MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 mrt★com *235,000 readers in print and online monthly*

52 FACES

Melissa Milan is one of 52 Faces of Community.

Page 1B

TEXANS TRIPPED UP

Dontrelle Inman had 119 yards receiving, including a 52-yard touchdown reception to help the San Diego Chargers to a 21-13 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Page 1C

Concho to boost production in SE New Mexico

The $430 million deal will provide much needed spark for the state

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Midland-based oil and gas company Concho Resources Inc. has reached a $430 million deal that will clear the way for more production in southeastern New Mexico, providing a glimmer of hope as state officials look to rebound from depressed energy prices that have crippled government spending.

Concho made the announcement this past week, saying it has agreed to acquire dozens of square miles in the northern Delaware Basin. Much of the acreage is located in the Red Hills area in Lea County.

The area offers opportunities for increasing the density of development on multi-well pads, said Concho President and chief executive Tim Leach.

"With a continued focus on driving capital efficiency gains and actively managing our portfolio, this acquisition further strengthens our industry-leading position in the Permian Basin and reinforces our ability to deliver differentiated long-term growth," he said in a statement.

The Delaware Basin is part of the larger Permian Basin, which spans parts of West Texas and New Mexico and represents one of the nation's most prolific areas of energy development. Just this month, federal scientists determined that parts of the region could still yield billions of barrels of oil.

Concho officials said the Red Hills area already is generating exceptional returns at current prices.

There's excitement about the Permian Basin's potential and the number of rigs exploring for oil and gas nationwide has been rising in recent weeks, but some experts

Please see **CONCHO**/4A

LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY WORK

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Santa waves to cars outside the Cricket Wireless store on Big Spring Street near the intersection of Scharbauer Drive on Sunday.

Did cheap oil help the economy in the US?

■ The jury is still out

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Two years on, it's still unclear whether the precipitous drop in oil prices has, on balance, benefited or impeded U.S. economic growth.

It's a question that has dogged economists trying to determine whether consumer savings at the pump have offset the impact of the job losses by thousands of U.S. energy workers and sharp cutbacks in oil field spending, a large portion of the nation's investments. It may be a wash, said Robert Kaplan, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

"We know the positives: At the pump, every time you fill up, you pay a lower price," Kaplan said in a recent meeting with reporters. But has that translated into a reliable increase in consumer spending?

"There have been moments where it has been doubtful," he said, "and we think the reason for the question sometimes is consumers may feel, 'I don't know if this is sustainable. Maybe I should save it.'"

Based on credit card data of 25 million of people, the New York bank JPMorgan Chase estimates that consumers spent 80 percent of the money they saved on gasoline. About one-fifth of that cash was spent at restaurants, with the remainder going to department stores, entertainment, electronics and other goods, the bank said in a report last year.

Still, Kaplan said, deep spending cuts in the oil patch have slowed capital investments in the U.S. Before the oil-market collapse, the shale boom led to the biggest U.S. oil production surge in four decades.

The business had surged to the point in 2014 that the nation's mining sector, a category that includes oil and gas, made up 2.8 percent of the nation's economic growth, compared with less than 1 percent two decades ago, Esther George, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, said in a presentation at the Houston branch of the Dallas Fed recently.

George said the oil industry has cut 150,000 U.S. jobs, almost a third of its workforce, over the past two years, and its share of national economic growth has dropped to 1.2 percent this year. Meanwhile, she said, spending at the pump has dropped to about 2.3 percent of the nation's consumption, down from 4 percent 30 years ago.

"When you balance all that out, I don't have a definitive answer," Kaplan said. "You'd think if it went on long enough, things that further strengthen consumers have got to be a good, positive, enduring benefit to the U.S. economy."

It's also unclear how quickly the oil industry can get back on its feet if crude prices rise high enough to stir investments. Kaplan said U.S. shale drillers would need $55 to $65 a barrel oil before they can begin making significant increases in the nation's active rig fleet. That's a figure the Dallas Fed derives from surveys of oil-company executives.

The U.S. oil and gas rig count has risen by 184 to 588 since May but is still "low in absolute numbers," Kaplan said. He added that the Dallas Fed believes the cost of drilling in many oil fields, even in the productive Permian Basin in West Texas, is still too high to be profitable at current U.S. prices, around $46 a barrel.

When oil prices rise, Kaplan added, so may the break-even point as companies are likely to have to pay more to lure workers back to oil fields.

Drillers will "eventually get there," he said. "It'll just be a timing issue."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

Midlander Van Taylor pushes majority rules in the oil field

By Max B. Baker
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Sen. Van Taylor, a former Midlander, believes in majority rule when it comes to the oilfields.

The Republican senator from Plano has filed a bill that would make it easier for energy producers to tap established oil and gas reserves when it can convince a super majority of the owners in a mineral rights pool to agree to the project.

Called the Majority Rights Protection Act, or Senate Bill No. 177, if adopted it would require 70 percent of those with a working or royalty interest in a play to approve. Currently, state law requires everyone to agree.

"The Majority Rights Protection Act would unlock hundreds of billions of dollars of energy production by establishing a proven legal framework successfully used in 29 other states," Taylor said in a statement. "Passing this bill has the potential to be the biggest job creation, investment expanding, and revenue generating legislation in a generation."

The bill only applies to what are called secondary or tertiary recovery efforts, or those using new drilling techniques such as hydraulic fracturing, to tap oil and gas reserves.

Currently, a single owner, or group, can block the redevelopment of an oil reservoir, according to Taylor. Geologists predict that an additional 10 to 20 billion barrels of oil worth over $1 trillion will come out of the ground if the bill is passed, according to a release from Taylor's office.

"New techniques in oil extraction continue to offer our state and nation immeasurable opportunities, however Texas law has failed to keep up with those advancements," Taylor said. If adopted, Texas would have a standard of agreement equal to or greater than 26 of the 29 states that have similar legislation in place.

While you might think that this idea would sail through the Texas Legislature, which does all it can to support the energy industry, think again. The bill touches on the prickly property rights issue, which might explain why the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association neutral stance.

"Unitization or forced pooling has been a contentious issue with operators, royalty owners and the legislature for several decades," said TIPRO President Ed Longanecker, who said their membership has "historically been divided" on the issue.

And a story by the Texas Energy Report quoted a statement from the Committee of Texas Independents which said that the bill provides a "way for private oil and gas businesses to enhance their

Please see **TAYLOR**/4A

Weather Sunny 62/43 Get your complete forecast on 7C

Did you know? The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it won't forcibly remove the pipeline protestors after mandating a withdrawal Friday. Page 5A

The big number Donald Trump now claims that millions voted illegally despite no evidence of such wrongdoing. Page 7A

Word of the Day: doctrinaire Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

Brought to you daily by Juan Burrito

Vol. 88, No. 262 Daily $1, Sunday $2

Index 52 Faces 1B | Classified 1D | Comics 6C | Dear Abby 7C | Obits 2A | Politics 7A | Puzzles 7C | Sports 1C | TV 3B

AP file photo

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signs the Medicaid expansion law June 17, 2013, in Phoenix. Brewer fought her Republican party in the Legislature for months to push through an expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Now, she hopes one of the pillars of President Barack Obama's health care law can be saved as Donald Trump pushes to dump much of the overhaul. Many officials in GOP-led states that expanded Medicaid are like Brewer.

Red states that expanded Medicaid want it kept

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer fought her own Republican party in the state Legislature for months to push through a Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

That was three years ago. Now, as an early Donald Trump supporter who has his ear, Brewer hopes one of the pillars of President Barack Obama's health care law can be saved as Trump pushes to dump much of the overhaul.

"I don't know how much of that, and I mean it sincerely, is going to be affected," she told The Associated Press in an interview. She said she's encouraging Trump's administration to look at Arizona's model because it is so cost-effective.

Brewer said the low-income population that the Medicaid expansion was designed to cover was one of the main drivers of the law, and she's not prepared to see that group go without care. Nearly 400,000 Arizonans have gained Medicaid insurance since Brewer's proposal took effect in 2014.

Arizona is one of 31 states that expanded Medicaid, many of them run by Democrats. Republicans have blocked expansion in the remaining 19 states.

Among the GOP-led states that expanded Medicaid, many officials are like Brewer, strong proponents of the program that has brought insurance to about 9 million low-income Americans who can't possibly afford to buy it themselves. Before the expansion, those people had little access to regular health care, and when they got sick, hospitals were forced to treat them without compensation.

States that strongly oppose Medicaid expansion, however, continue to do so.

Mississippi's three top Republican leaders have said consistently for years that they believe the state cannot afford expansion, as have Idaho's GOP leaders.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for a complete repeal of Obama's overhaul a week after the Nov. 8 election. Scott has been vague, however, about what should be done about the 20 million Americans who got health insurance through the overhaul, nearly half of them though Medicaid expansion his state rejected.

If he doesn't completely dump the program, Trump will be under pressure to allow changes to it to give states more control.

Current Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey last year proposed a work requirement for healthy Medicaid recipients, premiums and co-pays and a five-year limit on coverage. The Obama administration approved limited co-pays but nixed the work requirement and the five-year limit. Michigan, Indiana and Iowa also have been allowed to charge premiums or fees, but broader changes requested by some states have been rejected.

Vice president-elect Mike Pence told Republican governors meeting in Florida on Nov. 14 that Trump would replace traditional Medicaid funding to states with block grants that "encourage innovation that better delivers health care to eligible residents," according to a statement from the Trump transition team.

Pence, Indiana's governor, expanded Medicaid in his state but got waivers from the Obama administration to implement plans that kick healthy people off the program for six months if they fail to pay premiums.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said he hopes Trump's election means the state will have more flexibility in how it spends Medicaid money. More than 300,000 people are enrolled in the state's hybrid Medicaid expansion, which uses federal expansion money to buy private insurance for low-income residents.

"This election means we're going to have an administration that wants to give more flexibility to the states," Hutchinson, a Republican, said recently. "So this is good news in our ability to get waivers to implement the reform we want in terms of work requirements, in terms of cost-sharing, in terms of other elements of reform that encourages employer-based insurance."

Hutchinson stopped short of saying whether he'd like some form of coverage for those on the expanded Medicaid program to continue if Trump and congressional Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act.

But Ducey, Arizona's governor, said recently the discussion is "not only about repeal but replace."

"We want to see all of our citizens have access to affordable health care," Ducey told reporters in response to a question about the future of Medicaid expansion. "That was the objective. That's not where we are. We've got a new president and a new Congress, and a fresh start."

A spokesman for Republican Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said he plans to work with the new administration to tout the successes and advantages of his state's Medicaid expansion.

"How we continue that success is important, and he's willing to discuss how to do that with anyone who has other ideas to consider," Ari Adler said.

As for Arizona's former governor, she said her state's Medicaid program is among the nation's best in terms of costs and provider choice. The program contracts with private insurers to provide care on a per-patient basis.

"I don't know how you could deliver that population any more services better, more cheaply, than what we've already done here," Brewer said.

Border security push yields bumper crop of traffic tickets

Associated Press

DALLAS — A new border security approach promoted by the Texas Department of Public Safety has yielded at least one result: a bumper crop of traffic tickets.

Traffic stops in Starr and Hidalgo counties on the Texas-Mexico border accounted for nearly 8 percent of all traffic tickets issued in Texas in September, an analysis by The Dallas Morning News found. The analysis comes as the Department of Public Safety is preparing to ask the Texas Legislature for an unprecedented $1.1 billion in border security funding for the next two years.

The state began intensified border enforcement in 2014 in response to a surge of illegal immigration and cartel activity. Last year, the Legislature committed $800 million to back that enforcement campaign, including the hiring of 250 more state troopers to work the border.

The department actually had made fewer traffic stops recently in response to complaints from local officials along the border, resulting in a drop in the number of warnings issued. But the number of citations being issued along border-zone highways remains undiminished.

"For that level of scrutiny on your driving habits, what are we getting?" said state Rep. Poncho Nevarez, a Democrat from Eagle Pass and vice chairman of the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw has no regrets. If a trooper sees a traffic violation, "they are going to respond to it," he said. Furthermore, drug cartel scouts "deliberately engage law enforcement on our roadways as decoys," he said.

The intensified border enforcement resulted in fewer traffic citations and warnings in parts of Texas away from the border. The number of traffic citations rose 30 percent and warnings spiked 160 percent in Starr and Hidalgo counties, while 21 percent fewer citations and 25 percent fewer warnings were issued elsewhere in the state.

"It's not fair that families in Starr County are being scrutinized at a greater level than families in pretty much any other county in the state," said Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande Valley.

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged a strict approach to border security. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott says that could lessen the burden on the state's resources.

Obituaries

Gloria Jean Roberts

(09/13/1930-11/25/2016)

Gloria Jean (Bubbie) Roberts returned to her heavenly home, on November 25, 2016, after a short battle with ovarian cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Hospice of Midland. The family will receive friends on Monday, November 28, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, TX.

Jean was born in a home near Merkel, Texas on September 30, 1930. Her parents were Thomas J. and Ruth Harris.

As a small child, she and her family moved to Phoenix, Arizona. At age 12, she was orphaned when both her parents were murdered, in their home, in Phoenix, AZ. Jean and her sister, Patsy, then moved back to Texas to live with relatives.

Jean attended school in Coahoma, Texas, where she graduated in 1948. She married Troy Roberts in 1948, and was married 55 years at the time of Troy's death. Their one child, Ginger Louanne Roberts, was born in 1952.

Jean, Troy, and Ginger moved to Midland TX in 1960, when Troy took over as owner/manager of Roberts Auto Supply.

Jean was a charter member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, where she taught children's bible classes for many years. She designed and organized the teacher's workroom at GCRCC and taught workshops for other bible class teachers in area churches and the Abilene Christian Lectureships.

Jean and Troy were also charter members of the West Texas Chapter of The Antique Automobile Club of America, where she was instrumental in starting the annual Grand 'Ole Tour. Jean was a judge and participant in many of its vintage clothes contests.

Jean was especially talented at craftwork. She was always busy with sewing clothes, knitting, crochet, and her favorite, quilting. Jean started the Midland Quilters Guild in 1979, after finding no organized quilting group in Midland to support her new hobby. For several years she taught classes on quilting technique at a local fabric shop. She also taught for 10 years at Midland College. Jean later went on to be elected Secretary of the International Quilters Guild.

Jean is survived by one sister, Patsy Self of Big Spring, TX; her daughter, Ginger Hart of Midland; two granddaughters, Lacey Hart and her husband, Trey Shelton of Odessa, TX and Meredith Hart of Midland, TX; two grandsons, Andrew Ashburn of Odessa and Kaden Mackey of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas J. and Ruth Harris; her husband, Troy W. Roberts; and one granddaughter, Haley Kemp.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of MMH oncology, HealthSouth hospital, and Hospice of Midland for their tender care during Jean's illness. We would also like to thank all of our friends and family for their support and prayers during this journey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Midland Quilters Guild at PO Box 8757, Midland, TX 79708

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Jane Carolyn Craig

Jane Carolyn Craig died on November 21, 2016 in Midland at the age of 93.

She was born November 7, 1923 to Claude Porter and Ethel Maude (Peg) King in Springfield, Missouri. Upon her father's transfer with Frisco Railway, she moved with her family at age 16 to the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves, Missouri. Her father's position as a senior executive with the railroad afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout North America and Mexico.

Upon her graduation from Webster Groves High School, she attended Washington University in St. Louis and then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Spanish. Her love of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture remained with her throughout her life. During World War II, she worked at the Army Air Corps chart plant in St. Louis updating maps of China.

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Wallace (Wally) Craig, at First Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves. Following Wally's career path at Shell Oil Company, they lived in St. Louis, Missouri, Paducah, Kentucky, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Westfield, New Jersey, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

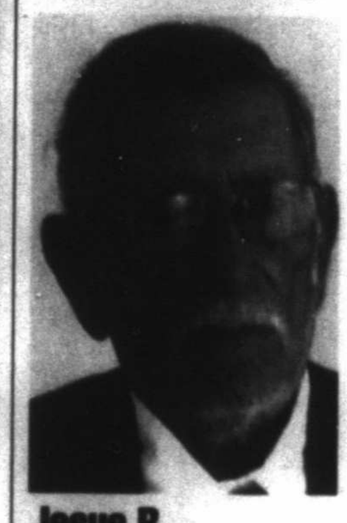
While in New Orleans, Carol was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout den. The family moved to Midland in 1960 when Johnny Starr offered Wally a position as a VP and manager of Fidelity Oil Company, the biggest Shell jobbership in Texas at the time. The decision to move to Texas was announced to their children while a foot of water stood in their living room during a typical New Orleans tropical storm.

Carol, missing the rolling green hills of Missouri, cried upon the family's arrival in the flat, dusty, cactus-strewn Permian Basin. However, Carol soon pulled herself together and began to thrive in her new home where she became involved in many community activities. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, an assistant leader for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, served as president for both the PTA and the Pi Beta Phi alumnae chapter, tutored at Casa de Amigos, volunteered for the Friends of the Library, and was an active member of the Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wally; her parents; and her sister, Mary Katherine King Gray.

She is survived by her children, Mark Craig of Houston, Texas and his wife, Christy, Wallace Craig of Midland and his fiancée, Carolyn Hobby, and Susan Craig Mahoney of Midland; her grandchildren, Dan Mahoney of Washington, D.C., and Katie and Claire Craig of Houston; and step-granddaughter, Jennifer Vallone of Houston.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. The date and time are pending and will be announced at a later date.



Jesus R Martinez III

Jesus R Martinez III, passed away at his home on November 25, 2016 with his loving family by his side.

Born Sept, 27, 1930 in Yorktown Texas, he was 86 years old.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Elijia; his loving children, Mary, Tony and Susana Martinez; seven brothers; two sisters; and a grandchild, Reynaldo Lopez Jr..

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Johnny (Susie) Martinez, Sammy (Cynthia) Martinez, Dorsey (Rodger) all of Midland, Texas, Jesse (Carmen) of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Luisa (Matt) Rivas of Canyon Lake, Texas; brother, Rafael Martinez of Florida; a special granddaughter, Ashley Munoz; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.

A Rosary Prayer Vigil will be Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Burial will be in Resthaven North Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Thomas FUNERAL HOME
FUNERALS / CREMATIONS
Midland, Texas

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

Magnitude 3.4 earthquake recorded

MEDFORD — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded a magnitude 3.4 earthquake in north-central Oklahoma.

The quake was recorded at 8:34 a.m. Sunday seven miles southeast of Medford, about 85 miles north of Oklahoma City.

No injuries or damage have been reported, but the USGS reports the earthquake was felt as far away as Claremore, 115 miles to the east and from central Oklahoma to near Hutchinson in south-central Kansas. Geologists say damage is unlikely in earthquakes below magnitude 4.0.

Oklahoma's earthquakes have been linked to oil and gas production, and state regulators have shut down or imposed new restrictions on underground wells that are used for wastewater disposal.

NEW MEXICO

State revokes hunting privileges in poaching case

SANTA FE — State wildlife commissioners have revoked the hunting, fishing and trapping privilege of a northern New Mexico man for 10 years.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish says Esequiel Mascarenas was found guilty of numerous charges, including killing deer out of season and exceeding the hunting limit for deer.

The Las Vegas man was the subject of an investigation that started in 2012. A search warrant culminated in more than two dozen poaching charges being filed in 2014.

The Game Commission handed down its decision after the case concluded in the courts.

On the night he was caught, Mascarenas and another man drove about 300 miles and shot three deer in three separate counties.

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
Jim Burrito Mexican Grill

doctrinaire
[dok-truh-nair]
adjective

1. dogmatic about others' acceptance of one's ideas; fanatical: a doctrinaire preacher.
2. merely theoretical; impractical.
3. of, relating to, or characteristic of a doctrinaire.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0890-5932

A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the Hearst, Midland Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
■ EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com

■ MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdearen@mrt.com

■ ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR — BUSINESS & OIL
Trevor Hawes 687-8854
thawes@mrt.com

■ NEWS EDITOR
John Tee 687-8862
jtee@mrt.com

■ SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com

■ OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com

■ PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com

■ FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@mrt.com

■ ONLINE EDITOR
Mercedes Cordero 687-8850
mcordero@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
■ CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700

■ DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
■ SALES MANAGER
Chad Anderson 687-8813
cranderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
■ DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
■ **How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?**
weddings@mrt.com

■ **How can I submit an obituary?** obits@mrt.com

■ **How can I handle a billing problem?**
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 5 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-2700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (6 a.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: This publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day regular edition only ... $1.15 per week
Daily/Sunday combination ... $5.75 per week
Daily/Thursday thru Sat edition ... $4.75 per week
Sunday only thru edition ... $4.50 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday ... $5.77 per week
Sunday only ... $4.60 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday ... $6.23 per week
Sunday only ... $4.60 per week

Overseas mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Premium issues delivered throughout the year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving. There will be charged at an additional fee of up to $2.00. For each Premium issue, your account balance will be charged in the billing period when the Premium issue is delivered. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period.

Prices are subject to change. The Midland Reporter-Telegram continues to make a concerted effort to keep the cost of subscriptions at a minimum for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber's expiration date will be adjusted based on the prorth balance on their account.

Thanksgiving weekend shoppers spent less due to discounts

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

Matt Little, of St. Charles, Mo., tries on duck waders at Cabela's in Hazelwood, Mo., on Black Friday.
Christian Gooden/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving weekend shoppers picked up hot toys, TVs and new Apple products, buying both online and in stores, but spent less per person because of rampant discounting that they've come to demand.

Once all the receipts are in, customers look to have spent an average of $289.19 over the four-day weekend, down nearly 3.5 percent from a year ago, based on a survey by the National Retail Federation. The pressure on prices was especially strong on products like TVs.

More than 154 million customers said they had shopped or planned to this Thanksgiving weekend, up from 151 million a year ago, according to the survey conducted Friday and Saturday by the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics. And more were doing it online, as about 99.1 million went to the stores and 108.5 million shopped online.

Carmen Cunnyngham of Kansas City, Kansas, was in Denver on Sunday and decided to stop at the mall to pick up a new pair of Ugg boots for her daughter. They were discounted at Nordstrom, which is one of her favorite places to shop. She said she got a bit of a late start this year because of the presidential election, so she's been looking online for deals and jumping when she sees them.

"I'm trying to make sure I get the wish lists in and look at those and shop and do what I can before Christmas gets here," she said.

The drop in spending underscores how even with an improving economy, many shoppers are still focused on habit developed during the Great Recession. They're fixated on deals and more readily using technology to find them whenever they want to buy. More than a third of customers surveyed by the NRF said that all of their purchases were on sale, up 11 percent from a year ago.

The Thanksgiving weekend kicks off the holiday shopping season but stores have increasingly started their sales earlier. Stores had been wary about being left with a lot of inventory they would have to discount to get off the shelves, and so started the season with less on hand. That will help preserve profit margins, but they've still planned aggressive promotions to grab shoppers.

"People are much more deliberate about the purchases they make," NRF CEO Matthew Shay said Sunday. "In a perfect world, everyone would sell at full price, but as consumers and as buyers all of us would like to get a deal on things we buy. The era of promotional sales is with us to stay."

Even though shoppers are spending less per person, more shoppers could still translate into more spending. MasterCard Advisors SpendingPulse, which tracks spending on all kinds of payments, estimated that spending over the four-day weekend will be up 3.8 percent, with online sales up by double-digit percentages and in-store sales up in the single digits. But MasterCard Advisors' Sarah Quinlan also cited a slight decline in the average sale because of promotions.

Stores trying to snag customers first and compete with Amazon are shifting to a steady stream of online discounts and alerts instead of focusing on doorbuster sales or a few products. That meant that online shopping stole thunder away from sales at stores. And while areas like electronics and toys remained strong for the weekend, clothing, particularly basic sweaters, were still a tough sell.

Shoppers are visiting fewer stores and the rate at which browsers converted into buyers was slightly lower than last year, said William Taubman, chief operating officer at Taubman Centers Inc., which operates 24 malls around the country. But he said overall customer traffic was up. After a contentious presidential election, he believes people are ready to buy.

"Resolution is a good thing," he said. "That makes people feel somewhat more comfortable." And for wealthier customers, he said, the prospects of tax cuts will help.

Janice Allsop, 66, a retired secretary who worked in the trucking industry, said she'll likely spend more this year because of the election.

"The stock markets have gone up. I'm just delighted with President Trump," said Allsop, who was shopping at Water Tower Place mall in Chicago on Saturday. "I'm not afraid (to spend more). If Hillary Clinton would have gotten in, I would have been very scared, very reluctant."

But shoppers may still be split. Joyce Hill, a 67-year-old retired auto worker from Inkster, Michigan, who was also shopping in Chicago, Hill said she will stay on the low end of her usual spending this year because she's worried that Trump will start to cut back on Social Security.

"I'll spend less because you don't know what's going to happen. I don't think he'll (Trump) support us but I don't know if he's gonna let things stay status quo," said Hill.

Air travel normal as Thanksgiving holiday weekend winds down

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

Mark Lennihan/Associated Press

Passengers stand beneath an electronic signboard in New York's Penn Station as they wait to board a train Sunday. Millions of Americans are returning home Sunday after the long Thanksgiving weekend.

NEW YORK — Millions of Americans made their way back home Sunday after a long Thanksgiving weekend, facing minimal stress and strain as they traveled by air, rail or road.

Federal Aviation Administration data showed most U.S. airports with delays of 15 minutes or less Sunday afternoon. A large volume of passengers at LaGuardia Airport, in New York, and windy conditions at New Jersey's Newark International Airport, led to slightly longer delays, the FAA data showed.

Lines at airline counters and security checkpoints were short and flowing quickly at New York's Kennedy Airport. Passenger Susan Merced said she overestimated her travel time, budgeting more than two hours to pass through security before her flight to New Orleans.

At Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, security lines were fairly long at 7 a.m. Sunday but subsided by afternoon, said David Mould, a spokesman for Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Lines at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport were long but moving smoothly.

The Transportation Security Administration anticipated screening about 2.5 million passengers on Sunday, about 500,000 more than an average weekday, spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said. Air travelers were moving through security checkpoints at airports across the nation "quite smoothly" Sunday afternoon, Farbstein said, noting that the agency brought in additional officers on overtime to handle the influx of passengers.

In New Hampshire, Gerry Mandelbaum, owner of Amoskeag Black Car company, in Manchester, said travelers seemed in good spirits as his drivers shuffled them to and from the airport.

"So far, everyone I've talked to sounds pretty good, and I would have a good sense of that because I do have a lot of stressed customers," Mandelbaum said. "Today's been an especially busy Sunday. I'd say we're 20 to 30 percent over normal today."

At a rest area in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, Harry Forsberg, of Trenton, expressed thanks that the traffic wasn't as bad as he'd expected.

"There were a lot of cars obviously, but no one cut us off or flipped us off. It was a holiday miracle!" he said with a laugh.

Forsberg, who works for an engineering firm, said Monday may be tough. "You just know everyone will be dragging on Monday. Thanksgiving is a great holiday, but it tires you out."

It wasn't smooth everywhere.

In California, the National Weather Service warned travelers about heavy winds and potential blowing snow on busy Interstate 5. Weather specialist Bonnie Bartling said wind gusts could reach 70 mph at the Grapevine mountain pass north of Los Angeles on Sunday.

Washington state got more than 2 feet of snow in 24 hours. Besides driving problems, officials said there could be an increased risk of landslides.

Travelers in Oregon faced a winter storm warning for the Cascades from Sunday afternoon until 6 p.m. Monday.

State police in Connecticut said 51 people were arrested on driving-under-the-influence charges and troopers issued nearly 900 speeding tickets during a five-day holiday crackdown. One person was killed and 42 others were injured in nearly 400 crashes, they said.

OPEC deal push sends Algeria, Venezuela ministers to Moscow

By Angelina Rascouet and Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC is embarking on a last-ditch diplomatic push to reach an agreement for a cut in crude production, with the oil ministers of Algeria and Venezuela heading to Russia to get the group's biggest rival on board.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet on Wednesday in Vienna to finalize the terms of its first production decrease in eight years. OPEC's three biggest producers — Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran — remain divided about how to allocate the planned output reduction. Russia has so far resisted OPEC's request that it join the cut.

In an unexpected move, Algerian Energy Minister Noureddine Boutarfa, one of the architects of OPEC's September accord to reduce output, and Venezuela's Eulogio Del Pino, a regular intermediary in the group's discussions, will meet in Algiers and then travel to Moscow today, according to two delegates familiar with the matter. They asked not to be identified as the talks are private.

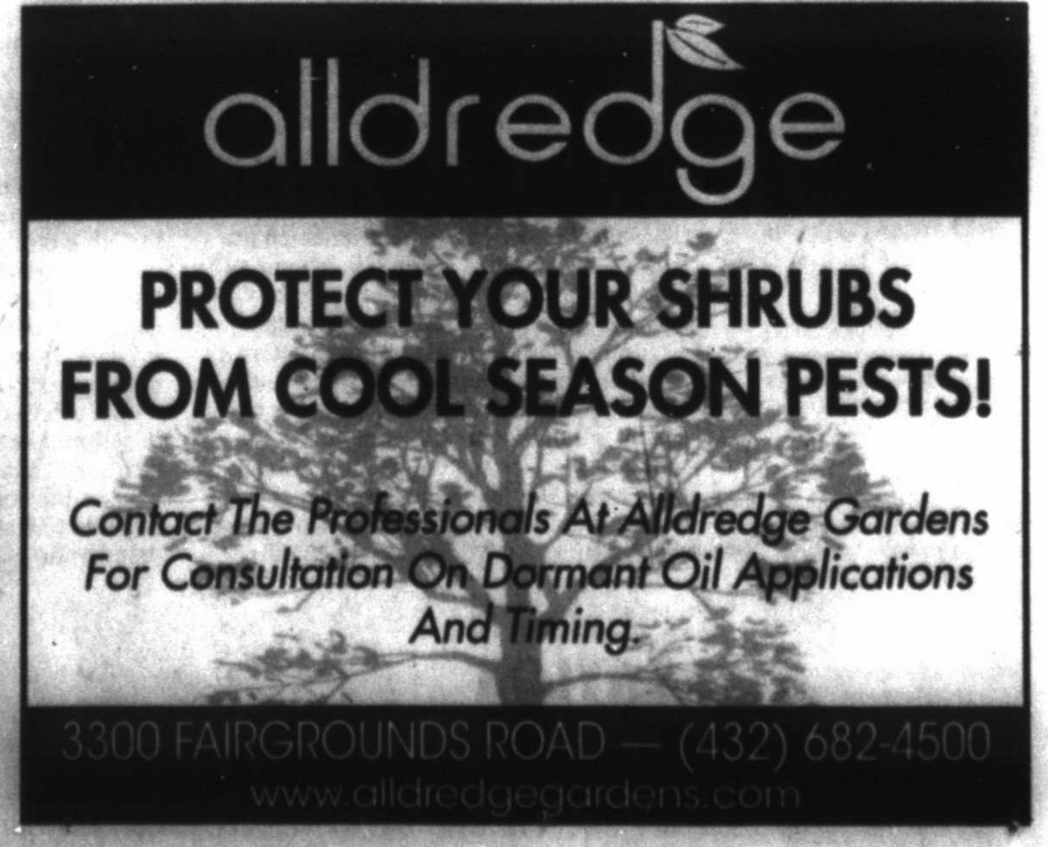
OPEC is also proposing a 600,000 barrel a day output cut by non-OPEC producers. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak has repeatedly said his country prefers to freeze rather than reduce output.

While efforts to secure the cooperation of non-members continue, OPEC nations are still trying to agree among themselves about how much each should cut. The organization, which had planned to hold technical discussions with non-members, will instead hold an internal meeting to resolve the differences.

Algeria's Boutarfa presented Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh with a proposal for a collective cut of 1.1 million barrels a day in Tehran on Saturday. Iran had previously said it should be allowed to continue increasing production as its exports recovered from nuclear-related sanctions that were eased in January.

Boutarfa will also meet with his Iraqi, Saudi and Qatari counterparts in Vienna ahead of the OPEC ministers' meeting on Wednesday, according to the state news agency Algerie Presse Service. Failure to reach a deal could lead oil prices to drop below $40 a barrel, APS reported, citing Boutarfa. Iraq has said it will participate in output curbs, having initially resisted joining in the effort.

However, Iraq hasn't clarified how big a production it's willing to make.



AP file photo

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signs the Medicaid expansion law June 17, 2013, in Phoenix. Brewer fought her Republican party in the Legislature for months to push through an expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Now, she hopes one of the pillars of President Barack Obama's health care law can be saved as Donald Trump pushes to dump much of the overhaul. Many officials in GOP-led states that expanded Medicaid are like Brewer.

Red states that expanded Medicaid want it kept

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer fought her own Republican party in the state Legislature for months to push through a Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

That was three years ago. Now, as an early Donald Trump supporter who has his ear, Brewer hopes one of the pillars of President Barack Obama's health care law can be saved as Trump pushes to dump much of the overhaul.

"I don't know how much of that, and I mean it sincerely, is going to be affected," she told The Associated Press in an interview. She said she's encouraging Trump's administration to look at Arizona's model because it is so cost-effective.

Brewer said the low-income population that the Medicaid expansion was designed to cover was one of the main drivers of the law, and she's not prepared to see that group go without care. Nearly 400,000 Arizonans have gained Medicaid insurance since Brewer's proposal took effect in 2014.

Arizona is one of 31 states that expanded Medicaid, many of them run by Democrats. Republicans have blocked expansion in the remaining 19 states.

Among the GOP-led states that expanded Medicaid, many officials are like Brewer, strong proponents of the program that has brought insurance to about 9 million low-income Americans who can't possibly afford to buy it themselves. Before the expansion, those people had little access to regular health care, and when they got sick, hospitals were forced to treat them without compensation.

States that strongly oppose Medicaid expansion, however, continue to do so.

Mississippi's three top Republican leaders have said consistently for years that they believe the state cannot afford expansion, as have Idaho's GOP leaders.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for a complete repeal of Obama's overhaul a week after the Nov. 8 election. Scott has been vague, however, about what should be done about the 20 million Americans who got health insurance through the overhaul, nearly half of them though Medicaid expansion his state rejected.

If he doesn't completely dump the program, Trump will be under pressure to allow changes to it to give states more control.

Current Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey last year proposed a work requirement for healthy Medicaid recipients, premiums and co-pays and a five-year limit on coverage. The Obama administration approved limited co-pays but nixed the work requirement and the five-year limit. Michigan, Indiana and Iowa also have been allowed to charge premiums or fees, but broader changes requested by some states have been rejected.

Vice president-elect Mike Pence told Republican governors meeting in Florida on Nov. 14 that Trump would replace traditional Medicaid funding to states with block grants that "encourage innovation that better delivers health care to eligible residents," according to a statement from the Trump transition team.

Pence, Indiana's governor, expanded Medicaid in his state but got waivers from the Obama administration to implement plans that kick healthy people off the program for six months if they fail to pay premiums.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said he hopes Trump's election means the state will have more flexibility in how it spends Medicaid money. More than 300,000 people are enrolled in the state's hybrid Medicaid expansion, which uses federal expansion money to buy private insurance for low-income residents.

"This election means we're going to have an administration that wants to give more flexibility to the states," Hutchinson, a Republican, said recently. "So this is good news in our ability to get waivers to implement the reform we want in terms of work requirements, in terms of cost-sharing, in terms of other elements of reform that encourages employer-based insurance."

Hutchinson stopped short of saying whether he'd like some form of coverage for those on the expanded Medicaid program to continue if Trump and congressional Republicans repeal the Affordable Care Act.

But Ducey, Arizona's governor, said recently the discussion is "not only about repeal but replace."

"We want to see all of our citizens have access to affordable health care," Ducey told reporters in response to a question about the future of Medicaid expansion. "That was the objective. That's not where we are. We've got a new president and a new Congress, and a fresh start."

A spokesman for Republican Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said he plans to work with the new administration to tout the successes and advantages of his state's Medicaid expansion.

"How we continue that success is important, and he's willing to discuss how to do that with anyone who has other ideas to consider," Ari Adler said.

As for Arizona's former governor, she said her state's Medicaid program is among the nation's best in terms of costs and provider choice. The program contracts with private insurers to provide care on a per-patient basis.

"I don't know how you could deliver that population any more services better, more cheaply, than what we've already done here," Brewer said.

Border security push yields bumper crop of traffic tickets

Associated Press

DALLAS — A new border security approach promoted by the Texas Department of Public Safety has yielded at least one result: a bumper crop of traffic tickets.

Traffic stops in Starr and Hidalgo counties on the Texas-Mexico border accounted for nearly 8 percent of all traffic tickets issued in Texas in September, an analysis by The Dallas Morning News found.

The analysis comes as the Department of Public Safety is preparing to ask the Texas Legislature for an unprecedented $1.1 billion in border security funding for the next two years.

The state began intensified border enforcement in 2014 in response to a surge of illegal immigration and cartel activity. Last year, the Legislature committed $800 million to back that enforcement campaign, including the hiring of 250 more state troopers to work the border.

The department actually had made fewer traffic stops recently in response to complaints from local officials along the border, resulting in a drop in the number of warnings issued. But the number of citations being issued along border-zone highways remains undiminished.

"For that level of scrutiny on your driving habits, what are we getting?" said state Rep. Poncho Nevarez, a Democrat from Eagle Pass and vice chairman of the House Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee.

Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw has no regrets. If a trooper sees a traffic violation, "they are going to respond to it," he said. Furthermore, drug cartel scouts "deliberately engage law enforcement on our roadways as decoys," he said.

The intensified border enforcement resulted in fewer traffic citations and warnings in parts of Texas away from the border. The number of traffic citations rose 30 percent and warnings spiked 160 percent in Starr and Hidalgo counties, while 21 percent fewer citations and 25 percent fewer warnings were issued elsewhere in the state.

"It's not fair that families in Starr County are being scrutinized at a greater level than families in pretty much any other county in the state," said Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande Valley.

President-elect Donald Trump has pledged a strict approach to border security. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott says that could lessen the burden on the state's resources.

Obituaries

Gloria Jean Roberts

(09/13/1930-11/25/2016)

Gloria Jean (Bubbie) Roberts returned to her heavenly home, on November 25, 2016, after a short battle with ovarian cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Hospice of Midland. The family will receive friends on Monday, November 28, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, TX.

Jean was born in a home near Merkel, Texas on September 30, 1930. Her parents were Thomas J. and Ruth Harris.

As a small child, she and her family moved to Phoenix, Arizona. At age 12, she was orphaned when both her parents were murdered, in their home, in Phoenix, AZ. Jean and her sister, Patsy, then moved back to Texas to live with relatives.

Jean attended school in Coahoma, Texas, where she graduated in 1948. She married Troy Roberts in 1948, and was married 55 years at the time of Troy's death. Their one child, Ginger Louanne Roberts, was born in 1952.

Jean, Troy, and Ginger moved to Midland TX in 1960, when Troy took over as owner/manager of Roberts Auto Supply.

Jean was a charter member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ in Midland, where she taught children's bible classes for many years. She designed and organized the teacher's workroom at GCRCC and taught workshops for other bible class teachers in area churches and the Abilene Christian Lectureships.

Jean and Troy were also charter members of the West Texas Chapter of The Antique Automobile Club of America, where she was instrumental in starting the annual Grand 'Ole Tour. Jean was a judge and participant in many of its vintage clothes contests.

Jean was especially talented at craftwork. She was always busy with sewing clothes, knitting, crochet, and her favorite, quilting. Jean started the Midland Quilters Guild in 1979, after finding no organized quilting group in Midland to support her new hobby. For several years she taught classes on quilting technique at a local fabric shop. She also taught for 10 years at Midland College. Jean later went on to be elected Secretary of the International Quilters Guild.

Jean is survived by one sister, Patsy Self of Big Spring, TX; her daughter, Ginger Hart of Midland; two granddaughters, Lacey Hart and her husband, Trey Shelton of Odessa, TX and Meredith Hart of Midland, TX; two grandsons, Andrew Ashburn of Odessa and Kaden Mackey of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas J. and Ruth Harris; her husband, Troy W. Roberts; and one granddaughter, Haley Kemp.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of MMH oncology, HealthSouth hospital, and Hospice of Midland for their tender care during Jean's illness. We would also like to thank all of our friends and family for their support and prayers during this journey.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Midland Quilters Guild at PO Box 8757, Midland, TX 79708

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Jane Carolyn Craig

Jane Carolyn Craig died on November 21, 2016 in Midland at the age of 93.

She was born November 7, 1923 to Claude Porter and Ethel Maude (Peg) King in Springfield, Missouri. Upon her father's transfer with Frisco Railway, she moved with her family at age 16 to the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves, Missouri. Her father's position as a senior executive with the railroad afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout North America and Mexico.

Upon her graduation from Webster Groves High School, she attended Washington University in St. Louis and then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she obtained her bachelor's degree in Spanish. Her love of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture remained with her throughout her life. During World War II, she worked at the Army Air Corps chart plant in St. Louis updating maps of China.

In 1946, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Wallace (Wally) Craig, at First Presbyterian Church in Webster Groves. Following Wally's career path at Shell Oil Company, they lived in St. Louis, Missouri, Paducah, Kentucky, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Westfield, New Jersey, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

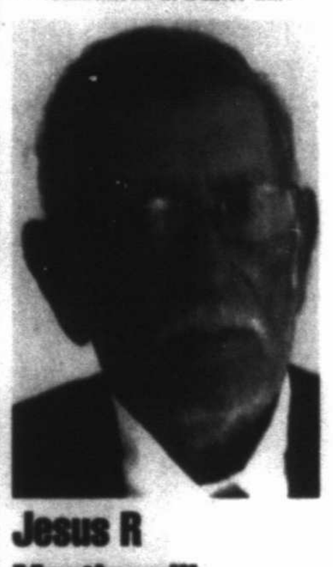
While in New Orleans, Carol was a Den Mother for her sons' Cub Scout den. The family moved to Midland in 1960 when Johnny Starr offered Wally a position as a VP and manager of Fidelity Oil Company, the biggest Shell jobbership in Texas at the time. The decision to move to Texas was announced to their children while a foot of water stood in their living room during a typical New Orleans tropical storm.

Carol, missing the rolling green hills of Missouri, cried upon the family's arrival in the flat, dusty, cactus-strewn Permian Basin. However, Carol soon pulled herself together and began to thrive in her new home where she became involved in many community activities. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, an assistant leader for her daughter's Girl Scout troop, served as president for both the PTA and the Pi Beta Phi alumnae chapter, tutored at Casa de Amigos, volunteered for the Friends of the Library, and was an active member of the Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wally; her parents; and her sister, Mary Katherine King Gray.

She is survived by her children, Mark Craig of Houston, Texas and his wife, Christy, Wallace Craig of Midland and his fiancée, Carolyn Hobby, and Susan Craig Mahoney of Midland; her grandchildren, Dan Mahoney of Washington, D.C., and Katie and Claire Craig of Houston; and step-granddaughter, Jennifer Vallone of Houston.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland. The date and time are pending and will be announced at a later date.



Jesus R Martinez III

Jesus R Martinez III, passed away at his home on November 25, 2016 with his loving family by his side.

Born Sept, 27, 1930 in Yorktown Texas, he was 86 years old.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Elijia; his loving children, Mary, Tony and Susana Martinez; seven brothers; two sisters; and a grandchild, Reynaldo Lopez Jr..

He leaves to cherish his memory, his children, Johnny (Susie) Martinez, Sammy (Cynthia) Martinez, Dorsey (Rodger) all of Midland, Texas, Jesse (Carmen) of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Luisa (Matt) Rivas of Canyon Lake, Texas; brother, Rafael Martinez of Florida; a special granddaughter, Ashley Munoz; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren.

A Rosary Prayer Vigil will be Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomas Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Burial will be in Resthaven North Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Thomas
FUNERAL HOME
FUNERALS / CREMATIONS
Midland, Texas

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

Magnitude 3.4 earthquake recorded

MEDFORD — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded a magnitude 3.4 earthquake in north-central Oklahoma.

The quake was recorded at 8:34 a.m. Sunday seven miles southeast of Medford, about 85 miles north of Oklahoma City.

No injuries or damage have been reported, but the USGS reports the earthquake was felt as far away as Claremore, 115 miles to the east and from central Oklahoma to near Hutchinson in south-central Kansas. Geologists say damage is unlikely in earthquakes below magnitude 4.0.

Oklahoma's earthquakes have been linked to oil and gas production, and state regulators have shut down or imposed new restrictions on underground wells that are used for wastewater disposal.

NEW MEXICO

State revokes hunting privileges in poaching case

SANTA FE — State wildlife commissioners have revoked the hunting, fishing and trapping privilege of a northern New Mexico man for 10 years.

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish says Esequiel Mascarenas was found guilty of numerous charges, including killing deer out of season and exceeding the hunting limit for deer.

The Las Vegas man was the subject of an investigation that started in 2012. A search warrant culminated in more than two dozen poaching charges being filed in 2014.

The Game Commission handed down its decision after the case concluded in the courts.

On the night he was caught, Mascarenas and another man drove about 300 miles and shot three deer in three separate colinties.

WORD OF THE DAY
brought to you daily by
Jumburrito
doctrinaire
[dok-truh-nair]
adjective
1. dogmatic about others' acceptance of one's ideas; fanatical: *a doctrinaire preacher.*
2. merely theoretical; impractical.
3. of, relating to, or characteristic of a doctrinaire.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
AT YOUR SERVICE
ISSN 0890-5932
A Hearst Newspaper
Published each morning by the Hearst, Midland Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland, TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

MAIN SWITCHBOARD
432-682-5311

PUBLISHER
Jeffrey Shabram 687-8880
jshabram@mrt.com

NEWSROOM
■ EDITOR
Stewart Doreen 687-8856
sdoreen@mrt.com

■ MANAGING EDITOR
Mary Dearen 687-8852
mdearen@mrt.com

■ ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR — BUSINESS & OIL
Trevor Hawes 687-8854
thawes@mrt.com

■ NEWS EDITOR
John Tee 687-8862
jtee@mrt.com

■ SPORTS EDITOR
Oscar LeRoy 687-8809
oleroy@mrt.com

■ OIL EDITOR
Mella McEwen 687-8860
mmcewen@mrt.com

■ PHOTO EDITOR
Tim Fischer 687-8833
tfischer@mrt.com

■ FEATURES EDITOR
Rich Lopez 687-8859
jrlopez@mrt.com

■ ONLINE EDITOR
Mercedes Cordero 687-8850
mcordero@mrt.com

CIRCULATION
■ CUSTOMER SERVICE
688-2700

■ DIRECTOR
Sharon Heckler 687-8829
sheckler@mrt.com

ADVERTISING
■ SALES MANAGER
Chad Auderson 687-8813
cranderson@mrt.com

RETAIL ADS
682-5311, ext. 4

CLASSIFIED ADS
682-6222 / 682-6999 (fax)
mrtclassified@mrt.com

PRODUCTION
■ DIRECTOR
John Maddox 687-8844
jmaddox@mrt.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
■ **How do I submit an announcement for a wedding or engagement?**
weddings@mrt.com

■ **How can I submit an obituary?** obits@mrt.com

■ **How can I handle a billing problem?**
Circulation: 688-2700
Advertising: 687-8806

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & holidays: 7 a.m.-10 a.m.
Call us at 432-688-2700 if your newspaper has not arrived by delivery time (6 a.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. on weekends and holidays). For Midland city area requests received before 10 a.m., we can offer same or next day redelivery. Outside the city delivery area, we will apply a credit to your account or redeliver the next day.
Please note: The publisher reserves the right to modify the cost of individual editions and/or subscriptions at any time.

HOME DELIVERY
All subscriptions payable in advance
7 day regular edition only ... $1.15 per week
Daily/Sunday tmc edition ... $3.75 per week
Wed/Thur/Sun tmc edition ... $3.75 per week
Sunday only tmc edition ... $4.50 per week

Mail rates — Texas
Daily/Sunday ... $5.77 per week
Sunday only ... $4.62 per week

Mail rates — Other U.S.A.
Daily/Sunday ... $9.23 per week
Sunday only ... $4.62 per week

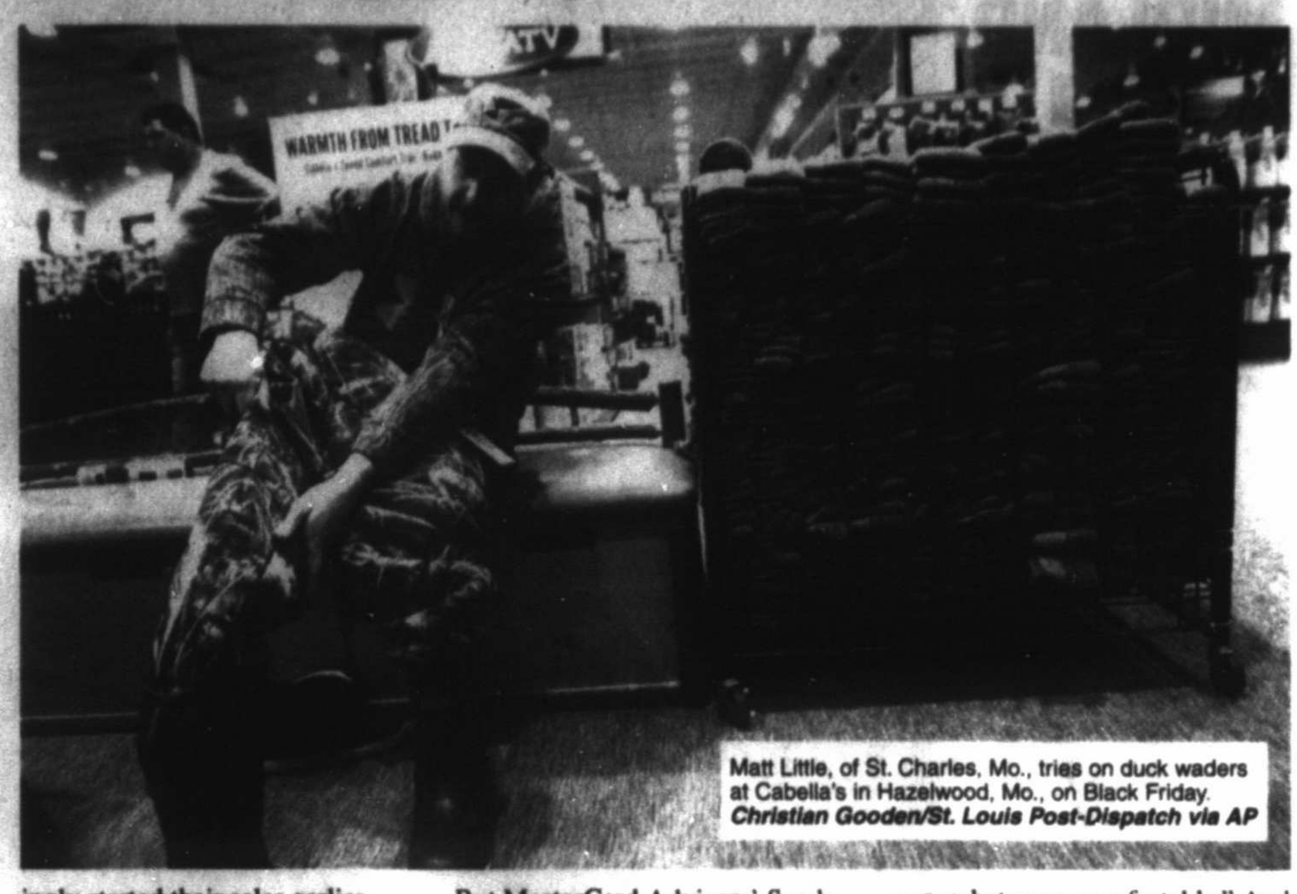
Overseas mail and other subscription rates furnished upon request.

NOTICE: All subscriptions include delivery of 11 Premium issues delivered throughout the year, including Christmas and Thanksgiving. They will be charged at an additional fee of up to $2.00. For each Premium issue, your account balance will be charged in the billing period when the Premium issue is delivered. This will result in shortening the length of your billing period.

Prices are subject to change. The Midland Reporter-Telegram continues to make a concerted effort to keep the cost of subscriptions at a minimum for our readers. When a price change or frequency change occurs, each subscriber's expiration date will be adjusted based on the credit balance on their account.

Thanksgiving weekend shoppers spent less due to discounts

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press



Matt Little, of St. Charles, Mo., tries on duck waders at Cabella's in Hazelwood, Mo., on Black Friday.
Christian Gooden/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving weekend shoppers picked up hot toys, TVs and new Apple products, buying both online and in stores, but spent less per person because of rampant discounting that they've come to demand.

Once all the receipts are in, customers look to have spent an average of $289.19 over the four-day weekend, down nearly 3.5 percent from a year ago, based on a survey by the National Retail Federation. The pressure on prices was especially strong on products like TVs.

More than 154 million customers said they had shopped or planned to this Thanksgiving weekend, up from 151 million a year ago, according to the survey conducted Friday and Saturday by the National Retail Federation and Prosper Insights & Analytics. And more were doing it online, as about 99.1 million went to the stores and 108.5 million shopped online.

Carmen Cunnyngham of Kansas City, Kansas, was in Denver on Sunday and decided to stop at the mall to pick up a new pair of Ugg boots for her daughter. They were discounted at Nordstrom, which is one of her favorite places to shop. She said she got a bit of a late start this year because of the presidential election, so she's been looking online for deals and jumping when she sees them.

"I'm trying to make sure I get the wish lists in and look at those and shop and do what I can before Christmas gets here," she said.

The drop in spending underscores how even with an improving economy, many shoppers are still focused on habit developed during the Great Recession. They're fixated on deals and more readily using technology to find them whenever they want to buy. More than a third of customers surveyed by the NRF said that all of their purchases were on sale, up 11 percent from a year ago.

The Thanksgiving weekend kicks off the holiday shopping season but stores have increasingly started their sales earlier. Stores had been wary about being left with a lot of inventory they would have to discount to get off the shelves, and so started the season with less on hand. That will help preserve profit margins, but they've still planned aggressive promotions to grab shoppers.

"People are much more deliberate about the purchases they make," NRF CEO Matthew Shay said Sunday. "In a perfect world, everyone would sell at full price, but as consumers and as buyers all of us would like to get a deal on things we buy. The era of promotional sales is with us to stay."

Even though shoppers are spending less per person, more shoppers could still translate into more spending. MasterCard Advisors SpendingPulse, which tracks spending on all kinds of payments, estimated that spending over the four-day weekend will be up 3.8 percent, with online sales up by double-digit percentages and in-store sales up in the single digits. But MasterCard Advisors' Sarah Quinlan also cited a slight decline in the average sale because of promotions.

Stores trying to snag customers first and compete with Amazon are shifting to a steady stream of online discounts and alerts instead of focusing on doorbuster sales on a few products. That meant that online shopping stole thunder away from sales at stores. And while areas like electronics and toys remained strong for the weekend, clothing, particularly basic sweaters, were still a tough sell.

Shoppers are visiting fewer stores and the rate at which browsers converted into buyers was slightly lower than last year, said William Taubman, chief operating officer at Taubman Centers Inc., which operates 24 malls around the country. But he said overall customer traffic was up. After a contentious presidential election, he believes people are ready to buy.

"Resolution is a good thing," he said. "That makes people feel somewhat more comfortable." And for wealthier customers, he said, the prospects of tax cuts will help.

Janice Allsop, 66, a retired secretary who worked in the trucking industry, said she'll likely spend more this year because of the election.

"The stock markets have gone up. I'm just delighted with President Trump," said Allsop, who was shopping at Water Tower Place mall in Chicago on Saturday. "I'm not afraid (to spend more). If Hillary Clinton would have gotten in, I would have been very scared, very reluctant."

But shoppers may still be split. Joyce Hill, a 67-year-old retired auto worker from Inkster, Michigan, who was also shopping in Chicago, Hill said she will stay on the low end of her usual spending this year because she's worried that Trump will start to cut back on Social Security.

"I'll spend less because you don't know what's going to happen. I don't think he'll (Trump) support us but I don't know if he's gonna let things stay status quo," said Hill.

Air travel normal as Thanksgiving holiday weekend winds down

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

Mark Lennihan/Associated Press
Passengers stand beneath an electronic signboard in New York's Penn Station as they wait to board a train Sunday. Millions of Americans are returning home Sunday after the long Thanksgiving weekend.

NEW YORK — Millions of Americans made their way back home Sunday after a long Thanksgiving weekend, facing minimal stress and strain as they traveled by air, rail or road.

Federal Aviation Administration data showed most U.S. airports with delays of 15 minutes or less Sunday afternoon. A large volume of passengers at LaGuardia Airport, in New York, and windy conditions at New Jersey's Newark International Airport, led to slightly longer delays, the FAA data showed.

Lines at airline counters and security checkpoints were short and flowing quickly at New York's Kennedy Airport. Passenger Susan Merced said she overestimated her travel time, budgeting more than two hours to pass through security before her flight to New Orleans.

At Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, security lines were fairly long at 7 a.m. Sunday but subsided by afternoon, said David Mould, a spokesman for Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Lines at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Cleveland's Hopkins International Airport were long but moving smoothly.

The Transportation Security Administration anticipated screening about 2.5 million passengers on Sunday, about 500,000 more than an average weekday, spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said. Air travelers were moving through security checkpoints at airports across the nation "quite smoothly" Sunday afternoon, Farbstein said, noting that the agency brought in additional officers on overtime to handle the influx of passengers.

In New Hampshire, Gerry Mandelbaum, owner of Amoskeag Black Car company, in Manchester, said travelers seemed in good spirits as his drivers shuffled them to and from the airport.

"So far, everyone I've talked to sounds pretty good, and I would have a good sense of that because I do have a lot of stressed customers," Mandelbaum said. "Today's been an especially busy Sunday. I'd say we're 20 to 30 percent over normal today."

At a rest area in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, Harry Forsberg, of Trenton, expressed thanks that the traffic wasn't as bad as he'd expected.

"There were a lot of cars obviously, but no one cut us off or flipped us off. It was a holiday miracle!" he said with a laugh.

Forsberg, who works for an engineering firm, said Monday may be tough. "You just know everyone will be dragging on Monday. Thanksgiving is a great holiday, but it tires you out."

It wasn't smooth everywhere.

In California, the National Weather Service warned travelers about heavy winds and potential blowing snow on busy Interstate 5. Weather specialist Bonnie Bartling said wind gusts could reach 70 mph at the Grapevine mountain pass north of Los Angeles on Sunday.

Washington state got more than 2 feet of snow in 24 hours. Besides driving problems, officials said there could be an increased risk of landslides.

Travelers in Oregon faced a winter storm warning for the Cascades from Sunday afternoon until 6 p.m. Monday.

State police in Connecticut said 51 people were arrested on driving-under-the-influence charges and troopers issued nearly 900 speeding tickets during a five-day holiday crackdown. One person was killed and 42 others were injured in nearly 400 crashes, they said.

OPEC deal push sends Algeria, Venezuela ministers to Moscow

By Angelina Rascouet and Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC is embarking on a last-ditch diplomatic push to reach an agreement for a cut in crude production, with the oil ministers of Algeria and Venezuela heading to Russia to get the group's biggest rival on board.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet on Wednesday in Vienna to finalize the terms of its first production decrease in eight years. OPEC's three biggest producers — Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran — remain divided about how to allocate the planned output reduction. Russia has so far resisted OPEC's request that it join the cut.

In an unexpected move, Algerian Energy Minister Noureddine Boutarfa, one of the architects of OPEC's September accord to reduce output, and Venezuela's Eulogio Del Pino, a regular intermediary in the group's discussions, will meet in Algiers and then travel to Moscow today, according to two delegates familiar with the matter. They asked not to be identified as the talks are private.

OPEC is also proposing a 600,000 barrel a day output cut by non-OPEC producers. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak has repeatedly said his country prefers to freeze rather than reduce output.

While efforts to secure the cooperation of non-members continue, OPEC nations are still trying to agree among themselves about how much each should cut. The organization, which had planned to hold technical discussions with non-members, will instead hold an internal meeting to resolve the differences.

Algeria's Boutarfa presented Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh with a proposal for a collective cut of 1.1 million barrels a day in Tehran on Saturday. Iran had previously said it should be allowed to continue increasing production as its exports recovered from nuclear-related sanctions that were eased in January.

Boutarfa will also meet with his Iraqi, Saudi and Qatari counterparts in Vienna ahead of the OPEC ministers' meeting on Wednesday, according to the state news agency Algerie Presse Service. Failure to reach a deal could lead oil prices to drop below $40 a barrel, APS reported, citing Boutarfa. Iraq has said it will participate in output curbs, having initially resisted joining in the effort.

However, Iraq hasn't clarified how big a production it's willing to make.

Don't be a turkey, Get your countertops from
Accent Granite & Marble
Showroom & Indoor Slab Gallery
Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM • Saturday 9AM-12PM
4309 SCR 1290 (Coors Road) • Odessa, TX 79765
(432) 563-8004 • accentgranitemidland.com
Locally Owned & Operated

alldredge
PROTECT YOUR SHRUBS FROM COOL SEASON PESTS!
Contact The Professionals At Alldredge Gardens For Consultation On Dormant Oil Applications And Timing.
3300 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD — (432) 682-4500
www.alldredgegardens.com

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Pretend and Play provides a structured environment for caregivers and their children. For ages 2-6. 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m. at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meetings

Commissioners' Court
■ 9 a.m.
■ Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
■ 500 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland Housing Authority Commission
■ 11:45 a.m.
■ Conference Room, Midland Housing Authority
■ 700 W. Scharbauer Drive

Community calendar

■ The sixth annual Party with a Purpose is 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday at the Boardroom, located above Torino's Pizza, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. The event includes a silent auction. Entry fee is a new unwrapped toy or $10 donation

■ Registration has begun for Camp Fire Winter Camp, which is scheduled for Dec. 22-23, 27-30 and Jan. 2-6 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1710 N. Main St. Hours are 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Children need to bring lunch; snacks will be provided.

Fee is $30 for the first week and $75 for the second week. For more information call 570-4144 or visit campfirewtx.org.

■ The new philanthropic group 100 Men Who Give a Damn in Midland is to meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St. Happy hour will precede the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation: 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

What's on the radio

News talk KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Verlee
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk

Other options
■ Sport talk: KMND (AM 1510)
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

When it's open

Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
■ 2110 N. "A" St.
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
■ 688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
■ 4631 Andrews Highway
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Monday through Friday
■ 699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
■ 2405 South Loop 250 West
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
■ 498-2100

U.S. Postal Service
■ Downtown, 100 E. Wall St. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
■ ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Today in history

Today is Monday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2016. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

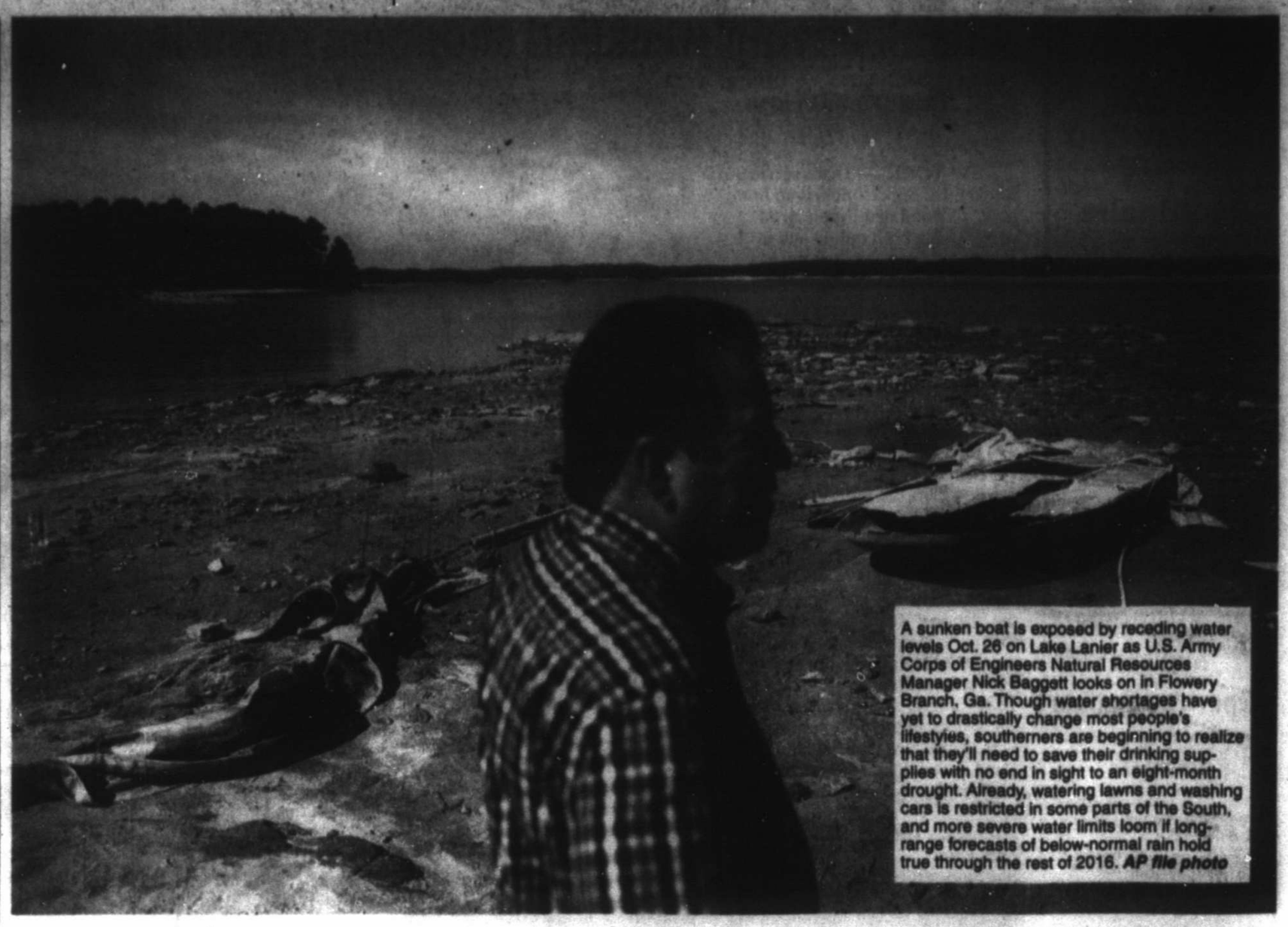
On Nov. 28, 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an $8.4 billion takeover deal. (Enron filed for bankruptcy protection four days later.)

On this date:

In 1922, Captain Cyril Turner of the Royal Air Force gave the first public skywriting exhibition, spelling out, "Hello USA. Call Vanderbilt 7200" over New York's Times Square; about 47,000 calls in less than three hours resulted.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who then conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was slain in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate.



A sunken boat is exposed by receding water levels Oct. 26 on Lake Lanier as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Manager Nick Baggett looks on in Flowery Branch, Ga. Though water shortages have yet to drastically change most people's lifestyles, southerners are beginning to realize that they'll need to save their drinking supplies with no end in sight to an eight-month drought. Already, watering lawns and washing cars is restricted in some parts of the South, and more severe water limits loom if long-range forecasts of below-normal rain hold true through the rest of 2016. *AP file photo*

Brown water, beaver battle among early signs of water woes

By Jeff Martin
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Beaver dams have been demolished, burbling fountains silenced, and the drinking water in one southern town has taken on the light brownish color of sweet tea.

Though water shortages have yet to drastically change most people's lifestyles, southerners are beginning to realize that they'll need to save their drinking supplies with no end in sight to an eight-month drought.

Already, watering lawns and washing cars is restricted in some parts of the South, and more severe water limits loom if long-range forecasts of below-normal rain hold true through the rest of 2016.

The drought arrived without warning in Chris Benson's bathroom last week in Griffin, Georgia.

"My son noticed it when he went to take his bath for the evening," said Benson, 43. "The water was kind of a light brown color and after we ran it for a while, it actually looked like a light-colored tea. A little disturbing."

The problem was that Griffin's reservoir is nearly 8 feet below normal, leaving "a high level of manganese" in the remaining water, but not making it unsafe, city officials told residents in a Nov. 16 "water discoloration update."

Benson watched that water turn from brown to "kind of a light green tint" before clearing up, he said.

It's no better in Tennessee, where about 300 of the state's 480 water systems serve areas suffering moderate to exceptional drought, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said.

Across the South, communities relying on depleted watersheds can't afford to waste what they've got left, said Denise Gutzmer at the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"For some of these small communities, they are in trouble and they will need to be very careful about their water use to conserve," Gutzmer said. "Just like when a bank account gets low, you become much more conscientious about how you spend the remaining dollars you have to spend."

Gutzmer collects the most granular consequences of the nation's weather for the Drought Impact Reporter. She logged the complaints of a hay producer in Winchester, Tennessee, whose spring has run dry "for the first time in over a hundred years," and the rescue of 64 endangered Barrens Topminnows, one of the world's last remaining wild populations, from a drying stream in Coffee County, Tennessee.

She also tracked a mass mussel die-off because of low water in southwestern Virginia, and described how hundreds of volunteers removed beer bottles and car parts from the bottom of Alabama's Lake Purdy, which has 20 feet of water, three-fourths of its capacity. She even heard how workers dismantled beaver dams to increase water flow in west Georgia's Tallapoosa River.

"That really underscores the desperation of the situation, like 'Ok, we've got to clear the beaver dams,'" Gutzmer said.

In Beech Mountain, North Carolina, some 10,000 skiers take over the town on winter weekends when the slopes are open. But there's been no snow this year and the drought has drained the town's sole water source, Buckeye Lake. The surface is now about 6 feet below what town manager Ed Evans calls "full pond," meaning he's about 45 to 60 days from buying water from somewhere else.

Evans said the town's 340 residents are being encouraged to conserve and car-washing is banned.

Similar rules are in effect in Georgia, on a much larger scale. Gov. Nathan Deal recently announced "level 2" water restrictions for about a third of the state's 159 counties, limiting outdoor water uses to two days a week.

There's no "doomsday clock" that could count down the days until taps run dry, says Kevin Chambers of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

"Stream flows are getting very low. Reservoirs are dropping," Chambers said. "So we're hoping our level 2 response will be sufficient to get us through the winter."

Some water sources are more drought-resilient than others, said Jac Capp, chief of watershed protection for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. "These systems almost always have interconnections with neighbors," he said, "so they're getting some of their water from their neighbors while their source is strained."

The 15,000 residents of the west Georgia town of Villa Rica might soon have to pay a surcharge to cover the cost of purchased water.

Villa Rica's public works director, Peter Zorbanos, has been working mightily to keep water flowing through the system after the surface of Lake Fashion dropped below an intake pipe. The town may soon have to rely on its lowest intake pipe, near the lake's murky depths. That pipe is thought to be a half-century old and is surrounded by silt. No one has tried to open its valve yet, and they're not sure what will happen if they do.

"Those things can get rusted shut over the years," Zorbanos said. "We're kind of in uncharted territory."

Miami Cuban celebration turns to reflection on Castro death

By Adrian Sainz and Curt Anderson
Associated Press

MIAMI — Celebration turned to somber reflection and church services Sunday as Cuban-Americans in Miami largely stayed off the streets following a raucous daylong party in which thousands marked the death of Fidel Castro.

One Cuban exile car dealer, however, sought to turn the revolutionary socialist's death into a quintessential capitalist deal by offering $15,000 discounts on some models.

And on the airwaves, top aides to President-elect Donald Trump promised a hard look at the recent thaw in U.S. relations with Cuba.

At St. Brendan Catholic Church in the Miami suburb of Westchester, a member of the chorus read a statement by Archbishop Thomas Wenski about Castro's death before the service. There was no overt mention of Castro during the Sunday Mass. But during the reading of the Prayers of the Faithful, one of the two priests celebrating the Mass prayed for "an end to communism, especially in Cuba and Venezuela."

"Lord, hear our prayers," churchgoers responded.

Outside the church, Nelson Frau, a 32-year-old Cuban-American whose parents fled the island in 1962, said he wasn't surprised that Castro was not mentioned. He said Wenski's statement reflected the role of the Catholic Church in Miami as a mediator toward peace between the Cubans in Miami and those on the island.

"I think the church is trying to act as a mediator at this point, to try to move the Cuban people forward rather than backward, not only the exile community here, but also the Cuban people on the island," said Frau, who works in customer service.

Frau said celebrations of Castro's death on the streets of Miami were a "natural reaction."

"Let's not forget that this is an exile community that has suffered a lot, over 50 years," Frau said. "He's an image of pain to a lot of people. It's a celebration not of his death, but a celebration of the end of this image of pain and suffering."

The pot-banging, car horn-honking, flag-waving throngs were much thinner in Little Havana and other Cuban-American neighborhoods on Sunday. People quietly sipped their morning coffee outside the Versailles restaurant — which had put up signs in Spanish calling itself the "House of the Exiles" — where many of the demonstrations have been centered along Calle Ocho, or 8th Street.

Later Sunday afternoon, people gathered anew outside the restaurant, forcing police to close the street down again as a chanting group carried a large Cuban flag. One group of Cuban exiles held a news conference at the Bay of Pigs museum, which commemorates the failed CIA-backed invasion in 1961. They called for a large rally Wednesday afternoon in Little Havana.

Castro was still on the minds of many, however, including exile Arnaldo Bomnin of Bomnin Chevrolet. He was offering $15,000 off on Corvettes and several sports-utility vehicle models.

Bomnin said the idea for the discount sprang from a conversation with a marketing company about a press release discussing his Cuban heritage after Castro's death. Bomnin said he studied medicine in Cuba, but left the island after finding out the government was planning to place him as a doctor with a military unit. He arrived in Miami in 1996, and worked at an avocado farm and selling seafood before moving on to real estate and car sales.

The offer is not intended as a gimmick to sell more calls and profit on Castro's death, he said. Instead, it's a way for him back to the community and reflect the hope that Miami's Cubans now have for a democratic government on the island.

Trump Tower becomes 'Dump Tower' on Google Maps

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Someone renamed Donald Trump's midtown Manhattan building on Google Maps, and the new moniker isn't very flattering.

Instead of Trump Tower, it was briefly renamed "Dump Tower."

Users of the mapping service began noticing the new name for the Fifth Avenue building on Saturday and some took to social media to report it.

Trump, the Republican president-elect, has not yet commented on it. Trump has been using Trump Tower as his transition headquarters.

A Google spokeswoman told The Associated Press that the company has changed the name back to its original.

The spokeswoman said user contributions help provide an up-to-date map, but also occasionally lead to inaccuracies.

TAYLOR

From 1A

pocket books by imposing their will on other (usually smaller) oil and gas producers and royalty owners by a taking of their private property, using the brute force of government."

Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

CONCHO

From 1A

have said depressed energy prices are still continuing to curtail exploration overall.

As for Concho, the company plans to increase its rig count in the Delaware Basin in 2017 and expects to grow production volumes by about 20 percent.

Wally Drangmeister, a spokesman for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, said Concho will not be alone.

"We have observed many companies positioning themselves for higher levels of future production through the purchase of new leases and acquisition of existing leases," he said Friday.

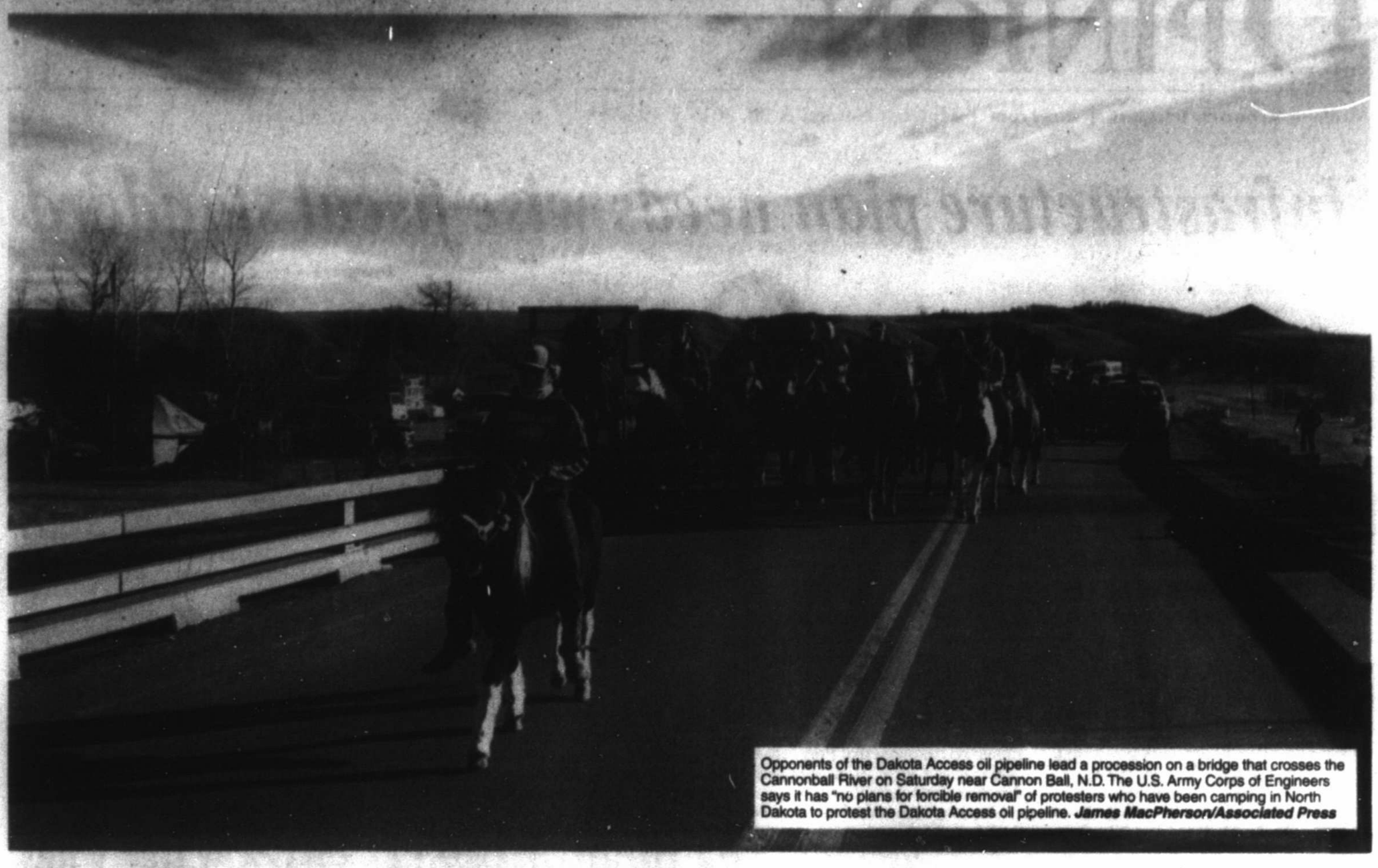
Drangmeister said even with fewer than 30 drilling rigs operating in the state, production for 2016 is still on pace to be within a few percentage points of last year's record production.

State finance officials have been watching the industry closely given that a significant portion of the budget comes from revenues generated by oil and gas developers.

The latest revenue tracking report shows production in New Mexico declined by nearly 3 percent — or 2.8 million barrels — during the first eight months of the year compared with the same period in 2015.

Any regulatory changes made by the incoming Trump administration could also affect the industry. Drangmeister said there's a growing sense of optimism for a more favorable regulatory climate.

"This is especially important in New Mexico since 63 percent of the natural gas and 54 percent of the state's oil production comes from federal leases that are often more heavily impacted by the regulations of the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies," he said.



Opponents of the Dakota Access oil pipeline lead a procession on a bridge that crosses the Cannonball River on Saturday near Cannon Ball, N.D. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it has "no plans for forcible removal" of protesters who have been camping in North Dakota to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline. *James MacPherson/Associated Press*

Sheriff on pipeline protests: 'My job is to enforce the law'

By James Macpherson
Associated Press

Corps won't forcibly remove pipeline protestors

BISMARCK, N.D. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it has "no plans for forcible removal" of protesters who have been camping in North Dakota to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

The Corps says in a statement Sunday that it "is seeking a peaceful and orderly transition to a safer location."

The Corps notified tribal leaders Friday that all federal lands north of the Cannonball River will be closed to public access Dec. 5 for "safety concerns." The agency says those who choose to stay do so at their own risk. The Corps says anyone on the property north of the Cannonball River after that date will be trespassing and subject to prosecution.

The land includes the main protest camp, about 50 miles south of Bismarck.

Associated Press

MANDAN, N.D. — Don't look for apologies from the North Dakota sheriff leading the response to the Dakota Access oil pipeline protests, especially for the recent — and, in some circles, controversial — action against demonstrators who he believes have become increasingly aggressive.

"We are just not going to allow people to become unlawful," said Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier, a veteran of the North Dakota Highway Patrol and National Guard who was elected to his first term as sheriff about two years ago. "It's just not going to happen."

More than 525 people from across the country have been arrested during months of protests over the four-state, $3.8 billion pipeline, all here in support of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe that's fighting the project because it believes it threatens drinking water and cultural sites on their nearby reservation.

His department's job of policing the protesters — the vast majority who've been camping on federal land that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it will close in December for safety concerns — has cost the county more than $8 million, even with help from the state Highway Patrol and officers from various states. Their tactics, however, have drawn criticism from Standing Rock's tribal leader as well as protest organizers and celebrities.

Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault said he and Kirchmeier have met many times and each meeting has been tense and unproductive. "I don't think aggressive force is necessary and he thinks it's necessary," Archambault said.

In the most recent clash between police and protesters, which was near the path of the pipeline and happened last week, officers used tear gas, rubber bullets and large water hoses in freezing weather. Organizers said at least 17 protesters were taken to the hospital, some for hypothermia and one for a serious arm injury, and one officer was injured.

Archambault called the confrontation an act of terror against unarmed protesters that was sanctioned by Kirchmeier.

"His job is to protect and serve, not to inflict harm and hurt," Archambault said.

But Kirchmeier, who has the backing of the state's Republican governor and attorney general, defended officers' actions. He and other authorities said officers were assaulted with rocks, bottles and burning logs.

Kirchmeier, a 53-year-old married father, grew up in this county, which has a population of fewer than 30,000 people — about 15 residents per square mile. He retired from the North Dakota Highway Patrol as a captain after 29 years, and had served in the National Guard for four years.

The protests are demanding: Kirchmeier hasn't had a day off since August, routinely working more than 12 hours a day. The 34 deputies in his department are pulling similar shifts, he said, even with help from more than 1,200 officers from North Dakota and nine other states.

Some officers have been targeted online by protesters, Kirchmeier included. He said someone recently posted the location of his father's grave, which he took as an effort to intimidate.

"Social media has been very bad and it has turned out like law enforcement is building the pipeline," he said. "I can't stop the pipeline. My job is to enforce the law."

President Barack Obama raised the possibility of rerouting the pipeline earlier this month, and construction on the last remaining large chunk, which is on federal land near the reservation, was halted by the Corps for the time being. But Kelcy Warren, CEO of pipeline developer Energy Transfer Partners, told The Associated Press the company won't do any rerouting.

Kirchmeier, like many other of the state's elected officials, blame the Obama administration for not stepping in.

"The issue of the pipeline is not going to get solved with protesters and cops looking at each other," Kirchmeier said. "This is bigger and takes way more political clout than what the county has to offer."

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said Kirchmeier is in "an incredibly difficult position."

"He has the responsibility to allow people to lawfully exercise their First Amendment rights and he has the obligation to stop it when there is violence contrary to the law," Stenehjem said. "And now there are a significant number or lawless people and the citizens are worried."

Gov. Jack Dalrymple said Kirchmeier "has done a remarkable job dealing with all the issues brought about by these protests. He has been totally professional in what is not a typical law enforcement challenge in North Dakota."

With winter looming, the Corps has decided to close the land north of the Cannonball River where the Oceti Sakowin protest encampment have flourished on Dec. 5, also citing the confrontations between protesters and authorities, according to a letter Archambault said he received.

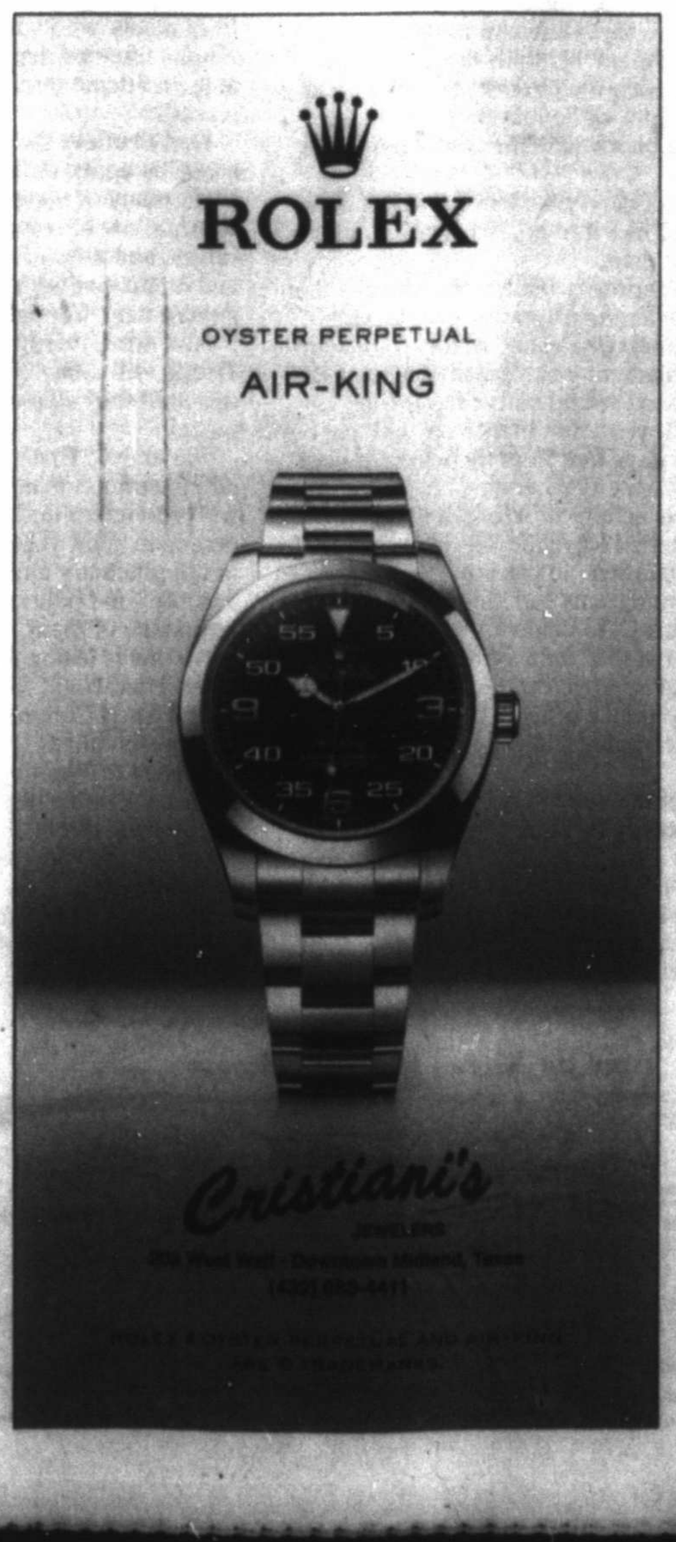
"To be clear, this means that no member of the general public, to include Dakota Access pipeline protesters, can be on these Corps lands," the letter provided by the tribe said.

The Corps said in a statement Sunday that has "no plans for forcible removal" of protesters and that it "is seeking a peaceful and orderly transition to a safer location." The agency says anyone on the property north of the Cannonball River after Dec. 5 will be trespassing and subject to prosecution.

Protest organizers said Saturday that they don't intend to leave or stop their acts of civil disobedience.

Kirchmeier said before the Corps' move that North Dakota residents who have grown tired — and increasingly afraid — of the protests are backing law enforcement.

"People don't want their livelihoods disrupted," he said. "They are not taking this lightly."



Infrastructure plan needs wise fiscal standard

■ Even conservatives would accept plan if it was based on something beyond 'throw it up against the wall and see if it sticks'

JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

"The conservatives are going to go crazy," Donald Trump's senior advisor, Steve Bannon, recently told the Hollywood Reporter about his grand plans for a massive new spending program. "I'm the guy pushing a trillion-dollar infrastructure plan. ... It's the greatest opportunity to rebuild everything. Shipyards, iron works, get them all jacked up. We're just going to throw it up against the wall and see if it sticks. It will be as exciting as the 1930s, greater than the Reagan revolution — conservatives, plus populists, in an economic nationalist movement."

Although, as a conservative, I find the description of the 1930s as an "exciting" time to be a bit odd, Bannon's sneak preview should be somewhat reassuring to those liberals who see Trump as a stark repudiation of Barack Obama. When Obama came into office eight years ago, Time magazine depicted the new president as FDR with the headline "The New New Deal."

For years, MSNBC ran ads calling for more New Deal-style spending on big projects. Host Rachel Maddow was constantly demanding more Hoover Dams. "People tell us no, no, no, we're not going to build it," she said to the camera. "Other countries have great things in their future. China can afford it. We can't."

She then replied to these unnamed naysayers: "You're wrong, and it doesn't feel right to us, and it doesn't sound right to us because that's not what America is."

Put aside the offensive notion that American greatness hinges on the size of taxpayer-funded public works projects — a notion more closely associated in my mind with Stalin or the Ceausescus. If you do believe this piffle, than you should be reassured that President-elect Trump shares your vision of how to Make America Great Again.

Chuck Schumer, the incoming leader of the Senate Democrats, also wants to Make America Great Again by pouring money into infrastructure. The main difference between the New York senator and the New York businessman is apparently that Trump's plan concentrates mostly on tax breaks for private-sector contractors. The possible downside is that the Trump administration would be handing out subsidies for projects that would have been built anyway, in affluent communities that didn't need the help.

Schumer, meanwhile, wants the government to spend cold hard cash. "It has to have real expenditures. You can't do it with just ... tax credits," he told Roll Call.

Most conservatives are not, in fact, opposed to infrastructure spending. What rankles them are inefficient, wholly political expenditures designed to reward political constituencies — like so much of Obama's 2009 stimulus.

Ridiculous and wasteful spending is one of the few things that enrages nearly all conservatives — but apparently not populists and nationalists of Bannon's stripe. Indeed, his blase desire to shovel taxpayer dollars into shipyard construction with no greater fiscal standard than "throw it up against the wall and see if it sticks" should drive pretty much everyone nuts. Meanwhile, wise and careful use of public money spent on needed projects shouldn't bother anyone.

For instance, it took 410 days to build the Empire State Building and 16 months to build the Pentagon but nearly 20 years to complete Boston's Big Dig highway tunnel project. The Hoover Dam was scheduled to take seven years but was completed in five. That would be a generous timetable for an Environmental Protection Agency review of the proposal today.

That sort of success is still possible — if you cut out the political middlemen. In 1994, California Gov. Pete Wilson responded to the Northridge earthquake by invoking emergency powers that allowed him to go around the red tape and union-padding that usually goes with big infrastructure projects. The 10 freeway between downtown L.A. and Santa Monica was so damaged, experts thought it would take two years to repair. By offering contractors huge cash bonuses based on how quickly the work was done, the work was completed in barely more than two months. The winning bidder, C.C. Myers Inc., made almost as much off the bonuses as it did off the bid.

If the Republican Congress combined with the Trump administration can give the public some confidence that their money won't be wasted or sluiced through self-dealing bureaucrats and unions — in other words, if the plan is based on something beyond "throw it up against the wall and see if it sticks" — conservatives won't go crazy. Like liberals and everyone else, they might just go along with an infrastructure surge.

OPINION EXTRA

Manned spaceflight is waste of American resources

Voyaging to Mars has captured the imagination of many Americans and inspired billionaires to talk of interplanetary colonization, but unfortunately, it makes little economic or scientific sense.

My colleague Andrea Rumbaugh reports from SpaceCom that "NASA wants to get people to Mars in the 2030s." Although that's a romantic marketing tool to convince the public to pressure Congress to boost NASA's budget, it makes no sense when robots and virtual reality devices can do the job better, cheaper and safer.

Admittedly, this is a raging debate in scientific circles, but one the public needs to join in. There are even some serious questions about the value of the experiments underway on the International Space Station, not to mention the logistical challenge of sending humans on a three-year trip to Mars and back.

Folks who want to go to space believe that only humans can truly explore, and that machines are a poor substitute. Yet robots are growing so sophisticated, and so capable, that many believe they will exceed human capabilities, just as no human can beat a computer anymore at playing chess, or the much more complex game called Go.

U.S. Air Force pilots on the ground in Nevada fly spy planes all over the world, 24 hours a day. The technology is so good that last year Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said the Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter "almost certainly will be, the last manned strike fighter aircraft the Department of the Navy will ever buy or fly."

Virtual reality goggles are also getting very good at giving people the sense of being outside their bodies. The right equipment mounted on a robot on another planet could allow every human on earth with Internet access a chance at feeling like they are on another planet.

So why go the expensive, manned spaceflight route? What often goes unstated is the role of business in lobbying for the most expensive space program possible.

In an era of low defense spending, companies like Boeing and Lockheed Martin are looking for new government contracts to boost their bottom line. The Apollo program cost the United States $275 billion in today's dollars, and a single flight of the space shuttle cost $450 million, the main reason the program was discontinued. Boeing and Lockheed made fortunes on the programs.

The Mars Curiosity Rover cost $2.5 billion and is doing great work using fairly dated robotics and sensors. The same mission today could accomplish much more and cost less. In comparison, a manned mission to Mars is conservatively estimated to cost $100 billion. NASA could send 40 robots to many planets for the price of one manned trip to Mars.

NASA supporters like to talk about the technological benefits of spin-off technology. And that's perhaps the most compelling argument for sending robots and using virtual reality instead of sending humans. Both technologies have broad application in Earth's economy, ranging from virtual trips to the Amazon to self-driving cars.

Lastly, there are also plenty of social problems on Earth that need attention. When billions of people do not have access to clean water, reliable electricity, basic health care or the internet, I find it hard to justify sending a dozen people to another planet just to say we did it. We don't need new technology to solve those problems, only the political will.

Manned space flight has its many fans, but remember that whenever the government talks about spending billions of dollars, there will be hundreds of corporate lobbyists trying to get their hands on those contracts. Exploring space is a great idea, but let's not turn into a government contracting boondoggle by mandating that humans sit on top of that rocket.

— Chris Tomlinson, Houston Chronicle

VISIT US ONLINE

You can find current and past editorials, letters to the editor and more at
www.mywesttexas.com/opinion

Sanctuary cities are political myth

■ There is no place where illegal immigrants can hide from ICE

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

Recently, there have been stories about how the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump is likely to shake up the immigration debate by targeting so-called "sanctuary cities."

You may know the term. These are liberal places run by Democrats where, as legend has it, illegal immigrants can go to escape deportations by federal authorities. The list of cities includes Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Philadelphia and New York.

And you have local officials such as Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel advancing the legend by vowing to protect their cities — and the undocumented people who live there — from any attempt by the dastardly Trump administration to deport them.

Careful with that one. Emanuel is no friend to illegal immigrants. After pushing for deportations when he worked for two presidents — Bill Clinton and Barack Obama — and helping to keep immigration reform off the congressional agenda while serving as a top lieutenant to then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, he holds the distinction of actively thwarting the interests of the undocumented at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

I see three problems with the whole notion of sanctuary cities.

First, this is not nearly the tense standoff that the media would like it to be. No one is blocking the schoolhouse door.

Does anyone seriously believe that there is this mythical land where immigration law doesn't apply? Can you imagine if any of this were actually true? The marketing campaigns on Spanish-language television would call out to illegal immigrants: "Move to San Francisco, and live out the rest of your days free from the worry of ever being deported! Mi city es tu city."

Just as there is no city in America that is off-limits to the Internal Revenue Service or the FBI, the reality is, that there no place in this country where illegal immigrants can hide from Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Second, it's true that some of these cities have lawyered up and approved carefully worded ordinances that stop police officers from cooperating with immigration agents unless certain conditions are met.

But beware of the word "unless." You'd be surprised how easily these conditions can be met. When you take a closer look, you'll see that these ordinances — in addition to being non-legally binding, symbolic and largely meaningless — were also written in such a way as to allow for plenty of cooperation between local and federal authorities.

In Chicago, the statute prohibits police from providing ICE officials with access to undocumented people in custody, unless officers are "acting pursuant to a legitimate law enforcement purpose that is unrelated to the enforcement of a civil immigration law." So police aren't supposed to turn over illegal immigrants to immigration officials unless they are wanted on a criminal warrant or have serious criminal convictions.

That's an awfully broad exception that could apply to a lot of people, including anyone who has ever been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. In fact, since the Chicago ordinance allows for cooperation to deport criminals, it should fit in nicely with what Trump seems to be planning: a targeted deportation effort aimed squarely at those illegal immigrants who have criminal records.

Don't believe the hype. You've heard of "show trials" in court, or "show votes" in Congress. Well, many of these are "show ordinances." These stunts allow liberals to feel good about themselves, and they advance the falsehood that cities and municipalities can boss around the federal government. Yet they're not worth much.

And third, immigrant advocates worry that Trump will deny federal funding to these localities until they stop obstructing the federal government.

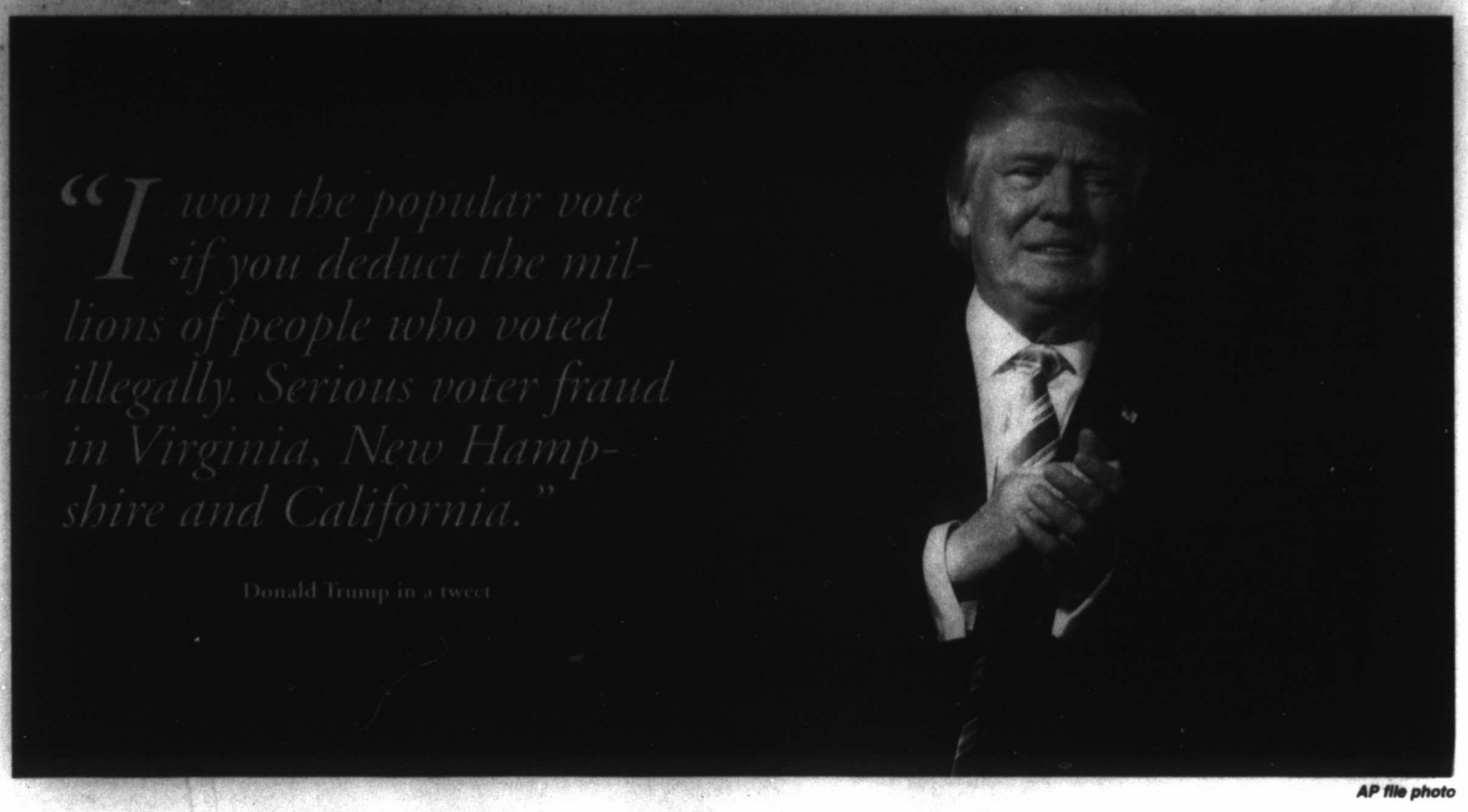
See above: That's not happening. The Obama administration managed to get around these laws well enough to find and deport nearly 3 million people in eight years, including many who resided in the sanctuary cities. There are many loopholes, and cops and politicians are experts at taking advantage of them.

No one is losing any funding over sanctuary cities. That would require action from Congress. And what is Congress anyway, but a collection of representatives from various localities who were sent to Washington to protect and serve the folks back home? Even if it were serious about the funding threat, the White House would likely never get the votes to carry it out — not even from Republicans.

The myth of sanctuary cities isn't a legal concoction, but a political one. As such, it shouldn't be taken seriously.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



AP file photo

Donald Trump arrives Nov. 7 to speak at a campaign rally in Sarasota, Fla. President-elect Trump claimed without evidence Sunday that "millions" voted illegally in the national election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepares to enter the White House in less than two months.

Trump assails recount push, claims millions voted illegally

By Steve Peoples and Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President-elect Donald Trump claimed without evidence Sunday that "millions" voted illegally in the national election, scoffing at Hillary Clinton's nearly 2 million edge in the popular vote and returning to his campaign mantra of a rigged race even as he prepares to enter the White House in less than two months.

Trump and his lieutenants assailed an effort — now joined by Clinton — to recount votes in up to three battleground states, calling the push fraudulent, the work of "crybabies" and, in Trump's estimation, "sad."

The president-elect himself launched a Twitter offensive that spanned more than 12 hours on Sunday, casting a shadow over the legitimacy of an election that he actually won.

"I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally," he tweeted in the afternoon before alleging in an evening tweet "serious voter fraud in Virginia, New Hampshire and California." Trump's transition team did not respond to questions seeking evidence of the unfounded claims.

There's been no indication of widespread vote manipulation, illegal voting or hacking that materially affected the outcome one way or the other. It's that very lack of evidence that suggests Trump is likely to prevail in recounts.

Trump on Sunday tweeted part of Clinton's concession speech, when she told supporters they must accept that "Donald Trump is going to be our president," and snippets from her debate remarks, when she denounced the Republican nominee for refusing to say in advance that he would accept the Election Day verdict.

This came on top of his saying it was a "scam" that Green Party nominee Jill Stein was revisiting the vote count in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Trump won Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, and as of Wednesday, held a lead of almost 11,000 votes in Michigan, with the results awaiting state certification today. His Michigan margin was a hair's breadth 0.22 percent of the state's votes.

Clinton leads the national popular vote by close to 2 million votes, but Trump won 290 electoral votes to Clinton's 232, not counting Michigan. She could conceivably tip the electoral balance in the remote event that all flipped to her in recounts.

Trump returned to New York Sunday evening after spending Thanksgiving weekend at his West Palm Beach estate. His transition team said the president-elect had scheduled a series of meetings Monday with prospective administration hires.

Among the jobs Trump has still yet to fill: secretary of state. Internal division over the position again spilled out into the open on Sunday as Trump senior adviser Kellyanne Conway voiced her concerns with the possibility of Romney landing such a significant position.

Trump supporters "feel a bit betrayed that you can get a Romney back in there after everything he did," Conway said. "We don't even know if he voted for Donald Trump. He and his consultants were nothing but awful to Donald Trump for a year." She added that she was "reflecting what the grassroots are saying."

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker are among other prospects to serve as the country's top diplomat.

"I'm all for party unity, but I'm not sure we have to pay for that with the secretary of state position," Conway said.

Trump's incoming chief of staff, national party Chairman Reince Priebus, acknowledged that Romney would represent "a team of rivals concept."

Trump was mostly silent on the brewing recount effort until it became known that Clinton would join it, at least in Wisconsin. On Saturday, a day after Wisconsin officials said they would conduct the first presidential recount in the state's history, Clinton campaign attorney Marc Elias said: "We intend to participate in order to ensure the process proceeds in a manner that is fair to all sides."

Elias said Clinton would take the same approach in Pennsylvania and Michigan if Stein were to follow through with recount requests in those states.

That loosened Trump's tongue.

"Hillary Clinton conceded the election when she called me just prior to the victory speech and after the results were in," Trump tweeted Sunday. "Nothing will change."

He quoted from her concession speech — "We owe him an open mind and the chance to lead" — and he concluded: "So much time and money will be spent - same result! Sad."

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Conway said Stein, "the Hillary people" and others supporting recounts have to decide whether they are going to back a peaceful transition "or if they're going to be a bunch of crybabies and sore losers about an election that they can't turn around."

Priebus, on "Fox News Sunday," called the effort a "total and complete distraction and a fraud and something that they should drop."

Clinton's lawyer said her team has been combing through the results since the election in search of anomalies that would suggest hacking by Russians or others and found "no actionable evidence" of an altered outcome. Moreover, Elias said, Trump has a vote lead even in the closest states that well exceeds the largest margin ever overcome in a recount.

But "we feel it is important, on principle, to ensure our campaign is legally represented in any court proceedings and represented on the ground in order to monitor the recount process itself," he said.

Trump beat Clinton in Wisconsin by fewer than 22,200 votes, less than 1 percent of votes cast. He won Pennsylvania by some 70,600 votes, just more than 1 percentage point over Clinton.

What Trump can learn from Obama on health care

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama took on the problems of a lack of access to health care and high cost, but he and Democrats paid a political price. President-elect Donald Trump has promised to undo much of what Obama put in place, and pledged to make the system better.

Although Trump is lacking in specifics, he seems to want to make costs his priority. States, insurers, businesses, and individuals would get more leeway to sort out access.

Health care keenly reflects the country's deep political divide. A look at some lessons Trump might learn from Obama's rough ride:

The perils of promises

Obama promised that "if you like your health care plan, you can keep it." But then several million people were threatened with the loss of policies that didn't conform to his overhaul. Obama said premiums would come down, too.

Trump hasn't made such specific promises, yet it may already be too late for him. In the campaign, Trump made it sound like replacing the law would be quick and easy, and people would be widely satisfied with the results.

Consider his idea for allowing insurers to sell policies across state lines. "Get rid of the artificial lines and you will have yourself great plans," Trump said. That ignores practical issues such as whether an insurer in Houston can set up a viable network of doctors in New York.

"There are no easy solutions in health care," said Jim Capretta, a health policy expert with the business-oriented American Enterprise Institute. "Whatever is done will necessarily involve some trade-offs, and winners and losers. There are political risks associated with every kind of policy proposal."

Medicare and Medicaid

As a candidate in 2008, then-Sen. Obama proposed requiring parents to get health insurance for their children, one of several steps to move toward coverage for all. As president, he embraced a broader "individual mandate" requiring most people to be covered. Enforced with fines from the IRS, it's been unpopular from the start.

Separately, Obama and a Democratic-led Congress financed part of the coverage expansion in the Affordable Care Act with cuts in Medicare payments to service providers. That was an unwelcome surprise to older people. Even if Medicare cuts improved the program's balance sheet, older voters helped deliver the House to Republicans in 2010, a few months after Obama signed the overhaul.

Trump has promised not to cut Medicare, but Republican leaders in Congress want to revamp the program to provide future retirees with a fixed amount to purchase private insurance. Will Trump go along?

Trump initially also said he wouldn't cut Medicaid, the health care program for low-income people. During the campaign, though, his views shifted to backing a "block grant" that would limit federal money to states and could result in big cuts.

Medicare and Medicaid have been around for more than 50 years and are politically popular. Most people, including Republicans, don't equate the programs with the health law. So Trump could be left exposed.

Going it alone

Democrats passed the 2010 law over solid GOP opposition. Progressives blamed Republican obstinacy and said the overhaul contained many provisions with a centrist, even Republican, pedigree. But the lack of bipartisan support stoked years of opposition.

Trump's ability to win over some Democrats will determine whether his ideas are remembered as a fleeting lurch to the political right or a lasting course correction.

At the moment, it's hard to detect any glimmer of bipartisanship.

"If President Trump succeeds in getting the ACA repealed, he and the Republicans will 'own' America's health care system," said Ron Pollack of Families USA, a leading advocate for Obama's law. "As tens of millions of people lose coverage, the blame will go squarely onto the shoulders of those who engineered the repeal."

People live here

When Obama signed the measure into law, Democrats hailed it as the fulfillment of historic aspirations to close the last major hole in the nation's social safety net.

If Trump gets to sign "repeal and replace" legislation, the rhetoric will be about getting government off people's backs and giving consumers the options they really needed.

How will the reality measure up?

Obama's law has been a lifeline for many people who previously could not get coverage. For others it brought unwanted legal obligations and expenses that burdened household budgets. The law did not hold back the trend of rising out-of-pocket costs for those with employer coverage.

People worry about the overall affordability of their health care, said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Consumers have gotten savvy that out-of-pocket costs, which come on top of premiums, erode the value of their insurance card.

Trump aides say Cuban government must change

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Cuban government must move toward enacting greater freedoms for its people and giving Americans something in return if it wants to keep warmer U.S. relations initiated by President Barack Obama, top aides to President-elect Donald Trump said Sunday.

The comments by Trump advisers Kellyanne Conway and Reince Priebus followed the death of former Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Castro's younger brother, 85-year-old Raul Castro, took control in 2006, and later negotiated with Obama to restore diplomatic relations.

Priebus, Trump's incoming chief of staff, said Trump would "absolutely" reverse Obama's opening to Cuba unless there is "some movement" from the Cuban government.

"Repression, open markets, freedom of religion, political prisoners — these things need to change in order to have open and free relationships, and that's what President-elect Trump believes, and that's where he's going to head, " Priebus told "Fox News Sunday."

Conway made similar remarks and noted that any diplomatic deal will have to benefit American workers.

Fun Facts Sponsored by
FRANKLIN FOLIAGE
LANDSCAPING
"Serving West Texas Since 1981"
It's Tree Trimming Time!
Call us today to create the garden of your dreams!
685-3521
www.franklinfoliage.com

Dr. Ruth was trained as a sniper by the Israeli military.

In the early stage version of The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy's faithful companion Toto was replaced by a cow named Imogene.

DAILY PROMISE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY

Psalm 46:1
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Analysis: Much uncertainty ahead in US-Cuba relationship

By Bradley Klapper
Associated Press

AP file photo

U.S. President Barack Obama, right, and his Cuban counterpart Raul Castro wave to cheering fans March 22 as they arrive for a baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Cuban national baseball team, in Havana, Cuba. Castro's passing removes what was long the single greatest psychological barrier to a warmer U.S.-Cuban relationship. But it also adds to the uncertainty ahead with the transition from an Obama to Trump administration.

WASHINGTON — Fidel Castro's passing removes what was long the single greatest psychological barrier to a warmer U.S.-Cuba relationship. But it also adds to the uncertainty ahead with the transition from an Obama to a Trump administration.

"A brutal dictator" of a "totalitarian island," declared President-elect Donald Trump, underscoring the historical trauma still separating the countries.

A more restrained President Barack Obama, carefully promoting and working to preserve his own attempt to rebuild those ties, said history would assess Castro's impact and that the Cuban people could reflect "with powerful emotions" about how their longtime leader influenced their country.

In death as in life, Castro has divided opinion: a revolutionary who stood up to American aggression or a ruthless dictator whose movement trampled human rights and democratic aspirations.

President Raul Castro, Fidel's younger brother, is 85. Their Communist Party shows no signs of opening up greater political space despite agreeing with the United States to re-establish embassies and facilitate greater trade and investment.

As Obama leaves office in January, his decision to engage rather than pressure Havana in the hopes of forging new bonds could quickly unravel. Trump has hardly championed the effort and Republican leaders in Congress fiercely opposed Obama's calls to end the 55-year-old U.S. trade embargo of the island.

"We know that this moment fills Cubans — in Cuba and in the United States — with powerful emotions, recalling the countless ways in which Fidel Castro altered the course of individual lives, families and of the Cuban nation," Obama said.

He offered neither condemnation nor praise for Castro, who outlasted invasion and assassination plots, and presided over the Cuban missile crisis, which took the world to the brink of nuclear war.

"History will record and judge the enormous impact of this singular figure on the people and world around him," Obama said, adding that U.S.-Cuban relations shouldn't be defined "by our differences but by the many things that we share as neighbors and friends."

Trump didn't pass off his evaluation to the historians.

"Today, the world marks the passing of a brutal dictator who oppressed his own people for nearly six decades," Trump said in a statement. "Fidel Castro's legacy is one of firing squads, theft, unimaginable suffering, poverty and the denial of fundamental human rights."

Trump expressed hope that Castro's death would mark a "move away from the horrors" toward a future where Cubans live in freedom. But he said nothing about Obama's project to reset ties, and even hailed the election support he received from veterans of the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion that was backed by the CIA.

Such a statement probably will irritate Havana, coming after a two-year period of intense diplomatic discussions with Washington that have done more to improve relations between the countries than anything in the past 5½ decades.

Trump "is going to be looking for some movement in the right direction in order to have any sort of deal with Cuba," his incoming chief of staff, Reince Priebus, told "Fox News Sunday." And without that, Priebus said Trump "absolutely" would reverse Obama's opening with Havana.

Castro's reign began when his improbable insurrection ousted the U.S.-backed strongman Fulgencio Batista in 1959. Only 32 at the time, Castro was the youngest leader in Latin America and inspired revolutionaries as far afield as Africa and Asia.

But Castro's socialist Cuba was anything but an idyll, and the United States quickly became his fiercest opponent.

Members of Batista's government went before summary courts, with at least 582 executed by firing squad in the first two years of Castro's rule. Independent newspapers were closed. Gays were herded into camps for "re-education." Tens of thousands were held as political prisoners. Hundreds of thousands of Cubans fled. After the Soviet Union vanished, Cuba's economy collapsed.

In Miami and other American cities, a powerful emigre community emerged that was bitterly opposed to any improvement in U.S. relations with Castro's government. For many years, their threat alone was enough to sink any attempts to bridge divides.

The dynamic began changing a decade ago, as Castro stepped back from public life. His health ailing, he handed over power to brother Raul in 2008 and a period of limited economic reforms was ushered in.

After Cuba's government released American prisoner Alan Gross and agreed to a spy swap with Washington in 2014, Obama and Raul Castro felt they finally had enough trust to embark on a journey of rapprochement.

While some U.S. investment has opened up and travel rules for Americans are now greatly eased, the normalization has been limited because Obama could never get Republican lawmakers to end the vast restrictions tied up in the trade embargo. Triumphant alongside Trump in November, some GOP leaders have vowed to reverse Obama's effort.

"Now that Fidel Castro is dead, the cruelty and oppression of his regime should die with him," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said in a statement Saturday. "Sadly, much work remains to secure the freedom of the Cuban people."

Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who is pushing legislation to scrap the embargo, said in an interview that Castro's shadow "loomed over all the government's decisions" even though he had left power. She hoped Trump and Republican leaders would respond to Castro's death by at least not rolling back Obama's openings to Cuba and perhaps advancing them.

During his campaign, Trump criticized Obama for striking a "very weak agreement" and threatened to reverse Obama's executive orders "unless the Castro regime meets our demands." He never laid out those demands, and at other times hinted about being amenable to more U.S. investment in Cuba.

As with much of his foreign policy, Trump never outlined clearly a set of policy objectives with Cuba. The ambiguity leaves much of the recent warming on uncertain ground. It's unclear if Castro's death, however powerful for castigators and champions, will dramatically sway Trump one way or the other.

Your new hunting partner

Introducing new camouflage-style hearing aids

Birds flying overhead. Leaves rustling. Twigs cracking. Experience the sounds of the great outdoors with Beltone special edition camouflage-style hearing aids. Featuring Beltone Legend™ technology; they are virtually invisible, comfortable and deliver the clearest, most natural sound possible. Call or visit our Beltone office today to learn more.

FREE Hearing Screening
Nov. 28-Dec. 02
Beltone

$850 OFF a pair of Beltone Legend™ hearing aids*
Nov. 28-Dec. 02
Beltone

2016 GOLD

Beltone™

ODESSA CLINIC
4011 JBS PARKWAY
Odessa,TX 79762
432-934-0072

MIDLAND CLINIC
4519 N. GARFIELD, STE. 8
Midland, TX 79705
432-741-3029

BIG SPRING CLINIC
106 W. MARCY DR.
Big Spring, TX 79720
432-271-3907

*Discount off MSRP and applies to a pair of Beltone Legend hearing aids. $XXX off single hearing aid. Cannot be combined with other offers, coupons or insurance plans. Previous purchases excluded. Participation may vary. See location for details. Benefits of hearing aids vary by type and degree of hearing loss, noise environment, accuracy of hearing evaluation and proper fit. Beltone Hearing Care Centers are independently owned and operated. © 2016 Beltone

52 FACES

OF COMMUNITY
PRESENTED BY CHEVRON AND MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

RECOGNIZING MIDLAND'S UNSUNG HEROES & VOLUNTEERS

PHOTO BY TIM FISCHER

MELISSA MILAN

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

Professional and community involvement: I own the small business Southern Class Delivery. I volunteer/sponsor at Do 432 family events such as Ice Cream Festival and the July 4 celebration, coach for Midland Soccer Association and volunteer with Welcome Home Permian Basin. I donate to local and state police departments, animal shelters such as MASA, veterans with PTSD and suicide prevention. I am a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Why did you decide to serve the community through the various nonprofits you're involved with? One of the reasons I decided to start a business was to be able to give back to my community. I knew I could give better donations, network better with other business owners and organizations, and most of all, give more of my time.

What talents and skills do you share with the community? First off, Southern Class was first envisioned to help the working parent, but as time went on, the people who were needing it most were the elderly and disabled. It also started as being just groceries, and now you can have pretty much anything delivered to your door. Through everything, I have the main skill of communication. I always make it a habit to have one small conversation with someone everywhere I go and help make their day better.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? I've learned that there is so much more work to be done — whether it's driving the train at RockHounds games and making kids happy, talking to teenagers contemplating suicide or bringing groceries to someone who can't leave their house. But regardless of what I'm doing, it's the reaction that's always the same. The laughter, the smiles, the sound of the sigh of relief on the line — I can't explain the feeling of it.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? It's become more than volunteering or donating. My heart is fully invested in what I'm doing and the lives I want to help, to the point that it makes me emotional at times. I know I can't help and save everyone and everything, but I will always do what I can ... I'm giving back to them.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I was born and raised in Midland; I'm and proud to call this my home. I always told myself I would give back to Midland what it gave to me, which was a happy upbringing, a lifetime of memories, and most of all, because I see the hearts of my mother and father. My father is retired, but he was an educator and principal for 36 years, and my mother has been an educator for 43 years. Midland is where I learned respect, morals and manners, and it's one of the few places that people still do the small wave of hello when passing on the street. My parents chose to stay here and raise my siblings and me, and I fully trust their reasons on why they chose to. I plan to stay here and continue to learn from them, and also because I still plan to join the Midland Police Department.

"MELISSA LOVES MAKING MEMORIES FOR CHILDREN"

Melissa represents a couple of the things that are so great about Midland as she embodies the spirit of entrepreneurship and community involvement.

Melissa built her business from nothing into a great service for people in the Permian Basin. No surprise to anyone who knows her, she is always commended on customer service and has grown a lot through referrals. That speaks volumes about her character. Melissa is someone who any entrepreneur in the Basin can look up to as an example of how hard work and a service mindset can grow a successful business.

I met Melissa at a RockHounds game shortly after moving to Midland. She had worked in all different positions at the ballpark since she was 16, but her favorite job was driving the train for kids and families at the games. Melissa loved doing it so much that even after she started Southern Class Delivery — which is a 24/7 service — she would call me to volunteer to drive a couple of nights a year. I believe Melissa loved being the train conductor not because it was a fun paycheck, but because she loves serving families and making memories for children.

Morgan Halpert,
director of sales for Midland RockHounds

"SHE IS A BIG HELP TO OUR COMMUNITY"

Melissa is kind-hearted and treats everyone with respect and as a friend. She cares more about helping people and making people happy and is always willing to help anyone out.

She has friends everywhere she goes and makes a difference in the people of our community with everything she does.

I know at one point she wanted to be a police officer, and her heart holds a special place for them. She is great with kids, especially her soccer kids.

She has people reach her from out of town to help their loved ones with groceries and things they need and aren't able to get.

She is a big help to our community and to the Permian Basin.

Aaron Luna, *friend and customer*

TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING MIDLANDER, VISIT

Human Energy
Fuels Our Community
Chevron supports Midland.
Chevron
Human Energy™

Tech toys can educate while kids play

By Bree Folwer
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Looking for a cool tech gift for a kid in your life?

There's no shortage of fun and fairly educational items these days. New toys for the holidays include little robot friends full of personality and magnetic blocks that snap together to teach the basics of computer programing.

Here are some toys designed to keep kids entertained without sacrificing on education:

Hands-on tech

Tablet screens and apps haven't gone away, but they're just not enough on their own. With these toys, kids can create and build with their hands, not just a tablet.

■ **Osmo.** As kids arrange magnetic blocks or puzzle pieces, their creations show up on the iPad thanks to a mirror attached to the tablet's camera. By arranging blocks, for instance, kids put together lines of code to guide an on-screen monster. Another game teaches entrepreneurial and math skills by letting kids run their own pizza shop. The base set costs $30. You then buy add-ons, such as coding for $50 and the pizza business for $40. It works only with iPads for now.

■ **Makey Makey.** You connect one end to a computer's USB port and the other to any material that conducts electricity, such as coins or even a banana. Kids can then turn bananas into keyboards and pencil drawings into controls for video games. The basic set costs $25, though for $50, you get additional clips and connector wires.

■ **Meccano sets.** This is for the tween or young teen who is handy with a wrench and has a lot of time. Even the trio of smaller Micronoids sets ($40) require a decent amount of time and significant motor skills. The larger models, such as the $140 Meccanoid 2.0, can take the better part of a day to construct. Once assembled, these robots can be programed to dance, play games and interact with each other.

■ **Illumicraft.** Don't let the girly colors or rainbow stickers turn you off. The $20 kit combines science and crafting to introduce basic circuitry. Projects include light-up diaries, jewelry organizers, smartphone speakers and picture frames.

■ **Code This Drone.** Software company Tynker and drone maker Parrot have joined forces to create this kit, which includes a drone and a one-year subscription to Tynker's education service. The kit costs $100 to $150 depending on the drone selected. It teaches the basics of coding through games played with an app-controlled mini drone. Kids can program their own flight plan of flips and turns, or build their own game to send an on-app through an obstacle course, as the real drone mirrors the movements.

Coding for pre-schoolers?

Parents with dreams of future high-tech careers are eager for their children to learn computer programming. And some toy makers say it's never too early to introduce coding concepts, even if a child is still in diapers.

■ **Think & Learn Code-a-Pillar.** Kids as young as 3 can write code by snapping together a $50 toy caterpillar. Each section signifies a command, such as "go straight" or "play sounds." Hit the execute button to send the toy crawling in the chosen order. Older kids can program Code-a-Pillar to reach targets placed across a room, or send it through an obstacle course of their own creation. While the kids aren't learning a coding language, the toy does try to teach cause and effect, as well as problem solving.

■ **Coji.** As its name implies, this $60 mini robot teaches pre-readers to code with emojis. It also reacts when you tilt or shake it, and you can control it with your phone or tablet.

■ **Code & Go Robot Mouse Activity Set.** With this $60 toy, kids build a maze with plastic squares and dividers, then program their mouse to make its way through to the cheese at the end.

Robots with personality

Kids want more than robots they can guide with a remote or smartphone. Kids want personality, a little friend to whom they can relate and who recognizes them.

■ **Cozmo.** This $180, palm-sized robot is expressive, adorable and fun to play with. A team of animators designed more than 500 reactions for the robot to pick from when it sees someone it recognizes, wins or loses a game, or completes a task. The result is a very cute and human-like buddy — think Pixar's Wall-E.

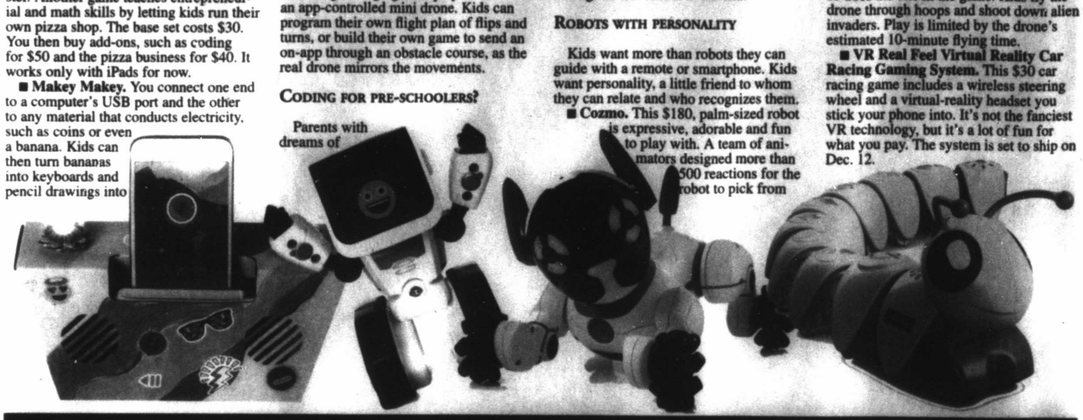
■ **CHiP.** This $200 robot doggie cuddles, plays fetch and follows you around your house. When he's close to running out of juice, he even heads over to his charging pad and parks himself. This little guy is very loud when he zips around the room, so apartment-dwellers with hardwood floors might want to invest in a rug.

Additional realities

"Pokemon Go" isn't the only way kids can play with augmented reality, the blending of the real and virtual worlds. And there are toys that make virtual reality affordable.

■ **Air Hogs Connect: Mission Drone.** With this $150 system, kids use an app to fly an included drone over a sensor pad that, combined with a phone or tablet's camera, places the drone into the game on the screen. As the physical drone moves, so does the one in the game. Kids fly the drone through hoops and shoot down alien invaders. Play is limited by the drone's estimated 10-minute flying time.

■ **VR Real Feel Virtual Reality Car Racing Gaming System.** This $30 car racing game includes a wireless steering wheel and a virtual-reality headset you stick your phone into. It's not the fanciest VR technology, but it's a lot of fun for what you pay. The system is set to ship on Dec. 12.



IllumiCraft Light Up! Coji CHiP Code-a-Pillar

Educational toys get back to basics

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toys that teach aren't a new thing, but a growing number are calling for kids to build with blocks, circuits or everyday items before reaching for a tablet screen.

Play is how kids learn about the world around them, whether it's a toddler throwing a ball or teens playing video games. It's about seeing how things work and what happens when they do something. And over the years, toys have gotten more high tech to keep screen-obsessed children engaged with such play.

But there's growing worry among parents and educators that toys are moving too far in that direction. Educational toys that have a math and science bent — marketed under the umbrella of STEM — are now trying to get back to the basics: less screen time, more hands-on activities.

"When kids use their hands, your outcomes are much higher," said Pramod Sharma, CEO of one such toy company, Osmo. "It's very different than if they're just staring at a screen watching TV."

With Osmo, kids learn everything from spelling to coding not by touching a screen, but by snapping together magnetic blocks. A screen is still part of it; an image is beamed onto an iPad through its camera. But the idea is to have kids learn first with their hands, then see their creation move to the screen.

Learn by building

Educators agree that whether you're talking about a toddler playing with blocks, or a teen building a computer from scratch, the act of putting something together helps educational concepts sink in.

"The way the world comes to us is actually through tactile activities, so tactile toys where we build stuff are incredible helpful," said Karen Sobel-Lojeski, who studies the effects of technology on children's brain development at Stony Brook University on Long Island, New York.

Bloxels attempts to bridge the physical and the digital. Kids build their own video games by putting plastic blocks in a special tray, instead of writing out code. Using a phone or tablet's camera, an app transforms the shapes created with the blocks into digital characters and scenery.

Makey Makey, a startup founded by a pair of MIT students, asks kids to come up with their own electronic creations by combining software, circuits and everyday items like bananas and doughnuts.

Good, but popular?

Sobel-Lojeski said toys are most educational when kids can learn how things work by building. But Juli Lennett, a toy industry analyst at NPD, said such toys are rarely on kids' wish lists.

On the other hand, tech toys that have subtle educational value, but aren't specifically marketed as such, can be strong sellers. Lennett cites Fisher-Price's Think & Learn Code-a-Pillar, which introduces basic coding concepts by letting preschoolers assemble segments that each tells the caterpillar to do something different, such as "turn left" or "play sound."

"I'm not sure that kids are asking for it, or that their parents just want their kids to go to Harvard, but it's definitely one of the top-selling toys this holiday," Lennett said.

Tracy Achinger, a former automotive engineer in Shelby Township, Michigan, said her 8-year-old son got interested in coding after starting computer programing classes this year. So for Christmas, she's buying him an Ozobot, a golf ball-sized robot that kids can program by drawing different colored lines or using a kid-friendly, block-based programing language.

Tech has its limits

Achinger's 3-year-old son will be getting an iPad this year. She said she isn't against screen time, but believes parents need to keep an eye on what their kids are watching and playing. She said her older son has been playing creative games such as "Minecraft" for a few years.

"We try to keep it educational," Achinger said. "I really think those kinds of games get their imaginations going as they create their own worlds."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently revised its guidelines to shift the emphasis away from banning screen time and toward balancing high-quality content with non-screen activities.

That doesn't mean every toy with a screen is educational. Barbie has her own smart home in the form of the voice-activated and Wi-Fi-connected Hello Dreamhouse. And new versions of Elmo, Furby and the Cabbage Patch Kids have apps, which Lennett said are often more about branding than learning.

Sobel-Lojeski said slapping an app on a previously low-tech toy can backfire. Instead of letting the child imagine how a particular toy would talk or behave, the app fills in those holes.

"It cuts the child off from play that is much more important for development," she said.

Some of the drive for tech in toys comes from parents who believe that the younger their kids are exposed to technology, the more prepared they will be for a lucrative career someday.

But Sobel-Lojeski said Albert Einstein came up with breakthroughs without ever touching a computer, let alone tech toys at a young age.

"We can easily be tricked into thinking that all this stuff is going to make our kids more intelligent or better scientists and that's just not true," she said.

Resist the screen

Companies that make computers for kids also see the value in a construction element.

Kano shows kids how to build their own computers in a kid-friendly storybook format.

Kano co-founder Alex Klein said he had to resist suggestions to just put Kano into app form and skip the computer construction all together. He said the act of building a computer was key because it "created a huge sense of energy and momentum for what followed on screen."

But Klein said screens aren't going away anytime soon.

"You can't compete with screens with kids," he said. "So, for us it's not about trying to push against what this next generation thinks is good or likes. It's about providing a new angle on it that's more creative."

This image released by Turner Classic Movies shows FilmStruck, a new subscription streaming service for classic films, displayed on multiple devices. Actor Simon Helberg, who co-stars in "Florence Foster Jenkins," and on the TV series, "The Big Bang Theory," suggests The Criterion Collection as a perfect gift for the fellow movie lover this holiday season. A streaming subscription on FilmStruck runs from $10.99 a month.

Turner Classic Movies via AP

Directors, stars reveal what they'd buy for a film buff

By Lindsey Bahr and Mike Cidoni Lennox
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Buying that perfect gift for a film buff can be a vexing task, so we went right to the heart of Hollywood to get tips on the creative ways in which some directors and stars might enchant a fellow movie lover this holiday season.

Damien Chazelle: The "Whiplash" and "La La Land" director reached back to his own filmmaking roots and recommended a Bolex camera, like the kind he used to make movies on. "To me, that's about returning to the basics. You just put a camera on your shoulder, you go out on the street, there's no sound, you just film whatever you see," Chazelle said. "Yeah, you can do it on your phone now, but I love the analog, I love the old fashioned, rusty old cameras. Maybe no one else does but I'd give them that." Vintage Bolex cameras can run around $400 on eBay.

Gugu Mbatha-Raw: In honor of its 70th anniversary, the "Miss Sloane" star said she'd go with Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

"For me, for Christmas, that's just the ultimate to be able to watch that movie. It's so uplifting. That would be my gift," she said. "It's so beautiful, it's such a classic and as I say, it's really an inspiring story about family. I think it's lovely." The 60th Anniversary edition is available on DVD for $17.85.

Alden Ehrenreich: He may only be 26 years old, but the "Rules Don't Apply" star has a passion for all things old Hollywood. He said he'd buy George Stevens Jr.'s "Conversations with the Great Moviemakers of Hollywood's Golden Age " and its companion book "The Next Generation."

"It's all these filmmakers like Fred Zinneman and William Wyler and Billy Wilder going to AFI and lecturing to people in the '60s and '70s when they're at the end of their careers. But the students they're talking to are these sort of radical hippie young college students so the conversations are really, really interesting," Ehrenreich said. "It's insight into the way that people like George Cukor and John Ford work that is more contemporary than you usually get from those guys."

Robert Zemeckis: "I would definitely get them a library of classic cinema ... anything that the great American directors directed," said the "Allied" director. Among his favorites are Alfred Hitchcock, John Ford, Frank Capra and Stanley Kubrick. The TCM-curated FilmStruck might not be a bad first stop (from $6.99/month).

Lily Collins: Collins, who also stars in "Rules Don't Apply," said she likes physical gifts that can double as art. "I have a collection of vintage film cameras and old film strips and old film reels in my apartment and I've given them as gifts if I find a really hard to find, rare one," she said.

Lucas Hedges: The "Manchester by the Sea" star said he'd gift some of his personal favorites, including Thomas Vinterberg's "The Celebration," as well as the John Carney musical "Sing Street" and its retro 80s soundtrack (available on CD and Vinyl).

Pablo Larrain: It might not be the easiest on the list, but the "Jackie" director said his ideal gift for someone would be to arrange a screening of a silent movie with a full orchestra. "I saw 'Metropolis' like that," he said. "It was awesome."

Simon Helberg: Helberg, who co-stars in "Florence Foster Jenkins," thinks that one can't go wrong with The Criterion Collection.

"I feel like if I could just sit there and clear a few months to watch all of their films, I'd be a much better off, much smarter, much more cultured person," Helberg said.

Criterion Collection films and box sets are available for individual purchase (new releases include Blu-ray editions of "Breathless," "Punch-Drunk Love" and "McCabe & Mrs. Miller"), or to stream on the subscription site FilmStruck (from $10.99/month).

The Uptown Midland BPW has a rich history of leadership and community involvement.

We invite you to learn more about us, and to consider joining us! Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women
MidlandBPW.com

52 FACES OF COMMUNITY

To nominate a Face of Community, please visit mrt.com/52Faces

PRESENTED BY CHEVROLET AND THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

MONDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 28, 2016

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

		5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	CMA Country Christmas Join in a celebration of the holiday season. (N)			Conviction "Bad Deals" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Kevin Can Wait	Man Plan "Pilot"	Couple (N)	Scorpion "The Old College Try"		CBS 7 News		(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Clumsy Clown"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham (N)		Lucifer "Quid Pro Ho" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	First Fruits of Zion	Update News	Mani Erfan	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Housecall	Restore Zion	Sounds of Shofar
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "Live Top 10 Performances" The top ten artists perform in front of the coaches. (N)			Timeless "Space Race" (N)			NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop Early rock 'n' roll legends reunite on stage.			Get Down Tonight Bringing back disco with performances by disco legends.				Newsline		Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SVU "Street Revenge"		SVU "Father Dearest"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(5:15) Jersey Girl		(:05) ★★ Six Days, Seven Nights				★★★ Good Morning, Vietnam				(:05) Tapeheads	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	Patria O Muerte (N)		M.Castro	(:45)	AVPR: Aliens vs. Pred...		(:20) Westworld		Y.Ullman	(:50) Boxing
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(4:30) Straight Out...		Westworld (N)		Divorce	Insecure	(:05) ★★ Bride Wars				(:35) ★★★ Jurassic World	
HBO5		304	552	16	102		Insurgent ('15, Sci-Fi) Shailene Woodley.				Eddie the Eagle			Making	Underfire		(:15) The 33	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:40) Entourage Adrian Grenier.		(:25) Search Party				★★ The Witches of Eastwick				★★★ The Cell	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:10) ★★★ Field of Dreams Kevin Costner.				★★ Vacation Ed Helms.			(:40)	★★ Raising Arizona		(:15) Spring	(:50) Spring
PLEX				96			(5:20) For Keeps?		★★ Love Field			(:55)	★★★ Chances Are			(:40)	★★ Sabrina	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	The Affair		Shame. "Ouroboros"		The Affair		Shame. "Ouroboros"		The Affair		★ Zero Days	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) The D Train		★★ Punch-Drunk Love			(:35)	Ask Me Anything			(:15)	★★ Clerks II ('06, Com) Kevin Smith.	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift"		The First 48		The First 48: Deadly Dealings		The First 48: Deadly Dealings "Silenced"		(:05) Live PD: Rap Sheet (N)		(:05) The First 48	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) ★★★ Jumanji		Robin Williams.		★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York						★★★ Liar Liar Jim Carrey.	
BET		58	-		40		Browns	(:50) Martin	(:25) Martin		To Be Announced		(:05) Martin	(:35) Martin	(:05)	★ To Be Announced		
BRAVO		65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		Atlanta
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Billion Dollar Buyer		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Dollar Buyer		Profit "Los Gemelos"	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Outlaws "OH-HI-NO"		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		(:05) Street Outlaws		(:05) Street Outlaws	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	C'mas Light Fight		C'mas Light Fight		Underc.	Bizaard.	Lodge	StuckMid	Liv/Mad	Friends	Girl M.	Austin
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	(5:00) Countdown (L)		(:15) NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Philadelphia Eagles (L)						(:20) SportsCenter			
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Atlantis Showcase (L)				30 for 30 "Phi Slama Jama"			30Shorts	E:60 Profile		30 for 30	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Cookie Challenge (N)		Cake Wars (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Cake Wars	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Fred Claus		★★★ The Holiday ('06, Rom) Kate Winslet, Cameron Diaz.						The 700 Club		★★★ Scrooged	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Sport-aDay (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues Site: Scottrade Center -- St. Louis, Mo. (L)					Stars Live (L)	Halls of Fame	Cowboys/ Conf.	Texans Press	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ American R...		★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Adam Sandler.				★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Adam Sandler.				★ American Reuni...	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ On the Twel...		★ Once Upon a Holiday Briana Evigan.						★ A Very Merry Mix-Up Alicia Witt.		★ 12 Gifts of Chris...	
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	House	House	T.Luxury	T.Luxury	T.Luxury	T.Luxury	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	T.Luxury	T.Luxury
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Grey's "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"		Grey's Anatomy "Enough Is Enough"		Grey's A..."Make Me Lose Control"				Grey's Anatomy "Deny, Deny, Deny"		Grey's Anatomy "Bring the Pain"		Grey's Anatomy "Enough Is Enough"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow				The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:00) Mixed M Arts		Mixed Martial Arts World Series of Fighting								Premier Review (N)	EPL Soccer		
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ Indiana Jo...		★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark Harrison Ford.						(:35) ★ Annabelle ('14, Hor) Annabelle Wallis.			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	People of Earth (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Full Frontal	Conan Joel McHale, Kate Mara		People of Earth	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Badass & B...		★ Always For Plea...		(:15) Bombay Beach				(:45) ★★★★ Grey Gardens			Movie
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		Sin Senos Sí Hay Par		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Sin senos no paraiso	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Couponing	OutDaughtered "The Quints' First Year"		Daughter "Catching Up with the Quints"		OutDaughtered "All Eyes on Hazel"		OutDaughtered "The Quints' First Year"		Daughter "Catching Up with the Quints"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(4:00) ★★★ U.S. Marshals		★★★ The Departed Leonardo DiCaprio. Working for the State Police and the Irish Mafia, two men go undercover to get evidence.						(:15) ★★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes.			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Not So Fast"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Under the Radar"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) ★★★ Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.			
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	★★ Inside Man ('06, Thril) Denzel Washington. A thief sets out to execute the perfect bank robbery, matching wits with a detective.						★★ Inside Man (2006, Thriller) Clive Owen, Jodie Foster, Denzel Washington.			

Centers for children & families

Providing counseling for those in need, for children and adults, regardless of level of income. Counseling emphasizes support and healing of individuals and families.

3701 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79703
432.570.1084
www.centerstx.org

Casa de Amigos
HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES
United Way
1101 E. Garden Ln., Midland, TX 79701
432-682-9701
casadeamigosmidland.org

SENIOR LINK MIDLAND
Older Adults & Baby Boomers Volunteer here to meet your needs
Call Today
432-689-6693
SeniorLinkMidland.org

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
"Change the Path of a Pet's Life"
4206 W. Loop 250 - Midland, TX 79707 (Inside PetSmart)
432-520-3134 ext. 7
www.midlandhumane.org
LIKE us on Facebook

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland Texas
Big Brothers Big Sisters
714 W. Louisiana Ave. Midland, Texas 79701
432-687-0195

CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children
CASA OF WEST TEXAS
1611 W Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1114

MARC Empowering Lives
Offering opportunities for children and adults with disabilities
2701 North A Street
Midland, TX
432.695.9901

Your donation will ensure every foster child from Midland receives a Christmas gift!
midland county child welfare board
Discover more at midlandchildwelfare.com

THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD
The Salvation Army
300 S Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
432-683-3614
www.salvationarmymidland.org

MIDLAND NEED TO READ
ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM
Enhancing the lives of Midland County adults through literacy
info@midlandneedtoread.org
432-682-9693
1709 W. Wall St.
Midland, Texas 79701

Midland Habitat for Humanity ReSTORE
Call for donation pick-up.
Come shop our store.
Open to the public.
Tues.-Sat.
8:30-4:30.
305 E. Texas
432-682-9606

Fingerprints are not foolproof digital keys

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — It sounds like a great idea: Forget passwords, and instead lock your phone or computer with your fingerprint. It's a convenient form of security — though it's also perhaps not as safe as you'd think.

In their rush to do away with problematic passwords, Apple, Microsoft and other tech companies are nudging consumers to use their own fingerprints, faces and eyes as digital keys. Smartphones and other devices increasingly feature scanners that can verify your identity via these "biometric" signatures in order to unlock a gadget, sign into web accounts and authorize electronic payments.

But there are drawbacks: Hackers could still steal your fingerprint — or its digital representation. Police may have broader legal powers to make you unlock your phone. And so-called "biometric" systems are so convenient they could lull users into a false sense of security.

"We may expect too much from biometrics. No security systems are perfect," said Anil Jain, a computer science professor at Michigan State University who helped police unlock a smartphone by using a digitally enhanced ink copy of the owner's fingerprints.

Bypassing the password

Biometric security seems like a natural solution to well-known problems with passwords. Far too many people choose weak and easily-guessed passwords like "123456" or "password." Many others reuse a single password across online accounts, all of which could be hacked if the password is compromised. And of course some use no password at all when they can get away with it, as many phones allow.

As electronic sensors and microprocessors have grown cheaper and more powerful, gadget makers have started adding biometric sensors to familiar products.

Apple's iPhone 5S, launched in 2013, introduced fingerprint scanners to a mass audience, and rival phone makers quickly followed suit. Microsoft built biometric capabilities into the latest version of its Windows 10 software, so you can unlock your PC by briefly looking at the screen. Samsung touts an iris-scanning system in its latest Galaxy Note devices.

All those systems are based on the notion that each user's fingerprint — or face, or iris — is unique. But that doesn't mean they can't be reproduced.

Lifting fingerprints, faking faces

Jain, the Michigan State researcher, proved that earlier this year when a local police department asked for help unlocking a fingerprint-protected Samsung phone. The phone's owner was dead, but police had the owner's fingerprints on file. Jain and two associates made a digital copy of the prints, enhanced them and then printed them out with special ink that mimics the conductive properties of human skin.

"We tried the right thumb, and it worked right away," Jain said.

Researchers at the University of North Carolina, meanwhile, fooled some commercial face-detection systems by using photos they found on the social media accounts of test subjects. They used the photos to create a three-dimensional image, enhanced with virtual reality algorithms. The spoof didn't work every time, and the researchers found it could be foiled by cameras with infrared sensors. (The Microsoft face-recognition system uses infrared-capable cameras for extra precision.)

But some experts believe any biometric system can be cracked with sufficient determination. All it takes are simulated images of a person's fingerprint, face or even iris pattern. And if someone manages that, you can't exactly change your fingerprint or facial features as you would a stolen password.

To make such theft more difficult, biometric-equipped phones and computers typically encrypt fingerprints and similar data and store them locally, not in the "cloud" where hackers might lift them from company servers. But many biometrics can be found elsewhere. You might easily leave your fingerprint on a drinking glass, for instance. Or it might be stored in a different database; Jain pointed to the 2015 computer breach at federal Office of Personnel Management, which compromised the files — including fingerprints — of millions of federal employees.

Compelled to unlock

Most crooks won't go to that much trouble. But some experts have voiced a different concern — that biometrics could undermine important legal rights.

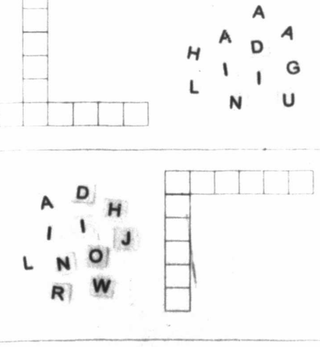
U.S. courts have ruled that authorities can't legally require individuals to give up their pass-

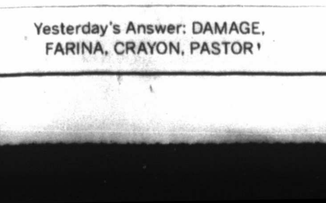
Please see FINGERPRINTS/4B

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.





© 2016 Bananagrams, dist. by King Features Syndicate • www.worldwinks.com/bananagrams

Yesterday's Answer: DAMAGE, FARINA, CRAYON, PASTOR

11.28

Study: 47 percent of world's population uses internet

By Adam Taylor
Washington Post

A new report from a United Nations agency says that 47 percent of the world's people now use the internet — an increase from just one year ago, when the same agency estimated that just over 43 percent of the global population were internet users. However, the study, released Tuesday by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), also discovered serious geographic and economic disparities in who uses the internet.

The 2016 Measuring the Information Society Report found that 79.1 percent of Europeans were internet users, for example, the highest of any geographic region in the world, followed by 66.6 percent of people in the Americas and the Commonwealth of Independent States (a regional organization comprised of a number of former Soviet Republics, including Russia). But on the other end of the scale, only 25.1 percent of African citizens are using the internet, the report found, compared to 41.6 percent of Asia and 41.9 of Arab states.

Contrasting from country to country, the disparity in internet users can be especially stark. Iceland had the highest levels of internet use, with 98.2 percent, followed closely by a number of northern European nations such as Luxembourg (97.3 percent), Norway (96.8 percent) and Denmark (96.3 percent).

But in some countries, internet users were a tiny fraction of the population. Just 2.2 percent of Niger's citizens are internet users, the report estimated, followed by Chad (2.7 percent), Guinea-Bissau (3.5 percent) and Congo (3.8 percent). The ITU was unable to estimate internet users in some countries, including the restrictive regimes of North Korea and Eritrea.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the report found that richer countries tend to use the internet more than poorer nations. Eighty-one percent of the population in developed nations were internet users, versus just 15.2 percent of the population of the least-developed countries. In the United States, 74.6 percent of the population use the internet — a high figure internationally, but lower than in many other wealthy nations.

There are now 3.9 billion people in the world who do not use the internet, the study found, and in addition to being poorer, they tend to be disproportionately less educated, rural, elderly and female. The report suggested that "broader socio-economic factors" — in particular education levels — may need to be addressed if the United Nations wants to reach its target of having 60 percent of the world's population online by 2020.

In its report, the ITU also looked at a number of other variables in access to the internet. It found that, despite the fact that more than half of the world's people were not internet users, 84 percent of the global population lived in an area where mobile-broadband is available. One problem may be access to internet-enabled devices — in some low-income countries, between 20 and 40 percent of the population still does not have a phone.

In a country such as South Sudan, there are just 23.9 mobile phone subscriptions for each 100 people, the ITU found. In Burundi, only 1.2 percent of households have a computer. The report also noted that cost can be a factor for internet access in many countries — a fixed-broadband plan with a minimum of one gigabyte of data per month corresponds, on average, to more than 60 percent of gross national income per capita in the world's least-developed countries.

The ITU's annual Measuring the Information Society Report uses a variety of these indicators to create an index for information and communications technology (ICT) around the world. The agency found that South Korea topped the index for the second year in a row, with the rest of the top 10 filled out by two other Asia-Pacific countries and seven European countries.

Overall, there was an improvement over the last year's index, with some countries, including St. Kitts and Nevis and Burma, dramatically improving their ICT development over the last year. However, others languished: Chad and Niger came in 174 and 175 respectively this year, swapping their positions last year at the very bottom of the table.

Internet is more hostile place for women than for men, report finds

A new report on online harassment highlights how the internet can be a more hostile place for women than for men.

Women are more likely to be distressed by the harassment they face online and to self-censor themselves, according to the report published last week by researchers at Data & Society.

The study found that nearly half of American internet users have been targeted by some form of online harassment. While men and women experienced harassment at the same rates, women were more likely to face "more serious violations," according to the report.

For instance, 1 in 10 female internet users said they have faced sexual harassment online vs. 1 in 20 male internet users, according to the survey on which the report is based. Women were also more likely to be harassed over long periods of time and subjected to damaging rumors.

That's one reason women have a more harrowing experience online, according to Amanda Lenhart, the paper's lead author.

"The tactics applied more often to harassment of women are more varied, longer-lasting and often designed to provoke fear," she said.

"In many cases, the harassment more often aimed at women has further-reaching repercussions - personal, financial and professional," Lenhart said.

Women who said they faced online harassment were "almost three times as likely as men to say the harassment made them feel scared," according to the study — and twice as likely to say it made them feel worried.

Men were more likely to say they weren't bothered by harassing behavior — and were less likely to describe what they experienced as harassment at all.

Of the people who said they went through some of the harassing behavior asked about in the survey, just 40 percent of men thought their experiences counted as "harassment or abuse" compared with 50 percent of women.

Some of that gap is because of the different types of behavior men and women experience online. But it's also connected to who has power in our culture at large, according to Lenhart.

"If you generally find yourself in a powerful subject position in your life, these experiences of harassment and abuse do not appear to have the same impact as they do on those who are more often subject to the power and control of others," she said.

Andrea Peterson
Washington Post

It takes less time, effort to stream apps than download

■ No need to clog your phone downloading apps when you can stream

By Olga Kharif
Bloomberg

Game developer Glu Mobile Inc. is working to let users play a future release by streaming it on their devices. No sifting through an app store to find it and no download required.

Applications are streamed by clicking a link on a mobile website, in a text or email message or through social media. The ability to access them without downloading is gaining the attention of companies like San Francisco-based Glu because, let's face it, it takes time and effort to search for and install apps. Almost half of smartphone users don't download a single app in any given month, and the average user downloads two, according to researcher ComScore Inc. One of the problems is there are just too many apps, even within games, and that's made it harder for people to find ones that interest them, said Richard Au, a senior technical director of a Glu studio.

Streaming "presents the experience of your app without all the barriers; that really helps with discovery and brand awareness," Au said. The ability to tap into apps through social media also boosts engagement, he said. Friends or Twitter celebrities might invite users to join them in games by clicking on a link.

Streaming could threaten the livelihood of app stores run by Apple and Google parent Alphabet Inc., both of which offer more than 2 million applications and take a cut of as much as 30 percent of an app's price.

That's a lot of money: Total app store revenue worldwide, excluding in-app ads, should reach $102 billion in 2020, up from $52 billion this year, according to researcher App Annie. And while fewer than 100 are enabled for streaming today, the number will climb to about 100,000 in five years, said Raul Castanon-Martinez, an analyst at 451 Research. He called that a conservative estimate.

"App streaming is certainly a very viable and very threatening future way of interacting with mobile content, mobile games and mobile apps," said Roger Entner, an analyst at researcher Recon Analytics. "It could very significantly impact app stores, especially if you have a blockbuster app. It's a huge revenue impact."

Take the summer phenom augmented-reality game Pokemon GO, for example. It drew almost 55 million users in July, according to ComScore.

AP file photo

TheSamsung Galaxy S5 is displayed at the Mobile World Congress on Feb. 25, 2014, in Barcelona, Spain. Leading tech companies are increasingly nudging consumers to use their own fingers, faces and eyes as digital key to unlock phones and other gadgets. But there are downsides. Hackers could still steal your fingerprint, or its digital representation. And police may have broader legal powers to make you unlock your phone.

FINGERPRINTS

From 3B

words, since the Fifth Amendment says you can't be forced to testify or provide incriminating information against yourself. In the last two years, however, judges in Virginia and Texas have ordered individuals to unlock their phones with their fingerprints.

There's a legal distinction between something you know, like a password, and something you possess, like a physical key or a fingerprint, said Marcia Hofmann, a San Francisco attorney who specializes in privacy and computer security. While you can't be forced to reveal the combination of a safe, she noted, the Supreme Court has said you can be required to turn over a physical key to unlock a door.

"Getting your thumb print or iris scan is not the same as making you speak," agreed Orin Kerr, a law professor at George Washington University.

"In practice it's another way of getting access to the computer, but through a very different means."

The issue hasn't been tested yet in higher courts, though it's likely just a matter of time.

Even with vulnerabilities, some analysts say the convenience of biometric locks is a plus — not least because it may give the password-averse another easy option to secure their devices. "It's bringing secure authentication to the masses," said Joseph Lorenzo Hall, a tech policy expert at the nonprofit Center for Democracy and Technology.

Others say the best approach would combine biometric systems with other protections, such as a strong password or PIN.

"It's good to see biometrics being used more, because it adds another factor for security," said Jain. "But using multiple security measures is the best defense."

healthy living

PAID CONTENT

To appear here call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Midland Reporter-Telegram account executive at 682-5311.

See into your own eyes now at Midland Eye Care

When your eye doctor is shining that bright light in your eye during an exam, do you ever wonder what he or she is seeing? Isn't it something you should know more about, especially if there are issues to deal with?

Dr. Sri Thota Spies at Midland Eye Care says her office's new optomap option lets you do just that, while giving her a much more complete view of your eye. That helps her do an even better job of evaluating your eye's health. Plus, since your eyeball gives the clearest view into your circulatory system, it also gives clues to other diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes and others.

A traditional eye exam, where the doctor peers directly into your eye with that bright light, only gives a narrow view of your eyeball. The optomap captures 80 percent or more, letting Dr. Thota get a much better picture of your eye's health. Plus, if she does see anything that needs attention, she can put it on the screen and let you see for yourself.

If you have an ongoing condition such as glaucoma or macular degeneration, there's yet another benefit. Dr. Thota can save the image on her computer in order to compare it with the image taken at your next appointment. That lets her monitor any changes and give you the information you need about your eye health.

It only takes a couple of minutes to get the image, and there's no puff of air—just a split-second flash of light as the machine's lasers record the image.

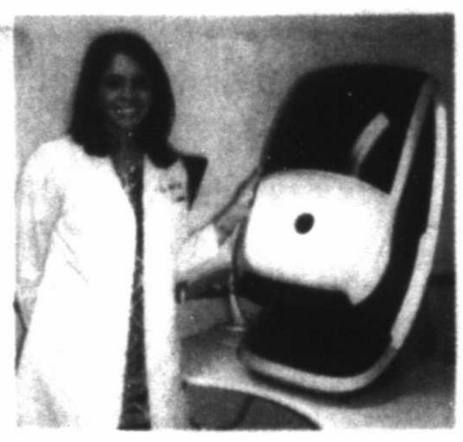
Doctor Thota's office has had this machine for several weeks and she says patients have really appreciated what it does. "They tell me they really like being able to see what I see. I can use this as a teaching tool."

What ages is it good for? All, really but here's the story of how its inventor came up with the idea. "In 1990 my five-year-old son Leif went blind in one eye because a retinal detachment was detected too late for treatment," says Douglas Anderson. The boy went in for regular eye exams, but, his father says, "Conventional tests were uncomfortable, especially for a small child. I sought to find a way to make retinal examinations easier."

The optomap also reduces the need for dilation. Even so, Dr. Thota cautions that if she detects a possible problem dilation will still be necessary in order to better identify the issue.

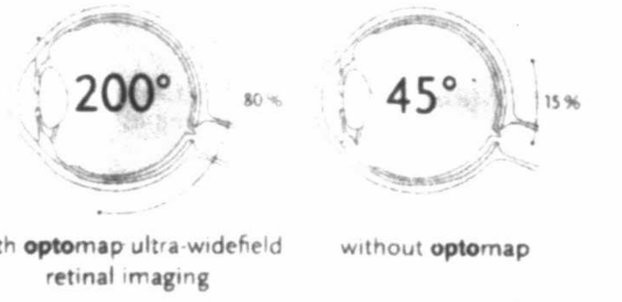
Don't put off an eye exam any longer. Call Midland Eye Care today to make an appointment.

Imagine Eyewear is located at 4400 N. Midland Drive #403, in the Cornerstone Shopping Center. Call them at 432-695-6259. Open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-F and by appointment on Saturday. For an eye exam call 432-218-4616 Se habla Español.



Right: Dr. Sri Thota Spies of Midland Eye Care (next to Imagine Eyewear) says patients appreciate being able to see firsthand any eye issues with the help of the optomap.

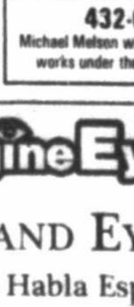
Below: This graphic, a cross section of the eyeball, reveals how much more is seen by the optomap.

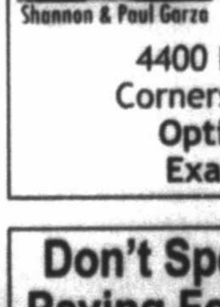


with optomap ultra-widefield retinal imaging — without optomap

Midland Family Care
Accepting New Patients

Most Insurance Accepted
3305 Andews Highway
620-0525
Lyden Odukwu M.D., P.A.

DENIED BENEFITS?
VA Pension Aid & Attendance Medicaid for nursing home care
I may be able to help! Please call today for your free consultation. I have been very successful in helping families who have been denied these benefits.

432-683-0796
Michael Melson with Melson and Associates works under the direction of attorneys.


Shannon & Paul Gerze
ImagineEyewear
MIDLAND EYE CARE
Se Habla Español
4400 N. Midland Drive #403
Cornerstone Shopping Center
Optical: 432-695-6259
Exams: 432-218-4616

AUDIO ACOUSTICS HEARING CENTERS, INC.
"Your Professionals for Better Hearing"
Specializing in Digital Hearing Aids and Industrial Hearing Conservation
689-4327
2101 N. Midland Dr, Ste. 4
Office Hours Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30
Orland Purcell, Au. D.
Ginger L. Peugh, Au. D.

Don't Spend All Your Savings Paying For Nursing Home Care

At The Ladyman Office for Senior Planning Services three generations of family help seniors keep their home & most assets & get Medicaid help for nursing home expenses.

Herman says he's ready for pressure of Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tom Herman smiled, raised his right hand for the "Hook'em Horns" sign and said all the right things Sunday to fire up the fan base as the new Texas coach.

All of that was to be expected. Now comes the hard parts: winning, competing for a Big 12 title and navigating the treacherous landscape both on and off the field of Longhorns football.

Herman landed on the Texas campus Sunday to turn around a program worn down by three consecutive losing seasons under Charlie Strong. In Herman, Texas President Greg Fenves and athletic director Mike Perrin hired arguably the hottest young coach in college football away from Houston.

"We will win championships," at Texas, Herman said, sounding the key note his new fans want to hear.

Herman lifted Houston with winning and public persona that pledged an "H-town takeover." He now inherits a Texas program laboring to return to the national elite. And he'll have to sooth some hurt feelings among the talented but young players who had pleaded a week earlier for Strong to stay.

Among them was junior running back D'Onta Foreman, who rushed for 2,028 yards and is considering turning pro.

Some of that started when Herman met with his new players Sunday afternoon. Herman said he knows many of the Texas players are close to Strong but added the "definition of insanity is doing the same thing over again."

"There will be change," Herman said.

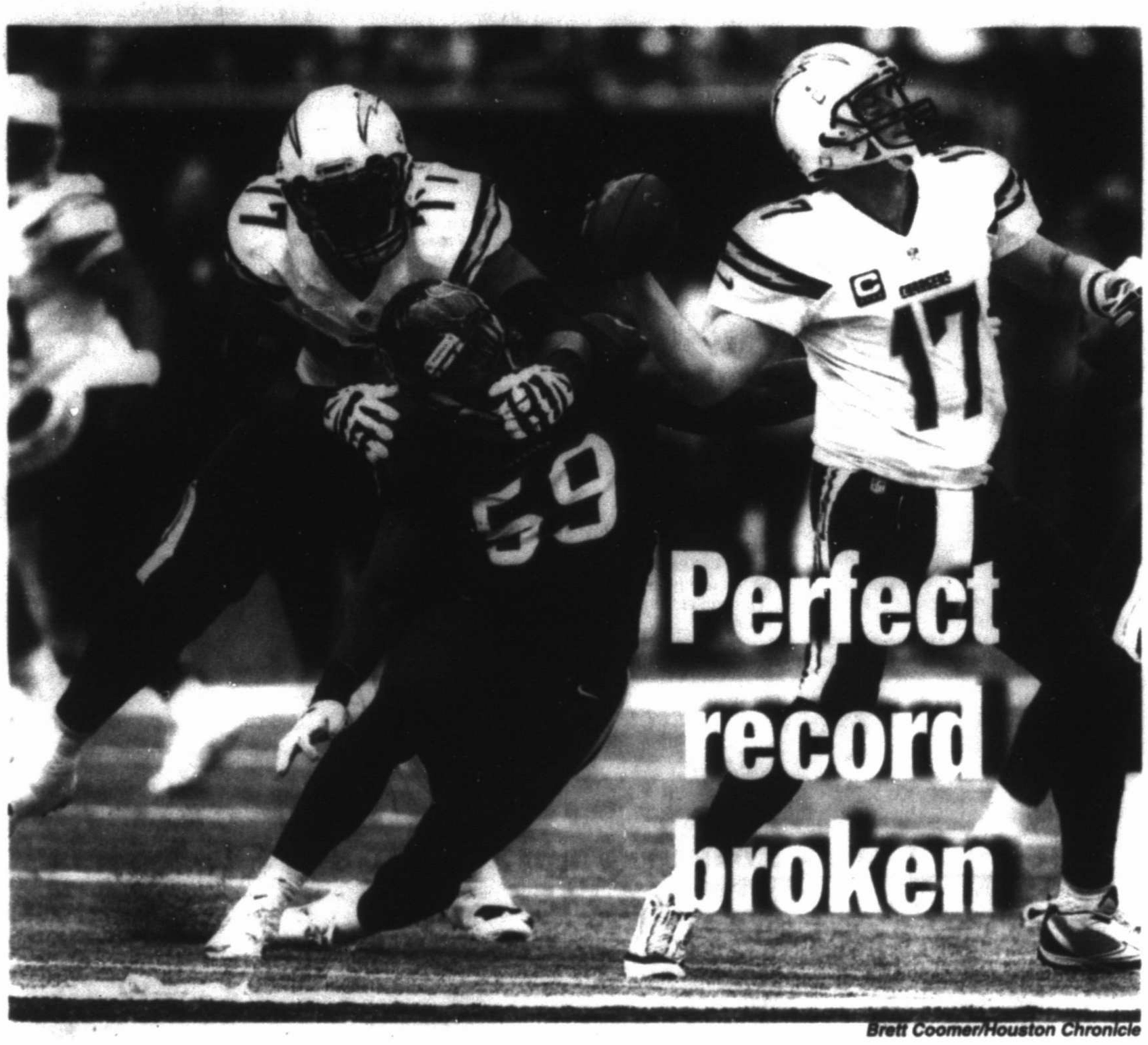
Herman will enjoy a whirlwind of early support that Strong never really got. Herman was hired so quickly after Strong was fired — within hours — that it demonstrated how unified school administrators and influential donors were in a desperate rush to snatch him up before anyone else did.

Fenves and Perrin acknowledged

Please see **TEXAS**/4C

Nikki Boertman/Associated Press

Houston head coach Tom Herman in the second half of an NCAA college game Friday in Memphis, Tenn.



Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers (17) gets off a pass as he is pressured by Houston Texans outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus (59) during the second quarter of an NFL game at NRG Stadium on Sunday in Houston.

Rivers tosses 3 TDs; Chargers beat Texans 21-13

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — San Diego's Philip Rivers read all week about the Texans being 5-0 at home. He decided the Chargers should be the ones to end their perfect record in Houston.

"I don't like getting caught up in too much bulletin-board stuff, but I liked that, the fact this team was unbeaten at home, so let's go change that," Rivers said. "It was in my head all week that we could stop the streak."

Rivers did just that, throwing for 242 yards and three touchdowns to give the Chargers a 21-13 win over the mistake-prone Texans on Sunday. Dontrelle Inman had 119 yards receiving and a touchdown to help San Diego (5-6) to the victory.

The Texans (6-5) were done in by four turnovers, including three interceptions by Brock Osweiler . He was so bad Sunday that coach Bill O'Brien was asked twice after the game if he'd considered benching him for backup Tom Savage.

O'Brien said he wouldn't be benched but didn't elaborate, and Osweiler took the blame for the loss.

"I need to play better for us to win," he said. "I feel like our team gave us the opportunity to win today and I didn't play up to what I'm capable of doing, and that's on me and I'll get that cleaned up."

The Chargers were up by four in the fourth quarter when Rivers evaded the rush and delivered a 25-yard pass to Inman. Kareem Jackson was flagged for unnecessary roughness for a helmet-to-helmet hit on the play, leaving San Diego at the 12-yard line. Rivers delivered a touchdown pass to rookie Hunter Henry on the next play to push the lead to 21-10.

Osweiler's second interception came after that when he badly overthrew C.J. Fiedorowicz and Dwight Lowery made the easy grab.

Houston added a field goal with 37 seconds left and recovered an onside kick. But Osweiler's first shot at the end zone was knocked down, and the second one was intercepted as time expired.

It was yet another shaky performance for Osweiler, who has struggled in his first year in Houston after leaving to Denver to sign a $72 million contract. He has 12 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. Despite his inconsistent play and a second straight loss, the Texans still have a ½ game lead on Tennessee in the weak AFC South .

Houston was driving in the third quarter when Lamar Miller fumbled at the end of a 20-yard run.

He was initially ruled down, but San Diego challenged the call and it was overturned. But it didn't matter much as an interception by Quintin Demps gave Houston the ball back four plays later.

The Texans had a first down at the 6-yard line on their next drive before the offense stalled and they settled for a 19-yard field goal to cut the lead to 14-10 early in the fourth quarter.

Rivers found a wide-open Inman for a 52-yard touchdown pass that tied it at 7 in the second quarter.

Osweiler was intercepted by Casey Hayward on the next drive, and San Diego took a 14-7 lead when Rivers connected with Tyrell Williams on a 21-yard scoring pass.

"Our defense has done an outstanding job ... of creating turnovers," San Diego coach Mike McCoy said. "We've made the most of those opportunities."

The Texans led 7-0 after a 1-yard touchdown run by Osweiler in the

Please see **TEXANS**/3C

Sunday's Week 12 NFL Scoreboard

Chargers	21	Saints	49
Texans	13	Rams	21
Falcons	38	Giants	27
Cardinals	19	Browns	13
Ravens	19	Buccaneers	14
Bengals	14	Seahawks	5
Dolphins	31	Raiders	35
49ers	24	Panthers	32
Bills	28	Patriots	22
Jaguars	21	Jets	17
Titans	27	Broncos	Late
Bears	21	Chiefs	

Ball helps No. 14 UCLA beat Texas A&M 74-67

By Jill Painter Lopez
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Lonzo Ball had 16 points and 10 assists to help No. 14 UCLA beat Texas A&M 74-67 on Sunday as the Bruins won the Wooden Legacy championship game.

Issac Hamilton scored all 17 of his points in the first half, to lead UCLA (7-0), which beat Portland, New Mexico and Texas A&M to win the title.

Ball, who was named the tournament's MVP, had 47 points and 28 assists over the three games.

Texas A&M (4-2) had a lead at 63-62 late in the second half, but was done in by turnovers and missed shots in the final minutes.

Admon Gilder led the Aggies with 17 points, and Tyler Davis added 16.

Ball missed six of his first seven shots but still founds ways to help the Bruins, especially as a facilitator. The UCLA guard set the tournament record for assists.

Big picture

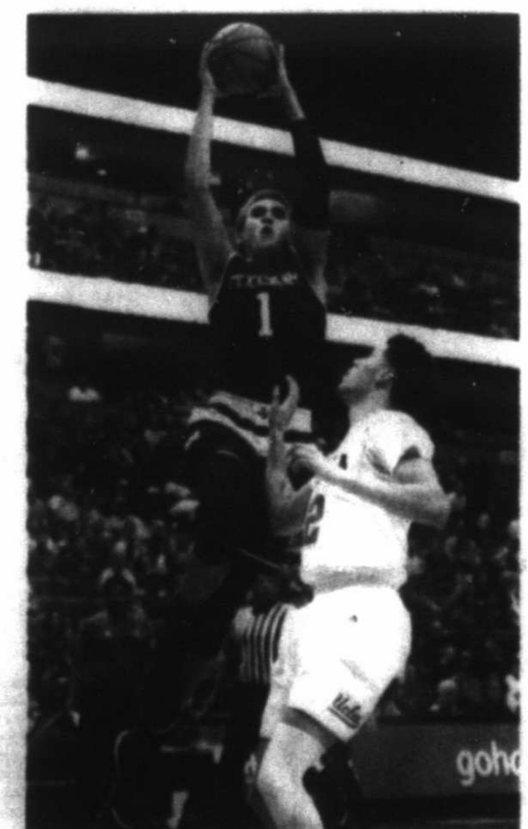
UCLA benefited from playing tournament games on the road, although its Wooden Legacy games in Fullerton and Anaheim aren't far from Westwood. Its first true road game will be Saturday at Rupp Arena, one of the toughest places to play in the country.

Texas A&M benefited by upsetting Virginia Tech in the semifinals and getting freshman forward Robert Williams more experience. He came off the bench and had a splendid tournament and dazzled with dunks

Up next

UCLA hosts UC Riverside on Wednesday before a difficult task playing at Kentucky — the top-ranked team in the country — on Saturday. UCLA then has a week off before hosting No. 25 Michigan on Dec. 10 at Pauley Pavilion.

Texas A&M returns home to College Station for three games: Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Denver and South Carolina State.



Jae C. Hong/Associated Press

Texas A&M's DJ Hogg, top, shoots over UCLA's Lonzo Ball during the first half of an NCAA college game in the Wooden Legacy tournament Sunday in Anaheim, Calif.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Men's College Basketball
Kentucky vs. Arizona State, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Minnesota at Florida State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Northwestern State at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC
Wake Forest at Northwestern, 8 p.m., ESPNU

National Basketball Association
Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

National Hockey League
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m., FSSW

Women's Soccer
U-20 WWC Semifinal: Korea DPR vs. USA, 11:50 p.m., FS1, NBCU
U-20 WWC Semifinal: France vs. Japan, 3:20 a.m., FS1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

Associated Press

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 19, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (61)	12-0	1525	1
2. Ohio St.	11-1	1456	2
3. Clemson	11-1	1383	4
4. Washington	11-1	1298	6
5. Michigan	10-2	1264	3
6. Wisconsin	10-2	1237	5
7. Oklahoma	9-2	1141	7
8. Penn St.	10-2	1118	8
9. Colorado	10-2	1035	9
10. Southern Cal	9-3	948	12
11. Oklahoma St	9-2	931	10
12. Florida St.	9-3	847	15
13. W. Michigan	12-0	807	14
14. West Virginia	9-2	726	19
15. Florida	9-3	471	13
16. Louisville	9-3	468	11
17. Stanford	9-3	452	NR
18. Auburn	8-4	423	16
19. Virginia Tech	9-3	420	NR
20. Navy	9-2	387	NR
21. LSU	7-4	336	25
22. Iowa	8-4	217	NR
23. Nebraska	9-3	181	17
24. Pittsburgh	8-4	168	NR
24. South Florida	10-2	168	NR

Others receiving votes: Houston 98, Boise St. 92, Utah 88, Washington St. 35, Texas A&M 33, Air Force 22, Temple 21, Tennessee 12, Troy 7, Miami 5, Georgia Tech 2, Tulsa 1

Amway

The Amway Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 19, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (64)	12-0	1600	1
2. Ohio State	11-1	1520	2
3. Clemson	11-1	1478	3
4. Washington	11-1	1388	5
5. Wisconsin	10-2	1298	6
6. Michigan	10-2	1265	4
7. Oklahoma	9-2	1223	7
8. Penn State	10-2	1156	8
9. Colorado	10-2	1116	9
10. Oklahoma State	9-2	1018	10
11. Southern California	9-3	965	12
12. Florida State	9-3	902	14
13. West Virginia	9-2	814	17
14. Western Michigan	12-0	659	18
15. Louisville	9-3	554	11
16. Florida	9-3	515	13
17. Stanford	9-3	474	NR
18. Virginia Tech	9-3	467	NR
19. Auburn	8-4	442	16
20. Navy	9-2	380	NR
21. LSU	7-4	315	NR
22. Nebraska	9-3	309	15
23. South Florida	10-2	237	NR
24. Utah	8-4	159	20
25. Iowa	8-4	114	NR

Others receiving votes: Boise St. 99, Houston 58, Pittsburgh 58, Washington State 44, Miami (Fla.) 34, Texas A&M 34, Temple 26, Tennessee 23, San Diego State 18, Air Force 12, Georgia Tech 9, North Carolina 9, Minnesota 6, Tulsa 5, Appalachian State 3, Western Kentucky 2, Middle Tennessee 1, Troy 1, Wyoming 1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Big 12 Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	8	0	382	241	9	2	488	328
Oklahoma St	7	1	311	224	9	2	444	299
West Virginia	6	2	268	196	9	2	367	260
Kansas St	5	3	245	223	7	4	356	256
TCU	4	4	244	218	6	5	374	303
Baylor	3	5	265	311	6	5	398	341
Texas	3	6	249	274	5	7	383	378
Texas Tech	3	6	241	282	5	7	324	322
Iowa St	2	7	265	299	3	9	332	376
Kansas	1	8	160	362	2	10	243	448

Southeastern Conference

East	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida	6	2	196	123	8	3	265	161
Tennessee	4	4	287	295	8	4	435	351
Georgia	4	4	167	192	7	5	286	269
Kentucky	4	4	185	237	7	5	372	374
South Carolina	3	5	126	168	6	6	231	298
Vanderbilt	3	5	162	162	6	6	282	271
Missouri	2	6	181	280	4	8	367	378
West								
	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	6	0	304	118	12	0	473	137
Auburn	5	3	210	147	8	4	387	187
LSU	5	3	218	141	7	4	311	180
Texas A&M	4	4	252	242	8	4	425	286
Arkansas	3	5	214	266	5	7	370	369
Mississippi St	3	5	234	272	5	7	378	397
Mississippi	2	6	234	296	5	7	391	408

American Athletic Conference

East Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	7	1	339	260	10	2	520	372
Temple	7	1	267	132	9	3	393	214
UCF	4	4	232	194	6	6	361	289
Cincinnati	3	4	136	147	4	8	232	328
East Carolina	1	7	207	322	3	9	324	433
UConn	1	7	117	245	3	9	178	337
West Division								
	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Navy	7	1	365	260	9	2	459	331
Tulsa	6	2	340	258	9	3	497	378
Houston	5	3	281	235	9	3	456	271
Memphis	5	3	291	249	8	4	474	324
SMU	3	5	253	327	5	7	332	435
Tulane	1	7	148	241	4	8	289	332

Conference USA

East Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
W. Kentucky	7	1	407	173	9	3	528	269
Old Dominion	6	2	299	231	8	4	418	348
Middle Tenn.	5	3	310	300	8	4	481	413
FIU	5	3	249	255	5	7	302	404
Charlotte	3	5	202	246	4	8	302	415
FAU	2	6	235	315	3	9	317	477
Marshall	2	6	162	256	3	9	317	423
West Division								
	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	6	2	354	235	8	4	528	367
UTSA	5	3	281	249	6	6	359	340
Southern Miss.	4	4	258	246	6	6	399	363
North Texas	3	5	194	282	5	7	291	386
UTEP	2	6	215	280	4	8	316	419
Rice	2	6	197	294	3	9	303	448

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Washington G Bradley Beal $15,000 for grabbing at the throat of Orlando G/F Evan Fournier in a game on Nov. 25.
CHICAGO BULLS — Recalled F/C Cristiano Felicio and G Jerian Grant and R-J Hunter from Windy City (NBADL).
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Recalled F Cheick Diallo from Austin (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed OT Sean Hickey to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned G Spencer Martin to San Antonio (AHL). DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Stephen Johns from Texas (AHL). Assigned F Brandon Tirondi and G Philippe Desrosiers from Texas to Idaho (ECHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Loaned G Martin Ouellette from Lehigh Valley (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned F Paul Carey to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Reassigned F Justin Kea to Elmira (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned G Nathan Lieuwen to Colorado (ECHL).
TEXAS STARS — Recalled D Brandon Anselmini and G Landon Bow from Idaho (ECHL).
ECHL
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Released G Kris Tebbs as emergency backup.
COLORADO EAGLES — Released G Julien Hernandez as emergency backup.
TOLEDO WALLEYE — Claimed G Steve Racine off waivers from Atlanta.
COLLEGE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC — Fired football coach Charlie Partridge.
LSU — Fired special teams coordinator Bradley Dale Peveto.
UCLA — Fired offensive coordinator Kennedy Polamalu.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	22	16	4	2	34	67	48
Ottawa	22	14	7	1	29	51	51
Tampa Bay	23	13	9	1	27	70	60
Boston	22	12	10	0	24	53	50
Florida	22	11	10	1	23	57	58
Toronto	21	9	8	4	22	66	69
Detroit	22	10	10	2	22	54	58
Buffalo	21	7	9	5	19	39	53
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	23	15	7	1	31	85	57
Pittsburgh	22	13	8	3	29	66	65
Washington	21	13	6	2	28	57	48
Columbus	20	11	5	4	26	62	47
New Jersey	21	10	6	5	25	53	55
Philadelphia	23	10	10	3	23	74	78
Carolina	21	9	8	4	22	52	56
N.Y. Islanders	25	6	10	4	16	49	63
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	23	14	6	3	31	66	59
St. Louis	22	12	7	3	27	58	60
Minnesota	21	11	7	3	25	58	42
Nashville	21	10	8	3	23	60	54
Dallas	22	9	8	5	23	57	72
Winnipeg	24	10	12	2	22	63	70
Colorado	20	9	10	1	19	44	56
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	23	12	9	2	26	68	59
Los Angeles	22	12	9	1	25	57	54
San Jose	22	12	9	1	25	52	48
Anaheim	22	10	8	4	24	57	54
Calgary	24	10	13	1	21	56	75
Vancouver	22	9	11	2	20	49	66
Arizona	20	8	10	2	18	50	63

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

Sunday's Scores
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 1
Winnipeg 3, Nashville 0
Arizona 2, Edmonton 1
Carolina 3, Florida 2
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Philadelphia 5, Calgary 3

Today's Games
Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Arizona at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct GB
Toronto	10	6	.625 —
Boston	9	7	.563 1
New York	8	8	.500 2
Brooklyn	4	12	.250 6
Philadelphia	3	13	.188 7½
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625 —
Charlotte	9	7	.563 1
Orlando	6	11	.353 4½
Washington	5	10	.333 4½
Miami	5	11	.313 5
Central Division	W	L	Pct GB
Cleveland	13	2	.867 —
Chicago	10	6	.625 3½
Indiana	9	9	.500 5½
Milwaukee	7	8	.467 6
Detroit	8	10	.444 6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct GB
San Antonio	14	3	.824 —
Memphis	11	6	.647 3
Houston	11	6	.647 3
New Orleans	6	12	.333 8½
Dallas	3	13	.188 10½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct GB
Oklahoma City	10	8	.556 —
Utah	9	8	.529 ½
Portland	9	10	.474 1½
Denver	7	10	.412 2½
Minnesota	5	11	.313 4
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct GB
Golden State	15	2	.882 —
L.A. Clippers	14	4	.778 1½
L.A. Lakers	8	9	.471 7
Sacramento	7	10	.412 8
Phoenix	5	13	.278 10½

Sunday's Scores
Cleveland 112, Philadelphia 108
Denver 120, Phoenix 114
Indiana 91, L.A. Clippers 70
Milwaukee 104, Orlando 98
Sacramento 122, Brooklyn 105
Dallas 91, New Orleans 81
Houston 120, Portland 114
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Today's Games
Sacramento at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 91, PELICANS 81

DALLAS — Wesley Matthews scored 21 points, including eight during a fourth-quarter rally that gave Dallas the lead for good, and the Mavericks beat the New Orleans Pelicans 91-81 on Sunday night.

Matthews made a 3-pointer and another basket to give Dallas a 72-71 edge with 5:39 remaining. New Orleans regained the lead on Anthony Davis' two free throws, but Matthews made another 3-pointer to put the Mavericks ahead to stay.

Dallas improved to 3-13, still the NBA's worst record. The Pelicans, who lost eight straight to begin the season, fell to 6-12.

Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 23 points. Justin Anderson scored 14 off the bench.

Davis had 36 points and 13 rebounds. Jrue Holiday had 17 points and six assists for New Orleans.

ROCKETS 130, TRAIL BLAZERS 114

PORTLAND, Ore. — James Harden had 38 points and 10 assists for his seventh consecutive double-double, and the Houston Rockets beat the Portland Trail Blazers 130-114 on Sunday night.

Eric Gordon added 26 points including six 3-pointers for the Rockets, who have made at least 10 3-pointers in 16 straight games to match the NBA record set by the Warriors and Cavaliers last season. They finished the night with 17.

Gordon's 3-pointer gave the Rockets a 104-95 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

Damian Lillard's 3-pointer and Mason Plumlee's reverse layup closed the gap to 104-100, but the Blazers couldn't get closer and Trevor Ariza hit a 3 from the corner to put the Rockets up 111-100.

CJ McCollum scored 28 points and Lillard had 27 for the Blazers, who have struggled defensively this season and have losses in six of their last eight games.

KINGS 122, NETS 105

NEW YORK — DeMarcus Cousins had 37 points and 11 rebounds, Rudy Gay added 22 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and the Sacramento Kings beat the Brooklyn Nets 122-105 on Sunday night.

Darren Collison added 18 points for the Kings, who won in Brooklyn for the first time since the Nets moved there in 2012.

Sean Kilpatrick scored 22 points, Brook Lopez had 17 and Bojan Bogdanovic added 13 for the Nets, who have lost seven straight games.

Matt Barnes was ejected for a flagrant foul 2 on Kilpatrick with 9:34 left in the fourth quarter and Sacramento leading 97-79. Brooklyn then went on a 14-2 run to cut the deficit to 99-93, but Sacramento responded with a 16-0 run of its own to extend the lead to 115-93.

BUCKS 104, MAGIC 96

ORLANDO, Fla. — John Henson scored 20 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 18 points and nine rebounds, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the slumping Orlando Magic 104-96 on Sunday night.

Michael Beasley had 13 points, Malcolm Brogdon scored 12 and Greg Monroe had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Bucks, who beat Orlando twice in less than a week.

Evan Fournier led the Magic with 27 points and seven assists. Serge Ibaka scored 19 points, Nikola Vucevic added 17 points and 16 rebounds, and Elfrid Payton had 16 points for Orlando, which lost its fourth straight game.

Milwaukee took control in the middle of the second quarter, but never led by more than nine points in the game.

The Bucks used a variety of lineups to fend off several second-half Magic rallies, but nearly all of the successful ones included Antetokounmpo and Henson.

PACERS 91, CLIPPERS 70

INDIANAPOLIS — Glenn Robinson III and Myles Turner each scored 17 points to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 91-70 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday night.

Blake Griffin had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers, who have lost two in a row for the first time this season. Chris Paul added 13 points.

Al Jefferson and Rodney Stuckey created a spark off the bench for the Pacers. Jefferson finished with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Stuckey had 12 points to help Indiana win two straight for just the second time this season.

Indiana went on a 12-2 run at the start of the second half and took a 62-44 lead after Robinson's 3-pointer with 6:48 left in the third quarter.

Monta Ellis made a 3-pointer at the start of the fourth quarter and Jefferson scored to put the Pacers ahead 79-58 with 10:49 to play.

NUGGETS 120, SUNS 114

PHOENIX — Wilson Chandler scored 25 points, Jameer Nelson added 21 and the Denver Nuggets held off the Phoenix Suns for a 120-114 victory Sunday.

Eric Bledsoe led Phoenix with 33 points. Devin Booker added 30.

The Nuggets led by 20 at the half but Booker and Bledsoe led a rally that cut the lead to three early in the fourth quarter.

Denver gained a slightly larger cushion from there before the Suns cut it to four in the final minute but could get no closer.

Booker scored 25 points in the second half, Bledsoe 19.

Emmanuel Mudiay added 19 points for the Nuggets.

CAVALIERS 112, 76ERS 108

PHILADELPHIA — Kyrie Irving had 19 of his season-high 39 points in the fourth quarter and LeBron James added a triple-double with 26 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 112-108 comeback victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Kevin Love chipped in 25 points and 11 rebounds to help the defending champions (13-2) improve to their fourth straight win.

Joel Embiid led seven players in double figures with 22 points for the 76ers, who have lost three straight. Embiid also had nine rebounds, four assists and three blocks.

The Cavaliers never led through the first three quarters, but Irving got hot early in the fourth to put Cleveland in front. He gave Cleveland its first lead on a layup 2:38 into the period and had 10 of the first 13 Cavaliers fourth-quarter points on a variety of jumpers and drives.

His layup with 7:51 left gave Cleveland its biggest lead to that point, 90-86.

TEXAS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

NO. 21 MIAMI 74, TEXAS TECH 56

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Laura Cornelius made six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 22 points, Keyona Hayes had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and No. 21 Miami beat Texas Tech 74-56 on Sunday to win the Miami Thanksgiving Tournament.

It was the 17th time in program history a player has hit six 3s in a game.

She was 6 of 10 from distance and missed her only 3-point attempt in the fourth quarter.

Texas Tech went on a 14-0 run spanning halftime for a 32-31 lead. But Miami had a 50-43 lead after three quarter and Adrienne Motley's 3-pointer started a 10-2 run for a 66-49 lead.

Motley finished with 10 points and Erykah Davenport had eight points and eight rebounds for Miami (5-1). Hayes had her second double-double in three games and the 11th of her career.

Arella Guirantes led Texas Tech (3-2) with 14 points. Jada Terry added 11 points and six boards.

NO. 5 BAYLOR 85, NO. 8 OHIO STATE 68

ESTERO, Fla. — Alexis Jones scored 20 points and No. 5 Baylor beat eighth-ranked Ohio State 85-68 on Sunday in the championship game of the Gulf Coast Showcase.

Kristy Wallace scored 15 points and Beatrice Mompremier added 13 for the Lady Bears (7-1), who never trailed.

Kelsey Mitchell scored 17 points for Ohio State (5-2), and shot 5 for 20 before fouling out. The Buckeyes shot only 34 percent for the game, and were outrebounded 52-29.

Baylor trailed for only 6:16 in the three games in the tournament, winning by an average of 30.3 points. Ohio State was the third team ranked No. 9 or better Baylor has already played this season.

Baylor scored the game's first nine points and clamped down defensively against an Ohio State team that came into Sunday averaging 89 points per game. The Buckeyes shot just 28 percent in the first half, going into the break trailing 38-25.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

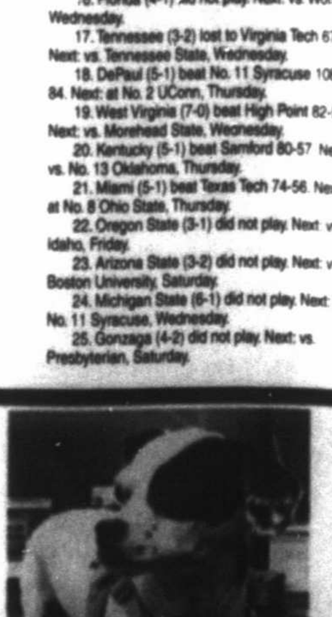
SOUTH
Augusta 76, Wingate 72
Bluffton 64, Millsaps 56
Chowan 78, Lenoir-Rhyne 76
Coll. of Charleston 72, SC-Upstate 50
ETSU 72, UC Irvine 68
FIU 74, Binghamton 57
Florida 65, Miami 56
Louisiana Tech 74, Md.-Eastern Shore 53
Louisiana-Lafayette 84, Texas Southern 73
Lynn 79, Lee 69
Middle Tennessee 66, Evansville 55
New Hampshire 65, Winthrop 60
Randolph-Macon 61, Ferrum 47
UNC Wilmington 102, Toledo 77
William Peace 80, Bridgewater (Va.) 77
EXHIBITION
Nicholls 106, Samford 103, 2OT
FAR WEST
California 67, SE Louisiana 55
Colorado 75, Wofford 60
Colorado St. 80, Alcorn St. 58
Denver 72, Sacramento St. 61
E. Washington 96, San Francisco 90
Gonzaga 73, Iowa St. 71
Iona 75, Nevada 73
North Dakota 57, CS Bakersfield 55
Portland St. 91, Pepperdine 85
Saint Mary's (Cal.) 76, UAB 63
San Jose St. 88, Washington St. 76
UCLA 74, Texas A&M 67
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 71, Howard Payne 55
Arkansas St. 97, Lehigh 89
North Texas 81, Hartford 76
MIDWEST
Dayton 64, New Mexico 57
Denison 66, Otterbein 59
Illinois St. 81, Ferris St. 67
Indiana 85, MVSU 52
Missouri St. 64, N. Dakota St. 50
S. Dakota St. 81, Milwaukee 58
South Dakota 72, Montana 67
Valparaiso 79, Ball St. 73
Virginia Tech 66, Nebraska 53
Wisconsin 95, Prairie View 50
Wright St. 75, North Florida 67
EAST
Albany (NY) 81, Siena 72
Babson 76, Bowdoin 74
Bridgeport 88, Holy Family 77
Castleton 73, S. Vermont 70
Delaware 84, Bryn Athyn 51
Dominican (NY) 80, Bentley 73
Duquesne 78, Cleveland St. 71
Endicott 93, Middlebury 89
Georgetown 85, Howard 72
Goldey Beacom 79, American International 73
King's (Pa.) 78, Marywood 73
La Salle 89, Drexel 78
Monmouth (NJ) 80, Holy Cross 77
Montclair St. 87, Utica 58
Northeastern 73, Kent St. 70
Pace 52, Post (Conn.) 50
Penn St.-Schuylkill 90, McDaniel 84
Philadelphia 69, NY Tech 58
Quinnipiac 80, Indiana St. 77
Rhode Island Coll. 87, Brandeis 72
S. New Hampshire 88, Chestnut Hill 64
SUNY-Canton 99, D'Youville 90
Stanford 66, Seton Hall 52
Yeshiva 83, NYU 68
George Washington 68, W. Kentucky 49
Hampton 58, Lafayette 55
Hanover 85, Centre 47
Hartford 81, Norfolk St. 51
Kentucky 80, Samford 57
La Salle 84, UNC Wilmington 48
Maine 49, Chattanooga 39
McMurry 87, Centenary 57
McNeese St. 100, LSU-Alexandria 66
Miami 74, Texas Tech 56
Midway 88, Marygrove 58
Old Dominion 83, NC Central 52
South Carolina 83, Louisville 59
Southeastern (Fla.) 85, Tenn. Wesleyan 53
Stetson 70, Weber St. 68
Thomas More 66, Denison 57
Transylvania 74, Methodist 50
UCF 81, Austin Peay 43
UNC-Greensboro 83, Greensboro 26
UNLV 64, Mississippi 57
Vanderbilt 78, UT Martin 77
Virginia Tech 67, Tennessee 63
Wingate 65, UNC Pembroke 52
Wittenberg 70, Maryville (Tenn.) 69
MIDWEST
Augsburg 84, St. Scholastica 69
Bradley 103, Eureka 59
Chicago 86, Carthage 81
Cleveland St. 65, Lake Erie 42
DePaul 108, Syracuse 84
Drake 93, Wyoming 50
Findlay 58, Gannon 47
Finlandia 77, Carroll (Wis.) 68
Iowa St. 106, Arkansas St. 53
Kansas 76, North Dakota 71
Kent St. 77, Florida Gulf Coast 64
Lewis 82, Ferris St. 57
Nebraska-Omaha 89, Wofford 64
Northwestern 86, Evansville 66
Oakland 89, Concordia (Mich.) 32
Siena Heights 82, Purdue-Calumet 70
St. Catherine 82, Wis.-Stout 74
W. Illinois 76, SIU-Edwardsville 74
Wis.-Whitewater 79, Simpson (Iowa) 50
Wisconsin 80, Tennessee St. 70
Xavier 82, Ark.-Pine Bluff 41
FAR WEST
Duke 99, Pepperdine 65
E. Washington 88, Multnomah Bible 30
Hofstra 94, UC Davis 60
Mississippi St. 66, Hawaii 41
N. Colorado 58, E. Michigan 57
Oregon 91, San Diego St. 62
South Dakota 75, CS Bakersfield 60
Southern Cal 82, Long Beach St. 74
Utah St. 65, Montana 48
Washington St. 76, Portland 53
EAST
Albany (NY) 88, Siena 86
Bloomfield 87, LIU Post 45
Bowdoin 66, MIT 56
Bowie St. 63, Gobley Beacon 42
Bowling Green 73, St. Peter's 68
Brown 83, Binghamton 72
Bucknell 78, Drexel 66
Caldwell 78, Adelphi 73
California (Pa.) 82, Ursuline 73
Case Reserve 95, John Carroll 87
Catholic 68, Coast Guard 60
Columbia 75, Colgate 67
D'Youville 82, SUNY Canton 63
Drew 71, Wesleyan (Conn.) 61
Elizabethtown 63, Baruch 50
FIU 59, Robert Morris 57
Franklin Pierce 61, Holy Family 58
Molloy 68, S. New Hampshire 59
Monmouth (NJ) 73, Lehigh 62
Old Westbury 88, New Rochelle 51
Philadelphia 97, Bloomsburg 48
Princeton 69, UMBC 59
Providence 75, Miami (Ohio) 59
Rutgers 80, Bryant 42
S. Connecticut 70, St. Thomas Aquinas 68
San Diego St. 60, CCSU 52
Shippensburg 72, Sciences (Pa.) 60
St. Bonaventure 80, Rider 47
Stonehill 83, St. Anselm 59
Temple 71, Quinnipiac 66
Texas-Arlington 86, Seton Hall 61
Towson 79, George Mason 75
Trinity (Conn.) 63, St. Joseph Conn. 48
Tufts 93, Brandeis 37
UMass 73, Merrimack 44
Wesley 71, Arcadia 63
West Virginia 82, High Point 59
Westminster (Pa.) 65, Pitt.-Greensburg 62
Worcester St. 84, Wesley 52
Yale 71, Holy Cross 70

1. Notre Dame (6-0) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Wednesday.
2. UConn (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Tuesday.
3. South Carolina (5-0) beat No. 4 Louisville 83-59. Next: at No. 14 Texas, Thursday.
4. Louisville (5-1) lost to No. 3 South Carolina 83-59. Next: vs. No. 6 Maryland, Thursday.
5. Baylor (7-1) beat No. 8 Ohio State 85-68. Next: vs. Abilene Christian, Thursday.
6. Maryland (6-0) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Louisville, Thursday.
7. Mississippi State (6-0) at Hawaii. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
8. Ohio St. (5-2) lost to No 5 Baylor 85-68. Next: vs. No. 21 Miami, Thursday.
9. UCLA (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Hawaii, Sunday.
10. Florida State (6-1) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.
11. Stanford (5-0) did not play. Next: at Cal State Bakersfield, Thursday.
11. Syracuse (4-3) lost to No. 18 DePaul 108-84. Next: vs. No. 24 Michigan State, Wednesday.
13. Arizona (5-0) beat Colorado State 75-55. Next: at No. 20 Kentucky, Thursday.
14. Texas (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 South Carolina, Thursday.
15. Washington (6-1) beat Portland 83-53. Next: at Grand Canyon, Thursday.
16. Florida (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wofford, Wednesday.
17. Tennessee (3-2) lost to Virginia Tech 67-63. Next: vs. Tennessee State, Wednesday.
18. DePaul (5-1) beat No. 11 Syracuse 108-84. Next: at No. 2 UConn, Thursday.
19. West Virginia (7-0) beat High Point 82-59. Next: vs. Morehead State, Wednesday.
20. Kentucky (5-1) beat Samford 80-57. Next: vs. No. 13 Oklahoma, Thursday.
21. Miami (5-1) beat Texas Tech 74-56. Next: at No. 8 Ohio State, Thursday.
22. Oregon State (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Idaho, Friday.
23. Arizona State (3-2) did not play. Next: vs. Boston University, Saturday.
24. Michigan State (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Syracuse, Wednesday.
25. Gonzaga (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. Presbyterian, Saturday.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION'S
UPCOMING EVENTS
Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party
Dec. 31st at DoubleTree 7-1
Casino games, dinner, dancing, prizes, and a complimentary champagne toast to ring in 2017
PLEASE VISIT THE EVENTS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.MIDLANDHUMANE.ORG/EVENTS FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFORMATION

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
P.O. Box 53213
Midland, TX 79710
midlandhumane.org

ENHANCED ADOPTION CENTER
is located within Midland's PetSmart Store
ADOPTION HOURS
Monday thru Saturday 12-7 & Sunday 12-6
432.520.3134 ext. 7
AD SPONSORED BY
BROWN'S PERMIAN ELECTRIC CO.



Pocket is a 1.5 year old pug mix with the most adorable underbite. He is low energy and would prefer to snuggle on the couch rather than go for a jog. Pocket is shy & needs a quieter home.

Phelan Ebenhack/Associated Press

Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end William Gholston (92) stops Seattle Seahawks running back Thomas Rawls (34) during the second quarter of an NFL game Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

GIANTS 27, BROWNS 13

CLEVELAND — Eli Manning threw two touchdown passes to Odell Beckham Jr., Jason Pierre-Paul returned a fumble for a TD, and the New York Giants extended their winning streak to six, holding off Cleveland 27-13 on Sunday to keep the Browns winless.

Manning had three TD passes. They don't overwhelm anyone, but the Giants (8-3) do just enough to win and are in position to make the playoffs for the first time since 2011, when they won the Super Bowl.

Manning threw a 32-yard TD pass to Beckham in the second quarter and added a 4-yarder to the star wide receiver with 5:10 left to finally put away the Browns (0-12).

Cleveland has lost 15 in a row since last season. It is 3-30 since ending the 2014 season with five consecutive losses.

BUCCANEERS 14, SEAHAWKS 5

TAMPA, Fla. — Jameis Winston threw a pair of touchdown passes to Mike Evans and Tampa Bay's rejuvenated defense shut down Russell Wilson and Seattle.

Evans scored on receptions of 3 and 23 yards in the opening quarter, a grieving Alterraun Verner had one of two interceptions off Wilson, and the Bucs sacked the Seattle quarterback six times.

The Bucs (6-5) have won three straight to climb back into contention for a playoff berth. In addition to stopping Seattle's three-game winning streak, they remained one game behind first-place Atlanta in the NFC South.

The Seahawks are 7-3-1.

Playing two days after the death of his father, Verner picked off Wilson to stop a promising drive in the final minute of the opening half. The reserve cornerback was embraced on the sideline by teammates, who continued to play inspired defense in the second half.

RAIDERS 35, PANTHERS 32

OAKLAND, Calif. — Derek Carr came back from an injured pinkie to lead another fourth-quarter comeback and the Raiders won their fifth straight game.

Carr threw for 315 yards and two touchdowns despite missing a series after the injury, leading the Raiders (9-2) back from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter to clinch their first winning season since 2002.

After leading a tying drive earlier in the fourth quarter, Carr hit Michael Crabtree on a 49-yard pass on third-and-9 to help set up Sebastian Janikowski's 23-yard field goal with 1:45 left.

Cam Newton led the Panthers (4-7) into Oakland territory on the final drive. But Greg Olsen dropped a pass on third down that would have put Carolina in field goal range, and Khalil Mack stripped Newton on a fourth-down sack to seal the win.

The Panthers scored the first 25 points in the second half after Carr left the game when he hurt his right pinkie while fumbling a snap on the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter.

PATRIOTS 22, JETS 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Brady tied Peyton Manning for the most wins by a quarterback in NFL history, getting his 200th by throwing a go-ahead 8-yard touchdown pass to Malcolm Mitchell with 1:56 left.

Trailing 17-16 with 5:04 left and the ball on the Patriots 17, Brady led an efficient drive by completing six passes. After James White stretched for 4 yards on fourth-and-4, a 25-yard catch by Chris Hogan put the ball at the 8. Brady then zipped a pass to Mitchell to put the Patriots (9-2) ahead.

A 2-point conversion try by White was initially ruled good, but the call was reversed because the ball never crossed the goal line — giving the Jets (3-8) a final chance.

But Chris Long hit Ryan Fitzpatrick before he could throw, resulting in a fumble that was recovered by Trey Flowers.

It was the 500th win in franchise history for the Patriots, who became the first original AFL franchise to reach the mark.

FALCONS 38, CARDINALS 19

ATLANTA — Taylor Gabriel took two short passes for touchdowns and the Atlanta Falcons returned from a bye week to add to Arizona's misery.

Gabriel, cut by the winless Browns before the season, scored on plays of 35 and 25 yards that showed off his speed.

His second score finished the Cardinals, who began the season touted as a Super Bowl contender but have been one of the NFL's most disappointing teams.

The Falcons (7-4) began the day leading the NFC South and moved a step closer to their first playoff berth since 2012. The Cardinals (4-6-1) have lost two straight and three of their past four, putting them in danger of missing the postseason a season after reaching the NFC championship game.

Coach Bruce Arians was on the sideline after falling ill and being briefly hospitalized early in the week, but it did little to inspire his team.

TITANS 27, BEARS 21

CHICAGO — Marcus Mariota threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns, and the Titans hung on to beat the depleted Bears.

The Titans (6-6) gave their playoff hopes a boost, though they watched as Chicago (2-9) cut a 20-point lead to six in the fourth quarter. The Titans moved a half-game out of first place in the AFC South.

Matt Barkley, starting for the injured Jay Cutler, led the late surge. The Bears had a first down at the Tennessee 7 in the final minute when Josh Bellamy dropped a pass in the end zone on first down. Barkley's next three attempts fell incomplete, preserving the win for Tennessee.

Mariota, putting together one of the best seasons ever by a Titans quarterback, came through with another solid performance. The second-year pro completed 15 of 23 passes.

SAINTS 49, RAMS 21

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees passed for 310 yards and four touchdowns and Mark Ingram scored twice.

Playing 10 days after being knocked unconscious in a Thursday night loss at Carolina, Ingram rushed for 146 yards on 14 carries, including a 61-yard scamper and a 10-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-1 play. He also scored on a 21-yard screen to the right side of the field, which was wide open as the Rams (4-7) tried to pressure Brees.

Two of Brees' scoring strikes went to rookie Michael Thomas, whose touchdowns of 6 and 21 yards were part of a nine-catch, 108-yard performance. Brees' other touchdowns went to Ingram and Brandon Coleman from 6 yards for New Orleans (5-6).

Saints coach Sean Payton also victimized his former defensive coordinator, Gregg Williams, with some razzle-dazzle that produced a 50-yard touchdown pass from receiver Willie Snead to running back Tim Hightower.

DOLPHINS 31, 49ERS 24

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Ndamukong Suh tackled Colin Kaepernick 2 yards short of the goal line as time ran out, and the Dolphins handed the 49ers a franchise-record 10th consecutive loss.

Ryan Tannehill threw for 285 yards and three scores to compensate for a sputtering Miami ground game.

With the 49ers trailing by seven, Kaepernick moved them from their 38 to the 6 in the final 1:44. But he threw incomplete on first down, and then was tackled from behind by the 305-pound Suh on the final play.

The Dolphins (7-4) extended their winning streak to six games, their longest since 2005. Kaepernick passed for three TDs, but the 49ers (1-10) still haven't won since the season opener.

RAVENS 19, BENGALS 14

BALTIMORE — Justin Tucker kicked four field goals and Baltimore shut down the Bengals' depleted offense.

Joe Flacco threw for 234 yards and a touchdown to help Baltimore (6-5) snap a five-game losing streak against the Bengals (3-7-1), whose playoff hopes took another serious blow.

The victory was not assured until Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton fumbled when sacked by Elvis Dumervil, and defensive end Lawrence Guy recovered at the Baltimore 21 with 1:05 left and the Ravens up 19-12.

Cincinnati got a safety on the final play when Baltimore punter Sam Koch ran out of the end zone while his blockers intentionally held Cincinnati rushers. A game can end on an offensive penalty.

At this point, the Bengals will need a sensational finish to extend their run of consecutive playoff appearances to six.

BILLS 26, JAGUARS 21

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — LeSean McCoy scored twice, including a career-best 75-yard run.

Tyrod Taylor's 16-yard touchdown pass to Justin Hunter with 10:46 remaining put the Bills ahead for good during a second half in which the teams traded the lead five times. Taylor also scored on a 7-yard run in helping keep Buffalo in the playoff hunt.

The Bills (6-5) won for the second straight week when trailing at halftime after doing so just once last season. Taylor also produced just the second fourth-quarter comeback of his career.

The Jaguars (2-9) lost for the sixth straight game, their longest skid since opening the 2014 season at 0-6.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Miami	4	4	0	.500	173	182
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	212	172
N.Y.Jets	3	5	0	.375	173	235

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	5	0	.545	194	236
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Indianapolis	5	6	0	.455	270	301
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	214	293

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	218	201
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	266	222
Cincinnati	3	7	1	.318	213	245
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	8	3	0	.800	272	243
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	222	187
Denver	7	3	0	.700	239	189
San Diego	5	5	0	.500	455	313

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	10	1	0	.909	316	213
N.Y.Giants	8	3	0	.727	231	213
Washington	6	4	1	.591	280	264
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	241	186

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	358	302
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545	249	264
New Orleans	5	6	0	.455	334	307
Carolina	4	7	0	.364	276	281

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	247	238
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	218	192
Green Bay	4	5	0	.400	247	276
Chicago	2	9	0	.182	178	264

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	7	3	1	.682	224	167
Arizona	4	6	1	.409	245	228
Los Angeles	4	7	0	.364	170	236
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	228	344

Sunday's Scores

Atlanta 38, Arizona 19
San Diego 21, Houston 13
Baltimore 19, Cincinnati 14
Buffalo 26, Jacksonville 21
Tennessee 27, Chicago 21
New Orleans 49, Los Angeles 21
N.Y.Giants 27, Cleveland 13
Miami 31, San Francisco 24
Tampa Bay 14, Seattle 5
New England 22, N.Y.Jets 17
Oakland 35, Carolina 32
Kansas City at Denver late

Today's Games

Green Bay at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game

Dallas at Minnesota, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Dec. 4)

Kansas City at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Los Angeles at New England, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Miami at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Denver at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Houston at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y.Giants at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Tennessee, Cleveland

TEXANS

From 1C

second quarter. Rookie Will Fuller had a 33-yard reception on that drive to put Houston in scoring position.

CHARGERS 21, TEXANS 13

San Diego	7	14	0	7—21
Houston	0	7	0	6—13

Second Quarter

Hou—Osweiler 1 run (Novak kick), 11:11
SD—Inman 52 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 8:44
SD—Ty Williams 21 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 1:54

Fourth Quarter

Hou—FG Novak 19, 14:09
SD—Henry 12 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 9:52
Hou—FG Novak 45, 1:14
A—71,897

	SD	Hou
First downs	19	22
Total Net Yards	302	353
Rushes-yards	18-67	27-114
Passing	235	239
Comp-Att-Int	22-30-1	22-37-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	1-7
Punts	6-48.7	4-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	10-78	9-58
Time of Possession	29:59	30:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Gordon 11-70, Farrow 1-minus 3, Houston, Miller 19-57, Osweiler 3-23, Hunt 2-19, Grimes 2-14, B.Miller 1-1.

PASSING—San Diego, Rivers 22-30-1-242. Houston, Osweiler 22-37-3-246.

RECEIVING—San Diego, Ty Williams 8-70, Inman 6-119, Gordon 4-19, Henry 2-20, Benjamin 1-8, Butler 1-6. Houston, Hopkins 5-70, Fuller 4-60, Fiedorowicz 4-42, Griffin 4-36, L.Miller 3-18, B.Miller 1-12, Anderson 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Lambo 54.

NFL BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

FALCONS 38, CARDINALS 19

Arizona	7	6	0	6—19
Atlanta	7	10	7	14—38

First Quarter

Ari—Gresham 1 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 9:39
Atl—Freeman 1 run (M.Bryant kick), 3:38

Second Quarter

Ari—FG Catanzaro 25, 12:52.
Atl—FG M.Bryant 45, 8:30.
Atl—Gabriel 35 pass from Ryan (M.Bryant kick), 2:19.
Ari—FG Catanzaro 54, :00.

Third Quarter

Atl—Coleman 2 run (M.Bryant kick), 2:56.

Fourth Quarter

Atl—Gabriel 25 pass from Ryan (M.Bryant kick), 8:48.
Ari—Johnson 3 pass from Palmer (pass failed), 6:44.
Atl—Freeman 5 run (M.Bryant kick), 2:07.
A—69,233.

	Ari	Atl
First downs	23	28
Total Net Yards	333	390
Rushes-yards	14-58	30-116
Passing	274	244
Comp-Att-Int	25-45-1	26-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	3-25
Punts	4-41.5	2-58.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-80	4-23
Time of Possession	25:38	34:22

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, Johnson 13-58, Palmer 1-0, Atlanta, Freeman 19-60, Gabriel 1-27, Ryan 4-15, Coleman 6-9, Sanu 1-5.

PASSING—Arizona, Palmer 25-45-1-289. Atlanta, Ryan 26-34-1-269.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Johnson 8-103, Gresham 5-35, Fitzgerald 4-53, Floyd 2-31, Nelson 2-30, Ellington 2-19, Brown 1-19, B.Golden 1-minus 1). Atlanta, Sanu 5-65, Gabriel 4-75, J.Jones 4-35, Hardy 3-47, Freeman 2-17, Hooper 2-8, Coleman 2-4, Tobias 1-18.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RAVENS 19, BENGALS 14

Cincinnati	0	7	0	7—14
Baltimore	10	6	0	3—19

First Quarter

Bal—Pierson 14 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 10:13.
Bal—FG Tucker 52, 5:28.

Second Quarter

Cin—FG Nugent 23, 14:50.
Bal—FG Tucker 37, 1:40.
Bal—FG Tucker 54, :00.

Third Quarter

Cin—Eifert 3 pass from Dalton (kick failed), 4:18.

Fourth Quarter

Bal—FG Tucker 36, 12:16.
Cin—FG Nugent 39, 6:00.
Cin—Safety, :00.
A—70,903.

	Cin	Bal
First downs	22	18
Total Net Yards	325	311
Rushes-yards	20-94	30-92
Passing	231	219
Comp-Att-Int	25-48-0	25-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-27	2-15
Punts	6-47.2	5-44.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	5-69
Time of Possession	28:43	31:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Dalton 26-48-0-283 Baltimore, Flacco 25-36-1-234.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Hill 6-61, Eifert 5-68, Boyd 5-62, LaFell 3-38, J.Wright 3-23, Burwell 2-19, Erdeson 1-7, Hewitt 1-5. Baltimore, Dixon 4-31, S.Smith 4-20, Wallace 3-57, Pitta 3-34, Jaszczyk 3-18, West 3-16, Aiken 2-30.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

MIAMI 31, 49ERS 24

San Francisco	7	0	7	10—24
Miami	0	14	10	7—31

First Quarter

SF—Hyde 11 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 9:46.

Second Quarter

Mia—Ajayi 2 rpn (Franks kick), 12:22.
Mia—Sims 16 pass from Tannehill (Franks kick), 2:17.

Third Quarter

Mia—FG Franks 24, 12:31.
SF—Celek 4 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 7:04.
Mia—Stills 43 pass from Tannehill (Franks kick), 1:33.

Fourth Quarter

Mia—Carroo 15 pass from Tannehill (Franks kick), 11:31.
SF—Smith 1 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 7:42.
SF—FG Dawson 36, 2:15.
A—66,856.

	SF	Mia
First downs	25	19
Total Net Yards	475	359
Rushes-yards	25-100	25-95
Passing	282	263
Comp-Att-Int	29-46-1	20-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	2-22
Punts	4-47.3	5-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	5-42
Time of Possession	29:26	30:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 10-113, Hyde 13-65, D.Harris 2-15. Miami, Ajayi 18-45, Tannehill 6-34, Drake 1-6, D.Williams 1-7.

PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 29-46-1-296. Miami, Tannehill 20-30-0-285.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, Draughn 6-49, Hyde 5-30, McDonald 4-60, Streater 4-46, Smith 3-24, Harper 2-22, Kerley 2-04, Celek 2-19, Paton 1-12. Miami, Sims 4-53, Landry 4-47, Stills 3-70, Parker 3-64, Gray 2-12, D.Williams 2-11, Carroo 1-15, Ajayi 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BILLS 26, JAGUARS 21

Jacksonville	0	7	7	7—21
Buffalo	0	6	14	6—26

First Quarter

Jac—Ivory 2 run (Myers kick), 8:15.

Second Quarter

Buf—McCoy 7 run (kick failed), 2:20.

Third Quarter

Buf—McCoy 75 run (Carpenter kick), 14:47.
Jac—Lee 20 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 9:26.
Buf—Taylor 7 run (Carpenter kick), 3:00.

Fourth Quarter

Jac—Hurns 12 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 14:52.
Buf—Hunter 16 pass from Taylor (McCoy run), 10:46.
A—67,849.

	Jac	Buf
First downs	20	15
Total Net Yards	301	304
Rushes-yards	37-183	29-153
Passing	118	151
Comp-Att-Int	13-26-0	12-18-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	5-15
Punts	6-45.5	6-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	6-31
Time of Possession	33:35	26:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, Bortles 8-81, Ivory 9-44, D.Robinson 13-39, Yeldon 6-17, Lee 1-2. Buffalo, McCoy 19-103, Taylor 7-38, J.Williams 3-12.

PASSING—Jacksonville, Bortles 13-26-0-126. Buffalo, Taylor 12-18-0-166.

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Lee 4-37, A.Robinson 2-24, Koyack 2-23, Sterling 2-16, Hurns 1-12, Ivory 1-11, Yeldon 1-3. Buffalo, Watkins 3-80, McCoy 3-31, Clay 2-17, Goodwin 2-13, Hunter 1-16, Tate 1-8, Powell 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

TITANS 27, BEARS 21

Tennessee	7	14	3	3—27
Chicago	7	0	0	14—21

First Quarter

Chi—Brown 7 pass from Barkley (Barth kick), 4:27.
Ten—Henry 11 run (Succop kick), :04.

Second Quarter

Ten—Walker 4 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 9:11.
Ten—Matthews 29 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 1:15.

Third Quarter

Ten—FG Succop 19, 4:07.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—FG Succop 31, 13:45.
Chi—M.Wilson 6 pass from Barkley (Barth kick), 6:23.
Chi—Thompson 6 pass from Barkley (Barth kick), 3:06.
A—59,494.

	Ten	Chi
First downs	18	25
Total Net Yards	375	411
Rushes-yards	29-149	22-95
Passing	226	316
Comp-Att-Int	15-23-0	29-54-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	4-44.3	4-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-118	7-48
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tennessee, Henry 8-60, Mariota 4-46, Murray 17-43. Chicago, Howard 18-84, Carey 1-8, Langford 1-5, Barkley 2-0.

PASSING—Tennessee, Mariota 15-23-0-226. Chicago, Barkley 29-54-2-316.

RECEIVING—Tennessee, Murray 5-41, Matthews 3-64, Walker 3-50, Douglas 2-60, Sharpe 2-11. Chicago, M.Wilson 6-125, Thompson 5-84, Bellamy 4-41, Howard 3-43, Brown 3-24, Meredith 2-19, Braunecker 1-14, Carey 1-12, Royal 1-minus 6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

SAINTS 49, RAMS 21

Los Angeles	7	014	0	0—21
New Orleans	7	21	14	7—49

First Quarter

LA—Austin 24 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 12:06.
NO—Coleman 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 2:45.

Second Quarter

LA—Britt 6 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 14:43.
NO—Ingram 10 run (Lutz kick), 9:38.
NO—Brees 1 run (Lutz kick), 7:46.
NO—Mc.Thomas 6 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 2:24.
LA—Kendricks 15 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), :55.

Third Quarter

NO—Ingram 21 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 12:58.
NO—Mc.Thomas 21 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 3:42.

Fourth Quarter

NO—Hightower 50 pass from Snead (Lutz kick), 10:15.
A—73,061.

	LA	NO
First downs	13	27
Total Net Yards	247	555
Rushes-yards	17-69	32-209
Passing	178	346
Comp-Att-Int	20-32-1	29-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-36	2-14
Punts	6-49.0	4-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-62	6-45
Time of Possession	24:04	35:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gurley 13-50, Austin 1-10, M.Brown 3-9, New Orleans, Ingram 14-146, Hightower 15-51, Lewis 1-7, Kuhn 1-4, Brees 1-1.

PASSING—Los Angeles, Goff 20-32-1-214. New Orleans, Brees 29-36-0-310, Snead 1-1-0-50.

RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Britt 5-62, Kendricks 4-51, Austin 4-45, Gurley 4-38, Cunningham 1-12, Marquez 1-12, Quick 1-3. New Orleans, Mc. Thomas 9-108, Hill 6-74, Snead 5-38, Plesner 4-59, Hightower 2-54, Ingram 1-21, Kuhn 1-3, Coleman 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

GIANTS 27, BROWNS 13

N.Y. Giants	0	14	0	13—27
Cleveland	0	6	0	7—13

Second Quarter

NYG—Harris 13 pass from Manning (Gould kick), 7:03.
Cle—FG Pantey 20, 1:43.
NYG—Beckham 32 pass from Manning (Gould kick), 1:13.
Cle—FG Pantey 25, :00.

Fourth Quarter

NYG—Pierre-Paul 40 fumble return (kick failed), 10:58.
Cle—C.Coleman 21 pass from McCown (Pantey kick), 8:17.
NYG—Beckham 4 pass from Manning (Gould kick), 5:10.
A—60,034.

	NYG	Cle
First downs	13	21
Total Net Yards	299	343
Rushes-yards	27-104	21-58
Passing	195	285
Comp-Att-Int	15-27-0	25-44-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	7-37
Punts	9-47.4	8-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	9-100	5-35
Time of Possession	26:09	33:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Jennings 15-55, Perkins 9-29, Shepard 1-22, Manning 2-minus 2. Cleveland, Crowell 16-44, D.Johnson 5-14.

PASSING—New York, Manning 15-27-0-194. Cleveland, McCown 25-43-0-322, D.Johnson 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—New York, Beckham 6-96, Perkins 2-14, Tye 2-12, Jennings 2-4, Cruz 1-37, Lewis 1-18, Harris 1-13. Cleveland, Pryor 6-131, Crowell 6-47, DeValve 3-39, C.Coleman 3-38, D.Johnson 3-26, Higgins 2-34, Barnidge 1-11, Vitale 1-(minus 4).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BUCCANEERS 14, SEAHAWKS 5

Seattle	0	5	0	0—5
Tampa Bay	14	0	0	0—14

First Quarter

TB—Evans 3 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 7:34.
TB—Evans 23 pass from Winston (Aguayo kick), 2:53.

Second Quarter

Sea—safety, 13:23.
Sea—FG Hauschka 43, 10:39.
A—63,674.

	Sea	TB
First downs	16	19
Total Net Yards	245	338
Rushes-yards	22-127	35-118
Passing	118	220
Comp-Att-Int	17-33-2	21-28-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-33	0-0
Punts	7-47.1	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-27	7-68
Time of Possession	26:21	33:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Seattle, Wilson 6-60, Rawls 12-38, Lockett 1-9, Tukuafu 1-0, Tampa Bay, Martin 23-87, Barber 5-16, Winston 5-12, Humphries 2-3.

PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 17-33-2-151. Tampa Bay, Winston 21-28-1-220.

RECEIVING—Seattle, Baldwin 7-34, Graham 6-67, Kearse 1-18, Richardson 1-17, Willson 1-11, Farmer 1-4. Tampa Bay, Evans 8-104, Brate 4-49, Shepard 2-23, Martin 2-3, Humphries 1-18, Cross 1-10, Shorts 1-8, Barber 1-4, Stocker 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tampa Bay, Aguayo 48.

RAIDERS 35, PANTHERS 32

Carolina	7	0	18	7—32
Oakland	7	17	0	11—35

First Quarter

Oak—Roberts 2 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 4:48.
Car—Newton 3 run (Gano kick), 3:10.

Second Quarter

Oak—Murray 4 run (Janikowski kick), 12:58.
Oak—FG Janikowski 23, 6:49.
Oak—Mack 6 interception return (Janikowski kick), :59.

Third Quarter

Car—Stewart 1 run (kick blocked), 10:33.
Car—Ginn 88 pass from Newton (pass failed), 7:43.
Car—Stewart 3 run (pass failed), 1:46.

Fourth Quarter

Car—Benjamin 44 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 13:26.
Oak—Walford 12 pass from Carr (Roberts pass from Carr), 8:37.
Oak—FG Janikowski 23, 1:45.
A—54,909.

	Car	Oak
First downs	19	22
Total Net Yards	356	365
Rushes-yards	25-129	30-55
Passing	229	310
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	26-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-5	2-5
Punts	6-46.7	5-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-67	7-46
Time of Possession	26:23	33:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Stewart 17-96, Whittaker 4-14, Ginn 1-13, Newton 3-6. Oakland, Murray 19-45, Richard 7-23, Carr 4-minus 13.

PASSING—Carolina, Newton 14-28-1-246. Oakland, Carr 26-38-1-315, McGloin 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Ginn 4-115, Olsen 4-45, Benjamin 2-53, Funchess 2-19, Tolbert 2-14. Oakland, Crabtree 8-110, Cooper 4-22, Murray 3-43, Walford 3-43, Roberts 3-31, Rivera 2-13, Holton 1-30, T.Jones 1-15, Olawale 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 22, JETS 17

New England	0	10	3	9—22
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	7—17

First Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 51, 10:29.

Second Quarter

NYJ—B.Marshall 1 pass from Fitzpatrick (Folk kick), 14:56.
NE—FG Gostkowski 28, 10:45.
NE—Mitchell 4 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 6:29.

Third Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 29, 7:34.

Fourth Quarter

NYJ—Enunwa 22 pass from Fitzpatrick (Folk kick), 10:17.
NE—FG Gostkowski 41, 7:02.
NE—Mitchell 8 pass from Brady (pass failed), 1:56.
A—78,160.

	NE	NYJ
First downs	26	16
Total Net Yards	377	333
Rushes-yards	21-91	23-64
Passing	286	269
Comp-Att-Int	30-50-0	22-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-0
Punts	4-45.8	4-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	2-15	6-66
Time of Possession	30:36	29:24

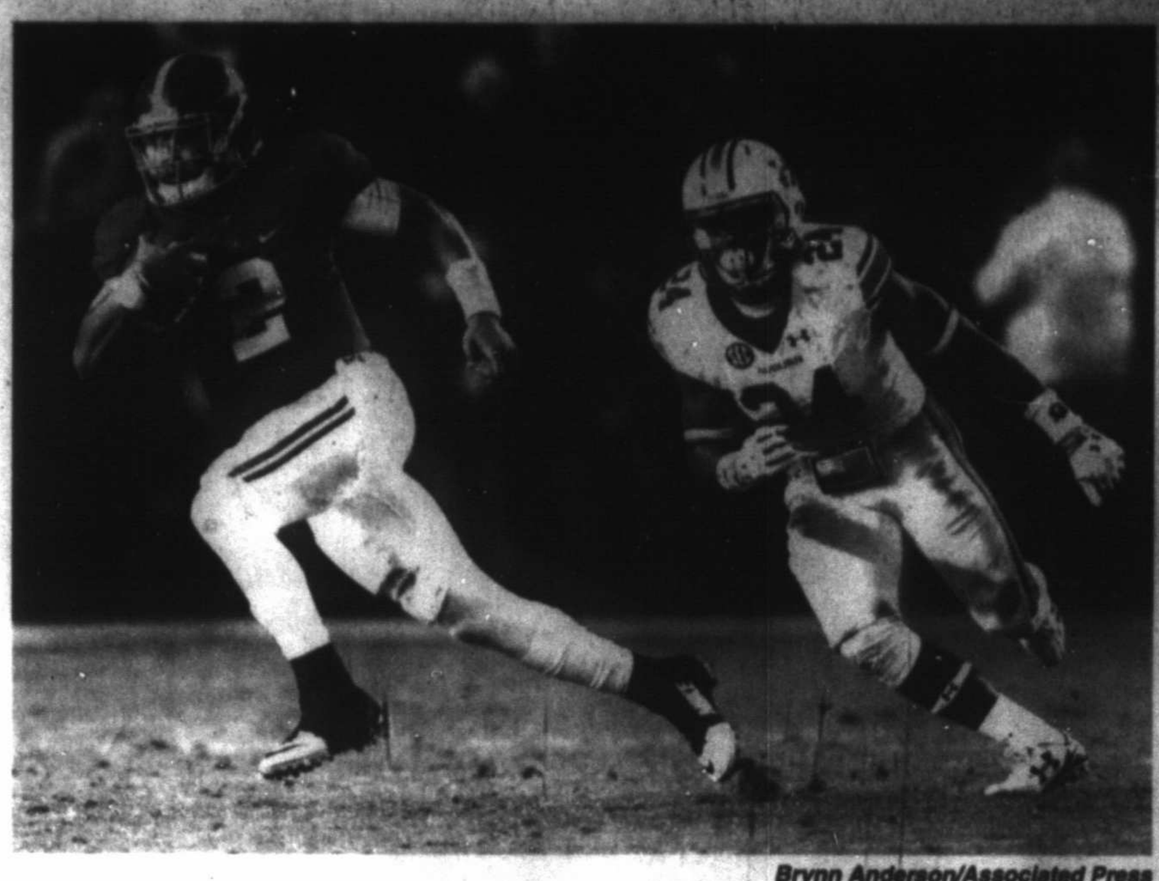
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Blount 11-47, Lewis 6-24, Bennett 1-4, Brady 3-minus 4). New York, Powell 8-56, Forte 13-27, Fitzpatrick 2-1.

PASSING—New England, Brady 30-50-0-286. New York, Fitzpatrick 22-32-0-269.

RECEIVING—New England, Edelman 8-93, Mitchell 5-42, Hogan 4-70, Lewis 4-34, White 4-22, Bennett 3-22, Amendola 1-8, Develin 1-5. New York, B.Marshall 6-67, Enunwa 5-109, Forte 3-23, Anderson 2-24, Beatty 2-14, J.Marshall 2-6, Seferian-Jenkins 1-9, Powell 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 39.



Brynn Anderson/Associated Press

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts runs the ball against Auburn defensive back Daniel Thomas during the second half of the Iron Bowl NCAA college game Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Alabama won 30-12.

Unbeaten 'Bama looks to stay perfect in SEC title game

By John Zenor
Associated Press

The Southeastern Conference is down to one playoff contender.

Defending national champion and top-ranked Alabama is a lock for its third straight berth if the Crimson Tide can beat No. 15 Florida in the SEC championship game Saturday in Atlanta, and may not even need to win.

The Gators (8-3) were playoff longshots even before Saturday night's 31-13 loss to rival Florida State but could have made a case with two huge closing wins. They emerged from a topsy-turvy SEC East to earn a title game rematch.

Nobody's surprised that the Tide (12-0), the last unbeaten team from a Power 5 conference, is back in the Georgia Dome. 'Bama players weren't particularly interested in talking about their playoff prospects after Saturday's 30-12 win over rival Auburn.

"We just worry about the next game," linebacker Ryan Anderson said. "Teams that start worrying about the Final Four and all that, they get beat."

The SEC championship winner has played for a national title or made the playoffs in eight straight seasons.

Here are some story lines to watch in the SEC championship game:

Familiar foes: The winner will take the lead in this frequent SEC championship matchup. Florida and Alabama have split the previous eight meetings dating back to the game's debut in 1992. Five times the winner has gone on to win a national title, three for the Tide and two for the Gators.

Alabama won 29-15 last season en route to a national title.

Tough defenses: The two best defenses in the league will take on offenses that have been less consistent. The Tide leads the nation in run defense, scoring defense and total defense The Gators rank third in pass efficiency defense and fifth in both points and yards allowed.

The Tide hasn't allowed a touchdown in the last 267 minutes, 54 seconds of game time, dating back to the third quarter of the Texas A&M game on Oct. 22.

Offensive issues: Alabama's offense has been prone to stopping itself at times, including two Jalen Hurts interceptions in the first half against Auburn. The Tide also fumbled four times in the half but recovered all of them. Those kinds of things could come back to haunt them in their bid for titles. Florida has perhaps more serious offensive concerns after gaining just 207 yards against FSU, including 58 on the ground.

Kelly: I'm not interested in options outside Notre Dame

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly reiterated early Sunday that he plans to be back as coach of the Fighting Irish after a 45-27 loss to rival Southern California dropped the Fighting Irish to 4-8, their second-worst record in five decades.

Kelly said in the postgame news conference Saturday that "Absolutely. I'll be back."

Hours later, Yahoo Sports reported that Kelly had reached out through representatives to explore coaching options outside Notre Dame. About 3:40 a.m. Sunday, the school tweeted a statement from Kelly saying he thought he had been clear that he plans to return.

"I have not been, am not, and will not be interested in options outside of Notre Dame. I'm fully committed to leading this program in the future," Kelly said in a tweet.

Because Kelly said he wouldn't stay in California recruiting as long as he has in past seasons after finishing the season, some compared that to 2009 when Charlie Weis returned to South Bend after a loss at Stanford and was fired. Kelly didn't return with the team to South Bend after the loss on Saturday, but acknowledged he's coming back early.

"I don't believe I'm coming back early because I'm getting fired," he said.

Kelly said Saturday he wasn't surprised about the speculation about his job status.

"You can't be surprised when you go 4-8 that you're going to get those questions asked as well," he said.

Kelly said he plans to conduct exit interviews with players Wednesday through Friday to get an idea on what changes need to be made. He said he has to evaluate a lot of things, including his assistant coaches.

"I've always felt the continuity of blend and change is the sweet spot. For me, we need to clearly look at where that is because it was off," he said.

Kelly won at least eight games in each of his first six seasons and started this season ranked No. 10 and finished with eight losses. There have been few seasons when hopes started so high and finished so low. The Irish opened the 1956 season ranked No. 3 and finished 2-8, and were No. 4 to start the 1981 season in Gerry Faust's first season and finished 5-6.

Kelly's players also backed him after the Irish wrapped up their worst season since Charlie Weis went 3-9 in 2007 with a dreary, waterlogged loss in Los Angeles.

"If anything, Coach Kelly deserves another chance if people are talking about him being fired because this is just one bad season," defensive tackle Jarron Jones said. "Just because we have one trip-up doesn't mean he should be fired."

The season will be remembered for Notre Dame's inability to come up with big plays in close losses to bad teams, falling to Texas (5-6), Michigan State (3-8), Duke (4-7) and North Carolina State (5-6). It's just the 14th time in 128 seasons of playing football the Irish have finished with a losing record.

"I thought we could play with anybody this year," Kelly said. "We just have not been able to sustain consistent performance for four quarters. We have shown a propensity for some self-inflicted wounds, whether they be on special teams or offense or defense."

Kelly called the defense a young group that is "ascending" and "will make big strides next year."

As for the offense, its status will depend on whether Kizer declares for the NFL draft or returns to school for his redshirt junior season. Kizer said he has not made a decision yet.

Kelly said the school had requested draft evaluations for Kizer, left tackle Mike McGlinchey, left guard Quenton Nelson and linebacker Nyles Morgan from the NFL.

Kizer did say the disappointing year gives him plenty of difficult tape to review and situations he could learn from, trying to take some positives from a bad situation.

Jones believes the same holds true for Kelly's tenure at Notre Dame.

"You never want to think about the negative stuff, because the negative stuff taints the positive memories," Jones said.

STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Duncanville 32, Arlington Bowie 27

Allen 34, San Angelo Central 21

State Quarterfinals

Duncanville (11-2) vs. Allen (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

Regional

Round Rock 49, Coppell 45

The Woodlands 52, Austin Bowie 31

State Quarterfinals

Round Rock (10-3) vs. The Woodlands (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Region III

Regional

Galena Park North Shore 20, Katy 17

Humble Atascocita 28, Houston Lamar 27

State Quarterfinals

Galena Park North Shore (12-1) vs. Humble Atascocita (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Lake Travis 54, Los Fresnos 7

Austin Westlake 35, Laredo United 15

State Quarterfinals

Lake Travis (12-1) vs. Austin Westlake (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

DeSoto 49, Abilene 45

Cedar Hill 56, Mansfield 28

State Quarterfinals

DeSoto (13-0) vs. Cedar Hill (11-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

Regional

Klein Collins 56, Tyler 14

Spring Westfield 44, Westbrook 6

State Quarterfinals

Klein Collins (12-1) vs. Spring Westfield (10-3), TBD

Region III

Regional

Cypress Ridge 49, Clear Brook 14

Katy Cinco Ranch 34, Friendswood 7

State Quarterfinals

Cypress Ridge (11-2) vs. Katy Cinco Ranch (10-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Cibolo Steele 56, Wesiaco East 0

SA Churchill 38, Laredo United 0

State Quarterfinals

Cibolo Steele (12-1) vs. SA Churchill (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Denton Ryan 38, Lubbock Monterey 21

Colleyville Heritage 43, Lubbock Coronado 34

State Quarterfinals

Denton Ryan (13-0) vs. Colleyville Heritage (10-3), 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

Regional

Dallas Highland Park 41, Mansfield Lake Ridge 27

Mansfield Legacy 42, Frisco Wakeland 10

State Quarterfinals

Dallas Highland Park (11-2) vs. Mansfield Legacy (11-2), 5:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region III

Regional

Manvel 47, Cedar Park 35

Temple 39, Port Arthur Memorial 7

State Quarterfinals

Manvel (13-0) vs. Temple (10-3), TBD

Region IV

Regional

Richmond Foster 55, Eagle Pass Winn 0

Dripping Springs 69, Mission Memorial 35

State Quarterfinals

Richmond Foster (13-0) vs. Dripping Springs (12-1), TBD

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

Saginaw Boswell 20, Lubbock Cooper 10

Aledo 56, Abilene Cooper 35

State Quarterfinals

Saginaw Boswell (9-4) vs. Aledo (13-0), 9 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

Regional

Mesquite Poteet 45, Dallas South Oak Cliff 37

Lancaster 27, Wylie East 20

State Quarterfinals

Mesquite Poteet (10-3) vs. Lancaster (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midlothian's MISD Stadium

Region III

Regional

Fort Bend Marshall 28, A&M Consolidated 21

College Station 52, Port Neches-Groves 28

State Quarterfinals

Fort Bend Marshall (11-2) vs. College Station (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Prairie View A&M

Region IV

Regional

Victoria East 48, Edcouch-Elsa 0

CC Calallen 20, Boerne-Champion 7

State Quarterfinals

Victoria East (10-3) vs. CC Calallen (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Levelland 53, Andrews 22

Abilene Wylie 35, Argyle 14

State Quarterfinals

Levelland (10-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II

Regional

Kennedale 49, Midlothian Heritage 47

Van 55, Paris 27

State Quarterfinals

Kennedale (10-3) vs. Van (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center

Region III

Regional

Stafford 37, Bridge City 28

Carthage 33, Henderson 31

State Quarterfinals

Stafford (10-3) vs. Carthage (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Waco La Vega 36, Somerset 20

China Spring 52, Liberty Hill 21

State Quarterfinals

Waco La Vega (13-0) vs. China Spring (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

Seminole 28, Monahans 21

Sweetwater 44, Glen Rose 14

State Quarterfinals

Seminole (9-3) vs. Sweetwater (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Region II

Regional

Celina 23, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 19

Gilmer 50, Jasper 21

State Quarterfinals

Celina (11-2) vs. Gilmer (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium

Region III

Regional

Giddings 26, Liberty 14

West Orange-Stark 49, Bellville 7

State Quarterfinals

Giddings (11-2) vs. West Orange-Stark (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Geronimo Navarro 55, Wharton 34

Cuero 28, Wimberley 7

State Quarterfinals

Geronimo Navarro (13-0) vs. Cuero (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Wall 55, Littlefield 7

Brock 48, Muleshoe 19

State Quarterfinals

Wall (10-3) vs. Brock (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Region II

Regional

Pottsboro 42, Farmersville 26

Mineola 21, Howe 7

State Quarterfinals

Pottsboro (11-2) vs. Mineola (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

Region III

Regional

Malakoff 27, Rockdale 14

Cameron Yoe 23, Teague 6

State Quarterfinals

Malakoff (13-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Hallettsville 35, Alice 14

Yoakum 23, Goliad 21

State Quarterfinals

Hallettsville (13-0) vs. Yoakum (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

Canadian 21, Coleman 19

Sonora 40, Childress 36

State Quarterfinals

Canadian (11-2) vs. Sonora (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II

Regional

Gunter 31, Henrietta 3

Winona 35, Whitewright 28

State Quarterfinals

Gunter (13-0) vs. Winona (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Forney's City Bank Stadium

Region III

Regional

Newton 30, Elysian Fields 20

Arp 35, Crockett 32

State Quarterfinals

Newton (13-0) vs. Arp (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nacogdoches' Dragon Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Lexington 38, East Bernard 35

Boling 62, Odem 35

State Quarterfinals

Lexington (11-2) vs. Boling (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Navasota

CLASS 2A DIVISION I

Region I

Regional

Abernathy 24, Post 21

Anson 43, Forsan 31

State Quarterfinals

Abernathy (11-2) vs. Anson (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Snyder

Region II

Regional

De Leon 30, Windthorst 14

Crawford 27, Mart 20

State Quarterfinals

De Leon (11-2) vs. Crawford (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Region III

Regional

Centerville 43, Lovelady 14

Price Carlisle 28, San Augustine 14

State Quarterfinals

Centerville (10-3) vs. Price Carlisle (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Palestine's Wildcat Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Mason 55, Normangee 18

Refugio 36, Ben Bolt 12

State Quarterfinals

Mason (11-2) vs. Refugio (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

Region I

Regional

Seagraves 29, Roscoe 21

Wellington 38, Hamlin 0

State Quarterfinals

Seagraves (10-3) vs. Wellington (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Region II

Regional

Iraan 33, Albany 14

Munday 40, Muenster 34

State Quarterfinals

Iraan (13-0) vs. Munday (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Colorado City

Region III

Regional

Bremond 48, Maud 20

Tenaha 44, Iola 0

State Quarterfinals

Bremond (13-0) vs. Tenaha (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, College Station's Cougar Field

Region IV

Regional

Burton 34, Falls City 24

Flatonia 34, Bruni 7

State Quarterfinals

Burton (12-1) vs. Flatonia (9-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I

State Quarterfinals

Happy 62, Knox City 14

Gail Borden County 66, Garden City 48

Jonesboro 46, Zephyr 44

Gilmer Union Hill 60, Tioga 12

State Semifinals

Happy (13-0) vs. Gail Borden County (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Levelland

Jonesboro (13-0) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Springtown

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II

State Quarterfinals

Turkey Valley 84, Follett 62

Balmorhea 87, Grandfalls-Royalty 42

Crowell 54, Veiera Panther Creek 8

Richland Springs 66, Calvert 36

State Semifinals

Turkey Valley (11-2) vs. Balmorhea (13-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Gail

Crowell (11-1) vs. Richland Springs (13-0), TBD

TEXAS

From 1C

they met Herman on Friday night after Texas lost to TCU and had an agreement in place before Strong was told he'd been fired.

Three years ago, it took Texas about three weeks and flirtations with several other coaches, before Strong was hired.

And Strong had barely arrived on campus when billionaire businessman Red McCombs, one of Texas' most prominent donors, called hiring Strong a "kick in the face," a comment that set the tone for three tumultuous years for a divided fan base.

All of that came under different campus leadership than Herman has now. Fenves and Perrin have been in their jobs less than two years.

"What is important is that in the end, we got our man," Fenves said.

Things look and sound good now, but Herman will want to remember that Texas has a board of regents that hasn't been afraid to meddle in athletics.

It was impatient board members and influential donors who worked tried to lure Alabama's Nick Saban while Mack Brown was still the Longhorns coach in 2013.

Herman will have to put a staff together, and he deflected questions on whether that will include Houston offensive coordinator Major Applewhite.

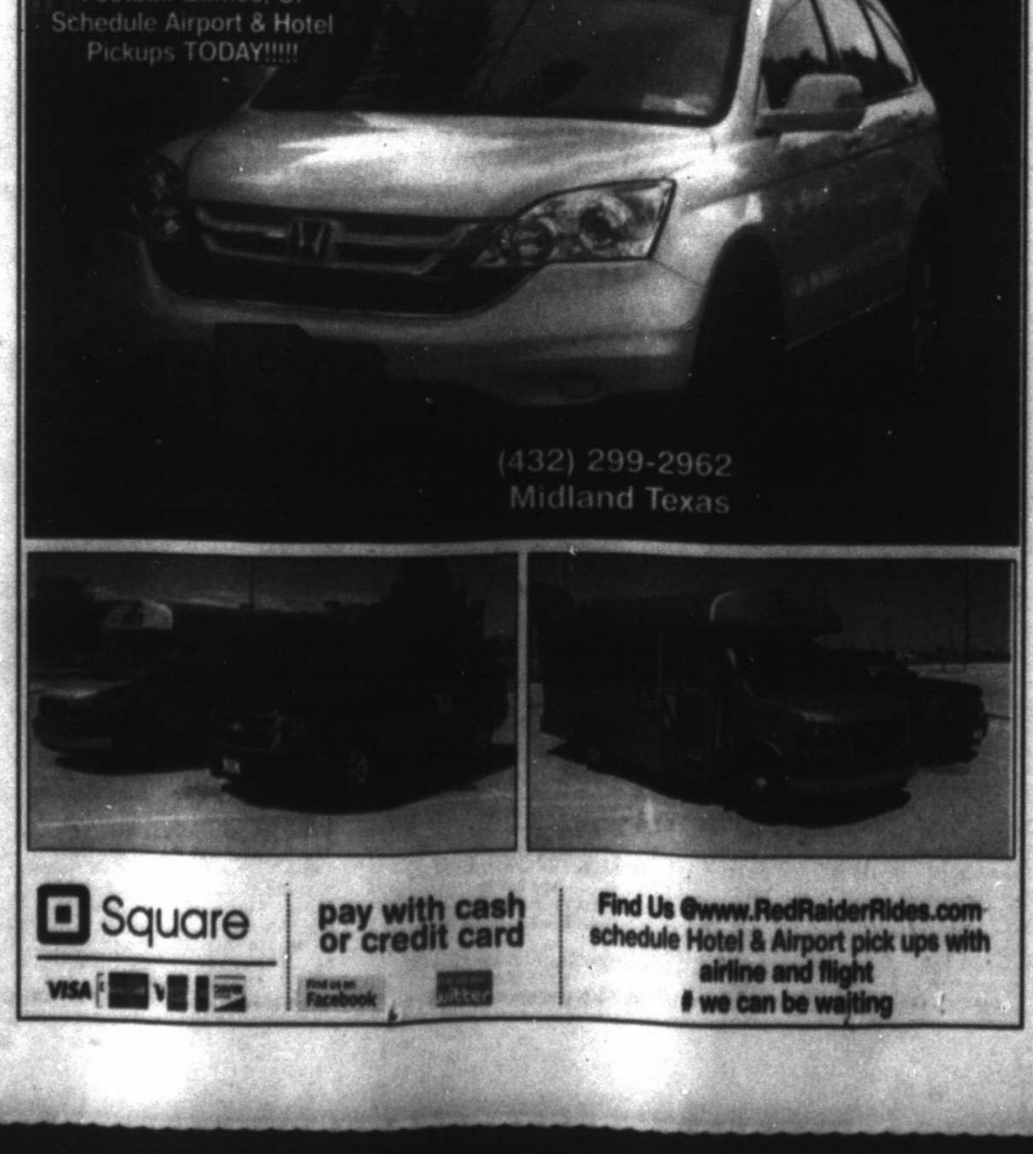
Applewhite is a former Texas quarterback and assistant coach who was immensely popular with Texas fans. But he also was disciplined by the university in 2009 when as an assistant coach school officials learned he'd engaged in "inappropriate" conduct with a student trainer on a bowl trip.

Applewhite, and how the school disciplined him, remains a key element in a long-running gender and race discrimination lawsuit against Texas filed by former women's track coach Bev Kearney, who was forced out in 2013 after having a relationship with one of her athletes in 2002. That case is pending before the state Supreme Court.

Herman will enjoy hitting the recruiting trail for the state's flagship university and the wealth and prestige that comes with it. And the buzz across Texas' fertile recruiting grounds will be focused on him, instead of Big 12 and in-state rivals like Baylor, Texas Tech, TCU and Texas A&M, all of whom had disappointing seasons.

Texas is known a place where the pressure to win, be a politician and to be the public face of one of the nation's most prominent programs can be crushing. Herman says he ready to handle it all.

"Pressure comes from being unprepared," Herman said. "We are prepared for this job. We are prepared to be successful."



Like father, like son: Another Rosberg wins F1 title

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Nico Rosberg will no longer be known simply as the son of Formula One champion Keke Rosberg.

The German driver is now a champion in his own right after clinching his first title on Sunday to match his father's achievement from 1982.

"Two Rosbergs are world champions ... if I've got my statistics right," Nico Rosberg joked moments after clinching the title.

Graham Hill (1962, 1968) and Damon Hill (1996) are the only other father and son to have won the title.

Rosberg's second place at the season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix was enough to wrestle the title away from Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton and also prevented his archrival from clinching his third straight and fourth overall.

"It's unbelievably special to beat him because the level's so high," Rosberg said. "It makes this so much more satisfying for me, because he's the benchmark and I took the world championship away from him."

Rosberg ended on 385 points to Hamilton's 380.

Just like his father, Rosberg drives in the No. 6 car.

His 67-year-old father was one of the most flamboyant drivers of his generation.

"Every Saturday night I get a text from him: 'Pedal to the metal.' That's it," Rosberg said. "It's been good how he's let me get on with it and taken a step back. So I'm very thankful for that."

Rosberg's title went down to the wire in a nerve-shredding finale.

"I was relieved" his father said after the race in the F1 paddock. "Two laps from the end I was nervous."

With Hamilton purposefully slowing him down, two other drivers hard on his tail and the title on the line, Rosberg did not crack.

Hamilton won the race from pole position for his 53rd GP win. But Rosberg was 12 points ahead of him before the race and only needed to finish no lower than third if Hamilton won.

"It was so intense, the race, so tough," said the 31-year-old Rosberg, who finished runner-up to Hamilton in the past two years.

Rosberg repeatedly wiped his face and lowered his head several times in the post-race news conference, appearing emotionally exhausted as he drama when he was close to colliding with Verstappen on lap 21 as they jostled for second place.

For the Mercedes pair, the race had started serenely.

With the sun setting on the Yas Marina track, Hamilton was on pole for the 12th time this season and got away cleanly, as did Rosberg.

Meanwhile, Verstappen's car went into a spin following contact shortly after the start, dropping him down from sixth to last, but the daring Dutchman soon caught up.

Hamilton came in for his first tire change on the eighth lap, and Rosberg came in for his on the next lap.

But the German driver was held up for a couple of seconds by Vettel, who was just coming in for his stop, and when he came out, he was behind Verstappen and Hamilton.

Rosberg needed to overtake Verstappen, the youngest driver to win an F1 race who has earned a reputation for his risky, borderline dangerous overtaking and has upset other drivers this season.

Luca Bruno/Associated Press

Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany celebrates after winning the 2016 world championship during the Emirates Formula One Grand Prix at the Yas Marina racetrack Sunday in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Rosberg focused on himself, not Hamilton, to win 1st title

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — The biggest change for newly crowned Formula One champion Nico Rosberg this year was staying calm despite his often turbulent relationship with rival Lewis Hamilton.

Rosberg won his first F1 title on Sunday to end his Mercedes teammate's bid for a fourth title overall. Hamilton won the race itself but Rosberg's second place was enough for him to finish five points ahead in the standings.

The German driver focused on himself the whole season, not allowing the frustrations of his rivalry with Hamilton to unsettle him.

"For sure it's a key ingredient as to why I'm here now. It's the approach I've taken," Rosberg said. "I've really learned to focus hard. It takes a lot of sacrifice to stay so focused for the whole year."

When Hamilton sealed last year's title with three races to go at the United States GP in Austin, Texas, he made a dismissive gesture toward Rosberg.

The three podium finishers each get a cap: with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd written on them. Race winner Hamilton tossed Rosberg's second-place cap toward him with barely a glance in his direction, let alone consoling words.

Rosberg reacted by tossing it straight back at Hamilton even quicker than it had arrived.

Hamilton's gesture appeared to be one-upmanship, goading right at the precise moment when his teammate was utterly dejected.

"Austin was a horrible experience for me," Rosberg said.

But getting so irritated that day merely exposed his frustration to the watching world, while Hamilton smiled serenely.

Rosberg showed far more mental strength this year.

Even at pre-season testing in Spain, he seemed different. Less edgy, less verbose, and quietly determined to turn his fortunes around.

All season long he has repeated the mantra of taking it one race at a time.

The cliche from one of the more eloquent drivers became a force field, helping him to block everything else out and stopping him looking too far ahead or thinking too much about Hamilton.

Publicly, at least, he spoke about Hamilton like he would any other driver, rather than the rival haunting his title dreams.

There have been tensions this year.

They crashed on the final lap in a dramatic end to the Austrian GP in early July, when Hamilton was desperately trying to overtake Rosberg. It followed a similar incident on the first lap at the Spanish GP in mid-May — although both went out so neither gained points.

But after what happened in Austria, both were warned by Mercedes that they risked having team orders imposed on them.

Mercedes had seen this before in 2014, when their drivers feuded at the Monaco GP and the Belgian GP.

Tensions were still apparent heading into the final race of 2014 in Abu Dhabi. Before that year's title decider, Hamilton was asked if there was something he could do to ensure a clean race. He said there was not.

In a flash, Rosberg snapped at the British driver: "Yes, Lewis can do something to keep it clean, which is drive cleanly himself."

It was Rosberg once again rising to the bait.

But after this year's incidents, Rosberg reacted in a low-key manner, noticeably steering away from score-settling.

Even in the days before this race, Hamilton was stepping up the mind games, repeating that he thinks he has been the better driver this year and consistently bemoaning his bad luck with engine problems.

If Hamilton's intention was to dominate the pre-race news conferences before their last-ever title decider, then he won hands down.

But Rosberg was clearly not interested in engaging in a war of words and, while Hamilton hogged the limelight with his audacious statements, Rosberg sat next to him, cupping his chin on his hand, visibly detached as he looked away into the distance.

If Hamilton's intention was to undermine Rosberg's composure, then it failed.

Their rivalry goes back to when they were racing karts against each other as teenage friends and shared rooms together at races.

The two 31-year-old drivers are contrasting characters.

The jet-setting Hamilton has always loved to travel, often using his bright-red Bombardier Challenger private plane.

He has a taste for the high life, with high-profile friends in the music and fashion industry such as singer Rihanna, designer Stella McCartney and model Gigi Hadid.

In contrast, Rosberg, who has a young daughter with his childhood friend and wife, grows and eats his own vegetables.

tilted back into his chair and rubbed his eyes.

Still, he expects to find plenty of energy to celebrate his win.

Hamilton made it hard for Rosberg by disobeying team orders to speed up near the end, in a bid to back Rosberg toward Sebastian Vettel and Max Verstappen in third and fourth places, respectively.

Vettel could not quite pass Rosberg, finishing third ahead of Verstappen and fourth overall in the championship behind Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo.

"Nico drove well not to make a mistake," said Hamilton, who won 10 races this year.

As Hamilton deliberately slowed in the later stages of the race, his team told him over race radio to up the tempo.

Hamilton ignored them and then even ignored a direct order from Mercedes' executive director Paddy Lowe four laps from the end.

Vettel was a wheel's length away from him on the final lap, but Rosberg kept his cool and his elation was evident as he let out a delighted screech of "Yes! World champion!" when he crossed the line.

Then he jumped out of his car and danced around the track before being hugged by his mechanics and was tossed into the air by his Mercedes crew.

He then grabbed Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone and lifted him into the air.

On the podium, Rosberg's eyes were watering as the weight of his achievement sank in and he thanked his wife, who also wiped away tears nearby.

Rosberg survived earlier

F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Yas Marina Circuit
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
lap length: 3.45 miles

1 L Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 55 laps, 1:38:04.013, 25 points
2 Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 55, +0.439 seconds, 18
3 Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 55, +0.843, 15
4 M. Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 55, +1.685, 12
5 D Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 55, +5.315, 10
6 Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 55, +18.816, 8
7 Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India Mercedes, 55, +50.114, 6
8 S Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, 55, +58.776, 4
9 F Massa, Brazil, Williams Mercedes, 55, +59.436, 2
10 F Alonso, Spain, McLaren Honda, 55, +59.896, 1
11 R Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 55, +76.777, 0
12 E Gutierrez, Mexico, Haas Ferrari, 55, +85.113, 0
13 E. Ocon, France, MRT Mercedes, 54, +1 lap, 0
14 P Wehrlein, Germany, MRT Mercedes, 54, +1 lap, 0
15 M. Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 54, +1 lap, 0
16 Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber Ferrari, 54, +1 lap, 0
17 Jolyon Palmer, Britain, Renault, 54, +1 lap, 0

Not classified

Carlos Sainz, Spain, Toro Rosso Ferrari, 41, 0
Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso Ferrari, 14, 0
Jenson Button, Britain, McLaren Honda, 12, 0
Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams Mercedes, 6, 0
Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Renault, 5, 0

Final Driver Standings

1 Nico Rosberg, 385 points
2 Lewis Hamilton, 380
3 Daniel Ricciardo, 256
4 Sebastian Vettel, 212
5 Max Verstappen, 204
6 Kimi Raikkonen, 186
7 Sergio Perez, 101
8 Valtteri Bottas, 85
9 Nico Hulkenberg, 72
10 Fernando Alonso, 54
11 Felipe Massa, 53
12 Carlos Sainz, 46
13 Romain Grosjean, 29
14 Daniil Kvyat, 25
15 Jenson Button, 21
16 Kevin Magnussen, 7
17 Felipe Nasr, 2
18 Jolyon Palmer, 1
19 Pascal Wehrlein, 1
20 Stoffel Vandoorne, 1
21 Esteban Gutierrez, 0
22 Marcus Ericsson, 0
23 Esteban Ocon, 0
24 Rio Haryanto, 0

Final Constructor Standings

1 Mercedes, 765
2 Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 468
3 Ferrari, 398
4 Force India Mercedes, 173
5 Williams Mercedes, 91
6 McLaren Honda, 76
7 Toro Rosso Ferrari, 63
8 Haas Ferrari, 29
9 Renault, 8
10 Sauber Ferrari, 2
11 MRT Mercedes, 1

Sounders beat Rapids 1-0 to advance to MLS Cup

Associated Press

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Jordan Morris scored in the 56th minute and the Seattle Sounders advanced to their first MLS Cup, beating the Colorado Rapids 1-0 on Sunday in the second leg of the Western Conference final.

Nelson Haedo Valdez set up the goal to help Seattle take the series 3-1 in aggregate scoring. The Sounders will play Toronto or Montreal on Dec. 10 for the league title.

Toronto hosts Montreal in the second leg of the Eastern final Wednesday night. The Impact won the first leg 3-2 in Montreal.

The Sounders won the first leg of the series in Seattle 2-1 on Tuesday night and needed only a tie to advance. They got more than that with a big goal from Morris.

It was the Rapids' first home loss of the season.

Colorado carried the play for most of the game but Seattle jumped on a great chance Valdez had the ball above the box and passed to Morris as he got behind a defender. Morris knocked the ball over goalkeeper Zac MacMath as he slid to try to disrupt the shot.

Morris got the shot off as he was sliding, and MacMath spiked his right leg as both players converged.

The Rapids needed a goal to get even in aggregate scoring and came out inspired from the start. Jermaine Jones had the first real chance on a header in the fifth minute that went wide.

He later knocked a pass from Shkelzen Gashi over the bar.

However, the best chance for the Rapids came in the 23rd minute. Forward Kevin Doyle had the ball and maneuvered by defender Roman Torres on the left side and had just goalkeeper Stefan Frei in his path. Instead of taking the shot to try to beat the charging Frei, he sent the ball to the front of the net as Sebastien Le Toux came down the middle, but the ball went through and Le Toux never got a shot.

NOTES: Rapids captain Sam Cronin was suspended for the match due to an accumulation of yellow cards. Cronin received a yellow card in the first leg of the series Tuesday in Seattle. Micheal Azira got the start in Cronin's place. ... Torres received a yellow card in the 14th minute after hitting the ball as it was set up for a free kick for Colorado.

Denmark holds off challenge to win golf's World Cup

By Bruce Matthews
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Denmark fought off a three-pronged attack to win golf's World Cup at Kingston Heath on Sunday.

Soren Kjeldsen and Thorbjorn Olesen held their nerve after a four-shot overnight lead was threatened by China, France and Sweden.

The pair combined superbly in the best-ball format for a closing 6-under 66 to finish on 20-under 268, four shots clear of France (63), China (65) and the United States (66) in a three-way tie for second.

Kjeldsen and Olesen took turns to nail critical birdie putts every time the lead was whittled back.

"Our mental strength is keeping calm and playing our own game. I wasn't too worried, I thought the birdies would come on the back nine and they did," Olesen said.

Chinese duo Ashun Wu and Haotong Li crept within one stroke early on the back nine before Kjeldsen holed a birdie putt to restore the buffer. Victor Dubuisson's birdie at the par-three 15th propelled France to just one shot back. And this time Olesen answered with a 7-foot putt, playing three holes behind the French, to ward off the leaderboard danger.

While Kjeldsen and Olesen weren't threatened by US pair Rickie Fowler and Jimmy Walker, Sweden's Alex Noren and David Lingmerth did move to within a shot — after firing a brilliant 10-under 62 to eventually finish fifth at 15-under. But nobody could catch the Danes.

Olesen's hot putter delivered birdies at Nos. 13, 14 and 15 to restore the leaderboard buffer. He also rolled in a curling 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th.

"The psychology (of a team) is really interesting to me. When you get a guy like this, on the back nine you feel you want to die for this guy," Kjeldsen said of Olesen. "I've never felt that before and that team thing is amazing."

In golf terms, the Danish pair formed an odd couple. Olesen loves to keep check of leaderboards around the course and Kjeldsen tries to avoid them.

"We play different games, we don't talk much and just play our shots and that's helpful," Olesen said.

Sweden, who started the fourball final round nine shots back, could only ponder what might have been with a more polished foursomes effort than the tardy third round 73.

ISPS Handa World Cup of Golf Scores
Sunday
At Kingston Heath Golf Club
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,111; Par: 72
Final

S.Kjeldsen/T.Olesen $2,560,000 72-60-70-66—268
V.Dubuisson/R.Langasque, $880,333 70-67-75-66—277
Wu A./Li H., $880,333 70-65-72-65—272
R.Fowler/J.Walker $880,333 70-67-69-66—272
A.Noren/D.Lingmerth $880,000 72-66-73-62—273
F.Molinari/M.Manassero, $297,500 71-66-73-64—274
H.Matsuyama/R.Ishikawa, $297,500 73-65-71-65—274
R.Cabrera Bello/J.Rahm, $215,000 69-67-73-66—275
A.Scott/M.Leishman $142,500 74-68-70-65—277
S.Lowry/G.McDowell $142,500 72-69-70-66—277
D.Hearn/A.Hadwin $105,000 75-62-69-66—272
D.Lee/R.Fox, $105,000 75-64-72-67—278
A.Cejka/S.Jaeger $83,500 74-71-70-64—279
C.Wood/A.Sullivan, $83,500 71-66-77-65—279
J.Van Zyl/G.Coetzee $83,500, 76-66-71-66—279
T.Pieters/N.Colsaerts, $83,500 73-69-70-67—279
J.Luiten/D.van Oriel, $75,000 75-64-75-66—280
B.Wiesberger/M.Wiegele, $75,000 73-68-71-68—280
T.Jaidee/K.Aphibarnrat, $70,000 73-66-77-66—282
R.Knox/D.Stewart, $70,000 78-65-72-67—282
C.Pan/Chan S., $70,000 74-65-74-69—282
B.Lredge/S.Manley, $63,000 74-66-80-63—283
B.An/K.Kim, $63,000 74-69-76-64—283
D.Chia/N.Fung, $63,000 77-68-72-66—283
S.Chawsaisit/S.Chikkarangappa, $63,000 74-68-75-66—283
R.Gouveia/J.Lima, $58,000 74-68-72-70—284
J.Vegas/J.Vegas, $56,000 74-68-76-67—285
M.Tabuena/A.Oua, $54,000 77-67-77-70—291

THE SPOTLIGHT ON EMPLOYMENT

HESI
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS AND INSTRUMENTATION INC
Huge opportunity for the right individual!
Licensed Oilfield Electricians
Licensed Maintenance Electricians
Comprehensive Benefit Plan including Health, Vision Plan, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Sick and Holiday Pay, Salary is Negotiable DOE.
Ph. (432) 563-0020
Apply online at: elect-systems.com

FOREMAN, LINEMAN, OPERATORS, GROUNDMAN
Hiring Foreman, Journeyman Lineman, Apprentice Lineman, Equipment Operators, Groundman. Based in Midland serving the Permian Basin. Comprehensive benefit plan. Pay rate DOE.
Apply online bobcatcontracting.com or email resume to hr@bobcatcontracting.com.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
mrt.com

TODAY'S COMICS SPONSORED BY

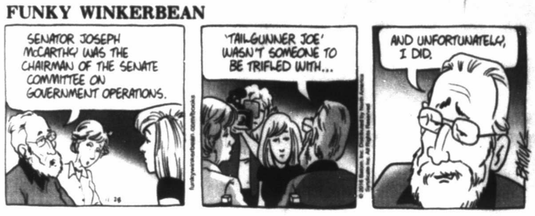
HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
432-522-1117
QUALITY, INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCE
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!!!

The wiseman built his house on a rock
Then he hired Hartman to roof it!!!
All Types of Roof and Roof repair • Free Estimates
Commercial • Residential
www.HartmanRoofing.com

HARTMAN ROOFING INC.
Mention this ad. and receive $300.00 off a full roofing job or $50.00 off any repair of $200.00 or more

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

FUNKY WINKERBEAN



BLONDIE

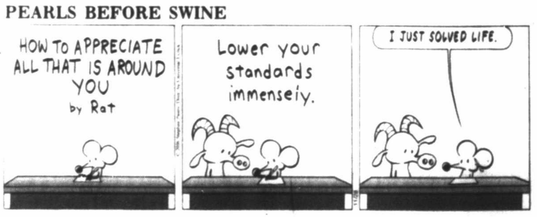
BEETLE BAILEY

CLASSIC PEANUTS

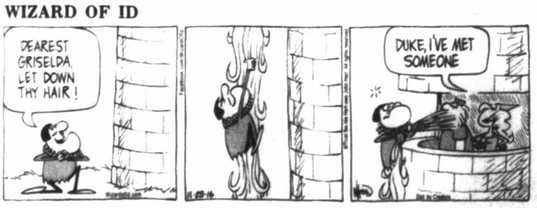
SHOE

GARFIELD

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

LUANN

MARY WORTH

ZITS

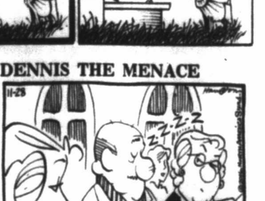
BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

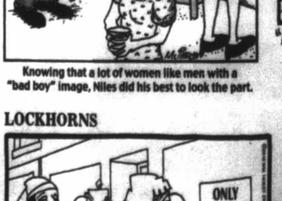
Knowing that a lot of women like men with a "bad boy" image, Niles did his best to look the part.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"MR. WILSON THINKS HE'S ON HIS FRONT PORCH."

LOCKHORNS



"LORETTA CAN'T RESIST A CHALLENGE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Oh no, I'm afraid it feels like it's gonna be one of those mornings."

TODAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy	SATURDAY: Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 43	High: 68 Low: 33	High: 63 Low: 34	High: 58 Low: 38	High: 51 Low: 37	High: 42 Low: 34

Local forecast

Today will be a windy day with gusts reaching 45 mph, according to the National Weather Service. Beginning Tuesday, expect high temperatures below average for this time of year.

There is no rain in the seven-day forecast, according to the NWS.

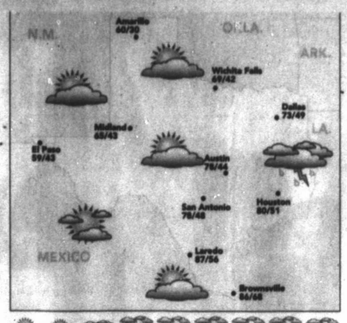
The record high for Nov. 27 is 85 set in 1949. The record low is 16 set in 1938. On Nov. 27 of last year, the high was 65 and the low was 33.

Climate brief

Eat those turkey leftovers, reduce greenhouse gases

In the days after feasting on Thanksgiving dinner, Americans will be throwing away millions of tons of leftovers, and that waste comes with a potentially unappreciated environmental cost: emissions of potent greenhouse gases.

Food disposed of in landfills slowly rots and releases methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide. If food waste were a country, it would be the third largest global greenhouse gas emitter, after only the U.S. and China.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.01 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	2.01 in.
Year total	14.77 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.94 in.

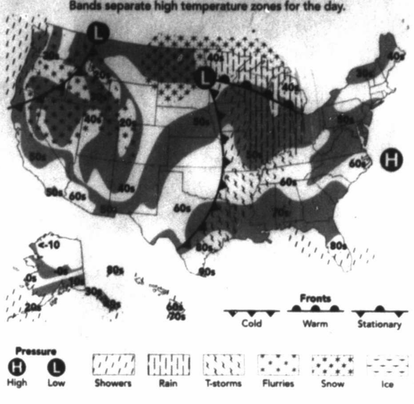
Sunday's temperatures

High	68
Low	57
Normal high	62
Normal low	34
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Monday, November 28, 2016

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Unworkable living arrangement weighs heavily on young man

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: Earlier this year, I moved away from home to move in with my boyfriend. We had been dating for more than a year and were close enough we could see each other whenever our schedules allowed. However, over the last few months I have been second-guessing that decision. I'm noticing things that I realize won't work.

To make matters more complicated, I met a girl who quickly became a good friend three months ago. She has inspired — and in some ways pushed — me to go back to college and improve my life. I find myself falling for her. The thing is, she just started dating someone, and I would never betray my partner by being unfaithful.

I don't know what to do. I can see my relationship with my boyfriend is not going to work out, and I know I'm not going to violate my female friend's relationship either. How does someone end a relationship when they live together? And how do I deal with the fear that I'll be miserable being on my own again, and the guilt of breaking my partner's heart? — **MIXED-UP GUY IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR MIXED-UP GUY: The first thing you need to do is recognize that being unencumbered can be a positive thing, particularly if you are not happy or satisfied with the relationship you are in. The adage "When a door closes, another one opens" is usually true.

Start looking around for alternative living arrangements, and when you find something that will work for you, explain to your boyfriend that you need to "make some changes." It's better for both of you than living a lie.

As to your relationship with the young woman, whether she stays with the person she's dating is something neither of us can predict. When you are single, she may become available. Or, you may meet someone else and start a relationship. Don't be afraid. These are the things that make life interesting.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together six years. This Christmas will be our second year as a married couple. On Christmas morning, my husband goes over to his parents' house to open gifts with his siblings. They are all adults; the oldest two are almost 40. (Both are single.) I'm not invited and have never been invited to their home, despite living five minutes away, because his mother is a hoarder.

We are expecting our first child in April. My husband works in law enforcement and is typically not off the entire day on Christmas. He calls me selfish and accuses me of trying to ruin their family tradition when I tell him this needs to end. I do not appreciate my husband taking off on me for four hours every Christmas morning. I want us to start our own traditions. Am I wrong? — **WANTS OUR OWN TRADITIONS**

DEAR WANTS: Be thankful you have never been invited to your MIL's home because from your description, the experience wouldn't be pleasant.

Since you and your husband are starting a family now, I see nothing wrong with wanting to start some traditions of your own. However, it doesn't have to be an either/or situation. A way to do that without causing WWIII would be to suggest alternating the Christmas mornings he spends at his parents' house, or schedule your gift exchange for a time when your husband can be with you. Once the baby arrives, holiday plans are bound to change.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 9 3 ♡ 8 ◇ Q 10 7 2 ♣ K 5 4 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Pass	1NT	?

What call would you make?

A — After a one **no-trump response** on your right, double is a takeout double of the suit bid on your left. Double, for takeout.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 8 3 ♡ K 7 4 ◇ 5 3 ♣ K J 10 6

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent jumps to two hearts, pre-emptive. What call would you make?

A — No bridge player would be too confident in this situation, but you must soldier on. Make a negative double, hoping to find a spade fit, and continue with three no-trump if you don't find one. Cross your fingers.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 9 8 7 ♡ J 5 ◇ K Q 9 8 7 ♣ Q

You open one spade, left-hand opponent passes, and partner jumps to three spades, invitational with four-card support. What now?

A — You have a nice hand, but there is no first-round control to cue bid, so don't press the issue. Bidding four spades is enough.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 7 3 ♡ 7 ◇ K 7 2 ♣ 10 9 5 3 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♡	Pass	?

What call would you make?

A — You owe partner a bid, so make one. Bid one spade. Despite popular misconceptions, you don't need five spades to make this bid.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 28, 2016:

This year you often feel as if you need to redo conversations or renegotiate deals. You will believe that you can make what you want happen, although you will have to do your fair share to make it so. If you are single, you could meet someone from out of the blue whom you feel is The One. Do not question it too much. If you are attached, the two of you will emphasize what is positive in your relationship. Curb a tendency to be me-oriented, as a relationship is a two-way street. A fellow SAGITTARIUS is full of energy and will challenge you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A lengthy conversation with an associate will prove to be worthwhile. Detach and think through your options. A potential trip sounds quite exciting and is a strong possibility. A foreigner is likely to open your mind to new ideas. Tonight: Make a wish on the New Moon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You have offered a lot of yourself as of late, especially to a close friend. You might decide that you want to be more dominant. One-on-one relating opens many doors that, up until now, you had not even considered. Tonight: Be willing to jump through a few hoops.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your intentions are good, as you try to get through a to-do list that is fairly long. Stay focused, and you'll accomplish a lot. Someone you care a lot about could enter your life from out of the blue. You will want to take some time off. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You need to funnel some creativity into the workday rather than daydream about what could be. Your self-discipline might be challenged to the max. The question remains: Do you have the strength to ignore distracting thoughts? Tonight: Consider what must be done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Sometimes getting started is a full-time job. Don't aggravate yourself by trying to do something you are not naturally inclined to do. By midafternoon, you will be full of energy and can do what you want with ease. A new beginning is possible. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be in the mood to try to draw out a friend. If you can get this person to talk, you will hear a different perspective from what you took for granted. Later in the day, you'll want to think about what you heard. Find a place where you won't be bothered. Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Make sure that your finances are what you think they are. How you handle a personal matter could change a lot in the next few days. The afternoon will give you a lot to think about, especially after one particular conversation. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You feel great in the morning and let others know how you feel. A discussion might need to be revisited, not because of you, but because of the other party. Use caution with any financial decision that comes up later in the day. Take a careful look at your budget. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ As the day progresses, you'll feel on top of your game. A New Moon in your sign encourages you to make a resolution, though you might not know whether you can keep it. If you don't try, though, you will never know. Tonight: Act as if the world is your oyster — because it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Use the morning hours to the max, as many of your friends and associates will be more responsive then. You might feel the need to move in a different direction later on in the evening. Do some much-needed research first. Tonight: Take some personal time to relax and unwind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You accept the role of being responsible and direct. Others will respond well to you taking the lead on an important project. You might wonder what you can do to get past someone's resistance. Ask a loved one for some feedback. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You could be tired of having to patch up misunderstandings between a key person and others. Stay on top of your work in the afternoon, and expect to hear back from someone you respect in the next few days. Tonight: At home.

BORN TODAY

Fashion designer John Galliano (1960), comedian Jon Stewart (1962), actor Ed Harris (1950)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Get lost!"
6 Google __: geographical app
10 Ruth with bats
14 Egypt's capital
15 They may clash on a movie set
16 Environmental sci.
17 *Power source that plugs into a computer port
19 Physics particle
20 Andes, e.g.: Abbr.
21 Against
22 Make amends (for)
23 *"Airplane!" flight number, to the control tower
26 Boats with double-bladed paddles
29 Forget to include
30 Mosque leader
31 Address for Bovary
33 Having one flat, musically
36 *Carl Icahn or Michael Milken
40 Billy the __
41 Father or son New York governor
42 Head, to Henri
43 Suffix with joke or pun
44 Gratify
46 *Castle gate-busting weapon
51 Going on, to Sherlock
52 Lily pad squatter
53 Sock hop site
56 "The Mod Squad" cop
57 Home of the player at the ends of the answers to starred clues
60 Actor Estrada
61 Be complicit in, as a caper
62 Giraffe kin
63 Exec's asst.
64 TiVo predecessors
65 Jotted down

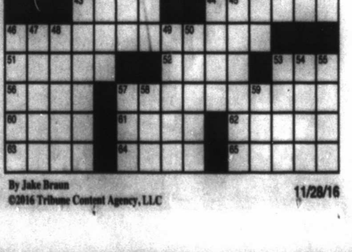
DOWN

1 Film on stagnant water
2 Film credits list
3 Barbecue fare
4 Smile shape
5 Iroquoian people, or a hair style named for them
6 Fred or Ethel of old TV
7 Texas A&M athlete
8 19th-century master of the macabre
9 Old Rus. state
10 "Get lost!"
11 Follow, as a tip
12 Trailblazing Daniel
13 Roundheaded Fudd
18 Yucatán years
22 Jungian inner self
23 Pack (down)
24 Calf-roping event
25 Poet Khayyám
26 Punt or field goal
27 Mine, to Marcel
28 One of 100 between end zones
31 Native New Zealander
32 Source of quick cash, briefly
33 Brainstorm
34 Butterfly catchers
35 For nothing
37 Eight-musician group
38 Regretful sort
39 Bulleted list entry
43 Heavyset
44 Plum's title in Clue, briefly
45 Blue or black water of filmdom
46 Hay bundles
47 Burning
48 Mixer with gin
49 Player referenced in 57-Across' clue, briefly
50 Southern side dish
53 Tiny biting insect
54 "Eek!"
55 Hotel room cleaner
57 Cleveland cager, for short
58 "Easy as" letters
59 Old studio letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

B	I	O	M	A	S	S		S	A	M	B	U	C	A
A	S	R	I	C	H	A	S	C	R	O	E	S	U	S
C	R	E	A	M	E	D	P	O	T	A	T	O	E	S
H	A	S	T	E		L	I	T	O	N		T	C	U
M	E	T	A		R	E	C	T	O		B	O	A	R
A	L	E		M	A	R	Y	I		G	O	U	S	E
N	I	S	S	A	N		T	E	X	T	U	R	E	D
			P	R	O	F	U	S	I	O	N			
S	A	A	R	I	N	E	N		A	L	D	O	U	S
I	R	V	I	N		D	A	Y	N	E		U	N	E
L	A	I	T		D	E	R	E	G		B	T	E	N
E	P	A		T	I	R	O	L		M	O	R	R	O
N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	L	E	A	G	U	E	R
T	H	E	L	I	T	T	L	E	P	R	I	N	C	E
S	O	D	A	L	Y	E		D	I	V	E	S	T	S

xwordeditor@aol.com 11/28/16



By John Brown
©2016 Tribune Content Agency, LLC 11/28/16

WITH SO MUCH FOR LESS - WHY STAY ANYWHERE ELSE?

FREE BREAKFAST
WITH EGGS COOKED TO ORDER

THE MOST COMFY BEDS ON THE PLANET
12 INCH SIMMONS BEAUTYREST

FREE HAPPY HOUR
INCLUDING PREMIUM DRINKS

Affordable Luxury

Grande HOTEL
FUNDome

432-362-2311
6201 E. Business 20
Odessa
mcmgrande.com

BOOK YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES! 432-362-2311

VISIT SANTA
AMAZING DECORATIONS | ONLINE GAMES
COME VISIT SANTA AT THE DILLARD'S COURTYARD! EVERY CHILD RECEIVES A FREE GIFT. WITH OVER 100 MERCHANTS TO CHOOSE FROM, YOU'LL FIND THE PERFECT GIFT FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST. CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE FOR FUN NEW INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S GAMES.
MUSICCITYMALL.NET CLICK ON "THE LATEST"
FOLLOW US

MUSIC CITY MALL

Burlington Dillard's JCPenney sears

mrt★com/jobs

Employment ads by:

432.682.6999

432.682.6222

mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

Internal Auditor

Midland County Auditor's Office is seeking an Internal Auditor to work closely with internal audit team and perform moderately complex, financial, and compliance audits of the Midland County departments.

Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in Accountancy. Job description, pay information, and application is available online at www.co.midland.tx.us under the Human Resources department

MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER

Pioneer Mortgage Company is offering a full-time position. Candidate should have two to three years of prior experience in the origination of single family loans. Mortgage Loan or Banking experience helpful. Duties will include (but not limited to the following) taking mortgage applications for submission to underwriting staff. Will be accountable for the accuracy and completeness of all loan documentation. Significant computer skills are necessary. candidate must be detail and customer services oriented.

Resumes are being accepted at Pioneer Mortgage Company 3000 North Garfield Street, Suite 180, Midland, Texas 79705-6432 or fax to 432-570-0780. You may also send resumes to rbrisbin@pioneerbnk.com. Interviews By appointment only.

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Church Secretary

Looking for an enthusiastic individual to answer phones, meet people, do some light bookkeeping, keep up with church supplies and be willing to help set up for special events. Part time position.
Send resume to: 3220 Cimmaron Ave. Midland, TX 79705

HEALTHCARE

Admission Nurse & a Case Manager

HospiceMidland is seeking an Admission Nurse and a Case Manager. Both positions are full-time with benefits. You must be a registered nurse (RN) in Texas with at least one year of experience in Hospice Care. To apply, please go to https://hospiceofmidland.bamboohr.com/jobs/ or call Andy Salcedo at 682-2855 for more information. E/O/E

The McCamey County Hospital District and Nursing Home are in need of the following positions:

Full time: RN'S, LVN'S and CNA'S
Emergency room experience preferred for RN applicants. $1500.00 sign on bonus for RN, LVN and Certified CNA'S
Individuals seeking a CNA Certification can apply to be sent to school in Odessa and/or Midland in lieu of a sign on bonus.
Competitive wages and benefits, apply on-line at mccameyhospitaldistrict.org for further information contact Human Resources, Ashley Johnson 432-652-8626 ext 259.

OTHER JOBS

Downhole Tool Service Techs

National Oilwell Varco now hiring downhole tool service technicians. Competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person or submit resume online at nov.com/careers or 8301 Groening Road, Odessa, TX 79765. (near the H & P Yard). 432-563-1173

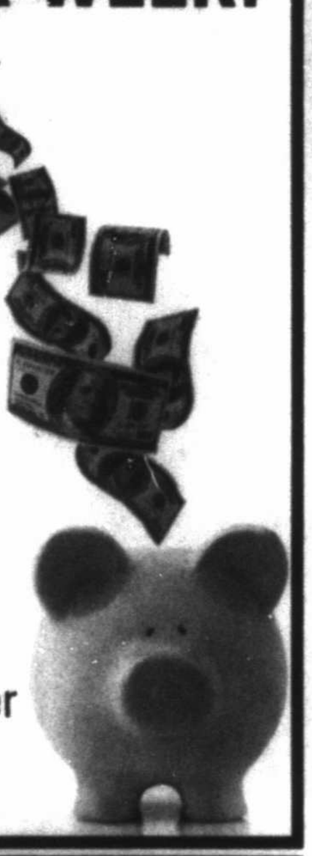
PARTY CHIEF

Topographic Land Surveyors is looking for an experienced Party Chief. Experience is required. Salary DOE. Candidates must live in Midland, Tx or are willing to relocate. Interested candidates please send your resumes along with references and salary requirements to:
angelica.rodriguez@topographic.com

OTHER JOBS

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.



Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet.
Linda 687-8807

SALES JOBS

Outside Sales Rep

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and posesss excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months, a cell phone allowance and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a **GREAT TEAM** and are ready to **SUCCEED**, please send a resume to:

Adrianne Hrebicek, Senior Advertising Manager.
201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701 or **acramirez@hearstnp.com**
No phone calls please.

SALES JOBS

Salesperson

Basin Engine and Pump
Experienced pump salesperson needed. Excellent compensation and benefit plans provided. Email resume to Jeff@basinengine.com.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

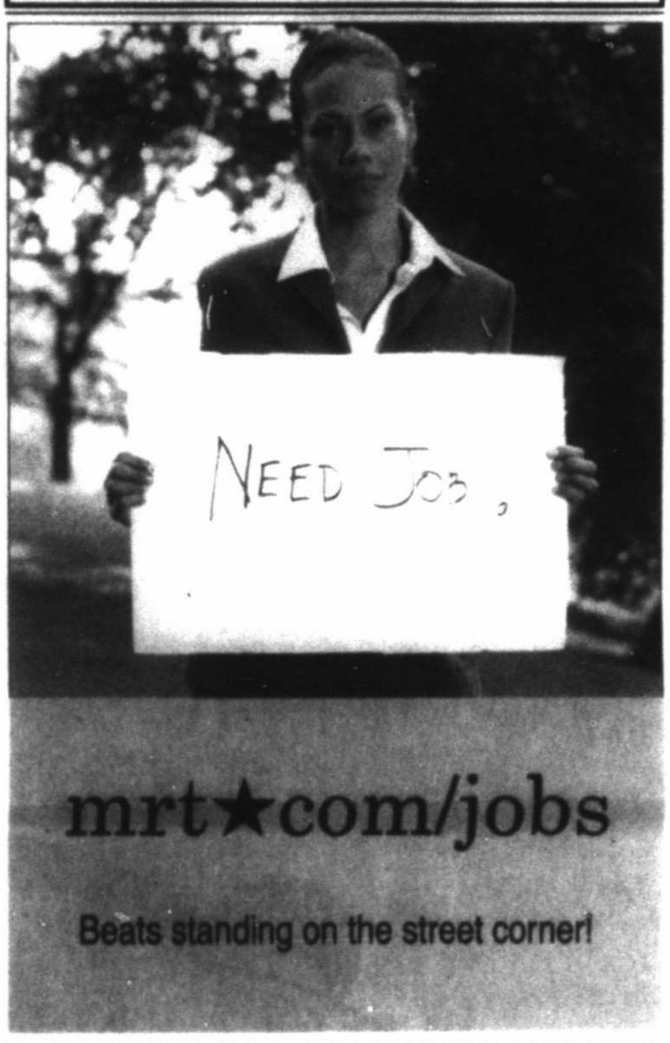
Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

DRIVERS & SPOOLERS

JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers & Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive wages and on the job training for spooling. Pay DOE.
Contact 432-770-1190 or 432-664-3408 for more information.
Serious inquires only.

Vacuum Truck Hot Oil Drivers

Local company needing Vacuum Truck Drivers & hot oil drivers . Please apply at 3901 SCR 1285, Odessa, TX. or call 432-561-5256



mrt★com/jobs

Beats standing on the street corner!

CLASSIFIEDS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

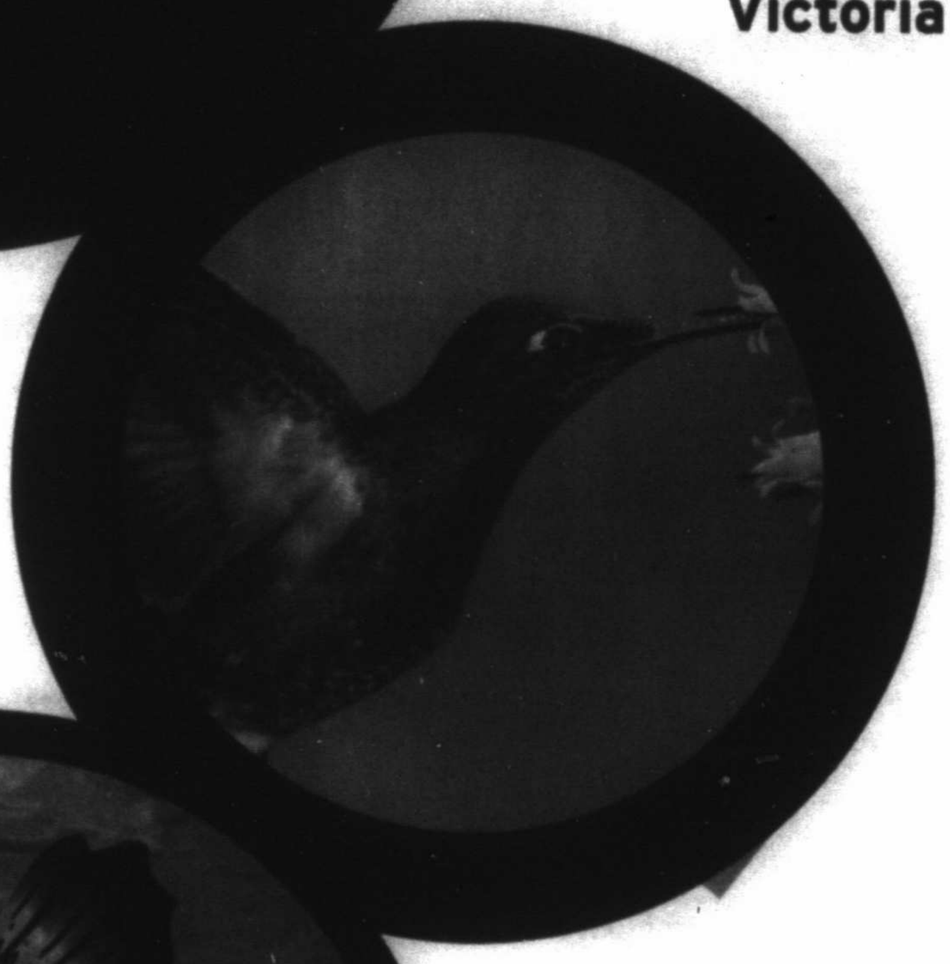
TO ADVERTISE CALL
432-682-6222
OR PLACE
YOUR AD
ONLINE @
mrt★com

WHY DO YOU LOVE BASIN PBS?

Is it the front row seat to artistic programs like **Hamilton's America?**

Is it the drama presented by Masterpiece like **Downton Abbey** & the upcoming **Victoria**?

Do you love **NATURE & NOVA?**



Or do you know that by encouraging your child to watch fun programs like **Splash and Bubbles** you are really helping them build a lifetime of learning?

Is it the news coverage from **PBS NewsHour** or **Charlie Rose?**

Tune-in November 28 - December 4 for our holiday membership drive. Watch your favorite programs and give to keep the programming you love on the air!

432-563-5728 BasinPBS.org

basin 10 years pbs

mrt classifieds

432.682.6999 | 432.682.6222 | mrtclassifieds@mrt.com

Events and Notices

General Announcement

Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

2003 SATURN 4 door, new tires. 94K miles, $3,500 OBO. 432-934-6961

Fax Your Ad 24-7 682-6999

Recreational Vehicles

2013 Heartland RV Model # M-33TUB Travel Trailer - $24,900. 2013 Jayco Model #M-365BHS 5th Wheel - $40,000 For more information please call 806-894-6204 or 806-893-8086

Watercraft

2012 Starcraft Co Starfish 236 Pontoon Boat - $29,900. For more information please call 806-894-6204 or 806-893-8086

General Announcement

ANNUAL FUR SHOW & SALE
THE CATS MEOW - 408 Andrews Hwy
(432) 687-2004 - Midland, Texas
Nov. 28 - Dec. 3,
Mon. - Wed. 1pm - 6pm.
Thurs. - Sat. 10am - 6 pm.

There are over 100 Furs including stoles, wraps, jackets, strollers, car coats, full length and more. There are 13 different shades of mink and 9 shades of Fox. We have Sable, Mink, Fox, Russian Squirrel, Persian Lamb, Curly Lamb, Russian Broadtail, Muskrat, Beaver, Raccoon & Lynx. All furs will be 20% off. Fur Specialist Marilyn Harris, from Dallas will be in the shop Thur. - Sat. Dec. 1st-3rd. Visa, MC, Amex accepted. View photos on estatesales.net in their other Liquidation catagory for Midland.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE: HB CONSTRUCTION, INC. (the Construction Manager at Risk) requests subcontractor proposals for the following project: CULBERSON COUNTY-ALLAMORE ISD NEW PRE-K - 12 CAMPUS TENNIS COURT PACKAGE located in Van Horn, TX. Proposals and qualifications will be accepted until 2:00 PM MST on December 7, 2016. Bidding documents are available upon request via email to lucasf@hbconstruction.com. Direct any questions to Lucas Ford, Preconstruction Director - HB Construction Inc., at (505) 856-0404 ext. 145 or via email to lucasf@hbconstruction.com.

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., December 7, 2017 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17000546

For: Crack Seal Project

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Passenger Cars

2010 BMW 328IC hardtop convertible. Mohave Meta / Leather. Milage 16,494. $25,000 OBO. 432-770-2160.

Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. 432-685-4078

Pickup Trucks

2011 CHEVROLET 2500, extended cab, 6 liter, automatic, 4x4, 148K miles. $12,500. 432-557-2130

Motorcycles

REDUCED
HARLEY DAVIDSON 2005 Road King. 13K miles. $8,500 OBO. MUST SEE! 432-697-9787 leave message

Recreation Vehicles

2014 PARK Model 40', 2 queen beds, full size washer & dryer, fridge, 2 baths. Sleeps 8, good rubber. CLEAN $25,000. 405-609-7070

35' 5TH Wheel RV for sale. 4 slides. 2005 Mckenzie Lakota. Female owned & immaculate. 2 ACs (1 upsized and new), new w/d, floors, sofa & chair. New tires and brakes. Great shape. $16,500. Call Lee at 337-412-0453.

Merchandise

Antiques

RUSTIC Windmill Antiques 2032 W Cuthbert Holiday Hours Thanksgiving through Christmas Mon - Sat 10 - 6, Sun 1 - 5.

OAK, PECAN, hickory, mesquite, pinon. 432-209-0418 or 325-762-4262

Classified CAN 682-6222

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

FREON 12 WANTED
R12 collecting dust in your garage? We pay CASH FOR refrigerant 12. EPA cert. (312)291-9169, sell@refrigerantfinders.com

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2017-001

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 and close on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneers website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning a golf cart, desk, chairs, tables, file cabinets, slats for chain link fence and many more items. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to http://www.renebates.com.

Legal and Public Notices

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF EDDY
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BRANTLEY FARMS,
d/b/a 1883 WATER SALES
and BRANTLEY FARMS,
d/b/a 31 WATER SALES.
Plaintiffs,

vs. No. CV-2016-729

HBFMBG ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.,
and GUADALUPE BAZAN, Individually
Defendants.

NOTICE OF LAWSUIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to HBFMBG ENERGY SERVICES, LLC. and GUADELOUPE BAZAN that the above Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint against you in the above Court and a lawsuit is now pending against you in the Fifth Judicial District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico. The lawsuit is for money owed on an open account. The name, address, and phone number of the attorney for the Plaintiffs is listed below. If you wish to contest the lawsuit you must file and entry of appearance and a responsive pleading within 30 days of this publication. The address of the District Court where you are required to file your entry of appearance and responsive pleading is 102 N. Canal Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220. The phone number of the District Court is (575) 887-4740. You are notified that the District Court will enter a judgment against you for the sums Plaintiffs claim are owed if you do not enter an appearance in this matter and file a responsive pleading to the Complaint within 30 days.

Lane T. Martin
509 W. Pierce Street
P.O. Box 2168
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88221-2168
(575) 887-3528
(575) 887-2136 (fax)
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

Apartment Rent Unfurn

2 BED / 1 bath apartment for rent. $700 per month. 760-953-3994.

CLEAN WEST side 2 bedroom, 1 bath, appliances, new central A/C, front door parking, down stairs $750/mo., plus deposit. 432-853-0015.

Duplex for rent: 2 Bedroom duplex, 1 bath 1,200 sq. ft. $900/mo. plus deposit. No smokers. 432-528-7810.

Residential Rentals

Apartment Rent Unfurn

DUPLEX FOR LEASE
2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 car garage, large covered patio, fireplace. No pets. $1,350 month $1,000 deposit 3105 B Mark Lane. 432-557-5557

ONE BEDROOM apartment. 1206 W. Missouri. All bills paid $950 per month, $950 deposit & first month's rent due & payable- 1 year lease. 432-889-5841

SPECIAL - Midland
★ Come to quiet owner in residence, Whispering Oaks We have very nice 2 bedroom apartments available for good quality tenants at exceptionally special low rates. Some have garages, all have covered parking, paid water and basic cable. Please call 432-694-4001 ★

House Rent Unfurn

210 N. Jackson 1 bedroom, 1 bath, storage, central heat & air, stove & refrigerator, $690 monthly, $690 deposit. Available november 15th. 432-683-5130.

405 PLAYER Court Single family home, 3 bed, 2 ba, double garage, NS, pets with approval. $1,650 + deposit Credit reports plus credit scores & proof of income required. 432-528-8350

Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

2613 Haynes B
Midland, TX. $1,800
3 Bedroom, 3 Baths
2,400 sq. ft
Storage & Carport.
Berkshire Hathaway HS Cooper Realty
Call 432-689-7700 or 432-230-1331

402A WEST PINE, 3 bedroom 2 bath duplex. All tile floors. $1,100 month $1,100 deposit. Pets permitted with deposit. Background & credit check required. 12 month lease minimum. 432-557-0018.

4512 PARKDALE 3 bedroom 2 bath, single carport, recently remodeled. Non smoker. 600 credit score required. $25 application on anyone over 18. $1,500 month, $1,500 deposit. 1 year lease. 432-940-0920.

6200 SHEA $2,250
3/2/2 Built 2013!
4105 ST ANDREWS
4/3/2/2 Large! $2,150
2402 W GOLF CRSE
4/3.5/2 Huge!!$2,000
3303 W DENGAR
3/2/2/2 Nice! $1790
4407 FAIRBANKS
3/2/2 Cute! $1575
UP GROUP Realtors
Deana @ 230-3420

Clean and pretty 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex near the new HEB. 4806 Harvard, A side. Lots of information posted at the front door. Rent $950, deposit $800.

NICE 3 BD, 2 BA, 2,100 sq. ft. No pets/smoking. **$1,600/ mo.** & deposit. **2514 Gulf.** Call Debbie 683-2243.

Lots and Land

Acreage

20.79 AC. N. OF SAN ANGELO. SEASONAL CREEK. DEER, HOGS, TURKEY, QUAIL & DOVE. NEAR LAKE E. V. SPENCE. $3,622 DOWN-$600/MO.
CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Lots and Land

55.71 AC. VAL VERDE COUNTY. W. TX BRUSH COVERED DRAW, DEER, TURKEY, JAVELINA, QUAIL. $995/AC. 30 YR. FINANCING.
CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. 800-876-9720 ranchenterprisesltd.com

Lots and Land

SHOE BAR RANCH
25,572 Deeded Acres
Ector County, Texas

The Shoe Bar Ranch is located approx. 15 air miles southwest of Odessa, Texas at Penwell. This ranch has been under the same family ownership since the 1920's. This quality Permian Basin ranch is all native pasture and is in good condition. The ranch has been rested with no livestock for approximately two years. Livestock water is primarily provided by eight taps on the CRMWD water line, two windmills and one submersible. Structural improvements include a two bedroom/two bath brick home, a bunkhouse, a shop building, pipe shipping pens and two sets of working pens. Oil production is mostly concentrated in the southeast portion. The majority of the ranch is free of oil field activity, which could possibly present future opportunities for the collection of surface damage income. Trophy quality mule deer and an abundance of quail are found on the ranch. Seldom does a ranch of this size, mostly free of oil field activity, come up for sale in close proximity to Midland/Odessa. The Shoe Bar Ranch is reasonably priced at $350 per acre.

Offered exclusively by:
Chas. S. Middleton and Son
www.chassmiddletons.com
1507 13th Street | Lubbock, Texas 79401
(806) 763-5331

Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

NICE HOUSE in the area, large home for rent $1,900/mo. Call 760-953-3394.

TWO EXCEPTIONAL 3 bedroom houses $1,800 - $1,900/mo 432-694-9853.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom houses $875 $975/mo. 432-694-9853.

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

25 ACRE FARM IN Granada, Mississippi. $75,000. 3 bed, 2 bath house needs a lot of work but has nice barn & workshop combination. 1918 Redhill Road. Can shoot deer from the back porch. Call 432-528-3143 for more information.

3 BED 2 bath ready to move in, no owner finance. Call 432-425-7044

FOR SALE $139,000; 2 bdrm 1 bath corner lot home. Owner Financed. $10,000 down, 10% interest. Payment $1000 monthly. Cheaper than renting! Contact Bill at 432-682-5157

NEW HOME for sale. Introductory pricing starting at $185,000 3/2/2. 1575 SF. Granite tops throughout. Excellent finishes. Greathouse school district. CALL TODAY 940-447-7600.

Lots and Land

Acreage

1,103 ACRES south of Ozona Texas. New fences, 3 water wells. 2400 sf. ft fully furnished house. 4 bedroom 2 bath. 40' x 60' enclosed shop & 40' x 60' equipment shed. Priced at $1,088 per acre. Call for more details. 325-650-4079 Jerrod Pitcock Broker

290 ACRES near the corner Hwy 158 & Hwy. 349 Midland, Texas. Will divide into smaller tracts $22,500 per acre. Call Justin at 325-277-5422 or Jerrod at 325-650-4079. Jerrod Pitcock Broker

HIGH FENCE exotic game ranch 1,012 acres in Concho County near Eden, Texas. 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch house, separate bunk house sleeps up to 10. Water well and water taps available. $1,790 per acre. Call for more details. Justin 325-277-5422. Jerrod Pitcock Broker

Ranches

RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres
near Snyder, Tx.
Water, 3 houses, great hunting.
Owner Financing
$795/ Acre
(432) 664-7764

Classified CAN 682-6222

Commercial

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE
5 ACRES, FENCED
2 AC CALICHED
ELECTRIC GATE
$2200/MONTH
JUST EAST OF MIDLAND
432-664-7764

NOW LEASING
• Office/Warehouses •
• Small Office Suites •
• Fenced Yards
Various locations
Call 432-661-4057

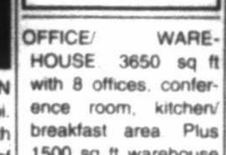
OFFICE / RETAIL space for lease.
45' X 75'
2209 N. Big Spring,
Call Matt
800-672-3911

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE 3650 sq ft with 8 offices, conference room, kitchen/ breakfast area. Plus 1500 sq ft warehouse with HVAC. Fenced yard with a wash bay for vehicles 1601 Idlewide $5,300/ month

WELL ESTABLISHED restaurant owner retiring in 2017, will sell 325-234-3636

Buildings For Sale

JUST A short drive to a beautiful home. 2403 Cindy Lane. Big Spring, TX 4400 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, office, 2 living areas. Sets on almost an acre, large pool in back with deck. Everything completely new. New fence & water well. List price $475,000. Call 432-352-8388



Mobile Homes Sale

2BD/1BTH MOBILE home for sale $7,000. Call 432-260-5607 after 5pm.

Commercial

FOR LEASE: 5405 E Hwy 80. Located towards Stanton, quick access to HWY 80, I-20, loop 250. 1200 sq. ft. shop with office, 4 overhead doors, water, sewer. 2nd property 1,200 sq. ft. with office attached. 664-2718

Commercial

READY-RANCH RR
WWW.READY-RANCH.COM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.READY-RANCH.COM

- **Kent County**
  - 111.155 ac. N. of Snyder. 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 800 ft. mtn. creek, lakes. Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $795/ac
  - 4,212 ac. Maveric Creek canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
  - 1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
- **Nolan County**
  - 646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
  - 1565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - 842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic $750/ac
  - 150 ac. big canyon SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, qu $895/ac
- **Martin County**
  - 135 ac. Sulphur Springs SOLD deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal stor $1,150/ac

(432) 664-7764 or (432) 934-7777
No Realtors - Buy Direct!!!
Deal with Landowners that know the Country!!!
Owner Financing Available

Mobile Homes Sale

For Sale- Huge Doublewide in Airline Mobile Home Park # 886 432-813-4050

Find it fast in the Midland Reporter-Telegram

REAL ESTATE

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

	3		6				2	
			8	1		5		
				4		3	8	
	8	2	1					
			5		7	4		
					4	8	1	
	1	5		9				
		9		2	6			
	6				1		4	

SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

4	5	6	1	2	3	7	9	8
3	2	1	8	9	7	5	4	6
9	7	8	4	5	6	2	1	3
2	3	7	9	4	1	6	8	5
6	9	4	5	7	8	3	2	1
1	8	5	6	3	2	4	7	9
5	1	2	7	6	9	8	3	4
8	4	3	2	1	5	9	6	7
7	6	9	3	8	4	1	5	2

11/28/16

© 2016 The Mepham Group. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency. All rights reserved.

CondoThomeRentUnfurn

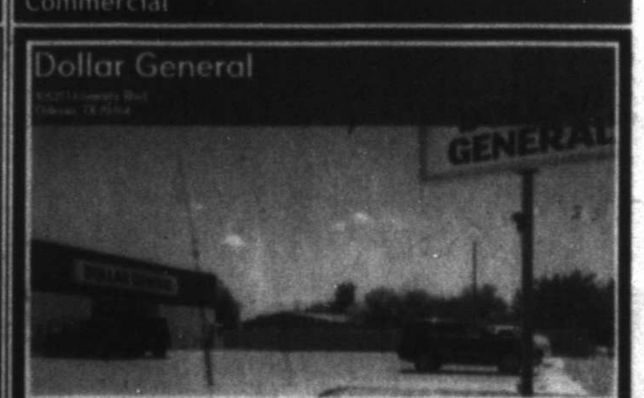
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations of discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

To file a complaint, contact www.hud.gov or 1800-669-9777

Commercial



NNN Leased Commercial Investment Property 1.39+/- acre, 9,026 SF Dollar General (Fortune 500 Company, S & P Rated BBB-) tenanted property. Initial 15 Year NNN Lease commenced June 2014 with 10% increases at each option period. Ideally located with excellent frontage along University Blvd in Odessa, TX. NOI $93,932, List Price $1,456,000. Call Ed Routzong 281-872-3411 or visit 10x.com/texasdollargeneral for more information

Who's Who For Service

You can advertise your business for as little as $47.00 monthly.

Call 682-6222 for details.

Svcs-Professionals

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

2 MOM'S & A BUCKET. Let us handle the mop while you get out & shop. Free estimates. One Time, Permanent. Have references. 432-889-2873 432-258-4711

CLEAN HOUSES, apartments, offices. Good prices. Call 432-254-6544

HONEST. Dependable housekeeping. References available. Call Wendy 432-894-4279!

INDEPENDENT PERSON cleans houses 10 yrs Experience, Free Estimates. References Call or Text 432-234-0418

WILL CLEAN your home. 25 years experience. have references. Call Flora 432-296-9053 or 432-880-2096

Window Cleaning

WINDOWS PLUS + Serving Midlanders since 1994. Residential. Commercial. 432-682-9322

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Accounting-Financial

APPLIANCE REPAIR
REPAIR SERVICES and Parts for Refrigerators, Freezers, Stoves, Washers & Dryers. Free Service Call with Repair. Free Removal. Full Warranty, Very Affordable Prices. M&M Appliances 1007 N Midkiff, Midland Call 432-570-8278

Computer Services

Repair-Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers! ✔Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

HAULING & Cleanouts Home, storage, or office. 432-889-1316

Home Services & Home Improvement

Brick-Block-Stone

ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair, All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey 432-853-2859.

BRICK, BLOCK & Stone Work 45 years experience References. Max 432-661-8899

Concrete

FOR ALL your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

M & M Concrete Specializing in all types of concrete work. Stamp, Stained, Block, Brick, Rock, & Stucco work. 432-230-3372

Plumbing-Home Service

★ SUPERIOR PLUMBING ★
Call us on all your plumbing repairs, new construction, and remodels. M39721. For superior service at reasonable rates. Please call 432-687-5905.

Home Services & Home Improvement

Concrete

JS Concrete
Slabs, curbs, driveways, patios, Stamp concrete. Free Estimates. Bonded & Insured. Juan Sanchez, owner. 432-413-0924

Electrical

ALL YOUR electrical needs met. Call G&S Electric. 32 Years experience. 432-685-0859. Tecl # 22541

LAING ELECTRIC. Licensed and insured. TECL 18544. 432-413-5880. Always appreciated!

Fireplaces-Firewood

ERIC'S FIREWOOD Oak/Mesquite or Mix 1/4-$100, 1/2 $200, Full $400. Call 432-934-6198. Thank you!

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Home Services & Home Improvement

Fireplaces-Firewood

FIREWOOD by Midland Fireman. Oak, Pinon, Mesquite firewood. Full, half and quarter cords. Free delivery. Also, Tree Trimming services and firewood racks for sale. Call 432-557-2897, 209-1131.

Heat-Air Condition

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679 TALCB005482.

Holiday Decorating

INSTALLATION OF outdoor Christmas lighting. Call 638-6163 or 561-8802

Cabinetry-Finishing

CABINETS OF ALL TYPES Bathroom and Kitchen renovation specialists. Native Midlanders' Michael Friday 432-770-1048 Lance Friday 432-638-7495.

Concrete

HIRAMS CONCRETE & METAL BUILDINGS Private contractor with 20 years of experience in Commercial, Residential & Oilfield construction. Bonded. Concrete work: slabs, foundations, driveways, patios, sidewalks, Metal Structures: Buildings, garage shops, barns, covered porches, fencing. Free Estimates. Call Hiram 432-599-1328

Fences

For all your fencing needs. Midland Alamo Fence Free estimates. 432-689-2700.

Painting-Wallpaper

CALL BILL TEMPLE PAINTING
Int. / Ext. Specialty
Proudly using Sherwin Williams
A+ BBB
432-349-1563

Home Services & Home Improvement

Painting-Wallpaper

FEMALE PAINTER: Interior/exterior, residential/commercial very professional, takes pride in her work, very dependable & affordable. FREE Estimates. 432-250-4843

LOW BID PAINTING The American Way Interieior/Exterior 432-664-0918

CRC Interior and Exterior. Remodeling, painting, fencing & fabrication. Clayton R. Cross. 432-770-6595. 1st ESTIMATE FREE.

DOUBLE TT PAINTING Interior and Exterior Texture, tape & bed also auto paint & body. Christmas/New Years Special. Work gauateed. 432-288-7849 or 352-4633.

PAINTING. SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

LOW BID PAINTING The American Way Interieior/Exterior 432-664-0918

Plumbing-Home Svc

At your service actionairplumbing.com (432) 620-8900

Septic Installation
actionairplumbing.com
432-620-8900

Moving and Storage

www.aztoxicmoving.com. LOAD/UNLOAD RENTAL TRUCKS 432-553-1435.

Personal Services

Let me help you tackle your mess. Quick, Easy, Stress-free, Discreet Simply Organizing with Sally. 432-770-8321

Miscellaneous Services

WATER TREATMENT
Culligan of West Texas Residential & Commercial
FREE WATER ANALYSIS
563-2690

We buy homes in any area in any condition.
Call the Scott Williams Team of Realtors
432-689-7770.

Home Services & Home Improvement

Remodeling-Repair

COMPLETE REMODELS, specialize in kitchen & baths. Handyman services. 14 years experience. 889-8387

PAINTING. SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Permian Maintenance 432-697-5417

Roofing

J&J ROOFING
All Types of Roofing & Repairs. Fence Repairs, Metal roofs 25 years experience.Free Estimates Call Juan. 432-631-6861

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

35 AND UP LAWN SERVICE. Ask for Donald 432-352-6200.

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802. 638-6163.

DURANS TREE Service. Tree removal specialist. Minor/ Major trimming, stump removal, flower beds cleaned, hedges trimmed. Will travel. 432-238-6770 24 years experience.

RAUL'S LAWN Services. Lawn mowing, edging, shrub & tree trimming. Free estimates. Reasonable. Call Raul @ 432-254-6384.

Personal Services

♥ MASSAGE BY HENRY ♥
DEEP TISSUE, PAIN RELIEF. $50/HR. MIDLAND /ODESSA. 432-349-7811

Wrought Iron-Welding

WELDING
DFC, LLC
Custom Steel Fabrication & Welding
We can build or repair it!
432-352-9203

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

DURANS TREE Service. Tree removal specialist. Minor/ Major trimming, stump removal, flower beds cleaned, hedges trimmed. Will travel. 432-238-6770 24 years experience.

LEYVA LAWN CARE
Trees & Lawns.
Professional & Efficient
432-250-9470

M & M Landscape 22 years experience. Grass sodding, Xeriscaping, tree & shrub removal. Native Midlander 432-230-3372.

MURPHY'S LAWN CARE
Mowing, edging, trimming, Hedge/ shrub trimming, clean-ups. Bill or Maryann. (432)687-2131

STRACENER IRRIGATION
Sprinkler Systems
Repairs & Installations
License #4933
Call (432) 561-9525

WILL TRIM, prune or uproot just about any tree, very reasonable prices. Call Norman 432-296-1424.

Miscellaneous Services

CUSTOM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Christmas is around the corner. Don't wait! Schedule your custom Christmas lights by Alpha Omega Landscaping now. Call Paul 432-889-3428 or Jeremy 432-517-8031. Landscaping beginning to end

Personal Services

PRIVATE CARE for the sick or elderly. Cooking, cleaning, hygiene, CPR certified. Call 432-553-0037

Fax Your Ad 682-6999