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# Regional economy still has room for growth

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Midland-Odessa's regional economy continued to follow a path that leads sharply higher as the final quarter of 2012 got under way.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham said the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index he prepares for the Midland Development Corp., Security Bank and the Reporter-Telegram was up 13.5 percent in October compared to October 2011.

"We have a road to drive on for awhile," said Bobby Burns, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Ingham's index comes on the heels of two national reports that said Midland and Odessa led the nation or were in second place in terms of per-capita income and income growth.

"Any time you read articles like in The Atlantic (about Midland's rising income), or the economic index being up 13.5 percent, that's a strong sign the economy is still on fire and doing very, very well," Burns said.

He said local businesses continue to look to grow, hire workers and add space. Retailers and restaurants are also looking at Midland, he said, but the hindrance is a lack of workforce and housing their workers can afford.

"A majority of residents could raise their hand and say they were better off than last year," said Jim Smitherman, president and chief executive officer of Security Bank. "What bothers me is housing prices are skyrocketing faster than income."

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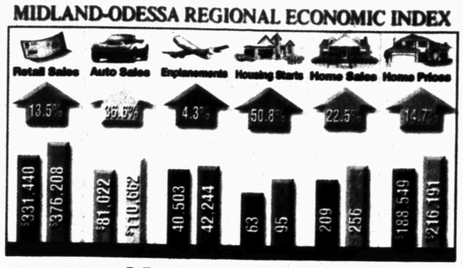


# Show of Support raises more than $400K for victims

■ Organizers plan to continue Hunt for Heroes event next year.

By Tyler White
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Show of Support has raised more than $400,000 to be given to the victims of the Nov. 15 train wreck that killed four veterans and wounded 16 other people, founder Terry Johnson said.

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Show of Support has not been fined for lack of parade permit.

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The money will go to the victims using a formula similar to the one used to allocate funds to families who lost loved ones in the 9/11 tragedy, he said.

"It's going 100 percent to the people who deserve it," said Mike McKinney, board member for Show of Support. "That's where the money should go."

Meanwhile, organizers said Hunt for Heroes will continue next year and hope to bring back the veterans from this year's event.

Johnson believes the best way to honor the veterans who were lost is to continue honoring other veterans.

He said about 20 people invited for this year's event showed interest in coming back next year to participate in the Hunt for Heroes activities.

The organization hopes to have a special ceremony to honor the men who died this year: Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer, 37; Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34; and Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43.

"We are going to do everything in our power to honor the four that we can't bring back," Johnson said. "We are going to continue on."

The formula for the donations calls for a 60-40 split, he said.

Sixty percent of the money will be equally divided among the families of the deceased veterans, and 40 percent will be distributed to people injured in the accident based on the number of days they spent in the hospital, Johnson said.

Donations have come from numerous corporations and individuals interested in helping out those affected by the crash, he said.

Show of Support took care of the costs of the victims' transportation back home; but many of them still have financial situations to deal with, which is the reason behind the donations, Johnson said.

"Once they get home they've got stuff to deal with," such as funeral

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# WARMWINTER WEATHER

Robin Gaston and her rescue dog, Fiona, play fetch Monday afternoon as they and others in Midland take advantage of the warm weather to start December.

Photo by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

## What's in store for Midland

**80 in December? Really?**
Monday was another day of higher-than-average temperatures for Midland. In fact, the high of 80 was more than 15 degrees warmer than the typical high of 60 for Dec. 3. The warmer-than-average trend — it has been 75 degrees or warmer in 12 of the last 15 days — helped turn November 2012 into the warmest November on record.

Here are some facts about the current weather and the warmest November in Midland's history.

**A little cooler today**
The high today and Wednesday is expected to stay in the mid-to-upper 60s. The low tonight should fall back into the 30s.

**More warm weather on the way**
Expect highs to return into the mid-to-upper 70s Thursday through the end of the week. There should be hot chocolate at the city's Christmas parade and treelighting this weekend, but the high that day should rise into the upper 70s. On Monday, we could see a high of 51.

**What's going on?**
Climatic features, including the a pattern in the Pacific Northwest, are keeping weather systems from flowing "downstream" and dumping cold air and wetter weather on the southwest, including the Permian Basin.

**Expecting a cold winter?**
Probably not. The Climate Prediction Center reports there is a 50 percent chance of above average temperatures through February.

**Where's the rain?**
In addition to being warmer than usual, there has been little rain since the record September deluge. In fact, there was a "trace" of rain in November. That followed 0.12 inch in October. Typically, 2.42 inches would fall during those two months. For the year, Midland is nearly 1.4 inches below normal.

**Warmest Novembers on record**

| Year | Average |
|---|---|
| 1. 2012 | 58.0 |
| 2. 1965 | 57.4 |
| 3. 1942 | 57.3 |
| 4. 1949 | 57.1 |
| 5. 1981 | 57.0 |

Typical average temperature (average between the high and the low) for November is 52.9.

*From staff reports*

# MFD: More fire hazards exist during holidays

By Tyler White
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The potential for house fires increases during this part of the year because of Christmas trees and the use of candles, open flames and space heaters, according to David Hickman, assistant fire marshal with the Midland Fire Department.

Trees pose a threat because of the lights, which could short-circuit and create sparks, he said. Christmas trees should be placed away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or heater, and should be away from open flames, he said.

Though some artificial trees are made of fire-retardant materials, Hickman said the trees can burn if there's enough combustible material and a heat source.

Open flames are a large concern because they can be difficult to control, Hickman said. Use of candles for lighting and decorations increases during this time of year, he said. A home was lost to fire a few years ago because children were playing with candles in the house, he said.

Fireplaces and furnaces pose an even greater risk, he said.

Some homeowners use flammable liquids — such as lighter fluid, gasoline, rubbing alcohol and nail polish remover — to start fires in their fireplaces,

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# Fire damages First Baptist Church hall

By Tyler White
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A fire that broke out early Monday morning at First Baptist Church caused significant fire and smoke damage to the fellowship hall.

The fire began just after midnight and burned slowly through the morning, said Jim Cawthon, FBC's minister of media. Church maintenance workers arrived about 6:30 a.m. to find the building filled with smoke, Cawthon said. The Midland Fire Department responded shortly after.

The fire started on the stage and traveled up the back wall of the hall, Cawthon said. There is significant fire damage across the stage and wall and smoke damage to the entire facility. There also was apparent heat damage to the ceiling light coverings and the walls.

A candle left unattended after a

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**Energy prices**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| WTI Futures | $89.09 | ▲ $0.18 |
| WTI Posted | $85.25 | ▼ $0.25 |
| WTS Posted | $74.50 | ▼ $4.85 |
| Natural Gas | $3.591 | ▲ $0.030 |
| Gasoline | $3.271 | ▼ $0.007 |

**The big number**
On Sunday, Midland used
**14.6 million gallons**
*Learn more on the city's water usage on 2A.*

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Retired teachers prepare book deliveries. Page 1B

**Coming Wednesday**
Man carved stone marker for veterans killed in parade.

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# TODAY IN MIDLAND

### Holiday events at Barnes & Noble

**Two events are planned this week for Barnes and Noble.**

■ Washington Math and Science students will present a musical performance, "Sounds of the Season," at 6 p.m. Thursday.

■ A special children's storytime event, "Polar Express" is planned for 7 p.m. Friday. The evening will include holiday treats and activities.

### Community calendar

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday at 1709 W. Wall St.

For more information or to register, call Patci Lewis or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

■ Midland Association of Retired School Personnel will meet 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Memorial Christian Church. Storyteller Sue Roseberry will present the program, "Stories from the Heart." Lunch tickets are $10.

### Meetings schedule

**Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals**
1:30 p.m. today
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

**Midland Development Corp.**
8:30 a.m. Friday
Basement conference room, City Hall
300 N. Loriane St.

### Club meetings, support groups today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

### Weather report for November

**Average high:** 72.7
**Average low:** 43.3
**Average temperature**: 58.0 (Note: It was the warmest November on record in Midland)
**Typical average for November:** 52.9

**Warmest day:** 84 (Nov. 2)
**Days above 80**: six
**Coolest low:** 28 (Nov. 12, 14)
**Days below freezing:** four

**Precipitation**: Trace (Note: There have been 20 Novembers in Midland history when there has been no or trace rainfall.

### Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

**Friday's total:** 12.982,000 (CRMWD 9,908,000, Paul Davis fields 3,074,000)
**Saturday's total:** 13,159,000 (CRMWD 10,087,000, Paul Davis fields: 3,072,000)
**Sunday's total:** 14,654,000 (CRMWD 11,580,000, Paul Davis fields 3,074,000)
The average CRMWD delivery for November was 10,035,067. The current average for December is 10,833,500.

### Happy birthday

**Sarah Sirgo**, of Midland, turns 16 today.

If you would like to submit a birthday or anniversary for publication, please send the information to news@mrt.com.

### Toy Drive for Salvation Army

Midland bars will hold a toy drive for The Salvation Army through Saturday. Collection boxes will be located at Riley's Bar and Grill, The Bar, Lone Star Bar, Detour, Your Place, El Ranchito, Charla's, Club Eclipse and The Cabana, as part of the Bikes, Bars and Clubs for Kids drive, said Marty Munguia who is coordinating the drive.

"We all ride bikes and hang out at bars, but just because we ride Harley's and drink beers doesn't mean we don't care about the community and want to give back," Munguia said.

On Saturday, the boxes will be delivered to Riley's where a concert with The Road Kings and Three Lit Pigs will perform, beginning at 8 p.m.

### Lottery

**Pick 3 day:** 6-3-3
**Pick 3 night:** 5-5-8
**Daily 4 day:** 4-7-5-8
**Daily 4 night:** 4-0-8-5
**Cash Five:** 6-12-14-29-37
**Texas Two Step:** 5-8-28-33 BB: 14
**All or Nothing (morning):** 1-2-3-9-10-12-14-18-19-21-22-24
**All or Nothing (day):** 2-4-8-9-10-11-12-14-16-17-18-21
**All or Nothing (evening):** 2-3-7-8-9-14-15-17-19-20-23-24
**All or Nothing (night):** 1-2-3-5-10-13-14-17-18-19-21-22

### Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 2012. There are 27 days left in the year.

**On this date:**

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations by a vote of 65-7.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity.

In 1992, President George H.W. Bush ordered American troops to lead a mercy mission to Somalia, threatening military action against warlords and gangs who were blocking food.

*Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram*

Midland Fire Department officials say the cause of a fire that broke out early Monday morning at First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, above, might have been caused by a candle.

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candlelight service is believed to be the cause of the fire, said David Hickman, assistant fire marshal.

He said MFD confirmed that candles were lit the previous night, but no one confirmed that all of the candles had been extinguished.

Senior Pastor Randel Everett said he is grateful that the fire did not spread farther than it did.

"We didn't lose anything of sentimental value," Everett said. "Just about everything we lost can be replaced."

The church's sanctuary is being renovated and Sunday services were being held at the fellowship hall. But because of the fire, services will be moved to Midland Center at least until Jan. 6, Cawthon said.

"We don't want people getting soot and stuff in their lungs," he said.

The construction at FBC will create a new chapel and welcome center, as well as the renovated church sanctuary. The new chapel will open March 24, which is Palm Sunday. The new chapel will seat about 350 people, in contrast to the old chapel, which seated about 120.

"We're really fortunate that's going to be available," Everett said.

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Hickman said. He said this a dangerous practice because the liquid may seep through cracks or ruptures in the masonry of the fireplace and come into contact with the combustible structure of the house or apartment.

Other forms of open flames can be found in the kitchen. While this can happen year round, Hickman believes the high volume of cooking during the holiday season poses a greater risk.

MFD Fire Inspector James Howard said these fires are preventable if proper measures are taken.

He said the best way to prevent grease fires and other cooking-related fires is to be attentive. With the many distractions around the house — such as television, music and cellphones — Howard said "it becomes very easy to get sidetracked."

Other potential causes of fire during this time of the year are malfunctioning home heating systems and misuse of space heaters.

Hickman recommends homeowners have their heating systems checked by a professional every one to three years.

He said the fire department has worked cases where plugged-in heaters were placed on piles of dirty laundry or near other combustible materials.

Space heaters should be placed at least 3 feet away from any paper and fabrics such as curtains and clothing.

### Tips for preventing fires

■ Do not use flammable liquids to light fires in a fireplace.
■ Always be attentive when cooking.
■ Candles should be covered by globes.
■ Place plug-in space heaters at least 3 feet away from any combustible material.
■ Household heating systems should be checked by a professional every one to three years.

# Judge removed in Fort Hood shooting rampage case

*Associated Press*

FORT WORTH — The military's highest court ousted the judge in the Fort Hood shooting case Monday and threw out his order to have the suspect's beard forcibly shaved before his court-martial.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ruled that Col. Gregory Gross didn't appear impartial while presiding over the case of Maj. Nidal Hasan, who faces the death penalty if convicted in the 2009 shootings on the Texas Army post that killed 13 people and wounded more than two dozen others.

But the court said it was not ruling on whether the judge's order violated Hasan's religious rights. Hasan has argued that his beard is a requirement of his Muslim faith, although facial hair violates Army regulations.

"Should the next military judge find it necessary to address (Hasan's) beard, such issues should be addressed and litigated anew," judges wrote in the ruling.

Hasan appealed after Gross ordered that he must be clean-shaven or be forcibly shaved before his court-martial, a military trial.

The court-martial had been set to begin three months ago but has been on hold pending the appeals.

In a statement issued Monday night, Fort Hood officials said proceedings in the case will resume after a new judge is appointed by the Army's highest legal branch. That indicates Army prosecutors will not appeal this ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

An Army appeals court had upheld the shaving requirement in October. But on Monday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces said the command, not the judge, was responsible for enforcing grooming standards.

The ruling said that was one example of how Gross did not appear impartial in the case.

Gross had repeatedly said Hasan's beard was a disruption to the court proceedings, but the military appeals court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to show that his beard interfered with the hearings.

Gross found Hasan in contempt of court at six previous pretrial hearings because he was not clean-shaven, then sent him to a nearby trailer to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television. The appeals court's ruling also vacated the contempt of court convictions.

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Ingham reported the average sale price for a home in Midland-Odessa was $216,191, up 14.7 percent from $188,549 last October.

"There is a clear difference between Midland and Odessa in terms of price trends — average and median housing prices in Midland are skyrocketing, while the increases in Odessa are considerably more subdued," he said.

He observed that the region's dominant industry, oil and gas, was showing signs of flattening activity as crude prices are down from peak levels and the rig count has dipped for four consecutive months; it's now 7 percent below its June peak.

He said the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, which he also prepares, fell from September to October, though it remains 3.7 percent above October 2011 levels.

"It seems most of our customers believe there's been a little bit of a slowdown as the year comes to an end, budgets are depleted and there's uncertainty about Washington and taxes," Smitherman said.

Ingham said he expects the decline in oil and gas activity could impact the overall Midland-Odessa economy in coming months.

"If it doesn't, it's because — unlike previous cycles — the petroleum index has not peaked and gone straight south," he said. "That means the lag time between the petroleum index peaking and its impact on the general economy is longer. Or though oil and gas activity has leveled off, it has leveled off at a high enough level to keep overall economic activity in place."

"At this point, we're not talking a crash or a slowdown," he said. "The petroleum index has leveled off way up there and should be sufficient to keep stimulation in place for the overall Midland-Odessa economy."

Smitherman said his bank is "hearing drilling budgets next year could be 15 percent above what they were this year, if oil remains around $85 a barrel."

Even if there is a flattening in the economic growth rate, Ingham said, "It wouldn't be the worst thing" and could give the area's infrastructure — from labor to housing — an opportunity to catch up with demand.

Burns said it's impossible to plan for the infrastructure needs caused by 13.5 percent economic growth.

Ingham expressed particular concern about the rise in housing prices.

"If housing prices go up at a rate faster than income, there will be a day of reckoning," he said.

At the national level, the catalyst for a drop in housing prices was the economic downturn and resulting onset of recession, he said. Locally, housing "won't continue at (its) current level." Higher prices are designed both to cut demand and stimulate supply, and that will happen with local housing, he said.

"Just because it hasn't happened yet doesn't mean it won't happen," he said.

Builders are working to meet housing demand, with Midland and Odessa issuing 95 permits for new homes in October, up 50.8 percent from last October, Ingham said. To date, 950 permits have been issued, up 30.5 percent from 728 last year. Existing home sales also rose, with 256 homes sold in October up 22.5 percent from 209 last October.

All other numbers look as strong, Ingham said. Consumer spending was up 13.5 percent over last October, while automotive spending returned to double-digit growth, rising 36.6 percent compared to last October.

He called hotel-motel tax collections "stunning," with collections up 45 percent in the third quarter compared to the same quarter of 2011.

He said construction is "nothing short of remarkable" with the valuation of building permits up in double-digits for 16 straight months. October totals were up 55.7 percent compared to last October.

As long as crude prices remain at current levels, which Ingham said are sufficient to keep activity levels strong, then "this will be a good-performing economy."

# City has not fined Show of Support for lack of permit

■ State law says the city has two years to present a complaint.

**By Joseph Basco**
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It has been 19 days since the tragic train crash that claimed the lives of four veterans and injured 16 other people, and the city of Midland has not issued a citation against organizer Show of Support for not having a permit.

The last time Show of Support applied and received a parade permit was in 2009. The parade has marched through the streets of Midland every year since then.

According to the city's Code of Ordinances, no procession — except for ones conducted by the military, police or fire departments — can take place on any street without a permit issued by the chief of police. The ordinance was last updated June 23, 1953.

From files obtained by the Midland Reporter-Telegram, permits such as for the 2009 Show of Support parade or the 2011 Habitat for Humanity 5K were signed by either now-retired MPD Lt. Brian Bogart or City Manager Courtney Sharp, not the chief of police.

The penalty for not having a permit is a maximum fine of $500. But if the violation involved fire safety, zoning or public health and sanitation, the fine rises to $2,000. This ordinance was last updated Sept. 22, 1987.

And according to the state Code of Criminal Procedure, a complaint for any Class C misdemeanor, such as staging a parade without a permit, may be presented within two years from the date of the event.

"No one has said anything about (citing Show of Support)," said City Attorney Keith Stretcher.

Stretcher declined to comment further about pending litigation in connection with the Show of Support parade. He also said he was uncertain whether there had been other local parades without permits.

In cities such as Dallas and Odessa, the penalty for parades without permits is similar to Midland's ordinance.

Senior Cpl. Jimmy Bailey, of the Dallas Police Department, said the offending party receives more than just a fine.

"If they try to apply for a permit, they will be denied for a year," Bailer said.

Allison Barton, a spokesperson for the Odessa Legal Department, said a person who violates the requirement of a parade permit is fined $2,000 each day the violation continues.

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expenses and medical bills, he said.

"We want to be open and be as Transparent as possible in the process," he said.

Money can still be donated at www.showofsupport.org or through any Western National Bank location.

The distribution of the funds is planned for Dec. 17, but donations will continue to be accepted after that time.

A final distribution is planned for March 1.

# 9-year-old boy found hanging from a tree

*From staff reports*

A 9-year-old boy died Sunday after he was found hanging from a tree at a mobile home park, according to a news release from Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a call at 5:02 p.m. Sunday at Airline Mobile Home Park and found the boy hanging from a garden hose. The boy was playing with other children, and at one point the other children left. When the kids returned a short time later they found the boy hanging from a garden hose tied between two trees, according to the press release.

An adult family member called 911 and conducted CPR on the boy until the EMS arrived. The boy was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, according to the release.

Judge David Cobos has ordered an autopsy, which will be conducted at the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

The Reporter-Telegram is not releasing the name of the child.

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# Cough keeps George H.W. Bush hospitalized

*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush remained Monday in a Houston hospital, where he is being treated for a painful, lingering bronchitis-related cough, and there is no timeline for his release, his spokesman said.

Initially, aides had said the 88-year-old 41st president would be released from the hospital over the weekend. But he has a "nagging cough" and "we don't have any idea when he'll be released," said Methodist Hospital spokesman George Kovacik.

"They're not in any hurry, so they're just keeping him here, but there's really no change in his condition," Kovacik said. "He's stable and he's still here."

*"He's joking with the doctors and the nurses, so he's not nearly in the same level of discomfort he was in just a few days ago,"*
**Jim McGrath,** family spokesman

Bush has been in and out of the hospital for treatment of the cough since last month. The former president also has a form of Parkinson's disease that forces him to use a wheelchair or motorized scooter.

The ex-president and his wife, Barbara, live in Houston during the winter, and spend their summers in a home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Bush's condition has improved in recent days, said Houston spokesman, Jim McGrath, and he has been receiving visitors.

While he has not been diagnosed with pneumonia, which can be dangerous in elderly people, and the cough is not life-threatening, the doctors and Bush himself prefer to wait until the cough goes away before sending him home.

"I was with him yesterday. He had a great day yesterday. He had a good night's sleep the night before, importantly, and his breathing was so much better. But he still has this cough, and when he coughs, it hurts," McGrath said. "The doctors don't really want to let him go until he's 100 percent."

Bush's wife, Barbara, has been by his side nearly nonstop, McGrath said. Previously, ex-President George W. Bush visited.

More recently, his son, Neil Bush, and his wife, Maria, who live in Houston, have been frequent visitors, along with their son, Bush's grandson, Pierce Bush, he added. On Sunday, former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and his wife, Susan, also stopped by.

The highlight of the day, though, was the Houston Texans' 24-10 victory over the Tennessee Titans, a win that secured the Texans a spot in the NFL playoffs. Just a few weeks ago, Bush was spotted at a Texans' game.

"He was keeping track of when kickoff was and we were following the game there for a little bit," McGrath said.

In general, McGrath said, the former president's spirits are good.

"He's joking with the doctors and the nurses, so he's not nearly in the same level of discomfort he was in just a few days ago," McGrath said.

Still, since he was released previously and then readmitted because the cough did not go away, there is a sense he should stay put until the cough disappears entirely, he said.

# Many 9th graders skipped STAAR retests this summer

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — More than half of Texas ninth-graders who last spring failed one or more of the state's new standardized tests skipped their chance to retest in July and could be knocked off track to graduate, a newspaper has found.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that passing rates on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, indicate that more than 50 percent of those who failed separate exams in English, algebra, biology and geography passed up the chance to retake them over the summer.

On the reading test, meanwhile, only about half the kids who failed retested this summer.

Of the nearly 107,500 students who failed the reading exam, more than 53,650 have not retested. In writing, nearly 152,300 failures led to about 73,300 students who weren't retested; and in Algebra 1, there were nearly 32,300 students who didn't retest among the nearly 58,000 who failed.

For the biology exam, nearly 41,500 students failed but only about 17,600 chose to retest, and in world geography there were about 62,300 failures and around 27,400 retests.

Students' next opportunity will come this week when the five exams — including separate reading and writing tests for English I — will be given.

Under state law, high school students must get a passing average on 15 end-of-course STAAR tests to graduate.

There are three exams each in math, science, social studies, reading and writing, although efforts will be made in the Legislature next month to cut that number.

Debbie Ratcliffe, a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman, said students who skipped the summer tests and plan to retake the exams over the next two weeks may not have used the best strategy to pass since more time has elapsed since they prepared for the test.

"Students who failed in the spring were strongly encouraged to retake the tests in July," Ratcliffe said. "What it means is that students who didn't retake them in the summer left themselves with one less opportunity to pass before graduation."

She said school districts were required to offer remedial classes to students who previously failed one or more of the exams. In many districts, that help was offered in summer school.

Ratcliffe's agency has released results for the spring and summer administrations of the exams — which showed that tens of thousands of students could not pass either time.

The task will get more difficult in coming years since officials set passing standards relatively low when STAAR was given for the first time last school year but will gradually make them more difficult over time.

That meant students had to correctly answer only 37 percent of the questions on the Algebra I and biology tests to pass; and 46 percent correct on the world geography test. To pass tests in reading and writing, students had to get more than 50 percent correct — and failure rates were the highest.

In writing, 40 percent — nearly 135,000 students — have yet to pass after two rounds of testing have been given. In reading, about 88,500 students, or 26 percent didn't pass. On the other three tests, the percentage of students who have not yet passed ranges from 11 percent in biology to 18 percent in geography.

The tougher STAAR passing standards will be fully phased-in by the 2014-2015 school year. Had they already been in place, however, less than half of all Texas students would have passed the five tests, including just a third of the total making the cut on the writing exam.

# Expert shows disparities in how school districts are funded

*Associated Press*

AUSTIN — Texas' poorest school districts charge higher local property taxes yet collect about a fourth less in revenue per student than the state's wealthiest districts, an expert testified Monday during a trial challenging how the state finances public schools.

Albert Cortez, policy director at the Intercultural Development Research Association, said the poorest 10 percent of districts statewide levy an average of 11 cents more per $100 valuation in local property taxes compared to the wealthiest 10 percent of districts.

However, that translates to about $1,430 less in funding per student — a 25 percent difference between the two groups.

A report compiled by Cortez for the trial found that, "limited state efforts to improve school funding over the last few years have allowed major disparities in funding among Texas districts of varying wealth to persist over time."

Legal fights over school financing are nothing new in Texas. The lawsuits at the center of the current trial are the sixth of their kind since 1984 — and Cortez has testified in all those trials. His San Antonio-based nonprofit works to strengthen public schools for all children.

The Republican-led Legislature cut funding for Texas public schools by $5.4 billion last year, leading to larger class sizes, teacher layoffs and the elimination of full-day pre-kindergarten in most schools districts.

**Key figure**

The amount of money the poorest 10 percent of school districts lose out on compared with wealthier districts:

**$1,430 per student**

Several groups of schools districts, responsible for educating three-quarters of the state's more than 5 million students, have sued Texas over the funding cuts and other policies that they say hinder public education.

Texas does not have a statewide income or property tax, so it relies on local property taxes and other state revenue to fund schools.

As part of his report, Cortez examined tax efforts necessary to generate certain levels of revenue.

He found that the poorest 10 percent of school districts statewide had to tax at $1.38 to generate $7,000 per student, while the wealthiest can bring in the same amount at just 94 cents.

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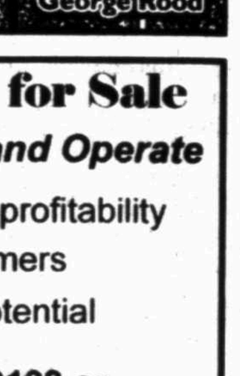
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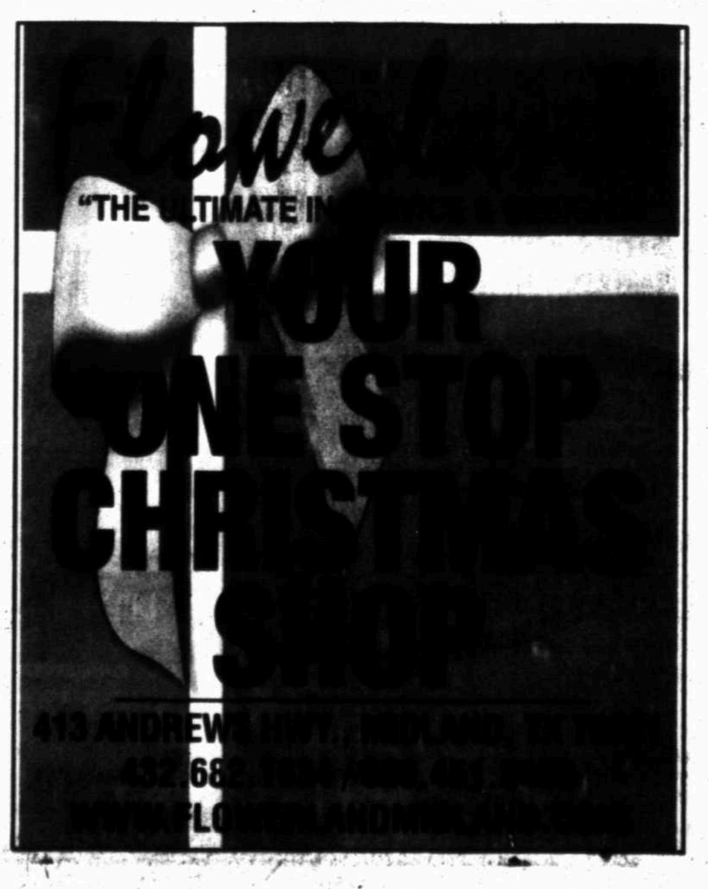


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# Ex-Dallas cop in Crime Stoppers scam sentenced

*Associated Press*

DALLAS — A former Dallas police officer who scammed the city's Crime Stoppers program for more than $250,000 while she ran it was sentenced Monday to just under four years in prison.

Theadora Ross, 52, apologized in court during a sentencing hearing after pleading guilty in August to income tax evasion and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Ross had previously admitted to giving a co-defendant bogus tip numbers and code words to collect rewards from a bank and share the money.

She collected more than $250,000 over five years, money that prosecutors said went to a luxury car, granite countertops and other home improvements.

U.S. District Judge David Godbey called Ross' crime "extraordinarily reprehensible" before handing down a sentence of 46 months.

"She swore a solemn order to preserve and protect and defend, and she betrayed that oath systematically for years," Godbey said.

Ross, of the Dallas suburb of Rowlett, was head of Dallas Crime Stoppers from 2006 to 2010, according to prosecutors. As part of her job, she would decide which tips would be paid and prepare a list of tip numbers that could be redeemed at a bank. She admitted to including bogus tip numbers on that list.

According to prosecutors, co-defendant Malva R. Delley, 38, of Dallas, would present the bogus tip numbers, collect the cash and split the money with Ross. Delley pleaded guilty last year but has yet to be sentenced.

# TEXASROUNDUP

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TOYAH

## West Texas mayor charged with $300K fraud, theft

The mayor of a West Texas town of about 100 people has been charged with stealing nearly $300,000 in a forged signature scheme.

Toyah Mayor Bartolo Sanchez faces federal charges of bank fraud, wire fraud and four counts of aggravated identity theft.

Authorities did not immediately return a message Monday about Sanchez, who was arrested Friday. He's been mayor since 2006. Investigators said Sanchez, without knowledge of the Toyah City Council, in 2009 signed a $228,000 settlement with natural gas exploration company Chesapeake Operating Inc. The money was meant to fix streets damaged by Chesapeake vehicles.

Investigators said Sanchez created a bank account and wrote checks to himself from that town fund and others. He allegedly forged a required second signature.

Toyah is 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

HOUSTON

## Texas fake war hero gets 30 days in prison

A Houston-area man who worked as a post-traumatic stress counselor for veterans has been sentenced to 30 days in prison for lying about his war medals.

A federal judge in Houston on Monday sentenced 41-year-old Paul A. Schroeder of Shenandoah for altering a military or naval discharge certificate.

Schroeder in February resigned from the PTSD Foundation of America amid questions about his war record. Schroeder presented himself as a former Special Forces sergeant with two Purple Hearts, three Bronze Stars and two Meritorious Service Medals.

He claimed to have served in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa and Central and South America.

Military personnel records at Fort Knox, Ky., do not indicate that Schroeder deployed overseas or earned the honors. He was a military police officer at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

DALLAS

## Dallas museum returns stolen mosaic to Turkey

The Dallas Museum of Art has returned an ancient mosaic to Turkish officials after discovering it was stolen.

The mosaic was returned to Turkish officials at a ceremony Monday in Dallas. Museum officials also launched an international cultural exchange that will include loaning works of art and sharing expertise. The first initiative will be with Turkey.

The museum bought the roughly 5-foot-by-5-foot Orpheus Mosaic at a public auction in 1999.

The mosaic depicts the mythic poet Orpheus calming wild animals by playing his lyre. It originally decorated the floor of a Roman building.

But the museum discovered evidence earlier this year that it was possibly stolen from an archaeological site. Museum officials then consulted Turkish officials, who provided photographic evidence documenting the looting.

AUSTIN

## Texan in mental ward still wants to practice law

A Texas attorney who is a patient at a psychiatric hospital and was found incompetent to stand trial in an assault case is still trying to practice law and get a theft charge against a client dismissed.

But an appeals court has questioned whether Carolyn Barnes can continue representing her client while she remains institutionalized.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that Barnes has been committed to Kerrville State Hospital since mid-2011. She is facing charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after being accused of firing a handgun in 2010 at a census worker outside her home in Leander, northwest of Austin.

Despite being hospitalized, Barnes' law license remains in good standing. Barnes, who has been fighting her commitment, told the newspaper that if she can practice law, she is competent to be tried. Barnes has been licensed to practice law in Texas since 1984.


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GEORGE WILL
*Washington Post Writers Group*

In 2007, Keith John Sampson, a middle-aged student working his way through Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis as a janitor, was declared guilty of racial harassment. Without granting Sampson a hearing, the university administration — acting as prosecutor, judge and jury — convicted him of "openly reading [a] book related to a historically and racially abhorrent subject."

"Openly." "Related to." Good grief.

The book, "Notre Dame vs. the Klan," celebrated the 1924 defeat of the Ku Klux Klan in a fight with Notre Dame students. But some of Sampson's co-workers disliked the book's cover, which featured a black-and-white photograph of a Klan rally. Someone was offended, therefore someone else *must be* guilty of harassment.

This non sequitur reflects the right never to be annoyed, a new campus entitlement. Legions of administrators, who now outnumber full-time faculty, are kept busy making students mind their manners, with good manners understood as conformity to liberal politics.

Liberals are most concentrated and untrammeled on campuses, so look there for evidence of what, given the opportunity, they would do to America. Ample evidence is in "Unlearning Liberty: Campus Censorship and the End of American Debate" by Greg Lukianoff, 38, a graduate of Stanford Law School who describes himself as a liberal, pro-choice, pro-gay rights, lifelong Democrat who belongs to "the notoriously politically correct Park Slope Food Co-Op in Brooklyn" and has never voted for a Republican "nor do I plan to." But as president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) he knows that the most common justifications for liberal censorship are "sensitivity" about "diversity" and "multiculturalism," as academic liberals understand those things.

In recent years, a University of Oklahoma vice president has declared that no university resources, including email, could be used for "the forwarding of political humor/commentary." The College at Brockport in New York banned using the Internet to "annoy or otherwise inconvenience" anyone. Rhode Island College prohibited, among many other things, certain "attitudes." Texas Southern University's comprehensive proscriptions included "verbal harm" from damaging "assumptions" or "implications." Texas A&M promised "freedom from indignity of any type." Davidson banned "patronizing remarks." Drexel University forbade "inappropriately directed laughter." Western Michigan University banned "sexism," including "the perception" of a person "not as an individual, but as a member of a category based on sex." Banning "perceptions" must provide full employment for the burgeoning ranks of academic administrators.

Many campuses congratulate themselves on their broad-mindedness when they establish small "free speech zones" where political advocacy can be scheduled. At one point Texas Tech's 28,000 students had a "free speech gazebo" that was 20 feet wide. And you thought the First Amendment made America a free speech zone.

At Tufts, a conservative newspaper committed "harassment" by printing accurate quotations from the Quran and a verified fact about the status of women in Saudi Arabia. Lukianoff says Tufts may have been the first American institution "to find someone guilty of harassment for stating verifiable facts directed at no one in particular."

He documents how "orientation" programs for freshmen become propaganda to (in the words of one orthodoxy enforcer) "leave a mental footprint on their consciousness." Faculty, too, can face mandatory consciousness-raising.

In 2007, Donald Hindley, a politics professor at Brandeis, was found guilty of harassment because when teaching Latin American politics he explained the origin of the word "wetbacks," which refers to immigrants crossing the Rio Grande. Without a hearing, the university provost sent Hindley a letter stating that the university "will not tolerate inappropriate, racial and discriminatory conduct." The assistant provost was assigned to monitor Hindley's classes "to ensure that you do not engage in further violations of the nondiscrimination and harassment policy." Hindley was required to attend "anti-discrimination training."

Such coercion is a natural augmentation of censorship. Next comes mob rule. Last year, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the vice provost for diversity and climate — really; you can't make this stuff up — encouraged students to disrupt a news conference by a speaker opposed to racial preferences. They did, which the vice provost called "awesome." This is the climate on an especially liberal campus that celebrates "diversity" in everything but thought.

"What happens on campus," Lukianoff says, "doesn't stay on campus" because censorship has "downstream effects." He quotes a sociologist whose data he says demonstrate that "those with the highest levels of education have the lowest exposure to people with conflicting points of view." This encourages "the human tendency to live within our own echo chambers." Parents' tuition dollars and student indebtedness are paying for this. Good grief.

## OUR VIEW

## Will Washington again work with region on another species listing?

We were disappointed when Dan Ashe, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced Friday a proposal to list the lesser prairie chicken as "threatened."

It now appears that another battle is looming between business and the survival of a species. This worrisome listing comes just months after Permian Basin residents successfully put together a conservation effort that prevented the dunes sagebrush lizard from being listed as "endangered."

We face another challenge that could affect an even larger territory. The lizard debate was waged over a few counties in the Permian Basin and southeastern New Mexico. The lesser prairie chicken discussion will involve as many as 18 million acres in oil and gas producing regions in the Permian Basin, Texas Panhandle, western Oklahoma, western Kansas and southeastern Colorado.

Should this effort come to a head it could impact many areas of the economy, including oil and gas operations, ranching operations, agriculture, wind energy projects and transmission lines.

There is no way to predict just how far this matter will be carried before a final solution is reached. However, we do know that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has shown a tenacity in pursuing the listing of potential endangered species.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association is set to challenge the proposal with a two-pronged attack that worked well in the lizard case. One would be acceleration of conservation efforts, and the second would be pointing out that best available science shows the lesser prairie chicken does not merit listing.

It took a well-organized effort of West Texas residents to produce the science to refute the government claims on the lizard and to join in on habitat conservation to further protect the lizard.

It is our hope that enough "habitat exchanges" between energy companies and ranchers can be developed to protect the species.

Wildlife Habitat Exchanges enlist private landowners, such as ranchers and farmers, to create and maintain vital habitat. In turn, energy companies and other developers can use the developments to meet their obligations to protect wildlife.

That would be the painless way to settle a situation that could turn into another High Noon economic moment with Washington. But environmental groups have praised the government's decision, calling the lesser prairie chicken among the most imperiled on the federal candidate list.

We remain hopeful that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service still has a mindset to seek a workable solution. If that is the case, this potential crisis also will pass away.

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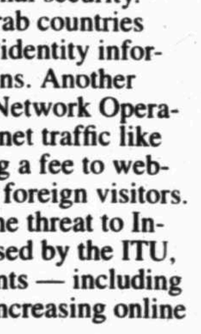
## Keep the UN's hands off the Internet

■ It's a bad idea to have commissars and zealots from other countries deliberating digital regulations.



JONATHAN GURWITZ
*San Antonio Express-News*

Whom do you trust less to manage the Internet: the elected members of the U.S. Congress or the unaccountable bureaucrats of a United Nations agency?

One year ago, key players in the digital world were ramping up their efforts against a bipartisan proposal on Capitol Hill to expand the ability of American law enforcement agencies to fight piracy of U.S. goods and intellectual property on foreign websites.

By January, the opposition to the Stop Online Piracy Act had reached a fever pitch. Wikipedia blacked out its site for 24 hours, greeting visitors with the message, "Imagine a world without free knowledge." Thousands of other websites joined the strike or, like Internet titan Google, protested SOPA on its homepage and encouraged visitors to sign a petition against the pending legislation. Much of the criticism directed against SOPA was overblown.

At heart, the controversy was largely a replay of the conflict between producers whose intellectual property and goods are pirated on the Internet — movie makers, music companies, drug makers — and digital service providers. In the end, SOPA died in committee. The relative merits of the arguments for and against the legislation are less important than the precedent established by the episode — that even well-meaning efforts to regulate the Internet should be looked at skeptically, and that no changes should be made that could affect the free flow of information or increase the power of government to monitor or limit traffic without the broadest possible consensus.

This week as the International Telecommunications Union convenes for a summit in Dubai, some representatives of the 193 countries in attendance will be trying to do just that. Russia is demanding the transfer of Internet governance authority from non-governmental, international nonprofits such as the Internet Society and the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers to the ITU, a UN agency. What might the Internet look like under ITU control?

Digital consultant Larry Downes writes at CNET.com, "Proposals leaked earlier from Russia, China, Iran and others would authorize member nations, with UN blessing, to inspect and censor incoming and outgoing Internet traffic on the premise of monitoring criminal behavior, filtering spam, or protecting national security." A proposal from a group of 17 Arab countries would require the attachment of "identity information" with Internet transmissions. Another from the European Telecom and Network Operators Association would treat Internet traffic like international phone calls, charging a fee to websites like Google or Facebook for foreign visitors. Some analysts are downplaying the threat to Internet freedom and innovation posed by the ITU, arguing that individual governments — including the United States — are already increasing online surveillance and regulation.

Yet there's broad agreement that a UN regime to police the Internet would stifle the most important advancement in communication and commerce in the modern era and would, at the very least, create a Balkanized digital world. Responding to concerns about the ITU raised by Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., at oversight hearings in May, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski — an Obama appointee — said, "The proposals that are out there to create a new layer of international governance for the Internet are just a bad idea. They're bad for the global economy. They're bad for freedom and democracy around the world."

Perhaps the alarm about ITU attempts to control the Internet are just as overblown as the alarm about SOPA. But anyone who was even mildly concerned about Internet freedom because democratically elected representatives who are accountable to voters were deliberating about digital regulations ought to be scared stiff at the prospect of commissars from Russia and zealots from Iran doing the same thing.

**From the Left | Doonesbury**

**From the Right | Mallard Fillmore**

Associated Press

A man collects his belongings on Sunday after his home was damaged due to heavy fighting between Free Syrian Army fighters and government forces in Aleppo, Syria.

# US weighs options if Syria uses WMD

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The White House and its allies are weighing military options to secure Syria's chemical and biological weapons, after U.S. intelligence reports show the Syrian regime may be readying those weapons and may be desperate enough to use them, U.S. officials said Monday.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Prague for meetings with Czech officials, said she wouldn't outline any specifics.

"But suffice it to say, we are certainly planning to take action if that eventuality were to occur," Clinton said.

Options now being considered range from aerial strikes to limited raids by regional forces to secure the stockpiles, according to one current U.S. official, and one former U.S. official, briefed on the matter. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The administration remains reluctant to dispatch U.S. forces into Syria, but a U.S. special operations training team is in neighboring Jordan, teaching troops there how to safely secure such sites together with other troops from the region, the officials said.

The warnings come after U.S. intelligence detected signs the Syrian regime was moving the chemical weapons components around within several of Syria's chemical weapons sites in recent days, according to a senior U.S. defense official and two U.S. officials speaking on Monday.

Two officials said the activities did not involve movement of components in or out of various sites, but the movement was confined to within the individual locations.

One of the officials said they were seeing activities they had not seen before that bear further scrutiny.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about intelligence matters.

According to another senior U.S. official, the U.S. is worried about "indications of preparations" for a possible use of the chemical weapons.

The U.S. still doesn't know whether the regime is planning to use them, but the official said there is greater concern because there is the sense that the Assad regime is under greater pressure now.

U.S. intelligence also intercepted communications within the last six months between Iran's infamous Quds Force, urging Syrian regime members to use its supplies of toxic Sarin gas against rebels and the civilians supporting them in the besieged city of Homs, the former U.S. official said.

The Assad regime insists it would not use such weapons against Syrians, though it carefully does not admit to having them.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the government "would not use chemical weapons — if there are any — against its own people under any circumstances." The regime is party to the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning chemical weapons in war.

The Syrian assurances did not placate the White House.

"We are concerned that in an increasingly beleaguered regime, having found its escalation of violence through conventional means inadequate, might be considering the use of chemical weapons against the Syrian people," said White House press secretary Jay Carney.

"Assad has killed so many of his people, I just wouldn't be surprised if he turned these weapons on them," added Maryland Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, after intelligence briefings Monday.

An administration official said the trigger for U.S. action of some kind is the use of chemical weapons, or movement with the intent to use them, or the intent to provide them to a terrorist group like Hezbollah.

The U.S. is trying to determine whether the recent movement detected in Syria falls into any of those categories, the official said. The administration official was speaking on condition of anonymity because this person was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue.

Israeli officials have repeatedly expressed concerns that Syrian chemical weapons could slip into the hands of Hezbollah or other anti-Israel groups, or even be fired toward Israel in an act of desperation by Syria.

Syria has some 75 sites where weapons are stored, but U.S. officials aren't sure they have tracked down all the locations, and fear some stockpiles may have already been moved.

Syria is believed to have several hundred ballistic surface-to-surface missiles capable of carrying chemical warheads, plus several tons of material stored in either large drums, or in artillery shells, which become deadly once fired.

"In Syria, they have everything from mustard agent, Sarin nerve gas, and some variant of the nerve agent VX," according to James Quinlivan, a Rand Corp. analyst who specializes in the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

## Obama warns Syria against using chemical weapons

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama warned Syria on Monday that the use of chemical weapons would be "totally unacceptable" and that the country's leaders would be held accountable.

Obama said that if Syrian President Bashar Assad made the "tragic mistake" of deploying chemical weapons, there would be consequences. Obama stopped short of detailing those consequences.

Obama's comments came as U.S. officials said intelligence had detected Syrian movement of chemical weapons components in recent days.

The White House said earlier Monday that it was increasingly concerned that the beleaguered regime in Syria might be considering use of chemical weapons against its own people and warned that doing so would "cross a red line."

White House press secretary Jay Carney said U.S. officials were closely monitoring Syria's proliferation of sensitive materials and facilities, as opposition to the Syrian government grows.

Obama spoke later Monday at a gathering on securing nuclear weapons materials.

*Associated Press*

# GOP issues a new 'fiscal cliff' offer to Obama

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — House Republicans put forth a $2.2 trillion "fiscal cliff" counteroffer to President Barack Obama on Monday, calling for raising the eligibility age for Medicare, lowering cost-of-living hikes for Social Security benefits and bringing in $800 billion in higher tax revenue — but not raising rates for the wealthy.

The White House declared the Republicans still weren't ready to "get serious" and again vowed tax rate increases will be in any measure Obama signs to prevent the government from the cliff's automatic tax hikes and sharp spending cuts. Administration officials also hardened their insistence that Obama is willing to take the nation over the cliff rather than give in to Republicans and extend the tax cuts for upper-income earners.

With the clock ticking toward the year-end deadline, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other Republicans said they were proposing a "reasonable solution" for negotiations that Boehner says have been going nowhere. Monday's proposal came in response to Obama's plan last week to raise taxes by $1.6 trillion over the coming decade but largely exempt Medicare and Social Security from budget cuts.

Though the GOP plan proposes to raise $800 billion in higher tax revenue over the same 10 years, it would keep the Bush-era tax cuts — including those for wealthier earners targeted by Obama — in place for now.

Dismissing the idea of raising any tax rates, the Republicans said the new revenue would come from closing loopholes and deductions while lowering rates.

Boehner called that a "credible plan" and said he hoped the administration would "respond in a timely and responsible way." The offer came after the administration urged Republicans to detail their proposal to cut popular benefit programs like Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid.

The White House complained the latest offer was still short on details about what loopholes would be closed or deductions eliminated, and it insisted that any compromise include higher tax rates for upper-income earners.

Asked directly whether the country would go over the cliff unless GOP lawmakers backed down, administration officials said yes. Officials said they remained hopeful that scenario could be avoided, saying the president continues to believe that going over the cliff would be damaging to the economy.

And they signaled that Obama wouldn't insist on bringing the top tax rate all the way back to the 39.6 percent rates of the Clinton era. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about internal White House deliberations.

"Until the Republicans in Congress are willing to get serious about asking the wealthiest to pay slightly higher tax rates, we won't be able to achieve a significant, balanced approach to reduce our deficit our nation needs," White House Communications Director Dan Pfeiffer said in a statement.

Boehner saw the situation as just the reverse.

"After the election I offered to speed this up by putting revenue on the table and unfortunately the White House responded with their la-la land offer that couldn't pass the House, couldn't pass the Senate and it was basically the president's budget from last February," he said Monday.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# NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

## CDC says US flu season starts early, could be bad

Flu season in the U.S. is off to its earliest start in nearly a decade — and it could be a bad one.

Health officials on Monday said suspected flu cases have jumped in five Southern states, and the primary strain circulating tends to make people sicker than other types. It is particularly hard on the elderly.

The good news is that the nation seems fairly well prepared, said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than a third of Americans have been vaccinated, and the vaccine formulated for this year is well-matched to the strains of the virus seen so far, CDC officials said.

Higher-than-normal reports of flu have come in from Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas. An uptick like this usually doesn't happen until after Christmas.

LOS ANGELES

## Mars rover Curiosity: No surprise in first soil test

NASA's Curiosity rover has indeed found something in the Martian dirt. But so far, there's no definitive sign of the chemical ingredients necessary to support life.

A scoop of sandy soil analyzed by Curiosity's sophisticated chemistry laboratory contained water and a mix of chemicals, but not complex carbon-based molecules considered essential for life.

That the soil was not more hospitable did not surprise mission scientist Paul Mahaffy because radiation from space can destroy any carbon evidence. The latest findings were presented Monday at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco.

# 'Three Cups of Tea' co-author Relin commits suicide

*Associated Press*

AP file photos

This 2006 photo released by Viking shows Greg Mortenson, left, and David Oliver Relin, co-authors of the best-selling book "Three Cups of Tea," pictured right. Relin committed suicide in Corbett, Ore., outside Portland, on Nov. 14, said the deputy Multnomah County medical examiner, Peter Bellant, Sunday. Relin was 49.

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — David Oliver Relin, co-author of the best-selling book "Three Cups of Tea," said in legal filings about a year before his recent suicide that his career suffered from allegations of lies in the story of a humanitarian who built schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Relin committed suicide in the rural community of Corbett near Portland last month, according to the deputy Multnomah County medical examiner, Peter Bellant, late Sunday. He was 49.

Relin died of a blunt force head injury on Nov. 14, Bellant said. He declined to provide other details. Relin's family also declined to provide details of his death.

The book, which has sold about 4 million copies since being published in 2006, describes how Greg Mortenson, the other co-author, resolved to build schools for Pakistani villagers who nursed him to health after a failed mountaineering expedition.

The account came under scrutiny last year when "60 Minutes" and writer Jon Krakauer said it contained numerous falsehoods.

In April, a U.S. district judge rejected a lawsuit by four people who bought "Three Cups of Tea," dismissing claims that the authors, the publisher, and a charity associated with the book conspired to make Mortenson into a false hero to make money.

In an August 2011 court filing, Relin attorney Sonia Montalbano said the lawsuit "has had a negative impact on Relin's livelihood as an author" and that he did not "maintain any insurance for this litigation, which means that he has to personally fund his defense."

In another filing, Montalbano said "Relin takes no position on many of the accusations made by the Plaintiff" but "does stand by the manuscript he wrote."

She pointed out that in an introduction Relin wrote for "Three Cups of Tea," he "fully acknowledged potential inaccuracies." In that introduction, Relin wrote that Mortenson's "fluid sense of time made pinning down the exact sequence of many events in this book almost impossible."

Mortenson did not respond to phone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Relin "understood the potential importance of that story — that it could show that building schools was an antidote to just dropping bombs on that part of the world," said Lee Kravitz, who introduced Relin and Mortenson.

Relin "was very committed to this project," said Elizabeth Kaplan, the agent who represented both authors.

"David seemed to understand Greg and his mission," she said.

Kravitz and Kaplan are married.

Following allegations that parts of "Three Cups of Tea" were made up, Mortenson denied any wrongdoing, though he has acknowledged some of the events were compressed over different periods of time.

"Three Cups of Tea" was conceived as a way to raise money for and tell the story of Mortenson's Central Asia Institute, which he co-founded in 1996 to build schools in Central Asia.

Relin interviewed Mortenson, attended several of his lectures and read previous articles before preparing a book proposal that was bought by Penguin Group. After selling Penguin on the idea, Relin then conducted more interviews with Mortenson and others before writing the manuscript, Montalbano said.

In a 2008 interview with the University of Oregon literary journal Etude, Relin said he had objected to Mortenson being identified as co-author.

"That's been the only negative thing about this whole adventure for me," Relin said.

"It was published that way over my objections," he added.

The publisher released a statement saying, "All of us at Penguin are saddened to hear of the death of David Oliver Relin. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family."

His second book, "Second Suns, Two Doctors and Their Amazing Quest to Restore Sight and Save Lives," was scheduled to be published in June.

The lawsuit against Mortenson, Relin and Penguin was filed in May 2011 in Montana, where Mortenson lives and the Central Asia Institute is based.

Relin was not involved in a separate investigation by the Montana attorney general into how Mortenson ran the charity.

The investigation led to a settlement in April that called for Mortenson to reimburse the charity nearly $1 million, his removal from a position of financial oversight and an expansion of the board.

The probe and settlement did not deal with the content of "Three Cups of Tea" or Mortenson's sequel, "Stones Into Schools," which Relin did not write.

Relin was born in Rochester, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, two sisters, and his mother.


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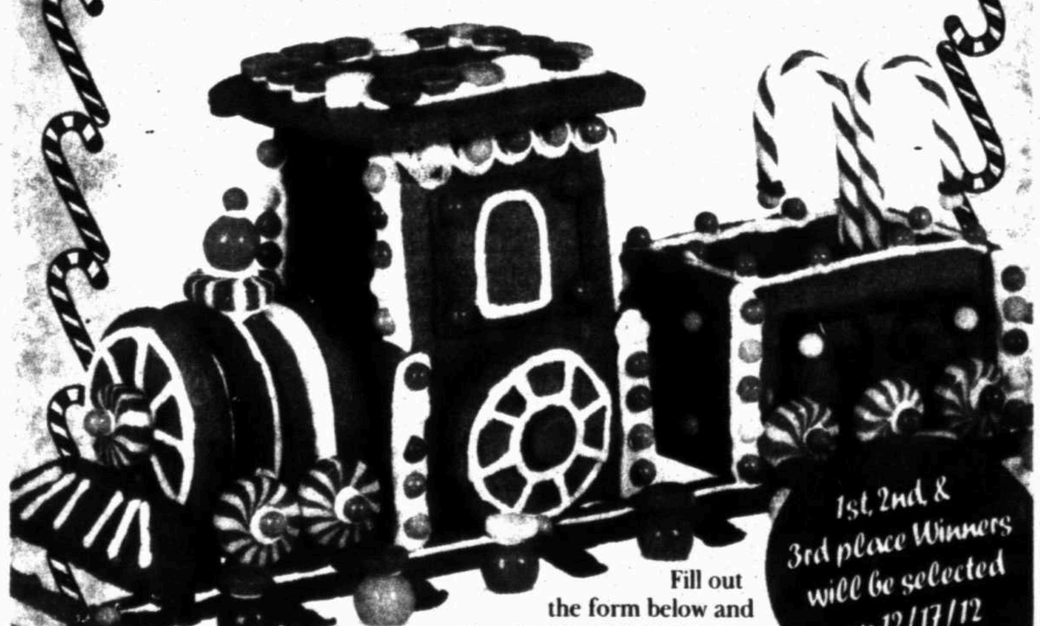

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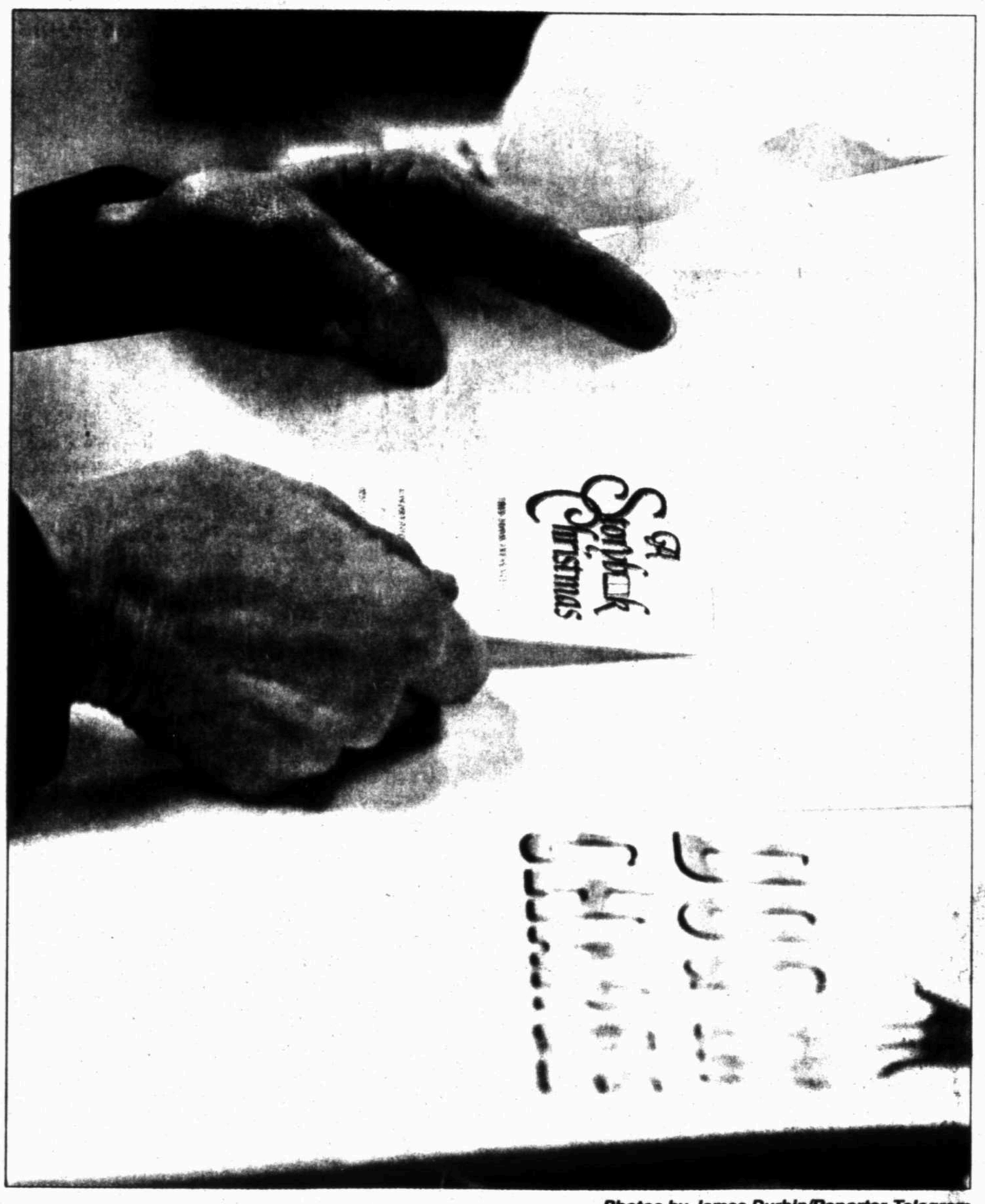


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Members of the Zeta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honorary teachers society, pack books as part of a Storybook Christmas book donation project Saturday at DeZavala Elementary. The goal of A Storybook Christmas is to donate a brand new book to every first-grade student in Midland.

## Retired teachers prepare books for students

**By Meredith Moriak**
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Giving storybooks to first-graders in Midland County has become a Christmastime tradition for the 35 members of the Zeta Xi chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an honorary teachers society.

The organization's members met Saturday morning at DeZavala Elementary School to place book plates inside the 2,400 books that will be donated to all first-grade students in Midland County during the next three weeks.

"We love interacting with the students and seeing their faces when we give them their book," said Nancy Doss. "We all try and go back to the school that we taught at because it's special to see everyone there."

The group's members mostly are retired teachers who will deliver books to campuses and read to a group of students. More than 100 books will go to some of the largest campuses in Midland ISD, while seven

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## Storytellers to perform at annual festival

**By Meredith Moriak**
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Storytellers from across the country will participate in Midland ISD's 21st annual Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival, which is Saturday at First United Methodist Church.

"A Dream Becomes A Reality!" includes eight national storytellers and two from West Texas, who will perform at 9:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the church's fellowship hall.

Grants and donations are the primar source of funding for the annual festival; tickets are $5 for students, $10 for adults and $20 for families.

The storytelling concerts are enjoyable for the entire family, said festival director Patty Smith.

Though the most well-known aspect, the concerts are only one part of the three-week-long festival, which started Nov. 26 when North Carolina storyteller Donald Davis began conducting writing and story workshops in elementary school classrooms.

Davis will conduct his two-day, intensive "Powerful P's" workshop to fourth-grade students at DeZavala, Jones, Milam, Pease and South elementaries, as well as to the seventh-grade students at San Jacinto Junior High and the fourth-graders at Trinity School, through Dec. 13.

Kindergarten consultant Merle Davis will present three story and geography programs titled "I Live on an Island" at Pease Communication and Technology Academy and Midland Montessori School.

Four storytellers — Davis, Annalon Gilbreath, Barbara McBride-Smith and Willy Claftin — will present a seven-hour professional development workshop for teachers on Thursday. The workshop will focus on the writing process, historical writing themes and innovative story techniques that lure students into learning.

The national tellers will present character-based storytelling programs at St. Ann's School, Trinity School and Midland Montessori School on Friday.

Midlander Sue Roseberry will present "Setting the Stage for Storytelling," a character-based program, to first- and second-graders at each of

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Sue Roseberry tells a story about "The Emperor's New Clothes" to a group of first- and second-graders at Scharbauer Elementary in 2011. Roseberry is one of this year's storytellers at Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival.

# MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Chin

Lee High School senior **Du Chin** was honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Aye Myint.

She is a member of Senior Girls, Interact Club, AVID Club and the robotics team.

She volunteers with Opportunity Camp and is a Sunday school teacher at Midland Chin Immanuel Church.

Chin plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in pre-med.

Hodges

Lee High School senior **Megan Hodges** was honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Kim Hodges.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, PALS and Senior Girls and is an academic letterman.

She is involved in Young Life and is a kindergarten Sunday school teacher at Crestview Baptist Church.

Hodges plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

Lee High School senior **Ashlee Elder** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Teresa Ginter.

She is secretary of Thespian Troupe 5968, historian of FCCLA Club and a member of Senior Girls and Interact Club.

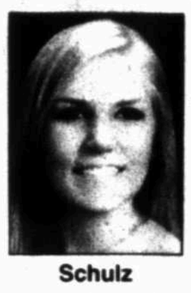
She volunteers at Museum of the Southwest, Petroleum Museum, Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, Manor Park and, Casa de Amigos.

Elder

Elder plans to attend Marquette University and major in psychology.

Midland High School senior **Peyton Schulz** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Grant and Tamara Schulz.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, Model Organization of American States team and is an academic letterman.


Schulz

She is a Symphony Belle, volunteers for SPCA, Safe Place, Museum of the Southwest, air show, Honor Our Troops and March of Dimes Walk.

Schulz plans to major in chemistry.

Rhodes

Lee High School senior **Haley Rhodes** was honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Todd and Donna Rhodes.

She is president of Youth and Government, is secretary of National Honor Society, is a member of Spanish Honor Society, Interact, Model Organization of American States team and Senior Girls. She is an academic and band letterman.

She is involved in St. Mark's United Methodist Church youth group and volunteers at AMOS, Midland Teen Court, Rays of Hope Children's Grief Centre and Keep Midland Beautiful.

Rhodes plans to attend the University of Texas.

Bohne

Midland Christian School senior **Kevin Bohne** was honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Derek and Laura Bohne.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, tennis team, Spanish Club and yearbook staff and is a Texas Scholar.

He is a member of First United Methodist Church.

Bohne plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in computer science.

Ortega

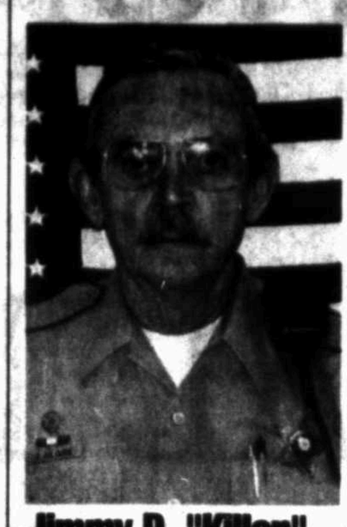
Lee High School senior **Eric V. Ortega** was honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Martin and Francisca Ortega.

He is a member of the football team and National Honor Society. He was named to the All-District academic team.

He attends Emmanuel Baptist Church youth group.

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

# Obituaries



## Jimmy D. "Killer" Kilgore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Joe "Poppy" Wills

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

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

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

Joe was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Gregory.

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

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

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

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

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## Death Notices

### Artie Toliver

Artie Toliver, 80, of Pampa, TX passed away November 29, 2012.

Services are pending with Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels of Odessa, Tx.

# BOOKS

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will be taken to Bynum School and one to Hillcrest School.

Regardless how large or small the school is, Ann Andrews said the group wants to ensure every child receives a book.

This year's book, "Dog in Charge" by K.L. Going, was selected by Joy Cunningham, the librarian at DeZavala and Milam elementary schools. Cunningham works with Scholastic each year to select a book that is entertaining, has nice illustrations and can be purchased within the organization's $7,000 to $9,000 budget.

With a 1.7 reading level, Cunningham said it's something most first-grade students should be able to read themselves.

Students in bilingual education classes have been given a book in Spanish for at least the past 10 years, Andrews said. It's something Cunningham sees as highly beneficial for her students.

"I have bilingual students at my schools, and I know the importance to making sure they have something to read," Cunningham said. "Developing a love for reading is the most important thing we can do for students."

This year, a variety of Spanish books will be given out because the organization had a surplus of books in previous years and wanted to make sure none went to waste.

Though called Storybook Christmas, the books are never religious or associated directly with the holiday, Andrews said.

The Zeta Xi chapter, which has been active in Midland since 1976, has held the Storybook Christmas event since 1991.

The organization started by asking residents, companies, clubs and associations for books and monetary donations but now asks only for money so all students can have the same book.

Finding the funds has been more difficult some years than others, but Andrews said Midlanders always seem to come through and ensure a book makes it into every first-grader's hands.

"This year, we have had a wonderful response that very much surprised us," Andrews said. "People really opened up the (checkbooks) and made this happen."

Doss, a former first-grade teacher at Santa Rita Elementary, learned about Delta Kappa Gamma through the annual Storybook Christmas delivery.

"I got curious about the people who were bringing books to my students each year and looked into the organization," Doss said. "I knew it was a good organization for me because giving children books is such an important thing."

Membership in the organization requires recognition as an outstanding female educator and an invitation to join, Doss said.

In addition to coordinating Storybook Christmas, the Zeta Xi chapter holds monthly meetings and makes a significant contribution to the World Fellowships, the philanthropy arm of the international DKG society.

World Fellowships allows teachers in Third World countries to receive training and complete special projects, said member Kathy Landrum, who coordinates the Zeta Xi chapter's giving each year.

"Everything we give is voluntary and from the heart. It's done to further equip teachers who are pouring out their hearts, but maybe not in the best conditions. We want to raise the standards around the world," she said.

The organizations accepts donations for Storybook Christmas yearround. They can be mailed to A Storybook Christmas, P.O. Box 8769, Midland, TX 79708. A thank you note and tax deduction form will be mailed to all who give.

# FESTIVAL

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MISD's 24 elementary schools.

Roseberry also gave storytelling workshops for students from age 5 to 18. They learned techniques of telling a story before participating in the annual youth storytelling contest.

Winners from the event will perform with national tellers Rex Ellis, Laura Pershin Raynor and Antonio Rocha at the sneak peek on Friday at Pease.

## Save the dates

**Celebrations of Light Sneak Peek**

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday

**Where:** Pease Technology and Communication Academy, 1700 E. Magnolia Ave.

**Who:** Rex Ellis, Laura Pershin Raynor, Antonio Rocha and student contest winners

**Cost:** Free, donations accepted

**Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival**

**When:** 9:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 300 N. Main St.

**Who:** Eight nationally acclaimed storytellers and two rising stars

**Cost:** $5 for students, $10 for adults and $20 for families

**This year's storytellers**

- **Donald Davis**, from Ocracoke Island, N.C.
- **Charlotte Blake Alston**, from Lansdowne, Pa.
- **Willy Claflin & Maynard Moose**, from San Francisco
- **Rex Ellis**, from Williamsburg, Va.
- **Annalon Gilbreath**, from Lubbock; formerly of Midland
- **Bill Harley**, from Seekonk, Mass.
- **Barbara McBride-Smith**, from Tulsa, Okla.
- **Laura Pershin Raynor**, from Ann Arbor, Mich.
- **Antonio Rocha**, from Gray, Maine
- **Sue Roseberry**, from Midland

# Spain Rodriguez, creator of underground comics, dies at 72

*New York Times News Service*

Spain Rodriguez, a cartoonist whose radical politics and hyperbolic macho imagery, all presented with sly humor, were influential elements in the rise of underground comics, died Wednesday at his home in San Francisco. He was 72.

The cause was cancer, his wife, Susan Stern, said.

Rodriguez was part of a wave of artists — including R. Crumb, S. Clay Wilson and Bill Griffith, who created the character Zippy the Pinhead — who established the irreverent, profane, highly sexed, antiwar, anti-capitalist spirit of underground comics (often, in this context, spelled comix).

A voracious reader of comic books as a boy in Buffalo, N.Y., he was highly offended by the Senate hearings that resulted in the censorship of comics in the 1950s, and his anger at the establishment never wavered.

In illustrating his tales of revolutionaries taking back the streets, often violently, from plutocratic forces of repression and corruption, Rodriguez drew motorcycles and other machinery, detailed cityscapes, futuristic and historical military scenes and hyper-sexed human figures.

His characters, who originally appeared in leading underground publications like The East Village Other and Zap, included the counterculture superhero known as Trashman, an urban guerrilla with a ruthless disregard for the lives of the rich and powerful, and Manning, a corrupt cop (whose strips bore the slogan "Some call it police brutality; he calls it Justice").

"Spain was one of the seminal, in probably all meanings of that word, figures of the underground comics planet," Art Spiegelman, author of the graphic novel "Maus," said in an interview with The Buffalo News after Rodriguez's death. He added: "I don't know that there'd be such a things as these nice, gentrified graphic novels that I'm associated with, as well, if it weren't for the energy unleashed with such vehemence by Spain, Crumb and others."

Manuel Rodriguez — he became Spain as a boy defending his heritage in fights with schoolmates — was born in Buffalo, N.Y., on March 2, 1940. His father, a Spanish immigrant, was an auto body repairman. His mother, an artist of Italian descent, painted under a male pseudonym: Steve Nomi.

Young Spain was a delinquent — he fought, he stole cars — but he also had a curious mind, and he drew from a young age; on the sides of trash bags, he created comic strips that entertained the garbagemen who picked them up, his wife said.

After high school, he attended the Silvermine Guild School of Art in New Canaan, Conn., where Abstract Expressionism was in vogue and his extra-realistic drawings went unappreciated. He never graduated.

"I never got over the thrill of being able to create a three-dimensional image out of a flat surface," he said.

When he left school, he returned to Buffalo and for five years worked in a Western Electric plant that manufactured telephone wire, an experience that he said was his real art education when he began drawing the machines and his fellow workers. He also joined a biker gang, the Road Vultures Motorcycle Club, and drew the bikes and the bikers, illustrating their conflicts and reproducing their earthy language.

"I was cool before it was cool to be cool," he liked to say.

In the mid-1960s, he moved to New York City and found himself on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the heart of the city's counterculture life.

At the request of Walter Bowart, a founder and the first publisher of The East Village Other, a brash, often outlandish newspaper, Rodriguez created a comic book with a frankly sexual cover called Zodiac Mindwarp. He went on to do comic strips for The Other.

Rodriguez's first marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his wife, who was his partner beginning in 1979 and whom he married in 1989, he is survived by a daughter, Nora Rodriguez, and a sister, Cynthia Rodriguez-Badendyck.

His books include "Che: A Graphic Biography" (2008), about the revolutionary leader Che Guevara, and "Cruisin' With the Hound: The Life and Times of Fred Toote," a look back at his early life in Buffalo. A retrospective of his work is now at the Burchfield Penny Art Center in Buffalo.

Part of that exhibition is a short film about him made by his wife, much of it touching on his life after he left New York in 1969 and moved to San Francisco, where Zap was being published and where the center of the underground comix movement had settled.

The renegade counterculture scene hasn't lasted with quite the same fury, and in recent years, Rodriguez taught art at the Mission Cultural Center and was a driving force in the creation of the many murals that adorn the walls of the city's Mission District.

"He struck me as an archetypal character," Crumb said about Rodriguez in an interview in Stern's film. "Crazy artist, crossed with left-wing radical, crossed with working class Latino hood. He had a big influence on me through his artwork. He was top of the line in that generation of underground breakaway cartoonists."

# Texas posts top high school graduation rates — but why?

**By Morgan Smith**
*Texas Tribune*

With witnesses in a school finance trial testifying daily on the challenges facing public education in the state, and with a chorus of state leaders citing the failings of traditional public schools in calling for reform, some may be surprised to hear that by one measure, Texas schools appear to be doing quite well.

Preliminary data released by the U.S. Department of Education last week shows that Texas — along with five other states — ranks fourth in the nation for its four-year high school graduation rates. With an overall rate of 86 percent in the 2010-11 school year, the state follows Iowa, with 88 percent, and Wisconsin and Vermont, both at 87 percent.

Though the statewide average has climbed steadily in the past five years, that has not always been the case. **The last time the Texas Supreme Court ruled on the state's school finance system, in 2005, it warned of a "severe dropout problem," calling the lagging graduation rates of blacks and Hispanics "especially troublesome."'**

In 2006, research from Harvard University, the University of Texas at Austin and Rice University estimated that the state was inflating its graduation numbers by allowing districts to avoid counting students who left school for a variety of reasons, including to take the GED. **The state began** using the federal definition from the National Center for Education Statistics to measure dropout rates that year, a formula that all states must use now.

Michael Williams, the Texas education commissioner, attributed the achievement to the state's strong accountability system.

"This state-by-state comparison confirms what Texas educators have been saying for a long time," Williams said in a statement. "Our public schools are delivering a high quality education and our students are having great success."

Despite the struggles in its past, the state's recent success shouldn't be greeted with disbelief, said Lili Allen, a policy director at Jobs for the Future, a Boston-based nonprofit that funds research on college and career readiness for low-income students.

Allen pointed to a 2012 report released by a coalition of national education research organizations that showed Texas had made a dramatic reduction in the number of "dropout factory" schools — defined as graduating less than 60 percent of their students in four years between 2002 and 2010. The state eliminated the number of those schools by more than half, making a larger decrease than any other state.

"Texas has really invested pretty heavily in really reinventing the high school experience for students," she said. "It's been under the radar as an engine of high school reform that has been pretty impressive from our perspective."

Allen also credited the state's early college high school initiative, which allows students to take a higher number of dual-credit courses earlier than their peers at traditional high schools, as an example of innovation.

But some critics say the federal definition, while an improvement, still allows states and districts to mask true graduation numbers. School officials report student withdrawals with more than a dozen different "leaver codes," only some of which count toward graduation rates. If a school codes a student as returning to a home country, or entering home school, for instance, that student does not factor into the school's four-year graduation rate.

The leaver code system can make gathering accurate numbers for graduation rates a challenge — especially because a low graduation rate holds ramifications for everyone involved in tracking student achievement, from principals and school leaders to state lawmakers. In the past, the TEA has audited districts for misuse of the codes, which have also drawn criticism from advocacy groups in the past.

The codes provide too many opportunities for school districts to artificially boost graduation numbers, said Bill Hammond, the president of the Texas Association of Business, which advocates on education policy in the state.

"The fact that we are trying to say that we are doing really well and everything is hunky-dory in Texas with regard to dropouts is unfair to the future students in our workforce," he said. "And I think it's doing a disservice to tout these inflated numbers as if everything is OK."

The rate reported by the state tends to show better performance than other national formulas used to track graduation. In 2009, the latest year graduation statistics are available in the federal data used by the Cumulative Promotion Index, a different method of calculating graduation rates, put the state at 72 percent, compared with the TEA's 80 percent that year. But the state's rate has improved over the years on that index as well — the percentage of students graduating on time has increased more rapidly than average, up by 11 percentage points since 1999 compared with 7 percentage points nationally — though it still lags behind the national average by about 2 percentage points.

Texas' improving graduation rates reflect a trend across the country, which anecdotal evidence suggests is partly due to efforts to keep students in school on the state and district level. But it is also difficult to measure the effect of external factors like the poor economy — which tends to keep students in school because they feel the pull of the job market less — and shifting state accountability requirements.

The latest report released by the U.S. Department of Education marks the first time all states — except for three, which were granted deadline extensions — used the same definition to report graduation rates. In the next few months, researchers will be conducting analysis to determine what factors led to the success of some states over others, said Colleen Wilber, a spokeswoman for America's Promise Alliance.

But for now, Wilber said the current data stood as the best yet reflection of how states shake out in terms of their graduation rates.

"It's as close to apples-to-apples comparison as we've had," she said.

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| | HALLMARK | | 54 | 49 | 58 | | 34 | ★ Boise at Christmas... | | ★★ The Dog Who Saved Christmas | | | | ★ Farewell Mr. Kringle Christine Taylor. | | | | ★ The Christmas Sec.. | |
| | HGTV | | 63 | 50 | 26 | 48 | 44 | House | HouseH | Love It or List It | | Property | Property | HouseH | House | Million Dollar Room | | Property | Property |
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| | TBS | | 25 | 11 | 44 | 66 | 41 | Seinfeld "The Fire" | Seinf. "The Little Jerry" | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Big Bang Theory | Conan Kevin Pollak, Amy Poehler, Ke$ha | | The Office | The Office |
| | TCM | | 41 | 61 | 24 | 63 | 66 | ★ My Forbidden Past.. | | ★★★ Period of Adjustment Jane Fonda. | | | | ★★★★ The Sting Paul Newman. | | | | ★ The World of Hen.. | |
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# Texas districts, charters advance in federal contest

**By Morgan Smith**
*Texas Tribune*

By the end of the year, a few Texas school districts may have access to millions in funding that Gov. Rick Perry had passed on two years ago because of concerns about federal intrusion into Texas classrooms.

Since Texas refused to participate in Race to the Top at the state level in 2010, the Obama administration has rolled out a new version of its signature education program to allow districts to apply individually for a separate pot of about $400 million in federal money. Administration officials announced the new round of competition that would emphasize data-driven personalized student learning plans in 2011, after three phases of the state-based contest.

That objective has produced a variety of proposals from Texas districts and charters. Galveston Independent School District is competing for $20 million that could mean more staff responsible for closely adapting its curriculum to the needs of students. Dallas-area Uplift Education, which has applied for $17 million in grants, wants increased access to college-level courses for its students and more resources to dedicate to parental engagement.

The two are among 61 national finalists announced last week by the U.S. Department of Education, which received 372 applications representing more than 1,100 districts and charter schools — 117 in Texas — for the grants. Despite the high number of applicants, the program's critics extend beyond the governor.

The Texas American Federation of Teachers, which also opposed participation in previous versions of Race to the Top because of what it viewed as the overly rigid testing and teacher evaluation measures promoted by the competition, has raised concerns about the amount of input educators had in the application process.

Linda Bridges, president of the Texas AFT, said the lack of communication between educators and administrators in developing proposals had been disappointing. "Most of these plans have been developed by a superintendent or administrators and taken out to teachers to sign onto," with limited input from educators beforehand, she said.

In response to such criticism, the Obama administration required teachers unions to sign off on district proposals for this round of applications, which caused turmoil in states that, unlike Texas, have a strong union presence. But Bridges said that had little practical impact on collaboration in school districts.

Winners are eligible for four-year grants ranging from $5 million to $40 million depending on their student population. The federal Education Department — which said finalists were chosen to represent a range of rural and nonrural districts — expects to select 15 to 25 winners from the finalists by Dec. 31.

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For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a basketball term.

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NEEDLES + F

TRANCE + E

CLOAK + B

Yesterday's Answer: BILE + ROBLOB = JOLT + BASTER = JOB + BEAST + TILE

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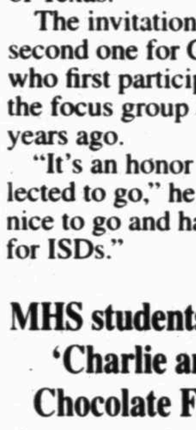
# EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

## MISD's police chief selected for focus group

MISD Police Department Chief David Colburn is among about 30 police chiefs from across the state selected to participate in a focus group Thursday and Friday at Sam Houston State University.



Colburn

The chiefs will represent municipalities, special districts, school districts, colleges and universities. The group will help form the areas of focus for training and continuing education for the next two years at the university's Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

The invitation is the second one for Colburn, who first participated in the focus group about six years ago.

"It's an honor to be selected to go," he said. "It's nice to go and have a voice for ISDs."

## MHS students to stage 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'

Midland High School Theatre students will perform "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" this weekend.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the MHS auditorium, 906 W. Illinois Ave.

Tickets are $5, and will be available at the door. MISD employees have free admission with an employee ID.

MHS Theatre Director Tiffany Gardner-Moore is directing "Charlie," as well as the district-wide musical, "Annie," which will be staged in January.

## Fannin's running club has more than 100 members

The Fannin Elementary School Running Club, "Kids on the Run," has grown to more than 100 student members in its second year.

Students in all school grade levels may participate in the club 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the campus, 2400 Fannin Ave.

For a $25 membership fee, students receive a T-shirt, and participate in the program through spring break. The participants are preparing for a spring race with the help of their coach, PE Teacher Mary Higby.

"The running club promotes fitness, healthy lifestyles, and positive self-esteems," said Principal Jamie Almond.

## MISD students to participate in holiday activities

Midland ISD students are participating in Christmas-related activities, performances and philanthropic efforts this month.

Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave: Students will perform "Home for the Holidays" musical in the school cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The Bowie Band will march in the Christmas parade at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in downtown Midland. The Bowie Band and Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 in the MHS Auditorium, 906 W. Illinois Ave. A student art show will be held on campus at 6 p.m. Dec. 18.

Bush Elementary School, 5001 Preston Drive: A group of sixth-grade students will go caroling and deliver Christmas cards to residents at Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19.

Early College High School at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.: ECHS@MC students will volunteer at MISD elementary schools the week of Dec. 17.

Fannin Elementary School, 2400 Fannin Ave.: Students and staff will participate in the "Warming of the Tree," in which they will bring articles of warm clothing to donate to Midlanders in need through Dec. 18. Students will take photos with Santa on Dec. 12.

Greathouse Elementary School, 5107 Greathouse Ave.: Staff and Greathouse families will participate in an Angel Tree in the school office. On Saturday, students and staff will participate in the Junior League of the Permian Basin Jingle Bell Run in downtown Midland.

Jones Elementary School, 4919 Shadylane Drive: Third-grade students will present a Christmas program at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 on campus.

Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.: Student council members will participate in Santa's Lil' Helpers Wednesday as they host Rusk Elementary students for Christmas parties.

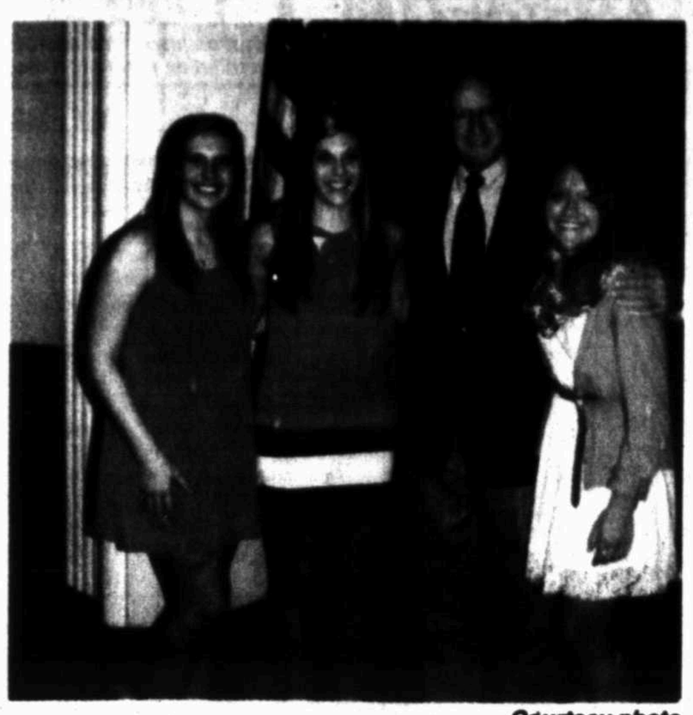
Midland High School, 906 W. Illinois Ave.: MHS Student Council members will collect gifts, and fourth-period classes have adopted 78 children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree gift program.

Pease Communication & Technology Academy, 1700 E. Magnolia Ave.: Second-grade students will deliver clothing and toys to a benevolence center and deliver toys for the "Toys for Tots drive" Dec. 12. On Dec. 13, Student Council and the winning grade level will deliver canned food to the Memorial Christian Church Food Pantry. Students will perform a concert in the ClayDesta atrium Dec. 20 with the Travis Elementary choir.

San Jacinto Junior High School, 1400 N. 'N' St.: Classes will host parties and give gifts to younger students as part of Santa Pals on Friday.

South Elementary School, 201 W. Dakota Ave.: The kindergarten Christmas PTA Program will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the school. On Dec. 20, Academy Sports will give a bike away in the school gym. Stonegate Fellowship will donate Christmas items to 13 South families.

Travis Elementary School, 900 E. Gist Ave.: Students will perform a concert in the ClayDesta atrium Dec. 20 with the Pease choir.



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## Conaway speaks to students

Midland High School students Allyson Gordon, from left, Jeanette Sorianello and Lauren Starr stand with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway during the National Honor Society induction ceremony on Nov. 8. Conaway was the guest speaker for the event in which 130 students were inducted.

## Youth and Government to hold district meet

Students involved with Youth and Government at Lee High School and Early College High School at Midland College will participate in the district conference from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 West Texas Ave.

The LHS team is sponsored by Janet Reed and the ECHS team by Melissa Wright. District 1 director for Y&G is Jan Van Eman.

## St. Ann's students participate in toy drive

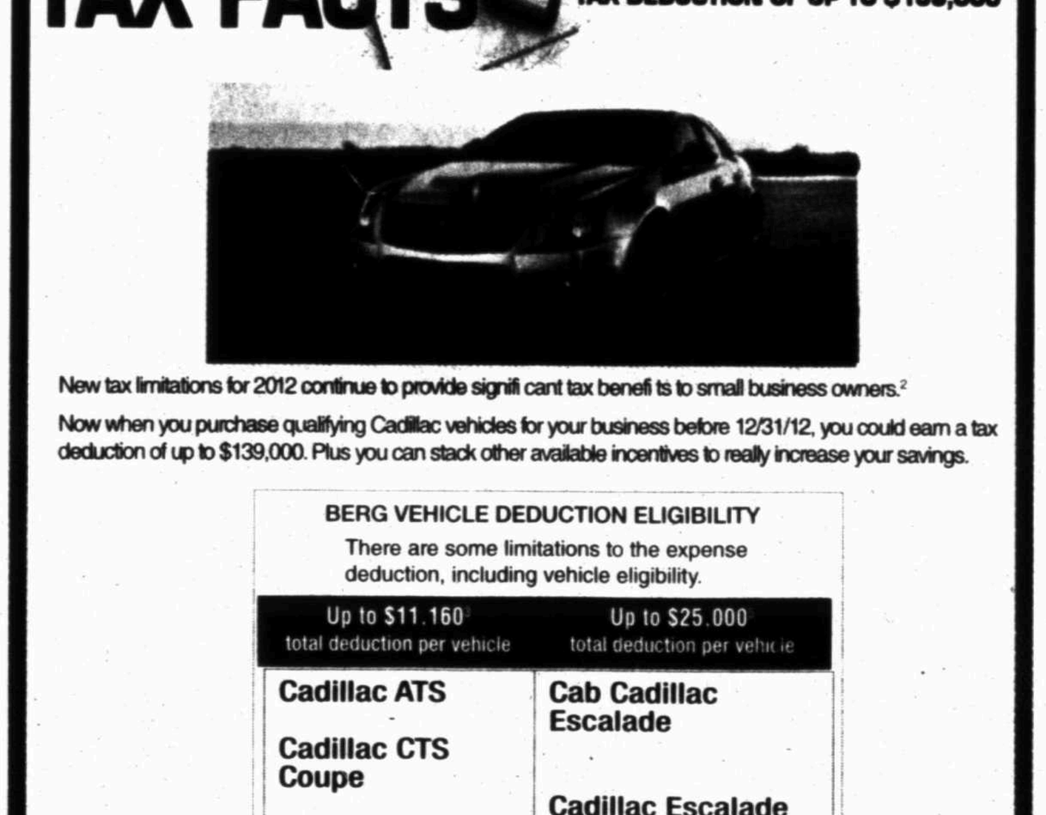
The 10th annual St. Ann's School and Parish Toy Drive is this week at school.

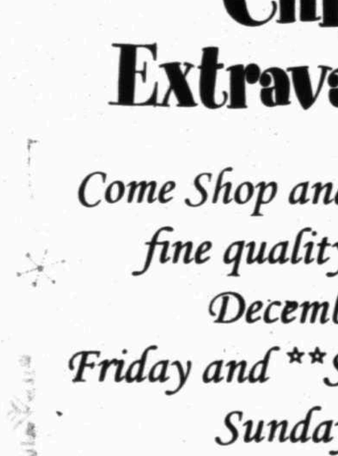
Students, led by student council members, will bring their donated toys to the school Mass on Friday. Toy collection will continue throughout all weekend Masses.

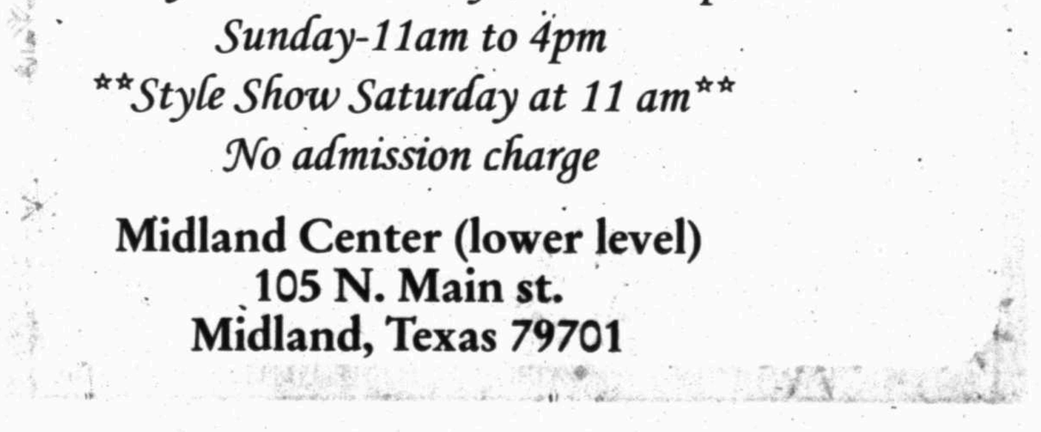
Toys will be distributed through Helping Hands of Midland and other charitable organizations, said Tonya Erwin, St. Ann's development director.

Additional service projects during December include a "Baby Shower for Baby Jesus" benefiting the Life Center, led by first-graders and a teddy bear collection for the homeless shelter, led by the House of St. Cecilia.

The school's annual Christmas program, "In God's Name, Give us Shelter" will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 19 on the blacktop.





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**TODAY: Sunny** High: 67 Low: 34

**WEDNESDAY: Sunny** High: 68 Low: 42

**THURSDAY: Sunny** High: 75 Low: 46

## Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 67 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 34.

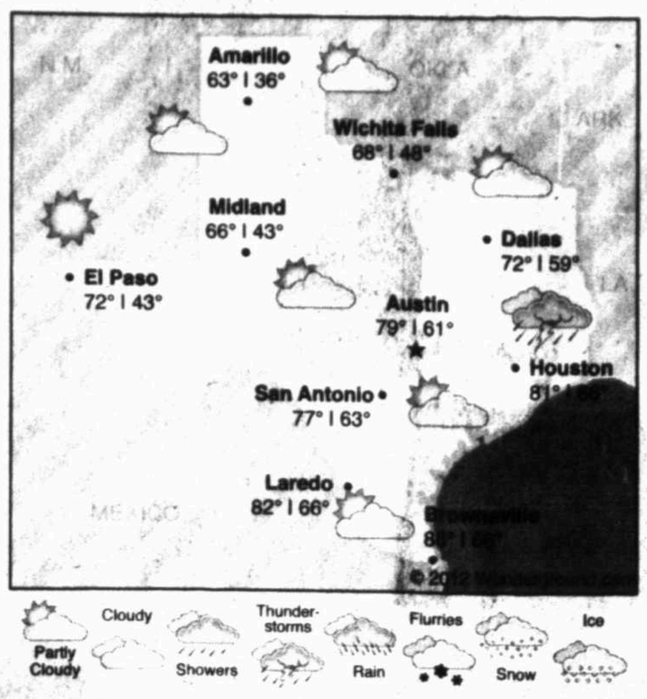
Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 68. Expect mostly clear skies at night, with a low around 42.

The high on Monday reached 80; the low dropped to 54. The record high for Dec. 3 is 83 set in 1954. The record low is 19 set in 1985.

## Weather Q&A

**Q: Does frost form quicker in some areas than others?**

Yes, Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M, says. "Cold air is dense and it tends to sink. On a calm night, cold air will tend to sink into low spots. That's why valleys can be much cooler than the surrounding area because the cold air from the hills sinks into the lower areas. So when the cold air starts sinking, frost will form quicker in the low spots than the high ones. It's not uncommon for some valleys to be cooler by 40 degrees or more, thus more frost tends to form in these low areas. Also, some soil types, such as sand, retain less heat than others, and frost tends to form quicker on these."




**Precipitation**

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| Sunday | 0.00 in. |
| Monday | 0.00 in. |
| Month total | 0.00 in. |
| Year total | 12.72 in. |
| Normal total (year to date) | 14.06 in. |

**Monday's temperatures**

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| High | 80 |
| Low | 54 |
| Normal high | 60 |
| Normal low | 33 |
| Sunrise | 7:34 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:46 p.m. |

## National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 4

## *Troubled woman needs advice that friends can't provide*

# DEAR ABBY

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

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have a friend, "Cara," who lives in another state. It's not a very reciprocal friendship. Cara calls us frequently but wants to talk only about her problems, which are never-ending. When she visits, she demands our full attention at all times. Frankly, we find her exhausting and would like to cut her out of our lives.

Our worry is that we are some of the few friends Cara has left. She has alienated most of her other friends, as well as her parents, sometimes over trivial matters. We know she's depressed and has emotional issues, and we suspect she may have a mental illness. She has been suicidal in the past, but now refuses to see her therapist.

We're worried that if we don't continue serving as her talk therapy — which we find draining — Cara might become so depressed she'll hurt herself. How do we extricate ourselves from this relationship while still doing the right thing? — WORN-OUT BUT WORRIED IN CHICAGO

DEAR WORN-OUT: You and your wife are well-meaning, but neither of you is qualified to be Cara's therapist. Allowing her to monopolize your time and sap your energy may momentarily lessen her pain or anxiety, but it hasn't — and will not — give her the tools she needs to fix what's wrong.

You can extricate yourselves by encouraging her to talk to a mental health professional. It doesn't have to be the therapist she no longer wants to see, but it does need to be someone who has the training to help her. You should also shorten the length of the conversations. This is happening to you because you are allowing it.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are retired and enjoy going out for a nice dinner occasionally. We go to chain restaurants, hotel restaurants and local dinner establishments. We order lighter meals than we used to, and with the cost of dinners these days, we have been finishing our entire meal.

Our problem is that again and again, our server makes a comment about our finished plates. It might be, "You were really hungry, I see!" or, "Wow! You really enjoyed that!" It is uncomfortable to hear these comments about our eating habits and it spoils our enjoyment.

This may be an attempt on their part to be friendly, but we don't like it. How do we let them know this is crossing the boundaries of professional behavior? — EMBARRASSED IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I hope you realize that for many people this would not be a problem. You needn't be confrontational — all you need to calmly say is, "When you say that, it makes me uncomfortable, so please don't do it again." No servers want to offend a guest, and they are not mind readers. However, they are all aware that their tips depend on how their service is regarded by customers — so I'm sure your comment will be taken to heart.

**DEAR ABBY:** Is it possible for a man to be in love with two women at the same time? — NAME WITHHELD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR NAME WITHHELD: Yes, I think so — and it is usually for different reasons. The same holds true for women. However, for a lasting relationship, people have to choose the one partner who has more of the qualities they think are most important.

## GOREN BRIDGE

*With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch*

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 6 2
♡ Q J 8
◇ K Q 5
♣ A 6 5

WEST
♠ 8 5 4
♡ 10 6
◇ A 7 6
♣ K 10 4 3 2

EAST
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♡ 10 9 4 3
◇
♣ Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
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◇ J 8 2
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The bidding:

| EAST | SOUTH | WEST | NORTH |
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| Pass | 2♡ | Pass | 4♡ |
| Pass | Pass | Pass | |

Opening lead: Six of ♣

With North rating to have a good hand for raising a weak two-bid by partner, West's diamond lead ought to be safe enough. Declarer, the peripatetic Pakistani Zia Mahmood, captured East's nine with the knave, drew trumps in two rounds ending in hand and exited with a diamond. West won with the ace and played another a diamond. Declarer won in dummy and ran some trumps, and West's signaling was unclear. East elected to discard one card from each black suit. Declarer crossed to the ace of spades and exited with a spade, and the jack of spades became an overtrick for a joint top score.

East should have known better. Few experts would open with a weak two-bid in second seat with a suit headed by the top trumps and with an outside king to boot. Therefore, East should have held onto his third spade and discarded another club, holding declarer to 10 tricks and a slightly below average score.

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## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012:

Extremes mark your year. Sometimes you go way overboard enjoying yourself. You also become very demonstrative and expressive. If you are single, hold back a little, as a new person might not understand where you are coming from. If you are attached, your loved one could be taken aback by this change. This person initially might be oversensitive, but after he or she makes an adjustment, a great time will be had by all. Excessive communication seems to be happening all around you. Try to avoid misunderstandings by confirming what you hear and also by clarifying anything that does not make sense. LEO is as expressive as you are.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Express more of your feelings. Someone could respond with total confusion. You might not understand what eludes this person. Consider that it might just be that this person does not know how to take you. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could come across as being irritable or tenacious when you are teasing several friends. Be careful! Someone else might not read this behavior as it is intended. Your actions could be the source of a misunderstanding. Laugh and lighten up. Tonight: Play it low-key, please.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have the ability to express yourself clearly. You can't seem to get past a hassle or a problem, which is a result of others not understanding you. Invite those who seem confused into a conversation in order to figure out where the mix-up lies. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's big news.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You will buy a loved one a gift or a token of affection, which could be separate from this person's Christmas present. Your thoughtfulness makes a big difference, yet there is an element of confusion surrounding this gift. Listen and share openly. Tonight: So what if you overindulge?

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You experience clarity with your feelings, and it opens you up to new possibilities and exciting changes. Nevertheless, in a discussion about a particular topic today, you might feel as if you are wading in quicksand and that someone is not getting your message. Tonight: All smiles.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might feel as if you are playing a game of "Who's on first, What's on second" with someone. You just can't seem to get clarity, as nearly every question leads to more questions. Say little, and become the observer in order to get more answers. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to approach a situation in a different way. You'll deal with others better and will succeed more often if you work within groups. The confusion that mounts will be short-lived. Perhaps someone involved just needs to relax. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Take a look at the amount of work or errands you need to complete before making other commitments, as enticing as they might be. A long lunch with a loved one could make you very happy. A touch of chaos adds to the day's intrigue. Relax. Tonight: Could be late.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are right in your element and are willing to gain a better sense of what is needed. A partner or an associate might be vested in adding confusion, which makes it necessary and wise to postpone your decision. Look at the big picture. Tonight: Read between the lines.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Work through and deal with a problem involving a partner. Expressing compassion could be difficult amid all the confusion. You might want to rethink a decision that seems like a good idea. Give yourself time to come up with an adequate conclusion. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to someone else, and remain sure of yourself. You want to understand where he or she is coming from. Let this person follow the natural course that is determined by his or her thinking, and both of you will be pleased with the end results. Tonight: Just do not be alone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Pace yourself, and know what your expectations are. A loved one might try to determine exactly what it is that you want. His or her questions make little sense to you. Follow through on what you know to be best, yet be kind to this person. Tonight: Try a relaxing activity.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Jeff Bridges (1949), rapper Jay-Z (1969), model Tyra Banks (1973)

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Ho-hum time
5 Ship's command post
9 Zip preceder
14 Really-really
15 Verdi's "Celeste Aida," e.g.
16 Hypothesize
17 Quits worrying
19 Oohed and __
20 "Luncheon on the Grass" painter
21 Law firm bigwigs
23 Group with many golden agers
26 Failed firecracker
27 Like 56 minutes of each hour of The Masters telecast
34 Federal Web address ending
35 Office betting groups
36 Curaçao neighbor
37 TV's talking horse
39 Drum kit drum
41 "Want the light __ off?"
42 "Stick Up for Yourself" nasal spray
44 Glittery topper
46 Molecule with a + charge, e.g.
47 "Get off my back!"
50 Mischief-maker
51 Hose fillers?
52 Wide-awake
57 Wanted poster word
61 Longish skirts
62 Unfinished business, or, in a way, what 17-, 27- and 47-Across have in common
65 Temporarily unavailable
66 Sask. neighbor
67 Macro or micro subj.
68 Help desk staffers, usually
69 Hornet's home
70 Tebow throw, say

**DOWN**
1 Quarter of a quad, perhaps
2 Perlman of "Cheers"
3 Part of YMCA: Abbr.
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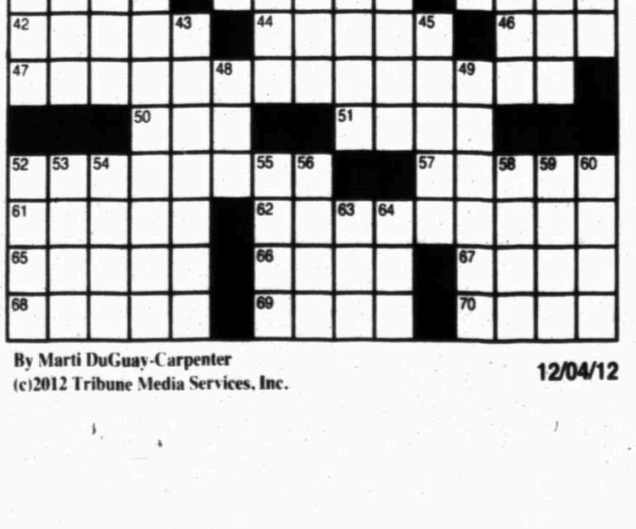

By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter
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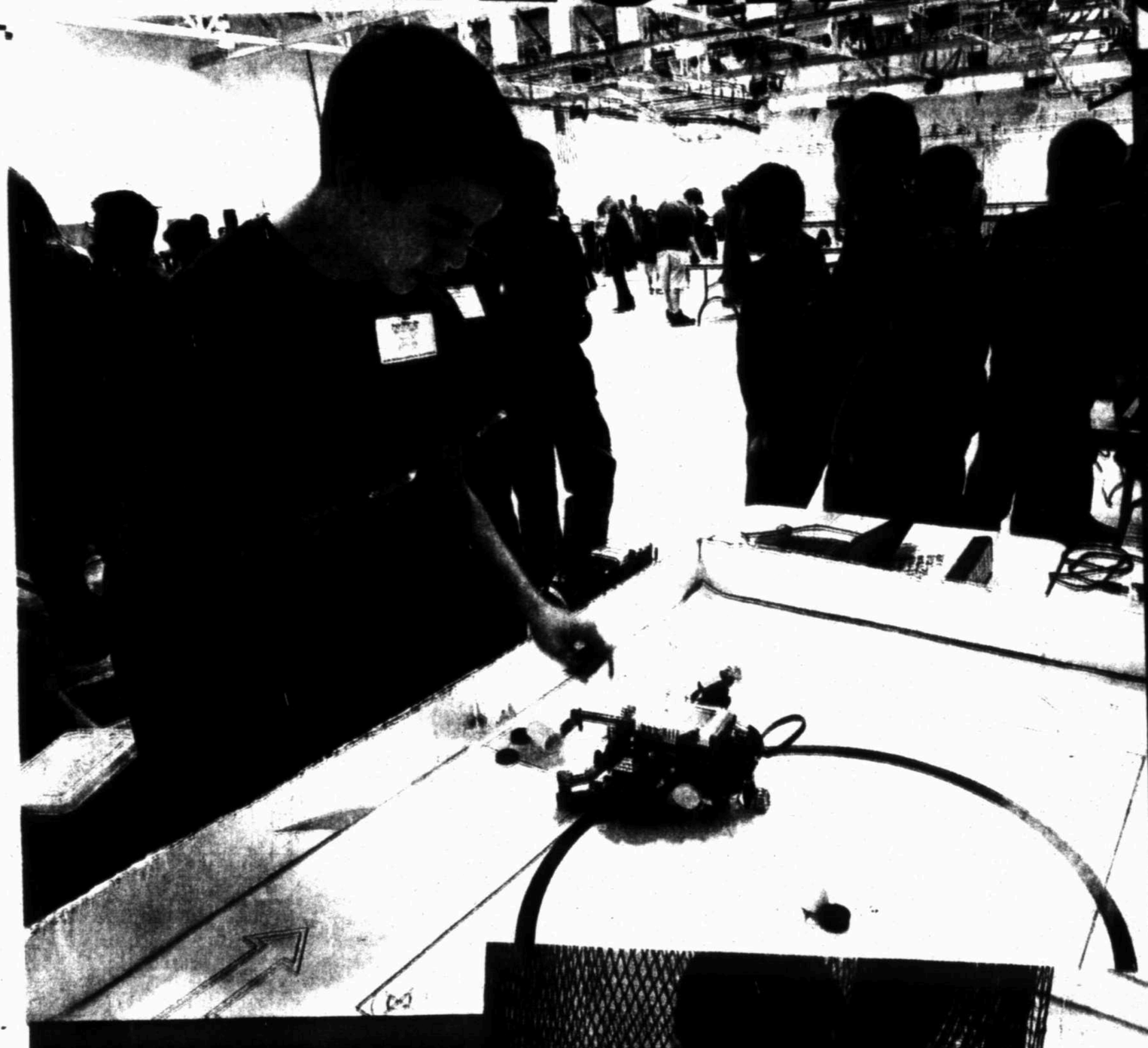
## SCIENCE

Susan May pours liquid nitrogen over a balloon to demonstrate changing air pressure during a demonstration Thursday at Family Science Night at the Petroleum Museum. The balloon shrinks when subjected to the cold, then re-inflates when taken out and brought back to room temperature. The theme at Family Science Night was Forces of Nature, and there were demonstrations on topics such as hurricanes, glaciers, tornadoes and static electricity.

*Photo by Tim Fischer*
*Reporter-Telegram*

## TECHNOLOGY



Alamo Junior High eighth-grade student Kyle Marrufo tests the program on his robot before competiton begins Thursday morning at the fourth annual ECISD Invitational Robotics Competition at UTPB in Odessa.

Alamo Junior High eighth-grade students work with sponsor Bill Cooke, second from left, as they tweak their robot programs Thursday morning. Students, from left, are Kyle Marrufo, Alex McKenzie, Gavin Murray and Brian Garcia.

*Photos by Mark Sterkel*
*Odessa American*

# Midland Christian living by phrase 'Next man up'

Gary Rhodes/Special to the MRT

Midland Christian's Jarrod Koym breaks a tackle by Dallas Christian's Justis Nelson during a TAPPS Division II state semifinal game Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

By Len Hayward
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**MCS PLAYOFF REPORT**

"Next man up" has become a key phrase for football teams at all levels and Midland Christian has followed that through this season.

It was heard again on Saturday night as the Mustangs had some gutsy performances that only makes the dominating 48-7 victory against Dallas Christian that much more special for coach Greg McClendon and the players. On both sides of the ball, players filled in for injured and ill players, and McClendon said they all helped make a difference.

Midland Christian (12-1) will go for its second straight TAPPS Division II state title at 11 a.m. Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco against Houston Northland Christian (12-0), and the program's sixth 11-man state championship overall.

"The brotherhood in this group is pretty special," McClendon said. "It has been fun to watch them grow and mature, and to watch these guys grow up from last year's team."

The phrase took on added life for the Mustangs when running back Christian Whigham was lost because of a knee injury midway through the season, and it was a key part of Saturday's victory.

When the game started, senior running back and defensive back Jade Tamplin was questionable to play because he'd been battling an illness all day and even went to an Abilene hospital on Saturday afternoon to receive intravenous fluids to battle dehydration.

During the game, sophomore starting defensive end Reid Talley went out with a knee injury, and late in the first half sophomore running back and linebacker Justin Fender went out with what turned out to be a hip pointer.

Tamplin played, but was limited on defense and led the team in rushing. Meanwhile, while Zac Bates and Sam Gilbert filled in at running back as Gilbert recorded the Mustangs' longest play from scrimmage with a

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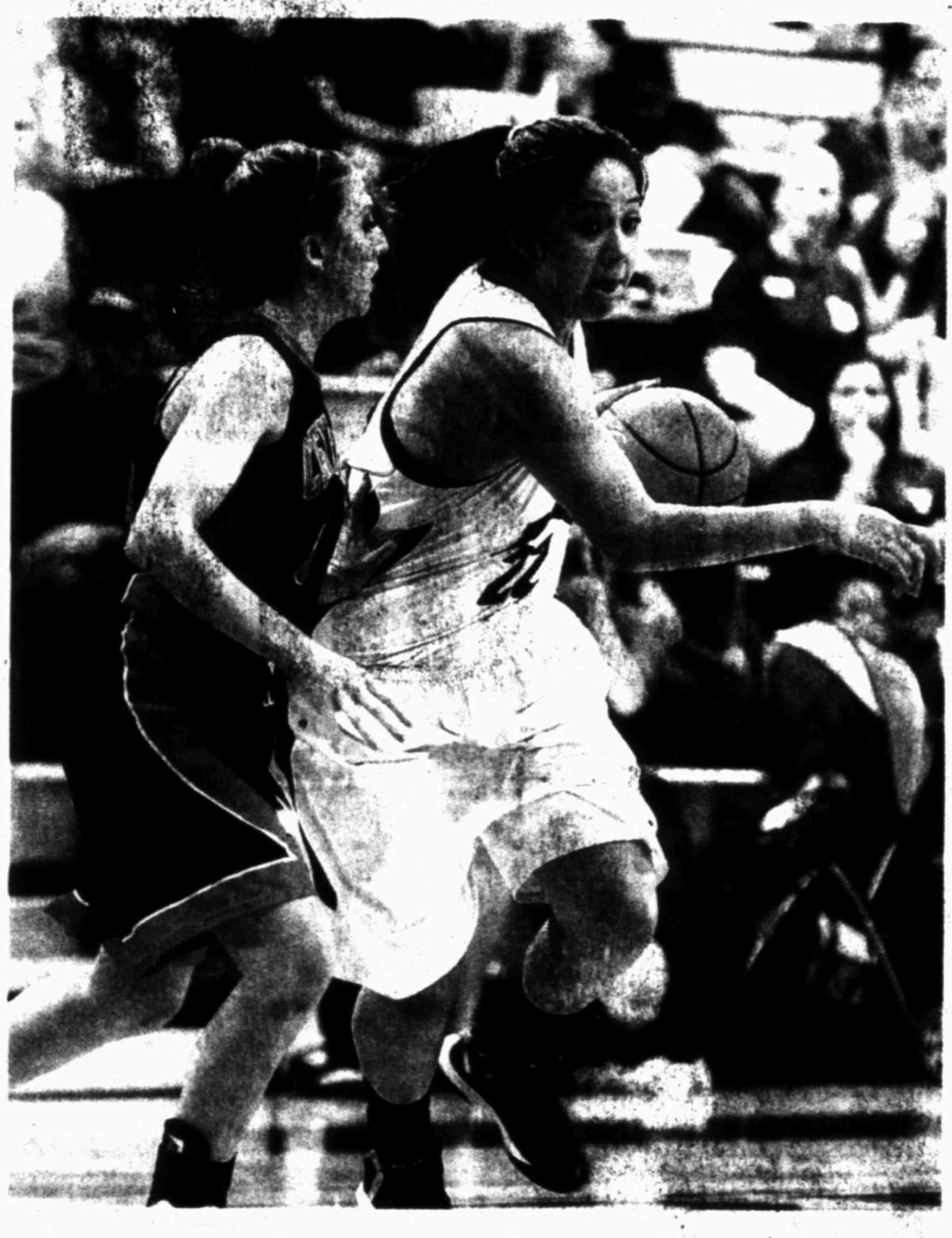
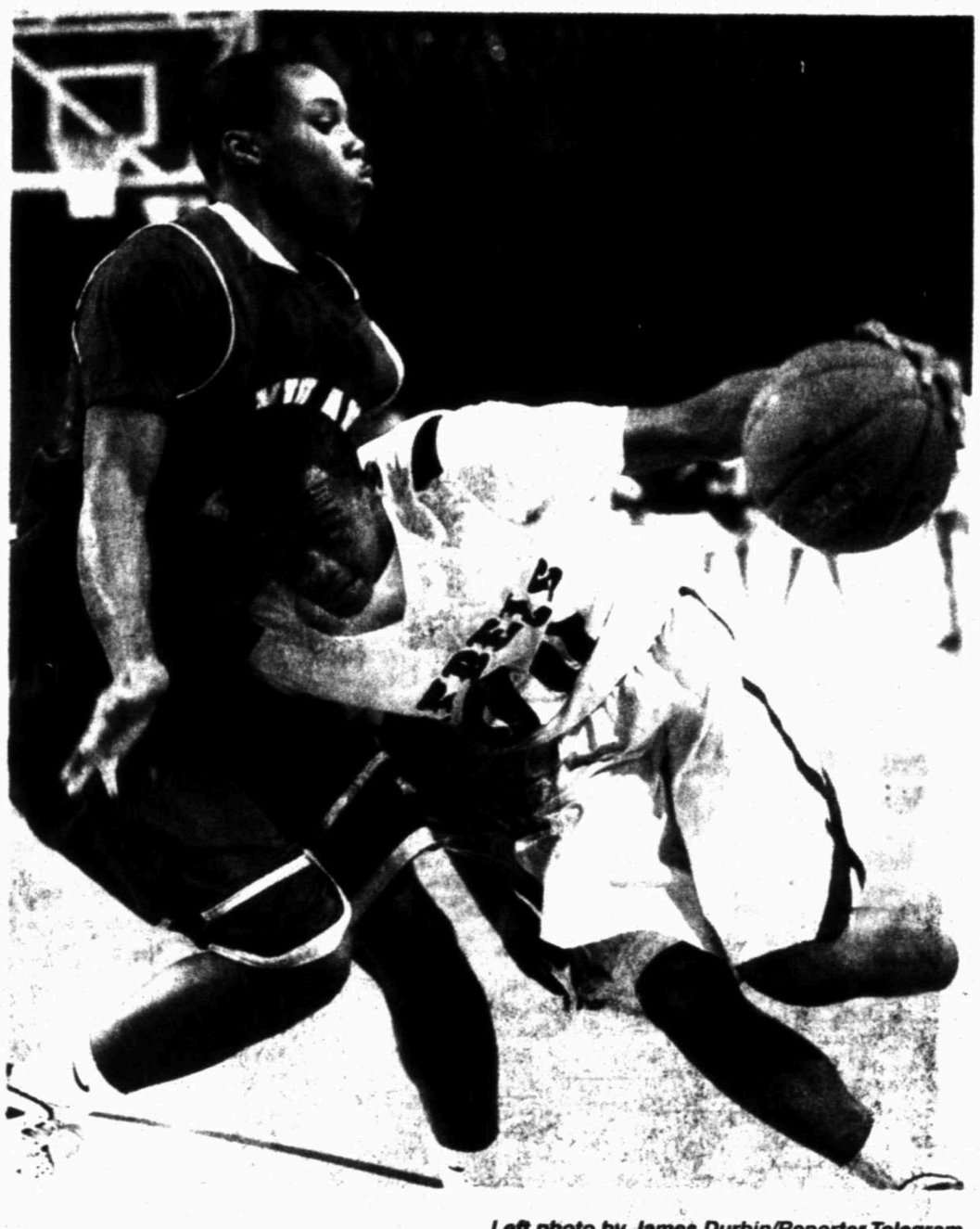
# Crosstown rivals Lee, MHS meet





*Left photo by James Durbin/Reporter Telegram*
*Right: MRT file photo*

LEFT: Lee's Jackie Rivas drives to the basket during a Nov. 20 game against San Angelo Central at Lee High School. RIGHT: Lee's Anthony McCoy, right, tries to drive around Midland High's Mazelle Justice, left, during a game last season at Chaparral Center. The Lee and MHS boys and girls basketball teams play today at Chaparral Center.

## Lee girls hope to finally have edge over MHS in rivalry game

By Jonathan Hull
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When the Midland High and Lee girls basketball teams meet on the hardwood, recent history indicates it's pretty much a given the Lady Bulldogs are going to come out on top.

**The Game**

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

**When:** 6 p.m. today
**Where:** Chaparral Center

But Midland High coach Ron Berry believes the tables are turning in the rivalry, and is even dubbing the Lady Rebels as the favorite when the two meet at 6 p.m. today at Chaparral Center.

"I think we're the underdog this year because we are so young," Berry said. "Even though we've won that game several times before, we

Rendon

are still so young."

But if Berry believes the Lady Dawgs (6-5, 1-1 in 2-5A) are the underdogs, Lee (2-5, 1-0) is certainly willing to take on the role as favorite. In fact, the Lady Rebels believe this is their best chance to break the losing streak.

Lee junior Jackie Rivas is in her third year on the varsity squad, and sees the Lady Rebels finally defeating Midland High today.

"Our team has improved a lot," Rivas said. "We've been working so hard, especially in practice. This isn't the same team as it has been the past few years. We've improved a lot."

The Lady Rebels started to gain confi-

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## Lee, MHS boys get first meeting in 2-5A opener

By Jordan Mason
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The crosstown rivalry between Lee and Midland High is a time-honored tradition in any sport.

But thanks to the new nine-team District 2-5A, the timing of the first meeting between Rebels and Bulldogs on the hardwood will be anything but traditional this year.

**The Game**

MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE

**When:** 7:30 p.m. today
**Where:** Chaparral Center

So, when Lee (5-4) and Midland High (1-8) open district play at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center it will be the earliest meeting between the two rivals in the last five years and possibly longer than that.

"We've started district early before," Bulldog coach Justin Hardin said, "but

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they've never been first."

The first meeting of the season between the crosstown rivals has come earlier with each passing year for the past five now. Yet even still, today is the earliest during that span by nearly two weeks.

What that means is two teams just nine games into their season will square off in what will be the Rebels' first game this season on their normal home floor and just the Bulldogs' second.

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## Midland High, Lee combine for 8 District 2-5A first-teamers

*From staff reports*

Five Lee and three Midland High players were named to the 2-5A All-District football team Monday, while Abilene High dominated the superlative honors.

Lee's first-teamers were led by senior running back Jason McAfee, who had 1,523 rushing yards and 25 TDs. Two of McAfee's linemen -- senior tackle Waylon Roberson and senior guard Jesse Garza -- also joined him on the first team.

Senior quarterback Talor Nunez was named first-team utility player, while senior defensive tackle Michael Morales was the lone Rebel from the defensive side of the ball.

Midland High junior receiver DeAndre Goodley received first-team honors after racking up 696 receiving yards and eight TDs on 37 receptions. Joining him on the first team were senior offensive tackle Adrian Adame and senior Nico Francino, who made first team both as a kicker and punter.

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See full District 2-5A All-District team.

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Lee also had seven second-teamers, including senior center Hunter Meyers, senior tight end Hayden Brandt, junior receiver Josh Warren, senior defensive end Gage McSwain, junior inside linebacker Brives Turner, senior outside linebacker Talmage Cockerell and senior cornerback Reilly Gwin.

Midland High added two more on the second-team with senior safety Brent Stewart and junior receiver Mazelle Justice.

District champion Abilene High, who finished undefeated in 2-5A play, took four of the five superlative awards, including senior quarterback Evin Abbe winning Offensive MVP and junior defensive end Jake McMillon taking Defensive MVP. Sophomore nose tackle was Defensive Newcomer of the Year, while Eagles coach Steve Warren was named Coach of the Year.

# Texas Tech bowl bound after missing last season

**Betsy Blaney**
*Associated Press*

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech is back in a bowl game, a year after the Red Raiders ended a streak of 11-straight postseason appearances.

Texas Tech travels to Houston to take on Minnesota of the Big Ten in the Meineke Car Care Bowl on Dec. 28. The Red Raiders beat the likes of West Virginia and TCU and doubled their Big 12 win total from last season.

"We're excited about being back in a bowl game," said coach Tommy Tuberville, who is without a winning Big 12 record since coming to Texas Tech in 2010. "Hopefully, we can play much better than we what we played at the end of the year."

Minnesota (6-6) and Texas Tech (7-5) played each other in the 2006 Insight Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., when the Gophers blew a 31-point lead and lost, 44-41, in OT. It was the largest comeback in Division I-A bowl history.

The Red Raiders will need to stem a downward spiral — one that plagued them this year and last. This season, they lost four of their last five games by a combined score of 197-112, and needed two overtimes at home to topple Big 12 cellar dweller Kansas in their lone win down the stretch.

Last season, after starting 5-2 and beating then-No. 3 Oklahoma in Norman to end the Sooners' 39-game home win streak, the Red Raiders dropped their final five games for Texas Tech's first losing season in 19 years. The defense was ragged last season, giving up a school-record 471 points. For a second-straight season the Red Raiders defense finished No. 114 in the nation. They were dead last in stopping the run.

That changed this season when the Red Raiders got their fourth defensive coordinator in as many years. Art Kaufman, a longtime friend of Tuberville who coached with him in the Southeastern Conference, took over a year after Chad Glasgow failed to produce.

The unit appeared mentally tougher and more cohesive, and for several weeks early on Texas Tech was ranked in the top five in the nation in total defense. The Red Raiders are currently 39th in the nation (367 yards per game) and 74th against the rush (171 ypg).

Like last season, injuries have taken their toll, especially at receiver. The Red Raiders have played several games without Javon Bell, Bradley Marquez and Jace Amaro. Before their injuries — specific information on Amaro's injury hasn't been released, Bell broke a foot in practice and Marquez hurt his knee — all were productive behind quarterback Seth Doege, who has thrown for 3,934 yards and 38 touchdowns this season.

# *Are you ready for some bowls?! We aren't*

**By Paul Newberry**
*Associated Press*

■ Commentary

This college football bowl season is like a brand of Chex Mix that comes with a bunch of nuts you don't really care to eat.

Sure, there's a handful of enticing matchups that are worthy of your time for three or so hours. But by the time you're done picking through to the good ones, you realize there's not much left.

Well, there are other things to do this holiday season.

Like, go ice skating.

Or, check out all the pretty lights.

Whatever it is, there's never been a better reason to spend some time — some real quality time — with your friends and family.

Believe us, you won't be missing a thing if you tune out what will soon be running virtually nonstop on your plasma screen, in all its high-def ugliness. This is nothing more than a bunch of meaningless contests between mediocre teams.

Call it Must-Miss TV.

The guys who run the system clearly take us as nothing but a bunch of suckers, willing to watch whatever drivel they put before us as long they attach the word "bowl" to some product they're pushing.

When the complete list of bowls was finally unveiled in all its glory Sunday night, most of the attention turned to Northern Illinois, a team that somehow made the Orange Bowl after losing to Iowa (which won 33 percent of its games) and barely beating Army and Kansas (who combined for a grand total of three victories).

But let's not take out our wrath on the ... uh, hmmm ... whatever their nickname is. We should actually be saluting the MAC champs, because they're like a single minnow swimming ahead bravely to take on the BCS sharks, all while making an already ludicrous system look even sillier.

Besides, there's plenty of bowl games that are far more objectionable than the one in Miami between the Seminoles of Florida State and the ... uh, hmm ... oh yeah, the Huskies, that's it, of Northern Illinois.

The good folks of El Paso will be subjected to a Sun Bowl featuring a team with a losing record (Georgia Tech) and perhaps the most underachieving squad in all the land (USC).

The Yellow Jackets (6-7) needed a waiver from the NCAA before they could accept their invitation. The Trojans lost five times after starting the season at No. 1.

"We're excited about a very good bowl and a great matchup," said USC coach Lane Kiffin, who we can only assume awoke the next morning to find his nose had grown by a foot or two.

But, who knows, maybe one of Kiffin's minions will go all rogue again and deflate the tires on the team buses. That way, they can't leave their hotels and no one would have to be subjected to such a marquee matchup.

Georgia Tech, meanwhile, was blown out at home by Middle Tennessee, lost its final regular-season game by 32 points and wound up with a losing record after getting into the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game by default, the next team in line after Miami decided to spend another postseason in self-imposed lockdown.

A dozen teams received bowl bids with records of 6-6, which is often the sort of mark that gets a coach fired, not earns his team a trip at the holidays. (Or, in the case of Purdue, was bowl-worthy AND got the coach fired).

When those kinds of teams get together, they're hoping you throw out the record book.

Instead, you should change the channel.

Maybe if the fans stop watching, there will be a true playoff.

Maybe if the fans stop buying tickets, all these meaningless games will wither up and die.

There's no better time to start than now.

Happy Bowl Season!

Now, go do something else.

# 2-5A BASKETBALL CAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

## Girls

**MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE**

**When/where:** 6 p.m., Chaparral Center

**Records:** Midland High 6-5, 1-1 in 2-5A; Lee 2-5, 1-0

**Last district game:** Midland High 55, San Angelo Central 49; Lee 54, San Angelo Central 50

**Notes & Quotes:** After starting the season with an 0-5 record, Midland High has won six straight games, including a 5-0 stint at the Toast of the Coast Tournament in Corpus Christi over the weekend. The Lady Bulldogs won the tournament and return to District 2-5A brimming with confidence. "We started getting some wins and we just want more," MHS senior post Catarina Rendon said. "We just want this feeling to continue." ... Lee is coming off a 58-38 loss to Hobbs, N.M., on Friday, but coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler remains encouraged by the way the Lady Rebels are currently playing and likes the way the Lady Rebels match up against Midland High. "I feel like we match up well," Moylan-Fowler said. "I feel it's going to be a good game and will be really up and down. I really think we can end the losing streak. I believe in my girls." ... This is the first of three times the Lady Rebels and Lady Dawgs are scheduled to play this season. Other than their two district matchups, the crosstown rivals will also meet on the opening day of the Byron Johnston Invitational on Dec. 27. There's also a chance Lee and Midland High could meet one another this weekend in the Tall City Oilman's Classic. ... Midland High and Lee have each used this game as an opportunity to raise funds for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. Berry will be dressed in a pink tuxedo, while shirts have also been sold by both teams to held raise funds.

**Next:** Midland High vs. Amarillo Caprock, Noon Friday, Tall City Oilman's Tournament at Chaparral Center; Lee vs. Socorro, 9 a.m. Friday, Tall City Oilman's Tournament at Chaparral Center

**ODESSA HIGH AT LUBBOCK CORONADO**

**When/where:** 6 p.m., Coronado High School gym, Lubbock

**Records:** Odessa High 2-8, 0-2; Coronado 13-1, 2-0

**Last district game:** Odessa Permian 63, Odessa High 39; Coronado 70, Amarillo Tascosa 20

**Next:** Odessa High vs. Lovington, N.M., 10:30 a.m. Friday, Tall City Oilman's Tournament at Chaparral Center; Dallas Skyline at Lubbock Coronado, 2:30 p.m. Saturday

**ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN**

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa

Records: Cooper 0-11, 0-1 in 2-5A; Permian 8-5, 1-1

**Last district game:** Abilene High 45, Cooper 22; Permian 63, Odessa High 39

**Next:** Abilene Cooper at Clyde Tournament, Thursday; Odessa Permian at Abilene High , 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11

### Girls 2-5A basketball

| Team | District W | District L | Overall W | Overall L |
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| Lubbock Coronado | 2 | 0 | 13 | 1 |
| Abilene High | 2 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| Lee | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Odessa Permian | 1 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| Amarillo Tascosa | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Midland High | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Abilene Cooper | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Odessa High | 0 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| San Angelo Central | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 |

Nov. 27 Scores

Midland High 55, San Angelo Central 49; Odessa Permian 63, Odessa High 39; Abilene High 45, Abilene Cooper 22; Lubbock Coronado 70, Amarillo Tascosa 20. Lee is idle.

Today's Games

Lee vs. Midland High, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center, Midland College; Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Permian, 6 p.m.; Lubbock Monterey at Abilene High, 6 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Frenship, 6:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Tulia, 7:30 p.m.

### Boys 2-5A basketball

| Team | District W | District L | Overall W | Overall L |
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| Lubbock Coronado | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Odessa Permian | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| San Angelo Central | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| Lee | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 |
| Amarillo Tascosa | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Odessa High | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Abilene High | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Abilene Cooper | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Midland High | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |

Today's Games

Lee vs. Midland High, Chaparral Center; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian. All games at 7:30 p.m.

## Boys

**MIDLAND HIGH VS. LEE**

**When/where:** 7:30 p.m, Chaparral Center

**Records:** MHS 1-8; Lee 5-4

**Last game:** Round Rock Westwood 74, MHS 33; Killeen Shoemaker 68, Lee 50

**Notes & Quotes:** Lee and Midland High will have a pass-the-hat fundraiser at the game tonight, and coaches Justin Hardin and Mark Coffman will wear pink tuxedos to raise cancer awareness in support of the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative. ... While playing a crosstown rivalry this early in the season may seem to be a disadvantage for a team as young as Midland High, Hardin said he sees advantages in it for his team. "I think right now with us being so young, there are positives to playing Lee first because our guys are somewhat familiar with their guys," Hardin said. ... Midland High will have three starters, freshman Shawn Rivers and sophomores Blake Canis and Justin LeClear playing in their first Lee-Midland High game as a varsity player tonight. Lee will have just one starter, senior Isaiah Johnson, making his first varsity appearance in the rivalry. ... Coffman said his Rebels need to do a better job on the offensive end but that he believes his team will do well if it continues playing defense the way it has. "I think if we do good on the defensive end, we're going to be in most games," Coffman said, "and we've done that pretty good."

**Next:** MHS at Bastrop Cedar Creek, 8 p.m. Thursday, Soarin to the Hoop Tournament, Bastrop; Lee vs. Gainesville, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Decatur Tournament, Decatur

**ABILENE COOPER AT ODESSA PERMIAN**

**When/where:** 7:30 p.m., Permian Fieldhouse

**Records:** Cooper 2-6, Permian 5-3

**Last game:** Trophy Club Byron Nelson 52, Cooper 39, Permian 53, El Paso Riverside 37

**Next:** Lubbock Coronado at Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11; Permian at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11

**LUBBOCK CORONADO AT ODESSA HIGH**

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

**Records:** Coronado 8-1; OHS 4-5

**Last game:** Coronado 57, Hurst L.D. Bell 51; OHS 74, Lubbock High 57

**Next:** Coronado at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11; San Angelo Central at OHS, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11

*Compiled by Jonathan Hull and Jordan Mason*

# GIRLS

From 1C

dence during their second meeting with the Lady Dawgs last season when they hung with Midland High for a half and even led in the third period.

Midland High ended up rallying, though, and won the game 42-35 to extend the win streak to 11 games. But, it's fresh on the minds of the Lady Rebels just how close they were to ending the streak.

"That game has definitely helped our confidence," Rivas said. "I feel like we've also gotten a lot closer as a team since then. There's a good chance (we can win today). It will be a good game, but there's a chance."

Berry agrees that Lee looks like a different team than it has in the past, and credits much of that to first-year head coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler.

"She kind of brings her personality to her team," said Berry, who saw Moylan-Fowler play in high school on an AAU team. "She's intense and has a never-say-never attitude. She is so intent upon doing the right things, playing the right way and executing. I think she's exactly what they needed."

Moylan-Fowler says Berry has been nothing but good to her since she took the job at Lee, but can't wait to experience the atmosphere of the Lee-MHS rivalry. Not to mention, she'd like to see the losing streak end.

"We're hoping to change that (tonight)," Moylan-Fowler said. "Hopefully we can step up and turn it around."

But just because their coach might feel they are the underdogs going into tonight's game, doesn't mean the Lady Dawgs are ready to just hand the favorite status to Lee, either. Senior Catarina Rendon has never lost Lee during her time with the Lady Dawgs' varsity squad, and she's not ready to see it happen.

"What's changed? We're still Midland High," Rendon said. "We play ball, we're a running team. Our defense is on point right now. For Lee to come in here, we're not going to let them have it. I just want to continue showing that Midland High is still the team to beat in Midland."

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# BOYS

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And as if seeing Lee and Midland High on the same court in the first week of December isn't a peculiar sight, Hardin and Lee coach Mark Coffman will be wearing pink tuxedos for the game as part of a pass-the-hat fundraiser in support of the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative.

Yet the ones who will actually be on the floor tonight are taking it all in stride.

"It just feels like we're playing another game," Lee senior Grant Coffman said. "I don't see it as the crosstown rivalry."

Added Midland High senior Jacob Makowsky: "It was kind of like this last year. I've just been waiting to play Lee since last year pretty much, so I'm ready to play them."

Makowsky is one of four MHS players who was on the team last year, when Lee swept Midland High in two close games at Chap Center.

Lee, meanwhile, returns four starters from that team as the Rebels (5-4) have a different feel heading into the showdown than they did last year, when they were 2-11 entering the game.

"I feel like we're the Kentucky Wildcats now the way we've started this year," Mark Coffman said with a laugh.

That said, Mark Coffman said he'd still like to see his team get a win over a "really good team," which he said it hasn't done yet.

Midland High (1-8), meanwhile, is looking to return to the win column as its lost eight straight after winning the season opener.

Hardin said his team has had difficulty getting all five players on the floor to execute at the same time and maintaining the rhythm it has been able to achieve for a full four quarters. Hardin chalks all of that up to inexperience.

"My point guard (Shawn Rivers) was playing at Goddard (Junior High) last year," Hardin pointed out.

How the Bulldog youngsters, like starters Rivers and sophomores Justin LeClear and Blake Canis, adjust to the bright lights of the crosstown rivalry figures to be key for Midland High.

"How well we weather the intensity from Lee and just dive into it and not worry about what's going on around us will kind of dictate (our success)," Hardin said.

And while the Bulldogs' record doesn't show it, they believe they are fully capable of snapping their two-game skid in the series.

"In order to win, I think all we have to do is execute our game plan and play hard," senior Mazelle Justice said.

And the experienced Rebels know not to take Midland High lightly either, no matter how early in the season it is. And that's why Grant Coffman believes a win tonight fits the description of the type of victory the elder Coffman said he wanted to see.

"It's a district opponent," Grant Coffman said. "They're a good team."

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# NFL

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| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| x-Houston | 11 | 1 | 0 | .917 | 351 | 221 |
| Indianapolis | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 265 | 306 |
| Tennessee | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 248 | 359 |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 10 | 0 | .167 | 206 | 342 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Baltimore | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 393 | 242 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 254 | 230 |
| Cincinnati | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 254 | 230 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 229 | 265 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| y-Denver | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 349 | 244 |
| San Diego | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 258 | 257 |
| Oakland | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 235 | 376 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 10 | 0 | .167 | 188 | 322 |

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y.Giants | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 321 | 243 |
| Washington | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 312 | 301 |
| Dallas | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 280 | 296 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 217 | 320 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| y-Atlanta | 11 | 1 | 0 | .917 | 317 | 229 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 333 | 285 |
| New Orleans | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 321 | 327 |
| Carolina | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 235 | 292 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| Green Bay | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 296 | 259 |
| Chicago | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 294 | 198 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 262 | 272 |
| Detroit | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 300 | 315 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| San Francisco | 8 | 3 | 1 | .708 | 289 | 171 |
| Seattle | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 242 | 202 |
| St Louis | 5 | 6 | 1 | .458 | 221 | 267 |
| Arizona | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 186 | 234 |

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

**Monday's Score**
Washington 17, N.Y.Giants 16

**Thursday's Game**
Denver at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.

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

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

**MONDAY'S BOX**
**REDSKINS 17, GIANTS 16**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **N.Y. Giants** | **3** | **10** | **3** | **0 — 16** |
| **Washington** | **7** | **3** | **0** | **7 — 17** |

**First Quarter**
NYG—FG Tynes 39, 6:22
Was—Morgan fumble recovery in end zone (Forbath kick), 4:16

**Second Quarter**
NYG—Bennett 4 pass from Manning (Tynes kick), 2:32
Was—FG Forbath 33, :41
NYG—FG Tynes 40, :00

**Third Quarter**
NYG—FG Tynes 35, 3:09

**Fourth Quarter**
Was—Garcon 8 pass from Griffin III (Forbath kick), 11:31.
A—80,246.

| | NYG | Was |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 21 | 20 |
| Total Net Yards | 390 | 370 |
| Rushes-yards | 29-117 | 31-207 |
| Passing | 273 | 163 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 20-33-0 | 13-21-0 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts | 3-49.3 | 3-42.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 9-73 | 4-56 |
| Time of Possession | 33:13 | 26:47 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**
RUSHING—N.Y. Giants, Bradshaw 24-103, Wilson 4-9, Manning 1-5. Washington, Morris 22-124, Griffin III 5-72, Young 2-8, Royster 1-3, Moss 1-0.
PASSING—N.Y. Giants, Manning 20-33-0-280. Washington, Griffin III 13-21-0-163.
RECEIVING—N.Y. Giants, Cruz 5-104, Bennett 5-82, Nicks 5-43, Bradshaw 2-13, Pascoe 1-16, Randle 1-13, Jernigan 1-9. Washington Garcon 8-106, Morgan 2-17, Young 1-15, Hankerson 1-14, Paulsen 1-11.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y. Giants, Tynes 43 (WL).

# Golf

**PGA Tour**
**Money Leaders**
**Final**

| Rank Player | Trn | YTD Money |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Rory McIlroy | 16 | $8,047,952 |
| 2 Tiger Woods | 19 | $6,133,158 |
| 3 Brandt Snedeker | 22 | $4,989,750 |
| 4 Jason Dufner | 22 | $4,869,304 |
| 5 Bubba Watson | 19 | $4,644,997 |
| 6 Zach Johnson | 25 | $4,304,244 |
| 7 Justin Rose | 19 | $4,290,930 |
| 8 Phil Mickelson | 22 | $4,203,621 |
| 9 Hunter Mahan | 23 | $4,019,183 |
| 10 Keegan Bradley | 25 | $3,910,858 |
| 11 Matt Kuchar | 22 | $3,903,065 |
| 12 Jim Furyk | 24 | $3,623,805 |
| 13 Carl Pettersson | 26 | $3,538,654 |
| 14 Luke Donald | 17 | $3,512,024 |
| 15 Louis Oosthuizen | 19 | $3,460,995 |
| 16 Ernie Els | 22 | $3,453,118 |
| 17 Webb Simpson | 22 | $3,406,758 |
| 18 Steve Stricker | 19 | $3,420,021 |
| 19 Dustin Johnson | 19 | $3,393,820 |
| 20 Robert Garrigus | 26 | $3,206,530 |
| * 21 Rickie Fowler | 23 | $3,066,293 |
| * 22 Nick Watney | 26 | $3,044,224 |
| * 23 Bo Van Pelt | 24 | $3,043,509 |
| * 24 Lee Westwood | 15 | $3,016,589 |
| * 25 Adam Scott | 16 | $2,899,557 |
| * 26 Ryan Moore | 24 | $2,858,944 |
| * 27 Scott Piercy | 28 | $2,699,205 |
| * 28 John Huh | 28 | $2,692,113 |
| * 29 Sergio Garcia | 16 | $2,510,116 |
| * 30 Ben Curtis | 19 | $2,494,153 |
| * 31 Graeme McDowell | 16 | $2,408,279 |
| * 32 Kyle Stanley | 27 | $2,351,857 |
| * 33 Bill Haas | 23 | $2,349,951 |
| * 34 Jonas Blixt | 21 | $2,255,695 |
| * 35 Johnson Wagner | 27 | $2,225,007 |
| * 36 Martin Laird | 22 | $2,183,820 |
| * 37 Mark Wilson | 25 | $2,144,780 |
| * 38 Kevin Na | 25 | $2,029,943 |
| * 39 Brendon de Jonge | 31 | $2,015,250 |
| * 40 Matt Every | 25 | $1,972,166 |
| * 41 Marc Leishman | 23 | $1,933,761 |
| * 42 John Senden | 22 | $1,916,651 |
| * 43 Charlie Wi | 25 | $1,845,397 |
| * 44 Bud Cauley | 28 | $1,774,479 |
| * 45 Ian Poulter | 15 | $1,715,271 |
| * 46 Ben Crane | 23 | $1,701,365 |
| * 47 David Toms | 19 | $1,658,428 |
| * 48 Jimmy Walker | 28 | $1,638,419 |
| * 49 Seung-Yul Noh | 28 | $1,629,751 |
| * 50 Jonathan Byrd | 21 | $1,616,789 |
| **Also** | | |
| **106. Chad Campbell** | **27** | **$895,199** |

**LPGA Money Leaders**
**Final**

| | | Money |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Inbee Park | 24 | $2,287,080 |
| * 2. Na Yeon Choi | 22 | $1,981,834 |
| 3. Stacy Lewis | 23 | $1,872,499 |
| * 4. Yani Tseng | 24 | $1,430,159 |
| * 5. Ai Miyazato | 23 | $1,334,977 |
| * 6. So Yeon Ryu | 24 | $1,324,620 |
| * 7. Jiyai Shin | 18 | $1,234,597 |
| * 8. Azahara Munoz | 26 | $1,230,751 |
| * 9. Suzann Pettersen | 24 | $1,215,022 |
| 10. Shanshan Feng | 19 | $1,101,147 |
| * 11. Mika Miyazato | 20 | $1,098,749 |
| * 12. Karrie Webb | 20 | $944,973 |
| * 13. Amy Yang | 22 | $844,305 |
| * 14. Cristie Kerr | 23 | $837,314 |
| * 15. Paula Creamer | 23 | $815,574 |
| * 16. Angela Stanford | 26 | $794,294 |
| * 17. Sun Young Yoo | 23 | $781,587 |
| * 18. Catriona Matthew | 20 | $714,272 |
| * 19. Anna Nordqvist | 27 | $688,703 |
| * 20. Chella Choi | 27 | $634,622 |
| * 21. Lexi Thompson | 23 | $611,021 |
| * 22. Hee Kyung Seo | 25 | $600,403 |
| * 23. Brittany Lincicome | 24 | $581,631 |
| * 24. Brittany Lang | 25 | $575,263 |
| * 25. Sandra Gal | 26 | $574,329 |
| * 26. I.K. Kim | 21 | $561,302 |
| * 27. Karine Icher | 24 | $541,532 |
| * 28. Candie Kung | 25 | $485,963 |
| * 29. Haeji Kang | 24 | $484,425 |
| * 30. Jenny Shin | 25 | $447,731 |
| * 31. Julieta Granada | 26 | $445,686 |
| * 32. Beatriz Recari | 27 | $444,620 |
| * 33. Se Ri Pak | 12 | $430,338 |
| * 34. Hee Young Park | 25 | $427,717 |
| * 35. Vicky Hurst | 27 | $401,457 |
| * 36. Eun-Hee Ji | 25 | $382,587 |
| * 37. Katherine Hull | 26 | $376,192 |
| * 38. Moira Lee | 26 | $374,312 |
| * 39. Giulia Sergas | 22 | $362,659 |
| * 40. Ilhee Lee | 22 | $355,780 |
| * 41. Jessica Korda | 20 | $339,320 |
| * 42. Natalie Gulbis | 22 | $321,472 |
| * 43. Karin Sjodin | 23 | $310,599 |
| * 44. Mina Harigae | 26 | $304,057 |
| * 45. Morgan Pressel | 23 | $271,548 |
| * 46. Hee-Won Han | 25 | $269,771 |
| * 47. Katie Futcher | 23 | $262,576 |
| * 48. Gerina Piller | 23 | $258,386 |
| * 49. Lindsey Wright | 17 | $257,062 |
| * 50. Jennifer Johnson | 23 | $245,999 |

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Bowls

**Subject to Change**
**Saturday, Dec. 15**
**New Mexico Bowl**
**At Albuquerque**
Nevada (7-5) vs. Arizona (7-5), Noon (ESPN)

**Famous Idaho Potato Bowl**
**At Boise, Idaho**
Toledo (9-3) vs. Utah State (10-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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

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

**Saturday, Dec. 22**
**New Orleans Bowl**
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

**Las Vegas Bowl**
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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

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

**Thursday, Dec. 27**
**Military Bowl**
**At Washington**
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

**Belk Bowl**
**At Charlotte, N.C.**
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Holiday Bowl**
**At San Diego**
**Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)**

**Friday, Dec. 28**
**Independence Bowl**
**At Shreveport, La.**
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

**Russell Athletic Bowl**
**At Orlando, Fla.**
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Meineke Car Care Bowl**
**At Houston**
**Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)**

**Saturday, Dec. 29**
**Armed Forces Bowl**
**At Fort Worth**
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

**Fight Hunger Bowl**
**At San Francisco**
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (7-4), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN2)

**Pinstripe Bowl**
**At New York**
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

**Alamo Bowl**
**At San Antonio**
**Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)**

**Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl**
**At Tempe, Ariz.**
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

**Monday, Dec. 31**
**Music City Bowl**
**At Nashville, Tenn.**
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

**Sun Bowl**
**At El Paso**
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

**Liberty Bowl**
**At Memphis, Tenn.**
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Chick-fil-A Bowl**
**At Atlanta**
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Tuesday, Jan. 1**
**Heart of Dallas Bowl**
**At Dallas**
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m (ESPN2)

**Gator Bowl**
**At Jacksonville, Fla.**
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

**Capital One Bowl**
**At Orlando, Fla.**
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)

**Outback Bowl**
**At Tampa, Fla.**
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

**Rose Bowl**
**At Pasadena, Calif.**
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

**Orange Bowl**
**At Miami**
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Polls

**The AP Top 25**
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Pvs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Notre Dame (60) | 12-0 | 1,500 | 1 |
| 2 Alabama | 12-1 | 1,424 | 2 |
| 3 Ohio St | 12-0 | 1,302 | 4 |
| 4 Florida | 11-1 | 1,279 | 5 |
| 5 Oregon | 11-1 | 1,250 | 6 |
| 6 Georgia | 11-2 | 1,213 | 3 |
| 7 Kansas St | 11-1 | 1,129 | 7 |
| 8 Stanford | 11-2 | 1,094 | 8 |
| 9 LSU | 10-2 | 1,051 | 9 |
| **10 Texas A&M** | **10-2** | **1,025** | **10** |
| 11 South Carolina | 10-2 | 907 | 11 |
| 12 Oklahoma | 10-2 | 851 | 12 |
| 13 Florida St | 11-2 | 789 | 13 |
| 14 Clemson | 10-2 | 691 | 15 |
| 15 Oregon St | 9-3 | 638 | 16 |
| 16 N. Illinois | 12-1 | 534 | 19 |
| 17 UCLA | 9-4 | 440 | 17 |
| 18 Utah St. | 10-2 | 379 | 20 |
| 19 Michigan | 8-4 | 305 | 21 |
| 20. Boise St. | 10-2 | 276 | 25 |
| 21 Northwestern | 9-3 | 266 | 14 |
| 22. Louisville | 10-2 | 248 | NR |
| 23. Nebraska | 10-3 | 227 | 14 |
| 24. San Jose St. | 10-2 | 157 | NR |
| 25. Kent St. | 11-2 | 117 | 18 |

Others receiving votes: Penn St. 83, Vanderbilt 67, Wisconsin 62, Texas 51, San Diego St. 22, Fresno St. 20, Baylor 18, Cincinnati 15, Oklahoma St. 15, **TCU 14**, Arkansas St. 13, Southern Cal 11, Tulsa 9, Rutgers 6, Ball St. 2, North Carolina 1, West Virginia 1.

**USA Today Top 25 Poll**
The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 1, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Pvs |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Notre Dame (56) | 12-0 | 1,470 | 1 |
| 2. Alabama (3) | 12-1 | 1,417 | 2 |
| 3. Oregon | 11-1 | 1,313 | 4 |
| 4. Florida | 11-1 | 1,287 | 5 |
| 5 Georgia | 11-2 | 1,216 | 3 |
| 6. Kansas State | 11-1 | 1,198 | 7 |
| 7. LSU | 10-2 | 1,111 | 6 |
| 8. Stanford | 11-2 | 1,047 | 9 |
| **9. Texas A&M** | **10-2** | **1,039** | **8** |
| 10. South Carolina | 10-2 | 947 | 10 |
| 11. Oklahoma | 10-2 | 890 | 11 |
| 12. Florida State | 11-2 | 853 | 12 |
| 13. Clemson | 10-2 | 769 | 14 |
| 14. Oregon State | 9-3 | 663 | 17 |
| 15. Boise State | 10-2 | 569 | 15 |
| 16. Northern Illinois | 12-1 | 495 | 18 |
| 17. Northwestern | 9-3 | 444 | 20 |
| 18. Louisville | 10-2 | 409 | 23 |
| 19. UCLA | 9-4 | 408 | 16 |
| 20. Utah State | 10-2 | 334 | 22 |
| 21. Nebraska | 10-3 | 328 | 13 |
| 22. Michigan | 8-4 | 278 | 24 |
| 23. Wisconsin | 8-5 | 115 | NR |
| 24. San Jose State | 10-2 | 110 | NR |
| **25. Texas** | **8-4** | **97** | **21** |

Others receiving votes: Kent State 84, Vanderbilt 75, Cincinnati 46, Tulsa 32, Fresno State 31, Rutgers 29, San Diego State 23, Arkansas State 20, Oklahoma State 15, Mississippi State 9, Arizona State 8, Louisiana Tech 2, Southern California 2

## Playoffs

**NCAA Football Championship**
**Subdivision Playoffs**
**Quarterfinals**
**Friday**
Sam Houston State (9-3) at Montana State (11-1), 7 p.m.

**Saturday**
Georgia Southern (9-3) at Old Dominion (11-1), 11 a.m.
Wofford (9-3) at North Dakota State (11-1), 2 p.m.
Illinois State (9-3) at Eastern Washington (10-2), 5 p.m.

**Semifinals**
Friday, Dec. 14 or Saturday, Dec. 15
North Dakota State-Wofford winner vs. Montana State-Sam Houston State winner
Georgia Southern-Old Dominion winner vs. Illinois State-Eastern Washington winner

**Championship**
**Saturday, Jan. 5**
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
Semifinal winners, Noon

**NCAA Division II Football Playoffs**
**Semifinals**
**Saturday**
Valdosta State (12-2) at Minnesota State-Mankato (13-0), 2 p.m.
West Texas A&M (12-2) at Winston-Salem (13-0), 5:30 p.m.

**Championship**
**Saturday**
**At Braly Municipal Stadium**
**Florence, Ala.**
Semifinal winners, Noon

**NCAA Division III Football Playoffs**
**Semifinals**
**Saturday**
Mary Hardin-Baylor (13-0) at Mount Union (13-0), Noon
Wisconsin-Oshkosh (13-0) at St. Thomas (Minn.) (13-0), 2:30 p.m.

# COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Men

**POLLS**
**The Top 25**
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Indiana (45) | 8-0 | 1,605 | 1 |
| 2 Duke (20) | 8-0 | 1,577 | 2 |
| 3 Michigan | 7-0 | 1,467 | 3 |
| 4 Syracuse | 5-0 | 1,384 | 6 |
| 5 Louisville | 6-1 | 1,332 | 5 |
| 6 Florida | 6-0 | 1,324 | 7 |
| 7 Ohio St | 5-1 | 1,254 | 4 |
| 8 Arizona | 5-0 | 1,199 | 9 |
| 9 Kansas | 6-1 | 1,079 | 10 |
| 10 Gonzaga | 8-0 | 1,054 | 12 |
| 11 Cincinnati | 7-0 | 919 | 11 |
| 12 Missouri | 6-1 | 866 | 16 |
| 13 Illinois | 8-0 | 654 | 22 |
| 14 Minnesota | 8-1 | 584 | 21 |
| 15 Georgetown | 5-1 | 583 | 25 |
| 16 Creighton | 7-1 | 469 | 11 |
| 17 San Diego St | 5-1 | 410 | 23 |
| 18 New Mexico | 8-0 | 402 | 25 |
| 19 Michigan St | 6-2 | 347 | 13 |
| 20 North Carolina | 6-2 | 321 | 14 |
| 21 UNLV | 5-1 | 285 | 24 |
| 22 Notre Dame | 7-1 | 278 | — |
| 23 Oklahoma St. | 5-1 | 263 | 15 |
| 24 Wichita St | 8-0 | 245 | — |
| 25 NC State | 4-2 | 211 | 18 |

Others receiving votes: Kentucky 186, Virginia Tech 170, Pittsburgh 164, Oregon 155, Alabama 96, UConn 92, **Baylor 89**, Colorado 44, Boise St. 22, Butler 18, Maryland 9, Temple 9, Miami 7, Colorado St. 5, Wyoming 5, Murray St. 4, LSU 1, Marquette 1.

**USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll**
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 2, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Indiana (25) | 8-0 | 768 | 1 |
| 2 Duke (6) | 8-0 | 749 | 2 |
| 3 Michigan | 7-0 | 701 | 3 |
| 4 Syracuse | 5-0 | 660 | 5 |
| 5 Florida | 6-0 | 629 | 7 |
| 6 Louisville | 6-1 | 612 | 6 |
| 7 Ohio State | 5-1 | 598 | 4 |
| 8 Arizona | 5-0 | 564 | 9 |
| 9 Kansas | 6-1 | 534 | 10 |
| 10 Gonzaga | 8-0 | 522 | 12 |
| 11 Missouri | 6-1 | 427 | 15 |
| 12 Cincinnati | 7-0 | 415 | 16 |
| 13 Creighton | 7-1 | 299 | 11 |
| 14 Illinois | 8-0 | 283 | 22 |
| 15 San Diego State | 5-1 | 270 | 21 |
| 16 North Carolina | 6-2 | 248 | 13 |
| 17 Michigan State | 6-2 | 222 | 14 |
| 18 UNLV | 5-1 | 210 | 20 |
| 19 Kentucky | 4-3 | 196 | 8 |
| 20 New Mexico | 8-0 | 182 | 23 |
| 21 Minnesota | 8-1 | 149 | — |
| 22 Oklahoma State | 5-1 | 122 | 17 |
| 23 Georgetown | 5-1 | 121 | 25 |
| 24 N.C. State | 4-2 | 115 | 18 |
| 25 Notre Dame | 7-1 | 92 | — |

Others receiving votes: Pittsburgh 89, Wichita State 47, Colorado 41, Oregon 40, UConn 38, Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 27, **Baylor 18**, Wyoming 9, Kansas State 8, Murray State 7, Butler 6, Miami 5, Mississippi 5, Colorado State 3, Memphis 3, Boise State 2, VCU 1.

**MONDAY'S SCORES**
**SOUTHWEST**

Richmond at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at Coppin St., 6:30 p.m.
St. Andrews at East Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
UTSA at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.
Nicholls St. at Tulane, 7 p.m.
New Mexico St. at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Northwestern St., 7:30 p.m.
Louisville at Coll. of Charleston, 8 p.m.

## Women

**The Women's Top 25**
The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | Record | Pts | Prv |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Stanford (22) | 8-0 | 978 | 1 |
| 2 UConn (17) | 6-0 | 968 | 2 |
| **3. Baylor (1)** | **6-1** | **926** | **3** |
| 4 Duke | 6-0 | 887 | 4 |
| 5 Notre Dame | 5-2 | 831 | 5 |
| 6 Georgia | 9-0 | 772 | 8 |
| 7 Kentucky | 6-1 | 759 | 9 |
| 8 Louisville | 7-1 | 691 | 7 |
| 9 Maryland | 4-1 | 655 | 11 |
| 10 Penn St | 6-1 | 590 | 6 |
| 11 California | 6-1 | 577 | — |
| **12 Texas** | **6-0** | **522** | **13** |
| 13 Oklahoma | 7-1 | 497 | 12 |
| 14 Tennessee | 6-1 | 478 | 16 |
| 15 Purdue | 7-1 | 426 | 14 |
| 16 Oklahoma St | 5-0 | 345 | 18 |
| 17 Kansas | 7-0 | 333 | 20 |
| 17 UCLA | 4-1 | 333 | 19 |
| 19 Dayton | 9-0 | 248 | 23 |
| 20 Ohio St | 5-2 | 190 | 15 |
| 21 North Carolina | 7-1 | 181 | 22 |
| 22 Iowa St | 5-0 | 177 | 24 |
| 23 Miami | 5-1 | 160 | — |
| 24 Florida St | 7-0 | 127 | — |
| 25 Nebraska | 6-2 | 107 | 21 |

Others receiving votes: West Virginia 68.

**Texas A&M 59**, South Carolina 40, St. John's 32, Delaware 15, DePaul 9, Michigan 8, Syracuse 4, Duquesne 3, Georgia Tech 3, Arkansas 2, Chattanooga 2, Utah 1.

**MONDAY'S SCORES**
**FAR WEST**
Montana St. 65, Tennessee St. 55
**SOUTHWEST**
Augsburg 64, Bethel (Minn.) 41
Gustavus 60, St. Olaf 57
Missouri 82, UTMartin 71
Saint Louis 58, Ill.-Chicago 49
St. Benedict 65, Carleton 53
St. Mary's (Minn.) 62, Hamline 53
St. Thomas (Minn.) 65, Concordia (Moor.) 53
Youngstown St. 58, IUPUI 57
**SOUTH**
Appalachian St. 79, Georgia Southern 47
Campbell 84, Columbia (SC) 54
Coll. of Charleston 89, UNC Greensboro 61
Hampton 70, Savannah St. 40
Howard 54, Delaware St. 40
Miami 68, Alcorn St. 53
Morgan St. 70, Coppin St. 63, OT
SC State 62, Norfolk St. 59, OT
Samford 65, Furman 33

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**
**SOUTHWEST**
Cent. Baptist at Cent. Arkansas, 8 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at Texas-Arlington, 8 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.
Southern Miss. at Ark.-Little Rock, 8:30 p.m.

# SKI REPORT

**New Mexico**
Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/14
Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Red River — Non Reopen 12/7 packed powder machine groomed 18-23 base sm Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun.
Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/15 Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun.
Sipapu — Mon Reopen 12/7 packed powder machine groomed 16-18 base sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Plan to Open 12/7
Ski Santa Fe — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Taos — Mon Reopen 12/6 variable machine groomed 12-14 base sm Thu/Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Thu-Sun.
Enchanted Forest XC — Opening Soon for Snow Sports machine groomed Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

**Colorado**
Arapahoe Basin — Mon 5:38 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 7 of 109 trails 10% open, 100 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/8 Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Mon 7:19 am 1 new hard packed 19-20 base 4 of 76 trails, 6% open, 69 acres, 1 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Sun 7:17 am packed powder 18-18 base 8 of 149 trails 11% open, 209 acres, 11 of 25 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;
Breckenridge — Sun 7:22 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 8 of 155 trails 8% open, 184 acres, 5 of 31 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/15 Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Copper Mountain — Mon 5:08 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 19 of 140 trails, 13% open, 210 acres, 7 of 22 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Crested Butte — Mon 7:25 am 1 new packed powder 18-18 base 13 of 121 trails, 18% open, 117 acres, 4 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Eldora — Sun 6:17 am packed powder machine groomed 24-24 base 4 of 53 trails, 8% open, 3 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Irwin — Mon 8:27 am packed powder 8-8 base 4 of 100 trails, 20% open 3 miles, 360 acres Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p;
Kendall Mountain — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Keystone — Sun 7:20 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 15 of 135 trails, 7% open 223 acres, 14 of 20 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Loveland — Mon 5:39 am 1 new packed powder 18-18 base 9 of 93 trails 9% open, 143 acres, 5 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Powderhorn — Plan to Open 12/13
Purgatory at Durango — Reopen 12/7 Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun
Silverton Mountain — Plan to Open 12/15
Ski Cooper — Plan to Open 12/14
Ski Hesperus — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Snowmass — Mon 7:21 am 1 new hard packed 20-20 base 6 of 91 trails 7% open, 197 acres, 5 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;
SolVista Basin — Plan to Open 12/12
Steamboat — Mon 7:27 am 3 new hard packed 18-18 base 6 of 165 trails 1% open, 37 acres, 3 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Sunlight — Plan to Open 12/7 Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Telluride — Mon 5:31 am packed powder 18-18 base 3 of 125 trails, 2% open 3 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Vail — Sun 7:16 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 13 of 193 trails, 2% open 131 acres, 6 of 31 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Winter Park — Mon 8:09 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 7 of 143 trails 1% open, 25 acres, 5 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Wolf Creek — Mon 6:17 am packed powder 15-17 base 31 of 77 trails 40% open, 500 acres, 4 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat-Sun: 9a-4p;

# NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 12 | 4 | .750 | — |
| Brooklyn | 11 | 5 | .688 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 7 | .588 | 2 1/2 |
| Boston | 9 | 8 | .529 | 3 1/2 |
| Toronto | 4 | 14 | .222 | 9 |
| **Southeast Division** | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | G

# MUSTANGS

From 1C

42-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"The first part of last week we talked to Sam Gilbert about the job he and the other running backs had done with our scout team and how hard they ran," McClendon said. "For Sam Gilbert to do it in the game and pop off about a 40-yard run, we gained a lot of confidence in him and he gained some in himself."

Meanwhile, Bates and Tamplin filled in for Fender on defense. And on the defensive line, the Mustangs have used a rotation of at least seven players on the defensive front, so that helped to make up for Talley's absence.

But McClendon said the team's attitude of doing what needed to be done was only solidified when Whigham went out, and it's showed the last few weeks.

"It goes back to Christian Whigham going down, and everybody thought this team would flounder, and people were saying, 'You will do all right in district, but it might not be good enough to win a state championship,'" McClendon said. "This team took that personal, and they have that mentality of next man up and that could help us lead our team to a state championship Saturday night."

**INJURY UPDATE:** McClendon said Justin Fender has been cleared to play for Saturday's game but how much he will play is still up in the air. McClendon said he suffered a hip pointer, and how much he plays could depend on how much pain he can stand.

McClendon said Talley has a knee injury but the extent of it is not known along with his status for Saturday's game.

**NORTHLAND UNDEFEATED:** McClendon said the core of this year's Northland team was on the team in 2010 that the Mustangs beat in the regional round in Kerrville, and he said the squad has been looking to the 2012 season since that time.

"They won a bunch of games last year, and they felt like they were a year away and this year now they are here," McClendon said. "They are a good football team, very aggressive defensively and they have a lot of speed on offense."

Northland Christian beat Houston Second Baptist 42-17 on Saturday to advance to Saturday's title game.

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## STATISTICS

**Midland Christian Statistics**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Midland Christian | 170 | 153 | 136 74—533 |
| | Opponent | 31 | 48 | 61 25—165 |

**Team Statistics**

| | MCS | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| First Downs | 241 | 181 |
| Rushes-Yards | 439-2,660 | 434-1,594 |
| Passing Yards | 2,712 | 1,518 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 145-232-9 | 132-258-22 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 20-12 | 24-12 |
| Penalties-Yards | 79-648 | 80-745 |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**

| Player | Att. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whigham | 114 | 835 | 7.3 | 17 |
| J. Fender | 105 | 731 | 7.0 | 13 |
| Tamplin | 104 | 560 | 5.4 | 6 |
| Bates | 41 | 187 | 4.6 | 3 |
| Aguirre | 11 | 64 | 5.8 | 1 |
| Gilbert | 18 | 87 | 4.8 | 0 |
| Little | 11 | 39 | 3.5 | 0 |
| Sanford | 4 | 31 | 7.8 | 0 |
| D.Fender | 9 | 23 | 2.6 | 1 |
| McClendon | 16 | 96 | 6.0 | 1 |
| Baquirin | 5 | 7 | 1.4 | 0 |
| Totals | 439 | 2660 | 6.1 | 42 |

**PASSING**

| Player | Comp. | Att. | Int. | Yds. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| McClendon | 138 | 223 | 9 | 2,530 | 27 |
| Little | 7 | 9 | 0 | 182 | 0 |
| Totals | 145 | 232 | 9 | 2,712 | 27 |

**RECEIVING**

| Player | Rec. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Koym | 36 | 876 | 24.4 | 12 |
| Aguirre | 34 | 660 | 19.4 | 7 |
| Brown | 14 | 238 | 17.0 | 0 |
| Whigham | 13 | 235 | 18.1 | 0 |
| Tamplin | 16 | 224 | 14.0 | 2 |
| Little | 16 | 217 | 13.6 | 5 |
| Jones | 5 | 74 | 14.8 | 1 |
| J.Fender | 3 | 49 | 16.0 | 0 |
| Standard | 1 | 43 | 43.0 | 0 |
| Suggs | 1 | 36 | 36.0 | 0 |
| Bates | 3 | 21 | 7.0 | 0 |
| Brunson | 1 | 16 | 16.0 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 0 |
| McClendon | 2 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 |
| Totals | 145 | 2,712 | 18.7 | 27 |

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

| Player | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aguirre | 7 | 167 | 23.9 | 0 |
| Whigham | 4 | 145 | 36.3 | 1 |
| Standard | 7 | 95 | 13.6 | 0 |
| Little | 3 | 77 | 25.7 | 0 |
| Tamplin | 2 | 31 | 15.5 | 0 |
| Talley | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 |
| Sanford | 2 | 6 | 3.0 | 0 |
| Koym | 3 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Bates | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Totals | 32 | 528 | 16.5 | 1 |

**PUNT RETURNS**

| Player | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aguirre | 8 | 111 | 13.9 | 0 |
| Little | 4 | 55 | 13.8 | 0 |
| Standard | 2 | 45 | 22.5 | 1 |
| Wingham | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| J.Fender | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17 | 211 | 12.4 | 1 |

**INTERCEPTIONS**

| Player | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ramirez | 8 | 112 | 14.0 | 1 |
| Standard | 6 | 116 | 19.3 | 1 |
| Koym | 3 | 78 | 26.0 | 1 |
| Brown | 3 | 19 | 6.3 | 0 |
| Aguirre | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 |
| J.Fender | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Totals | 22 | 326 | 14.8 | 3 |

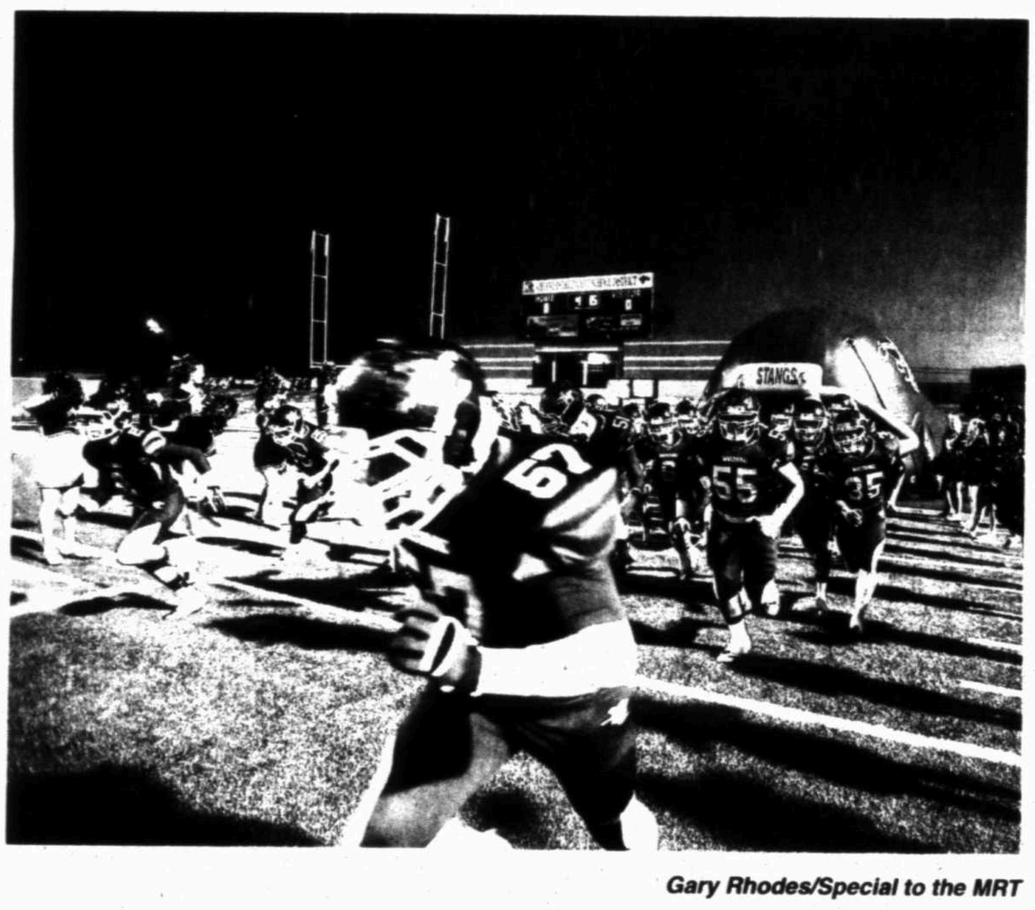
**SCORING**

| Player | TD | PAT | FG | 2PT | TP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whigham | 18 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 114 |
| J.Fender | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 92 |
| Koym | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| Talley | 0 | 54 | 2 | 0 | 60 |
| Tamplin | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 |
| Aguirre | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 44 |
| Little | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Bates | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Aguirre | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Standard | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| D.Fender | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| McClendon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ramirez | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Team | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Counts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 75 | 57 | 3 | 9 | 533 |

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

| Player | T | S | TFL | FC | FR | PBU |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Counts | 107 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Talley | 69 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Ramirez | 64 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 |
| Sanford | 67 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Standard | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| JFender | 58 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Koym | 51 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Perkins | 50 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Tamplin | 43 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BTaylor | 41 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Koym | 37 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Baquirin | 30 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reeger North | 29 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Bates | 28 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warren | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Jones | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ogden | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown | 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Fisher | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glossop | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Brunson | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Aguirre | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whigham | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| McKinney | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Angel | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tucker | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DFender | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Little | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gilbert | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles.



*Gary Rhodes/Special to the MRT*

Midland Christian football players race out onto the field before a Dec. 1 TAPPS Division II state semifinal game against Dallas Christian at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The Mustangs play Houston Northland Baptist for the state championship Saturday.

# HSFOOTBALLPLAYOFFPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**CLASS 5A DIVISION I**
**State Quarterfinals**

DeSoto (13-0) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Dallas. SMU Ford Stadium

Dallas Skyline (12-1) vs. Allen (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

Galena Park North Shore (12-1) vs. Houston Lamar (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pasadena's Memorial Stadium

SA O'Connor (11-2) vs. SA Madison (11-2), noon Saturday, Alamodome

**CLASS 5A DIVISION II**
**State Quarterfinals**

Cedar Hill (9-4) vs. Waco Midway (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Midlothian

Plano West (9-4) vs.-Austin Westlake (9-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Katy (13-0) vs. Cypress Ranch (9-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Rice Stadium

SA Northside Brandeis (12-1) vs. Cibolo Steele (13-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

**CLASS 4A DIVISION I**
**State Quarterfinals**

Denton Guyer (11-2) vs. N. Richland Hills Birdville (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium

Frisco Centennial (12-1) vs. Tyler (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ennis

Georgetown (13-0) vs. Nederland (12-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Center

CC Flour Bluff (13-0) vs. Leander Rouse (9-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

**CLASS 4A DIVISION II**
**State Quarterfinals**

WF Rider (11-2) vs. Wolfforth Frenship (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls

Lancaster (12-1) vs. Mesquite Poteet (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen

Manor (10-3) vs. Fort Bend Marshall (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Alamodome

Cedar Park (11-2) vs. SA Northside Brennan (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alamodome

**CLASS 3A DIVISION I**
**State Semifinals**

Stephenville (11-1) vs. Kilgore (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium

Carthage (11-2) vs. El Campo (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Beaumont's Umphrey Stadium

State Championship

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

**CLASS 3A DIVISION II**
**State Quarterfinals**

Graham (12-1) vs. Gatesville (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville

Henderson (9-4) vs. Gilmer (12-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Longview

West Orange-Stark (13-0) vs. Navasota (13-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Humble's Turner Stadium

Bellville (10-3) vs. Port Isabel (10-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, CC's Cabanniss Field

**CLASS-2A DIVISION I**
**State Quarterfinals**

Wall (11-1) vs. Eastland (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Diangerfield (10-3) vs. New Boston (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant

Franklin (10-2) vs. Newton (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Cameron Yoe (12-0) vs. Hallettsville (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop

**CLASS 2A DIVISION II**
**State Quarterfinals**

Colorado City (10-3) vs. Sonora (10-3), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Nocona (12-0) vs. Corsicana Mildred (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo

Hughes Springs (12-0) vs. Elysian Fields (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Longview

East Bernard (12-0) vs. Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

**CLASS 1A DIVISION I**
**State Quarterfinals**

Stratford (11-1) vs. Stamford (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper

Goldthwaite (7-5) vs. Italy (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Alto (11-2) vs. Mart (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens

Shiner (11-1) vs. Mason (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex

**CLASS 1A DIVISION II**
**State Quarterfinals**

Wellington (12-0) vs. Sudan (11-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Albany (11-1) vs. Munday (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde

Tenaha (8-4) vs. Frost (12-10), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van

Burton (11-1) vs. Falls City (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse

**SIX-MAN DIVISION I**
**State Semifinals**

Turkey Valley (12-0) vs. Throckmorton (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Snyder

Gordon (10-3) vs. Abbott (11-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Hico

**State Championship**

Semifinal winners, 7 p.m. Dec. 15, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

**SIX-MAN DIVISION II**
**State Semifinals**

Follett (8-4) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (13-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Strawn (12-1) vs. Richland Springs (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Hico

**State Championship**

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. Dec. 15, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

**TAPPS DIVISION II**
**State Semifinals**

**Midland Christian 48, Dallas Christian 7**

Houston Northland Christian 42, Houston Second Baptist 17

**State Finals**

**Midland Christian vs. Houston Northland Christian, 11 a.m. Saturday, Floy Casey Stadium, Waco**

Before you can win, you have to believe you are worthy.
Mike Ditka
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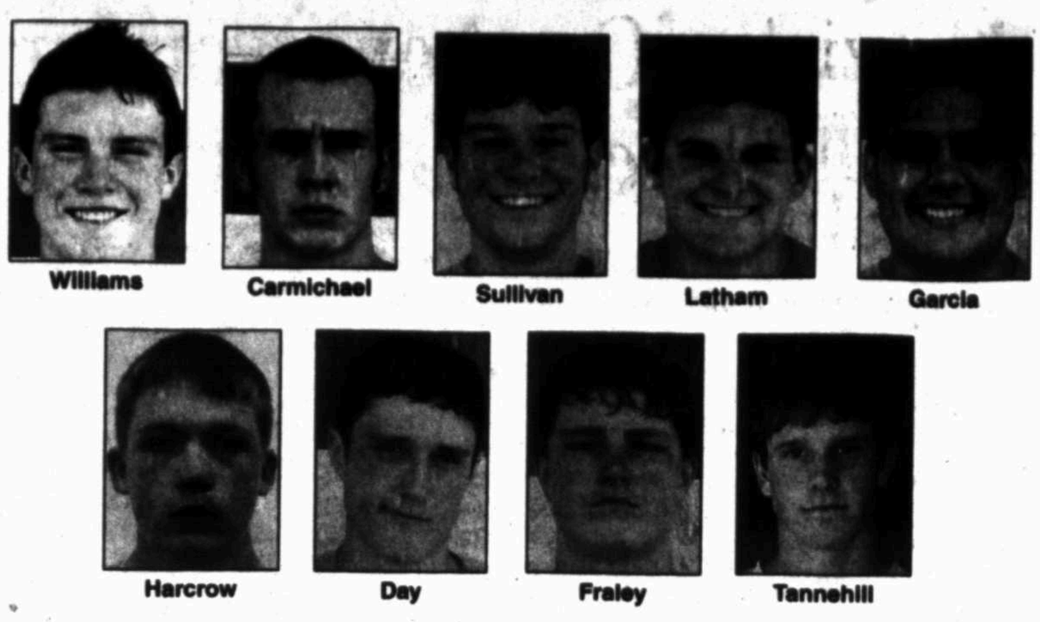

Williams | Carmichael | Sullivan | Latham | Garcia



Harcrow | Day | Fraley | Tannehill

# Williams named 4-3A Offensive MVP

*From staff reports*

Eight members of the Greenwood football team and four players from the Big Spring football team have been honored by the District 4-3A coaches as first team selections on the District 4-3A All-District Football Team released on Monday.

Topping the list is Greenwood senior quarterback Kam Williams, who was named as the Offensive MVP of the district as he rushed for more than 1,000 yards and passed for more than 2,000 this season.

Big Spring sophomore quarterback Tobyn Tannehill was named a Co-Newcomer of the Year with Sweetwater's sophomore quarterback Kaegan Jeffery.

Monahans senior linebacker Jackson Scharf was named Co-Defensive MVP, while Monahans senior Tivo Armendariz was named Co-Lineman of the Year.

Also honored as first team selections from Greenwood were senior wide receiver Colin Sullivan, senior utility back Call Carmichael, senior center Blain Latham, senior defensive lineman Julian Garcia, senior defensive end Ricky Harcrow, senior linebacker Logan Day and senior cornerback Mason Fraley.

First team picks from Big Spring were junior Devin Roberson as wide receiver, defensive back and punter; Chris Nunez as both an offensive lineman and defensive lineman, and senior linebacker Max Pappajohn.

Wylie senior quarterback Taylor Grant was named as the District's MVP, while three other Bulldogs had some other superlative honors. Nine Bulldogs were first team picks, while Monahans had the two superlative awards and 10 others received first team recognition.

**ALL-DISTRICT 4-3A FOOTBALL TEAM**
**Superlatives**

District MVP — Taylor Grant, 5-11, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Offensive MVP — **Kam Williams, 6-3, 200, Sr., Greenwood**

Defensive MVP — Jackson Scharf, 5-9, 185, Sr., Monahans. Jaxon Bounds, 6-0, 180, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Newcomer of the Year — **Tobyn Tannehill, 6-0, 170, Soph., Big Spring;** Kaegan Jeffery, 5-11, 200, Soph., Sweewater

Lineman of the Year — Riley Olson,6-4, 295, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Tivo Armendariz, 5-11, 240, Sr., Monahans

Ironman — Patrick Walker, 6-1, 170, Sr. Abilene Wylie

**First Team Offense**

Quarterback — Zack Navarro, 5-11, 185, Sr., Monahans

Running backs — Hayden Lewis, 5-10, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Garrett Martin, 5-10, 175, Sr., Monahans; D'Vincent Allison, 5-10, 170, Jr., Snyder

Fullback — Rogelio Sauceda, 5-6, 155, Sr., Monahans

Tight end — Elias Sigala, 6-1, 245, Sr., Monahans

Wide receivers — Shante Brown, 5-11, 170, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Paul Goodrich, 6-0, 180, Sr., Abilene Wylie; **Colin Sullivan, 5-10, 170, Sr., Greenwood;** Bray Amos, 5-6, 150, Soph., Sweetwater; Willie Norman, 5-10, 165, Sr., Sweetwater; Kaleb Hoover, 6-1, 170, Jr., Sweetwater. Zach Harris, 5-9, 170, Snyder. **Devin Roberson, Big Spring, 6-1, 175, Jr.**

Utility back — **Call Carmichael, 6-2, 205, Sr., Greenwood**

Center — Deandre Key, 6-2, 205, Sr., Wylie. **Blain Latham, 5-10, 220, Sr., Greenwood**

Offensive line — Joe Brandenburg, 6-2, 220, Sr., Monahans. Christian Gonzales, 5-8, 200, Sr., Monahans; Aaron Steelman, 5-10, 270, Jr., Snyder. **Chris Nunez, 6-4, 265, Sr., Big Spring**

Kicker — Alejandro Mendoza, 5-7, 160, Sr., Monahans

**First Team Defense**

Defensive Line — Zach Toomer, 5-11, 225, Sr., Wylie. **Julian Garcia, 5-11, 200, Sr., Greenwood;** Tadeo Canon-Maspan, 6-2, 235, Sr., Sweetwater; Nate Villanueva, 6-0, 225, Sr., Snyder; **Chris Nunez, 6-4, 265, Sr., Big Spring**

Defensive end — Jonathon Bpt, 6-3, 200, Sr., Wylie; **Rickey Harcrow, 6-1, 195, Sr., Greenwood;** Kodee Simpson, 5-10, 200, Sr., Snyder

Linebackers — Hayden Lewis, 5-10, 180, Jr., Wylie; Sterling Bristow, 6-2, 205, Sr., Wylie; Luis Meza, 5-10, 185, Sr., Monahans; **Logan Day, 6-0, 160, Sr., Greenwood;** Ryan Linebaugh, 5-10, 195, Sr., Sweetwater; **Max Pappajohn, 5-10, 180, Sr., Big Spring**

Defensive backs — Shante Brown, 5-11, 170, Sr., Wylie; Dee Garcia, 5-7, 165, Sr., Monahans; Alejandro Mendoza, 5-7, 160, Sr., Monahans; **Mason Fraley, 5-11, 155, Sr., Greenwood;** Isaiah McGee, 5-9, 160. Soph., Sweetwater; **Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring**

Punter — **Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring**

**Second Team Offense**

Quarterback — Skillet Rineheart, 5-10, 155, Jr. Snyder

Running back — **Braydin Moreland, 5-8, 160, Jr., Greenwood;** Ryan Linebaugh, 5-10, 195, Sr., Sweetwater

Wide receivers — Tyler Roberson, 6-3, 185, Sr. Wylie; Justin Sazon, 5-9, 170, Jr., Wylie; **Brackston Buck, 6-0, 175, Sr., Greenwood; Tate Kennedy, 6-4, 170, Jr., Big Spring**

Offensive line — Christian Gauch, 6-5, 275, Sr. Wylie; Colby Darrow, 6-1, 235, Jr., Wylie; Dimitri Pena, 6-0, 305, Sr., Monahans; Garrett Ford, 6-1, 250, Sr., Monahans; Andrew Davis, 5-10, 270, Jr. Sweetwater; Joe Martinez, 5-9, 220, Sr., Sweetwater; **Jeremy Garza, 6-2, 270, Jr., Snyder**

Kicker — Tadeo Canon-Maspan, 6-2, 235, Sr., Sweetwater; **Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring**

**Second Team Defense**

Defensive line — Jesse Porras, 6-2, 205, Sr., Monahans

Defensive end — Baylen Baker, 6-4, 225, Soph., Wylie; Jonathon Hibler, 6-0, 200, Sr., Wylie; A.J. Sanchez, 5-9, 185, Sr., Monahans; **Garrett Carlisle, 5-9, 175, Sr., Greenwood;** Luis Gaxiola, 6-0, 190, Sr., Sweetwater; Hunter Wickline, 5-9, 160, Sr., Snyder; **Isaac Garza, 6-2, 210, Sr., Big Spring**

Linebackers — Jake Linn, 6-0, 200, Sr., Wylie; Tye Calhoun, 5-11, 180, Jr., Wylie; Bryan Venegas, 5-5, 145, Jr., Monahans; **Dustin Rea, 6-0, 185, Jr., Greenwood; Tyler Wigington, 5-10, 175, Jr., Big Spring**

Defensive back — Junior Morales, 6-5, 170, Jr., Monahans. **Elam Tavarez, 5-8, 145, Sr., Greenwood; Zane Helms, 6-0, 200, Sr., Greenwood;** Nick Nemz, 5-10, 175, Sr., Sweetwater; TJ Villa, 5-11, 140, Sr., Snyder. **Drake Worthan, 5-8, 160, Big Spring**

Punter — Junior Morales, 6-5, 170, Jr., Monahans

**Greenwood Honorable Mention** — Zach Redwine, soph., LB; Brandon Brown, Jr., LB; David Sanchez, Jr., OL; Jody Lively, Sr., DL; Sean Strickland, Sr., OL; J.T. Aldridge, Sr., OL; Jesus Rodriguez, Fr., OL

**Big Spring Honorable Mention** — Michael Oliva, RB, Sr.; Aric Rutledge, Jr., Ronne Bell, Jr., OLB; Shaiheim Menefield, Jr., CB, Brett Brorman, Jr., S

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**Superlatives**

Offensive MVP — Evin Abbe, Sr., Abilene High

Defensive MVP — Jake McMillon, Jr., Abilene High

Offensive Newcomer of the Year — Landon Sawyer, Soph., San Angelo Central

Defensive Newcomer of the Year — Miguel Espinoza, Soph., Abilene High

Coach of the Year — Steve Warren, Abilene High

**First-Team Offense**

Quarterbacks — Mickey Scott, Jr. San Angelo Central; Lorenzo Joe, Jr., Abilene Cooper

Running Backs — Marcell Porter*, Sr., Abilene High; Kerry Sims, Sr., Abilene Cooper. **Jason McAfee, Sr., Lee;** Jornon Wilson, Sr., Odessa Permian

Receivers — Keevan Lucas*, Sr., Abilene High; Anthony Pierson, Sr., Abilene Cooper. **DeAndre Goodley, Jr., Midland High;** Andrew Perez, Sr., Odessa Permian

Tight Ends — Sam Berry, Sr., Abilene High

Offensive Tackles — Lucas Raley, Jr., Abilene Cooper; **Adrian Adame, Jr., Midland High; Waylon Roberson, Sr., Lee;** Andre Gillette, Sr. Odessa Permian

Guards — Ethan Miko*, Sr., Abilene High; **Jesse Garza, Sr., Lee**

Center — Chantz Anderson, Sr., Abilene High **Kicker — Nico Francino, Sr., Midland High Utility — Talor Nunez, Sr., Lee**

**Defense**

Defensive Ends — Gabriel Jordan, Jr., Abilene High; Quinn Harrell, Abilene Cooper, Jr.

Defensive Tackles — Pablo Hernandez, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Joseph Brooks, Jr., San Angelo Central; **Michael Morales, Sr., Lee**

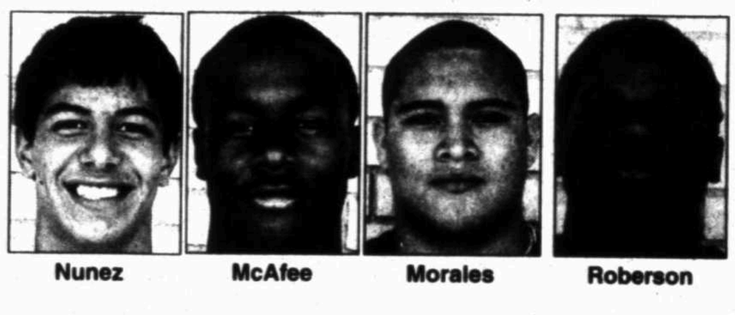
Inside Linebackers — Tanner Vestal, Sr., Odessa Permian; Tyler Lackey, Sr., Abilene High

Outside Linebackers — Cordell Dorsey, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Brandon Seely, Sr., Abilene High Cornerbacks — Fred Lawrence*, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Nate Kittley, Sr., Abilene High

Safeties — Xavier Johnson, Sr., Abilene High; Clay Adams, Sr., Odessa Permian

Punter — **Nico Francino, Sr., Midland High**

**Second-Team Offense**



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Garza | Francino | Goodley | Adame

Quarterback — Jack Wilkins, Sr., Odessa Permian

Running Backs — Rod Moore, Sr., Lubbock Coronado; C.J. Eddison, Jr., Odessa High; Jordan Charles, Sr., San Angelo Central

Receivers — Sterling Smith, Sr., San Angelo Central; Grant Alexander, Sr., Abilene High; Desmond Daniels, Sr., Odessa Permian; KaShawn Brown, Sr., Abilene Cooper; **Mazelle Justice, Jr., Midland High; Josh Warren, Jr., Lee**

**Tight End — Hayden Brandt, Sr., Lee**

Offensive Tackles — Josh Hunter, Jr., Abilene High; Braden Lee, Jr., San Angelo Central

Guards — Derron Gatewood, Jr., Odessa Permian; Riley Owens, Jr., Abilene Cooper

Centers — David Salazar, Sr., Abilene Cooper; **Hunter Meyers, Sr., Lee**

**Defense**

Defensive Ends — Aaron Chatham, Sr. Odessa Permian; **Gage McSwain, Sr., Lee**

Defensive Tackles — Junior Gomez, Sr., Odessa Permian; Lance Sehr, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Inside Linebackers — **Brivee Turner, Jr., Lee;** Kaleb Cory, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Outside Linebackers — **Talmage Cockerell, Sr., Lee;** Charles McGill, Sr., Abilene High; Justin Hall, Soph., Odessa Permian

Cornerbacks — Tion Wright, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; **Reilly Gavin, Sr., Lee**

Safeties — Kaleb Quesada, Sr., Abilene Cooper; **Brant Stewart, Sr., Midland High**

**Honorable Mention**

**Lee** — Eric Ortega, RB, Sr.; Chris Lara, OG, Sr.; Nathan Horrell, DT, Sr; Joshua Burditt, DT, Sr.; Ryan Knettle, P, Sr.

**MHS** — Connor Beck, QB, Sr.; Lance White, RB, Jr.; Stephen Reyes, TE, Sr.; Brady Watson, DE, Jr.; Eric Villegas, DT, Sr.; Jimmy Essman, LB, Sr.; Jason Carter, CB, Jr.; Phillip Fuentes, Utility, Sr.

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# Manziel a Heisman finalist

**By Brent Zwerneman**
*San Antonio Express-News*

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel took another big step toward Heisman Trophy history on Monday. The last time the Aggies had a player in the Heisman conversation this late in the season, Manziel was incapable of a single step – because he was still a year from birth.

Manziel, a former Kerrville Tivy star, was named one of three finalists for the Heisman, college football's most prestigious individual award.

Manziel

He'll join two seniors in Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein and Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o in New York for Saturday night's ceremony.

"I'm overwhelmed by this tremendous honor of representing Texas A&M, the 12th Man and all my teammates in New York," Manziel said. "This is a dream come true for me, and I know it's a credit to all my coaches and teammates."

No freshman has won the 77 previous trophies, but Manziel is considered the frontrunner with balloting having wrapped up Monday. Voters are asked to keep their selections secret until after the ceremony. Manziel, who turns 20 on Thursday, is the first Aggie since 1991 to finish in the top 10 in the Heisman race – and quarterback Bucky Richardson finished 10th that season.

Manziel was born a year later nearly to the day. A&M owns a lone Heisman Trophy, when running back John David Crow prevailed in the 1957 Heisman race over Iowa tackle Alex Karras, who passed away in October of this year. Late that '57 season, then-A&M coach Paul "Bear" Bryant told reporters "they ought to do away with the thing" if Crow didn't win the Heisman.

Crow offered a similar, simpler sentiment on Monday about Manziel, who set the Southeastern Conference single-season total yards record with 4,600.

"Johnny deserves it," Crow said.

Te'o, who has seven interceptions and 103 tackles, would also make history if he finishes first, considering no player who's only competed on defense has won the Heisman.

"If a guy like Manti Te'o is not going to win the Heisman, they should just make it an offensive award and give it to an offensive player every year – just cut to the chase," Fighting Irish coach Brian Kelly recently told reporters.

# Cowboys wonder if Bryant can carry team to playoffs

**Tom Orsborne**
*San Antonio Express-News*

IRVING — Jason Garrett once described 6-foot-2, 220-pound Dez Bryant as having a physique that looks like it was "chiseled out of a mountain."

With four games left and their faint playoff hopes still alive after Sunday night's come-from-behind 38-33 win over Philadelphia, the Dallas Cowboys should climb onto Bryant's broad back and see if he's strong enough to carry them into the postseason.

He clearly wouldn't mind giving it a go.

"I'm very confident," Bryant said after snagging six passes for 98 yards and two touchdowns against the Eagles. "I'm just getting started."

For the first time in his star-crossed three-year career, Bryant is consistently playing like the difference-making playmaker Dallas hoped he'd be when it drafted him in the first round in 2010.

In the last four games, he's amassed 29 catches for 475 yards and six TDs. He's notched at least one TD in four consecutive games, the longest streak of his career, and his two scores against the Eagles marked only the sixth time in club history a receiver has had multiple TDs in back-to-back games.

"Dez is growing before our eyes," Garrett said.

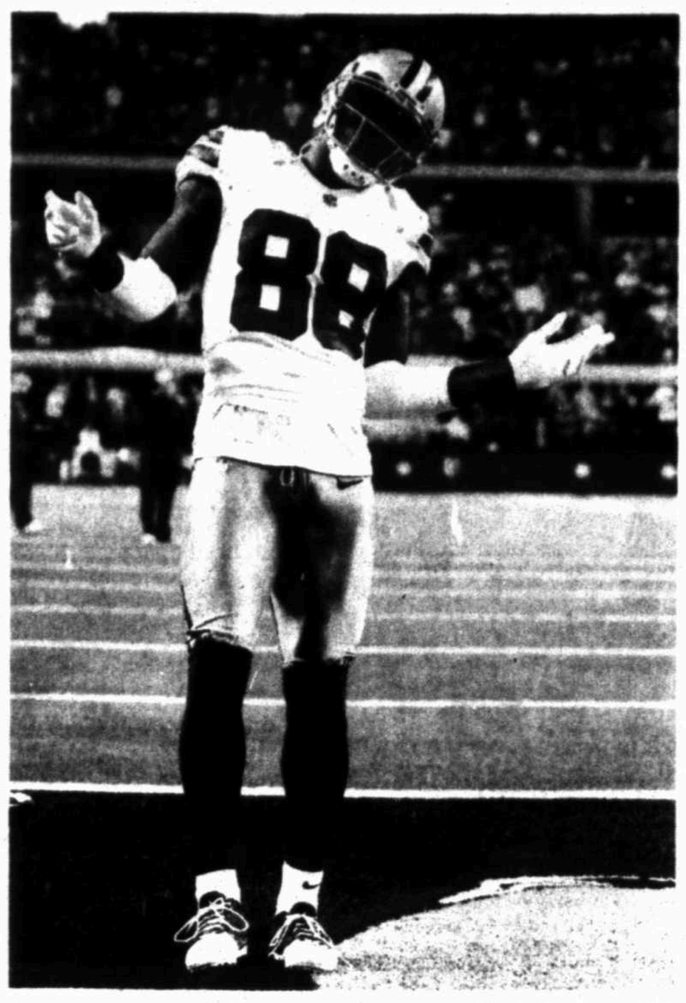
Bryant's two scores Sunday night showcased the coach's assertion.

In the third quarter, he snagged a short pass from Tony Romo before rocketing past defenders for a 23-yard score that made it 17-17.

In the fourth, he caught a swing pass and then muscled his way past Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie for a 6-yard TD that gave Dallas (6-6) the lead for good with 5:35 left.

"I've got to run through him," said Bryant, who is 22 yards shy of his first 1,000-yard receiving season. "I don't want to get tackled by one guy."

It's that kind of determination that makes Bryant so outstanding at running after the catch.


Tony Gutierrez/AP

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant celebrates a touchdown against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday during the second half in Arlington.

"We saw evidence of that last night," Garrett said Monday. "The best thing he did was he went north and south. When Dez gets in trouble, it's because he's dancing too much, which plays into the defense's hand. A lot more guys can get around him. He did a good job of putting his foot in the ground, going north and south, splitting defenders and getting into the end zone.

"He really loves to play this game. He plays with tremendous determination. We saw that on those two touchdowns."

Dehydration and double coverage resulted in a quiet first half for Bryant, but he kept his cool and didn't get frustrated like he might have done in the past.

"In so many ways, Dez has matured," Garrett said. "The patience and composure he had early on when he wasn't getting the ball is another sign of that maturity."

Bryant appeared to be on a self-destructive course earlier this year after he allegedly hit his mother during an altercation at her home, a dust-up that resulted in a domestic violence charge. But in an agreement with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, the charge will be dismissed if he stays out of trouble for a year and continues counseling.

"He's being noticeably dedicated if you want to compare it to months ago or at least two years ago," Jerry Jones said. "It's showing on and off the field."

He's teammates have also noticed.

"It's a fun thing to watch when you see a guy like Dez transition and start to get it more and more every week," center Ryan Cook said. "We're excited to have him on our team."

They should also be ready to jump on his back.

# Napoli to Red Sox, Loney to Rays, A-Rod out

**By Ben Walker**
*Associated Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Boston Red Sox began to play catch-up by getting All-Star catcher Mike Napoli, Tampa Bay took a chance on James Loney and the New York Yankees prepared for more time minus Alex Rodriguez during a brisk Monday at baseball's winter meetings.

Soon after the Hall of Fame welcomed three new members from long ago, teams got busy. The World Series champion San Francisco Giants kept center fielder Angel Pagan, while the Texas Rangers brought back catcher Geovany Soto and made a deal for injured closer Joakim Soria.

Top free agent Josh Hamilton remained in play after hitting 43 home runs with 128 RBI for the Rangers last season.

"I saw Josh on the flight here Sunday by accident. Coincidence, I guess, is a better word than accident," Texas general manager Jon Daniels said. "Chatted with him a little bit in the airport. I know he's here probably to meet with some other teams."

Quite a contrast to last year's session, when the Miami Marlins often appeared to be the only player with their high-priced splashes. This time, inside the vast Opryland Hotel complex that houses a studio for famed country music station WSM, several teams had a grand ole time.

Coming off a last-place finish, Boston tried to resolve its catching situation. Napoli got a $39 million, three-year contract, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press.

"Awesome addition to our team!" Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester tweeted.

The Red Sox are aiming at another prize, too, exploring trade possibilities to pry Cy Young Award winner R.A. Dickey from the New York Mets. Boston GM Ben Cherington didn't mention the knuckleballer by name, simply saying the price for pitching was "always steep for the better guys."

Mets manager Terry Collins, meanwhile, left the trade talk to others.

"Anybody, anything can happen anytime. I've been in the game long enough to understand that," he said. "I don't think as managers we can sit here and get caught up on one move or another move and say, well, this is — we can't worry about that. We've got to worry about what we have and how we're going to get better."

Also in play, maybe: Marlins pitcher Ricky Nolasco.

Nolasco, who went 12-13 with a 4.48 ERA this year and is signed for $11.5 million next season, asked the payroll-slashing Marlins to deal him in the wake of trades that jettisoned Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle, Heath Bell and Josh Johnson.

The Yankees know Rodriguez won't be in the lineup on opening day. The 37-year-old third baseman, looking nothing like the slugger who ranks fifth on the career list with 647 homers, will have surgery on his left hip and could be out until the All-Star break.

"It's a significant blow," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said. "But we've dealt with significant blows and, hopefully, we'll be able to deal with this one, as well."

Rodriguez is a 14-time All-Star and baseball's highest-paid player at $275 million. This will be his sixth stint on the disabled list in six seasons, including a trip in 2009 after surgery on his right hip.

Loney found a new home in Tampa Bay. The 28-year-old first baseman hit a combined .249 with six homers and 41 RBI for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Boston.

Soria reached a two-year agreement with Texas after missing the entire season for Kansas City because of his second Tommy John surgery. The Royals declined their option on the two-time All-Star for next year.

# Texans look for more after clinching playoff berth

**Kristie Rieken**
*Associated Press*

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans aren't content with their accomplishments after clinching their second straight playoff berth over the weekend.

They plan to build on their franchise-best 11-1 start to improve their playoff position. The Texans are also dealing with mounting injuries in the secondary and to their linebackers.

"Now every time we step to the plate we can probably gain something else," coach Gary Kubiak said. "So we just have to stay focused on that. Our last month is going to be difficult, but when it's difficult, that's what gives you the best chance to prepare to be a good football team in January."

The first step is a Monday night matchup at New England. They'll have to face Tom Brady and the Patriots without cornerback Brice McCain, who will be placed on injured reserve list/designated for return after surgery to repair a broken left foot Monday.

Kubiak is concerned about facing a top quarterback with an injury-riddled and inexperienced secondary.

"Well it's Monday and it's scary so I'm sure it's going to be real scary getting toward the end of the week," he said only half-jokingly. "We know we're going to play a great player and one of the top passing games in the business for a long, long time. It's a challenge."

McCain, who has appeared in each game with two starts, is Houston's nickel cornerback. He was injured in the first half of the win at Tennessee on Sunday. By being placed on the designated to return list he must sit out eight weeks, which means the earliest he could play is if the Texans reach the Super Bowl.

Joe Howell/AP

Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub (8) passes against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday in the first quarter in Nashville, Tenn.

Brandon Harris, a second-year player out of Miami, will fill in for McCain. Harris has seen limited action this season, appearing in just four games. They'll also look to fellow second-year player Roc Carmichael to help replace McCain.

"I liked what I saw from Brandon and Roc (Sunday)," Kubiak said. "Brandon's very competitive, has a lot of confidence ... and that's what you're looking for. They've got to rise to the occasion, and we can sure help them if we can rush the passer like we did (Sunday)."

The Texans bounced back from a pair of weak defensive performances to sack Jake Locker six times Sunday. Kubiak said the unit was helped by the return of nose tackle Shaun Cody, who missed the previous three games with a back injury. Another key to success was the development of linebacker Darryl Sharpton. Sharpton sat out the first nine games this season after tearing his right quadriceps last October.

"Getting Shaun Cody back gave us some versatility inside and took some snaps off some players, and we got our pass rush back," Kubiak said. "I think a couple of things going on there helped us get back to playing our kind of football defensively. I think Sharpton's more comfortable, this is three games he has under his belt. And he's going to have to be, because he's going to be big going down the stretch here."

Houston will be without linebacker Brooks Reed for another few weeks as he recovers from a groin injury. But the Texans could get several injured players back this week. Kubiak said starting cornerback Johnathan Joseph, who missed the last two games with a hamstring injury, and linebacker Bradie James, out last week with a hamstring injury, will be listed as day to day this week.

# Redskins edge Giants

*Associated Press*

LANDOVER, Md. — Robert Griffin III threw for one touchdown and had a fumble turn into another score, and the Washington Redskins pulled within one game of the NFC East lead with a 17-16 win over the New York Giants on Monday night.

The Redskins improved to 6-6 with their third straight victory, tied with the Dallas Cowboys and on the heels of the Giants, who have lost three of four to fall to 7-5.

Griffin completed 13 of 21 passes for 163 yards and ran five times for 72 yards, breaking Cam Newton's NFL record for yards rushing by a rookie quarterback.

Griffin lost the ball on one of his runs, but it flew into the arms of teammate Joshua Morgan, who ran it in for an early touchdown.

# Ruppert, O'Day, White elected to baseball Hall

**By Ben Walker**
*Associated Press*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jacob Ruppert brought Babe Ruth to New York, built Yankee Stadium and transformed the pinstripers into baseball's most dominant power. He did so much, many people just figured the owner called the Colonel was already enshrined at the Hall of Fame.

"We were surprised to learn he wasn't," former Yankees player and executive Bob Watson said.

Watson and a 16-member Hall panel changed that Monday, electing Ruppert, longtime umpire Hank O'Day and bare-handed catcher Deacon White for their excellence through the first half of the 20th century.

The trio was picked from by the Hall's pre-integration panel — part of what once was known as the Veterans Committee — and gave the shrine exactly 300 members.

"The family is so thrilled," great-grandnephew K. Jacob Ruppert told The Associated Press by phone. "His mark is now indelible."

"Growing up, I was under the impression that he was inducted sometime in the 1940s or 1950s. But I guess it never happened. Some things in history aren't appreciated. If it's not in the here and now, it's off the radar screen."

The Hall announcement was made at baseball's winter meetings. Induction ceremonies will be held July 28 in Cooperstown, N.Y., and the younger Ruppert is planning his first visit to the shrine.

"I'll grab some of my cousins, too," he said.

Ruppert and a partner bought the Yankees in 1915 and quickly turned them into a force. Under Ruppert's reign, the Yankees bought Ruth from the Boston Red Sox and presided over the club's first six World Series championships.

"This was the Colonel's toy. He liked to bring big stars to the team and built them a place to play, much the same way George Steinbrenner did," Ruppert's relative said.

O'Day umpired in 10 World Series, including the first one in 1903. He worked 35 years and made one of the most famous calls in the game's history, ruling Fred Merkle out in a 1908 play that long lived in baseball lore as "Merkle's Boner." He was the 10th umpire to go into the Hall.

White played from 1871-1890, starting out as a catcher without a glove and later moving to third base. He was a three-time RBIs leader, once topping the league with 49 RBIs when baseball hardly resembled the game it is today.

The new members will be honored along with anyone chosen in January in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

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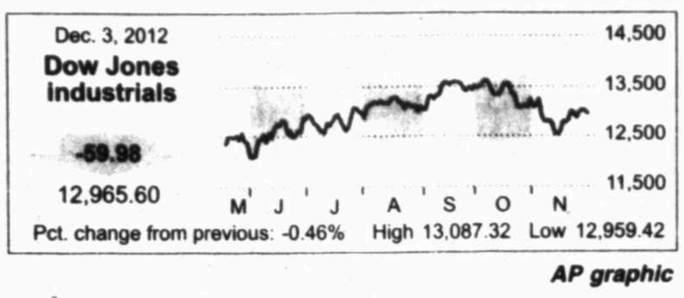


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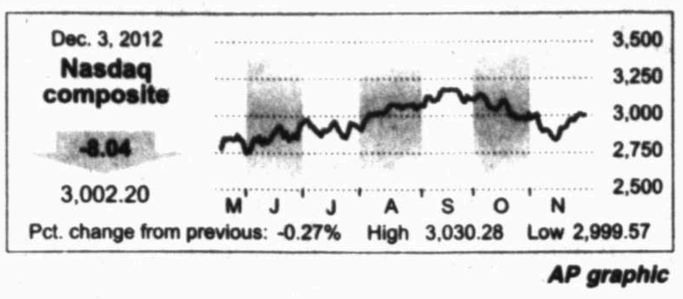


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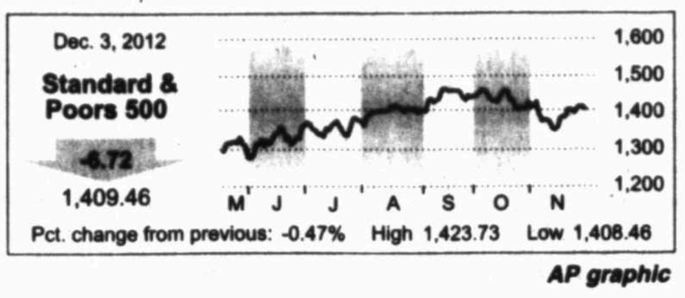


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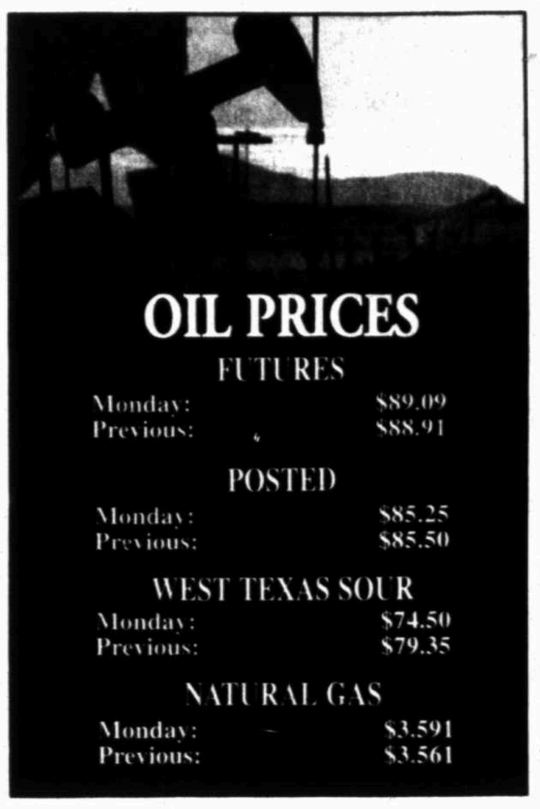

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Ford Motor Co. President and CEO Alan Mulally stands next to a Lincoln MKZ at a news conference Monday in New York. The MKZ, which arrives at dealerships this month, is the first of seven new or revamped Lincolns that will go on sale by 2015.

# Lincoln changes name as new MKZ goes on sale

*Associated Press*

DETROIT— Lincoln is getting a new car and a new name designed to reverse 20 years of falling sales.

The 97-year old luxury brand, synonymous with presidential limos and black Town Cars, is returning to its original name, Lincoln Motor Co. Lincoln hopes the name will help restore the brand's luster as the new MKZ sedan goes on sale this month.

Lincoln Motor Co. founder Henry Leland — who also started Cadillac — named the company after his hero, Abraham Lincoln. He sold it to Ford, which wanted a luxury brand, in 1922. Lincoln Motor Co. was used in advertising all the way through the 1970s and 1980s but had fallen out of use more recently, Lincoln chief Jim Farley said Monday. That's not unlike the brand itself, whose sales have been slipping since buyers began defecting to foreign brands like Lexus and BMW in the 1990s.

Ford is depending on the MKZ to start reversing that slide. It's the first of seven new or revamped Lincolns due out by 2015.

The MKZ, which was unveiled in concept form at the Detroit Auto Show last January, is longer and wider than the current version. It starts at $35,925, or about the same as its archrival, the Lexus ES 350. A hybrid version is the same price.

Among its new features are a push-button transmission instead of a shifter and an optional panoramic glass roof. It still has Lincoln's split-wing grille, a tribute to the 1938 Lincoln Zephyr and one of the brand's most recognizable features. But designers made the grille thinner and more tapered after complaints about the ungainly maw on the most recent Lincolns.

CEO Alan Mulally said the MKZ's elegant design is its most striking feature.

"It's smooth and soft. It will stand the test of time," he told The Associated Press on Monday. The new car, he said, is the "proof point" of Ford's commitment to the Lincoln brand.

Lance Willis, a Lincoln dealer with the Bayway Auto Group in Houston, likes the new MKZ but is frustrated that it's not in showrooms yet. Ford has built up a lot of hype but needs to deliver the MKZ and the rest of its new cars if it wants to keep people interested.

"One car itself won't do the job," he said. "They need to shorten the timetable."

But Willis applauds the name change, saying it helps separate Lincoln from the Ford brand.

Lincoln was the top-selling brand in the U.S. two decades ago, when sedans like the Continental and the Town Car were the pinnacle of luxury and elegant, uncluttered design. But then Ford bought up other luxury brands, like Jaguar and Volvo, and ignored Lincoln. Its lackluster products couldn't compete in the hotly contested luxury market.

Lincoln now has the lowest U.S. sales of any luxury brand, with around 75,000 vehicles sold in the U.S. so far this year. BMW has sold more than four times that number.

Ford has sold off its other luxury brands so it can concentrate on Lincoln.

## Oil prices rise

An early spike in the price of oil was short-lived on Monday, as optimism about a strong manufacturing report from China gave way to worries here at home.

An index measuring manufacturing in China showed expansion in November for the first time in 13 months and drove benchmark crude past $90 for the first time since Oct. 22. China is the world's second-largest economy after the U.S. and a huge consumer of oil. A better economy there suggests that energy consumption is likely to grow, pushing oil prices higher.

But in the U.S. manufacturing shrank in November to its weakest level since July 2009. The impact of Superstorm Sandy and worries about automatic tax increases that could take effect in January combined to reduce factory orders and manufacturing jobs, the Institute for Supply Management said.

Benchmark oil crossed the $90 level in the morning for the first time since October, but fell back after the U.S. report came out. Oil closed up 18 cents at $89.09.

## Euro jumps

Hopes that Greece would be able to cut its debt pushed the euro to a six-week high against the dollar Monday.

The euro rose to $1.3060 from $1.2998 late Friday. It went as high as $1.3075, its highest point against the dollar since Oct. 23.

The British pound rose to $1.6095 from $1.6022.

The dollar fell to 82.24 Japanese yen from 82.41 Japanese yen and to 0.9258 Swiss franc from 0.9274 Swiss franc.

The dollar rose to 99.46 Canadian cents from 99.31 Canadian cents.

Gold for February delivery rose $8.40 to $1,721.10 an ounce.

## MIDLAND STOCKS

**Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies**

**Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)**
Closing Price $38.31 Down 2.40

**Concho Resources (CXO)**
Closing Price $78.78 Down 1.48

**Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)**
Closing Price $23.24 Up 0.49

**Diamondback Energy (FANG)**
Closing Price $18.10 Up 0.10

**Legacy Reserves (LGCY)**
Closing Price $24.60 Unchanged

**Mexco Energy (MXC)**
Closing Price $5.42 Unchanged

**Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)**
Closing Price $16.45 Down 0.01

## NYSE

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| S&P500ETF | 1086145 | 141.45 | -.71 |
| BkofAm | 949176 | 9.80 | -.06 |
| AMD | 697358 | 2.36 | +.16 |
| SPDR Fncl | 479709 | 15.70 | -.06 |
| FordM | 473974 | 11.41 | -.04 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| SequansC | 2.30 | +.82 | +55.4 |
| TCF Fn wt | 2.10 | +.41 | +24.3 |
| ChinaDEd | 4.89 | +.64 | +15.1 |
| Supvalu | 2.68 | +.30 | +12.6 |
| Qihoo360 | 27.44 | +2.45 | +9.8 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| GlobusMd n | 12.14 | -1.17 | -8.8 |
| SunCokeE | 14.88 | -1.37 | -8.4 |
| CitiGold8-14 | 10.55 | -.91 | -7.9 |
| AmrRlty | 2.70 | -.22 | -7.5 |
| Bankrate | 11.17 | -.86 | -7.1 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,195 |
| Declined | 1,829 |
| Unchanged | 120 |
| Total issues | 3,144 |
| New Highs | 150 |
| New Lows | 10 |
| Volume | 3,027,026,257 |

## AMEX

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Neuralstem | 43208 | 1.49 | +.24 |
| CherwinEn | 36588 | 16.80 | |
| SamsO&G | 33331 | 1.08 | +.11 |
| NwGold g | 31298 | 10.68 | +.05 |
| Vringo | 23799 | 3.38 | -.17 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| FAB Unv | 3.89 | +.53 | +15.8 |
| LongweiPl | 2.78 | +.32 | +13.0 |
| Medgenics | 8.80 | +.62 | +7.6 |
| StdCp | 2532.98 | +172.62 | +7.3 |
| AlmadnM g | 2.93 | +.17 | +6.2 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aerosonic | 3.02 | -.47 | -13.4 |
| BovieMed | 2.63 | -.17 | -6.0 |
| GoldRsv g | 3.11 | -.19 | -5.8 |
| PernixTh | 7.34 | -.45 | -5.8 |
| Augusta g | 2.34 | -.13 | -5.3 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 178 |
| Declined | 266 |
| Unchanged | 29 |
| Total issues | 473 |
| New Highs | 13 |
| New Lows | 6 |
| Volume | 68,288,880 |

## NASDAQ

**MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)**

| Name | Vol (00) | Last | Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| Facebook n | 1200841 | 27.04 | -.96 |
| SiriusXM | 554923 | 2.80 | +.04 |
| Microsoft | 520151 | 26.43 | -.19 |
| Dell Inc | 494427 | 10.06 | +.42 |
| Intel | 433971 | 19.54 | -.03 |

**GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| RemarkM h | 2.14 | +.49 | +29.7 |
| Cleantch rs | 4.86 | +.86 | +21.5 |
| Cyclacel rs | 6.11 | +.95 | +18.3 |
| FFinSvc | 2.16 | +.30 | +16.1 |
| CarolTrBk | 2.60 | +.35 | +15.6 |

**LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)**

| Name | Last | Chg | %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|
| ReadgIntB | 5.64 | -1.76 | -23.8 |
| Torm rs | 3.28 | -.82 | -19.9 |
| NetEsmn | 3.62 | -.86 | -19.2 |
| ChiMotoG n | 4.00 | -.91 | -18.6 |
| GeoMet pf | 7.61 | -1.40 | -15.5 |

**DIARY**

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced | 1,106 |
| Declined | 1,366 |
| Unchanged | 130 |
| Total issues | 2,602 |
| New Highs | 69 |
| New Lows | 33 |
| Volume | 1,618,088,227 |

## HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

| Name | Div | PE | Last | Chg | YTD %Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AT&T Inc | 1.80f | 44 | 34.14 | +.01 | +12.9 |
| **Abraxas** | ... | ... | 2.02 | -.20 | -38.8 |
| **AdamsEx** | .67e | ... | 10.54 | -.05 | +9.3 |
| AMD | | | 2.36 | +.16 | -56.3 |
| Alcoa | .12 | 53 | 8.41 | ... | -2.8 |
| AlonUSA | .16 | 24 | 14.23 | +.01 | +63.4 |
| AlphaNRs | ... | ... | 7.31 | -.17 | -64.2 |
| AmIntlGrp | ... | 2 | 33.12 | -.01 | +42.8 |
| **Amgen** | 1.44 | 16 | 88.40 | -.40 | +37.7 |
| **Anadarko** | .36 | ... | 73.79 | +.60 | -3.3 |
| Annaly | 2.17e | 10 | 14.64 | -.08 | -8.3 |
| **Apache** | .68 | 12 | 76.36 | -.73 | -15.7 |
| Apple Inc | 10.60 | 13 | 586.19 | +.91 | +44.7 |
| **ApldMatl** | .36 | 82 | 10.66 | -.07 | -.5 |
| ArchCoal | .12 | ... | 6.64 | -.08 | -54.2 |
| **ATMOS** | 1.40f | 15 | 35.43 | +.42 | +6.2 |
| AutoData | 1.74f | 20 | 56.41 | -.34 | +4.4 |
| **BP PLC** | 1.92a | 6 | 41.19 | -.57 | -3.6 |
| BabsCCInv | 1.20 | ... | 16.53 | +.09 | -8.1 |
| BakrHu | .60 | 13 | 42.72 | -.43 | -12.2 |
| BkofAm | .04 | 26 | 9.80 | -.06 | +76.3 |
| BanPVix rs | ... | ... | 30.24 | +.62 | -78.7 |
| BasicEnSv | ... | 7 | 11.05 | +.03 | -43.9 |
| **BerkHa A** | ... | 1713 | 1890.00 | -26.00 | +14.9 |
| **BerryPet** | .32 | ... | 31.09 | -.02 | -26.0 |
| **BlkHillsCp** | 1.48 | 16 | 35.61 | -.08 | +6.0 |
| BostonSci | ... | ... | 5.52 | -.02 | +3.4 |
| **BrMySq** | 1.36 | 29 | 32.67 | +.04 | -7.3 |
| **BrownFA s** | 1.02a | 27 | 67.40 | -.02 | +27.5 |
| **BrownFB s** | 1.02a | 28 | 69.72 | -.20 | +29.9 |
| CVS Care | .65 | 16 | 46.28 | -.23 | +13.5 |
| Cameron | ... | 21 | 53.87 | -.08 | +9.5 |
| Caterpillar | 2.08 | 9 | 84.49 | -.75 | -6.7 |
| Celestic g | ... | 7 | 7.30 | -.08 | -.4 |
| Cemex | .32t | ... | 8.92 | +.02 | +72.1 |
| CntryLink | 2.90 | 35 | 39.18 | +.34 | +5.3 |
| ChesEng | .35 | ... | 16.90 | -.13 | -24.2 |
| **Chevron** | 3.60 | 9 | 104.66 | -1.03 | -1.6 |
| Chicos | .21 | 18 | 18.66 | +.01 | +67.5 |
| Cimarex | .48 | 14 | 59.78 | -.34 | -3.4 |
| Cisco | .56 | 12 | 19.03 | +.12 | +5.6 |
| Citigroup | .04 | 11 | 34.22 | -.35 | +30.1 |
| **ClayEng** | ... | 26 | 38.31 | -2.40 | -49.5 |
| **CocaCola s** | 1.02 | 20 | 37.38 | -.54 | +6.8 |
| **ColgPal** | 2.48 | 21 | 108.09 | -.41 | +17.0 |
| **ConAgra** | 1.00f | 20 | 29.82 | -.04 | +13.0 |
| **ConchoRes** | ... | 17 | 78.78 | -1.48 | -16.0 |
| **ConocPhil** | s 2.64 | 7 | 57.17 | +.23 | +2.9 |
| Corning | .36f | 10 | 12.15 | -.08 | -6.4 |
| CrackerB | 2.00f | 14 | 60.98 | -.47 | +21.0 |
| **CrosTim** | 2.37e | 10 | 26.40 | -.12 | -46.0 |
| DCP Mid | 2.72f | ... | 40.99 | -.89 | -13.7 |
| DTE | 2.48f | 15 | 60.58 | ... | +11.3 |
| Dataram h | ... | ... | .48 | +.04 | -40.7 |
| **Dawson** | ... | 17 | 23.24 | +.49 | -41.2 |
| Dell Inc | .32 | 7 | 10.06 | +.42 | -31.2 |
| **DevonE** | .80 | 32 | 51.90 | +.23 | -16.3 |
| DirSCBEar | ... | ... | 15.20 | +.03 | -42.6 |
| **Disney** | .75f | 16 | 49.29 | -.37 | +31.4 |
| **DowChm** | 1.28 | 23 | 29.30 | -.89 | +1.9 |
| EMC Cp | | 20 | 24.76 | -.06 | +14.9 |
| **EOG Res** | .68 | 26 | 117.24 | -.38 | +19.0 |
| **EmpDist** | 1.00 | 15 | 19.90 | -.10 | -5.6 |
| Energen | .56 | 13 | 44.50 | -.03 | -11.0 |
| EngyTsfr | 3.58 | 9 | 43.47 | -.42 | -5.2 |
| **EnPro** | ... | 19 | 39.07 | -.21 | +18.5 |
| EntPrPt | 2.60f | 19 | 50.87 | -.96 | +9.7 |
| Ericsson | .35e | ... | 9.42 | +.03 | -7.0 |
| Exelon | 2.10 | 14 | 29.31 | -.91 | -32.4 |
| **ExterranH** | ... | ... | 20.95 | +.08 | +130.2 |
| **ExxonMbl** | 2.28 | 11 | 87.61 | -.53 | +3.4 |
| Facebook n | ... | ... | 27.04 | -.96 | -29.3 |
| FifthThird | .40f | 9 | 14.41 | -.23 | +13.3 |
| FordM | .20 | 9 | 11.41 | -.04 | +6.0 |
| ForestOil | ... | 9 | 6.23 | -.14 | -54.0 |
| **FrozenFd** | ... | ... | .93 | -.05 | -27.9 |
| **GATX** | 1.20 | 16 | 41.93 | -.20 | -4.0 |
| **GabMultT** | .80 | ... | 7.73 | +.05 | +24.1 |
| **GAInv** | 1.40e | ... | 27.90 | +.08 | +12.0 |
| **GenElec** | .68 | 16 | 20.82 | -.31 | +16.2 |
| **GtPlainEn** | .87f | 16 | 20.15 | -.10 | -7.5 |
| HalconR rs | ... | ... | 6.29 | +.11 | -33.0 |
| Hallibrtn | .36 | 10 | 33.08 | -.27 | -4.1 |
| HltMgmt | ... | 9 | 7.50 | -.45 | +1.8 |
| **Heinz** | 2.06 | 19 | 58.39 | -.07 | +8.0 |
| HewlettP | .53 | ... | 12.87 | -.12 | -50.0 |
| **Hitachi** | ... | ... | 63.70 | ... | +22.2 |
| iShBraz | 1.48e | ... | 51.51 | -.07 | -10.2 |
| iShChina25 | .93e | ... | 36.80 | -.35 | +5.5 |
| iShEMkts | .82e | ... | 41.77 | -.01 | +10.1 |
| iS Eafe | 1.72e | ... | 55.14 | +.07 | +11.3 |
| iShR2K | 1.32e | ... | 81.99 | -.09 | +11.2 |
| IntegrysE | 2.72 | 17 | 52.96 | -.21 | -2.3 |
| **Intel** | .90 | 9 | 19.54 | -.03 | -19.4 |
| InterDig | .40 | 7 | 42.94 | +.26 | -1.4 |
| ItauUnibH | .60e | ... | 15.31 | +.17 | -17.5 |
| JPMorgCh | 1.20 | 8 | 40.81 | -.27 | +22.7 |
| JanusCap | .24 | 13 | 7.87 | -.33 | +24.7 |
| **JohnJn** | 2.44 | 23 | 69.65 | -.08 | +6.2 |
| Keycorp | .20 | 9 | 7.99 | -.09 | +3.9 |
| **KimbClk** | 2.96 | 18 | 85.69 | -.03 | +16.5 |
| KindME | 5.04f | ... | 80.41 | -1.10 | -5.3 |
| KindMM | 5.04f | ... | 74.77 | -1.13 | -4.8 |
| LVSands | 1.00a | 22 | 46.75 | +.10 | +9.4 |
| LegacyRes | 2.26f | ... | 24.60 | ... | -12.9 |
| Lowes | .64 | 21 | 36.04 | -.05 | +42.0 |
| **Lubys** | ... | 24 | 6.43 | +.07 | +42.6 |
| MktVGold | .15e | ... | 46.48 | -1.07 | -9.6 |
| McDnlds | 3.08f | 16 | 87.06 | +.02 | -13.2 |
| Merck | 1.72f | 20 | 44.44 | +.14 | +17.9 |
| **MeritMed** | ... | 24 | 13.73 | -.14 | +2.6 |
| MexcoEn | ... | ... | 5.42 | ... | -22.6 |
| MicronT | ... | ... | 5.93 | -.04 | -5.7 |
| Microsoft | .92 | 14 | 26.43 | -.19 | +1.8 |
| MorgStan | .20 | ... | 16.47 | -.40 | +8.9 |
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| **NatGrid** | 3.11e | ... | 56.48 | -.16 | +16.5 |
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| Oracle | .24 | 16 | 32.31 | +.14 | +26.0 |
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| PwShs QQQ | .61e | ... | 65.67 | -.13 | +17.6 |
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| **PrmEgy** | ... | 9 | 27.50 | -.13 | +21.7 |
| **ProctGam** | 2.25 | 18 | 69.58 | -.25 | +4.3 |
| RangeRs | .16 | ... | 64.03 | +.01 | +3.4 |
| RschMotn | ... | 7 | 11.60 | ... | -20.0 |
| RiteAid | ... | ... | 1.01 | ... | -19.8 |
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| RoyDShllA | 3.44 | 16 | 66.69 | -.28 | -8.8 |
| SpdrDJIA | 3.30e | ... | 129.55 | -.55 | +6.3 |
| S&P500ETF | 2.85e | ... | 141.45 | -.71 | +12.7 |
| SabnR | 3.79e | 13 | 47.51 | -.38 | -24.6 |
| **SanderFm** | .68 | 50 | 48.05 | +.08 | -4.1 |
| **SandRidge** | ... | ... | 6.08 | +.23 | -25.5 |
| **Sapient** | ... | 20 | 10.22 | -.37 | -18.9 |
| Schlmbrg | 1.10 | 17 | 71.02 | -.60 | +4.0 |
| **SigmaAld** | .80 | 19 | 72.15 | -.37 | +15.5 |
| SiriusXM | ... | 5 | 2.80 | +.04 | +53.8 |
| Smucker | 2.08 | 21 | 88.73 | +.27 | +13.5 |
| SprintNex | ... | ... | 5.72 | -.01 | +144.4 |
| SP Matls | .75e | ... | 36.02 | -.68 | +7.5 |
| SPDR Fncl | .25e | ... | 15.70 | -.06 | +20.8 |
| SP Util | 1.45e | ... | 35.10 | -.22 | -2.4 |
| SunocoL s | 2.07f | 12 | 50.79 | -.03 | +28.9 |
| **TeleTech** | ... | ... | 13.08 | -.03 | -24.4 |
| Tesoro | .60f | 10 | 41.39 | -.89 | +77.2 |
| 3M Co | 2.36 | 14 | 90.30 | -.65 | +10.5 |
| **Torchmark** | .60 | 10 | 51.81 | -.18 | +19.4 |
| **TriContl** | .50e | ... | 15.98 | -.06 | +12.3 |
| **TylerTech** | ... | 48 | 47.07 | +.15 | +56.3 |
| **UBWV** | 1.24 | 16 | 24.72 | +.02 | -12.6 |
| Vale SA | 1.15e | ... | 17.43 | ... | -18.7 |
| ValeroE | .70 | 8 | 31.89 | -.37 | +51.5 |
| VangEmg | 1.44e | ... | 42.03 | +.01 | +10.0 |
| **Verisign** | ... | 22 | 35.88 | +1.73 | +.4 |
| VerizonCm | 2.06f | 41 | 44.10 | -.02 | +9.9 |
| **Vodafone** | 1.54e | ... | 25.65 | -.14 | -8.5 |
| **VulcanM** | .04 | ... | 52.31 | -.53 | +32.9 |
| **Walgrn** | 1.10 | 14 | 34.28 | +.37 | +3.7 |
| **WellsFargo** | .88 | 10 | 32.75 | -.26 | +18.8 |
| WstnRefin | .32a | 14 | 28.70 | -.35 | +116.0 |
| WhitingPet | ... | 11 | 42.54 | +.60 | -8.9 |
| WmsCos | 1.30f | 21 | 32.59 | -.25 | +20.9 |
| **XcelEngy** | 1.08 | 14 | 26.94 | -.11 | -2.5 |
| **Xerox** | .17 | 7 | 6.79 | -.02 | -14.7 |
| Yahoo | ... | 6 | 18.55 | -.22 | +15.0 |
| Zynga n | ... | ... | 2.23 | -.23 | -76.3 |

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| 52-Week High | 52-Week Low | Name | Last | Chg | Net %Chg | YTD % Chg | 52-wk % Chg |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13,661.72 | 11,232.16 | Dow Jones Industrials | 12,965.60 | -59.98 | -.46 | +6.12 | +7.17 |
| 5,390.11 | 4,533.98 | Dow Jones Transportation | 5,061.42 | -57.69 | -1.13 | +.83 | +.78 |
| 499.82 | 426.30 | Dow Jones Utilities | 451.04 | -3.08 | -.68 | -2.94 | +.79 |
| 8,515.60 | 6,898.18 | NYSE Composite | 8,223.54 | -36.90 | -.45 | +9.98 | +9.20 |
| 2,509.57 | 2,150.17 | Amex Index | 2,405.60 | +5.94 | +.25 | +5.59 | +6.19 |
| 3,196.93 | 2,507.72 | Nasdaq Composite | 3,002.20 | -8.04 | -.27 | +15.24 | +13.04 |
| 1,474.51 | 1,158.67 | S&P 500 | 1,409.46 | -6.72 | -.47 | +12.08 | +12.12 |
| 15,432.54 | 12,158.94 | Wilshire 5000 | 14,781.65 | -66.41 | -.45 | +12.07 | +11.80 |
| 868.50 | 677.82 | Russell 2000 | 820.80 | -1.12 | -.14 | +10.78 | +9.88 |

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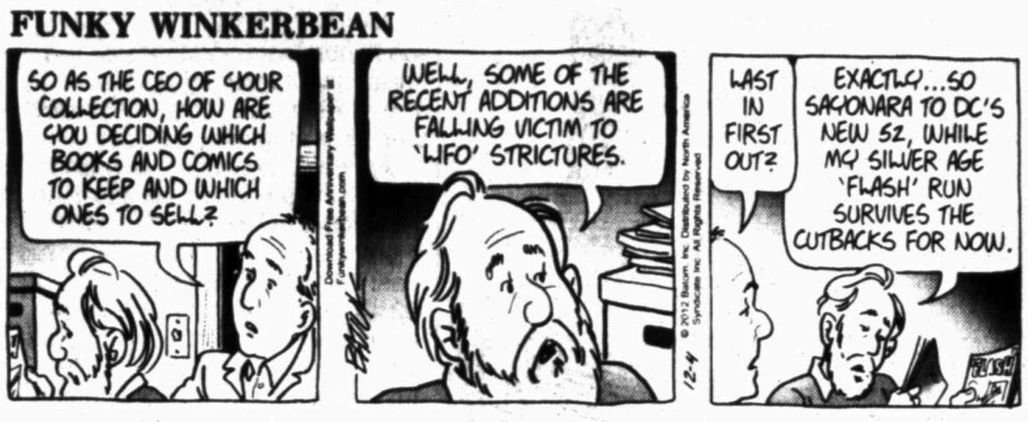


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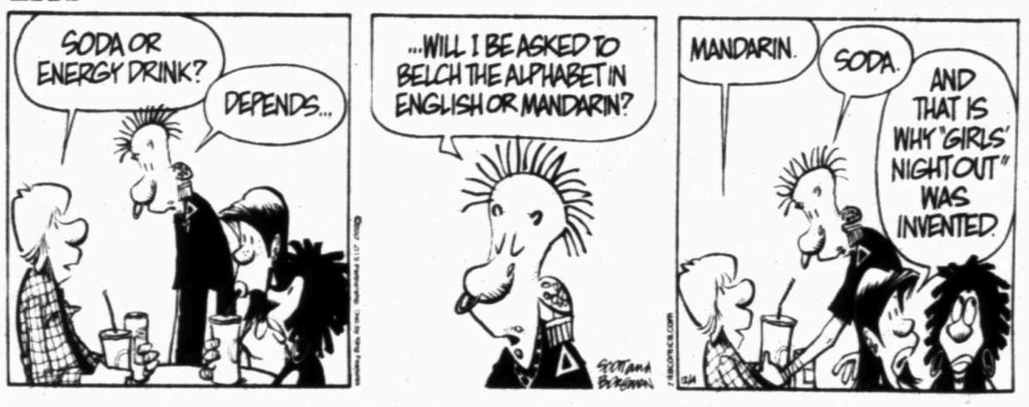


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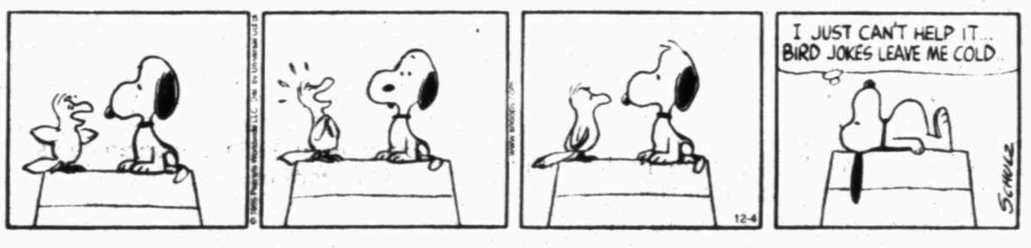


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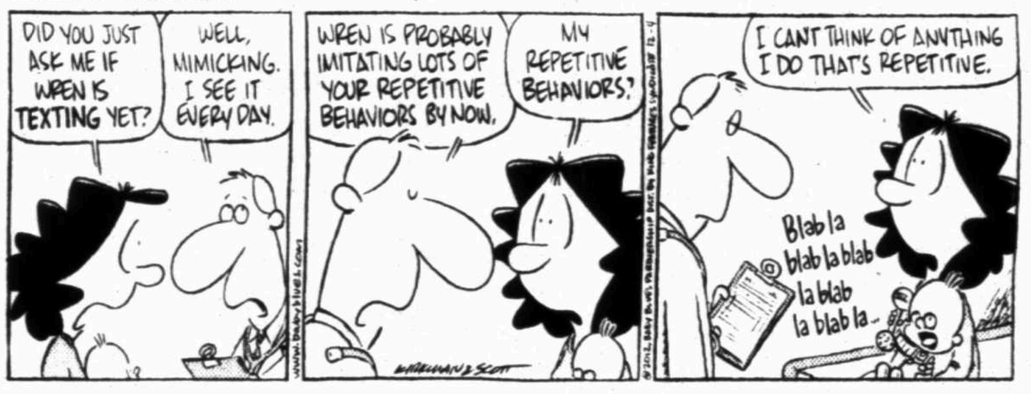


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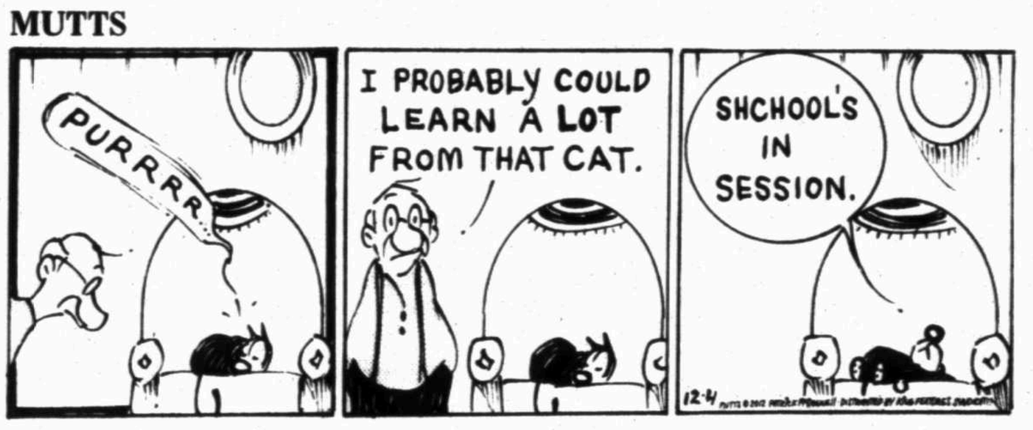


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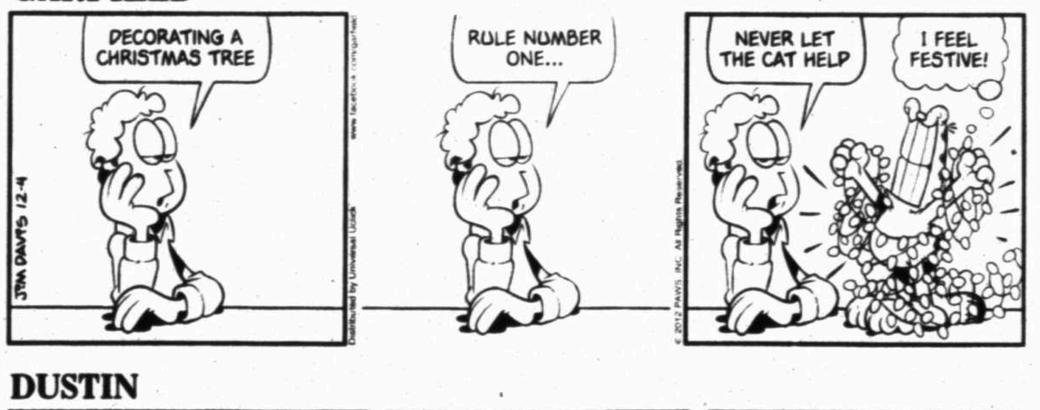


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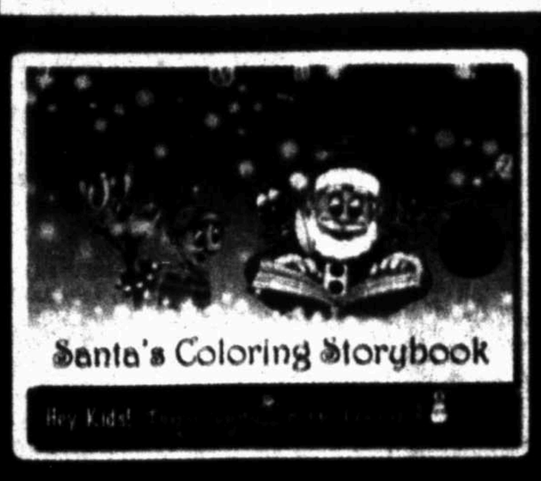


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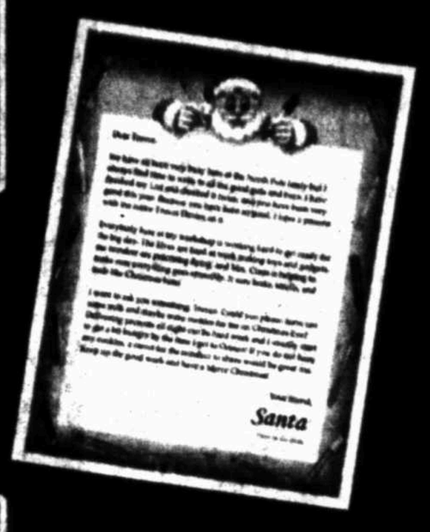

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## Legal & Public Notices

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willis B. Perry, Jr., Deceased, were issued on November 27, 2012, in Cause No. P-17,259, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Jackie L. Perry, Independent Executor, whose address is #5 Ashlin Drive, Midland, Texas 79705.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

DATED the 3rd day of December, 2012
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By: /s/ Jerry D. Zant
State Bar No. 22245460
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

## Legal & Public Notices

**APPLICATION HAS been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Cotton Patch Café, Inc. dba Cotton Patch Cafe, located at 2320 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX 79705 in Midland County, TX. Officers of said corporation are Lawrence E. Marshall, President and Michael J. Patranella, Secretary/Treasurer. SAID APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TABC CODE.**

## Legal & Public Notices

**Notice Of Public Sale**

Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, SecurCare Self Storage, LTD, DBA Colonial Storage Center #215 will hold a Public Sale of Property to satisfy landlord's lien.
Property will be sold to highest bidder for Cash. Property must be removed immediately and space broom swept. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw property from a sale.

**Auction Date: Thursday December 20, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.**
**Colonial Storage Center 0215**
**1010 N. Loop 250 W.**
**Midland, Texas 79703**
**432-697-5932**

Unit # 54 -Cynthia Martinez – Couch, Chair, Golf Clubs, Guitar, Misc Items
Unit #101 –Daniel Hinshaw – Recliners, Dining Table, Mattress, Washer, Dryer, End Table, Misc bags and boxes
Unit # 202-Guadalupe Brown – Hutch, Railings. Monitor, 2 Chairs, Carpet, Boxes
Unit # 207-Susie Covington –Rugs, Chair, Table, Dresser, Misc Items
Unit #242- Dustin Prescott –TV, KS Mattress, Headboard, Recliners, Coffee Table, Hutch, Dresser, Misc Items
Unit #299-Corena Mendoza – Love Seats, Couches, Dining Table, Chairs, Misc Items

## Legal & Public Notices

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**
**OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0279467
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 3, 2012 — Status/Permit No. 751899
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 7, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Blk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-248, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 15.6 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

**IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.**

**THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION**

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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| Lease/Unit Name : | HOWARD '25' | |
| Lease/Unit Well No. : | 5 | |
| Lease/Unit Acres : | 160.4 | |
| Nearest Lease Line (ft) : | 661.0 | |
| Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : | 1329.0 | |
| Lease Lines : | 666.0 F North L, | 661.0 F East L |
| Survey Lines : | 1980.0 F South L, | 1980.0 F West L |

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) MON BAK (STRAWN), (2) LOWE (ATOKA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

MON BAK (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

LOWE (ATOKA) : Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres. Optional Rules 467/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972) 969-3963.

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DODGE 2010 Charger SXT, 38,000 miles, very nice. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.

FORD 2000 Taurus Blue,V6, 127K $2,700. 432-683-8462.

CHEVROLET 1977 Monte Carlo. 1 owner. 454/400 HP, 400 Trans. Edelbrock intake manifold & carbureator. Dual Exhaust, New a/c, good tires, Runs & drives good. Good Shape. $7000. 806-681-6700.

FORD 2007 Crown Victoria. White, good condition, 120 k miles, 1 owner, non smoker. Hwy 23 MPG. $5500. 432-687-4528.

CHEVY 2011 Impala LT1, 44k miles w/ warranty B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

MERCEDES 2004 CLK 320 Convertible. Black with tan interior, garaged kept, mint condition, 49k miles, $15,500. Call 432-413-4535.

CHRYSLER 2007 300C, 5.7 Hemi, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

MERCURY 1997 Grand Marquis white. 4 dr. only 119k Miles. Excellent condition! $2,500 432-218-9941

## Exotic Cars

CHEVROLET 2009 Corvette. Only 5100 miles, like new in every way! Red, Auto with paddles. HUD Nav., both tops. $38,000. 559-3779.

CORVETTE 1994 Red garaged kept, immaculate, 92k/miles $9800. 432-557-4222

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## Legal & Public Notices

**AUCTION LEGAL NOTICE**

COLONIAL/SMARTSTOP SELF STORAGE hereby gives notice that the property generally described below is being sold to satisfy a Landlord's lien pursuant to chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, at the time and place indicated below on the following terms. All property generally described below will be sold to public sale to the highest bidder for cash or credit cards. NO CHECKS, with payment to be made at the time of the sale. All items must be removed from the property within 24hours after sale. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw any item from sale. The sale will be Wednesday, December 19, 2012, on or about the time indicated at each self-storage indentified below:

**Colonial/Smartstop Self Storage**
**1904 W Loop 250 N, Midland 79705**
**Wednesday, Dec, 19, 2012 10:00AM**
Unit A004 - Francess Wallace, Household items
Units B058 & B059 - Robin McCormack, Clothing, books, household items
Unit F175 - Augustien Balero, Household items

**Colonial/Smartstop Self Storage**
**5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, 79703**
**Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 11:00AM**
Unit 0124 - Martha Rodriquez, Household items, tools
Unit 0254 & 1148 - Elva Hulsey, Appliances, furniture, misc household items
Unit 0012G - Andres Rodriquez, Household items
Unit 1125 - Patricia Whitfield, Household items
Unit 1143 - Yasmin Diza, Household items

## Legal & Public Notices

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

CLERK OF THE COURT: ROSS BUSH, 500 N. LORAINE ST., SUITE 300, MIDLAND, TX 79701
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: George S. Bishop, 401 Cypress Street, Suite 210, Abilene, Texas 79601

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: THE UNKNOWN SHAREHOLDERS OF AGUILA OIL COMPANY, THEIR SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the 142 Judicial District Court in the Midland County Courthouse located in Midland, Midland County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 17th day of December, 2012, then and there to answer the petition of CROWNROCK, L.P., (Plaintiff in Cause No. CV49087; styled "CROWNROCK, L.P., Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN SHAREHOLDERS OF AGUILA OIL COMPANY, THEIR SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, Defendants"). The said petition, filed on the 1st day of November, 2012, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Midland County, Texas, to-wit: All of the South 120 acres of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 32, Block 36, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey; and to execute oil, gas and mineral leases thereof to the Plaintiff, and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 2nd day of November, 2012, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.

(seal)

/s/ Ross Bush
Clerk of the 142 County Court of Midland County, Texas

/s/ Jennifer Stoddard, Deputy

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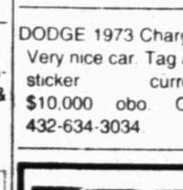

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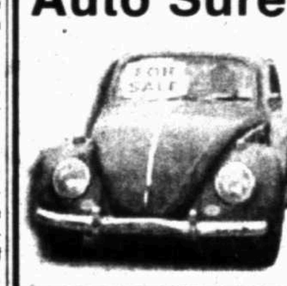

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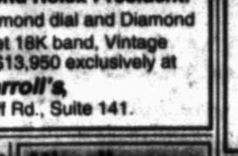

### Miscellaneous for Sale

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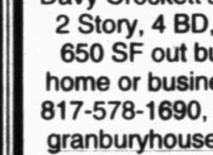

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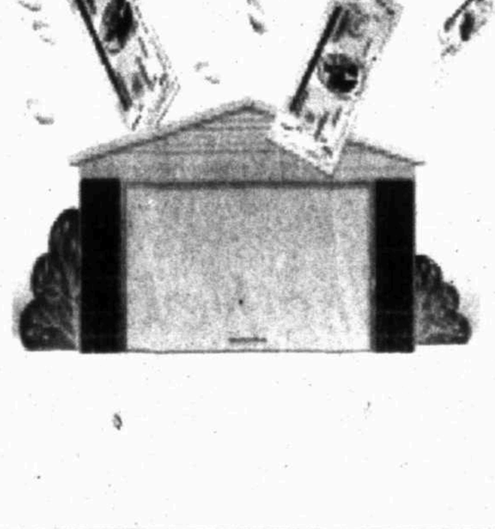

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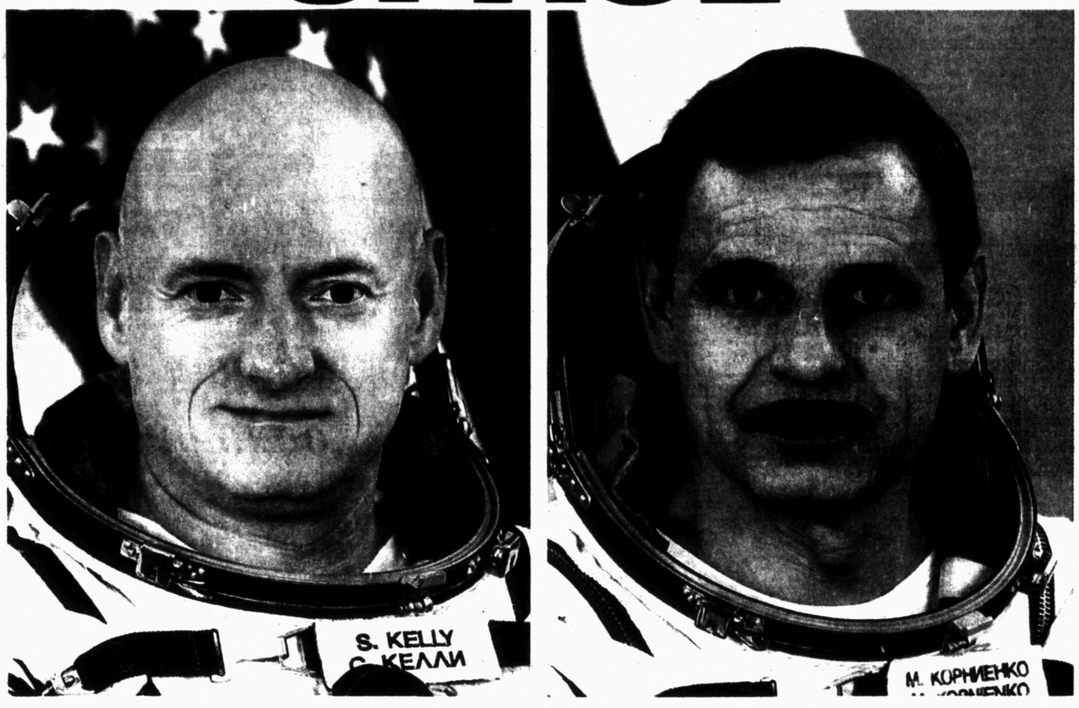


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This photo combo provided by the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center via NASA, shows NASA astronaut Scott Kelly, left, and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko. Kelly and Kornienko will spend an entire year aboard the International Space Station beginning in 2015, according to reports, Nov. 26. The extended mission was approved almost two months ago to provide a medical foundation for future missions around the moon, as well as far-flung trips to asteroids and Mars.

## US twin astronaut, Russian to spend year in orbit

**By Marcia Dunn**
*Associated Press*

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A former space shuttle commander whose twin brother is married to former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords will attempt the longest spaceflight ever by an American.

NASA astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko will spend an entire year aboard the International Space Station beginning in 2015.

Both countries' space agencies announced the names of the two veteran spacefliers last Monday. The extended mission was approved almost two months ago to provide a medical foundation for future missions around the moon, as well as far-flung trips to asteroids and Mars.

Both men already have lived aboard the space station for six months. NASA wanted experienced space station astronauts to streamline the amount of training necessary for a one-year stint. Officials had said the list of candidates was very short. They will begin training next year.

"Their skills and previous experience aboard the space station align with the mission's requirements," Bill Gerstenmaier, head of human exploration for NASA, said in a statement. "The one-year increment will expand the bounds of how we live and work in space and will increase our knowledge regarding the effects of microgravity on humans as we prepare for future missions beyond low-Earth orbit."

Kelly's identical twin brother, Mark Kelly, retired from the astronaut corps last year and moved to Tucson, Ariz., his wife's hometown. The former congresswoman was critically wounded in an assassination attempt in January 2011, while Scott Kelly was living aboard the space station.

NASA said neither crew member was available Monday to comment and that news conferences would be held next week to outline the mission.

Astronauts normally spend about four to six months aboard the space station. The longest an American lived there was seven months, several years back.

Russia, though, will continue to hold the world space endurance record.

Four cosmonauts spent at least a year aboard the old Mir space station. A Russian physician, Valery Polyakov, logged nearly 15 continuous months there in the mid-1990s.

Boris Morukov, head of the Moscow-based Institute for Medical and Biological Problems, Russia's main space medicine research center, told the Interfax news agency that communications and food rations for Kelly and Kornienko may be limited during their yearlong mission to better simulate interplanetary travel.

Kelly and Kornienko will launch aboard a Russian rocket from Kazakhstan. Americans must buy seats on Russian spacecraft now that NASA's shuttles have retired to museums, until private U.S. companies have vessels capable of carrying human passengers. That's still four or five years off.

Kelly is a 48-year-old, divorced Navy captain with two daughters. Kornienko, 52, a rocket engineer, is married with a daughter.

"We have chosen the most responsible, skilled and enthusiastic crew members to expand space exploration, and we have full confidence in them," Russian Space Agency chief Vladimir Popovkin said in the announcement.

**Online:**
NASA: http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html

## *Jury still out on Windows 8 for laptops, desktops*

Ask the PropellerHeads

**Dear PropellerHeads: I just bought a new laptop and it had Windows 8 on it. Help!**

A: Not to worry. I recently had my first up close and personal encounter with Windows 8. At first, it was a little disconcerting. But in no time I was pretty happy with what Redmond has come up with. Mostly I was just glad they decided to stick with their new naming scheme — after Windows 3, 3.1, 95, Bob, 98, Me, Vista, and 7, I was half-expecting this one to be called Windows 7.1 TouchPro 2012.

When you start your new laptop you will see a mosaic of primary color tiles welcoming you to Microsoft's latest operating system. The home page (Start screen) has a user interface (UI) derived from Microsoft's Metro design for their latest phone operating system. Think of it like a real-time, full screen Start menu.

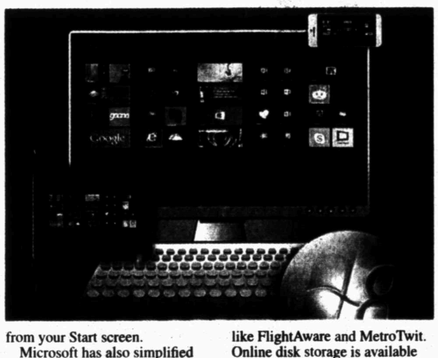
Frankly, Windows 8 is probably best used on touch devices, but it has plenty for laptop and desktop users too. Microsoft has also released a scaled down version of Windows 8, called Windows RT. This is optimized to run on tablets. While it does not have all of the capabilities of Windows 8, the user interface is pretty much the same as its big brother. It also has some tablet-optimized apps like Office 13 for Windows RT. Windows Phone 8 completes their offering for smart phones.

The start screen tiles operate like gadgets in Windows 7 or widgets in other operating systems. These are live, dynamic glimpses into the underlying application. So, the email tile shows recent receipts, the Calendar tiles reminds you of your latest appointment, the Weather tile suggests when it's umbrella time, and the photo tile is a slideshow. You get the idea.

The tiles can be rearranged, resized, added, deleted and organized into a panoramic desktop launch pad. Gesture actions like touch, swipe, and pinch help you maneuver easily. (During those first few frustrating minutes of adapting to the new interface, you might be tempted to direct other gestures at your screen, but sadly these do not work — trust me; I tried them.)

If you are used to an iPad or Android tablet, you will feel at home. A quick swipe opens the charms bar with common functions like search, settings and share so you can email or post to Facebook to the delight of your friends. A finger trace pattern can be used to unlock your tablet.

You are also just one click away from your familiar Windows 7-like desktop. That means all your standard programs are where you would expect them. If you have a spare monitor, hook it up to your laptop and one screen can have the Metro tile look and the other the traditional Window's look. You can also create quick-start tiles for your favorite programs so they can be launched from your Start screen.



Microsoft has also simplified the Internet Explorer browser (version 10) so it lets you concentrate on just browsing. If you need more features, the old browser (IE9) is still available. Windows Explorer has been improved with a nifty ribbon and simplified control panel and task manager functions are available.

Microsoft has launched Windows 8 features in the cloud with an Apple-like store (microsoftstore.com) where you can download some free apps or buy others. You'll find familiar titles like Skype, Netflix, Kindle and Fruit Ninja as well as new ones like FlightAware and MetroTwit. Online disk storage is available ala DropBox using SkyDrive (skydrive.com).

Microsoft has coordinated the Windows 8 launch with a series of Windows 8 optimized tablets and laptops from several manufacturers, including their own model called Surface (microsoft.com/surface).

I am pretty happy with Windows 8 for tablets. In fact, maybe Santa will help me out with this. For laptops and desktops, the jury is out…but I think over time Microsoft will win you over. If not, you can always wait for Windows 9.Next 2015 Version 2.

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