland, France, 1:24.79.
17. Andrea Fischbacher, Austria, 1:24.96.
18. Marie Marchand-Arvier, France, 1:24.97.
19. Fraenzi Aufdenblatten, Switzerland, 1:24.98.
20. Verena Stuffer, Italy, 1:24.99.
21. Regina Sterz, Austria, 1:25.06.
22. Jessica Lindell-Vikarby, Sweden, 1:25.11.
23. Nicole Schmidhofer, Austria, 1:25.14.
24. Francesca Marsaglia, Italy, 1:25.28.
25. Larisa Yurkiw, Canada, 1:25.33@.
26. Smiseth Sejersted, Norway, 1:25.34.
27. Stefanie Koehle, Austria, 1:25.43.
28. Marie-Michele Gagnon, Canada, 1:25.50@.
29. Stacey Cook, United States, 1:25.59.
30. Elena Fanchini, Italy, 1:25.65.

Men's World Cup Giant Slalom Results
At Beaver Creek, Colo.
Sunday

1. Ted Ligety, United States, 2 minutes, 25.59 seconds (1:13.49-1:12.10).
2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:27.35 (1:14.27-1:13.08).
3. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 2:27.66 (1:14.59-1:13.07).
4. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 2:28.15 (1:14.97-1:13.18).
5. Alexis Pinturault, France, 2:28.19 (1:14.93-1:13.26).
6. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:28.34 (1:16.04-1:12.30).
7. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:28.68 (1:15.85-1:12.83).
7. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 2:28.68 (1:15.78-1:12.90).
9. Massimiliano Blardone, Italy, 2:28.87 (1:16.18-1:12.69).
10. Christoph Noesig, Austria, 2:28.90 (1:17.05-1:11.85).
11. Cyprien Richard, France, 2:29.07 (1:15.37-1:13.70).
12. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 2:29.19 (1:15.39-1:13.80).
13. Stefan Luitz, Germany, 2:29.24 (1:15.97-1:13.27).
13. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 2:29.24 (1:15.93-1:13.31).
15. Marcus Sandell, Finland, 2:29.27 (1:15.99-1:13.28).
16. Matthias Mayer, Austria, 2:29.45 (1:17.16-1:12.29).
17. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 2:29.47 (1:15.64-1:13.83).
17. Marcel Mathis, Austria, 2:29.47 (1:16.71-1:12.76).
19. Philipp Schoerghofer, Austria, 2:29.57 (1:15.31-1:14.26).
20. Gauthier De Tessieres, France, 2:29.61 (1:17.18-1:12.43).
21. Leif Kristian Haugen, Norway, 2:29.82 (1:16.44-1:13.38).
22. Steve Missillier, France, 2:29.95 (1:16.02-1:13.93).
23. Romed Baumann, Austria, 2:30.02 (1:16.51-1:13.51).
24. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 2:30.26 (1:16.95-1:13.31).
25. Florian Eisath, Italy, 2:30.39 (1:16.82-1:13.57).
26. Tommy Ford, United States, 2:30.57 (1:16.69-1:13.88).
27. Tim Jitloff, United States, 2:30.70 (1:16.57-1:14.13).
28. Mathieu Faivre, France, 2:30.80 (1:17.00-1:13.80).
29. Janez Jazbec, Slovenia, 2:31.03 (1:16.66-1:14.37).
30. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 2:32.27 (1:15.64-1:16.63).

World Cup Giant Slalom Standings
(After 2 Races)

1. Ted Ligety, United States, 200 points.
2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 140.
3. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 130.
4. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 62.
5. Davide Simoncelli, Italy, 60.
6. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 52.
7. Thomas Fanara, France, 50.
8. Gauthier De Tessieres, France, 47.
9. Didier Defago, Switzerland, 45.
9. Alexis Pinturault, France, 45.

Also

25. Tim Jitloff, United States, 16.
37. Tommy Ford, United States, 5.

Overall World Cup Standings
(After 7 Events)

1. 1. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 400 points.
2. Ted Ligety, United States, 320.
3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 220.
4. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 195.
5. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 180.
6. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 151.
7. Matteo Marsaglia, Italy, 129.
8. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 125.
9. Klaus Kroell, Austria, 113.
10. Max Franz, Austria, 112.

Also

25. Marco Sullivan, United States, 73.

Cross Country

Cross-Country World Cup Results
Sunday
At Kuusamo, Finland
Men
Pursuit, 15 kilometers

1. Petter Northug, Norway, 41 minutes, 38.3 seconds.
2. Maxim Vylegzhanin, Russia, +1.4 seconds.
3. Alexey Poltoranin, Kazakhstan, +3.4 seconds.
4. Dario Cologna, Switzerland, +7.8 seconds.
5. Ilia Chernousov, Russia, +21.1 seconds.
6. Martin Sundby, Norway, +22.4 seconds.
7. Alexander Legkov, Russia, +24.5 seconds.
8. Dmitry Japarov, Russia, +24.6 seconds.
9. Emil Joensson, Sweden, +30.0 seconds.
10. Evgeniy Belov, Russia, +31.3 seconds.

Women
Pursuit, 10 kilometers

1. Marit Bjoergen, Norway, 31 minutes, 19.4 seconds.
2. Justyna Kowalczyk, Poland, +1 minute, 21.4 seconds.
3. Heidi Weng, Norway, +1:23.9.
4. Therese Johaug, Norway, +1:34.1.
5. Kikkan Randall, United States, +2:24.8.
6. Krista Lahteenmaki, Finland, +2:33.1.
7. Vibeke Skofterud, Norway, +2:36.5.
8. Kristin Steira, Norway, +2:38.6.
9. Masako Ishida, Japan, +2:46.2.
10. Nicole Fessel, Germany, +2:53.3.

Luging

World Cup Luge Results
At Koenigssee, Germany
Sunday

1. Andi Langenhan, Germany, 1:38.679 (49.252, 49.427).
2. Felix Loch, Germany, 1:38.720 (49.356, 49.364).
3. David Moeller, Germany, 1:38.942 (49.398, 49.544).
4. Albert Demchenko, Russia, 1:39.208 (49.617, 49.591).
5. Armin Zoeggeler, Italy, 1:39.334 (49.662, 49.712).
6. Dominick Fischnaller, Italy, 1:39.489 (49.694, 49.795).
7. Gregory Carigiet, Switzerland, 1:39.494 (49.748, 49.746).
8. Johannes Ludwig, Germany, 1:39.499 (49.544, 49.955).
9. Manuel Pfister, Austria, 1:39.615 (49.845, 49.770).
10. Daniel Pfister, Austria, 1:39.646 (49.782, 49.864).

Americans

15. Chris Mazdzer, Saranac Lake, N.Y., 1:39.975 (50.040, 49.935).
22. Taylor Morris, South Jordan, Utah, 1:40.290 (50.047, 50.243).

Overall World Cup standings
After 2 of 9 events

1. Felix Loch, Germany, 185 points.
2. Andi Langenhan, Germany, 160.
3. David Moeller, Germany, 155.
4. Johannes Ludwig, Germany, 112.
5. Albert Demchenko, Russia, 102.
6. Armin Zoeggeler, Italy, 94.
7. Manuel Pfister, Austria, 89.
7. Ralf Palik, Germany, 89.
9. Dominick Fischnaller, Italy, 82.
10. Inars Kivlenieks, Latvia, 67.

Americans

17. Chris Mazdzer, Saranac Lake, N.Y., 51.
25. Taylor Morris, South Jordan, Utah, 35.

Biathlon

Biathlon World Cup Results
Sunday
At Ostersund, Sweden
Men
Pursuit, 12.5 kilometers

1. Martin Fourcade, France, 33 minutes, 3.5 seconds.
2. Andreas Birnbacher, Germany, 0.7 seconds behind.
3. Anton Shipulin, Russia, 3.3.
4. Arnd Peiffer, Germany, 4.1.
5. Emil Svendsen, Norway, 5.0.
6. Alexis Boeuf, France, 19.0.
7. Dmitry Mayshko, Russia, 21.5.
8. Evgeny Ustyugov, Russia, 25.3.
9. Evgeny Garanichev, Russia, 27.0.
10. Alexey Volkov, Russia, 34.9.

Women
Pursuit, 10 kilometers

1. Tora Berger, Norway, 31 minutes, 1.9 seconds.
2. Darya Domracheva, Belarus, 29.8 seconds behind.
3. Andrea Henkel, Germany, 51.5.
4. Olga Vilukhina, Russia, 1:10.0.
5. Olena Pidhrushna, Ukraine, 1:15.2.
6. Marie Brunet, France, 1:19.0.
7. Veronika Vitkova, Czech Republic, 1:24.2.
8. Anastasiya Kuzmina, Slovakia, 1:40.9.
9. Ekaterina Glazyrina, Russia, 1:42.4.
10. Jana Gerekova, Slovakia, 1:47.7.

TEXASBOWLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL
TEXAS TECH (7-5)
VS. MINNESOTA (6-6)
8 p.m. Dec. 28, ESPN

HOUSTON — Minnesota will get another crack at Texas Tech in a bowl game, six years after the Gophers suffered an epic meltdown against the Red Raiders.

The Meineke Car Care Bowl in Houston announced Sunday night that Minnesota will face Texas Tech on Dec. 28.

It's the first bowl appearance since 2009 for the Gophers (6-6), which reached the postseason despite winning just two Big Ten games.

Texas Tech (7-5) returns to the postseason after a one-year absence. The Red Raiders dropped their final regular-season game to Baylor in overtime, 52-45, but they beat the likes of West Virginia and TCU and doubled their Big 12 win total from last season.

ALAMO BOWL
TEXAS (8-4)
VS. OREGON STATE (9-3)
5:45 p.m. Dec. 29, ESPN

SAN ANTONIO — Texas will make a short postseason trip this year to face No. 15 Oregon State in the Alamo Bowl.

The Longhorns (8-4) will need only to zip down Interstate 35 to San Antonio for the Dec. 29 game. It will be Texas' first appearance in the bowl since 2006, when the Alamo Bowl enjoyed its second-best crowd and second-best television ratings in its 20-year history.

Texas won its last Alamo Bowl appearance, beating Iowa 26-24.

HOLIDAY BOWL
NO. 17 UCLA (9-4)
VS. BAYLOR (7-5)
8:45 p.m. Dec. 27, ESPN

SAN DIEGO — The 17th-ranked UCLA Bruins and Baylor Bears will play each other for the first time when they meet in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27 at Qualcomm Stadium.

The Bruins (9-4) won the Pac-12 South Division and are coming off a 27-24 loss to No. 8 Stanford in the conference championship game. Baylor (7-5) closed the regular season with three straight victories, including a 52-24 upset of then-No. 2 Kansas State on Nov. 17. At the time, K-State was ranked No. 1 in the BCS standings.

On Saturday, the Bears beat Oklahoma State 41-34, knocking the Cowboys out of the Top 25.

HAWAII BOWL
SMU 6-6
VS. FRESNO STATE (9-3)
7 p.m. Dec. 24, ESPN

HONOLULU — Fresno State says it has accepted an invitation to play SMU in the Hawaii Bowl in Honolulu on Christmas Eve.

Bowl and Fresno State athletics officials confirmed Sunday that The Bulldogs (9-3) will play in the Dec. 24 game against the Mustangs (6-6).

Fresno State coach Tim DeRuyter says his team is in for a good week and a challenge in competing against SMU. Fresno State finished in a three-way tie for first place in the Mountain West.

SMU accepted its invitation last week. SMU Athletics Director Rick Hart said the game is a tremendous reward for the school's players. SMU finished second in Conference USA's West Division.

Kickoff is scheduled for about 7 p.m. (3 p.m. in Hawaii). The game will be televised on ESPN.

ARMED FORCES BOWL
RICE (6-6)
VS. AIR FORCE (6-6)
11:45 a.m. Dec. 29, ESPN

FORT WORTH — Rice is carrying a four-game winning streak into the Armed Forces Bowl, where the Owls will play Air Force.

The Dec. 29 game will be played in the completely redone stadium on the TCU campus. For its 10th game, the bowl is returning to its original location after two years at SMU.

Air Force (6-6) will play in its fourth Armed Forces Bowl, the most for any team. The Falcons, with a school-record sixth consecutive bowl season, played in three Armed Forces Bowls in a row from 2007-09, losing to California and splitting a pair of games against Houston.

The Owls (6-6) won five of their last six games to get bowl eligible. Rice is in its third bowl game since a postseason drought from 1961 to 2006.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS BOWL
MICHIGAN STATE (6-6)
VS. TCU (7-5)
9:15 p.m. Dec. 29, ESPN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Michigan State and Texas Christian will meet in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

Two of the nation's best defensive teams, the Spartans and Horned Frogs will play at Sun Devil Stadium on Dec. 29.

TCU (7-5) had an up-and-down first season in the Big 12 — winning its first four games, then losing three of four before clinching its eighth straight bowl appearance with a double-overtime victory over West Virginia on Nov. 3.

Michigan State (6-6) also got off to a solid start before losing five games in the Big Ten by a combined 13 points. The Spartans are making their eighth bowl appearance since 2001.

Oklahoma beat Iowa 31-14 in last year's game, then called the Insight Bowl.

James has record performance for MHS in Hobbs

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — Midland High junior diver Anna James set a new meet record and a Midland High record for diving points, and Cassidy Hale and Taylor McKay also won events at the Hobbs Invitational this past weekend.

James won the girls 1-meter diving competition with a score of 469.55 points, which was more than 130 points better than second place finisher and Midland High teammate Sarah Blank. Blank had a score of 336.70 for second, and Taylor Martin completed the top three sweep for MHS with a third place finish at 297.95 points.

On the boys side, Midland High's Taylor McKay won the 1-meter competition with 312.10 points, finishing just over two points ahead of second place Joshua Espinoza, of Hobbs.

Hale, a freshman at MHS, won the girls 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2 minutes, 27.22 seconds, as Lee's Haleigh Cooper was second with a time of 2:41.38.

Hale also finished third in the 100 freestyle with a time of 1:06.15.

Lee sophomore Alex Moreno picked up a pair of medals as she was third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 31.13 and was second in the 100 backstroke timing in at 1:19.88.

Midland High sophomore Peyton Milam was second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:18.13, and was third in the 400 freestyle with a time of 5:31.52.

Lee's Melody Davis took second in the 200 individual medley with a time of 3:00.43.

The Midland High girls finished third overall in the meet.

The Midland High and Lee swim teams will be off until Jan. 11-12, 2013 when they return to the pool for the Lubbock Invitational.

COTTON

From 1C

of their last nine meetings with the Aggies. The Aggies last played in the Cotton Bowl two years ago as Big 12 members, in a 41-24 loss to LSU of the SEC — now A&M's league rival.

"(We're) excited to go back to a great venue," A&M senior receiver Ryan Swope said.

Six current A&M starters also started in the Cotton Bowl two years ago, and 19 current Aggies played against the Tigers that night. A&M is 4-8 in its dozen Cotton Bowl appearances, with its last win coming against Notre Dame following the 1987 season.

"We hit a home run," said Tommy Bain, Cotton Bowl chairman, of pitting A&M and OU. "When our team selection committee met for the first time a few weeks ago, we circled this matchup as the one we most wanted."

Indications were a week earlier the Capital One Bowl would select the Aggies, but the Capital One instead chose SEC title game loser Georgia for a matchup with Nebraska of the Big Ten.

In other A&M news, freshmen football players Jordan Richmond and Kenneth Marshall were charged with marijuana possession last Thursday, in a story reported by the Bryan-College Station Eagle on Sunday. A&M spokesman Alan Cannon said Sunday athletic director Eric Hyman has suspended the duo, and Cannon offered no further details on the length of suspension.

The linebacker Richmond and defensive back Marshall both redshirted this season. Along those lines, OU also had two players — receiver Jalen Saunders and defensive back Cortez Johnson — arrested for marijuana possession on Sunday.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

WORLD CHALLENGE: At Thousand Oaks, Calif., Graeme McDowell closed with a 4-under 68 on Sunday and held off Keegan Bradley with a pair of superb short-game shots that carried him to a three-shot win in the World Challenge despite the Sherwood Country Club playing longer than ever in a light rain.

McDowell then headed home for a 10-week holiday with his first win in two years. It was the 10th time in 12 rounds at Sherwood that McDowell has shot in the 60s, and he extended his dominance on the course that Jack Nicklaus carved out among the foothills of Conejo Valley. In three appearances, McDowell has won twice and was runner-up.

McDowell won for the first time since he beat Tiger Woods in a playoff at Sherwood to close out a dream season in 2010 that included his first major at the U.S. Open and the winning point for Europe at the Ryder Cup.

PGA TOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: At LaQuinta, Calif., Australia's Steven Bowditch shot an 8-under 64 on PGA West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course to take a one-stroke lead after the fifth round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament.

Bowditch had a 23-under 337 total in the six-round event. The final top 25 and ties will receive 2013 PGA Tour cards and the next 50 and ties will earn Web.com Tour cards.

LPGA

LPGA TOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: At Daytona Beach, Fla., Canada's Rebecca Lee-Bentham shot a 5-under 67 to tie Thailand's Moriya Jutanugarn for the top spot in the LPGA Tour qualifying tournament, leading the 20 players who earned full status.

Lee-Bentham and Jutanugarn finished the five-round event at 13-under 347 at LPGA International. Jutanugarn shot a 74 after taking a six-stroke lead into the day.

Sunshine

NEDBANK GOLF CHALLENGE: At Sun City, South Africa, Martin Kaymer of Germany shot a 3-under 69 to earn his first title of 2012, holding on for a two-shot victory in rainy conditions at the Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Kaymer finished at 8-under 280, two ahead of Charl Schwartzel (69) of South Africa. Bill Haas of the United States was third after a 71.

BCS

From 1C

Alabama also won the 2009 BCS championship under Saban. The last team to win three major national titles in four seasons was Nebraska, which went back-to-back in 1994 and '95 and finished No. 1 in the final coaches' poll in 1997.

In a world full of spread-the-field, hurry-up offenses, Alabama is a bastion of traditional football.

The Tide put its no-frills muscle on display Saturday, mashing Georgia with 350 yards rushing.

Eddie Lacy, listed at a conservative 220 pounds, went for 181 against the Bulldogs to up his season total to 1,182 with 17 touchdowns. Freshman T.J. Yeldon has run for 1,000 yards and scored 12 touchdowns.

But this is no 3 yards and a cloud of dust. Both backs average over 6 yards per carry, behind an offensive line anchored by All-American center Barrett Jones, who is nursing a foot injury.

And quarterback AJ McCarron has thrown for 26 touchdowns with only three interceptions.

The Tide has been more potent offensively this season than last to make up for a defense that has slipped, but only a bit. Alabama leads the nation in total defense (246 yards per game) and is second in points allowed (10.7 per game). Linebackers Adrian Hubbard, Nico Johnson, CJ Mosley and Trey Depriest average 242 pounds.

BCS Standings

	Harris			USA Today			Computer		BCS	
	Rk	Pts	Pct	Rk	Pts	Pct	Rk	Pct	Avg	Pv
1. Notre Dame	1	2866	.9969	1	1470	.9986	1	1.0000	.9978	1
2. Alabama	2	2765	.9617	2	1417	.9607	3	.9100	.9441	2
3. Florida	4	2480	.8626	4	1287	.8723	2	.9600	.8984	4
4. Oregon	3	2548	.8863	3	1313	.8902	6	.8100	.8621	5
5. Kansas St.	6	2332	.8111	6	1190	.8068	4	.8500	.8226	6
6. Stanford	7	2142	.7450	8	1047	.7098	4	.8500	.7683	8
7. Georgia	5	2388	.8306	5	1216	.8244	11	.6200	.7583	3
8. LSU	8	2128	.7402	7	1111	.7532	7	.7600	.7511	7
9. Texas A&M	**9**	**1991**	**.6925**	**9**	**1039**	**.7044**	**10**	**.6300**	**.6756**	**9**
10. South Carolina	10	1838	.6393	10	947	.6420	9	.7000	.6604	10
11. Oklahoma	11	1745	.6070	11	905	.6136	8	.7300	.6502	11
12. Florida St.	12	1655	.5757	12	853	.5783	16	.3600	.5047	13
13. Oregon St.	14	1280	.4452	14	663	.4495	12	.5200	.4716	15
14. Clemson	13	1485	.5165	13	769	.5214	15	.3700	.4693	14
15. N. Illinois	16	998	.3471	16	495	.3356	19	.3000	.3276	21
16. Nebraska	18	710	.2470	21	328	.2224	13	.5100	.3264	12
17. UCLA	17	791	.2751	19	408	.2766	17	.3100	.2872	16
18. Michigan	22	525	.1826	22	278	.1885	14	.3900	.2537	19
19. Boise St.	15	1058	.3680	15	569	.3858	31	.0000	.2513	20
20. Northwestern	20	682	.2372	17	444	.3010	21	.1600	.2327	22
21. Louisville	19	705	.2452	18	409	.2773	29	.0200	.1808	NR
22. Utah St.	21	660	.2296	20	334	.2264	23	.0800	.1787	24
23. Texas	**24**	**230**	**.0800**	**25**	**97**	**.0658**	**17**	**.3100**	**.1519**	**18**
24. San Jose St.	26	199	.0692	24	110	.0746	20	.2600	.1346	25
25. Kent St.	23	330	.1148	26	84	.0589	25	.0600	.0772	17

When Brian Kelly was hired at Notre Dame three years ago, he looked at Alabama and the SEC, which has won six straight BCS titles, and decided the Irish needed to play like that.

Kelly built his reputation and winning teams at previous stops on fast-paced spread offenses. In South Bend, Ind., he has put the fight back in the Irish, who have won eight AP national titles — only Alabama has as many — but none since 1988.

Notre Dame has allowed the fewest touchdowns in the country (10) and is sixth overall in total defense (286 yards per game).

"It's clear that the formation of any great program is going to be on its defense," Kelly said. "If you play great defense you've got a chance. For us to move Notre Dame back into national prominence we had to develop a defense."

The face of the Irish isn't a strong-armed quarterback or speedy ball carrier. It's middle linebacker Manti Te'o, a 255-pound offense wrecker with a nose for the ball. The senior has seven interceptions and is a likely Heisman finalist.

Te'o, along with 300-pound linemen Stephon Tuitt and Louis Nix, have formed a red-zone wall for the Irish. Late goal-line stands highlighted victories against Stanford and USC.

"There's some pretty physical guys that have some great toughness and some great licks," Saban said in assessing Notre Dame.

While nurturing redshirt freshman Everett Golson, Kelly has leaned on Notre Dame's running game, which averages 202 yards.

"This is just a good all-around football team with tremendous balance on offense and a very physical defense," Saban said.

If Notre Dame, making its first appearance in a BCS championship, is going to break the SEC's strangle hold on the crystal ball trophy, the Irish will try to beat 'Bama at its own game.

And Kelly will try to uphold a Notre Dame tradition, by winning a national title in his third season as coach. Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz all won it all in Year 3 playing in the shadow of the Golden Dome.

Notre Dame will try to become the first team since BYU in 1984 to start the season unranked and win a national title.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAGIC 113
LAKERS 103

LOS ANGELES — Arron Afflalo scored 30 points, Glen Davis added 23 points and 12 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic beat Dwight Howard in their first game against their longtime center, stunning the Los Angeles Lakers 113-103 on Sunday night.

Howard had 21 points and 15 rebounds against his former team, but the rebuilding Magic rallied impressively for a 40-point fourth quarter for just their fourth win in 14 games, snapping a three-game skid.

KNICKS 106
SUNS 99

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points, helping Knicks earn their third consecutive win and remain unbeaten at home.

Raymond Felton had 23 points, seven assists and no turnovers for the Knicks, who are 7-0 at Madison Square Garden and 12-4 overall, a half-game behind Miami for the best record in the Eastern Conference. The point guard was hurting after the game. He went for an MRI exam that revealed a bone bruise in his swollen left hand.

COWBOYS

From 1C

A 50-yard fumble return for a touchdown by first-round cornerback Morris Claiborne gave the Cowboys a 38-27 lead with 3:50 left. Nose tackle Josh Brent, filling in for injured Pro Bowler Jay Ratliff, caused the turnover.

"It was the difference-making play of the game," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "Morris is a playmaking-type of guy. He did a lot of that at LSU and you are starting to see that from him now."

The Eagles (3-9) pulled within the final score on Damaris Johnson's 98-yard punt return with 31 seconds left. Foles misfired on a two-point conversion pass, failing to find a wide-open Brown, and Jason Witten recovered the onside kick to give Dallas a sweep of the season series with its NFC East rivals for the first time since 2009.

It was the eight consecutive loss for the Eagles, their longest skid since an 0-11 start in 1968.

Philadelphia seemed poised for an upset thanks to huge outings by Foles, an Austin Westlake graduate who was 22 of 34 for 251 yards with one TD and no turnovers, and Bryce, who rushed for a career-high 169 yards and two TDs on 24 carries.

Dallas benefited from the return of Murray, who had 83 yards on 23 carries after missing the previous six games with a foot injury.

Dez Bryant had six catches for 98 yards with two TDs, including a 6-yarder on a screen that gave Dallas a 31-27 lead with 5:35 left.

COWBOYS 38, EAGLES 33

Philadelphia	7	10	7	9	—33
Dallas	0	10	7	21	—38

First Quarter
Phi—Brown 10 run (Henery kick), 5:38.
Second Quarter
Dal—FG Bailey 39, 13:34.
Phi—Brown 5 run (Henery kick), 6:07.
Dal—Murray 1 run (Bailey kick), :41.
Phi—FG Henery 43, :00.
Third Quarter
Dal—Bryant 23 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 11:18.
Phi—Cooper 15 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 5:27.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—Austin 27 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 13:41.
Phi—FG Henery 43, 9:51.
Dal—Bryant 6 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 5:35.
Dal—Claiborne 50 fumble return (Bailey kick), 3:50.
Phi—D.Johnson 98 punt return (pass failed), :31.
A—81,851.

	Phi	Dal
First downs	23	22
Total Net Yards	423	417
Rushes-yards	26-183	33-123
Passing	240	294
Comp-Att-Int	22-34-0	22-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	2-9
Punts	2-39.0	3-52.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	7-60
Time of Possession	26:42	33:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Philadelphia, Brown 24-169, Lewis 2-14. Dallas, Murray 23-83, F.Jones 7-26, Romo 3-14.
PASSING—Philadelphia, Foles 22-34-0-251. Dallas, Romo 22-27-0-303.
RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Celek 7-73, Avant 4-79, Brown 4-14, Maclin 3-38, Cooper 2-31, D.Johnson 1-13, Harbor 1-3. Dallas, Witten 6-108, Bryant 6-98, Murray 4-19, Austin 2-46, Beasley 1-13, Harris 1-11, Ogletree 1-8, Phillips 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

HSFOOTBALLPLAYOFFPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
DeSoto 24, Arlington Bowie 6
Southlake Carroll 16, Euless Trinity 7
State Quarterfinals
DeSoto (13-0) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' SMU Ford Stadium
Region II
Regional
Dallas Skyline 38, Spring Westfield 33
Allen 56, Round Rock Westwood 24
State Quarterfinals
Dallas Skyline (12-1) vs. Allen (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium
Region III
Regional
Galena Park North Shore 17, Alief Elsik 10
Houston Lamar 24, Fort Bend Travis 7
State Quarterfinals
Galena Park North Shore (12-1) vs. Houston Lamar (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena's Memorial Stadium
Region IV
Regional
SA O'Connor 44, Laredo Alexander 24
SA Madison 40, Mission Sharyland 13
State Quarterfinals
SA O'Connor (11-2) vs. SA Madison (11-2), noon Saturday, Alamodome
CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Cedar Hill 49, Arlington 14
Waco Midway 34, Abilene 31
State Quarterfinals
Cedar Hill (9-4) vs. Waco Midway (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Midlothian
Region II
Regional
Plano West 55, Lufkin 52
Austin Westlake 38, Longview 10
State Quarterfinals
Plano West (9-4) vs. Austin Westlake (9-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Regional
Katy 55, La Porte 10
Cypress Ranch 43, Manvel 42
State Quarterfinals
Katy (13-0) vs. Cypress Ranch (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Region IV
Regional
SA Northside Brandeis 63, Del Rio 7
Cibolo Steele 38, Edinburg North 0
State Quarterfinals
SA Northside Brandeis (12-1) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Denton Guyer 38, Amarillo 30
N. Richland Hills Birdville 42, Lubbock Monterey 21
State Quarterfinals
Denton Guyer (11-2) vs. N. Richland Hills Birdville (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium
Region II
Regional
Frisco Centennial 40, Red Oak 14
Tyler 45, Frisco 28
State Quarterfinals
Frisco Centennial (12-1) vs. Tyler (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ennis
Region III
Regional
Georgetown 49, Angleton 39
Nederland 22, Pearland Dawson 19, OT
State Quarterfinals
Georgetown (13-0) vs. Nederland (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Center
Region IV
Regional
CC Flour Bluff 29, Leander 27

Gary Rhodes/Special to the MRT

Midland Christian running back Justin Fender runs the ball during the Mustangs' 48-7 win over Dallas Christian in a TAPPS Division II state semifinal game at Shotwell Field in Abilene on Saturday evening. The Mustangs will play Houston Northland Christian in the state championship game.

Leander Rouse 44, Gregory-Portland 7
State Quarterfinals
CC Flour Bluff (13-0) vs. Leander Rouse (9-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
WF Rider 64, EP Burges 35
Wolfforth Frenship 45, Waco 28
State Quarterfinals
WF Rider (11-2) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls
Region II
Regional
Lancaster 36, Prosper 29
Mesquite Poteet 52, Wylie East 49
State Quarterfinals
Lancaster (12-1) vs. Mesquite Poteet (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen
Region III
Regional
Manor 31, Rosenberg Terry 21
Fort Bend Marshall 31, Elgin 28
State Quarterfinals
Manor (10-3) vs. Fort Bend Marshall (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome
Region IV
Regional
Cedar Park 36, Alice 7
SA Northside Brennan 42, Edcouch-Elsa 0
State Quarterfinals
Cedar Park (11-2) vs. SA Northside Brennan (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alamodome

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Stephenville 59, Abilene Wylie 28
Kilgore 30, Gainesville 14
Carthage 50, Silsbee 21
El Campo 31, Ingleside 20
State Semifinals
Stephenville (11-1) vs. Kilgore (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium
Carthage (11-2) vs. El Campo (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Beaumont's Umphrey Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Graham 41, Greenwood 23
Gatesville 37, Monahans 34, OT
State Quarterfinals
Graham (12-1) vs. Gatesville (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville
Region II
Regional
Henderson 64, Celina 35
Gilmer 42, Argyle 21
State Quarterfinals
Henderson (9-4) vs. Gilmer (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Longview
Region III
Regional
West Orange-Stark 28, Lorena 0
Navasota 31, La Marque 20
State Quarterfinals
West Orange-Stark (13-0) vs. Navasota (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Humble's Turner Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Bellville 42, Orange Grove 0
Port Isabel 35, Geronimo Navarro 28, OT
State Quarterfinals
Bellville (10-3) vs. Port Isabel (10-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, CC's Cabannis Field

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Wall 42, Merkel 14
Eastland 23, Bangs 14
State Quarterfinals
Wall (11-1) vs. Eastland (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Region II
Regional
Daingerfield 47, Winnsboro 14
New Boston 20, Pottsboro 14
State Quarterfinals
Daingerfield (10-3) vs. New Boston (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant
Region III
Regional
Franklin 49, Tatum 30
Newton 82, Grandview 35
State Quarterfinals
Franklin (10-2) vs. Newton (12-0), 7:30 p.m Friday, Lufkin
Region IV
Regional
Cameron Yoe 31, Lago Vista 7
Hallettsville 49, Hempstead 46
State Quarterfinals
Cameron Yoe (12-0) vs. Hallettsville (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Colorado City 28, Abernathy 14
Sonora 24, Canadian 14
State Quarterfinals
Colorado City (10-3) vs. Sonora (10-3), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Region II
Regional
Nocona 15, Gunter 13
Corsicana Mildred 44, Clarksville 14
State Quarterfinals
Nocona (12-0) vs. Corsicana Mildred (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo
Region III
Regional
Hughes Springs 28, Centerville 27, OT
Elysian Fields 30, Arp 20
State Quarterfinals
Hughes Springs (12-0) vs. Elysian Fields (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Longview
Region IV
Regional
East Bernard 16, Blanco 0
Refugio 49, Lexington 21
State Quarterfinals
East Bernard (12-0) vs. Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Stratford 38, Panhandle 20
Stamford 48, Quanah 22
State Quarterfinals
Stratford (11-1) vs. Stamford (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper
Region II
Regional
Goldthwaite 21, Lindsay 14
Italy 33, Honey Grove 20
State Quarterfinals
Goldthwaite (7-5) vs. Italy (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose
Region III
Regional
Alto 35, Bosqueville 14
Mart 49, San Augustine 21
State Quarterfinals
Alto (11-2) vs. Mart (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens
Region IV
Regional
Shiner 27, Weimar 6
Mason 49, Thorndale 35
State Quarterfinals
Shiner (11-1) vs. Mason (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex
CLASS 1A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Wellington 47, Springlake-Earth 13
Sudan 54, Booker 26
State Quarterfinals
Wellington (12-0) vs. Sudan (11-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Region II
Regional
Albany 31, Muenster 14
Munday 66, Hamlin 13
State Quarterfinals
Albany (11-1) vs. Munday (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Region III
Regional
Tenaha 38, Bremond 7
Frost 38, Mount Enterprise 14
State Quarterfinals
Tenaha (8-4) vs. Frost (12-10), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van
Region IV
Regional
Burton 19, D'Hanis 0
Falls City 46, Woodsboro 6
State Quarterfinals
Burton (11-1) vs. Falls City (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse

SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Turkey Valley 46, Petersburg 0
Throckmorton 88, Rankin 58
Gordon 70, Santa Anna 35
Abbott 78, Oakwood 33
State Semifinals
Turkey Valley (12-0) vs. Throckmorton (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Snyder
Gordon (10-3) vs. Abbott (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Hico
SIX-MAN DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Follett 54, Matador Motley County 8
Grandfalls-Royalty 82, Balmorhea 40
Strawn 52, Newcastle 42
Richland Springs 79, Milford 42
State Semifinals
Follett (8-4) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (13-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Strawn (12-1) vs. Richland Springs (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Hico

TAPPS DIVISION II
State Semifinals
Midland Christian 48, Dallas Christian 7
Houston Northland Christian 42, Houston Second Baptist 17
State Finals
Midland Christian vs. Houston Northland Christian, 11 a.m. Saturday, Floy Casey Stadium, Waco

NHL owners, players set to meet without leaders

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Traditional labor talks have made little progress in the ongoing NHL lockout, so the league and the players' association are going to try something different in an attempt to save the season that is slipping away.

A crew of six owners will meet with a handful of players on Tuesday in New York — one day before the league's board of governors meeting — without Commissioner Gary Bettman and union executive director Donald Fehr. Bettman proposed the unique meeting on Wednesday when talks broke off following two days of negotiations with federal mediators, and it wasn't agreed to until Sunday.

Originally the thought was no one other than owners and players would be in attendance, but each side will have staff and counsel there. Deputy commissioner Bill Daly will likely participate for the NHL, along with union special counsel Steve Fehr.

Ron Burkle (Pittsburgh Penguins), Mark Chipman (Winnipeg Jets), Murray Edwards (Calgary Flames), Jeremy Jacobs (Boston Bruins), Larry Tanenbaum (Toronto Maple Leafs) and Jeff Vinik (Tampa Bay Lightning) will take part in the talks for the league, Daly said.

"No further details have been confirmed at this point," Daly said in a statement announcing the meeting. "We will provide further details when available and as appropriate."

Six players will be picked for the meeting, but that list wasn't expected to be announced on Sunday, a union spokesman said. Neither the NHL nor the players' association had input on who would attend on the opposite side, Daly said in an email to The Associated Press.

All games through Dec. 14 have already been wiped off the schedule, along with the outdoor Winter Classic on New Year's Day and All-Star Weekend that was slated for January in Columbus, Ohio.

The lockout reached its 78th day on Sunday, and at best, there will only be a shortened season if there is any hockey at all.

Many conditions needed to be worked out before this meeting could be scheduled. The sides were in contact over the weekend and finally saw eye to eye on Sunday night. Now they need to figure out how to break through on the financial issues and player contracting disputes that are keeping them apart and putting the entire season at risk.

The union has allowed any players who wanted to attend previous bargaining sessions to come, but the NHL has limited which owners could take part.

"The NHLPA has agreed to a meeting on Tuesday in New York that should facilitate dialogue between players and owners," Donald Fehr said in a statement. "There will be owners attending this meeting who have not previously done so, which is encouraging and which we welcome. We hope that this meeting will be constructive and lead to a dialogue that will help us find a way to reach an agreement."

Basketball coach Majerus dies

By Richard Goldstein
New York Times News Service

Rick Majerus, who never headed the elite programs in college basketball but who became a leading coach, winning more than 500 major-college games, died Saturday in Los Angeles. He was 64.

His death was announced by St. Louis University, where he had been the coach. He had taken a leave of absence in August for medical treatment.

Jon Huntsman Sr., a Utah businessman and longtime friend, told The Salt Lake Tribune that Majerus had been awaiting a heart transplant.

Majerus, a passionate figure with an irreverent personality, coached the University of Utah to the 1998 NCAA tournament final and had only one losing team in 25 seasons, at Marquette, Ball State, Utah and St. Louis.

Majerus compiled a career record of 517-216 and coached in 12 NCAA tournaments.

His players had not usually been recruited by high-profile colleges, but he molded them with long and demanding practices. His life was basketball. He was married briefly in the 1980s but had no children, and he lived in hotels.

He was best known for his time at Utah, where he roamed the sidelines in a white sweater, a balding, bulky presence.

His third-seeded team defeated Arkansas, Arizona and North Carolina in the 1998 NCAA tournament, then led Kentucky by 10 points at halftime before losing, 78-69, in the national final.

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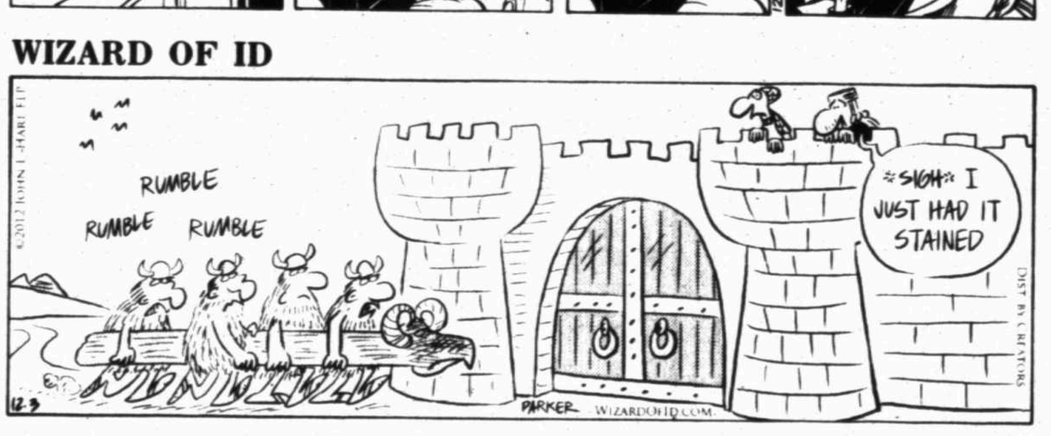

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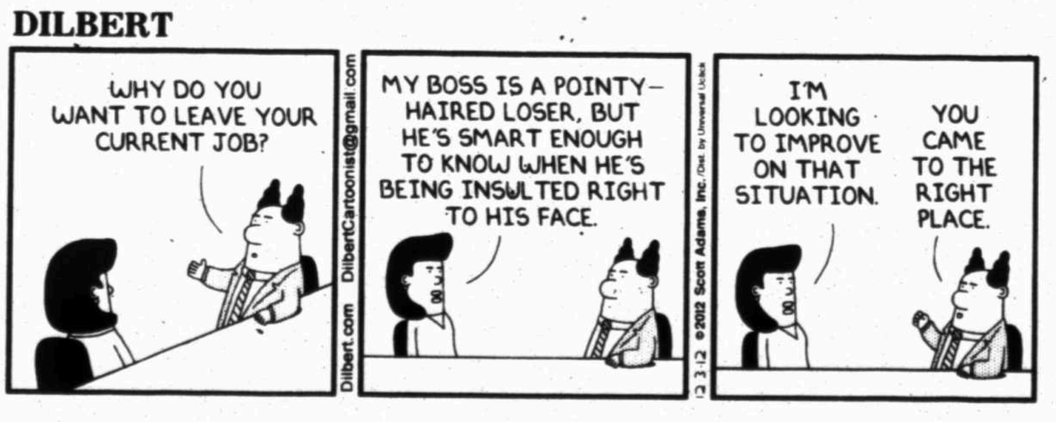

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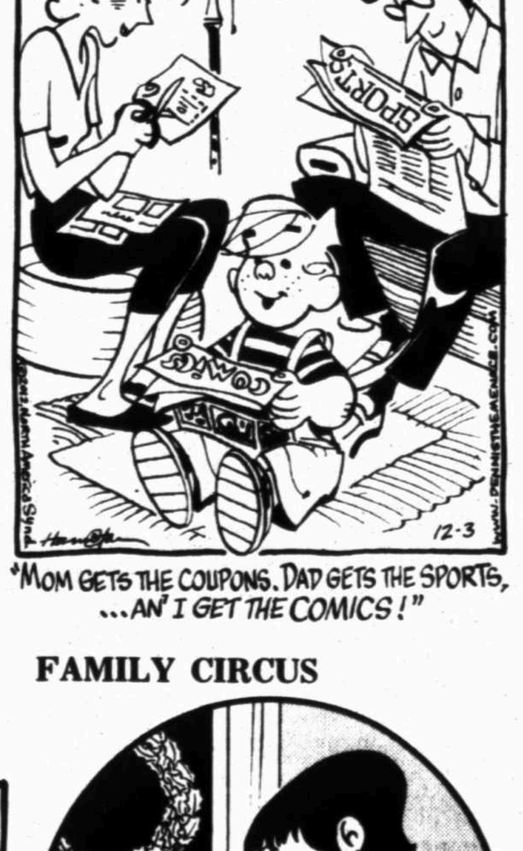

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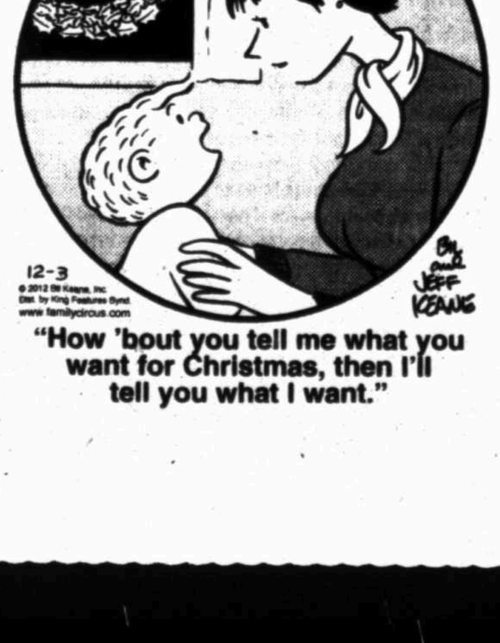

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TODAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 43

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 68 Low: 41

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 70 Low: 43

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 77 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph, increasing to 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon. There will be patchy dense fog before 10 a.m. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 43 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 68 and northeast winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect a low around 41 and northeast winds around 5 mph.

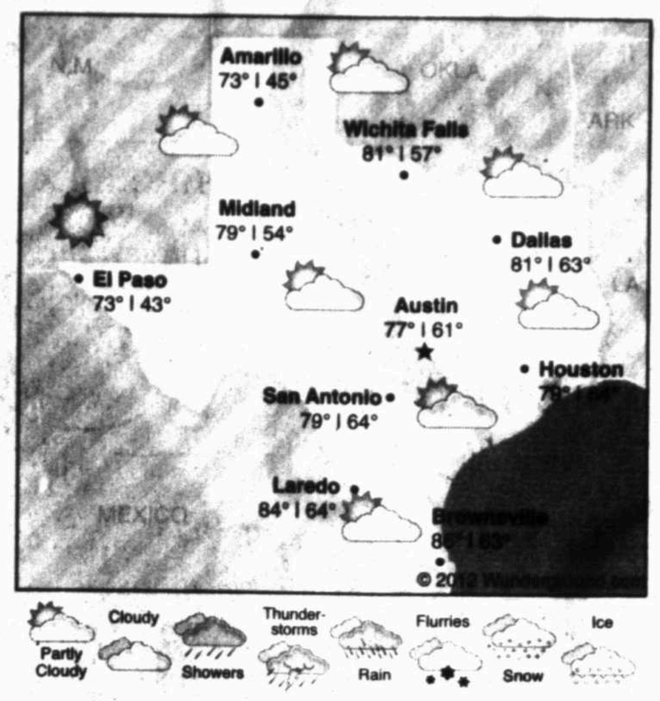
Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 70 and a low around 43.

The high on Sunday reached 77, while the low dropped to 43. The record high for Dec. 2 is 83 set in 2005. The record low is 17 set in 1985.

National forecast

A mix of clouds and sunshine will cover the Northeast today as a weak high pressure system settles into the region.

It will be noticeably warm across the Middle Atlantic states with highs reaching the 50s and 60s.



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Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
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Sunday's temperatures

High	77
Low	43
Normal high	61
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Dec. 3

Man may get rude awakening why wife clings to night shift

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to the girl of my dreams. She's the best thing that's ever happened to me. We both work in the medical field. She's an emergency room nurse, and I'm a paramedic/firefighter.

For several years my wife worked the day shift at a hospital more than an hour away from home.

I tried to convince her to find a job closer, so we could see each other more. Finally, she told me she had been offered a night shift position at the hospital here in town. She promised to switch to a day shift if one opened up. I thought that was great.

It has been almost a year now, and she is still working the night shift. There have been many daytime openings, but she hasn't requested any of them. On most of my days off, I watch her sleep.

At this point I'm not sure what to do. I am not happy and don't want to spend the rest of my life like this. I feel like I'm missing out on so much. I have the girl of my dreams, but most of the time she IS dreaming — literally. Can you please help? — AWAKE AND ALONE IN FLORIDA

DEAR AWAKE AND ALONE: You ARE missing out, on the fun and companionship that you should be enjoying with your wife. It's time to have a frank conversation with her and find out why she has been stalling about changing shifts.

There could be more wrong in your marriage than incompatible schedules, but the problems won't be resolved unless you can be honest with each other. The current situation is unfair to you, and you are right to be concerned.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have hosted a holiday party for our neighbors every year for the last 10 years. Over time, we have invited more and more people, and we enjoy almost everyone. However, one of our neighbors, "Jim," is very rude. For the past several years he has taken it upon himself to invite several people to our party who he feels should be on the list. These are people we purposely did not invite.

Last year we decided not to invite Jim, but after he sent multiple emails demanding to know the date and time, we reluctantly invited him. He then had the nerve to send out an email to dozens of people he thought we had missed on the guest list, notifying them of the party. This really embarrassed my husband and me.

How can I tell him it's not his party, and how do we deal with the situation with the folks we did not initially invite but now know about the party? — IT'S OUR PARTY

DEAR PARTY: There is more than one way to handle this. The most obvious would be to inform Jim that he won't be invited this year and tell him why. He is every host's nightmare, and his behavior is beyond nervy. A host must know how many guests to prepare for in order to ensure there will be enough food and beverages for everyone.

Another way would be to forgo giving the party for a year or two and perhaps take a short vacation. Tell anyone who asks why that the gatherings became too large to manage. And then, when you resume entertaining, limit the guest list to something more intimate than a casting call for "American Idol."

One thing is certain: If you continue to tolerate what's been happening, your hospitality will continue to be abused.

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Not vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 8 7 5 3 ♡ 8 ◇ K J 6 ♣ A 10 6
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠*	Pass

*Invitational
What do you bid now?
A — No, we are not trying to trick you — you have enough to accept partner's invitation, but no more. Bid four spades.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 7 6 ♡ A J 9 5 4 ◇ K Q 7 ♣ 9 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?
A — Holding no tenace, there is no reason why you should want the lead coming up to you. Bid three spades and offer partner a choice of contracts.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K Q 10 8 ♡ K Q 9 3 ◇ A 8 ♣ 10 6 5
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
3♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?
A — You are now in the slam zone, and the best way to investigate is with a cue-bidding sequence. Your ace of diamonds will be welcome news to your partner — bid four diamonds.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A Q 9 5 ♡ A K 10 3 ◇ 9 8 5 ♣ J 7
What is your opening bid?
A — What a horrible holding — it is tempting to lie about your distribution and bid one of the majors, but that could get you into the wrong spot. Open one diamond.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 3, 2012:

This year interactions with others generally are very fortunate for you. It is through these contacts that many opportunities will arise. Impulsiveness works in your favor. You will want to detach when you feel triggered. If you are single, someone very special strolls through your door. This person could be very significant to your life history. Come next summer, you will experience a greater intimacy than you have in a long time, or possibly ever before. If you are attached, you could act like young lovers again. Plan on taking a special vacation this summer. You will remember this year for a long time. LEO helps you gain perspective.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could feel challenged by financial news and/or a partner's reserved attitude. You have what it takes to break out of this stifling situation within a few hours. You'll naturally find the right approach, which you impulsively will put into action. Tonight: Let the games begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Someone you usually count on could be rather cold toward you right now. If you can't figure out what gives, it is important that you find out. You know how to talk this person out of his or her reticence long enough to tell you what is wrong. Tonight: Happily at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You appear to be robust and quite happy, until a normal encounter becomes too serious for your taste. You might consider distancing yourself from this person, as he or she seems to be the source of a chill in the air. Hang with your more jovial friends. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might not like what a risk brings, but you are very tempted to find out. Make an effort to move past the obvious. Consider what would happen if this idea goes south. If you resist the temptation, you deserve a pat on the back. Tonight: Treat yourself. You choose what.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You beam, no matter what you do. Others respond in a big way to your efforts. A situation could drain you if you allow it to, but you won't. Good news heads your way. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Know when to step back and handle a situation differently. You are on top of your responsibilities, but you still are mulling over an important idea. Listen rather than talk. Ask all the questions you need to. Choose to do a stressbuster. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You could feel a bit insecure and might be left wondering just how much others expect of you. Regardless, you'll take the lead in a meeting. Your opinions make a difference to many people. Would you present yourself differently if you felt slightly surer of yourself? Tonight: With pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might not feel energized, with everything that is going on around you. In fact, you could be stuck on overthinking what has gone on. Know that you might need to understand the influence of your own negativity. Share your opinions. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be questioning what you want to do and why. Detach, and you will see that you need no explanations. It is your life; choose to live it well. Think more carefully about what is happening around you. You do need some feedback. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly. In fact, everyone you deal with would appreciate your personal attention. Consider the possibility that everything would run more smoothly if you shared more one-on-one time with others. Tonight: With a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Stay on top of surprising requests or an unexpected financial development. Your original reaction could be very different from your final response. Lady Luck increases your options if you tap into your creativity. This allows you to see situations differently. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to rethink recent developments in your daily life. You might need to let go of a pattern or a certain way of thinking. You will be much happier in the long run. A child or family member seeks you out with good news. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

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Singer Ozzy Osbourne (1948), actress Daryl Hannah (1960), author Joseph Conrad (1857)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Mascara recipient
5 Lie in store for
10 Naval jail
14 __ rug
15 Swiss capital, to the Swiss
16 One and only
17 Hollywood
19 "My great hope __ laugh as much as I cry": Angelou
20 Impressive property
21 Dugout leader
23 Mattress make
24 Outdoor seating option
26 Airport screening org.
27 WC
29 Italian three
30 "Stop-__": UGK hit
31 Classic theater name
33 Ignore socially
34 Festive centerpiece adorned with the starts 17-, 24-, 49- and 57-Across
39 Big cat's cry
40 Ballet bends
41 Flightless Aussie bird
42 Pickle's place
45 Computer application file extension
46 CBS-owned cable movie sta.
49 All the details, casually
52 Group of eight
54 Not taking sides
55 Pointed abode
56 Gets hitched
57 Venezuelan natural wonder
59 __ above the rest
60 Just right
61 Flower-loving buzzers
62 Peeps from pups
63 Pub game
64 Miss in Mex.

DOWN

1 Most current news, with "the"
2 Crops up
3 Nissan compact
4 Assails
5 Blessed with skills
6 __ behind the ears
7 Yummy smell
8 Needing, with "of"
9 Sawbuck, to a Brit
10 HMS Bounty's ill-fated captain
11 '80s-'90s wisecracking TV mom
12 Cloak-and-dagger doings
13 Former Prizm maker
18 And others, in bibliographies
22 Unhittable serve
24 Crotchety oldster
25 Stick up
28 Drinks in the a.m.
31 "I need a sweater!"
32 Baseball arbiter
33 Yearbook gp.
34 Five-time Olympic gold winner Nadia
35 Called to account
36 "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
37 Common dinner hour
38 Make really mad
39 Civil War soldier
42 Write quickly
43 Frightened
44 Central African country about the size of Massachusetts
46 Less fresh
47 "To be, or not to be" speaker
48 Ukrainian port
50 Thirsts (for)
51 Alleged Soviet spy Hiss
53 "Deadliest Catch" boatful
55 "__ fair in love ..."
56 Technique
58 "Dig in!"

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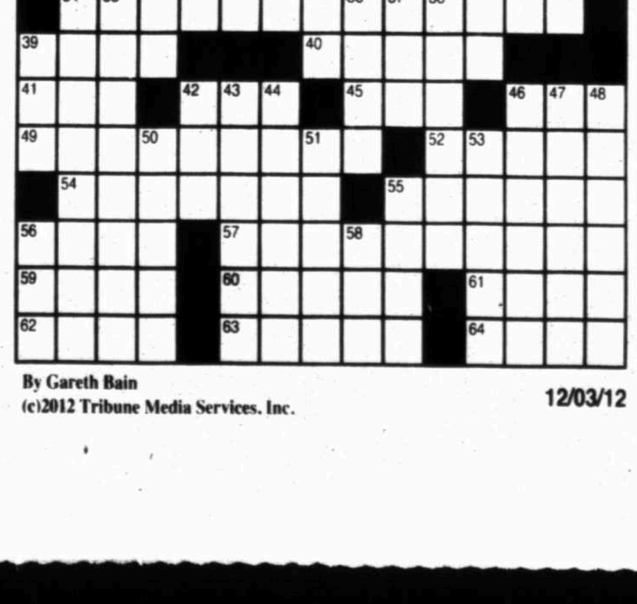

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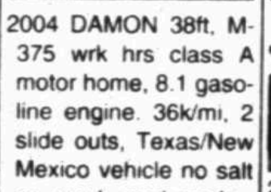

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Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit
Draft Permit No. O3484

Application and Draft Permit. Crosstex Permian, LLC, 2501 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75201-1409, a facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an initial issuance of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3484, Application No. 17480, to authorize operation of the Deadwood Cryo Plant. The area addressed by the application is located from the intersection of Texas Highway 158 and Farm Road 33 (downtown Garden City) north on Farm Road/Ranch Road 33 approximately 6.2 miles. Location is on the right, in Glasscock County, Texas 79739. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.
http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.945833&lng=-101.482777&zoom=13&type=r
This application was received by the TCEQ on January 20, 2012.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 west Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie, Garden City, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-1540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice Will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response t0 comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Clerical

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. FT

Clerical opening for Private Duty Health agency located in Midland, Texas. We seek a strong experienced, dependable, responsible, and multi-tasked individual who keeps front office running smoothly! Team player attitude, energetic, with a focus on excellent customer service a must. Must be proficient in Word and Excel, superior verbal and written communication skills and be extremely organized and detail oriented. This is a full-time position and includes a salary 401 (k) plan, paid vacation and holidays, as well as a comprehensive benefits package. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter stating why the position interests them as well as a resume via email to: mccorcle@nursesunlimited.com.

Construction Workers

Bethlehem Glass Inc. FT/PT

Construction Workers needed full and part time work available. Wage depending on experience. Call Kenneth at 432-413-5747.

Office Assistant

***jg* Concrete, Inc.** FT

Now Hiring-Office Assistant. Looking for a qualified, detail oriented candidate to assist with office duties for a concrete place and finish company. 40 Hours a week, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previous experience with Microsoft Office, & Excel is required. QuickBooks is a "plus" factor. Must possess good phone skills and organizational skills, professional appearance, able to multi-task and assume responsibility. Bilingual Spanish/English with the ability to read, write and interpret is required. Starting wage $11.00 to $15.00 depending on experience. Qualified applicants can submit resume to: P.O. Box 8521, Midland, TX 79708 or Email jgconcreteinc@yahoo.com.

Purchasing/Parts Inventory Clerk

Electronic drilling instrumentation company seeking full-time, multi-tasking individual with high school diploma and two years related experience with purchasing/inventory controls. Individual must show a strong knowledge of Microsoft Office Word & Excel. Quickbooks a plus. Computer skills required. Candidates must be energetic, organized and independent. Pleasant personality and professional appearance are a must. We offer comprehensive benefits such as health insurance & 401K. Must have at least one year experience in customer service. Apply in person at: 407 Andrews Hwy.

Receptionist/Office Clerical

Accurate, Inc. FT

Seeking Receptionist/Office Clerical. Apply at 9504 W. County Rd 127, Midland or call 432-563-1224.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Reps

Fred Loya FT

Immediate opening for customer service rep. in Midland. Must be able to work M-F 8am-7p Sat. 9am-2pm. Bilingual a plus. Computer skills required. Candidates must be energetic, organized and independent. Pleasant personality and professional appearance are a must. We offer comprehensive benefits such as health insurance & 401K. Must have at least one year experience in customer service. Apply in person at: 407 Andrews Hwy.

Receptionist

Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT

Midland's premier club is looking for a Receptionist. Understanding of multi line phone and Micro Soft office computer programs a plus. We hire attitude and personality over experience In addition to competitive wages we offer paid medical and 401K. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers FT/PT

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00am-5:30pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

CHILD CARE TEACHERS

Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT

Child Care teachers needed. Above average wages for ful and part time positions. Call 432-520-8888

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD

Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Big Spring Area.

Financial Accountant – Assist with the maintenance of the district's financial records, accounting systems and processes necessary to manage the district's business. Including billing of accounts receivable, maintain district banking and reconciliations. Maintain fixed assets. Strong computer skills required including Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting degree preferred or 3-5 yrs experience in related field.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

Heavy Equipment Operators & CDL Drivers

Good driving record and drug screen required. Apply in person with Harold. Big D Construction, 4501 E. Hwy. 80, Midland.

Do You Have A Special Skill? Try Our Who's Who for Service Call Classified 682-6222

HEALTHCARE

DSSW Disability Services of the Southwest

Caregiver needed for disabled client in Midland. Please apply online: www.dsswtx.org or call 432-550-6900 for more info

Certified Pharmacy Technician

Sav-On Pharmacy
1002 Andrews Hwy, 79701

Full-time Pharmacy Technicians needed. Seasoned staff, no drive-thru. Top pay. Appy online at: albertsonsmarket.com

Experienced Sitters/CNA's

Nurses Unlimited, Inc FT

Nurses Unlimited, Inc is seeking Experienced Sitters/CNA's to work for private duty clients. Must pass drug test and background check. All shifts available. EOE. Call 432-522-5080 or 1-800-201-5904.

LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST

Licensed Dental Hygienist needed for part to full time position. Please send or fax resumes to info@smilemidland.com, 432 520-0720.

Ophthalmic Technician

Confidential FT

Full time position, no less than 1 year experience in medical office as medical assistant or Opthalmic/Optometric Technician. Pay based on experience. Medical, life & disability insurance provided. Bilingual a plus. Fax 617-0184

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

House Keeping/Laundry

Midland's Premier Country Club FT/PT

Midland's premier club is looking to fill multiple positions. House keeping for evening hours 2-10pm and Housekeeping/laundry day shift. Part time and full time available. We hire personality and enthusiasm over experience. Good wages, benefits, and 401K available for full time. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

Texas Western Hospitality Now Hiring!

Apply online: **www.permianbasinhoteljobs.com.**

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Groundskeeper

B H Management NOW HIRING Groundskeeper for The Dakotas Apartments. Apply in person at 5101 North "A" Street, Midland, TX. 79705 or online at www.bhmanagement.com. EOE

MARKETING

Development Director

Marfa Public Radio FT
Midland, TX 79701

KXWT-FM West Texas public radio seeks Full-time Development Director for fundraising, underwriting, events, major donor cultivation, and grant writing. Job requirements and additional info available online at: kxwt.org/jcos/

OTHER JOBS

Ameriflush

Ameriflush is hiring the following positions: Mechanick, Deisel Mechanic, CDL and non-CDL Drivers and Accounting Clerk with QuickBooks experience. Great pay and benefits package! Apply at 4606 Johnson Rd, Odessa, TX 79764 or ameriflush.deborah@gmail.com

Direct Care Staff Member

High Sky Children's Ranch Emergency Shelter is seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time. Requires good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, HS diploma or GED, ability to attend all trainings as assigned and the work consecutive days (including nights). The current position open is for a direct care staff member working 2 -3 evenings during the week 3p-11p and rotating weekends. Weekends include a full day on Saturday and Sunday. We are also looking for a person to work over night in our awake night position that is typically 10p - 8a. Call for an application or access at www.highsky.org. You can drop or mail completed application to: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 WCR 60, Midland, TX. 79707, Attn: Karen Kendrick. For inquires or a full job description you can contact Karen Kendrick at karenb@highsky.org. No phone calls please. Position closes 12/1/12.

KELLY SERVICES JOB FAIR

Tuesday, December 4th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Warehouse - $14.00
- Document Preppers - $11.75
- Shophand/Inventory - $15.00, shift work
- Scanners - $12.50
- Receptionist - $15.00
- Invoicing Clerk - $12.00
- Administrative Assistant - $15.00 - $28.00
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Midland, TX,
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3910 S. FM 1788
Midland, Texas 79706

Duties include: • Pulling Orders • Stocking Inventory • Taking Inventory • Make local deliveries • Use safe work habits • Keep warehouse clean • Complete other assigned tasks • Must have forklift experience. Good Pay. Good Benefits. Let's Discuss. Please come by the warehouse to fill out an application from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

OTHER JOBS

MARC

CREATING CHOICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES...

MARC, Inc. has multiple positions available; with schedules to fit any lifestyle. Come make a difference in your community.

Now Hiring:

- ***Direct Support Professionals (no experience required)***
- ***Case Managers***
- ***Purchasing Agent***

If interested, please fill out an application at 2701 North "A" St., Midland, TX 79705 or on our website www.marcinc-tx.org

Nursery Attendant

Calvary Assembly of God PT

Nursery attendant needed. Sun from 10am-1pm and 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Wed. 7pm-9pm. Apply in person at 908 South Johnston or call 432-682-8473 Mon-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Must pass backgroud check.

Nursery Worker

Church Nursery Worker needed for Sundays & Wednesdays. Must be 18 years or older. For infomation call Paula at 432-550-7438 or 432-413-3857.

RV Service Mechanic Position Open

Golden Coach & Marine
306 E. 2nd St.
Odessa, TX

Good benefits. Good hours. Apply in person

Service Technicians

South Plains Implement, Ltd is currently seeking Service Technicians for our San Angelo, TX and Big Spring, TX locations. We offer competitive pay and benefits including 401K and health insurance.
Please contact Jim French 432.209.0033 with questions or send a resume to admin@southplainsimplement.com or fax 432.758.5727

South Plains Implement

SHOP PERSONNEL

Forklift handling experience preferred. Shipping and receiving tools. Tracking inventory. Some computer skills. 40+hrs/week. 24/7 on call status. Accepting resumes at **Pro Directional - Pro ThruTubing 3001 S. Co. Rd. 1280, Midland, TX 79706.**

Survey Drafting Technician

West Texas Consultants, Inc FT

West Texas Consultants, Inc of Andrew's TX. is seeking an experienced Survey Drafting Technician for a fast pace high volume office. Our primary focus will be on the oil and gas industry doing oil/gas injection, well locations, pipeline, electric line, and lease plots, with many other diversitized projects. All interested persons should email a resume to: gregs@wtcsurveying.com or fax to: 432-524-2346. No phone calls please.

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Early Childhood Director

Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701

Must meet all TDFPS minimun standards for a childcare center. Supervisory experience preferred, must have clean driving record. Must know CACEP food program and WTO attendance. Salary DOE. Send Resume and supporting documentation to P- 108 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Kitchen

Susie's South Forty Confection FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701 0-1 Years Exp.

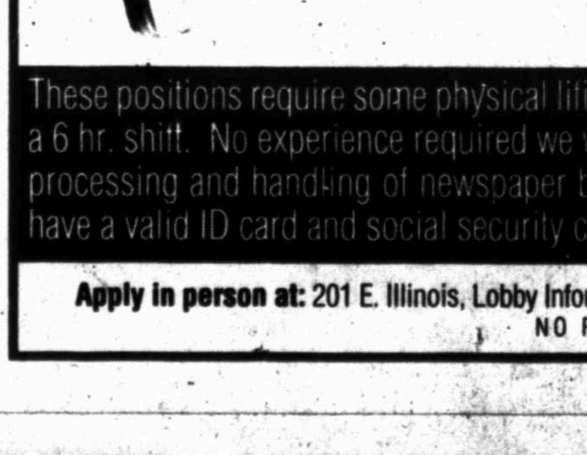
Fifteen immediate openings full time and part time seasonal help at manufacturing plant: Assistants, Packages, Assembly, Shipping & Receiving and much more. Must be 18 years or older with social security card. Apply at 1515 S. Fairgrounds Road between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday-Thursday or call 432-570-4040.

Line Cooks

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant FT
2700 N. Big Spring Street Apply in Person
Midland, TX To fill out application.

La Bodega Midland is now hiring for experienced Line Cooks. starting at $10.50 per hour.

OTHER JOBS



Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.

Starting pay is $10.00 hourly.

These positions require some physical lifting 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: etitsworth@hearstnp.com
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OTHER JOBS

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Want to pay down your credit cards??
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Become a Midland Reporter-Telegram carrier.
Contact:
Tony 687-9002

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Swensen's now hiring Servers & All Kitchen Positions!
Business is great! Now hiring for **Servers and All Kitchen Positions.** Join a Team that promotes a feeling of membership, not just employment. Apply in person at **Loop 250 and "A". Street, Midland, TX.**

RETAIL JOBS

Retail
Walgreens FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Now seeking full/ part time employees. Benefits available, include major medical, dental and 401 k. Apply at walgreens.com/careers or at any locations

Store Manager
Howard Supply Co. FT
HSC, a growing oilfield supply company with more than 20 locations nationwide, is looking for an energetic, professional leader to manage our Rig Parts Facility in Odessa, Texas. The focus of this position is to improve the performance of this facility and to ensure customer satisfaction. Achieving these objectives requires managing the following areas: branch operations, human resources, inventory, purchasing, customer care, logistics, and administration.
Experience:
- Minimum 5 years customer focused retail/distribution operations experience and 3 years in a management capacity
- Knowledge of oil and gas industry workover and drilling rigs a definite plus
- Computer aptitude and proficiency in Microsoft Office

Great opportunity with a competitive compensation and benefits package awaits the right candidate! Please email resume to HSCcareers@howard-supply.com or fax to (817) 529-8060. See our web site at www.howard-supply.com for more information about our great company.

SALES JOBS

Oilfield Sales Person
Royal Services FT
Selling to drilling rigs in your area. For more info go to royalservices.com and click on JOBS. Send resume to: jobs@royalservices.com

Route Sales Reps
Schwan's Home Service is NOW HIRING. $575 per week to start. Full benefit pkg. $2,000 retention bonus. No experience necessary, No CDL required. Apply at www.schwansjobs.com Job#11004090 or call 432-580-0059

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

SKILLED LABOR

Carpenters & Laborers
Barbed Cross Construction FT
Hiring Now: CARPENTERS & LABORERS. Excellent pay and benefits. Call 432-684-9377; email resume – info@team-bcc.com; fax 432-684-7990

Drilling Rig Electrician
Impulse Electric FT
Now accepting applications for Drilling Rig Electricians. $20 an hour plus, depending on experience. 401K, paid vacation, group insurance provided. Apply at:7101 North County Rd. West, Odessa, TX .

Journeyman Electrician
City Wide Electric FT
Need licensed Journeyman Electrician. Pay $23 plus an hour depending on experience. Excellent benefits. Please call 432-697-6456.

Manual Lathe Operator
Premier Tools FT
Manual Lathe Operator needed. Contact Gary at (432) 563-1784 or apply in person at 2915 SCR 1255 in Midland.

Mechanic
Casedhole Solutions FT
Mechanic needed, entry level welcome. Apply in person at: Casedhole Solutions, 2801 S. County Rd. 1242, Midland,TX.

Shop/Field Mechanics
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Tools & Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to shawn@basinengine.com Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083 - Midland, TX.

SKILLED LABOR

Oilfield Service Technician
Auto-Dril, Inc. FT
Electronic drilling instrumentation company seeking individual with mechanical and electrical aptitude. Must have basic computer knowledge and skills. Oilfield background helpful, willing to train the right person. Must have a good driving record, includes travel. Please fax, mail, or e-mail to apply: Fax: (432) 561-5850, purchasing@autodril.com, AUTO-DRIL, INC., PO Box 60772, Midland, TX 79711

Route Service
Business Hygiene
Route Service for Business Hygiene. Local territory using company vehicle. Monday-Friday. Drug test, good driving record and valid Texas driver's license required. Call 432-684-8782 or fax: 432-684-8791.

Shop Assistant & Mechanic
jg Concrete, Inc. FT
Now Hiring - Experienced and dependable Shop Assistant & Mechanic. Looking for a qualified, detail-oriented candidate to be responsible for day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of company machines, tools and equipment to ensure safe and productive performance. Includes routine inspections and repair of gas and electric motors for a concrete place and finish company.

Must be 21 years or older, have a valid/current Texas drivers license, and have maintained a good driving record.
Bilingual Spanish/English with the ability to read, write and interpret is requested. Requires ability to multi-task with give assignments. Requires good verbal communication skills and ability to communicate effectively with other crew members and management team.

Qualified applicants can submit resume to: P.O. Box 8521, Midland, TX 79708 or Email jgconcreteinc@yahoo.com.

Shop Manufacturing Technician
Electronic drilling instrumentation company seeking individual with mechanical and electrical aptitude. Electrical background helpful. Must have a good driving record, includes some travel. Please fax, mail, or e-mail to apply: Fax: (432) 561-5850, Email: purchasing@autodril.com, Mail: AUTO-DRIL, INC., PO Box 60772, Midland, TX 79711

TECHNOLOGY

IT Tech
Wanted VB.Net/ASP.NET Programmer. Required skills and experience: 3+ years experience in developing, testing, deploying and documenting windows database applications with VB.NET or ASP.NET.

Please email resume to kwatkins@autodril.com or contact Kristie at (432)561-8455.

Network Systems Specialist
Fort Stockton ISD FT
Network Systems Specialist to provide support, administration and maintenance of local area networks at Fort Stockton ISD. Job posting and description at www.fsisd.net : http://tinyurl.com/network-specialist. Interested persons, please email Debra Ezell, Technology Director, at debra.ezell@fsisd.net

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life & dental insurance, paid vacation, & 401k. 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.silverlinetx.com**

Non-CDL Driver, Yard Hand & Dispatcher
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **Non-CDL Driver, Yard Hand & FT daytime Dispatcher**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy.**

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

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NEW MANAGEMENT Spacious 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments. Call 432-687-4514.

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1 BEDROOM, 846 sq ft. with office that can be changed to 2nd bedroom. All bills paid. New carpet, tile, granite, washer and dryer in unit. No pets. $1950/mo plust $750 deposit. Call 512-825-6879.

FCORPORATE CONDO newer furnishings, tv, washer/dryer and complete kitchen. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities and basic cable included. No pets, non smoking, $2,000/mo plus deposit. (432) 520-0998 or 631-5198.

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MIDLAND COMPANY housing avaialble for up to 4 employees. Fully furnished, all bills paid. Send email to: forrest.exploration@gmail.com

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200 NORTH POWELL, 3/2/carport/appliances $1550/$1400. No pets/background check, 432-694-2736.

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2-3 BEDROOM houses and mobile homes in Midland for rent. Credit and background check. No pets. Rent + deposit. 570-8555.

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AWESOME 4/2, 2 car garage, storage building, nice yard. All appliances provided convenient to all schools. 432-352-2252.

BEAUTIFUL 3BDRM 2BATH home, LARGE backyard with storage in Old Midland; Fannin area. $2,500/month 325-207-0942

TOWNHOUSE 2302 Auburn Place. 3/3/2. Nice. Available 12/01/12. No smoking. No pets. Referances. $2500/mo. + secuirty deposit. Please call 432-682-0602.

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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3/2 double wide in Gardendale area, 2 add-ons create a spacious open living & dining area, extra room could be a den, bedroom, or office. 26'x40' insulated shop/garage on 1.190 fenced acres, porches on front & back with handicapped ramp. Pictures & more info on Craigslist. $195,000. 432-218-7711 or 432-561-5334

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 1/2 acre. $155,000 help with closing. 1213 Arapaho, 3 blocks past Midland Country Club. Open House every Saturday/Sunday 2pm-4pm. 683-2243.

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OWNER FINANCE 3/2, $109,500, & 3/2 on 9 acres, needs some repairs. As is $189,500 10% down. 432-266-1212. or 432-631-8100.

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Lots & Land

Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

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2,528 ACRES in Runnels and Nolan County, several water wells and surface ponds, good cover of live oaks, 1/2 of owned minerals will convey. $1050 per acre. 325-650-4079.

Lots & Land

Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

3400 ACRE weekend getaway ranch house for lease near Menard, TX. 1 bd, 1 ba, for 2 people. Prefer 6 mth. lease, $475/mth. Call 325-450-8165.

4 SECTIONS in Reagan County. Good water, hwy frontage, leveled ground, $695 per acre. 325-650-4079.

➤ NEW TODAY! ◀

580 ACRES Brown County. Near airport, lots of views. Excellent deer cover, 6 tanks, paved road and community water. Possibly divide. Paul McInnis RE, 830-637-9706.

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APPROXIMATELY 1,800 acres. Mountainous terrain, live spring water, minerals available. $1275 per acre. 325-650-4079.

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