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City has not charged parade float driver

MPD is finalizing its investigative report; NTSB releases preliminary report

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While it is unclear if anyone has interviewed the person driving the float in the Nov. 15 train crash, the city announced Wednesday that charges will not be filed against him.

The Midland Police Department is finalizing its investigative report, which may be complete within the next few days, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

"(MPD) has interviewed everyone they needed in order to file the report," Higgins said.

When asked explicitly if the driver, Dale Hayden, 50, has been interviewed, Higgins would neither confirm nor deny if MPD had done so.

The National Transportation Safety Board has not interviewed the driver as of Wednesday, said spokesman Peter Knudson.

Higgins said MPD's report, once completed, will be handed to the District Attorney's Office.

Steve Stallings, first assistant district attorney, said the DA's office will not act until the police report is complete.

"We do not interfere with the investigation," Stallings said. "Our job is to prosecute."

He also said that MPD generally has to file charges before the DA's office can prepare an indictment. After that, the defendant could be put in front of a grand jury. Stallings said he did not know of any indictments against Hayden.

The announcement from the city comes in the wake of the NTSB's Wednesday release of the preliminary report on the crash between a Union Pacific train and the Show of Support parade float.

The one-page report revealed the vehicles and their actions leading up to the

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GIFTS FOR THE TROOPS



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Volunteers form an assembly line at the Christmas For Our Troops annual packing event Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. More than 2,000 boxes were packed.

Boxes are packed by volunteers with care

By Meredith Moriak
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Packed with love by hundreds of Midlanders on Wednesday, more than 2,500 Christmas care packages are on their way overseas to servicemen and women in Afghanistan.

During Christmas For Our Troops' ninth annual packing event at First Presbyterian Church, hundreds of volunteers stuffed care packages with items such as trail mix, lip balm, socks, razors, cough drops and handmade Christmas cards.

Midland High senior Katelyn Mann was among JROTC students from Lee and Midland high schools who helped with the packing. She recruited some of her friends to help her pack boxes during their lunch period.

"It makes me really happy this is done every year and we're supporting our troops," said Mann, who plans to join the Air Force after graduating in May.

Parker Elementary counselor Patrice Compton brought 19 students involved in the Parker Chiefs leadership team to assemble boxes. Sixth-grade students in the leadership group participate in community service events at their school and in Midland.

"It's great for them to see what the community can do and provide," Compton said. "They've seen the overflowing collections box at our school, but to see it on a much larger scale is very surprising for some of the students."

Parker Chiefs member Shaylyn Maddy said she was surprised to see so many boxes, items and volunteers helping pack.

"I thought there would be a lot of people here, but I didn't expect there to be this many," Shaylyn said.

Compton has brought students for the last four years and said it's a great opportunity for them to see high school students volunteering and giving back to the community.



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Volunteers Cliff Chalmers and Cindy Martin hug in front of a row of boxes full of items for overseas military members during the Christmas For Our Troops annual packing event.

CFOT founder Scott Davis said he was happy to see so many people moving through the assembly line, stuffing boxes.

Of the 2,550 boxes packed, 16 were filled with dog toys and sent to dog handlers overseas, and feminine products were included in 167 that were sent to servicewomen, Davis said.

Midlander Elizabeth Greaves helped pack boxes again this year as a way to say thank you to the troops.

"I think our servicemen need to be remembered all year but especially at Christmastime," said Greaves, who also contributed items to the drive.

Volunteers Scott and Stephanie Sparkman bring their grandchildren to participate in the event each year.

Their granddaughter, Ellie Matis, said she enjoys packing the boxes because it's important to help the troops.

"We want to let them know we're happy they fight for us," Ellie said.

Like every year, CFOT organizers said they're hopeful this is the last year they'll ever have to pack boxes, because they pray troops will be sent home.

"We always hope we don't have to do it the next year, as we want our troops home, but as long as they're over there, we'll be doing this," Davis said.

After all the packing was done, the U.S. Postal Service picked up more than 2,000 boxes from First Presbyterian Church in Midland and 500 in First Presbyterian Church in Odessa, which runs a similar operation, Davis said.

The packages are shipped based on the flat-rate box cost and will cost CFOT roughly $33,000, Davis said.

Buffalo Trail Scouts hit popcorn sales milestone

By Tyler White
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Scouts with the Buffalo Trail Council have raised about $400,000 in their annual popcorn sale to raise funds for pack and troop activities.

The increase from $350,000 last year to $397,700 is with about 60 out of 140 units selling popcorn this year.

"We are in a huge upswing," said Valerie Acosta, development director for the Buffalo Trail Council, which covers 18 counties in the West Texas area.

Pack leaders from across West Texas began picking up popcorn for delivery Wednesday. The popcorn will be sorted amongst the Scouts for delivery. Acosta said the cheese popcorn and caramel popcorn are big sellers amongst customers, along with chocolate-covered pretzels.

Seventy percent of the money raised from the sales will go toward prizes for the Scouts, as well as monthly activities for each Scouting unit. A portion of the money also will help cover the cost of Scout admission to Jamboree. The Buffalo Trail Council receives a small portion of the funds, which will be used for general administration costs and for funding scholarships for Scouts, Acosta said.

Acosta said the council also has made at least $11,500 of the total online purchases.

This year, 21 Scouts in Pack 641 raised $22,272 in popcorn sales, with two scouts selling $2,950 and $2,750 of that total. Blake Baylor, popcorn chairman of Pack

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Cancer agency exec: Mistakes led to grant

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The chief executive of Texas' embattled $3 billion cancer-fighting agency on Wednesday defended his job while explaining to a state board how a private company improperly received $11 million in the second questionable award to embarrass the agency this year.

Bill Gimson, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas' first and only executive director, took blame for Dallas-based Peloton Therapeutics receiving the lucrative taxpayer-funded grant even though the company's proposal was never scrutinized. He chalked it up as an honest mistake and said there was no evidence that agency staff stood to personally benefit financially from Peloton.

But one member of the agency's governing board — made up entirely of political appointees of Gov. Rick Perry and others — requested that Gimson face

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New Starbucks cafes cost **$450,000 each,** and the company wants to build 1,500 more. More on 2A.

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OPPOSITES ATTRACT

'Capitalism' and 'socialism' wed as words of the year

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thanks to the election, "socialism" and "capitalism" are forever wed as Merriam-Webster's most looked-up words of 2012.

Traffic for the unlikely pair on the company's website about doubled this year from the year before as the health care debate heated up and discussion intensified over "American capitalism" versus "European socialism," said the editor at large, Peter Sokolowski.

The choice revealed Wednesday was "kind of a no-brainer," he said. The side-by-side interest among political candidates and around kitchen tables prompted the dictionary folk to settle on two words of the year rather than one for the first time since the accolade began in 2003.

"They're words that sort of encapsulate the zeitgeist. They're words that are in the national conversation," said Sokolowski from company headquarters in Springfield, Mass. "The thing about an election year is it generates a huge amount of very specific interest."

"Democracy," "globalization," "marriage" and "bigot" — all touched by politics — made the Top 10, in no particular order. The latter two were driven in part by the fight for same-sex marriage acceptance.

Last year's word of the year was "austerity." Before that, it was "pragmatic." Other words in the leading dictionary maker's Top 10 for 2012 were also politically motivated.

Harken back to Oct. 11, when Vice President Joe Biden tangled with Mitt Romney running mate Paul Ryan in a televised debate focused on foreign policy — terror attacks, defense spending and war, to be specific.

"With all due respect, that's a bunch of MALARKEY," Biden declared during a particularly tough row with Ryan. The mention sent look-ups of malarkey soaring on Merriam-webster.com, Sokolowski said, adding: "Clearly a one-week wonder, but what a week!"

Actually, it was more like what a day. Look-ups of "malarkey" represented the largest spike of a single word on the website by percentage, at 3,000 percent, in a single 24-hour period this year. The company won't release the number of page views per word but said the site gets about 1.2 billion overall each year.

Malarkey, with the alternative spelling of "y" at the end, is of unknown origin, but Merriam-Webster surmises it's more Irish-American than Irish, tracing it to newspaper references as far back as 1929.

Beyond "nonsense," "malarkey" can mean "insincere or pretentious talk or writing designed to impress one and usually to distract attention from ulterior motives or actual conditions," noted Sokolowski.

"That's exactly what Joe Biden was saying. Very precise," especially in conversation with another Irish-American, Sokolowski said. "He chose a word that resonated with the public, I think in part because it really resonated with him. It made perfect sense for this man to use this word in this moment."

An interesting election-related phenom, to be sure, but "malarkey" is no dead Big Bird or "binders full of women" — two Romneyisms from the defeated candidate's televised matchups with Obama that evoked another of Merriam-Webster's Top 10 — meme.

While malarkey's history is shaded, "meme's" roots are easily traced to evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, a Brit who coined the term for a unit of cultural inheritance, not unlike genes and DNA. The retired professor at the University of Oxford made up the word in 1976 for "The Selfish Gene," a book he published light years before the Internet and social media's capacity to take memes viral.

Sokolowski said traffic for the word "meme" more than doubled this year over 2011, with dramatic spikes pegged to political-related subjects that included Romney's Big Bird and binders remarks, social media shares of images pegged to Hillary Rodham Clinton texting and Obama's "horses and bayonets" debate rebuke of Romney in an exchange over the size of the Navy.

Dawkins, reached at home in Oxford, was tickled by the dictionary shoutout.

"I'm very pleased that it's one of the 10 words that got picked out," he said. "I'm delighted. I hope it may bring more people to understand something about evolution."

The book in which he used meme for the first time is mostly about the gene as the primary unit of natural selection, or the Darwinian idea that only the strongest survive. In the last chapter, he said, he wanted to describe some sort of cultural replicator.

And he wanted a word that sounded like "gene," so he took a twist on the Greek "mimeme," which is the origin of "mime" and "mimesis," a scientific term meaning imitation.

"It's a very clever coinage," lauded the lexicographer Sokolowski.

Other words in Merriam-Webster's Top 10 for 2012:

■ "Touché," thanks in part to "Survivor" contestant Kat Edorsson misusing the word to mean "tough luck" rather than "point well made," before she was voted off the island in May. Look-ups at Merriam-webster.com were up sevenfold this year over 2011.

■ "Schadenfreude," made up of the German words for "damage" and "joy," meaning taking pleasure in the misery of others, was used broadly in the media after the election. Look-ups increased 75 percent. The word in English dates to 1895.

■ "Professionalism," up 12 percent this year over last. Sokolowski suspects the bump might have been because of the bad economy and more job seekers, or a knowing "glimpse into what qualities people value."

Words of the year for 2012

Results are based on the volume of user lookups at Merriam-Webster.com.

1. socialism
2. touché
3. bigot
4. marriage
5. democracy
6. professionalism
7. globalization
8. malarkey
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Starbucks to open 1,500 more cafes in the US

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The world's biggest coffee company is planning to add at least 1,500 cafes in the U.S. over the next five years.

Starbucks said Wednesday that it plans to boost the number of locations in its biggest market by about 13 percent by 2017. In the broader Americas region, the company plans to add a total of 3,000 new cafes by that time.

Starbucks also is planning to expand overseas, particularly in China, which is expected to surpass Canada as Starbucks' second-biggest market in the next two years. By that time, Starbucks says it will have 20,000 stores globally, up from about 18,000.

The upbeat expansion plans mark a turnaround from Starbucks' struggles during the recession. After hitting a rough patch, the company brought back founder Howard Schultz as CEO in 2008 and embarked on a massive restructuring effort that included closing 10 percent of its U.S. stores.

Cliff Burrows, who heads Starbucks' domestic business, said the problem wasn't that Starbucks was oversaturated, but that the company hadn't been careful about its store openings. In the years leading up to the downturn, the company was opening well over 1,000 stores a year. That led to cafes in locations where signs or traffic might not be optimal, he said.

Burrows said Starbucks has gotten more sophisticated, and noted that the cafes opened in recent years are among the company's best performers. Sales at new cafes are averaging about $1 million a year, for example, above the company's target of $900,000. It costs about $450,000 to build a new cafe.

Continued U.S. sales growth will be fueled by the new products, such as Evolution premium juices and Via single-serve coffee packets. Starbucks is also looking to improve its food menu and is testing a new menu of baked goods from La Boulange, a small San Francisco-based chain it acquired earlier this year. The new croissants, loaf cakes and other items will spread to about 2,500 cafes next year and go national sometime in 2014, Burrows said. The company says only about a third of customers currently buy food with their drinks.

Starbucks recently announced plans to acquire Teavana, a chain that has 300 locations in shopping malls. When the announcement was made last month, Schultz said the company would "do for tea what it did for coffee."

That includes plans to expand Teavana's presence beyond the shopping mall with stand-alone shops that have "tea bars" that serve specialty drinks. The company declined to say when Starbucks cafes would begin serving Teavana drinks, and it hasn't decided on whether it will continue to sell Tazo in cafes.

Starbucks offers $450 gift card



First there was the $7 cup of coffee. Now Starbucks is offering a $450 gift card made of stainless steel.

The coffee company says the limited-edition card, which is good for $400 in store credit, will be available through the website Gilt.com and include gold level membership for the Starbucks rewards program. The cards will go on sale at 11 a.m. Central on Friday and will be available until the supply of 5,000 cards is sold out.

Gold membership to the rewards program includes perks such a free birthday drink and a free drink or food item after the purchase of 12 drinks. Customers normally need to make 30 transactions within a year to get gold membership, then continue making 30 transactions a year to keep the status.

The rollout of the new card, which can be reloaded with money, comes after Starbucks earlier this month introduced a line of rare coffee at select stores in the Seattle and Portland, Ore., areas. A large cup of the Costa Rica Finca Palmilera costs $7, compared with $2.20 for a large cup of regular brewed coffee.

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SEATTLE

Celebrations planned as Washington legalizes marijuana

Legal marijuana possession becomes a reality under Washington state law today, and some people planned to celebrate the new law by breaking it.

Voters in Washington and Colorado last month made those the first states to decriminalize and regulate the recreational use of marijuana. Washington's law takes effect today and allows adults to have up to an ounce of pot — but it bans public use of marijuana, which is punishable by a fine, just like drinking in public.

Nevertheless, some people planned to gather at 12 a.m. today to smoke up in public beneath Seattle's Space Needle. Others planned a midnight party outside the Seattle headquarters of Hempfest, the 21-year-old festival that attracts tens of thousands of pot fans every summer.

PHOENIX

Father: Sick girl safe and being treated in Mexico

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of a sick girl with leukemia deepened Wednesday after her father said his 11-year-old daughter is being treated in Mexico and authorities considered bringing child neglect charges against the family.

Phoenix police have been looking for Emily since surveillance video one week ago showed the girl's mother walking her out of Phoenix Children's Hospital a day before the child was set to be released.

Authorities are searching for the girl in Arizona, California and Mexico, where the family has relatives, as doctors said she could contract a potentially deadly infection if not returned for treatment.

Jazz legend Dave Brubeck dies at 91

Associated Press

You don't have to be a jazz aficionado to recognize "Take Five," the smoky instrumental by the Dave Brubeck Quartet that instantly evokes swinging bachelor pads, hi-fi systems and cool nightclubs of the 1950s and '60s.

"Take Five" was a musical milestone — a deceptively complex jazz composition that managed to crack the Billboard singles chart and introduce a new, adventurous sound to millions of listeners.

In a career that spanned almost all of American jazz since World War II, Brubeck's celebrated quartet combined exotic, challenging tempos with classical influences to create lasting standards.

The pianist and composer behind the group, Brubeck died Wednesday of heart failure at a hospital in Norwalk, Conn. He was a day shy of his 92nd birthday.

Brubeck believed that jazz presented the best face of America to the world.

"Jazz is about freedom within discipline," he said in a 2005 interview with The Associated Press. "Usually, a dictatorship like in Russia and Germany will prevent jazz from being played because it just seemed to represent freedom, democracy and the United States.

"Many people don't understand how disciplined you have to be to play jazz. ... And that is really the idea of democracy — freedom within the Constitution or discipline. You don't just get out there and do anything you want."

The common thread that ran through Brubeck's work was breaking down the barriers between musical genres — particularly jazz and classical music. He was inspired by his mother, a classical pianist, and later by his composition teacher, the French composer Darius Mihaud, who encouraged his interest in jazz and advised him to "keep your ears open" as he traveled the world.

"When you hear Bach or Mozart, you hear perfection," Brubeck said in 2005. "Remember that Bach, Mozart and Beethoven were great improvisers. I can hear that in their music."



AP file photo

This 1956 file photo shows American composer, pianist and jazz musician Dave Brubeck. Brubeck, a pioneering jazz composer and pianist, died Wednesday of heart failure, after he was stricken while on his way to a cardiology appointment with his son. He would have turned 92 today.

Brubeck was always fascinated by the rhythms of everyday life. In a discussion with biographer Doug Ramsey, he recalled the rhythms he heard while working as a boy on cattle drives at the northern California ranch managed by his father.

The first time he heard polyrhythms — the use of two rhythms at the same time — was on horseback.

"The gait was usually a fast walk, maybe a trot," he said. "And I would sing against that constant gait of the horse. ... There was nothing to do but think, and I'd improvise melodies and rhythms."

Brubeck combined classical influences and his own innovations on the seminal album "Time Out," released in 1959 by his classic quartet that included alto saxophonist Paul Desmond, drummer Joe Morello and bassist Eugene Wright.

It was the first jazz album to deliberately explore time signatures outside of the standard 4/4 beat or 3/4 waltz time. It was also the first million-selling jazz LP and is still among the best-selling jazz albums of all time.

Columbia executives blocked its release for nearly a year — until label President Goddard Lieberson intervened.

"They said, 'We never put out music that people can't dance to, and they can't dance to these rhythms that you're playing,'" Brubeck recalled in 2010. He also wanted a painting by Joan Miro on the cover, something else the record company had never done.

"I insisted that we go with something new," he said. "And to their surprise, it became the biggest jazz recording they ever made."

The album opens with "Blue Rondo a la Turk," a piece inspired by Turkish street musicians Brubeck heard on a 1958 State Department tour. The piece was in 9/8 time — nine beats to the measure instead of the customary two, three or four beats — and blended folk rhythms with jazz and a Mozart piece.

The album also featured "Take Five," the cool and catchy odd-metered tune that became the Brubeck quartet's theme. The tune was derived from a pattern that Morello liked to play backstage. Brubeck asked Desmond to write a two-part melody over the rhythm, and Brubeck patched the pieces together.

"It was a song that people could relate to, and it influenced the future of the music," said George Wein, a jazz pianist and founder of the Newport Jazz Festival.

Brubeck always felt that his successful jazz career led fans to overlook the second career he launched as a jazz-inspired classical orchestral and choral composer in 1967 after disbanding his original quartet.

Brubeck's experience in World War II led him to look beyond jazz to compose oratorios, cantatas and other extended works touching on themes involving religion, civil rights and peace.

"I knew I wanted to write on religious themes when I was a GI in World War II," Brubeck said, recalling how he was trapped behind German lines in the Battle of the Bulge and nearly killed. "I saw and experienced so much violence that I thought I could express my outrage best with music."

Brubeck's interest in classical music was inspired by his mother, Elizabeth Ivey Brubeck, a classical pianist, who was initially disappointed by her youngest son's interest in jazz. She later came to appreciate his music.

Born in Concord, Calif., on Dec. 6, 1920, Brubeck took piano lessons with his mother as a child. Then his father moved the family to a cattle ranch in the foothills of the Sierras. As a teenager, he played in local dance bands on weekends.

When he enrolled at the College of the Pacific in 1938, Brubeck had intended to major in veterinary medicine and return to ranching. But while working his way through college by playing piano in nightclubs, he became smitten with jazz and changed his major to music. In 1942, he married Iola Whitlock, a fellow student who became his lifelong partner, librettist and sometime manager.

Brubeck joined the Army as an infantry man but ended up leading the semi-official Wolf Pack band attached to Gen. George S. Patton's army. They played popular standards and some of his first original jazz tunes, including "We Crossed the Rhine," based on the rhythm of trucks hitting the metal pontoon bridges as the entered Germany.

His band, which was one of the first integrated units in the then-segregated Army, reopened the Opera House in Nuremberg, the site of mass rallies organized by the Nazis, who had banned jazz.

Years later, the addition of Wright to Brubeck's quartet made the group one of the nation's best-known integrated music acts. A longtime champion of civil rights, Brubeck cancelled lucrative gigs at Southern universities and on television's Bell Telephone Hour when the organizers insisted that he replace Wright. He refused to play in South Africa under apartheid.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Library events

The Midland County Public Library has three events planned.

■ A holiday open house is set for 4:30-6 p.m. today. There will be presentations on "Twelve Days of Christmas" and ballet.

■ Genealogist Richard L. Hooverson will be presenting "A Fast Ride Researching the Lone Star State" 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the upstairs meeting room.

■ Humanities Texas exhibit, Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, is on display until Dec. 31 at the reference section.

For more information, call Jamie Perkins at 688-4334.

Community calendar

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

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

■ An open house is planned 4-7 p.m. today at the Recording Library of West Texas Radio Station, 2012 W. Cuthbert Ave.

For more information or to RSVP, call 682-2731.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 20.

This month's featured book is "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Club meetings, support groups

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m., Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m.; Kim Butterfield, 288-2806 or Marge Frank, 218-9207.

Midland College holiday evening

The public is invited to chili supper, the opening of the Fall Student Art Show, a Hallway Art Sale and concerts by the Chap Singers and the MC Music Department Student Ensembles at Midland College's annual Holiday Evening tonight.

The schedule for the Midland tradition, which began 23 years ago, is as follows:

■ 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Frito Pie Chili Supper sponsored by Students in Philanthropy in the McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building. Cost is $5 per bowl (includes tea and dessert).

■ 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Christmas at the Dollye Neal Chapel is the setting for hot chocolate and hot cider and music by guitarist, Alberto Madrid.

■ 6:30 p.m. — MC President Steve Thomas will lead the annual "Lighting of the Carillon Tower." Caroling will be led by the MC Chap Singers.

■ 6:45 p.m. — Opening reception of the Fall Student Art Show, McCormick Gallery in the Allison Fine Arts Building. Holiday treats, hot chocolate and hot cider will be served. Children can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

■ 7:30 p.m. — "Sounds of Music" featuring MC Music Department Student Ensembles in concert in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building.

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.

Tuesday's total: 11,981,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,915,000, Paul Davis fields 3,066,000)

Nov. 27's total: 12,703,000 gallons

Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 160,982 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 106,980 acre-feet.

The average delivery from CRMWD for November was 10,035,067. The current average for December is 10,169,750.

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All or Nothing (day): 1-2-3-4-7-9-11-12-16-18-20-23
All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-4-5-6-7-10-13-17-18-20-24
All or Nothing (night): 2-3-6-7-8-10-12-15-20-22-23-24

Today in history

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about 4 feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Blake Baylor, the official popcorn chairman for Pack 641 in Midland, loads popcorn into his truck Wednesday at the Rocky Ford warehouse. Pack 641 raised $22,272 as part of their annual fundraising efforts. The Boy Scout groups in all 18 counties of West Texas raised a total of $400,000 this year.

POPCORN

From 1A

641, said the Scouts who sold the most popcorn out of the pack would get to shave his head.

"We had two kids who did real well, so I'm gonna let them share it," Baylor said. "I'm just gonna give them some shears and let them go at it."

Pack 641's Cubmaster will get a pie in the face for every Scout who sold more than $1,000 worth of popcorn, he said.

Greenwood-based Pack 53 had an "extremely large jump" amongst its ranks, which has helped boost popcorn sales and camaraderie, said Darcy Naylor, committee chair for the pack.

The pack's Scout roster jumped from 12 to 30. The amount of popcorn sold also increased from $2,500 to at least $14,000 in popcorn sales and military donations.

"That's the most we've ever had," Naylor said.

The pack has received $2,390 in military donations in lieu of popcorn, with one Cub Scout having $2,000 in military donations, she said.

The success of the pack is a testament to the hard work by the Scouts and their parents, who are encouraged to be actively involved in their sons' activities with the pack. The pack is treated more like a family than anything else, she said.

Blake Davis, popcorn colonel of the Chaparral District, works as a liaison for the fundraiser with the council. Davis said the popcorn sales offer a unique learning experience for the Scouts, including lessons on money management, communication skills and salesmanship. The amount of effort put into sales this year by the Scouts and their parents is remarkable, and it helps provide some ownership for the Scouts' expenses for other activities, he said.

"It's a great program to fund their Scouting experience," he said.

The popcorn sales experience can have a long-term effect on Scouts' education, as well. Scouts who sell more than $2,500 worth of popcorn at least once during their time in the organization are given a scholarship fund that will go toward college tuition, Davis said. Future money earned from popcorn sales will be added to that fund, he said.

For those who missed the initial popcorn sales, the council has extra popcorn for purchase. Call the council's office for more information.

James Durbin contributed to this story.

New recommendation extends lives of breast cancer patients

Associated Press

Breast cancer patients taking the drug tamoxifen can cut their chances of having the disease come back or kill them if they stay on the pills for 10 years instead of five years as doctors recommend now, a major study finds.

The results could change treatment, especially for younger women. The findings are a surprise because earlier research suggested that taking the hormone-blocking drug for longer than five years didn't help and might even be harmful.

In the new study, researchers found that women who took tamoxifen for 10 years lowered their risk of a recurrence by 25 percent and of dying of breast cancer by 29 percent compared to those who took the pills for just five years.

In absolute terms, continuing on tamoxifen kept three additional women out of every 100 from dying of breast cancer within five to 14 years from when their disease was diagnosed. When added to the benefit from the first five years of use, a decade of tamoxifen can cut breast cancer mortality in half during the second decade after diagnosis, researchers estimate.

Some women balk at taking a preventive drug for so long, but for those at high risk of a recurrence, "this will be a convincer that they should continue," said Dr. Peter Ravdin, director of the breast cancer program at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio.

He reviewed results of the study, which was being presented Wednesday at a breast cancer conference in San Antonio and published by the British medical journal Lancet.

"The result of this trial will have a major, immediate impact on premenopausal women," Ravdin said.

About 50,000 of the roughly 230,000 new cases of breast cancer in the United States each year occur in women before menopause. Most breast cancers are fueled by estrogen, and hormone blockers are known to cut the risk of recurrence in such cases.

Tamoxifen long was the top choice, but newer drugs called aromatase inhibitors — sold as Arimidex, Femara, Aromasin and in generic form — do the job with less risk of causing uterine cancer and other problems.

But the newer drugs don't work well before menopause. Even some women past menopause choose tamoxifen over the newer drugs, which cost more and have different side effects such as joint pain, bone loss and sexual problems.

The new study aimed to see whether over a very long time, longer treatment with tamoxifen could help.

Dr. Christina Davies, of the University of Oxford in England, and other researchers assigned 6,846 women who already had taken tamoxifen for five years to either stay on it or take dummy pills for another five years.

Researchers saw litile difference in the groups five to nine years after diagnosis. But beyond that time, 15 percent of women who had stopped taking tamoxifen after five years had died of breast cancer versus 12 percent of those who took it for 10 years. Cancer had returned in 25 percent of women on the shorter treatment versus 21 percent of those treated longer.

Tamoxifen had some troubling side effects: Longer use nearly doubled the risk of endometrial cancer. But it rarely proved fatal, and there was no increased risk among premenopausal women in the study — the very group tamoxifen helps most.

"Overall the benefits of extended tamoxifen seemed to outweigh the risks substantially," Dr. Trevor Powles of the Cancer Centre London wrote in an editorial published with the study.

The study was sponsored by cancer research organizations in Britain and Europe, the United States Army, and AstraZeneca PLC, which makes Nolvadex, a brand of tamoxifen, which also is sold as a generic for 10 to 50 cents a day.

MISTAKES

From 1A

a job review.

CPRIT's problems began in May when questions arose over a separate $20 million grant that was also insufficiently reviewed, and led to dozens of agency peer reviewers resigning in protest.

Tom Luce, a Dallas attorney appointed to the board this year, said the board had counted on Gilman to make sure rules were followed.

"I'm certain they felt like they were relying on you (to have) sufficient processes in place to assure something like this did not happen," Luce said.

CPRIT has spent the year mired in criticism and intensifying scrutiny after debuting in 2009 to widespread acclaim. The unprecedented state-run agency is home to the nation's second largest pot of cancer-research money, behind only the National Institutes of Health, and has awarded nearly $700 million.

An internal audit uncovered the irregularities surrounding Peloton's award in 2010. The agency says the company was unaware its 27-page proposal was never reviewed, and company executives have declined comment.

All grants must ultimately be approved by the agency's governing board. Gimson said Peloton's proposal wound up in front of that panel because Jerry Cobbs, the agency's former chief commercialization officer, mistakenly thought he was submitting a request to perform "due diligence" on the company. Instead, believing that Cobbs was recommending Peloton for funding, the board voted in 2010 to give Peloton $11 million, according to Gimson.

Gimson did not explain why Cobbs never corrected the board's action. Cobbs resigned from the agency last month, and attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful.

Gimson told board members Wednesday that the lapse in checks and balances occurred during the agency's infancy, when rules were still being put in place.

"It was a procedural nightmare," Gimson said.

According to the agency's internal audit, emails between Cobbs and former chief science officer Dr. Alfred Gilman about Peloton are no longer available. Neither a report from the agency's compliance officer nor a letter Gimson wrote to lawmakers this week explains why.

Peloton has so far received $3.2 million from the state. The rest of the funding had been frozen pending a review of the company's application.

James Mansour, a major political donor to Perry whom the governor appointed as chairman of the oversight board, said the Peloton discovery has been "embarrassing." He said he would have difficulty approving the company for funding without more assurance that Peloton does not have ties to agency officials.

CRASH

From 1A

crash but does not list the names of people involved.

Knudson said via email that the preliminary report is the first of thousands of pages of documents that will be released during the investigation.

"The investigation is expected to take 12-18 months to complete," Knudson said.

The report's details include that at 4:35 p.m. on Nov. 15, a 2006 Peterbilt truck-tractor in combination with a 2005 Transcraft D-Eagle drop-deck semitrailer (combination unit) was traveling southbound on Garfield Street. The Smith Industries-owned combination vehicle was driven by a 50-year-old man and had 24 passengers.

"The combination unit was approaching a highway-rail grade crossing equipped with gates and flashing red lights to warn highway users of approaching trains," according to the report.

The combination vehicle entered the Union Pacific Railroad-owned crossing at an estimated speed of 5 mph.

As the float entered the intersection, the train was traveling eastbound. The train was operated by a 35-year-old engineer and a 27-year old conductor. A video camera and external microphone on the lead locomotive recorded the train's speed at 62 mph.

"The engineer sounded the locomotive horn, placed the train brakes into an emergency application and traveled 4,143 feet before coming to a stop," according to the report.

The right-front center of the train hit the right rear of the semitrailer. The float then moved 30 feet south of the crossing and hit a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria occupied by a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy.

The vehicle served as both an escort to the parade floats and a blockade for the intersections along the parade's route, Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Wednesday.

The vehicle was "totaled," Painter said.

As a result of the accident, four parade float passengers were killed, according to the NTSB report.

Previous reports have indicated that 16 people were injured. But the NTSB report indicates five float passengers were seriously injured. Additionally, eight float passengers and a deputy sheriff received minor injuries.

The people not injured were the train conductor and engineer, the truck driver and seven other float passengers.

Astronaut braces for unprecedented year in space

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA astronaut Scott Kelly is already bracing for an unprecedented one-year mission aboard the International Space Station. He figures it will be as grueling as climbing Mount Everest.

"It's fun when you're done with it, not while you're doing it," Kelly said Wednesday, barely a week after being named to the marathon flight along with Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko.

The mission, set to begin in 2015, is intended as a medical test bed for even longer Mars expeditions in the decades ahead.

Space station life can be routine, Kelly noted during a news conference.

"In the morning, you wake up, you're at work. When you go to sleep, you're also at work. So imagine being in your office for a whole year and you never get to leave," he said. "That is a challenge and it presents its own set of issues, but I think I'm up for it."

As for being off the planet for that long, Kelly said he already knows how he reacts to horrific news while in orbit.

During his five-month space station mission that spanned 2010 and 2011, his sister-in-law, former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, was shot in an assassination attempt in Tucson, Ariz. She is married to Kelly's identical twin, Mark, who retired as a NASA astronaut last year.

"Certainly, nothing good comes out of anything like this. But as a result, I do know how I respond to something along those lines," he said.

Kelly, 48, a Navy captain, has two daughters from a previous marriage, ages 9 and 18. The youngest, Charlotte, screamed "awesome" when she learned her father was selected for the one-year mission.

Brother Mark was all for it. So was Giffords. When Mark told his wife, she said, "a year in space, that's great," Scott Kelly said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, in Russia, Kornienko's wife wept at the news. The 52-year-old cosmonaut, a rocket engineer with one daughter, said he initially had some doubts about taking on such a challenge. He previously spent six months in space.

"A year is a serious time," Kornienko said in Russian. But he said his doubts did not last long, "and actually it was my initiative."

Kelly was among four astronauts on NASA's short list for the assignment. Each had served as a commander aboard the space station, and was able to perform spacewalks and robot arm operations. Medical information also went into the selection: A crew member could not have exceeded his limit for exposure to cosmic radiation, for instance.

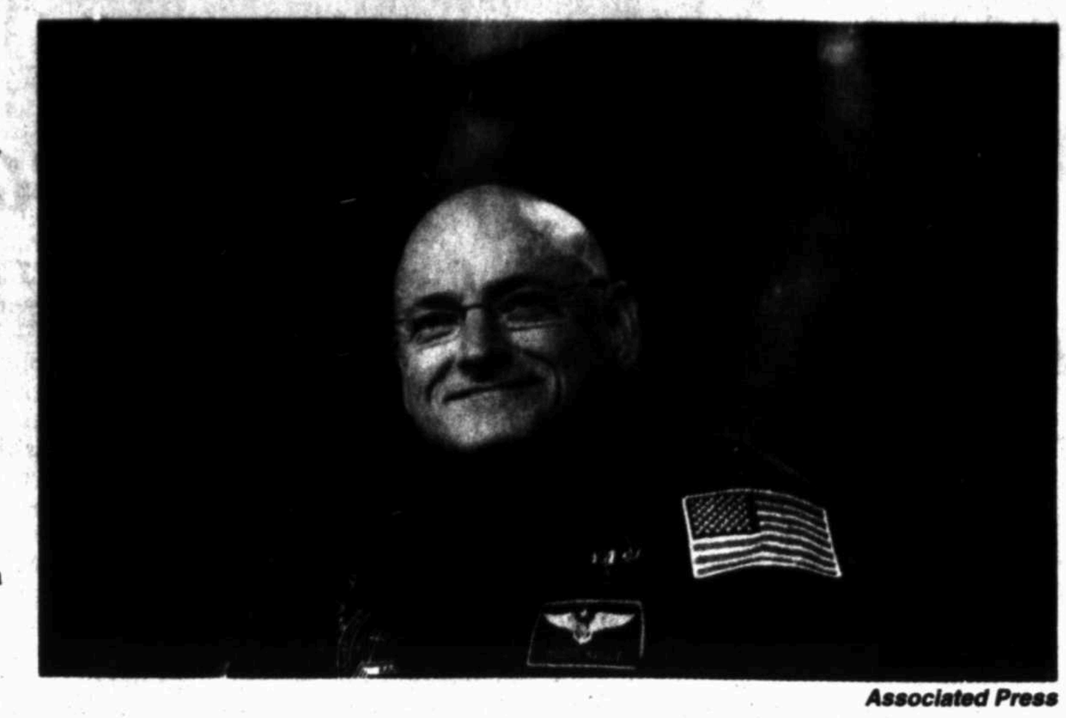
Kelly said he has no idea how or why he ended up being chosen. He will set a U.S. space endurance record with this mission. No American has spent more than seven months in space at a time.

Russia, on the other hand, already has experience with yearlong space travel. But it's limited to the old Mir space station and more than a decade has passed.

Four Russian cosmonauts have spent at least one uninterrupted year in space. Another two came close.

The world record — 14 months in a single mission — is held by Dr. Valery Polyakov.

"They all are alive and well today. Their health status is quite good for their age," said Dr. Igor Ushakov, director of the Institute for Biological Problems in Moscow.



Associated Press

NASA astronaut Scott Kelly listens to a question about his scheduled mission aboard the International Space Station during a briefing Wednesday at Johnson Space Center in Houston. Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko will spend an entire year aboard the International Space Station beginning in 2015.

Expert panel: NASA needs goal

NASA, the agency that epitomized the "Right Stuff," seems lost in space and doesn't have a clear sense of where it is going, an independent panel of science and engineering experts said in a stinging report Wednesday.

The one place the White House wants to send astronauts — an asteroid — doesn't seem to be getting the engines firing at NASA, they said.

"More than two years after the president announced the interim goal of sending humans to an asteroid by 2025, there has been little effort to initiate such a mission," said the report by a panel of the distinguished National Academy of Sciences.

In another withering passage, the panel said NASA's mission and vision statements are so vague and "generic" that they "could apply to almost any government research and development agency, omitting even the words 'aeronautics' or 'space.'"

The report doesn't blame the space agency; it faults President Barack Obama, Congress and the nation for not giving NASA better direction.

The space shuttles were retired in 2011 and are now museum pieces. Few people are paying attention to the International Space Station, and American astronauts have to rely on Russian spaceships to get there and back. Meanwhile, rocket-building is being outsourced to private companies, and a commercial venture plans to send people to the moon by the end of the decade.

Academy panel member Bob Crippen, a retired NASA manager and astronaut who piloted the first space shuttle mission, said he has never seen the space agency so adrift. He said that includes the decade between the end of the Apollo moon landings in the early 1970s and the beginning of the shuttle program.

"I think people (at NASA) want to be focused a little more and know where they are going," Crippen told The Associated Press.

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Don't be fooled about talk of deficit reduction

■ The president talks a good game but he and Democrats know the Fiscal Cliff provides an opportunity to raise taxes and expand government.



GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Even Jonathan Swift, who said promises and pie crusts are made to be broken, might have marveled at the limited shelf life of Barack Obama's promise of a "balanced" deficit-reduction plan — substantial spending cuts to accompany revenue increases. Obama made short shrift of that promise when he demanded $1.6 trillion in immediate tax increases and mostly unspecified domestic cuts. He also promised to cut $800 billion from 10 years of war spending that will end in two years, which is like "cutting" $800 billion by deciding not to build a ski resort on Mars.

Year after year, the Democratic-controlled Senate, ignoring the law, refuses to pass budgets. Year after year, Washington makes big government cheap by charging Americans only $6 for every $10 of government services, borrowing the difference. And the biggest purchaser of U.S. government debt is not China but ... the U.S. government, largely through the Federal Reserve. Yet what supposedly is horrifying is a sequester that would cut less than 3 percent of federal spending over the next decade?

Or horrible Grover Norquist. Although a surfeit of numbers are being bandied, a pertinent one is missing — the number of legislators who have pledged to Norquist not to raise taxes. The number is: Zero. All pledges have been to voters. Progressives lament the public's distrust of the political class, while urging many members of it to treat their promises as pie crusts.

Given progressives' "principled" refusal to countenance entitlement reforms, the principal drivers of the fiscal imbalance will not be untouched even by raising, from 65, the age of Medicare eligibility. In 1965, the year this program was created, the average life expectancies of men and women at age 65 were another 13.5 and 18 years respectively. Today they are 19 and 21, and rising. Given modern medical — especially pharmacological — marvels, longevity often involves living with several chronic ailments that might have been fatal a generation ago. For liberals, however, no demographic or scientific changes need be accommodated.

Democrats insist the manufactured unpleasantness due Jan. 1 is a crisis of insufficient revenues. But Jeffrey Dorfman, a University of Georgia economics professor, thinks arithmetic says otherwise. Writing for RealClearMarkets, he says possible tax increases and spending cuts would reduce the current deficit by less than a third, leaving a deficit larger than any run by any president not named Obama.

At the end of the Clinton administration, when the budget was balanced (largely by revenues generated by commercialization of the Internet), annual federal spending was $1.94 trillion and revenue was $2.10 trillion. "Adjusting for inflation and population growth since the start of 2001," Dorfman writes, "today's equivalents would be $2.77 trillion and $3.00 trillion," and a $230 billion surplus.

What is to blame for today's huge imbalance? The Bush tax cuts? The recession? Obama's spending? Dorfman answers yes, yes and yes — but that "spending is the main culprit" because: Today federal revenue is $2.67 trillion (slightly less than "the Clinton equivalent") and spending is $3.76 trillion, so we are spending $987 billion more than we would be if we had just increased Bill Clinton's last budget for inflation and population growth.

"Philosophy," said the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, "is a battle against the bewitchment of our intelligence by means of language." In unphilosophic Washington, bewitchment is cultivated. Notice how quickly and thoroughly a phrase used intermittently for more than 50 years — "fiscal cliff" — was made ubiquitous by one of Washington's least flamboyant speakers (Ben Bernanke). This melodramatic language encourages the supposition that plunging off the (metaphorical) cliff is unthinkable. But as this column has hitherto noted, the cliff's consequences — huge tax increases and defense cuts — *are* progressivism's agenda. And Obama needs to restock the pantry where he stores his excuses for his economic policy failures. The tax increases would augment his policy of enlarging government's control of the nation's economic output, and he could henceforth blame continuing economic anemia on Republicans who supposedly should have averted what progressives desire.

The shrillness of "cliff" talk bewitches minds that should be skeptical about the supposed point of all this -- deficit reduction. Conservatives, many of whom are such because they understand government's metabolic urge to metastasize, believe that spending cuts will be chimeras.

Given Obama's "principled" stance against "obdurate" Republicans, the cliff can be dodged only by imposing tax policies that further darken the nation's future, and government spending would continue to rise even under the sequester-imposed "austerity." More bewitchment of intelligence by language.

OUR VIEW

Technological advancements have served Midland, Basin well

Sometimes we forget how technology transforms our lives and how important it is to society as a whole. That point was made Tuesday during the CO_2 Conference at Midland Center where Charles McConnell was a guest speaker.

McConnell is the assistant secretary for fossil energy for the U.S. Department of Energy. He pointed out that technology has changed our lives in the past and has to be a product of change in our future.

"In 1850 America, 96 percent of the energy used was produced by man or beast," McConnell said. "With the advent of the Industrial Revolution, by 1950, a mere 100 years, 96 percent of the energy used was from fossil fuels. The Industrial Revolution opened up so much — energy was abundant, inexpensive and easy to use. At that same time, since 1950, that ratio hasn't changed. Fossil fuels are 87 percent of our energy and it's still abundant, inexpensive and part of our way of life."

Technology helped fuel that growth and opportunity and America has emerged as a great nation because of it. But technology doesn't become outdated. New technology continues to move us forward.

We're seeing that take place in the Permian Basin. New drilling technology, such as hydraulic fracturing, has changed the oil industry and has helped produce a new drilling boom.

McConnell also said that new technologies are vitally needed in the future and that those new technologies have the power to change how we live, create jobs and change the balance of trade.

Of course, McConnell was here to talk about the future of carbon capture and recovery. Certainly, new technology is desperately needed in this field to eliminate, as well as make use of, the massive amounts of CO_2. Coal plants could once again become the vogue should a cheap way be found to eliminate the escape of CO_2 into the atmosphere. Also, drilling can be enhanced by the storage and use of CO_2 in the drilling process.

New technology is the best job-creator known to man. Whole industries can pop up overnight with even one advancement in technology. It's probable that America's future success depends on the technology the nation can develop.

We should be proud that the oil and gas industry is doing its job in developing new technologies that impact our world, create jobs and make a difference in the everyday lives of Americans.

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Maybe Romney should retire later

■ Seems like the GOP nominee for president could be a valuable resource to help solve nation's problems.



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The nation is heading toward the "fiscal cliff," but have no fear: Mitt Romney is coming to the rescue — of Marriott International Inc.

In his first public comments since election night, the defeated Republican presidential nominee issued a statement Monday announcing his next step. An appeal to national unity? A charitable initiative?

No, he announced that he was rejoining the hotel chain's board of directors. "It is an honor to once again be able to serve in the company of leaders like Bill Marriott," said Romney's statement, distributed by Marriott.

It was emblematic of the tone-deaf, I-have-some-great-friends-that-are-NASCAR-team-owners moments that contributed to his loss. The country is in a crisis, political leaders are in a standoff, and Romney is joining his buddy's corporate board.

Romney is a private citizen now and free to do as he chooses. But it's not as if he needs the money; the $170,000 in cash and stock that Marriott directors received in the most recent year reported is but a sliver of the $20 million or so Romney takes in annually from his investments.

More to the point, Romney's first post-election move served to confirm the exhaustive report my Washington Post colleague Philip Rucker did on Romney's "rapid retreat into seclusion." Rucker, who covered the Romney campaign, wrote that in the former candidate's disappearance he is "exhibiting the same detachment that made it so difficult for him to connect with the body politic through six years of running for president."

Romney's post-election behavior has been, in a word, small. Never again, likely, will his voice and influence be as powerful as they are now. Yet rather than stepping forward to help find a way out of the fiscal standoff, or to help his party rebuild itself, he delivered a perfunctory concession speech, told wealthy donors that President Obama won by giving "gifts" to minorities, then avoided the press at a private lunch with the president.

Though keeping nominal residence in Massachusetts, the state he led as governor, Romney moved to his California home and has been spotted at Disneyland, at the new "Twilight" movie, at a pizza place, pumping gas and going to the gym. In warm weather, he plans to live at his lakefront manse in New Hampshire. The man who spoke passionately about his love for the American auto industry has been driving around in a new Audi Q7.

A former adviser, Eric Fehrnstrom, told Rucker that Romney will "be involved in some fashion" in public service. And nobody can begrudge Romney some downtime. But his failure to engage now, at a time when he could have the most clout, reinforces the impression that his candidacy was less about principle and patriotism than about him.

Romney wove through his campaign a sometimes stirring, sometimes corny patriotism, singing "America the Beautiful" and saying, "I ask the American people to vote for love of country."

It's understandable that Romney would now feel like shrinking from the scene: He offered the people a choice, and they chose otherwise. But this is a crucial time for the country and particularly for Romney's Republican Party, which must unshackle itself from the far right or become irrelevant.

His campaign manager, Matt Rhoades, expressed regret in recent days that the candidate was drawn into taking a hard line on immigration during the primaries. No less a Republican than Karl Rove pleaded for tolerance in the Republican Party, where "moderates and conservatives had gone at each other and made victory impossible."

Many in the GOP blame Romney for his defeat, particularly since his "gifts" remark. But his real problem was the positions he was forced to take. For him to speak out about this now could repair his party and help the country.

In the fiscal-cliff debate, it's not clear that John Boehner, Mitch McConnell or anybody else is in control of Republican backbenchers. GOP lawmakers such as Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia and Rep. Tom Cole of Oklahoma are treated as heretics for stating the obvious need to compromise. Romney's voice could help return his party to reason.

When Romney met Obama at the White House last week, the administration released a statement noting the menu (white turkey chili and Southwestern grilled chicken salad) and saying the two men "pledged to stay in touch, particularly if opportunities to work together on shared interests arise in the future."

Shared interests? Shouldn't keeping the nation out of economic calamity qualify as one of those?

Marriott and the Q7 can wait.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Senate passes $631B defense bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly approved a sweeping, $631 billion defense bill Tuesday that sends a clear signal to President Barack Obama to move quickly to get U.S. combat troops out of Afghanistan, tightens sanctions on Iran and limits the president's authority in handling terror suspects.

Ignoring a veto threat, the Senate voted 98-0 for the legislation that authorizes money for weapons, aircraft and ships and provides a 1.7 percent pay raise for military personnel. After a decade of increasing Pentagon budgets, the vote came against the backdrop of significant reductions in projected military spending and the threat of deeper cuts from the looming "fiscal cliff" of automatic spending cuts and tax increases.

The bill reflects the nation's war-weariness after more than a decade of fighting in Afghanistan, the messy uncertainty about new threats to U.S. security and Washington belt-tightening in times of trillion-dollar-plus deficits. Spending solely on the base defense budget has nearly doubled in the past 10 years, but the latest blueprint reins in the projected growth in military dollars.

The bill would provide about $526 billion for the base defense budget, $17 billion for defense programs in the Energy Department and about $88 billion for the war in Afghanistan. House and Senate negotiators must reconcile their competing versions of the bill in the next few weeks.

"The major challenge is time," Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., told reporters after the vote.

Reacting to the relentless violence in Syria, the Senate voted 92-6 to require the Pentagon to report to Congress on the ability of the U.S. military to impose a no-fly zone over Syria.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who has pushed for greater U.S. military involvement to end the Syrian civil war, sponsored the amendment. Obama on Monday warned Syrian President Bashar Assad not to use chemical and/or biological weapons against his people as the U.S. and its allies weigh military options.

Poll shows support for raising taxes on the rich

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans prefer letting tax cuts expire for the country's top earners, as President Barack Obama insists, while support has declined for cutting government services to curb budget deficits, an Associated Press-GfK poll shows. Fewer than half the Republicans polled favor continuing the Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthy.

There's also a reluctance to trim Social Security, Medicare or defense programs, three of the biggest drivers of federal spending, the survey released Wednesday found. The results could strengthen Obama's hand in his fiscal cliff duel with Republicans, in which he wants to raise taxes on the rich and cut spending by less than the GOP wants.

As Obama and Republicans joust over ways to avoid tumbling over the cliff when the new year begins, the poll offers scant evidence that the public is willing to sacrifice much when it comes to specific cuts in the name of budget austerity.

Social Security, Medicare and defense account for just over half the $3.8 trillion the government is projected to spend this year. Voters typically voice support for deficit reduction but shy away from painful, detailed cuts to achieve it.

In the poll, 48 percent said tax cuts should expire in January on earnings over $250,000 but continue for lower incomes.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama smiles as he is introduced by Jim McNerney, chief executive officer of The Boeing Company, before speaking about the "fiscal cliff" during an address before the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers, Wednesday in Washington.

An additional 32 percent said the tax cuts should continue for everybody, which has been the view of Republican lawmakers who say raising taxes on the wealthy would squelch their ability to create jobs. Thirteen percent said the tax cuts dating back to 2001 and 2003 should end for all.

Support for renewing the tax cuts for everyone has ebbed among Republicans since 2010, dropping from a high of 74 percent just after the GOP recaptured the House in that year's elections to 48 percent now. Among Democrats, support for allowing tax cuts for the wealthy to expire was a robust 61 percent, though down slightly from two years ago.

Unless the two parties strike a deal, the new year will begin with the triggering of broad spending cuts plus tax boosts on almost every taxpayer. Economists warn that the brew of sharp deficit cuts — nicknamed the fiscal cliff — could revive the recession.

The battle is occurring when the public trusts the two parties about equally to handle the deficits. Democrats have a slight edge on handling taxes but enjoy a much bigger preference when it comes to addressing Medicare, according to the poll.

Obama was re-elected last month insisting that taxes be raised on the rich as their contribution to deficit reduction. He has proposed continuing Bush-era tax cuts for all but the country's top earners, letting taxes rise on income exceeding $200,000 for individuals and $250,000 for couples.

Though Republican lawmakers have long opposed raising taxes on the highest earners, GOP leaders have proposed curbing unspecified tax deductions to avert the fiscal cliff, raising revenue that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, says could come from upper-income people.

The new poll found that, by 46 percent to 30 percent, more favor cutting government services to raising taxes to tackle budget deficits. That sentiment echoes the view of the GOP, which has emphasized spending cuts during four years of budget battles with Obama.

Yet support for trimming government services has dropped in AP-GfK polls. It was 56 percent last February and 62 percent in March 2011.

Thirteen percent said budget balancing efforts should focus equally on service cuts and higher taxes, more than doubling that sentiment in previous polls.

When it comes to specifics, people are leery.

By 48 percent to 40 percent, more oppose proposals to gradually raise the eligibility age for Medicare from 65. Only 3 in 10 support slowing the growth of annual Social Security benefits. And more people oppose than favor cutting military spending.

Sentiments about culling savings from Social Security and Medicare were similar among Democrats and Republicans. The strongest opposition to raising the Medicare eligibility age came from people ages 30 to 64. People 50 to 64 were most opposed to slowing the growth of Social Security benefits.

Just over half of Democrats favor cutting defense; two-thirds of Republicans oppose it.

People were about evenly split over an idea voiced by defeated GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney to put a dollar limit on taxpayers' deductions.

Another idea — ending the tax deduction for home mortgage interest in exchange for lower income tax rates — was favored 42 percent to 33 percent, slightly less support than the proposal received in 2010. Homeowners were closely divided over the proposal.

Just over half the poll respondents say they doubt Obama will be able to reduce budget deficits during his remaining four years in office. In his first days in office in 2009, more people than not thought he would be able to do so.

The poll found little change in the nation's partisan makeup after the contentious presidential election campaign, with 33 percent saying they consider themselves Democrats, 23 percent Republicans and 27 percent independents. That's about the same as in AP-GfK polling over the past six months.

The Associated Press-GfK poll was conducted Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,002 adults nationwide. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.

Social Security fast-tracks rare disease claims

Associated Press

WASHINGTON— In an effort to ease the burden of being stricken with a debilitating condition, the Social Security Administration is expanding a program that fast-tracks disability claims by people who get serious illnesses such as cancer, early-onset Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease — claims that could take months or years to approve in the past.

While providing faster benefits, the program also is designed to ease the workload of an agency that has been swamped by disability claims since the economic recession a few years ago.

Disability claims are up by more than 20 percent from 2008. The Compassionate Allowances program approves many claims for a select group of conditions within a few days, Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue said. The program will be expanded today to include a total of 200 diseases and conditions.

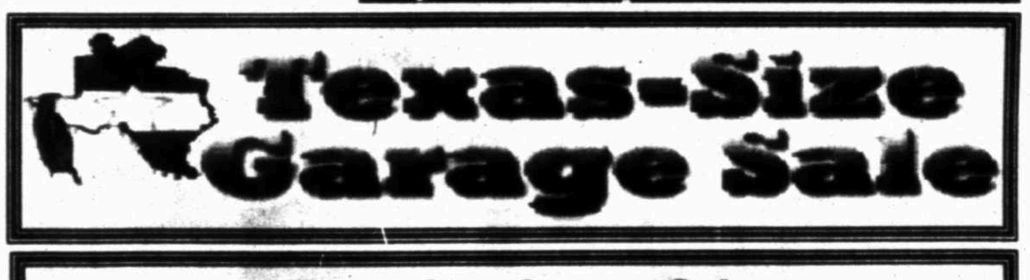
Many of the conditions are rare; all of them are so serious that people who suffer from them easily meet the government's definition of being disabled, Astrue said. With proper documentation, these are relatively easy cases for the agency to decide, too easy to put through the usual time-consuming process that other applicants face, he said.

"Why for someone who is going to die within 15 months do we need 15 years of medical records?" Astrue said in an interview. "If somebody's got a confirmed diagnosis of ALS, you know that in essence, it's not only a disability, it's a death sentence, and there is no use in burdening them with paperwork."

High demand during the sour economy has made it difficult for Social Security to reduce disability claims backlogs and wait times for decisions. About 3.2 million people have applied for disability benefits this year, up from 2.6 million in 2008, the agency said.

Two-thirds of initial applications are rejected, according to the agency. If your benefit claim is rejected, you can appeal to an administrative law judge, but the hearing process takes an average of 354 days to get a decision. In 2008, it took an average of 509 days, according to agency statistics.





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NEW YORK

Woman thanks cop with $1K, but he can't keep it

GUILDERLAND — New York State Police are trying to find the woman who handed an on-duty trooper a holiday card with $1,000 cash inside.

Under New York law, members of the state police can't accept such gifts.

So state police officials are seeking the public's help in finding the woman who gave the money to Trooper Christopher Maniscalco in the Albany suburb of Guilderland on Sunday. They said they want the woman to tell them where she would like the donation to go.

Police said the woman told Maniscalco she had seen him doing a good job and wanted to say Merry Christmas and thank you. Officials said it wasn't until after his shift ended that the trooper opened the card and saw the money.

MAINE

Police: Man says prostitute owes 10 minutes

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Police in Maine say a man called them to complain a prostitute hadn't given him his money's worth — so they arrested him.

Police said New Hampshire resident Scott Pipher was arrested this week. The 34-year-old is charged with engaging a prostitute.

New Hampshire's The Portsmouth Herald newspaper reported Wednesday the police investigation started in the spring.

Old Orchard Beach police said Pipher called them March 25 to complain a woman he'd hired "shorted him by 10 minutes."

Police said their investigation also led to the arrests of two women believed to be prostitutes contacted by Pipher through a website.

Pipher is scheduled to be arraigned in Maine District Court in Biddeford next week. Telephone calls to numbers listed for him in Portsmouth, N.H., have gone unanswered.

PENNSYLVANIA

Residents put ribbon on burned-out house

PENN HILLS — Some residents of a Pittsburgh suburb have gift-wrapped something they hope will be gone by Christmas: a charred and abandoned house that burned nine months ago.

Amy Davis told WPXI-TV that residents put a big red bow on the house next door to hers so that Penn Hills officials will get moving on tearing it down. The house burned in March.

Residents said it's unsafe, an eyesore and that they fear it could harm their property values.

Davis said gift-wrapping the house "was done in jest to bring light to a situation where there's no humor at all." She says the fire frightened her and caused $8,000 worth of damage to her 100-year-old home.

Municipal code enforcement officer John McCafferty told the TV station he just got approval to tear down the home.

PARIS

18th-century French chateau razed 'by mistake'

PARIS — Residents of a sleepy French village in Bordeaux have been left dumbfounded after discovering their local 18th-century chateau was completely bulldozed "by mistake."

The mayor's office in Yvrac said Wednesday that workers who were hired to renovate the grand 140,000-square-foot manor and raze a small building on the same estate in southwest France mixed them up.

"The Chateau de Bellevue was Yvrac's pride and joy," said former owner Juliette Marmie. "The whole village is in shock. How can this construction firm make such a mistake?"

Local media reported that the construction company misunderstood the renovation plans of the current owner, Russian businessman Dmitry Stroskin, to clean up the manor and restore it to its former baroque glory.

Stroskin was away when the calamity occurred and returned home to discover his chateau, a local treasure boasting a grand hall that could host some 200 people, as well as a sweeping stone staircase — was nothing but rubble.

"I'm in shock ... I understand the turmoil of the community," local media quoted Stroskin as saying.

He told them he plans to build an exact replica of lost manor on the site.

PENNSYLVANIA

Nativity scene Jesus returned; replacement swiped

CHAMBERSBURG — A baby Jesus figure taken from a Pennsylvania church's Nativity scene last year was found cradled in the arms of a nearby statue, just hours before the replacement statue was swiped.

The vintage figurine was taken last year from outside Chambersburg's Central Presbyterian Church. It was found Sunday in the arms of a bronze Civil War soldier statue across the town square.

A local business had replaced the Jesus statue when the Nativity scene was set up a couple weeks ago. The Chambersburg Public Opinion reported that replacement statue was swiped sometime after services on Sunday.

Congregant Buffy Super called the statue's return a "Christmas miracle." Another said the church will have to considering securing the statue to deter theft.

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United Way of Midland nears fundraising goal

Organization has raised $2.8 million; donors can make Christmas contributions

From staff reports

The United Way of Midland has reached 81 percent of its $3.5 million 2013 campaign goal.

The campaign has raised $2,832,143 to date, as compared to $2,553,711 at this time last year, said Whitney Roland, resource development campaign director.

"The United Way of Midland campaign is still in full swing. With the recent growth in population, we are certainly seeing increased needs in our community, and so we still need your support," Roland said.

Campaign contributions 2000-2011

Year	Amount raised	2004	$3,100,921	2009	$3,052,646
2000	$3,021,928	2005	$3,000,112	2010	$3,155,522
2001	$3,001,924	2006	$3,200,333	2011	$3,301,879
2002	$3,001,314	2007	$3,300,000		
2003	$3,020,476	2008	$3,300,825		

From staff reports

Until Christmas, donations of $25 or more can be made in honor of individuals, and a holiday card will be sent to the recipient acknowledging the gift, said Executive Director Donna Mahurin in a news release.

"This year we are offering a great way to benefit the community and finish your Christmas shopping by giving a gift that gives back," said Mahurin said. "It is a great way to honor your boss, your co-workers, family members or anyone special this holiday season."

The campaign will run through February and donations are accepted online through www.uwmidland.org, Roland said.

The United Way of Midland helps fund 47 programs, provides community and technical assistance grants to local nonprofits and supports two collaborative initiatives, The Whole Child and the XY-Zone.

More than 200 volunteers help raise funds that benefit more than 54,000 Midland County residents.

SWEETPERFORMANCE





ABOVE: Oompa Loopas in the cast of Midland High School's production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," who are being played by local elementary students, rehearse a scene Wednesday.

RIGHT: The cast rehearses a scene Wednesday in the Midland High Auditorium.

PHOTOS BY JAMES DURBIN REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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

KEN HERMAN

Cox Newspapers



Is it time to consider deporting yourself?

Assuming we will avoid careening off the "fiscal cliff" (though optimistic, I'm buying a parachute), it seems the geniuses we've selected to represent us in Washington might, at long last, be ready to get serious about another long-simmering issue — immigration reform.

There now seems to be some political energy, driven largely by the GOP's discovery of Hispanics, that could put this important topic in the stars-aligned category. We'll see. There are lots of ways to go on this issue. I would hope inaction is not one.

Before we get to the real point of today's column (A quiz. People like quizzes), I have some random thoughts you might or might not share about immigration.

First, let's consider one of the great buzz phrases floating around in the debate: "A pathway to citizenship." Let the record show we now have and always have had a pathway to citizenship. There are laws about how a foreigner can become an American.

My grandparents used that pathway to legally become Americans, as did many of your ancestors. Sounds to me like "pathway to citizenship" now is improperly being used by some who choose not to acknowledge they're seeking a pathway for folks who are here as a result of an illegal pathway across the border.

Please see **HERMAN**/4B

Texas officials grapple with effects of 'fiscal cliff'

By Tim Eaton

Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — If President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans cannot avoid tripping off the edge of the so-called fiscal cliff, then the Texas budget could be more than $1 billion short over the next two years.

But fewer federal dollars flowing through the state budget would be just part of the problem for Texas.

The state could feel an even bigger pinch because Texas is so dependent on other federal dollars associated with defense, homeland security and border protection, said Eva DeLuna Castro, senior budget analyst for Center for Public Policy Priorities.

The potential for cuts to the state budget and to direct federal spending in Texas is serious enough that state lawmakers plan a hearing on the issue next week, with testimony invited from state agency officials and others about the possible impact.

Federal spending in Texas is about one-fifth of the total economy, DeLuna Castro said. Based on 2010 figures, $226 billion federal dollars were spent in Texas. Social Security made up $43 billion of the spending; Medicare accounted for $16 billion; and defense spending totaled $59 billion, DeLuna Castro said.

As far as the state budget goes, automatic federal spending cuts — which would be triggered Jan. 2 by the sequestration outlined in the Budget Control Act of 2011 — could reach $1.1 billion and affect 13 state agencies, according to the state's Legislative Budget Board.

"It's not going to seem like the end of the world," DeLuna Castro said. She added that the

Please see **CLIFF**/4B



U.S. bound traffic is low as the day starts in downtown Laredo on Sept. 19. Border protection heavily depends on federal dollars, but the Texas budget could be short more than $1 billion over the next two years if the county reaches its "fiscal cliff."

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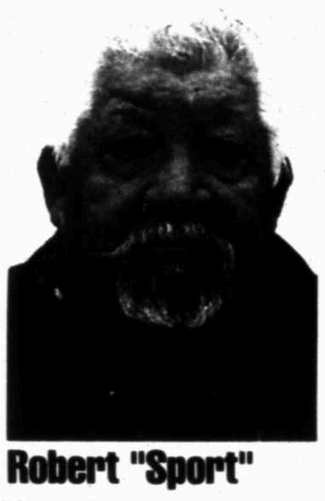
Norma Van Riper

Norma Van Riper, 82, of Midland, passed away Saturday, December 1, 2012, in Midland. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am. Friday, December 7, 2012 at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery with Tim Baugh, officiating.

Norma was born March 9, 1930, in Altus, OK. She loved working in the yard, gardening, sewing and quilting. She was involved with the Senior Citizens Center in Brownwood and other various activities there. Norma moved to Midland in 2010 to live closer to her son.

Survivors include son, Dr. James Van Riper and wife Marcy of Odessa; son, Irving K. Van Riper, Jr. and wife Karen of San Diego, CA; son, Richard D. Van Riper of Tucson, AZ; and grandchildren, Kyle Van Riper, Chase Van Riper, and Conner Van Riper.

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



Robert "Sport" Rodriquez

Robert "Sport" Rodriquez, 75, a Catholic member of Our Lady of San Juan was called home December 2, 2012, in Odessa, TX. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Gillett, Texas June 8, 1937 to Marcelino and Conception Rodriquez. Robert was preceded in death by his son, Jesse G. Rodriquez; sister, Amelia R. Silvas; brother, Abelardo "Labro" Rodriquez; brother, Erasmo Rodriquez; and great-granddaughter, Sadie LeAnn Munoz.

Carrying his memory on his wife, Eduviges C. Rodriquez "Ida" and his daughters, Mary (Robert) Hernandez of Odessa, TX; Vicky (Max) Campos of Odessa; Maria "Bebe" (Frank) Plasencia of Odessa; Samantha (Pete) Friar of Odessa; Norma (Larry) Sabrano of Odessa; Lillie Mae (Lupe) Vasquez of Beville, TX; Gloria Rodriquez of Beeville; and Nelda Rodgers of Brian, TX. Sons, Tony Rodriquez of San Angelo, TX; and Robert Joe Rodriquez of Odessa, TX; along with his pride and joy's his grandson's Jesse G, O'Ryan, Jayden and Joe Rodriquez. He also leaves behind 28 grandkids and 34 great grandkids and three brothers Rudy "Lelo" (Emma) Rodriquez, Billy (Delia) Rodriquez and Pete (Connie) Rodriquez.

Robert known as "Sport" to many was an amazing man of his word. Sport was given to him by friends because he did everything as a Sport not a hobby. He was the proud owner for 35 years of R.J. Fencing, now being carried on by his wife and family. He was a grand fighter just as the roosters he loved to raise. He loved to go dancing and would hang out with his family and friends at Rumors and dance the night away. Favorite song: Charanga by Fandango USA. Fishing was his home away from home any chance he could be at the lake fishing he was there. He will be missed dearly and remembered by many.

The family would like to thank all the staff at MCH and ORMC Odessa, TX and Westwood Midland, TX, RN Charles and Donna, CNA Naomi. Also, the one he called his guardian angel his grandson-in-law, Anthony Bustillos RN he had saved his life twice and asked him to take care of him to the end. Rest in Paradise Robert "Sport" Rodriguez we will forever carry on your memory. He leaves a grand legacy behind that will be carried on for many years to come. We love you and you will be greatly missed.

Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home. Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 7, 2012 at Our Lady of San Juan with Father Michael Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME



Sheridan W. "Bill" Tift

Sheridan W. "Bill" Tift, age 87, died Monday, December 3, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family.

Bill was born on August 27, 1925, in Bowman, North Dakota, to Stephen W. Tift and Ora Warner Tift. Both parents were from pioneer families who homesteaded in southwestern North Dakota, in the early years of the twentieth century.

Bill attended public schools, through high school in Mitchell, South Dakota. He enjoyed all sports, but excelled in track and baseball. Bill's ambition was to fly for the Army Air Corps. After the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps, at the age of 17. He trained as a flight engineer on B-29's. Bill earned his wings and graduated just as the war ended.

College was made possible by the G.I. Bill, and he earned a B.S. in Geological Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, at Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1952. Immediately following college, Bill married Mary Ryan in Redwood City, California, and the two moved to Ozona, Texas, where Bill began his 39-year career as a geophysicist, first with The Superior Oil Company and then Anadarko Production Company. He spent the last 20 years working as a consulting geophysicist - work he thoroughly enjoyed.

As a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Bill was active in many church programs. He served as an usher for approximately 30 years and was a caseworker for the St. Vincent de Paul Society for 25 years, serving the poor of Midland.

Bill had many hobbies. He enjoyed reading, hunting, and building and flying model airplanes. He collected vintage model airplane engines and was a published author on the subject. He designed and built target rifles and enjoyed competitive shooting.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years and his four children: Barbara Truitt, Steve Tift (wife, Mary), Maureen Watts (husband, Lane) and John Tift. Also surviving him are 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

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Vito Victor Scarpelli

Vito Victor Scarpelli, 90, died Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at his home in Midland, Texas after a long illness. Vic, as he was known, was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 18, 1922 to Joseph and Rose (Moscarella) Scarpelli and was raised from an early age by his mother and second father, John Scarpelli, after his father died.

Vic was a World War II Navy veteran of the South Pacific and North Africa campaigns. While in the service he married Ivadel Mitchell of Baird, Callahan County, Texas. The couple had a son, Jonathan and a daughter, Diane (Vee Ve). Upon his discharge from the Navy, Vic attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas and graduated with a degree in Commercial Art.

The family moved to Fort Worth, Texas where Vic joined an insurance company as a salesman. In the early 1950's they moved to Midland where Vic managed the Odessa office of the Rio Grande Life Insurance Company. He left the insurance business to join KMID TV as Art Director and Promotion Manager and for a brief period of time taught at Odessa College and was a freelance commercial artist. In the late 1950's, Vic entered the commercial sign business designing signs first for Pylant Sign Company and later Anthony Sign Company. In the 1960's Vic bought and managed Anthony Sign Company until his retirement in 1986.

Vic and Iva divorced in 1972 and he married in April 1978 to Linda Robbins, who brought to the marriage four daughters: Sharon, Vicky, Cindy and Amy.

Vic is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Jonathan (and Becky Barefoot) Scarpelli of Sedalia, Colorado; daughter, Diane (and Wayne) Dieringer of Pflugerville, Texas; Sharon (and John) Glidwell of Midland, Texas; Vicky Busbee and Cindy (and Steve) Cumings of Austin, Texas; Amy (and Scott) Braley of Sacramento, California; 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 2 nieces and his beloved dogs, Misty and Sandy.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at Hospice Midland Inspiration Center, 4629 Andrews Highway, in Midland at 11 a.m.



Willie Faye Eads

Willie Faye (Gaines) Eads was born September 23, 1934 to Bob and Lillie (King) Gaines in Edith, Texas. Mrs. Eads was sent to The Lord on December 4, 2012 which would have been her 62nd wedding anniversary.

Willie married the love of her life Jesse Eads Jr. in Lovington, New Mexico in 1950. They resided in Robert Lee, TX for the remainder of their lives and they had one son Jesse Eads III. She enjoyed working for many of the cafes in town and enjoyed taking care of her grand kids.

Willie's love for her family and friends was endless. She was truly one of a kind. She touched the lives of so many people. Though she is gone from our presence, the memories made will bring a smile to each face and she will never be gone from our hearts and thoughts.

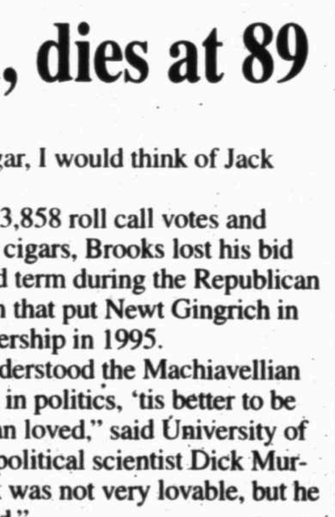
Left to cherish her memory is her sister Bertie Mae (Gaines) Wanker; her grandchildren, Jesse Eads IV, John Eads, Kayla (Eads) Magana, and Marie Dominguez; her great-grandchildren, Ashlynn Dominguez and Athen Dominguez; her niece, Joyce Allen; nephews, Fred Wanker and Frank Wanker and one daughter in law, Jeanette Eads.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jesse Eads Jr., her son Jesse Eads III; her parents Bob and Lillie Gaines; three brothers and many nieces and nephews. She is also preceded by her very special dog, who she loved so very much, Bruno.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012, at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church. Pallbearers will be Frank Wanker, Oscar Dominguez, Anthony Magana, Bobby Bolding, Brady Bolding, Derek Goldsmith

Burial will follow in the Robert Lee Cemetery.

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Robert Lee
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Gabriel Ryan Hernandez

Gabriel Ryan Hernandez went to be with his Heavenly Father, on Sunday, December 2, 2012.

Gabriel was born on February 28, 2003, in Hobbs, New Mexico. He accomplished many things in the 9 years of his life. Gabriel was an amazing artist, he loved to sing and dance for his family and friends. When the opportunity came for him to show off his dance moves, he was front and center. He had an unbelievably large collection of cars. His police cars, task force, and SWAT cars were his favorites. Gabriel also loved to read, especially factual books. Talk to him about any shark and he would know everything about it. Gabriel loved everything about the military and law enforcement. Anyone who knew Gabriel knew he could be found "geared up", running around planning "attacks", and playing sniper, waiting for his shot. Gabriel loved playing baseball and football. Baseball was his favorite. Gabriel loved to spend time with his family and could not wait for those weekends at his Nana and Papa's house. Gabriel especially loved the holidays because he knew all of his cousins would be there to play with him all day long. Gabriel was an excellent student and his teachers and classmates would vouch for that.

These few lines are just a little bit about our Gabe. We love him and he will forever be missed.

Gabriel was preceded in death by his great grandfather, Alberto Hernandez and his great grandmother, Pat Trevino.

He is survived by his parents, Juan and Krista Gomez; parents, Jonathan and Jennifer Castillo; his sisters, Emilie Gomez and Sophie Gomez; siblings, Jamian, Jeveah, Jonathan, and Jaesin Ramirez; and his grandparents, Albert and Cecilia Hernandez; and grandparents, Debbie Agureo and Timothy Ramirez. He is also survived by his aunts, Des, Lily, Sarah, Dre, and Hali; his cousins, J (Aiyana), Ari, Nelly (Ny'elle), Bubba (Nathan), Jett, Jordan, Zyra, and Sara.

A visitation and rosary will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., with the rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Father Gilbert Rodriquez, presiding.

Condolences and memories may be shared online at: www.ellisfunerals.com .

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Death Notices

Charlie Jake Turner

Charlie Jake Turner, 59, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2012, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda; two sons, Charlie Jake Turner, Jr. and Christopher Turner; two daughters, Kinshay Harris and April Turner; mother, Terry Turner; three brothers; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dale Wayne Akin

Dale Wayne Akin, 24, of Odessa, passed away Tuesday, December 4, 2012, in Stanton.

Services are pending with Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

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

Gabe Wiley Lawson

Gabe Wiley Lawson, 36, of Midland passed away on December 2, 2012.

Viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 from 12:00-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 6, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

He is survived by his parents, Patrick and Barbara Lawson; son, Alex Lawson and his mother, Tiffany Lawson; sister Michelle and Dan Gillis; sister, Regan Lawson; brother, Gar and Tara Lawson; aunt, Mitzi and Terry Griffith. He is also survived by numerous nieces, and nephews.

Irene Brown Goodman

Irene Brown Goodman passed away Sunday, December 2, 2012, in Flower Mound, Texas.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhea Dell Hodgson and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Robert Brown and Lucy Long Brown; her husband, O. A. Goodman; and one son, Hugh "Rocky" Goodman.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2012, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Funerl arrangements by Ellis Funeral Home.

Jose Luis Barron

Jose Luis Barron, 56, of Midland, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, December 3, 2012, in Midland.

Jose leaves behind his wife, Sylvia Barron; his son, Luis Emanuel Barron; his daughter, Mayra Barron Villalba; eight brothers; one sister; his mother, Anita Barron; and numerous grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at St. Stephens Catholic Church, with Father Gilberto Rodriguez, officiating. A rosary will be held tonight, at 7:00 p.m., at Heavenly Gate Chapel.

Services were entrusted to the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Josephine Gonzalez

Funeral service for Josephine Gonzalez, 92, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Josephine Gonzalez died December 4, 2012, at a local hospital.

Sharon Brummett

Sharon Brummett, 48, of Rhome, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2012.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2012, at the Vealmoor Cemetery.

She is survived by her fiancé, Mark Vanausdall of Rhome; one brother, Audry Brummett (Debbie); one sister, Joie Bayes (Brobbie); one niece; and several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Jack Brooks, Texas political legend, dies at 89

By Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

Jack Brooks, a legendary Texas congressman whose feisty demeanor, salty language and uncanny ability to get things done made him a legend on Capitol Hill, died Tuesday night at Beaumont Baptist Hospital at age 89.

Over a half-century, Brooks went from being a protégé of House Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson to serving as a mentor to generations of Democrats including current Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The decorated World War II Marine was one of the last great figures of the lost era of Democratic hegemony in Texas. He served for 42 years in Congress, chairing two committees with an iron fist and occasionally infuriating Republicans ranging from President Richard Nixon to House Minority Whip Dick Cheney with his hard-driving tactics and Texas chauvinism.

"Jack was a legend — he came out of central casting," said Rep. Charlie Rangel, a New York Democrat who served on the House Judiciary Committee with Brooks. "If I wanted to think of the meanest Texas cowboy with a cigar, I would think of Jack Brooks."

After 13,858 roll call votes and countless cigars, Brooks lost his bid for a 22nd term during the Republican revolution that put Newt Gingrich in the speakership in 1995.

"He understood the Machiavellian point that in politics, 'tis better to be feared than loved," said University of Houston political scientist Dick Murray. "Jack was not very lovable, but he was feared."

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Brooks was surrounded by his family when he died Tuesday of a sudden illness.

Longtime Houston-area town mayor dies at 92

Associated Press

RICHMOND — Hilmar Moore has died at age 92 after serving since 1949 as mayor of the Southeast Texas town of Richmond, near Houston.

Moore's widow, Evelyn Moore, says her husband died Tuesday night after a lengthy illness.

The Richmond city website says Moore was the nation's longest-serving mayor of uninterrupted tenure.

The San Antonio native ran cattle on land that had been in the family since 1822. His mother was a member of the prominent Guenther milling family in San Antonio.

The Army Air Corps veteran returned to the area after World War II service in the Pacific. He was appointed to fill an unexpired term in September 1949, when the town had just over 2,000 residents.

Ex-President Bush improves but still hospitalized

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush is undergoing more physical therapy as part of treatment for a painful cough that has forced him to stay in a Houston hospital for almost two weeks.

Methodist Hospital spokesman George Kovacik said Wednesday that the 41st president remains in stable condition with a bronchitis-related cough.

Kovacik says the 88-year-old Bush has been increasing his physical therapy activities, such as getting up and moving around more Wednesday than he has in the past few days. Kovacik says doctors are pleased with Bush's improvement.

No date is set for his discharge.

Bush has been hospitalized since the day after Thanksgiving. Bush's ailment is described as not life-threatening but painful. Bush and his wife, Barbara, split their time between homes in Houston and Kennebunkport, Maine.

Sheriff: No evidence of foul play in 'hanging' death

From staff reports

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Wednesday that the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office did not find evidence of foul play in the case of a 9-year-old boy who was found hanging from a tree at a local mobile home park Sunday.

The medical examiner's report confirmed the cause of death was "hanging," according to a press release from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 David Cobos has ruled the death was accidental, the county reported.

When sheriff's deputies responded to a call at 5:02 p.m. Sunday at Airline Mobile Home Park, they found the boy hanging from a garden hose.

The boy was playing with other children, and at one point the other kids left.

The children returned a short time later and found him hanging from a garden hose tied between two trees, according to a previous press release. Painter said the hose had a loop in the middle, and the kids had used the hose for swinging and climbing.

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.

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

Woman charged with DWI after hitting airport police car

From staff reports

A woman was charged with driving while intoxicated after she hit a police car at Midland International Airport Wednesday afternoon, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Police officers responded to the fleet accident call at 2:40 p.m. and found that Sherrie Carter, 61, was heading toward the terminal entryway in a silver 1996 Lincoln Towncar when she veered onto the terminal sidewalk. She continued driving on the sidewalk, hit four signs and narrowly missed several pedestrians until striking an unoccupied MPD fleet vehicle, according to the release.

Carter was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (second offense) after police discovered she was under the influence of prescription narcotics.

Carter also was cited for driving on a sidewalk.

There weren't any injuries reported, according to the release.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Monica L. Gallardo, 31, of Midland was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Keith A. Green, 28, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and a charge of sexual assault.

Larry Green, 43, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of theft less than $1,500 with two or more convictions and a charge of credit or debit card abuse.

Jeana Martinez, 22, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Cameron Lee Massey, 19, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Anna Maria Moreno, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jesus Lara Najera, 52, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jeremy C. Villanueva, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday on two charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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PRIMETIME BROADCAST

	G	S	R	S	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Resort "Cinderella Liberty" (N)		Grey's A. "Love Turns You Upside Down" (N)		Scandal (N)		KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Two and Half (N)	Person of Interest "C.O.D." (N)		Elementary "You Do It to Yourself" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David	Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Rules "Pilot"	Rules "Bag Ladies"	The Vampire Diaries (N)		Beauty and the Beast "Trapped" (N)		Sein. "The Old Man"	Seinfeld	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	'70s "First Date"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X Factor "Live Results" (N)		Glee "Swan Song" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr's B & S	R' Itzhak Shapira	Update News	Mark Biltz	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Audra Grace	Thurman Scrivner
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	30 Rock	Up All Night (N)	The Office (N)	Parks and Rec (N)	Rock Center With Brian Williams		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Doo Wop Discoveries (My Music) The Del Vikings and The Clovers perform.				Doo Wop Discoveries Rare archival gems include performances by The Del Vikings, The Clovers, and more.					Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	White Collar		White Collar		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:30) Texas Rangers..		Hellraiser VIII: Hellworld		(:40) The Bone Snatcher				(:10) 3 Strikes	Brian Hooks.		Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Something Borrowed		In Vogue (N)				Boardwalk Empire		Real Sex	(:50) 24/7	(:20) In Time	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Witness	Cedar Rapids Ed Helms.			Contraband Mark Wahlberg.				Boardwalk Empire		Love & Other Drugs	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Anchorman: The Le..		Sopranos "46 Long"		A Thousand Words				The Big Year Owen Wilson.		Welcome to Moos..	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:35) Green Lantern			Project X Thomas Mann.			Aliens Sigourney Weaver.				Baby Dolls Behind ..	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Unknown ('11, Myst) Liam Neeson.				This Means War				The Teenie Weenie Bikini Sq..		(:05) Splash	
PLEX			96			Movie	A Gnome Named Gnorm			Ghostbusters II				(:50) 18 Again ('88, Com)	Anita Morris.		Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	(:45)	Fright Night Anton Yelchin.				Piranha Elisabeth Shue.		Old Porn	Reality	Old Porn	NextStop
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:25) Coldblooded		Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the ..				50/50		(:15)	Our Idiot Brother		Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Brother's Blood/ Trapped"		The First 48 "Brutal Business"				First 48 "Killer Debt/ House of Rage" (N)		Panic 911 "I Need You to Put the Gun Down"		The First 48 "Brutal Business"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	The Princess Bride Cary Elwes.						Yours, Mine and Ours Dennis Quaid.		Robin Hood: Men in Tights			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park		Apollo Live (N)		2012 Soul Train Awards					FamilyFi	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		House Miami		Housewives Atlanta		House Miami (N)		House Miami		Watch (N)	House Miami		Atlanta
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Filthy Rich		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	J. Gold "Mad Scramble"		Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Ghost Town Gold (N)		Moonshiners		Ghost Town Gold	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	Dog Blog	Good Luck Charlie, It's Christ..			GoodLuck	Phineas	Austin	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportC	College Football Awards Show (L)				30 for 30	"9 79"		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Audibles (L)		NCAA Basketball Long Beach vs Syracuse (L)				30 for 30 "Benji"			SportNat	NFL Live	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	The Polar Express		A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.				Elf	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Sugar Dome (N)		Cupcake Wars (N)		Sweet Genius		Sweet Genius (N)		Iron Chef "Risk"		Sweet Genius	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Cowboys Insider	SportsDay OnAir	UIL Championship Spotlight "Volleyball"		Instant Replay	SW Outdoors	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Phoenix Suns Site: U.S. Airways Center -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)				
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2 ½ Men		The Other Guys ('10, Com) Will Ferrell.				Sunny (N)	League	League	Unsup.	Sunny	League
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	It's Christmas, Carol!		A Bride for Christmas Andrew W. Walker.				Eve's Christmas Cheryl Ladd.				A Christmas Wish	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Buying and Selling		Extreme Homes		HouseH	House	Extreme Homes		Extreme Homes	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		American Pickers		Pickers "Jurassic Pick"		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Trading Spouses "Solomon/ Parodi"		Project Runway "You've Got Male"		Runway "Green Dress for the Red Carpet" (N)		Abby's Competition "Cirque Du Solos"		Runway "Green Dress for the Red Carpet"		Project Runway "You've Got Male"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				Fight Night 36 "Tomasz Goral" Adamek"				Costas Tonight		Fight36	Costas Tonight		Game On!	NFL Turning Point	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Drake	Drake	TBA	TBA	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Bloodhounds"		NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Miami Heat Site: American Airlines Arena -- Miami, Fla. (L)						NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Phoenix Suns Site: U.S. Airways Center -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)			
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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Agents in El Paso seize $52K from detergent box

Border agents in Texas are trying to determine whether $52,000 in undeclared cash hidden in a detergent box was laundered money.

El Paso County Jail records show 36-year-old Edgar Lopez Chavez was being held Wednesday on a bulk cash smuggling charge. Online jail records did not list bond or an attorney for Chavez, who's from Mexico but lives in Aurora, Colo.

Customs and Border Protection officials said Chavez was arrested Monday when his southbound car was searched at the Bridge of the Americas. Officers found five packets of currency in the laundry detergent box.

Cash amounts of $10,000 or higher must be declared when traveling into or out of the U.S.

LONGVIEW

Texan accused of setting roommate on fire

Police say an East Texas man has been charged with using lighter fluid to set his sleeping roommate on fire after an argument.

Gregg County Jail records show Jeremy Kellum of Longview was being held Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

No attorney was listed for Kellum, whose bond was set at $250,000.

Longview police said the men argued before Raymond Hellwig on Saturday suffered second-degree leg burns after lighter fluid was put on his pants and set ablaze.

Hellwig was taken to a Longview hospital, then transferred to the burn unit of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. A Parkland spokeswoman said Hellwig was in fair condition Wednesday.

Police didn't immediately release further details on why the men argued.

FORT WORTH

3rd donkey in Texas pasture shot with arrow, dies

Police say a third donkey in a North Texas pasture has died after being found shot with an arrow.

Fort Worth police said the animal cruelty investigation involves the same location where two donkeys were shot with arrows and died in October 2011.

Authorities said the latest deadly incident happened Sunday.

Nobody has been arrested. Owner Karen Oney said the animals are friendly and she still has more than a dozen donkeys on the property. She's concerned for their safety.

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Yesterday's Answer: SHARK, HEARS, HEART, LATER, LITER, FILET

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HERMAN

From 1B

Now it's quite possible that pathway needs to be changed, especially for folks who came here illegally and have become part of our society. I'm open to that necessary and important discussion. But can we please stop talking about establishing something we already have — a pathway to citizenship?

Next. In almost all cases, I reflexively react negatively to the notion that a law should be changed because lots of people are violating it. But I also realize there have been laws — noxious ones involving race come to mind — that perhaps never would have been changed if courageous advocates did not take the actions they did.

It's clear that many folks have been violating our immigration laws. Most are driven by economic forces spawned by the fact that there can't be many neighbor nations in which the conditions are as starkly different as they are in the U.S. and Mexico.

I am, however, somewhat concerned about a couple of things inherent in the immigration reform talks.

The first is the notion that we might change our laws because so many foreigners have chosen to break them. (And, for the record, I am fully aware that some U.S. employers have been complicit in breaking the immigration laws by their pattern of hiring foreigners not legally entitled to work here.

Also, to the extent that we all like to pay less for stuff, all of us benefit financially when those employers hire lower-wage workers here illegally.)

My second area of concern is anything that might reward people who came here illegally — and giving them some potential advantage over folks who have not broken our laws — by creating some special pathway to citizenship for them.

These and other issues are to be dealt with. As I state above, it's obvious that doing nothing no longer is an option. It's an immigration wave, though illegal, with which we must deal.

And while we're at it, let's acknowledge the obvious: However we deal with it, we're in big trouble in coming years if we don't do a better job of getting Hispanics more involved in two critical activities: Education and voting.

The numbers cannot be denied. At some point in the perhaps not-too-distant future we'll be talking about this question: Should the U.S. be considered a Latin American nation?

OK, now the quiz, one taken from the current and legal pathway to freedom. Those seeking citizenship must correctly answer six of 10 questions on the civics portion of the naturalization test.

I've picked 13 from the 100 sample questions posted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services branch of the Department of Homeland Security.

Go ahead, you good and legal American, see how many you can answer correctly.

You're on your own for finding the right answers. If you get fewer than three right you might want to consider self-deportation.

(Just for fun, I've included my estimate as to what percentage of adult Americans could correctly answer each question.)

The quiz

1. How many amendments does the U.S. Constitution have? (3 percent)
2. How many voting members does U.S. House of Representatives have? (6 percent)
3. Name your U.S. representative? (13 percent)
4. Name two Cabinet positions? (18 percent)
5. Who is the current chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court? (6 percent)
6. Under the U.S. Constitution, some powers belong to the states. Name one. (4 percent)
7. Who is the speaker of the U.S. House? (12 percent, including those who mispronounce it as "Boner.")
8. When must all men register for the Selective Service? (11 percent)
9. When was the Constitution written? (8 percent)
10. Name one writer of the Federalist Papers. (2 percent)
11. What territory did the U.S. buy from France in 1803? (6 percent nationwide, 30 percent in Louisiana)
12. Who was president during World War I? (12 percent, higher among the very elderly)
13. Name one U.S. territory. (4 percent, higher among those in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam)

Congressman pushes bills to speed up rape kit tests

By Summer Ballentine
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, and Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., introduced legislation Tuesday to help reduce the backlog of DNA evidence used to identify rapists.

The House version of the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, or SAFER, Act of 2012 would direct federal funding to help local police process rape kits that have been used by medical personnel to collect DNA samples from rape victims.

Nearly 400,000 kits are estimated to sit on shelves and in labs awaiting processing.

"As a former judge, the DNA evidence is pretty conclusive," Poe said. "It's better than fingerprints. It's better than blood samples. There are no two people with the same DNA, so it's excellent evidence to convict and also release individuals that are innocent."

Poe said the number of sexual assaults in Texas and the lack of staffing to test DNA created the backlog, something he said he hopes will be reduced by directing funds to the state and local level.

"Right now when we give out federal grants we don't know if they're going to the right places, we don't know if it's going to a place where there's really a backlog," said Scott Berkowitz, president and founder of the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, or RAINN. This new legislation "puts money into actually putting rapists in jail."

Key figure

The estimated number of rape kits that await processing:

400,000

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said it's difficult to gauge the scope of the problem because there is limited information on the exact number of kits awaiting processing. The bill would authorize funding for an audit to determine the number of rape kits awaiting testing and record that information on a national registry.

Both Cornyn and Poe insisted that with bipartisan support there's at least a chance the bill will be on the president's desk before Christmas.

"Inertia is our biggest enemy," Cornyn said. "The fact that there are so many other things going on, like the fiscal cliff and sequestration, (might mean) things like this could well be overlooked."

CLIFF

From 1B

$1.1 billion would be cut out of $66 billion that the state agencies requested for 2014 and 2015.

That's not to say the cuts would be painless, DeLuna Castro said. For example, the Texas Education Agency, which would take the brunt of the fiscal blow, is still dealing with a drastic reduction in funding from the last legislative session, and it can hardly afford more reductions, DeLuna Castro said.

"The dollars we're talking about support nutrition and health care and educating children with special needs," she said, adding that housing, workforce training, employment and substance abuse prevention programs are also in jeopardy. "Unfortunately, these are things that saw state money cut or never got it in the first place."

For the education system, the possible cuts would translate into the loss of services and jobs. The Texas Education Agency could see a reduction of more than $517.6 million, according to the Legislative Budget Board.

One possible casualty could be Title 1 grants established to help students, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, meet academic standards. Those grants could see a sequester cut in fiscal 2013 of more than $100 million in Texas.

The loss of that federal money would mean that 1,386 education jobs would go away; more than 250,000 low-income students wouldn't be served and 422 fewer schools would receive federal money grant money, according to a report by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies.

Federal special education grants, which would pay for almost 1,000 jobs to support special education students, also could be cut by more than $80 million, Harkin's report said. And teacher improvement grants worth $18.5 million could be eliminated, threatening the professional development of nearly 20,000 teachers.

Health services could suffer, too, if leaders in Washington cannot figure out how to navigate a way around the fiscal cliff, a term coined by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to describe massive tax hikes and spending cuts that will occur if Congress fails to act.

The Texas Department of State Health Services could see a reduction of $181.3 million, according to the Legislative Budget Board.

With sequestration, $10.5 million wouldn't be available to pay for substance abuse treatment for almost 4,900 people, the report said.

Pipe explodes near plant in Goldsmith, destroys utililty poles

■ The cause of the explosion remained unclear as of late Wednesday.

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

A pipe explosion near a natural gas plant in Goldsmith created an approximately 250-foot fireball and burned about four miles of natural gas in the line Wednesday evening.

The explosion happened at about 6 p.m. at a pipe about 30 yards from Highway 158 near the main entranceway to DCP Goldsmith Plant, said Odessa Fire and Rescue Senior Captain Kevin Jackson, acting as battalion chief. The cause of the explosion remained unclear two hours later.

The pipe was 16 inches in diameter and funneled gas at 500 psi belonging to the company West Texas Gas, Jackson said. The company is headquartered in Midland.

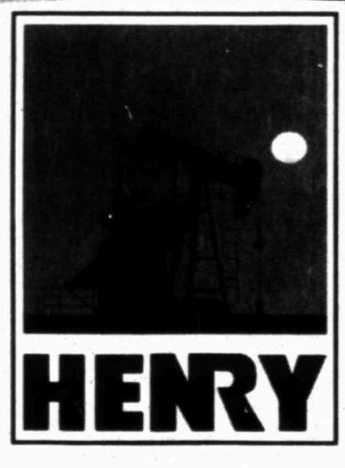
Responding firefighters found and contacted the gas company, which shut off supply to the pipe, Jackson said. The fire, which destroyed a nearby welding shed, burned out by about 7:30 p.m.

The blast and fire destroyed 12 to 15 utility poles and trashed the road, Jackson said.

"It looks like the moon," he said. "There are caliche and rocks all over. There are rocks in the road the size of bowling balls."

Five OFR units responded, along with West Odessa and Goldsmith volunteer firefighters. Troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety blocked of roads nearby such as Gulf Avenue.

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FRIDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 38

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 74 Low: 42

Local forecast

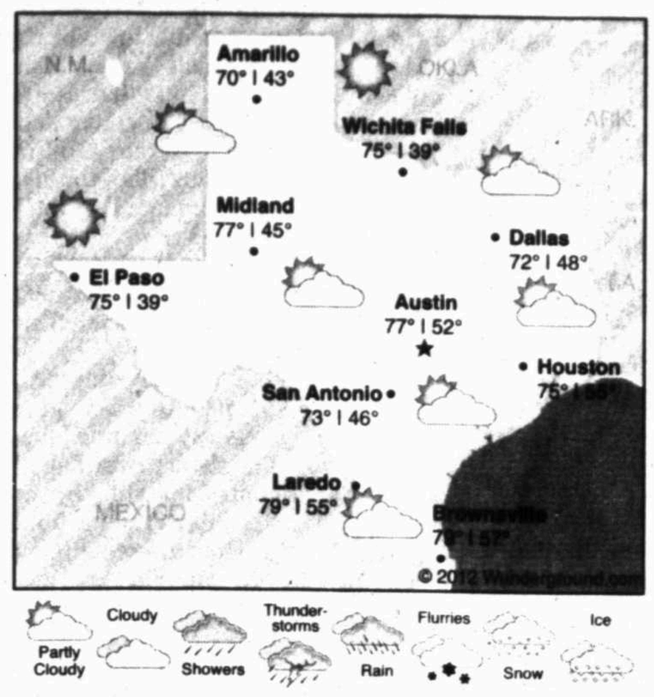
Expect sunny skies today with a high near 79, a low around 41 and south winds up to 15 mph. The highs Friday and Saturday will be in the 70s. Lower temperatures are expected Sunday when the high will be in the 50s and low in the 20s. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Wednesday reached 70, while the low dropped to 34. The record high for Dec. 5 is 79 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 2005 and 1950.

Weather Q&A

Q: What causes cold fronts?

The simple explanation is that the leading edge of a cold air mass is moving into an area previously occupied by a warmer air mass, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "The air mass behind the cold front is noticeably colder and it pushes out the warmer air," McRoberts explains. "As a cold front moves into an area, the heavier, colder air lifts the warmer, lighter air upward. If the warm air is humid enough, water vapor in it will condense and rain can occur. A greater contrast in temperatures between the two air masses will lead to stronger upward motion."



Precipitation

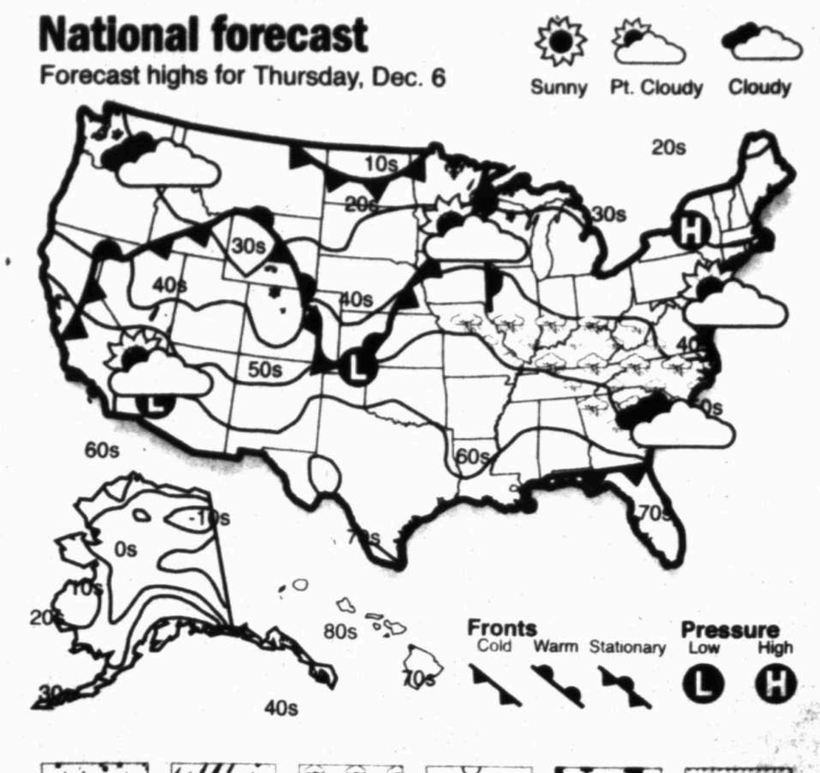
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.10 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	70
Low	34
Normal high	60
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:36 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 6



Signs of dementia were more apparent at work than home

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: Alzheimer's and other dementias are a growing epidemic in America. Frequently, co-workers are the ones who notice a decline in functioning.

Could you please remind your readers to speak up to a family member when they see their co-workers struggling? My 62-year-old husband was recently diagnosed, and I have since learned that his co-workers spotted his troubles long before I did at home. Had I been informed, he could possibly have retired on disability and have Medicare today (which he does not now). Additionally, he would have known to have structured his retirement to include survivorship on his pension, which he did not.

I realize his co-workers were in a difficult spot, so I'm not blaming them, but I'm hoping a few words from you might get the word out to others: Friends, when you notice someone is declining, please speak up. — DONNA IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DONNA: I'm sorry about your husband's diagnosis. Although there have been warnings that it was coming for years, the Alzheimer's epidemic is here now and millions more families will be touched by this progressive — and ultimately fatal — disease unless its course can be altered.

As you have so poignantly stated, there are benefits to the early detection of Alzheimer's, including the opportunity to take advantage of available treatments, leverage resources in the workplace, plan for the future and seek help.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's and speaking up when you notice them are CRITICAL to early detection and receiving the best possible care. While this may be an uncomfortable conversation, if you notice these signs in anyone — including a colleague — it is extremely important to share your concerns with the family or with someone in human resources. The person should be evaluated by a physician. A doctor will be able to determine whether the symptoms are caused by Alzheimer's disease or something else.

To learn the 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's, visit alz.org/10signs or call 1-800-272-3900.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, my brother told me his wife had been having an affair. Needless to say, they divorced and I sided with my brother.

A few days ago, I learned that my brother was actually the one who had been having the affair, not my sister-in-law. He and his current wife had a child they claimed was her first husband's, and when they married he "adopted" all of her children from her first marriage. Because we lived in different states at the time it was easy to believe what I was told. I think that my ex-sister-in-law deserves an apology from us all. At the same time, I want to confront my brother about the lie. We are still not sure if the child, who is now an adult, knows my brother is really her biological father. — LIED TO IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LIED TO: I don't think it is ever too late to offer an apology where one is needed, so contact your former sister-in-law and tell her that you now know the truth and you are sorry. Because you feel the need to speak your mind to your brother, do so.

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Telltale ruff

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 8 4
♡ K J 5
♢ Q 10 7 2
♣ J 9 4

WEST
♠ Q 6 3
♡ 9 6 2
♢ A K J 9 5
♣ A 5

EAST
♠ 5
♡ Q 10 8 4 3
♢ 8 6
♣ 8 7 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 7 2
♡ A 7
♢ 4 3
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♢	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: King of ♢

Cover up the West and South hands and decide how you would defend against four spades.

Despite the six-card major, we could make a case for South choosing to bid three no-trump rather than three spades.

West led the king of diamonds and you start an echo with the eight. West switches to the two of hearts, covered by the jack and your queen, declarer winning with the ace. Declarer leads a diamond, taken by partner's ace and West reverts to hearts, dummy's king winning. Declarer now leads the queen of diamonds. What do you return after ruffing with your useless trump?

It won't be your turn to play! Declarer overruffs, cashes the king of spades and, after you discard a club, takes the marked spade finesse, draws the last trump and claims, conceding a trick to the ace of clubs.

You paid no attention to the tale told by the play. After the first trick West knew he could give you a diamond ruff, but abstained. This was confirmed by the play to the third trick, yet partner still did not give you a ruff. Since partner's overcall promised at least a five-card suit, declarer also knew you could ruff, yet he obligingly let you ruff the queen of diamonds. Why did he not first draw trumps?

Obviously, declarer did not need a discard on the queen of diamonds — he was trying to learn something about the trump situation and you obliged by ruffing! When you showed out on the first spade, declarer had no difficulty locating the queen of spades and made a contract where he might have gone down had you simply discarded on the third diamond.

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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 Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012:

This year you could find that your high energy often turns into anger or frustration. The issue might be your high expectations of others, which could be unrealistic ... or perhaps others simply are not responsive. If you are single, be open and try not to project what you want onto someone else. Let this person reveal his or her authentic self. If you are attached, though you might have a quarrel or two, a newfound gentleness evolves between you. Respect each other's feelings. VIRGO can be bossy or demanding.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Pace yourself, and direct your high energy into a project or a discussion with someone you work with. Your energy could hit a home run. Use it well. Others naturally will follow your lead. A friend or loved one expresses his or her affection. Tonight: A must-show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your creativity surges, and your imagination wanders. You probably want to take off ASAP, so plan a vacation in the near future. Stay authentic when dealing with a snobby person; it just might rub off on him or her. A friend wants to do something special for you. Tonight: Feed your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay centered. You might want to stay close to home. An associate might need some extra time and attention. You are extremely optimistic, which helps you visualize more of what you want. Know what you want. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer. Go for a lazy night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might be pursuing the course you want to follow. Fortunately, it coincides with a partner's or a friend's idea. Otherwise, you would have experienced a lot of trouble with this person. Ask what you can do in order to relax more. Remain centered. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Curb a tendency to overspend, even if you have quite a bit of shopping to do. You might want to adjust your budget some more. A roommate or a family member demonstrates his or her caring through action. Tension builds around a loved one. Tonight: Treat yourself, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. You might feel as if no one can stop you. A boss notices your stamina when you are determined. You will need to use your creativity to handle everything on your plate. Do not respond to someone's tantrum. Tonight: Make yourself happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Be a cynic, and listen to news carefully. You might want to understand what is happening with a family member or a roommate who is withdrawing. You know this person well. Think about what would be the most effective way to open him or her up. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are likely to verbalize what you're thinking. Someone might have a strong reaction to your words. You know when enough is enough. Consider distancing yourself from an awkward situation. An associate or a loved one joins you at a key meeting. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You will decide to take a stand. Others listen and follow your lead. You put your energy — and money, if need be — behind your words. Someone you meet today could seem special, but ultimately could be a problem. Take off your rose-colored shades. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your detachment could cause quite a reaction. You might look at a situation differently, as a result. A brainstorming session might be the way an associate or loved one tries to draw you back in. Take this action as a compliment. Tonight: Whatever allows your mind to calm down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A key person in your life enjoys relating directly to you. You both activate each other's imagination. Opportunities arise from your conversations. You know what you want, and you focus on those goals when trying to find the right path. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Listen to someone's suggestion. You might hear some news that surprises you. A friend is certain about what he or she wants, and will push and push to achieve those results. You might as well say "yes" if you can. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends

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BORN TODAY

Pianist Dave Brubeck (1920), governor of New York Andrew Cuomo (1957), comedian Steven Wright (1955)

ACROSS

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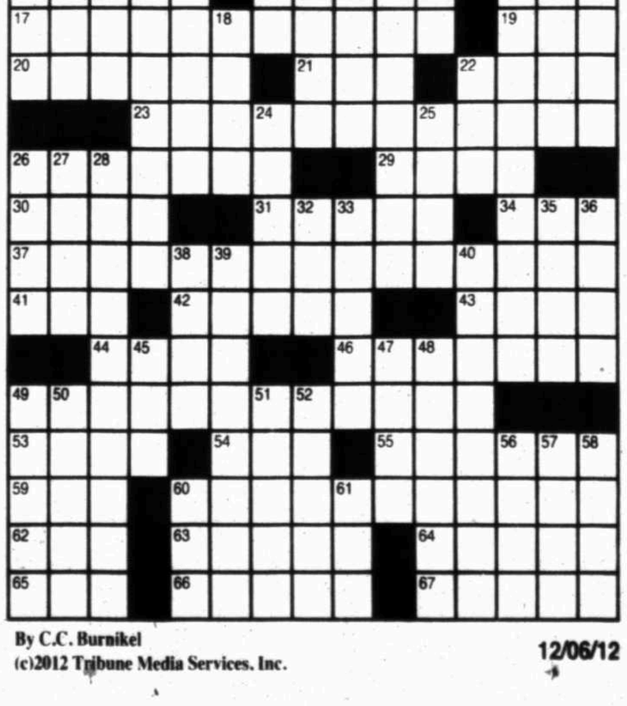
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Depleted guard staffs leave Texas prisons 'playing with fire'

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

Citing a "new wave of violence" sweeping through Texas lockups, the president of the union representing Huntsville-area prison guards has urged Gov. Rick Perry to push for pay raises that would increase correctional officers' salaries by 14 percent by 2015.

Lance Lowry's call for higher wages — new guards now earn about $28,000 annually and top out at about $38,000 after seven years — comes as the state prison system has recorded its deadliest year in two decades.

So far this year, 11 inmate-on-inmate homicides have occurred at state lockups, along with more than 1,000 inmate-on-inmate assaults requiring more than first aid and 85 inmate attacks on staff members.

Lowry, head of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3807, told Perry that the number of guards who have quit the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for higher-paying jobs elsewhere has left prisons dangerously understaffed.

Key figure

Like many Texas prisons, the 2,234-prisoner Smith Unit in Lamesa has a guard staffing shortage of:

48 percent

According to department records, as of Oct. 31, the 111-prison system was short 2,808 guards, almost 11 percent.

That number is dramatically smaller than the 4,000-guard shortage the agency faced five years ago, but it still leaves about 10 percent of state penitentiaries, some among the agency's largest, understaffed by at least 25 percent.

At the 2,234-prisoner Smith Unit in West Texas, for example, the guard staff is down 48 percent.

In the Texas Panhandle town of Colorado City, the Ware and Wallace units, collectively housing more than 1,300 inmates, are down by 47 percent and 43 percent, respectively. At the 3,360-inmate Estelle Unit near Huntsville — site of two inmate-on-inmate homicides — the guard staff is short by 20 percent.

Prisons in south and West Texas and the Panhandle have difficulty recruiting correctional officers despite a $3,000 signup bonus for some locations.

A guard's job, inherently stressful, Lowry said in an interview, is made worse by the shortage, which requires other officers to work mandatory overtime. "There are long shift hours," he said. "Prisons are manned 24 hours a day. You have inexperienced supervisors directing inexperienced staff overseen by inexperienced administrators."

A recent survey of prison guards by the Austin-based corrections think tank, The Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, found 86 percent of respondents have considered other occupations and 79 percent believe they are insufficiently compensated.

Through a spokesman, Perry said pay raises for prison guards will be among issues considered when the Legislature convenes Jan. 8, and that he will support the department in finding ways to fill staff vacancies. Guards received a raise of 3.5 percent in fiscal 2011.

Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Brad Livingston has submitted a $6.4 billion budget request for FY 2014-15.

An alternate proposal reflecting a 10 percent cut in the basic funding level requested by the governor also has been submitted. It would result in a $587 million reduction over two years and the elimination of about 3,000 guard positions.

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Peterson hoping Manziel makes history with Heisman



Manziel



Peterson

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Johnny Manziel certainly has the statistics worthy of a Heisman Trophy winner. He plays in the powerful Southeastern Conference. He has a signature win — all things Heisman voters typically look for.

The only question is whether the voters will give the award to a freshman for the first time.

Adrian Peterson, star running back for the Vikings and the only freshman to finish second in voting, is hoping the jinx ends Saturday night.

"Hopefully they don't rob him like they did me," Peterson, who lost by 328 votes to junior Matt Leinart in 2004, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I hope he wins."

Manziel may a favorite this year, but who knows? Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein and Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o are the other finalists and both can make strong cases, too. But neither caught the attention of the fans quite like Johnny Football, who led the Aggies to an upset of off No. 1 Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Manziel accumulated 4,600 yards of total offense in 12 games to break the Southeastern Conference record for total yards in a season. The record was previously held by 2010 Heisman winner Cam Newton, who needed 14 games to pile up 4,327 yards.

The Aggies, who went 10-2 in their first season in the SEC after moving from the Big 12, certainly hope Manziel is the one to finally break the freshman curse (Manziel is a redshirt freshman, not a true freshman).

On a website the school created to promote Manziel for the award, they point out that he's different than many freshman. Manziel enrolled in college in January 2010 and will be a junior academically this spring. He turns 20 on Thursday, making him older than Mark Ingram was when he took home the Heisman as a sophomore in 2009.

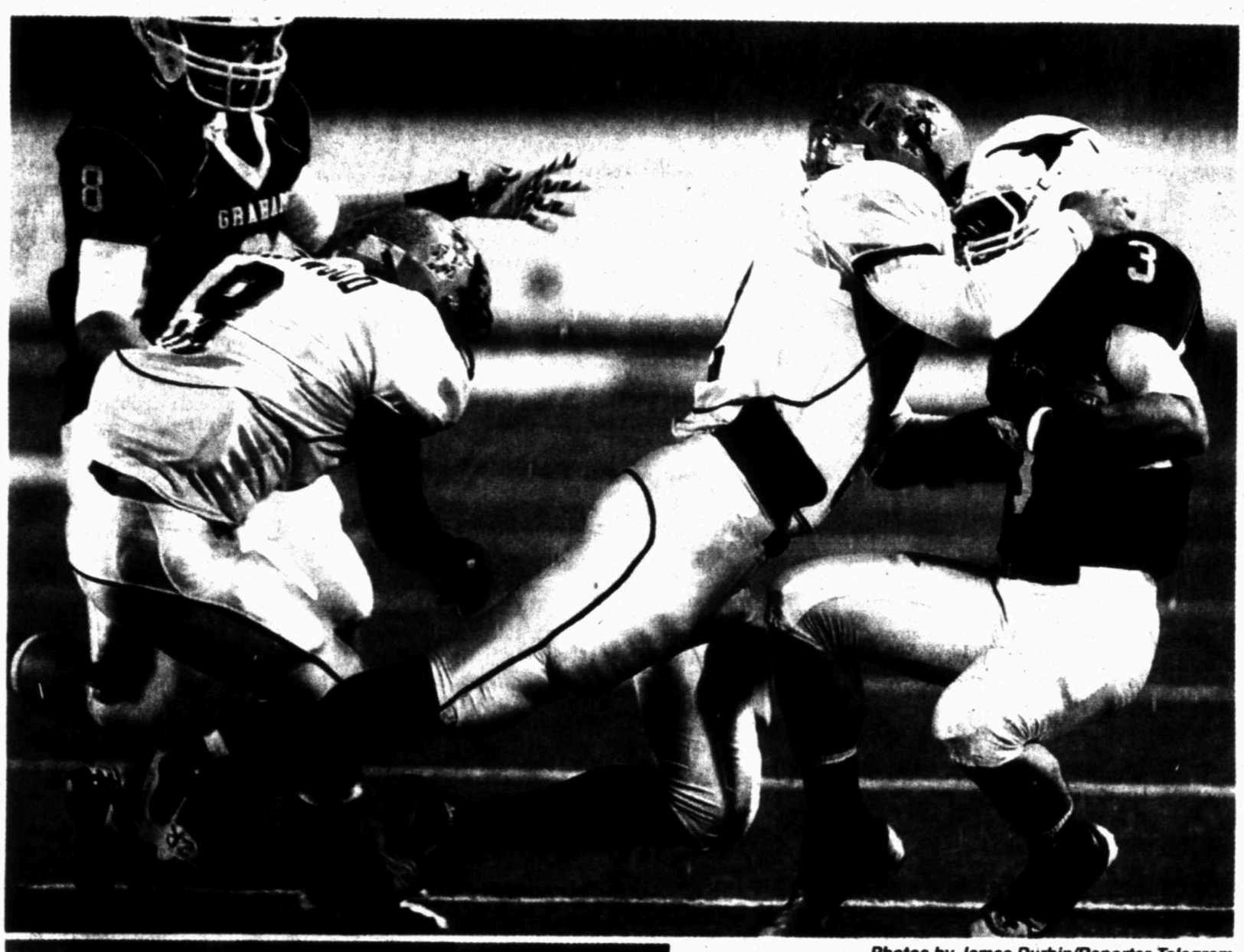
He would also be just the second Aggie to win the award and the first since John David Crow in 1957. Crow got a push from his famous coach before the voting was done that season.

"If John David Crow doesn't win the Heisman Trophy," then-A&M

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GREENWOOD FOOTBALL 2012 SEASON WRAPUP

PUTTING IT TOGETHER



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



ABOVE: Greenwood's Elam Tavarez brings down Graham receiver Hunter Jones during last week's playoff game in Sweetwater.

LEFT: Greenwood players celebrate after their win against Perryton in the second round of the playoffs.

Development of defense helps Rangers make longest playoff run since 2006

By Oscar LeRoy
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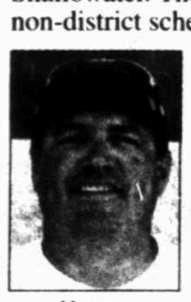
As the offense often took center stage for the Greenwood football team, Rangers head coach Shad Hanna was most proud of the way the defense stepped up this season.

Not only did the defense post four shutouts this season — including two in the postseason — for the 9-4 Rangers, but the unit also provided key stops and gave the offense an opportunity to score some points.

"The best part of the season is the way we played on defense," Hanna said. "The kids stepped up and did some great things and they really bought into the philosophy of what we were doing.

"I think we did a lot of great things this year, played really physical and got better defensively, which is where we turned the corner this year."

The Rangers, which started the 2012 season with shutout victories against Kermit and Brownfield finished the non-district portion of their schedule at 4-1 with the only loss coming against state-ranked Shallowater. The Rangers also finished the non-district schedule with a bang, setting a single-game school record for most points scored in a 77-34 victory over Lamesa.



Hanna

The Rangers finished the season averaging 37 points per game, and were led by senior quarterback Kam Williams, who had more than 2,600 yards passing, 1,300 yards rushing and accounted for 49 touchdowns (25 passing, 24 rushing).

In the ultra-competitive District 4-3A, the Rangers went 3-2 with the two losses coming two Monahans and No. 2 Abilene Wylie -- two teams that also went three rounds deep in the playoffs.

Hanna said the fact that team went three rounds deep — its deepest run since 2006 when the Rangers made it to Class 3A Division II state quarterfinals — should be beneficial for his team next year.

"We had a lot of kids who we moved up to varsity and got a significant amount of playing time in the playoffs," Hanna said. "That's going to give us an edge for next year starting off. It really sets the tone for next year as those guys not only got reps but saw how they might fit into the game plan for next year."

Of course the biggest challenge for Hanna and his coaching staff is to replace a talented senior class. The 21 seniors on this year's team is the most Hanna has ever had in his three years at the school. And not only do they have to replace Williams, the District 4-3A Offensive MVP, but Hanna said the team is going to have to replace other valuable players such as wide receiver Colin Sullivan (57 receptions, 772 yards), center Blain Latham, defensive ends Rickey Harcrow and Garrett Carlisle, defensive tackles Julian Garcia and Jody Lively, safety Zane Helms and cornerback Mason Fraley (7 interceptions).

"We had a big senior class and they had

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Cowboys CB Carr struggling to cope with KC tragedy

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Brandon Carr said Wednesday he continues to struggle to come to grips with the murder-suicide committed last week by one of his former Kansas City Chiefs teammates.

Speaking to reporters in Irving, Carr admitted it was "tough" for him to get through Sunday's win over Philadelphia while playing with "a heavy heart" and that he's been having trouble sleeping since learning of the tragedy.

"I'm still thinking about it," Carr said. "I thought about it before the game, during the game, especially when I'm laying in bed, closing my eyes…I don't really get too much sleep now a days."

Carr, 26, spent the last three seasons on a Chiefs defense that include Jovan Belcher, the 25-year-old linebacker who on Saturday fatally shot his 22-year-old girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, before committing suicide in front of his coach and a team executive.

"My household, we're still in shock," Carr said.

Punctuating his comments with frequent sighs, Carr said Belcher was one of his closest friends in Kansas City.



Carr

"We did a lot of things together, shared a lot of intimate moments," Carr said. "I had been out with Belcher and Kassie for her 22nd birthday. Me and my fiancé were out with them the whole night, partying and celebrating. That's why this is a sad, sad story."

Carr's fiancé informed him via text that Belcher killed Perkins at their Kansas City home before driving to Arrowhead Stadium, where he committed suicide in the practice facility parking lot in front of Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel and general manager Scott Pioli.

"I was like, 'I don't believe this,' " Carr said. "But it wasn't April Fool's."

Carr said he had no inkling Belcher was so troubled.

"You hear stories here and there …." Carr said, "but when it comes to somebody you've been knowing for quite some time and you didn't see any signs for the three years you've know the person, just out of the blue this type of thing happens, it hits home. It's just sad, man."

Carr had only one tackle and gave up a touchdown pass in the win over the Eagles. He was comforted afterward by his parents, who flew from their home in Flint, Mich., to Dallas on Saturday.

"My mom was a shoulder for me to lean on and cry on and just talk to," he said.

Carr said his teammates also comforted him.

"Guys were texting me, calling me," he said. "I get to the (team) hotel, guys are checking on me, saying prayers, just being there for me."

Smith begins quest for another title at this year's NFR



Smith

From staff reports

Midland native Patrick Smith will begin his quest for a world title as heeler today at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

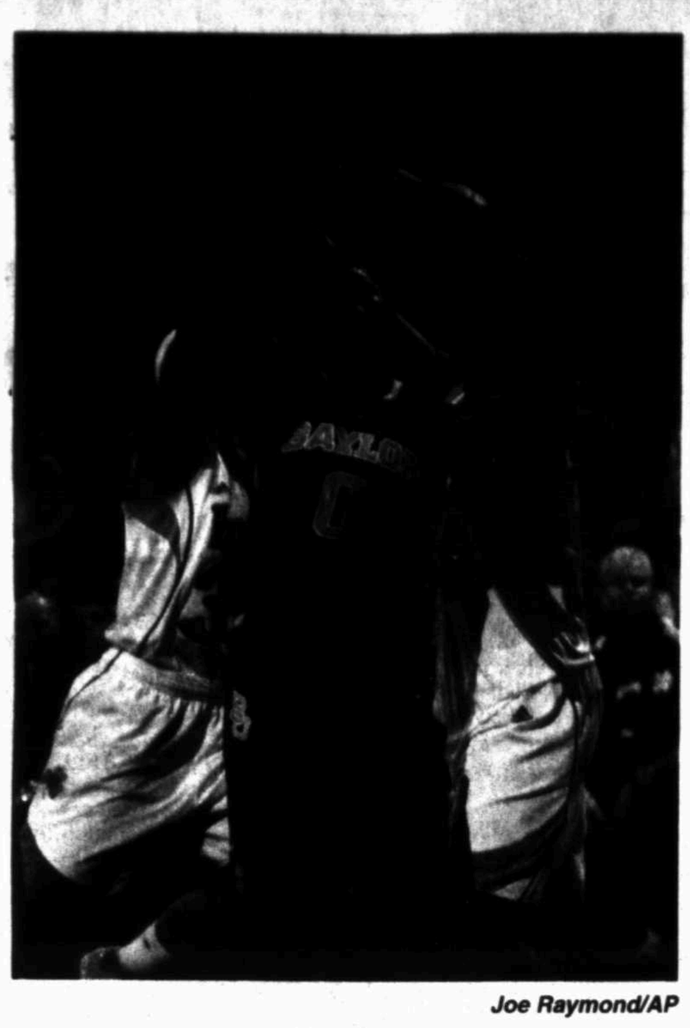
Smith enters the annual event for the PRCA sitting in first place in the Team Roper-Heeler category, earning $133,752, partnering with Trevor Brazile again this season.

The two have won four rodeo titles this season, winning at the prestigious Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo, and also winning in Caldwell, Idaho, Salinas, Calif., and at the Parker County Frontier Days Rodeo in Weatherford.

Smith, who now lives in Lipan, has earned more than $1.2 million during his career and won world titles in 2005 and 2010.

The 10-day rodeo begins tonight at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas.

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Joe Raymond/AP

Baylor guard Odyssey Sims puts up a shot as Notre Dame guard Jewell Loyd and Markisha Wright defend during the second half of their game in South Bend, Ind., on Wednesday.

Griner leads No. 3 Baylor past No. 5 Notre Dame

Associated Press

Lady Bears 73
Fighting Irish 61

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Rapper Lil Wayne showed up at Notre Dame to see Skyar Diggins play and watched as Brittney Griner and defending national champion Baylor put on a show.

Griner had 24 points and 14 rebounds, three other Baylor players scored in double figures and the third-ranked Lady Bears beat No. 5 Notre Dame 73-61 Wednesday night, just as they did in last season's national championship game.

This time it was a little closer. The Lady Bears didn't put the game away until a layup by Jordan Madden with seven minutes left sparked a 10-0 run.

"We just stayed in the flow, don't change anything just because your shots aren't falling," the 6-8 Griner said. "They're going to fall eventually."

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw knew the Irish were in trouble when Griner, who was 10 of 16 from the floor, started hitting a couple of shots from 15 feet.

"That's what we wanted her to take," she said.

Griner said she let the game come to her.

"Last year I guess I started getting even more patient. I couldn't get my hands on the ball, keep moving. Whatever I can do, I will do. I took it a play at a time, post up strong when I had to. Did whatever I could to help my team out."

The Lady Bears (7-1), with all five starters back from the team that went 40-0 last season, dominated inside, outscoring the Irish 36-26 in the paint and outrebounding them 44-35. Baylor also held the Irish to 36-percent shooting while making 49 percent of its shots.

The Irish (5-1), with just two starters back, were simply no match, especially with All-America senior Diggins struggling on 4-of-19 shooting. But McGraw was encouraged that her young team looked a lot better in losing Wednesday than her veteran squad did in the 80-61 defeat in the title game in April.

"I think we maybe learned that we're better than we think we are. That should have given us a little more confidence."

Odyssey Sims returned after missing four games with a hamstring injury and added 16 points for Baylor. Coach Kim Mulkey said she thought Sims' play proved she's the best point guard in the country.

"She's played Skylar four times and won every ball game. She's won a national championship," Mulkey said. "Odyssey didn't have one of her best games, either, but she never stopped being tough on the floor and she never stopped guarding people."

McGraw said Sims makes Baylor tougher to play.

"When she's not in the game you don't really have to guard them very much from the perimeter. So just having her on the court stretches the defense to her side a little bit more," she said.

Brooklyn Pope added 14 points for Baylor and Jordan Madden had 12.

Lady Chaps end fall season with big victory

From staff reports

CEDAR HILL — The Midland College women's basketball team closed out the fall schedule with a 71-40 victory over Northwood University JV on Wednesday.

The Lady Chaparrals improve to 11-4 on the season and will return to action Thursday, Jan. 3 with a home game against Weatherford College. Tip-off is at 5:30 p.m.

No further information was available.

Notre Dame's Te'o wins Lombardi Award

HOUSTON (AP) — Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o won the Lombardi Award on Wednesday as college football's best lineman or linebacker.

Te'o, also a Heisman Trophy finalist, had 103 tackles and seven interceptions this year to help the undefeated Fighting Irish reach the BCS championship game against Alabama.

"It's the big dance," Te'o said about the title game. "It is something that you dream about when you are little and for me to be in that game and playing against a real good Alabama team, it will be a perfect end to this chapter in my life."

Te'o edged Alabama offensive lineman Barrett Jones, Georgia linebacker Jarvis Jones and South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney for the award presented by the Rotary Club of Houston.

On Monday, Te'o won the Dick Butkus Award as the best linebacker, and the Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's top defensive player.

Te'o will be in New York on Saturday for the Heisman Trophy presentation.

HSBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tall City Oilman's Girls Basketball Tournament
Friday-Saturday
at Chaparral Center
Bracket play
Friday
Game 1: Lee vs. Socorro, 9 a.m.
Game 2: Lovington, N.M. vs. Odessa High, 10:30 a.m.
Game 3: Midland High vs. Amarillo Caprock, Noon
Game 4: Lubbock Cooper vs. El Paso Eastlake, 1:30 p.m.
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs. Lubbock Estacado, 3 p.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Grady, 4:30 p.m.
Consolation Bracket
Game 7: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 8: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Consolation Bracket
Semifinals
Game 9: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 8 a.m.
Game 10: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 9:30 a.m.
Consolation Championship
Game 13: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 2 p.m.
Seventh-place game
Game 14: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 3:30 p.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 11: Game 1 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 12: Game 4 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 12:30 p.m.
Third-place game
Game 14: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 loser, 5 p.m.
Championship
Game 16: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Stanton Hooptown Tournament
Today-Saturday
at Stanton High School gym
Boys
Bracket play
Today
First round
Game 2: Coahoma vs. Tahoka, 10:30 a.m.
Game 4: Sands vs. Sweetwater, 1:30 p.m.
Game 6: Odessa Permian JV vs. Midland High JV, 4:30 p.m.
Game 8: Midland Classical vs. Stanton, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Consolation Bracket
Game 10: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1:30 p.m.
Game 14: Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 10:30 a.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 12: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Game 16: Game 6 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Seventh-place game
Game 18: Game 10 loser vs. Game 14 loser, 10:30 a.m.
Third-place game
Gam 20: Game 12 loser vs. Game 16 loser, 1:30 p.m.
Consolation Final
Game 22: Game 10 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 4:30 p.m.
Championship
Game 24: Game 12 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Girls
Bracket play
Today
First Round
Game 1: Lamesa vs. Midland Classical, 9 a.m.
Game 3: Tahoka vs. Midland Christian, Noon
Game 5: Sweetwater vs. Coahoma, 3 p.m.
Game 7: Greenwood JV vs. Stanton, 6 p.m.
Friday
Consolation Bracket
Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, Noon
Game 13: Game 5 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 9 a.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 11: Game 1 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 15: Game 5 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Seventh-place game
Game 17: Game 9 loser vs. Game 13 loser, 9 a.m.
Third-place game
Game 19: Game 11 loser vs. Game 15 loser, Noon
Consolation final
Game 21: Game 9 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 3 p.m.
Championship
Game 23: Game 11 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 6 p.m.

Sandhills Tournament
Boys
Monahans
Pool A: Fort Stockton, Midland Christian, Kermit, Andrews. **Pool B:** Monahans, Alpine, Presidio, Pecos
Today
At Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Noon: Fort Stockton vs. Midland Christian
3 p.m.: Monahans vs. Alpine
6 p.m.: Midland Christian vs. Andrews
At Monahans High School
Noon: Kermit vs. Andrews
3 p.m.: Presidio vs. Pecos
6 p.m.: Kermit vs. Fort Stockton
Friday
At Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Noon: Monahans vs. Pecos
3 p.m.: Midland Christian vs. TBA
6 p.m.: Monahans vs. Presidio
At Monahans High School
Noon: Alpine vs. Presidio
3 p.m.: Fort Stockton vs. Andrews
6 p.m.: Alpine vs. Pecos
Saturday
At Jerry Larned Sports Complex
8 a.m.: Fourth place A vs. Fourth place B
11:30 a.m.: Third place A vs. Third place B
2:30 p.m.: Second place A vs. Second place B
5:30 p.m.: First place A vs. First place B
GIRLS
Monahans
Thursday
At Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Game 1: Fort Stockton vs. Seminole, 10:30 a.m.
Game 3: Lamesa vs. Monahans, 1:30 p.m.
Game 4: Winner 1 vs. EP Austin, 4:30 p.m.
At Monahans High School
Game 2: Big Spring vs. Kermit, 10:30 a.m.
Game 5: Alpine vs. Andrews, 1:30 p.m.
Game 6: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
at Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Game 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 10:30 a.m.
Game 9: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1:30 p.m.
Game 10: Game 3 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 4:30 p.m.
at Monahans High School
10:30 a.m. — Game 7: Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday
at Jerry Larned Sports Complex
Game 12: Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner (consolation final), 10 a.m.
Game 13: Game 8 loser vs. Game 9 loser (third-place game), 1 p.m.
4 p.m. — Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner (championship final), 4 p.m.
at Monahans High School
Game 7 loser vs. Monahans JV, 10 a.m.

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORMER LADY DAWG HOPPEL EARNS CONFERENCE HONOR

LUBBOCK — Former Midland High girls basketball standout and current Lubbock Christian University guard Kelsey Hoppel was named Sooner Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for Nov. 26-Dec. 2.

Hoppell averaged 15 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and two steals in a pair of wins against Oklahoma Christian. Hoppel currently ranks eighth in NAIA in 3-point shooting, hitting 49 percent from behind the arc this season.

This is the first Player of the Week honor for Hoppel, who has been key in LCU opening the year with an 11-0 record.

Lots of moves at winter meetings on Wednesday, but no big ones

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jeff Keppinger, Joe Blanton, Jason Bay and a diamond full of players wound up in different places Wednesday at the winter meetings while top contenders waited for a pair of free-agent prizes to make their decisions.

Eric Chavez, Randy Choate and Sean Burnett also joined new teams. The lone trade was minor, with Detroit sending left-hander Andy Oliver to Pittsburgh for a young catcher.

Former MVP Josh Hamilton and former Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke remained in play. They're the driving forces in this market and depending on where they go, more moves are likely to follow.

Texas would like to re-sign Hamilton, at the right price. The slugger was in Nashville this week but has left, and his agent met with Rangers general manager Jon Daniels on Tuesday night.

"Obviously, one of the bigger dominoes," Daniels said. "Trying to get the first one to fall."

New York Mets pitcher R.A. Dickey keeps drawing attention. He lives near the Opryland Hotel and dropped in for a visit, though there's no change in his situation. Signed for next season, he wants a new contract while several clubs, including Boston, want to trade for the reigning NL Cy Young winner.

In the meantime, some deals stayed on deck. No telling if any of them will get done before the meetings end Thursday with the Rule 5 draft for players left off 40-man rosters.

"We wondered if one of the guys went off, (if) it would speed up. We'll see," Red Sox GM Ben Cherington said. "It seems like it may be moving a little bit."

Also in the mix: Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera, amid speculation Arizona is trying to get him in a multi-team swap.

All-Star third baseman David Wright of the New York Mets became the first player to step up to the brightly lit podium in the press room. Standing at the spot where trades and signings are usually announced, his appearance was expected.

Wright was in town to talk about his $138 million, eight-year contract, the largest in team history. The lifetime .301 hitter is a six-time All-Star and turns 30 in two weeks. A Mets fan growing up, Wright said he wanted to spend his entire career with the club.

"I've never pictured myself in a different uniform," he said.

"It just feels like there's so much unfinished business and I'd like to finish what I've started," he added. "Honestly, it wouldn't mean as much to me winning somewhere else as it would obviously winning here."

Away from the dais where Wright spoke, inside the suites at the sprawling 2,881-room hotel, several players changed jerseys.

Keppinger agreed with the Chicago White Sox on a $12 million, three-year contract, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because there was no announcement.

The versatile infielder hit .325 with a career-high nine home runs and 40 RBIs for Tampa Bay last season. At 32, the well-traveled Keppinger is known for making contact and has more walks than strikeouts during his eight-year career with the Rays, San Francisco, Houston, Cincinnati, Kansas City and the Mets.

Keppinger is likely to play third base for the White Sox. Kevin Youkilis finished the season at that spot for Chicago last season, then became a free agent. The New York Yankees and Arizona also had been interested in Keppinger.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SPURS 110
BUCKS 99

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker and Gary Neal each scored 22 points, and the San Antonio Spurs had a season-high 53 rebounds in a 110-99 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio (15-4). Tiago Splitter had 15 points, Manu Ginobili scored 11 and Matt Bonner had a season-high 12 rebounds.

Monta Ellis had 21 points and 11 assists for Milwaukee (8-9). Brandon Jennings added 14 points and Ersan Ilyasova scored all of his 17 points in the first half.

San Antonio outrebounded Milwaukee 53-36, including a 28-17 advantage in the second half.

LAKES 103
HORNETS 87

NEW ORLEANS — Kobe Bryant scored 29 points, making him the fifth player in NBA history to score 30,000, and the Los Angeles Lakers snapped a two-game skid with a 103-87 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday night.

Bryant entered the game needing only 13 points to eclipse the scoring milestone and did so with a short jumper late in the first half that was perhaps the least spectacular of his baskets, which included the usual array of soaring dunks, demoralizing transition 3-pointers and turnaround, off-balance jumpers.

At 34 years old, Bryant is the youngest to reach the milestone. Wilt Chamberlain was 35 when he hit the mark, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Karl Malone were each 36 and Michael Jordan was 38.

Dwight Howard added 18 points for the Lakers, who trailed by a point at halftime but seized control with a 13-0 run to open the third quarter, and the lead grew as large as 20.

KNICKS 100
BOBCATS 98

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — J.R. Smith hit a fallaway jumper from the left wing as time expired to give New York a win over Charlotte.

The Bobcats appeared in position to win after a miss by Raymond Felton with 14 seconds left, but rookie Michael Kidd-Gilchrist made an ill-advised pass and Smith intercepted it.

After a timeout, Smith drove to the left side and hit an 18-footer over Kidd-Gilchrist.

PACERS 99
TRAIL BLAZERS 92

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George scored 22 points and George Hill added 18 to help Indiana beat Portland.

David West had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers (10-9), who have won four of five and moved above .500 for the first time since a 2-1 start.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 23 points. Wesley Matthews scored 19, LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and J.J. Hickson had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Trail Blazers.

CELTICS 104
TIMBERWOLVES 94

BOSTON — Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 10 rebounds and remained unbeaten against his former team as Boston beat Minnesota in Rajon Rondo's return from a two-game suspension.

The Celtics improved to 10-0 against Minnesota since they acquired Garnett from the Timberwolves during the summer of 2007.

Boston went 1-1 without Rondo, suspended for his role in a scuffle during a game against the Brooklyn Nets last Wednesday. Rondo had 17 points and 11 assists, Paul Pierce scored 18, Jason Terry 17 and Brandon Bass 12 for the Celtics.

WARRIORS 104
PISTONS 97

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Klay Thompson scored 19 of his 27 points in the third quarter to help Golden State pull away to beat Detroit.

The Warriors, starting a seven-game Eastern trip, snapped Detroit's five-game winning streak at home. Golden State has won two straight games in Detroit after losing 25 of 29.

Stephen Curry finished with 22 points and 10 assists, his fourth straight 20-10 game, while David Lee added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Warriors.

HAWKS 108
NUGGETS 104

ATLANTA — Josh Smith's steal, jam and free throw with 31 seconds remaining extended Atlanta's lead and the Hawks held on to beat Denver.

Smith had 16 points and 13 rebounds on his 27th birthday, while Al Horford led the Hawks with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

Ty Lawson paced Denver with a season-high 32 points and Corey Brewer added 19.

Lawson's 3-pointer gave the Nuggets a 101-99 advantage before Horford hit a tying jumper.

BULLS 95
CAVALIERS 85

CLEVELAND — Marco Belinelli scored a season-high 23 points, Luol Deng added 22 and Chicago took control early on to beat Cleveland.

Belinelli, starting his second straight game in place of injured shooting guard Richard Hamilton, helped the Bulls bounce back from a four-point home loss to Indiana on Tuesday. They went ahead for good less than two minutes in and shot 66.7 percent in the first quarter.



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NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	9	3	0	.750	430	260
N.Y. Jets	5	7	0	.417	228	298
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	277	337
Miami	5	7	0	.417	227	249
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	1	0	.917	351	221
Indianapolis	4	8	0	.333	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	303	242
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	254	230
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	302	260
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
y-Atlanta	11	1	0	.917	317	229
Tampa Bay	6	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	9	3	1	.731	288	197
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

Today's Games

Denver at Oakland, 7:20 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago at Minnesota, Noon
Baltimore at Washington, Noon
Cleveland at Houston, 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.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

DENVER BRONCOS at OAKLAND RAIDERS — BRONCOS: DOUBTFUL: LB Wesley Woodyard (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Brandon Stokley (hip). PROBABLE: DE Robert Ayers (not injury related), TE Virgil Green (hamstring), G Chris Kuper (ankle), G Ryan Harris (back), WR Matthew Willis (knee). RAIDERS: OUT: DT Richard Seymour (knee, hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: CB Phillip Adams (concussion), DE Jack Crawford (toe). PROBABLE: S Khalil Barnes (triceps), S Tyvon Branch (neck), WR Juron Criner (shoulder), S Matt Giordano (concussion), RB Mike Goodson (ankle), RB Taiwan Jones (ankle), RB Darren McFadden (ankle), S Mike Mitchell (concussion), TE Brandon Myers (shoulder), QB Carson Palmer (right thumb), RB Marcel Reece (hamstring, quadriceps).

Golf

Dubai Ladies Masters
Wednesday
At Emirates Golf Club (Majlis Course)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $653,100
Yardage: 6,425; Par: 72 (35-37)
First Round

Shanshan Feng, China	32-34	— 66
Florentyna Parker, England	32-34	— 66
Klara Spilkova, Czech Republic	33-34	— 67
Sahra Hassan, Wales	31-36	— 67
Laura Davies, United States	31-36	— 67
Nontaya Srisawang, Thailand	34-34	— 68
Lorie Kane, Canada	33-35	— 68
Ashleigh Simon, South Africa	33-35	— 68
Anne-Lise Caudal, France	34-34	— 68
Felicity Johnson, England	35-33	— 68
Lydia Hall, Wales	33-35	— 68
Caroline Masson, Germany	35-33	— 68
Gwladys Nocera, France	33-36	— 69
Yu Yang Zhang, China	31-38	— 69
Becky Morgan, Wales	33-36	— 69
Line Vedel, Denmark	32-37	— 69
Stacy Lee Bregman, South Africa	36-33	— 69
Dewi Claire Schreefel, Netherlands	35-34	— 69
Valentine Derrey, France	34-35	— 69
Bree Arthur, Australia	35-34	— 69
Elizabeth Bennett, England	35-34	— 69
Lexi Thompson, United States	35-34	— 69
Caroline Hedwall, Sweden	34-35	— 69
Sarah Kemp, Australia	32-37	— 69
Stefania Croce, Italy	36-33	— 69
Jodi Ewart, England	33-36	— 69
Also		
Jennie Lee, United States	35-35	— 70
Beth Allen, United States	35-35	— 70
Michelle Wie, United States	33-37	— 70
Hannah Jun, United States	34-37	— 71
Diana Alessio, United States	37-36	— 73
Dawn Shockley, United States	37-36	— 73
Jessica Yadlocsky, United States	37-38	— 75
Amelia Lewis, United States	37-40	— 77

Fishing Report

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained: 59-64 degrees; 9.45 low. Black bass are fair on drop shot rigs, shaky heads, Texas rigs, jigs and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.

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

COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear: 59-64 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color: 58-63 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained: 59-65 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, shad pattern crankbaits and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained: 58-64 degrees; 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, chatterbaits and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear: 58-65 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and drop shot rigs. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water murky: 57-64 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear; 71-75 degrees; 34.15' low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, shallow running crankbaits, Senkos, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on slabs and jigging spoons under birds. White bass are good on slabs and jigging spoons. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: Water stained; 58-63 degrees; 42.18' low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.

MACKENZIE: Water stained; 61-65 degrees; 91.57' low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 98.93' low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 53.1' low. No report available.

Jack bass are fair on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 58-65 degrees; 28.82' low.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	13	4	.765	—
Brooklyn	11	6	.647	2
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3 1/2
Boston	10	8	.556	3 1/2
Toronto	4	14	.222	9 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	4	.750	—
Atlanta	10	5	.667	1 1/2
Charlotte	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Orlando	7	11	.389	6
Washington	2	13	.133	9 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	8	.529	—
Indiana	10	9	.526	—
Milwaukee	8	9	.471	1
Detroit	6	14	.300	4 1/2
Cleveland	4	15	.211	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	13	3	.813	1/2
San Antonio	15	4	.789	—
Houston	9	9	.529	5
Dallas	8	9	.471	6
New Orleans	5	12	.294	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	15	4	.789	—
Utah	10	10	.500	5 1/2
Denver	9	10	.474	6
Minnesota	8	9	.471	6
Portland	8	11	.421	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	11	6	.647	—
Golden State	11	7	.611	1/2
L.A. Lakers	9	10	.474	3
Phoenix	7	12	.368	5
Sacramento	4	12	.250	6 1/2

Wednesday's Scores

New York 100, Charlotte 98
Indiana 99, Portland 92
Boston 104, Minnesota 94
Golden State 104, Detroit 97
L.A. Lakers 103, New Orleans 87
Atlanta 108, Denver 104
Chicago 95, Cleveland 85
San Antonio 110, Milwaukee 99
Utah 87, Orlando 81
Toronto at Sacramento, late
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, late

Thursday's Games

New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 110, BUCKS 99

MILWAUKEE (99): Dieterich 5-10 1-3 12, Sanders 2-4 0-0 4, Udoh 2-4 3-4 7, Jennings 5-15 3-3 14, Ellis 5-19 10-11 21, Ilyasova 7-12 2-2 17, Henson 0-0 0-0 0, Mbah a Moute 2-5 5-6 10, Dalembert 4-6 0-0 8, Lamb 2-9 0-0 4. Harris 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-84 24-29 99

SAN ANTONIO (110): Duke 2-5 0-0 4, Duncan 7-15 3-3 17, Blair 2-5 1-2 5, Parker 6-11 10-11 22, Neal 7-16 6-7 22, Splitter 7-9 1-2 15, Ginobili 3-10 3-3 11, Bonner 2-7 0-0 5, Joseph 1-2 0-0 2, De Colo 3-4 0-0 7. Anderson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-85 24-28 110

Milwaukee 32 26 18 23 — 99
San Antonio 30 23 24 34 — 110

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 5-12 (Daniels 1-1, Mbah a Moute 1-2, Jennings 1-2, Ilyasova 1-3, Ellis 1-3, Lamb 0-1), San Antonio 6-21 (Ginobili 2-5, Neal 2-6, De Colo 1-2, Bonner 1-5, Joseph 0-1, Blair 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 45 (Sanders, Ellis 7), San Antonio 58 (Bonner 12). Assists—Milwaukee 24 (Ellis 11), San Antonio 27 (Parker 10). Total Technicals—Milwaukee 21, San Antonio 20. Technicals—Sanders, Milwaukee Coach Skiles, A—18,349 (18,797).

PACERS 99, TRAIL BLAZERS 92

PORTLAND (92): Batum 2-8 0-0 5, Aldridge 5-14 8-10 18, Hickson 7-12 0-0 14, Lillard 9-15 4-5 23, Matthews 5-13 6-7 19, Leonard 2-4 0-0 4, Barton 0-3 0-0 0, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Freeland 0-4 0-0 0. Babbitt 2-3 0-0 5. Jeffries 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-79 18-22 92

INDIANA (99): George 7-15 4-4 22, West 8-11 0-0 16, Hibbert 3-13 4-4 10, Hill 5-13 5-5 18, Stephenson 1-4 0-0 2, Green 3-8 0-0 8, T.Hansbrough 3-6 4-4 10, Mahinmi 6-6 0-0 12, Young 0-1 0-0 0, Augustin 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 36-80 16-19 99

Portland 21 29 14 28 — 92
Indiana 20 28 31 20 — 99

3-Point Goals—Portland 6-22 (Matthews 3-9, Babbitt 1-1, Lillard 1-5, Batum 1-5, Barton 0-2), Indiana 9-28 (George 4-9, Hill 3-7, Green 2-5, Young 0-1, Stephenson 0-2, Augustin 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 43 (Hickson 12), Indiana 51 (West 10). Assists—Portland 18 (Lillard 8), Indiana 20 (George 5). Total Fouls—Portland 15, Indiana 12. Technicals—West, A—11,569 (18,165).

KNICKS 100, BOBCATS 98

NEW YORK (100): Anthony 8-22 4-4 23, K.Thomas 0-6 0-0 0, Chandler 8-10 2-4 18, Felton 7-19 1-1 17, Brewer 3-8 1-2 9, Smith 6-16 0-0 13, Kidd 2-3 1-2 7, Wallace 1-5 0-0 2, Novak 3-8 0-0 9, Prigioni 0-1 0-0 2. White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-92 9-13 100.

CHARLOTTE (98): Kidd-Gilchrist 6-8 0-0 12, Mullens 3-8 0-0 6, Haywood 2-4 0-0 4, Walker 8-15 7-7 25, Taylor 2-5 2-2 6, Henderson 7-14 2-4 18, Gordon 7-15 0-0 17, Biyombo 1-5 0-0 2, Sessoms 3-7 2-2 8, Williams 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 39-83 13-15 98.

New York 26 25 21 28 — 100
Charlotte 24 29 22 23 — 98

3-Point Goals—New York 13-41 (Anthony 3-7, Novak 3-8, Kidd 2-3, Brewer 2-5, Felton 2-8, Smith 1-9, Wallace 0-1), Charlotte 7-16 (Gordon 3-5, Henderson 2-3, Walker 2-4, Williams 0-1, Mullens 0-1, Taylor 0-1, Sessoms 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Chandler 17), Charlotte 55 (Biyombo 12). Assists—New York 23 (Felton 9), Charlotte 26 (Walker 11). Total Fouls—New York 18, Charlotte 14. Technicals—Walker. A—18,097 (19,077).

CELTICS 104, TIMBERWOLVES 94

MINNESOTA (94): Howard 5-14 1-2 12, Love 6-15 5-6 12 19, Pekovic 6-13 2-2 14, Ridnour 5-8 0-0 11, M.Lee 2-5 1-2 6, Shved 4-11 1-1 11, Cunningham 2-6 0-0 5, Barea 2-6 0-0 5, Budinger 1-3 0-2 2, Barea 4-8 2-4 10. Williams 1-2 0-0 2. Amundson 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 37-84 14-30 94

BOSTON (104): Pierce 6-15 5-6 18, Bass 6-9 0-0 12, Garnett 8-13 2-4 18, Rondo 6-11 5-8 17, Terry 7-10 0-0 17, Sullinger 1-3 5-6 7, Wilcox 2-3 1-2 5, C.Lee 1-4 0-0 2, Green 4-9 0-0 8, Barbosa 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-78 18-26 104.

Minnesota 30 21 21 22 — 94
Boston 27 30 32 25 — 104

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 6-19 (Shved 2-5, Ridnour 1-1, M.Lee 1-2, Howard 1-3, Love 1-5, Williams 0-1, Barea 0-2), Boston 4-17 (Terry 3-5, Pierce 1-6, Sullinger 0-1, Green 0-1, Garnett 0-1, Rondo 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 51 (Love 13), Boston 57 (Garnett 10). Assists—Minnesota 19 (Ridnour 5), Boston 24 (Rondo 11). Total Fouls—Minnesota 19, Boston 24. A—18,624 (18,624).

LAKERS 103, HORNETS 87

L.A. LAKERS (103): World Peace 4-12 0-0 11, Jamison 6-12 0-0 15, Howard 7-11 4-8 18, Duhon 1-3 0-0 3, Bryant 10-17 8-9 29, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Meeks 3-11 0-0 9, Morris 2-5 0-0 6, Hill 4-6 1-1 9. Ebanks 0-2 3-4 3. Sacre 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 16-22 103.

NEW ORLEANS (87): Aminu 3-6 0-0 6, Anderson 12-21 2-2 31, Lopez 7-9 1-2 15, Vasquez 7-19 1-2 16, Mason 1-6 1-1 3, Rivers 0-5 1-2 1, Smith 1-6 0-0 2. Roberts 0-6 0-0 0, Henry 2-5 3-5 8, Thomas 2-2 1-1 5, Miller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-87 9-13 87.

L.A. Lakers 20 27 30 26 — 103
New Orleans 23 25 16 23 — 87

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 13-28 (Meeks 3-6, Jamison 3-6, World Peace 3-7, Morris 2-2, Duhon 1-2, Bryant 1-4, Ebanks 0-1), New Orleans 7-19 (Anderson 5-8, Henry 1-1, Vasquez 1-5, Roberts 0-3, Smith 0-1, Mason 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 49 (World Peace 9), New Orleans 58 (Aminu 10, Anderson, Lopez 9). Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (Duhon 10), New Orleans 22 (Vasquez 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 16, New Orleans 20. Technicals—Hornets, New Orleans Coach Williams. A—18,449 (17,188).

WARRIORS 104, PISTONS 97

GOLDEN STATE (104): Barnes 2-7 6-6 10, Lee 7-12 6-8 20, Ezeli 2-3 1-1 5, Curry 7-15 4-4 22, Thompson 9-13 4-4 27, Jack 3-10 2-2 8, Bledsoe 0-1 1-2 1, Jenkins 1-3 0-0 2, Landry 2-7 3-6 7. Green 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 34-75 27-34 104.

DETROIT (97): Prince 10-18 2-2 24, Maxiell 1-4 2-2 4, Monroe 3-6 3-4 9, Knight 1-9 1-1 3, Singler 1-6 0-0 3, Stuckey 5-11 6-7 17, Drummond 6-8 1-3 13, Maggette 3-7 4-6 10, Villanueva 5-10 0-0 11. Totals 35-79 21-31 97

Golden State 21 19 39 25 — 104
Detroit 20 18 23 36 — 97

3-Point Goals—Golden State 7-24 (Thompson 5-8, Curry 4-6, Green 0-2, Barnes 0-3, Jack 0-5), Detroit 6-21 (Prince 2-3, Singler 1-2, Villanueva 1-3, Stuckey 1-5, Knight 1-7, Maggette 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 42 (Lee 11), Detroit 60 (Drummond 12). Assists—Golden State 24 (Curry 10), Detroit 22 (Stuckey 9). Total Fouls—Golden State 22, Detroit 26. Technicals—Golden State defensive three second 2, Detroit Coach Lawrence Frank. A—11,126 (22,076).

BULLS 95, CAVALIERS 85

CHICAGO (95): Deng 8-13 5-5 22, Boozer 4-9 2-4 10, Noah 5-13 3-4 13, Hinrich 4-7 2-2 11, Belinelli 7-15 7-8 23, Butler 2-5 2-2 6, T.Gibson 1-2 0-0 2, Robinson 2-7 2-2 6, Mohammed 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-72 23-27 95.

CLEVELAND (85): Gee 4-10 0-0 8, Thompson 5-9 1-2 11, Varejao 4-16 3-4 11, Pargo 3-12 3-4 9, G.Gibson 3-7 2-2 10, Cassspi 0-2 1-4 1, Zeller 4-12 2-2 10, Sloan 4-8 4-4 14, Miles 4-8 1-1 10, Samuels 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 31-85 18-25 85.

Chicago 27 18 27 23 — 95
Cleveland 11 34 20 22 — 85

3-Point Goals—Chicago 4-15 (Belinelli 2-9, Hinrich 1-2, Deng 1-2, Butler 0-1, Robinson 0-2), Cleveland 5-16 (Sloan 2-3, G.Gibson 2-3, Miles 1-1, Cassipi 0-1, Gee 0-4, Pargo 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 52 (Noah 15), Cleveland 51 (Varejao 15). Assists—Chicago 22 (Hinrich 8), Cleveland 15 (Pargo 4). Total Fouls—Chicago 24, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Noah, Pargo. A—17,893 (20,562).

HAWKS 108, NUGGETS 104

DENVER (104): Gallinari 3-10 10-10 16, Faried 2-8 1-2 5, Mozgov 3-5 0-0 6, Lawson 12-18 3-4 32, Iguodala 2-10 0-1 5, Brewer 8-15 2-3 19, McGee 5-8 1-1 11, A.Miller 2-5 4-4 8, Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0. Randolph 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-79 21-25 104.

ATLANTA (108): Stevenson 3-6 0-0 9, Smith 6-15 4-6 16, Horford 12-20 1-1 25, Teague 4-16 0-0 9, Harris 5-6 0-0 12. Williams 4-13 6-6 18, Petrusku 3-7 5-6 11, Morrow 2-6 0-0 4, Johnson 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 42-95 16-19 108

Denver 26 25 27 26 — 104
Atlanta 27 28 30 23 — 108

3-Point Goals—Denver 7-17 (Lawson 5-5, Iguodala 1-4, Brewer 1-5, Hamilton 0-1, Gallinari 0-2), Atlanta 8-22 (Stevenson 3-5, Smith 2-3, Williams 2-8, Johnson 1-3, Teague 1-4, Smith 0-1, Horford 0-1, Morrow 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 49 (Mozgov 13), Atlanta 52 (Smith 13). Assists—Denver 24 (A.Miller, Lawson 7), Atlanta 24 (Williams 6). Total Fouls—Denver 25, Atlanta 19. A—14,101 (18,729)

JAZZ 87, MAGIC 81

ORLANDO (81): Harkless 0-2 0-0 0, Davis 7-16 4-6 18, Vucevic 3-9 0-0 6, Nelson 7-16 2-2 17, Affalo 7-12 2-2 16, Redick 5-12 4-5 14, Ayon 0-0 0-2 0, Moore 1-4 0-0 2, Nicholson 4-5 0-0 8, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. McRoberts 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 12-17 81

UTAH (87): Ma.Williams 3-7 2-2 8, Millsap 8-14 6-9 22, Jefferson 13-20 5-5 31, M.Williams 3-9 3-3 9, Foye 1-7 0-0 3, Carroll 2-3 2-2 6, Hayward 0-6 4-4 4, Kanter 2-5 0-0 4. Watson 0-3 0-0 0. Evans 0-3 0-2 0. Totals 32-77 22-27 87

Orlando 15 19 23 24 — 81
Utah 24 21 23 19 — 87

3-Point Goals—Orlando 1-15 (Nelson 1-4, Harkless 0-1, Vucevic 0-1, Affalo 0-3, Redick 0-5), Utah 1-10 (Foye 1-6, Hayward 0-1, Ma.Williams 0-1, Watson 0-1, Millsap 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 51 (Vucevic 16), Utah 47 (Jefferson 15). Assists—Orlando 15 (Nelson 5), Utah 18 (M.Williams 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 20, Utah 16. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second, Jefferson A—18,078 (19,911)

College Basketball

Men

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Cent. Arkansas 87, UT-Martin 86
Oral Roberts 86, Texas St. 77
Texas A&M 62, Stephen F. Austin 54
Tulsa 61, Missouri St. 42

MIDWEST

Ball St. 76, Holy Cross (Ind.) 57
Buffalo 72, Milwaukee 52
Butler 87, IUPUI 55
DePaul 74, Chicago St. 64
Detroit 79, Toledo 73
Evansville 94, Miami (Ohio) 68
Michigan St. 76, Ark.-Pine Bluff 44
N. Illinois 65, SIU-Edwardsville 54
Nebraska 76, N. Colorado 59
Saint Louis 67, North Texas 63
Saint Mary's (Cal) 88, Drake 73
UMKC 73, North Dakota 70
Valparaiso 63, IPFW 52
W. Illinois 57, E. Illinois 45

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 71, Hartford 63
Loyola Marymount 92, N. Arizona 86
Utah 76, Boise St. 55
Weber St. 89, Utah Valley 56

SOUTH

Austin Peay 88, Oakland City 63
Charlotte 73, Davidson 69
Florida 72, Florida St. 47
James Madison 70, ETSU 45
Maryland 91, Md.-Eastern Shore 68
Memphis 84, Ohio 58
Middle Tennessee 84, UAB 64
N. Dakota St. 69, Morehead St. 57
UNC Wilmington 62, Coker 47
Virginia 46, Tennessee 38
W. Kentucky 58, S. Illinois 57
Wake Forest 71, High Point 60
Wofford 54, Gardner-Webb 42

EAST

Albany (NY) 77, St. Francis (NY) 73
CCSU 87, New Hampshire 84
Holy Cross 83, Sacred Heart 78
Navy 85, Monmouth (NJ) 66
Niagara 62, Loyola (Md.) 61
Pittsburgh 66, Duquesne 45
Quinnipiac 67, Colgate 56
St. Peter's 64, Iona 62
Towson 68, Vermont 64
West Virginia 69, Marshall 59
Yale 64, Bryant 62

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES

TEXAS A&M 62,
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 54

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (5-1): Bateman 2-7 1-2 5, Bostic 6-17 0-0 14, Haymon 2-8 2-2 7, Smith 7-12 0-2 14, Parker 3-8 0-0 8, Walker 3-3 0-0 6, Walker 0-2 0-0 0, Pinkney 0-0 0-0 0, Gajic 0-1 0-0 0. Asortse 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-58 3-8 54

TEXAS A&M (7-1): Harris 1-7 1-2 3, Caruso 0-1 0-1 1, E. Turner 5-8 0-0 10, Roberson 0-2 2-4 2, R. Turner 4-8 7-10 15, Young 3-3 3-3 9, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Reese 5-8 5-6 15, Green 2-2 4-2 7. Jahns 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-40 21-29 62

Halftime—Texas A&M 31-28. 3-Point Goals—Stephen F. Austin 5-18 (Parker 2-3, Bostic 2-8, Haymon 1-4, Gajic 0-1, Walker 0-2), Texas A&M 7-17 (Green 1-3, E. Turner 0-2, Harris 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Stephen F. Austin 32 (Smith 7), Texas A&M 30 (R. Turner 8). Assists—Stephen F. Austin 8 (Bateman 8), Texas A&M 9 (Reese 4). Total Fouls—Stephen F. Austin 21, Texas A&M 11. A—4,684.

SAINT LOUIS 87, NORTH TEXAS 63

NORTH TEXAS (3-6): Holmen 0-4 0-0 0, Aurima 3-5 2-2 8, Jones 8-13 4-5 21, T. Mitchell 7-12 2-2 18, Franklin 1-10 4-4 6, Hardwick 0-0 0-2 2. Patton 0-0 0-0 0. Overlander 0-0 0-0 0. J. Williams 0-4 0-0 0. Stoilikovic 2-3 1-1 6. Coleman 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 22-52 15-16 63.

SAINT LOUIS (5-3): Jett 7-14 2-5 17, Mc-Calli Jr 2-11 2-2 8, Evans 2-3 5-6 9, Remekun 2-3 0-0 4, Loe 0-5 1-2 1, Ellis 3-8 8-8 17, Barnett 2-5 0-0 5, Manning 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 20-51 20-25 67.

Halftime—North Texas 36-34. 3-Point Goals—North Texas 4-7 (T. Mitchell 2-3, Stoilikovic 1-1, Jones 1-2, Holmen 0-2), Saint Louis 7-18 (Ellis 3-6, McCall Jr 2-5, Jett 1-1, Barnett 1-3, Loe 0-3). Fouled Out—Remekun. Rebounds—North Texas 36 (T. Mitchell 8), Saint Louis 29 (Ellis 6). Assists—North Texas 11 (Jones 7), Saint Louis 14 (McCall Jr 7). Total Fouls—North Texas 20, Saint Louis 18. Technical—North Texas Bench. A—4,817.

Top 25 Fared
Wednesday

1. Indiana (8-0) did not play Next: vs. Central Connecticut State. Saturday
2. Duke (8-0) did not play Next: vs. Temple. Saturday
3. Michigan (8-0) did not play Next: vs Arkansas. Saturday
4. Syracuse (6-0) did not play Next: vs Long Beach State. Thursday
5. Louisville (7-1) did not play Next: vs UMKC. Saturday
6. Florida (7-0) beat Florida State 72-47 Next: at No. 8 Arizona. Saturday, Dec. 15
7. Ohio State (5-1) did not play Next: vs Long Beach State. Saturday
8. Arizona (6-0) did not play Next: at Clemson. Saturday
9. Kansas (6-1) did not play Next: vs. Colorado. Saturday
10. Gonzaga (8-0) at Washington State Next: vs. No. 13 Illinois. Saturday.
11. Cincinnati (7-0) did not play Next: vs Arkansas-Little Rock. Thursday
12. Missouri (7-1) did not play Next: vs Tennessee State. Saturday
13. Illinois (8-0) did not play Next: at No 10 Gonzaga. Saturday.
14. Minnesota (9-1) did not play Next: at Southern Cal. Saturday
15. Georgetown (6-1) did not play Next: vs Towson. Saturday.
16. Creighton (7-1) did not play Next: at Nebraska. Thursday
17. San Diego State (6-1) did not play Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara. Thursday
18. New Mexico (8-0) vs. Southern Cal. Next: vs. Valparaiso. Saturday.
19. Michigan State (7-2) beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 76-44 Next: vs Loyola of Chicago. Saturday.
20. North Carolina (6-2) did not play Next: vs East Tennessee State. Saturday
21. UNLV (6-1) did not play Next: at California. Sunday.
22. Notre Dame (7-1) did not play Next: vs Brown. Saturday.
23. Oklahoma State (6-1) beat South Florida 61-49 Next: vs. Missouri State. Saturday.
24. Wichita State (8-0) did not play Next: vs Northern Colorado. Saturday.
25. N.C. State (5-2) did not play Next: vs Cleveland State. Saturday.

Women

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Oral Roberts 96, Evangel 34
TCU 73, UTSA 64
Tarleton St. 71, Angelo St. 61, OT
Texas A&M International 66, Texas A&M-Kingsville 58
Texas Southern 62, Sam Houston St. 57
Texas Tech 75, Illinois 56
UTEP 66, New Mexico St. 44

FAR WEST

CS Northridge 77, San Francisco 33
Colorado 72, Colorado St. 46

SOUTH

Baylor 73, Notre Dame 61
Bowling Green 67, Butler 47
Cent. Michigan 54, Green Bay 50
Cincinnati 57, Youngstown St. 46
Creighton 66, Nebraska 57
IUPUI 75, W. Michigan 67
Michigan St. 69, Ball St. 45
Michigan St. 75, Oakland 43
Minnesota 74, Denver 51
SIU-Edwardsville 75, Sacramento St. 57
W. Illinois 65, Loyola of Chicago 61

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 69, Langston 49
Charlotte 63, UNC Wilmington 58
Davidson 59, High Point 43
North Carolina 64, Radford 44
Richmond 83, Towson 51
South Florida 67, Florida Gulf Coast 46
VCU 70, UMBC 41

EAST

Albany (NY) 75, La Salle 36
American U. 70, Coppin St. 54
Boston U. 73, UMass 50
Bryant 72, Iona 57
CCSU 67, Vermont 41
Delaware 57, Rhode Island 40
Georgetown 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 38
Fairleigh Dickinson 67, NJIT 58
Mount St. Mary's 62, Md.-Eastern Shore 58
New Hampshire 54, Dartmouth 38
Northeastern 70, Holy Cross 48
Penn St. 81, Fairfield 57
Pittsburgh 57, Loyola (Md.) 47
Princeton 84, Hofstra 54
Saint Joseph's 69, Lafayette 43
Siena 55, Marist 50
St. Bonaventure 64, Buffalo 55

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOX

No. 3 BAYLOR 73,
No. 5 NOTRE DAME 61

BAYLOR (7-0): Ogwumike 5-9 3-10 16, Prince 2-6 0-0 5, Williams 1-5 0-0 2, Madden 6-11 0-1 12, Griner 10-16 4-4 24, Hayden 0-1 0-0 0, Robertson 0-0 0-0 0, Prince 2-7

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

DEC. 7-DEC. 10



Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 16-9
Season: 266-83
Pct.: .762



Travis Metcalf
Last week: 21-4
Season: 263-86
Pct.: .753



Jonathan Hull
Last week: 17-8
Season: 262-87
Pct.: .751



Jordan Mason
Last week: 17-8
Season: 255-94
Pct.: .731



Len Hayward
Last week: 11-14
Season: 251-98
Pct.: .719



Terry Williamson
Last week: 19-6
Season: 248-100
Pct.: .713



Guest Picker
Shad Hanna
Greenwood
Head Football Coach

HIGH SCHOOL							
Midland Christian vs. Houston Northland Christian DeSoto vs. Southlake Carroll Cedar Hill vs. Waco Midway Denton Guyer vs. NRH Birdville Wichita Falls Rider s. Wolfforth Frenship Graham vs. Gatesville Wall vs. Eastland Colorado City vs. Sonora Stratford vs. Stamford Valley vs. Throckmorton Follett vs. Grandfalls-Royalty	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Waco Midway NRH Birdville Wichita Falls Rider Gatesville Wall Colorado City Stamford Throckmorton Grandfalls-Royalty	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Waco Midway Denton Guyer Wichita Falls Rider Gatesville Wall Colorado City Stamford Throckmorton Follett	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Waco Midway Denton Guyer Wichita Falls Rider Gatesville Wall Colorado City Stamford Throckmorton Grandfalls-Royalty	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Cedar Hill NRH Birdville Wichita Falls Rider Gatesville Wall Colorado City Stamford Throckmorton Grandfalls-Royalty	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Waco Midway Denton Guyer Wichita Falls Rider Gatesville Eastland Colorado City Stamford Valley Follett	Midland Christian Southlake Carroll Cedar Hill Denton Guyer Wolfforth Frenship Graham Wall Colorado City Stamford Throckmorton Grandfalls-Royalty
COLLEGE							
Army vs. Navy Sam Houston State at Montana State West Texas A&M at Winston-Salem Mary Hardin-Baylor at Mount Union	Navy Montana State Winston-Salem Mount Union	Navy Montana State Winston-Salem Mary Hardin-Baylor	Navy Montana State West Texas A&M Mount Union	Navy Sam Houston State Winston-Salem Mount Union	Navy Sam Houston State Winston-Salem Mount Union	Navy Sam Houston State West Texas A&M Mount Union	Army Sam Houston State West Texas A&M Mary Hardin-Baylor
PRO							
Dallas at Cincinnati Houston at New England Baltimore at Washington Detroit at Green Bay San Diego at Pittsburgh Tennessee at Indianapolis Miami at San Francisco New Orleans at N.Y. Giants Arizona at Seattle Kansas City at Cleveland	Cincinnati New England Baltimore Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco N.Y. Giants Seattle Cleveland	Cincinnati New England Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco New Orleans Seattle Kansas City	Cincinnati New England Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco N.Y. Giants Seattle Cleveland	Cincinnati New England Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco New Orleans Seattle Cleveland	Cincinnati Houston Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco N.Y. Giants Seattle Cleveland	Cincinnati New England Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco N.Y. Giants Seattle Cleveland	Dallas New England Washington Green Bay Pittsburgh Indianapolis San Francisco N.Y. Giants Seattle Cleveland

Last week's guest picker Garden City football coach Matt Odom was 18-7. This year's guest pickers are 286-119 (.706)

PLAYOFF PARINGS

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
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
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
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 Cabarrini Field

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Wall (11-1) vs. Eastland (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Daingerfield (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
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 A
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
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, Ven
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
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 Championship
Midland Christian (12-1) vs. Houston Northland Christian (12-0), 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco

GREENWOOD

From 1C

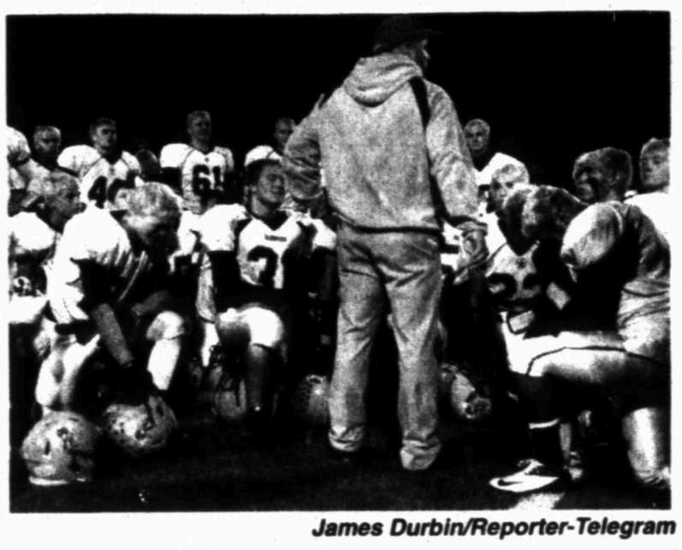
great leadership," Hanna said. "There were so many of them that had been on varsity for three years and were a big part of our success. Them staying out there and helping us build the program was huge and that's something we've got to continue doing.

"There's so many that we have to replace so we're going to need some kids to step up. Hopefully we have underclassmen that are going to fill those roles. Every year you always find that person who will take the reins on offense or defense and has a great season for you."

While the season ended with a disappointing 41-23 loss to Graham in the Class 3A Division II regional round, Hanna said he couldn't be more proud of what this team accomplished, especially after not being picked to make the playoffs by some pre-season prognosticators.

"We got better every week, the kids performed well and even played above their heads at times," Hanna said. "The kids just played so hard and competed at a really high level — everybody on the team did and that was one of our keys to success."

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Greenwood coach Shad Hanna talks to the Rangers after last week's loss againt Graham in the Class 3A Division II regional round game in Sweetwater.

HEISMAN

From 1C

coach Paul "Bear" Bryant said, "they ought to stop giving it."

Crow got a good laugh this week when asked if he believed the same was true of Manziel.

"I don't have near the audience that coach Bryant had," he said, still chuckling. "I'm not sure how big that would go over."

Then the 77-year-old former halfback got serious.

"He is very, very deserving," Crow said. "I don't care what age he is, whether he is right-handed or left-handed, wears a 17 shoe or nine shoe, he is very, very deserving of being named the outstanding player in college this year."

Manziel's whirlwind season had a modest beginning with him having to beat out two other quarterbacks to win the starting position in mid-August.

As his numbers grew, so did the legend of Johnny Football, a nickname Aggies bestowed him with as he settled in at College Station. When the Aggies beat the defending champion Crimson Tide on national television behind an outstanding performance by Manziel, the phrase seemed to be everywhere.

It's a name that still amuses him.

"I don't know if I really see it as a legend," he said. "It's more of a folk tale, I guess."

His numbers alone seem like the stuff of some exaggerated Texas football folk tale. He has thrown for 3,419 yards and 24 touchdowns and run for 1,181 yards and 19 more scores to become the first freshman, first SEC player and fifth player overall to throw for 3,000 yards and run for 1,000 in a season.

But his eye-popping numbers don't tell the whole story. The improvisation is what really sets him apart. Manziel has a knack for evading defenders, staying on his feet and finishing plays that seem impossible. Kind of like Robert Griffin III, the Baylor star who won the Heisman last year. Or Fran Tarkenton, another wizard at avoiding defenders.

"I don't think there's many people in this world that could do some of the things he did," Crow said. "He was born to run around back there — at least it looks that way to me."

Growing up in Kerrville, Texas, Manziel didn't dream of football stardom. He always pictured his path leading to a baseball diamond.

"I always thought since I was a little kid that I would play pro baseball," said Manziel, who also starred on his high school baseball team. "My biggest dream was that I wanted to play in the MLB. I wanted to play for the Rangers and wanted to play shortstop."

But fate stepped in and altered his dream.

"Then football came along and took center stage," he said.

AP Sports Writer Dave Campbell in Minneapolis contributed to this story.

K-State's Klein voted AP Big 12 player of the year

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

There were times when Collin Klein's mother couldn't help but worry, when she would watch her son take a snap from center, dodge a couple of defenders and then take off at a gallop.

The play would usually end up with Kansas State's quarterback taking a big hit, the kind that caused Kelly Klein to gasp. The kid would invariably drag himself off the turf, blood usually seeping from his elbows. He would adjust his facemask, hike back his shoulder pads and trundle back to the huddle and do it all again.



Klein

"I get emotional because I do worry," Kelly Klein admitted this week. "But he does what he loves to do, so you have to be grateful that he has the physical ability to do it."

Klein's prodigious physical ability, along with his even demeanor, unwavering faith and singular focus on getting better bit by bit all contributed to one of the finest careers in Kansas State history. On Wednesday, he was voted the AP Big 12 offensive player of the year.

"I'm just honored with this opportunity that the Lord has provided me here at K-State," said Klein, who made the All-Big 12 first team as a quarterback and was honorable mention as an all-purpose player. "I'm just happy to represent Kansas State, our team and what we've been able to accomplish this season."

The Heisman Trophy finalist set a slew of records while helping the seventh-ranked Wildcats to an 11-win season, the third conference title in school history and a berth opposite Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl.

Klein is the first player from Kansas State to be voted the Big 12's top offensive player. He received 14 of the 18 votes from members of the media who regularly cover the Big 12, while West Virginia's Tavon Austin got three votes and Terrance Williams of Baylor received the other one.

"It's an amazing thing and it's a huge honor, but the reward, you know, is just seeing him do his thing, and do what he loves to do," said Klein's father, Doug Klein. "Truly, whether it's recognized or not, that's the reward."

2012 AP ALL BIG-12 TEAM

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The 2012 Associated Press All-Big 12 team, as selected by a panel of 18 sports writers who regularly cover the league for newspapers throughout the league's five states. Players at all positions are listed alphabetically with name, school, height, weight, class and hometown. "u-" denotes unanimous selections.

FIRST-TEAM
OFFENSE

Center: Gabe Ikard, Oklahoma, 6-3, 288, Jr., Oklahoma City

Offensive line: B.J. Finney, Kansas State, 6-4, 303, Soph., Andale, Kan.; Cyril Richardson, Baylor, 6-5, 335, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas; Lane Taylor, Oklahoma State, 6-3, 328, Sr., Arlington, Texas; LaAdrian Waddle, Texas Tech, 6-6, 330, Sr., Columbus, Texas

Tight end: Travis Tannahill, Kansas State, 6-3, 253, Sr., Overland Park, Kan.

Receiver: Stedman Bailey, West Virginia, 5-10, 194, Jr., Miramar, Fla.; Josh Stewart, Oklahoma State, 5-10, 178, Soph., Denton, Texas; u-Terrance Williams, Baylor, 6-2, 205, Sr., Dallas;

Running back: Joseph Randle, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 200, Jr., Wichita, Kan.

Quarterback: Collin Klein, Kansas State, 6-5, 226, Sr., Loveland, Colo.

All-purpose: Tavon Austin, West Virginia, 5-9, 171, Sr., Baltimore

Kicker: Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 205, Sr., Mansfield, Texas

SECOND-TEAM
OFFENSE

Center: Joe Madsen, West Virginia, 6-4, 305, Sr., Chardon, Ohio

Offensive line: Blaize Foltz, TCU, 6-4, 310, Sr., Rose Hill, Kan.; Tanner Hawkinson, Kansas, 6-5, 300, Sr., McPherson, Kan.; Cornelius Lucas, Kansas State, 6-9, 324, Jr., New Orleans; Ivory Wade, Baylor, 6-4, 310, Sr., Dickinson, Texas

Tight end: Trey Millard, Oklahoma, 6-2, 256, Jr., Columbia, Mo.

Receiver: (tie) Tavon Austin, West Virginia, 5-9, 171, Sr., Baltimore; Darrin Moore, Texas Tech, 6-4, 216, Sr., Irving, Texas; Kenny Stills, Oklahoma, 6-1, 190, Jr., Encinitas, Calif.; Eric Ward, Texas Tech, 6-0, 204, Jr., Wichita Falls, Texas

Running back — James Sims, Kansas, 6-0, 200, Jr., Irving, Texas

Quarterback: (tie) Landry Jones, Oklahoma, 6-4, 218, Sr., Artesia, N.M.; Geno Smith, West Virginia, 6-3, 220, Sr., Miami

All-purpose — Tyler Lockett, Kansas State, 5-11, 175, Soph., Tulsa, Okla.

Kicker — Anthony Cantele, Kansas State, 5-10, 183, Sr., Wichita, Kan.

FIRST-TEAM
DEFENSE

Defensive line: u-Devonte Fields, TCU, 6-4, 240, Fr., Arlington, Texas; Kerry Hyder, Texas Tech, 6-2, 281, Jr., Austin, Texas; Alex Okafor, Texas, 6-4, 265, Sr., Pflugerville, Texas; u-Meshak Williams, Kansas State, 6-3, 245, Sr., Sylvester, Ga.

Linebacker: u-Arthur Brown, Kansas State, 6-1, 231, Sr., Wichita, Kan.; Kenny Cain, TCU, 6-1, 225, Sr., Metairie, La.; u-A.J. Klein, Iowa St., 6-2, 248, Sr., Kimberly, Wis.; Jake Knott, Iowa State, 6-3, 252, Sr., Waukee, Iowa.

Defensive back: Aaron Colvin, Oklahoma, 6-0, 181, Jr., Owasso, Okla.; Tony Jefferson, Oklahoma, 5-11, 212, Jr., Chula Vista, Calif.; Jason Verrett, TCU, 5-10, 180, Jr., Fairfield, Calif.; Ty Zimmerman, Kansas State, 6-1, 203, Jr., Junction City, Kan.

Punter: Quinn Sharp, Oklahoma State, 6-1, 205, Sr., Mansfield, Texas

SECOND-TEAM
DEFENSE

Defensive Line: Calvin Barnett, Oklahoma State, 6-2, 299, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.; Dartwan Bush, Texas Tech, 6-1, 256, Jr., Clute, Texas; Adam Davis, Kansas State, 6-0, 247, Sr., Folkston, Ga.; Stansly Maponga, TCU, 6-2, 265, Jr., Carrollton, Texas

Linebacker: Bryce Hager, Baylor, 6-1, 235, Soph., Austin, Texas; Ben Heeney, Kansas, 6-0, 225, Soph., Hutchinson, Kan.; Eddie Lackey, Baylor, 6-0, 220, Jr., Mumeta, Calif.; Shaun Lewis, Oklahoma State, 5-11, 225, Jr., Missouri City, Texas

Defensive back: Sam Carter, TCU, 6-1, 220, Soph., Alief, Texas; Durrell Givens, Iowa State, 6-0, 210, Sr., Long Beach, Calif.; Kenny Vaccaro, Texas, 6-1, 218, Sr., Brownwood, Texas; Nigel Malone, Kansas State, 5-10, 180, Sr., Manteca, Calif.

Punter: Alex King, Texas, 6-2, 205, Sr., Winston-Salem, N.C.

HONORABLE MENTION

Offensive line: Jeff Braun, West Virginia; Carter Bykowski, Iowa State; Le'Raven Clark, Texas Tech; Pat Eger, West Virginia; Tom Farniok, Iowa State; Trey Hopkins, Texas; Bronson Irwin, Oklahoma; Lane Johnson, Oklahoma; Cameron Kaufhold, Baylor; Tavon Rooks, Kansas State; Jonathan Rush, Oklahoma State; Adam Shead, Oklahoma; Eric Tausch, TCU; Mason Walters, Texas; Daryl Williams, Oklahoma, Duane Zlatnik, Kansas

Tight end: Jace Amaro, Texas Tech; Ernst Brun, Iowa State; Blake Jackson, Oklahoma State; Jimmay Mundine, Kansas; Jordan Najvar, Baylor; Braden Wilson, Kansas State

Receiver: Justin Boyce, TCU; Mike Davis, Texas; Chris Harper, Kansas State; Tyler Lockett, Kansas State

Running back: John Hubert, Kansas State; Lache Seastrunk, Baylor; Damien Williams, Oklahoma

Quarterback: Nick Florence, Baylor

All-purpose: Justin Brown, Oklahoma; Collin Klein, Kansas State; Tony Pierson, Kansas; Lache Seastrunk, Baylor

Kicker: Michael Hunnicutt, Oklahoma

Defensive line: Will Clarke, West Virginia; Jackson Jeffcoat, Texas; DavidKing, Oklahoma; Jake McDonough, Iowa State; Jamarkus McFarland, Oklahoma; Nigel Nicholas, Oklahoma State; Chuka Ndulue, Oklahoma

Linebacker: Isaiah Bruce, West Virginia; Jarell Childs, Kansas State; Ahmad Dixon, Baylor; Steve Edmond, Texas; Alex Elkins, Oklahoma State; Josh Francis, West Virginia; Terence Garvin, West Virginia; Joel Hasley, TCU; Will Smith, Texas Tech

Defensive back: Cody Davis, Texas Tech; Javon Harris, Oklahoma; Demontre Hurst, Oklahoma; Karl Joseph, West Virginia; Daytawon Lowe, Oklahoma State; Bradley McDougald, Kansas; Elisha Olabode, TCU; Joe Williams, Baylor

Punter: Ryan Doerr, Kansas State; Ethan Perry, TCU; Kirby Van Der Kamp, Iowa State

Offensive player of the year — Collin Klein, Kansas State

Defensive player of the year — Devonte Fields, TCU

Offensive newcomer of the year — Lache Seastrunk, Baylor

Defensive newcomer of the year — Devonte Fields, TCU

Coach of the year — u-Bill Snyder, Kansas State

Chiefs players pay respects to Belcher at service

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Heads bowed, somber past and present Kansas City Chiefs players turned out Wednesday for a memorial service for teammate Jovan Belcher, who killed his girlfriend and then himself over the weekend.

Belcher fatally shot 22-year-old Kasandra Perkins on Saturday at the Kansas City home they shared with their 3-month-old daughter, Zoey. He then drove to the Chiefs practice facility at Arrowhead Stadium, where coach Romeo Crennel, general manager Scott Pioli and defensive assistant Gary Gibbs witnessed Belcher commit suicide.

The team moved up its practice schedule so that players could attend Wednesday afternoon's service at the nearby Landmark International Deliverance and Worship Center, where Belcher and Perkins worshipped. The media wasn't allowed inside.

Afterward, a coffin was wheeled from the building and driven away in a hearse.

Retired Chiefs Hall of Famer Bobby Bell said Pioli and an uncle of Belcher's spoke during the service.

"It's done and over with and people need to get on with their lives, and the team needed to try to get forward," Bell said. "It's tough on them. When you see somebody and play with them you're buddies, friends."

Many of the players boarded coach buses after the service, but a few walked to their own vehicles with their wives and girlfriends.

"It was good," running back Peyton Hillis said of the service. He wouldn't comment further.

Defensive end Ropatisp Pitoitua, kicker Ryan Succop, and linebacker Derrick Johnson said they didn't want to be interviewed.

Before the service, veteran offensive lineman Ryan Lilja said he hoped the memorial would provide some closure for the Chiefs, who will try to win their second straight game Sunday at Cleveland.

"You got to try to deal with it however you deal with it, and grieve the best way for the individual," he said, "and I think this is the best way for us as a team to get closure and move on and focus on football."

Lilja said some players have taken advantage of counseling services that have been provided by the Chiefs and the NFL and that there's been a change in the atmosphere around the team building.

Cal to hire Sonny Dykes as new coach

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — California hired Louisiana Tech coach Sonny Dykes on Wednesday to take over for the fired Jeff Tedford.

Dykes will be formally introduced at a news conference Thursday, two people with knowledge of the hire confirmed. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

The hiring was first reported by Footballscoop.com.

Dykes had a 22-15 record with the Bulldogs, averaging 35.9 points and 452.5 yards per game in his tenure. He takes over a Cal team that went 3-9 this past season and missed a bowl for the second time in three years. Dykes inherits a roster with some talent, most notably heralded quarterback recruit Zach Kline, who did not play as a freshman but is in line to win the starting job next season.

Tedford, once known as a quarterback guru for his work with Joey Harrington, Kyle Boller and Aaron Rodgers, struggled in his later years at Cal to find an elite passer. The Bears had a 34-37 record in Tedford's final 5 1/2 years, leading to his dismissal.

Dykes, the son of former Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, is known as an offensive mastermind, who runs a spread system that he honed as coordinator under Mike Leach at Texas Tech.

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BURNING ISSUES

▶ Yes, Howie Mandel came close to losing it when he had Teleprompter problems at the Sprint Cup Awards. It was edgy, but he didn't go off the edge. He was a flawed choice as emcee, but he tried. He did some homework. The stands at races aren't generally filled with comedians, at least not professional ones.

▶ Had he not been tragically killed in 1998, Phil Hartman would have been the perfect choice.

▶ NASCAR is in a tough spot. Its banquet isn't big enough to draw a Billy Crystal. Mandel was probably the best it could do. Frank Caliendo might have been better, but he's done the gig before.

▶ The champion's speech was one of simple and unrehearsed eloquence. It wasn't polished, but it was genuine.

▶ Few race drivers take public-speaking classes, as the painful remarks of Kasey Kahne attested. He's a nice guy but so ill at ease in a formal setting.

▶ The entertainment was fine, but the show still seems too much like the People's Choice Awards, which some in NASCAR might consider a compliment.

▶ At the end of his speech, Clint Bowyer said he was "clocking out" on the season. It's a good thing. The next one will be here before long, not to mention the testing that leads up to it.

▶ Did we mention that Danica Patrick is going to be competing fulltime in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series next year?

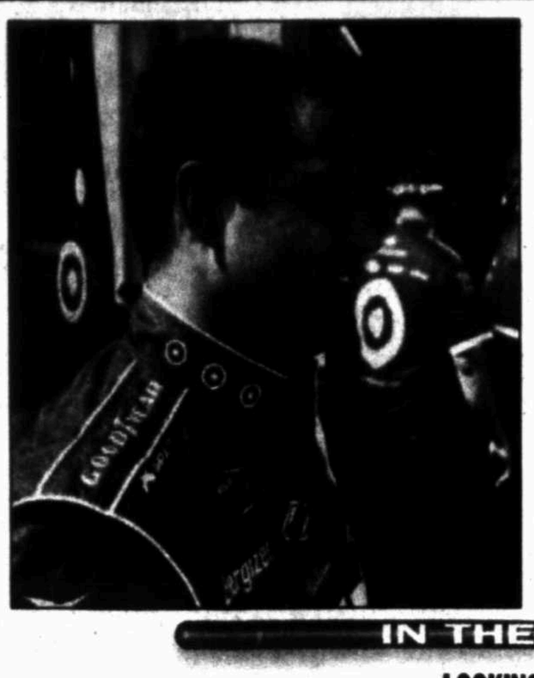
▶ Chevy's new SS drew positive reviews when unveiled in Las Vegas. Meanwhile, many teams are fretting about the final configurations of the new cars, which still haven't been finalized.

▶ Jimmie Johnson said the cars have been changed enough. He wasn't specific but said it was time to look at changing the tracks in order to provide better competition.

ON THE TUBE

2013 CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 16 Daytona Shootout	**Fox**
Feb. 17 500 qualifying	**Fox**
Feb. 21 Daytona Duel	**Speed**
Feb. 24 Daytona 500	**Fox**
March 3 Phoenix	**Fox**
March 10 Las Vegas	**Fox**
March 17 Bristol	**Fox**
March 24 Fontana	**Fox**
April 7 Martinsville	**Fox**
April 13 Texas	**Fox**
April 21 Kansas	**Fox**
April 27 Richmond	**Fox**
May 5 Talladega	**Fox**
May 11 Darlington	**Fox**
May 18 Charlotte All-Star	**Speed**
May 26 Charlotte	**Fox**
June 2 Dover	**Fox**
June 9 Pocono	**TNT**
June 16 Michigan	**TNT**
June 23 Sonoma	**TNT**
June 29 Kentucky	**TNT**
July 6 Daytona	**TNT**
July 14 New Hampshire	**TNT**
July 28 Indianapolis	**ESPN**
Aug. 4 Pocono	**ESPN**
Aug. 11 Watkins Glen	**ESPN**
Aug. 18 Michigan	**ESPN**
Aug. 24 Bristol	**ABC**
Sept. 1 Atlanta	**ESPN**
Sept. 7 Richmond	**ABC**
Sept. 15 Chicagoland	**ESPN**
Sept. 22 New Hampshire	**ESPN**
Sept. 29 Dover	**ESPN**
Oct. 6 Kansas	**ESPN**
Oct. 12 Charlotte	**ABC**
Oct. 20 Talladega	**ESPN**
Oct. 27 Martinsville	**ESPN**
Nov. 3 Texas	**ESPN**
Nov. 10 Phoenix	**ESPN**
Nov. 17 Homestead	**ESPN**



THEY SAID IT DURING THE SEASON

As a group, they're not notable for their book learning, but NASCAR figures learn to turn a phrase, as collected during another grueling Sprint Cup season:

"What's surprised me is just how much I truly enjoy driving these cars." – **Danica Patrick**.

"I have hit a lot of things, but a jet dryer? I mean, no ..." – **Juan Pablo Montoya**, after the Daytona 500.

"I don't think that it's reasonable for any young driver to not make mistakes, but I think that it's important to learn from them." – **Brad Keselowski**, before embarking on a championship.

"One of the goals in my life is to sit up on that stage (as champion) in Las Vegas, and I think he's the guy who can make it happen." – **Roger Penske**, on **Brad Keselowski**, May.

"I could win at a lot of tracks, but I just try to spread them out and give some other drivers a chance." – **Ryan Newman**, in jest, after winning his 16th race on his 11th different track.

"There isn't a car more scrutinized in this garage area than the No. 48. It's been that way for the last decade." – **Jimmie Johnson**.

"All things must come to an end, and this surface has come to an end ..." – **Clint Bowyer**, at Kansas.

"Richard Petty got quite an ovation when he ran his last race in Atlanta, but nothing like this." – MRN's **Barney Hall**, after **Dale Earnhardt Jr**. ended a 143-race winless streak

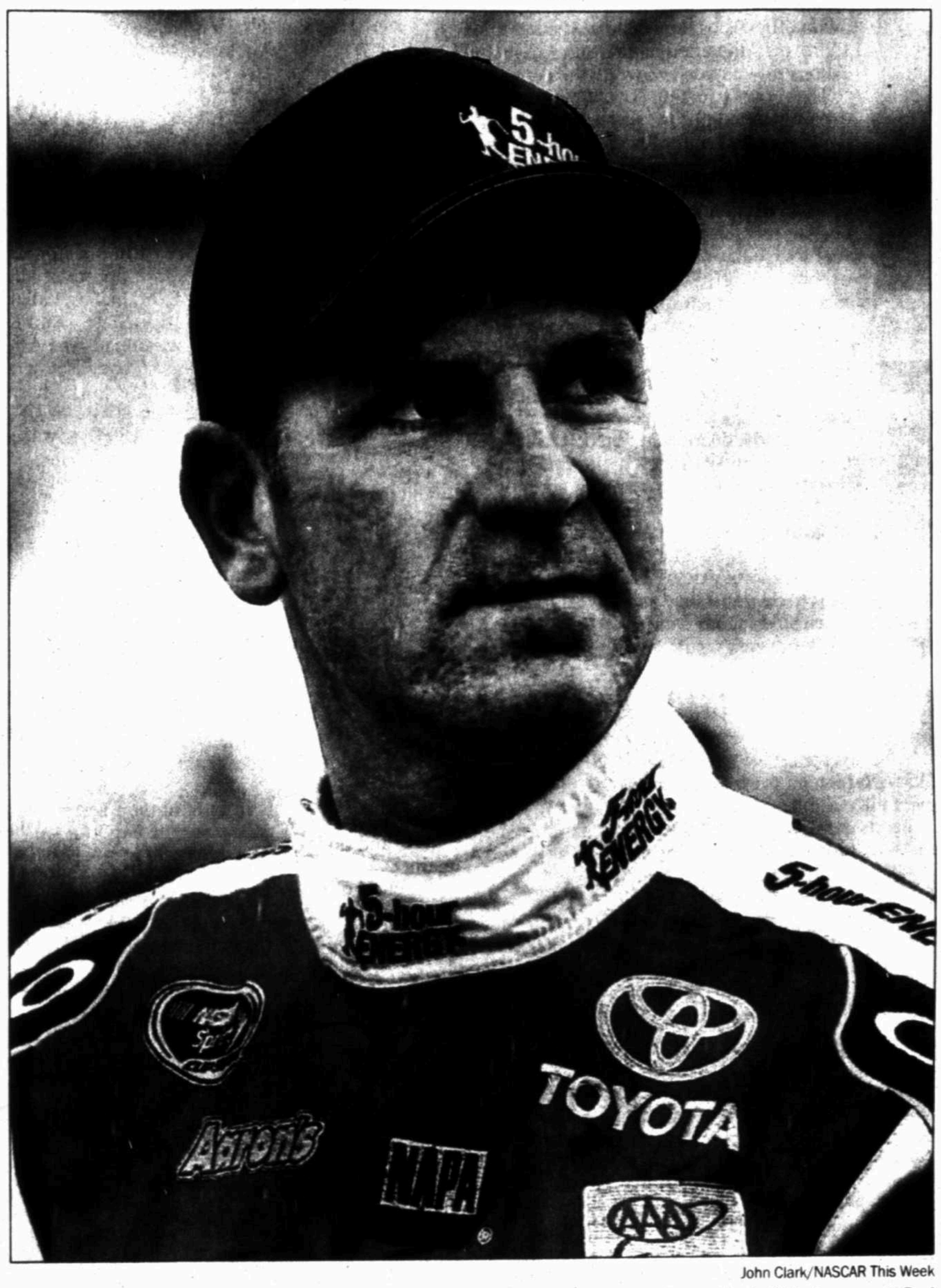
"I was never taught to give and take. I was taught to race hard." – **Newman**.

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

2012 got off to a wild start when driver Juan Pablo Montoya hit the Daytona International Speedway track jet dryer. The crash set off an explosion involving 200 gallons of fuel. Montoya finished 36th after starting 35th in the race.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LOOKING TO NEXT SEASON



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Clint Bowyer's switch from Richard Childress Racing to Waltrip Racing was a huge gamble, but it seemed to pay off as he finished runner-up to Brad Keselowski in this season's Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship. What's in store for next season amid more NASCAR and team changes?

Uncertain Times

Look out for some changes for 2013 Cup season

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

It's possible that the next NASCAR season will be similar to the one just completed, but it's not as likely as in the past for 2013 to link seamlessly with 2012.

Brad Keselowski is the Sprint Cup champion, and his first will probably not be his last. Keselowski is just 28, with a future as bright as the noonday sun. He drove a Dodge Charger to his title. Next year he'll be in a Ford Fusion, which, at the very least, requires some adaptation, and at the very most, a bit of uncertainty that wasn't in place a year ago.

Keselowski's gamble isn't as great as Clint Bowyer's a year ago. Bowyer switched teams, moving from Richard Childress' Chevy into Michael Waltrip's Toyota. Bowyer finished runner-up to Keselowski.

Really, though, all the cars are going to be different. NASCAR is implementing a design change, the most noticeable development being that the cars will look less like one another and more like cars that actually sit in showrooms and roll around streets.

Teams will shake down their cars and pore over data from tests sanctioned by NASCAR, but in the short run, the balance of power will almost surely shift. Some teams will adapt better than others at the outset. In time, it will even out. Early on, one manufacturer might appear to have a slight advantage. That, too, will pass, but in a sense, the change might make the early part of next season more crucial than last.

NASCAR officials have also made changes in the qualifying process, reducing the number of automatic spots in the starting fields.

In fairness, it should be added that 2012 was hardly a carbon copy of 2011. The championship changed hands. Keselowski surprised the experts, most of whom expected him to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup but gave him little chance of winning it.

A driver who almost won the 2011 championship, Carl Edwards, didn't even make the Chase. Neither did Kyle Busch, who is almost unanimously considered one of the sport's great talents.

Stay tuned. February is going to be very interesting.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Gordon Bowyer

JEFF GORDON VS. CLINT BOWYER

Both were graceful during the Sprint Cup Awards. Both endured numerous quips at their expense. Relations are still strained, though, and two of the sport's premier performers enter 2013 in what at best can be described as an uneasy truce.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The bitterness is too deep. It can't be resolved with words. It takes time, and in this case, quite a bit of it. For one thing, they will be constantly watched on the track, particularly when in close proximity."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

They'll Second, Third That

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053. Send emails to mdutton@gastongazette.com, ATTN: NTW question

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Mrs. Joan Wilkerson, in her letter ... of Thursday, Nov. 28, hit the nail on the head with her comments regarding the Gordon/Bowyer incident. I completely agree with her.

N. Vletstra
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I feel the same as the letter of Joan Wilkerson. I couldn't have said it better myself. "Bowyer has wrecked Gordon many times. It was about time Gordon stood up for himself."

Glenn Vletstra
Kalamazoo, Mich.

It could be that these two notes are related.

FAN TIPS

A Beginner's Book

Want to teach your kid about NASCAR. Check out "My First NASCAR Book." Actually, there are four of them: "123," "Colors," "ABC" and "Shapes." They teach kids about NASCAR ... and that other stuff, too. The "author" - there's really not much writing to it - is Christopher Jordan, and the four volumes are available for $7.95 ($8.99 in Canada) each from Fenn/Tundra.

LEGENDS AND LORE

There is Superstition ...

Drivers were much more superstitious in the old days than they are now. Joe Weatherly, who won championships in 1962 and '63, hated the number 13 so much that, in 1962, he proclaimed that he would not compete in the Southern 500 because it was being advertised as the 13th running of the event (which, of course, it was). Darlington Raceway President Bob Colvin solved the problem by determining that it was "the 12th Renewal Southern 500." (Source: The Official NASCAR Trivia Book)



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

What lies ahead for Carl Edwards in 2013? The Roush driver would love to have an infinitely better season than he had in 2012.



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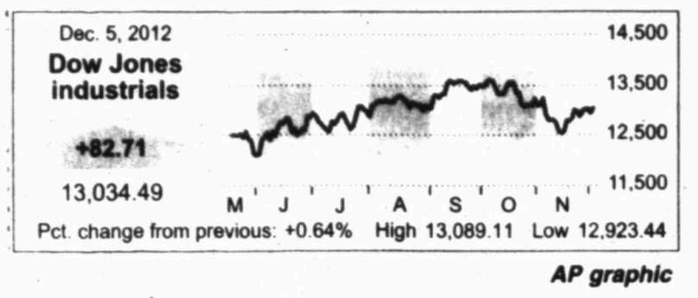
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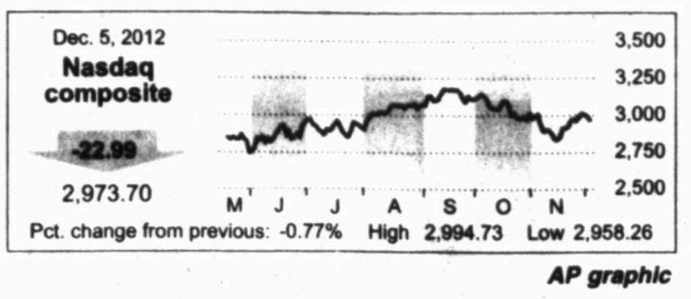


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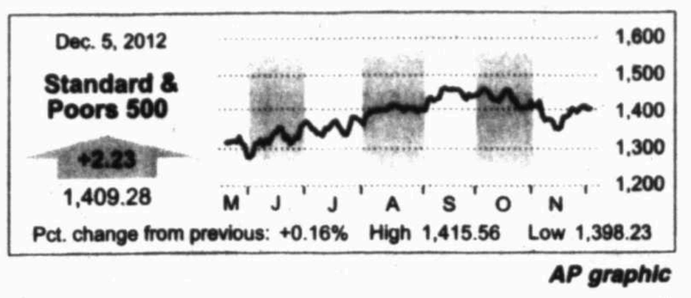
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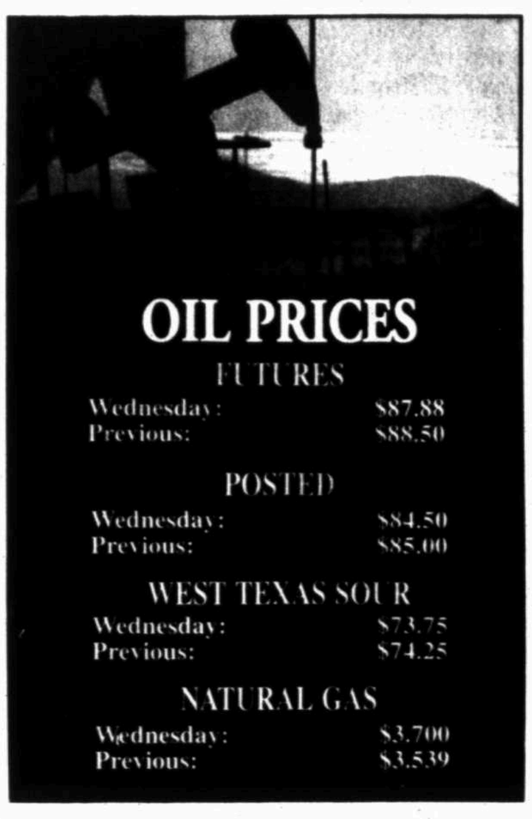
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $87.88
Previous: $88.50

POSTED

Wednesday: $84.50
Previous: $85.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $73.75
Previous: $74.25

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $3.700
Previous: $3.539

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	4229057	10.46	+.56
NokiaCp	1446053	3.88	+.44
S&P500ETF	1365097	141.50	+.25
FMCG	1055640	32.16	-6.12
Citigroup	810097	36.46	+2.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
McMoRn	15.82	+7.36	+87.0
PlainsEx	44.50	+8.45	+23.4
CobaltIEn	28.21	+4.43	+18.6
Supvalu	2.90	+.35	+13.7
ChinZenix	2.91	+.34	+13.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVs2xInPal	29.14	-15.88	-35.3
Pandora	7.80	-1.65	-17.5
FMCG	32.16	-6.12	-16.0
CSVInvNG	15.88	-2.19	-12.1
BiP GCrb	7.99	-.96	-10.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,575
Declined	1,439
Unchanged	131
Total issues	3,145
New Highs	74
New Lows	26
Volume	4,024,852,857

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	61233	16.77	+.30
Vringo	48798	3.15	-.22
NwGold g	27334	10.64	-.10
Rentech	22563	2.87	+.05
NA Pall g	19794	1.40	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InCOpR	3.50	+.43	+13.9
EnvroStar	2.18	+.18	+9.0
MeetMe	3.31	+.24	+7.8
AlmadnM g	3.07	+.21	+7.3
Bcp NJ	11.30	+.51	+4.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBkrM g	5.95	-.64	-9.7
Medgen wt	3.18	-.32	-9.1
LongweiPl	2.50	-.25	-9.1
Medgenics	9.03	-.87	-8.8
Crexendo	2.50	-.20	-7.4

DIARY

Advanced	221
Declined	225
Unchanged	27
Total issues	473
New Highs	5
New Lows	10
Volume	73,970,075

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	858576	2.77	+.01
Microsoft	564353	26.67	+.30
Facebook n	558340	27.71	+.25
PwShs QQQ	504554	64.90	-.73
Intel	445722	19.85	-.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RenewE rs	3.99	+2.01	+101.8
MitekSys	3.22	+.82	+34.2
Net1UEPS	4.05	+.83	+25.8
Novogen rs	7.46	+1.26	+20.3
CstlCon grs	6.00	+1.00	+20.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MattressF	23.67	-6.65	-21.9
AnikaTh	9.42	-2.53	-21.2
TibcoSft	20.00	-4.72	-19.1
ClearSign n	4.36	-.71	-14.0
CombiM rs	2.41	-.38	-13.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,050
Declined	1,374
Unchanged	151
Total issues	2,575
New Highs	58
New Lows	42
Volume	1,764,580,316

Study indicates natural gas exports would help economy

Associated Press

Exporting natural gas would benefit the U.S. economy even if it led to higher domestic prices for the fuel, according to a study commissioned by the Energy Department.

The study was commissioned to help guide officials as they decide whether to approve 15 liquefied natural gas export applications now under review by the department.

The report's findings could push the department to approve some or all of the applications. Companies are hoping to export U.S. natural gas because it is cheaper by at least half than natural gas in Europe and Asia. Consumer advocates and manufacturers that use natural gas as a raw material or fuel source have opposed exports. They fear exports will drive up prices for residents and increase manufacturing costs.

Environmental groups are opposed to natural gas exports because of the impact of increased drilling and because it takes an enormous amount of energy to chill natural gas into a liquid to prepare it for export.

The study, conducted by NERA Economic Consulting in Washington, did find that households would have to pay more for heating, cooking and electricity, and that industries that depend on natural gas to make their products would suffer somewhat.

But exports would help reduce the country's trade imbalance and increase U.S. household income, the study said. Natural gas producers would benefit from higher prices and economic activity would increase with additional drilling.

On the whole, the study said, the U.S. is projected to see a net economic gain from exports. The study considered scenarios ranging from no natural gas exports to unlimited exports. In every scenario the U.S. gains, and the more gas that is exported, the bigger the benefit, according to the report.

The oil and gas industry cheered the report.

"Exports can help grow the country's economy, help reverse our trade deficit and help bring back millions of U.S. jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction and facility operations," said Erik Milito, group director for upstream and industry operations at the American Petroleum Industry, an oil and gas lobbying group.

The 15 projects in front of the Energy Department for review seek to export a total of 24 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

That would represent an increase of 34 percent over this year's average U.S. natural gas consumption of 70 billion cubic feet per day. After a 45-day initial comment period on the study and a 30-day reply comment period, the department said it will review the 15 applications on a case bycase basis.

EIA's long-term energy predictions

The federal Energy Information Agency put out its annual energy outlook on Wednesday, predicting a sharp increase in U.S. oil production and a smaller-than-expected rise in gasoline use. Here's a look at some of the report's key findings:

Crude oil

U.S. crude oil production will rise to 7.5 million barrels per day in 2019, up from less than 6 million barrels per day in 2011.

It predicted that U.S. natural gas production will rise 24 percent by 2025.

Gasoline

Consumption will be lower than previously estimated because of higher fuel efficiency standards for cars. Growth in diesel consumption will be curbed by increased use of natural gas in trucks, the report predicted.

Import-export

Net imports of energy decline to 9 percent of all U.S. energy consumption in 2040, down from 19 percent last year.

The EIA says the decline is because of higher domestic production of oil and natural gas, increased use of biofuels, and lower demand because of more fuel-efficient vehicles. The U.S. will become a net exporter of liquefied natural gas in 2016 and of all natural gas by 2020. This is earlier than expected just a year ago, because quickly rising production is outpacing consumption faster than expected, the EIA said.

Associated Press

Stocks gain on 'cliff' hope, led by banks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks closed higher Wednesday, their first gain of the week, as bank shares rose and comments by President Barack Obama made investors optimistic that a quick deal could be made to avoid the "fiscal cliff."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 82.71 points to end at 13,034.49. It had been up as much as 137. The Standard and Poor's 500 closed up 2.23 points to 1,409.28. The Nasdaq composite was down 22.99 points to 2,973.70, held back by a slump in Apple.

Citigroup jumped $2.17, or 6.3 percent, to $36.46 after the bank said it plans to eliminate more than 11,000 jobs, or about 4 percent of its workforce, to cut expenses and improve efficiency.

Travelers surged $3.47, or 4.9 percent, to $74 after it announced plans to resume stock buybacks. Travelers temporarily suspended repurchases following Superstorm Sandy while it assessed its exposure to damage claims.

Hearst Corp. promotes Steven R. Swartz to president

NEW YORK — Hearst Corporation announced on Wednesday that Steven R. Swartz, executive vice president and chief operating officer, has been promoted to president and COO, effective immediately. Frank A. Bennack, Jr., continues as chief executive officer.

The announcement was made by Bennack following a meeting of Hearst directors.

"Having worked with Steve for more than 20 years, I'm highly confident he will succeed in this new role —just as he has in every position he's held with Hearst since 1991," Bennack said. "He has my full support, and that of the entire board of directors, as he continues to increase his day-to-day responsibilities in helping to run the corporation."

Oil prices fall

Oil prices fell on Wednesday after the government reported that stocks of crude are still running much higher than usual for this time of year.

Benchmark crude fell 62 cents to finish at $87.88 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil prices were higher earlier in the day. But a weekly report from the Energy Information Administration showed that inventory has barely moved at the key oil hub in Cushing, Okla. That suggests that most refiners have all the supply they need for now, driving prices lower.

Nationally, inventories fell 2.4 million barrels last week, more than the 1.25 million barrel decline expected by analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos. Still, inventories are well above average for this time of year, the EIA said.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $40.46 Up 1.87

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $81.63 Up 3.83

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $23.50 Up 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $17.98 Up 0.15

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $24.20 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.45 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.27 Down 0.09

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	44	33.91	-.01	+12.1
Abraxas	...	...	**2.09**	**+.08**	**-36.7**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**10.48**	...	**+8.7**
AMD	...	...	2.29	+.03	-57.6
Alcoa	.12	54	8.57	+.15	-.9
AlonUSA	.16	22	13.24	-.70	+52.0
AlphaNRs	...	...	8.07	+.82	-60.5
AmIntlGrp	...	2	33.78	+.46	+45.6
Amgen	**1.44**	**16**	**89.01**	**+.68**	**+38.6**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**74.74**	**+1.23**	**-2.1**
Apache	**.68**	**12**	**77.73**	**+1.47**	**-14.2**
Apple Inc	10.60	12	538.79	-37.05	+33.0
ApldMatl	**.36**	**83**	**10.80**	**-.08**	**+.8**
ArchCoal	.12	...	7.22	+.50	-50.2
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**15**	**35.70**	**+.21**	**+7.0**
AutoData	1.74f	20	57.24	+.57	+6.0
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**41.31**	**+.31**	**-3.3**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.75	+.21	-6.9
BakrHu	.60	13	42.00	-.25	-13.7
BkofAm	.04	28	10.46	+.56	+88.1
BariPVix rs	...	...	30.16	-.51	-78.8
BasicEnSv	...	7	11.66	+.43	-40.8
BerkHa A	**...**	**1713**	**144.00**	**+554.00**	**+14.5**
BerryPet	**.32**	...	**32.10**	**+1.12**	**-23.6**
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**16**	**35.90**	**+.47**	**+6.9**
BostonSci	...	...	5.57	+.02	+4.3
BrMySq	**1.40f**	**29**	**32.79**	**+.09**	**-7.0**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**26**	**66.64**	**-.32**	**+26.1**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**26**	**68.43**	**-.31**	**+27.5**
CVS Care	.65	16	46.18	+.24	+13.2
Cameron	...	22	54.76	+.27	+11.3
Caterpillar	2.08	9	86.05	+1.89	-5.0
Celestic g	...	8	7.62	+.21	+4.0
CntryLink	2.90	35	38.88	-.40	+4.5
ChesEng	.35	...	16.97	+.10	-23.9
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**105.17**	**+1.21**	**-1.2**
Chicos	.21	17	17.81	-.23	+59.9
Cimarex	.48	14	60.90	+1.21	-1.6
Cisco	.56	12	19.21	+.04	+6.6
Citigroup	.04	11	36.46	+2.17	+38.6
CleyEng	**...**	**27**	**40.46**	**+1.87**	**+46.7**
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**20**	**37.31**	**+.16**	**+6.6**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**107.21**	**-.37**	**+16.0**
ConAgra	**1.00f**	**20**	**29.69**	**+.14**	**+12.5**
ConchoRes	...	**18**	**81.63**	**+3.83**	**-12.9**
ConocPhil s	**2.64**	**7**	**57.18**	**+.34**	**+2.9**
CrackerB	2.00f	14	60.52	+.12	+20.1
CrosTim	**2.37e**	**10**	**26.00**	**-.19**	**-46.8**
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	39.78	-.13	-16.2
DTE	2.48f	16	61.57	+1.08	+13.1
Dataram h	...	...	.47	+.09	-42.0
Dawson	**...**	**17**	**23.53**	**+.15**	**-40.5**
Dell Inc	.32	7	10.37	+.06	-29.1
DevonE	**.80**	**33**	**52.62**	**+.74**	**-15.1**
DirSCBear	...	...	15.22	+.06	-42.5
Disney	**.75f**	**16**	**49.59**	**+.29**	**+32.2**
DowChm	**1.28**	**23**	**29.49**	**+.20**	**+2.5**
EMC Cp	...	21	25.15	+.23	+16.8
EOG Res	**.68**	**27**	**118.72**	**+1.54**	**+20.5**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**15**	**19.91**	**+.06**	**-5.6**
Energen	.56	13	44.78	+.59	-10.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	43.30	+.11	-5.6
EnPro	...	**20**	**40.21**	**+.45**	**+21.9**
EntPrPt	2.60f	18	49.94	-.46	+7.7
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.53	+.01	-5.9
ExterranH	...	...	**21.27**	**+.13**	**+133.7**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**11**	**87.73**	**+.54**	**+3.5**
Facebook n	...	...	27.71	+.25	-27.5
FordM	.20	9	11.31	...	+5.1
ForestOil	...	10	6.47	+.32	-52.3
FMCG	1.25	10	32.16	-6.12	-12.6
FrontierCm	.40	23	4.73	+.04	-8.2
FrozenFd	...	...	**.93**	**+.01**	**-27.9**
GATX	**1.20**	**17**	**42.85**	**+.56**	**-2.3**
GabMultT	**.80**	...	**7.70**	**-.04**	**+23.6**
GAInv	**1.40e**	...	**27.91**	...	**+12.0**
GenElec	**.68**	**16**	**21.23**	**+.37**	**+18.5**
GtPlainEn	**.87f**	**16**	**20.45**	**+.26**	**-6.1**
GreenMtC	...	18	41.17	+.39	-8.2
HalconR rs	...	...	6.55	+.45	-30.2
Hallibrtn	.36	10	33.50	+.44	-2.9
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**58.50**	**+.01**	**+8.3**
HewlettP	**.53**	...	13.82	+.29	-46.4
Hitachi	...	...	**53.70**	...	**+22.2**
iShBraz	1.46e	...	52.34	+.88	-8.8
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.30	+.01	+2.1
iShChina25	.93e	...	38.12	+1.11	+9.3
iShEMkts	.82e	...	42.34	+.45	+11.6
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	55.36	+.09	+11.8
iShR2K	1.32e	...	81.99	-.10	+11.2
IntegrysE	2.72	17	53.51	+.96	-1.2
Intel	**.90**	**9**	**19.85**	**-.12**	**-18.1**
InterDig	.40a	7	43.94	+.73	+.8
ItauUnibH	.60e	...	15.65	+.38	-15.7
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	41.20	+.63	+23.9
JohnJn	**2.44**	**23**	**69.97**	**+.11**	**+6.7**
Keycorp	.20	9	7.92	+.03	+3.0
KimbClk	**2.96**	**18**	**84.84**	**-.23**	**+15.3**
KindME	5.04f	...	78.58	-.84	-7.5
KindMM	5.04f	...	73.29	-.69	-6.7
LegacyRes	2.26f	...	24.20	-.14	-14.3
Lowes	.64	21	35.20	-.42	+38.7
Lubys	...	**23**	**6.33**	**-.05**	**+40.4**
LyonBas A	1.60a	15	51.85	+2.09	+59.6
MktVGold	.15e	...	45.35	-1.30	-11.8
MarvellT	.24	11	8.73	+.07	-37.0
McDnlds	3.08f	16	86.97	-.23	-13.3
McMoRn	...	...	15.82	+7.36	+8.7
Merck	1.72f	20	44.39	-.01	+17.7
MeritMed	...	**24**	**13.61**	**-.13**	**+1.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.45	-.05	-22.1
MicronT	...	...	6.18	+.14	-1.7
Microsoft	.92	14	26.67	+.30	+2.7
MorgStan	.20	...	16.98	+.37	+12.2
Nabors	...	...	14.67	+.11	-15.4
NatGrid	**3.11e**	...	**56.77**	**+.28**	**+17.1**
NOilVarco	.52f	12	68.61	-.05	+.9
NewsCpA	.17	22	24.25	-.26	+35.9
NokiaCp	.26e	...	3.88	+.44	-19.5
NvMAd	**.85e**	...	**15.83**	**-.11**	**+7.8**
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NSTFI3	**.66a**	...	**15.37**	**+.04**	**+7.4**
NTXQI	**.73**	...	**16.78**	**+.12**	**+2.7**
Nvidia	.30	15	11.96	-.14	-13.7
OcciPet	**2.16**	**10**	**74.49**	**+.80**	**-20.5**
Oracle	.24	16	32.00	-.38	+24.8
Pandora	...	...	7.80	-1.65	-22.1
ParTech	...	**15**	**5.00**	**-.01**	**+26.9**
ParkDri	...	...	**4.37**	**+.14**	**-39.1**
PattUTI	**.20**	**9**	**17.95**	**+.15**	**-10.2**
PennaRE	**.64**	...	**16.84**	**-.03**	**+61.3**
Prmian	1.21e	10	13.16	+.02	-35.4
Pfizer	**.88**	**16**	**25.64**	**+.48**	**+18.5**
PioNtrl	.08	...	104.85	+2.46	+17.2
PlainsAA s	**2.17f**	**19**	**45.02**	**-.50**	**+22.6**
PlainsEx	...	33	44.50	+8.45	+21.2
PwShs QQQ	.61e	...	64.90	-.73	+16.3
Praxair	**2.20**	**19**	**105.93**	**+.77**	**-.9**
PrmEgy	...	**9**	**27.65**	...	**+22.4**
ProctGam	**2.25**	**18**	**69.41**	**+.10**	**+4.0**
RangeRs	.16	...	64.61	+1.40	+4.3
RegionsFn	.04	12	6.57	+.12	+52.8
RschMotn	...	7	11.94	+.39	-17.7
Rowan	...	24	32.46	+.58	+7.0
RoyDShllA	3.44	8	66.97	...	-8.4
SpdrDJIA	3.30e	...	130.24	+.85	+6.9
S&P500ETF	2.85e	...	141.50	+.25	+12.7
SabnR	3.79e	13	46.54	+.04	-26.2
SanderFm	**.68**	**50**	**48.05**	**-.07**	**-6.1**
SandRdge	...	...	**6.45**	**+.34**	**-21.0**
Sapient	...	**20**	**10.44**	**+.31**	**-17.1**
Schlmbrg	1.10	17	71.32	+.10	+4.4
SeagateT	1.52f	4	27.60	+1.14	+68.3
SigmaAld	**.80**	**20**	**72.54**	**-.15**	**+16.1**
SiriusXM	...	5	2.77	+.01	+52.2
Smucker	2.08	20	88.29	-.63	+12.9
SprintNex	...	...	5.72	+.04	+144.4
SPDR Fncl	.25e	...	15.85	+.19	+21.9
SP Util	1.45e	...	35.45	+.53	-1.5
SunocoLog	2.07f	12	50.55	-.37	+28.3
Supvalu	.35	...	2.90	+.35	-64.3
TelefEsp	...	...	**13.04**	...	**-24.1**
Tesoro	.60f	9	38.93	-1.87	+66.7
3M Co	2.36	14	90.76	+.64	+11.0
TibcoSft	...	27	20.00	-4.72	-16.4
Torchmark	**.60**	**10**	**51.82**	**+.15**	**+19.4**
TriContl	**.50e**	...	**16.03**	**+.03**	**+12.6**
TylerTech	...	**47**	**46.47**	**-.28**	**+54.3**
UBWV	**1.24**	**16**	**24.77**	**+.06**	**-12.4**
Vale SA	1.15e	...	17.77	+.60	-17.2
ValeroE	.70	8	31.34	-.87	+48.9
VangEmg	1.44e	...	42.62	+.48	+11.5
VerizonCm	2.06f	41	44.10	+.43	+9.9
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**51.12**	**-1.64**	**+29.9**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**15**	**35.57**	**+1.30**	**+7.8**
WellsFargo	.88	10	32.98	+.24	+19.7
WstnRefin	.32a	13	27.91	-.86	+110.0
WhitingPet	...	12	44.36	+1.84	-5.0
WmsCos	1.30f	21	32.28	+.37	+19.7
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**15**	**27.24**	**+.50**	**-1.4**
Xerox	**.17**	**8**	**6.97**	**-.01**	**-12.4**
Yahoo	...	6	18.89	-.04	+17.1
Zynga n	...	...	2.32	+.07	-75.3

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13,661.72	11,735.19	Dow Jones Industrials	13,034.49	+82.71	+.64	+6.69	+6.87
5,390.11	4,750.12	Dow Jones Transportation	5,120.31	+45.97	+.91	+2.00	+2.69
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	454.69	+6.39	+1.43	-2.15	+1.65
8,515.60	7,129.84	NYSE Composite	8,264.80	+40.93	+.50	+10.54	+9.33
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,397.32	-14.86	-.62	+5.22	+4.24
3,196.93	2,518.01	Nasdaq Composite	2,973.70	-22.99	-.77	+14.15	+12.25
1,474.51	1,202.37	S&P 500	1,409.28	+2.23	+.16	+12.06	+11.76
15,432.54	12,618.11	Wilshire 5000	14,773.20	+15.61	+.11	+12.00	+11.53
868.50	705.78	Russell 2000	820.60	-1.52	-.18	+10.75	+9.98

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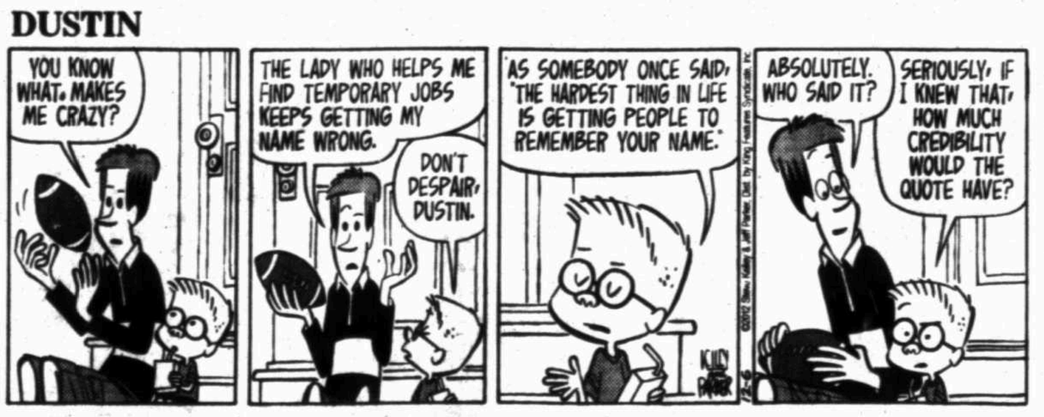
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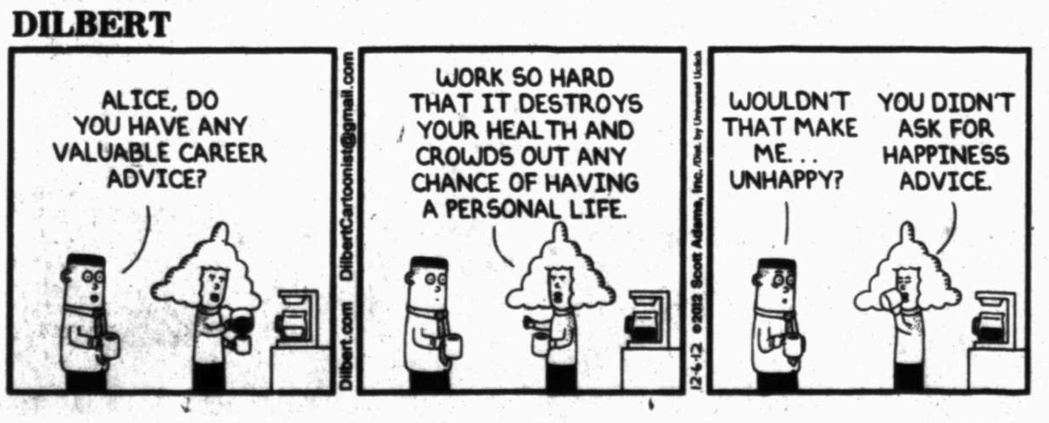
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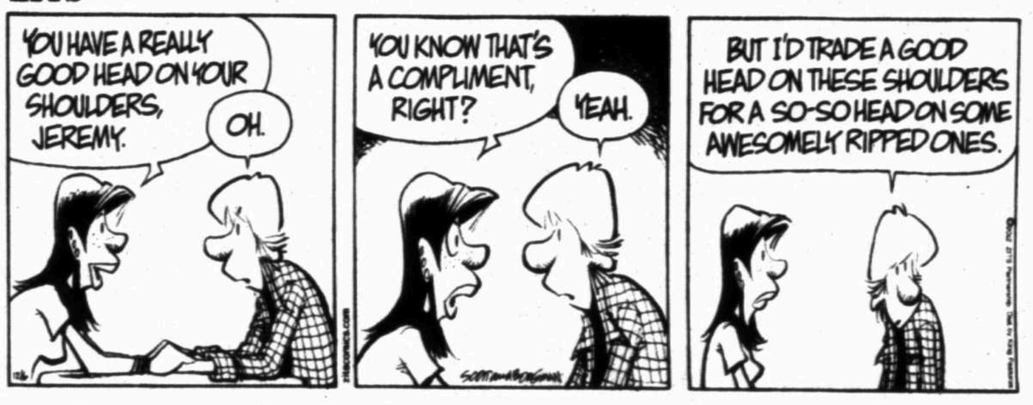
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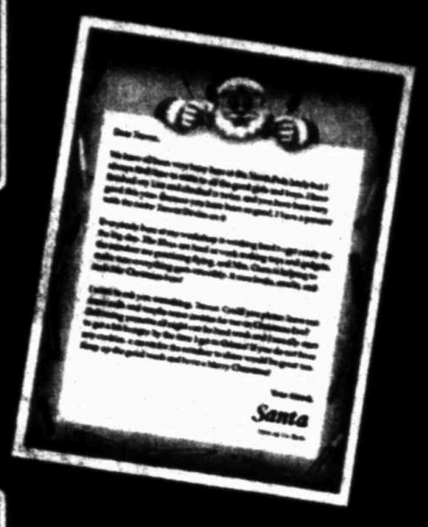




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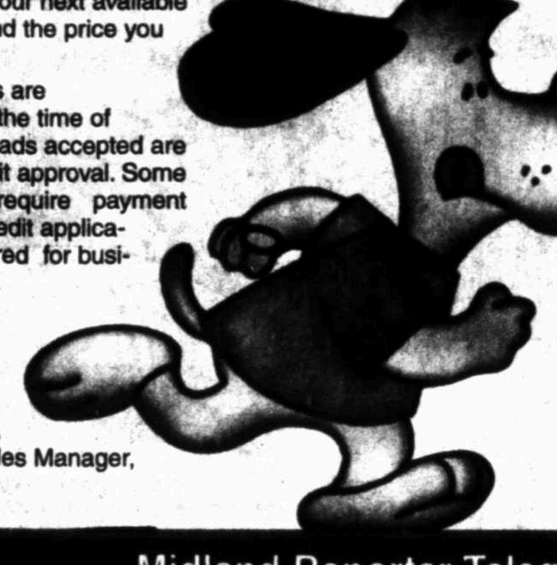
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Peggy Ann Williams
Independent Executrix of the Estate of
Bill W. Williams, deceased, No. P-17273 in the
County Court of Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONALD CLAYTON FEVURLY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Donald Clayton Fevurly, Deceased, were issued to Marvin L. Werner, Independent Executrix, on the 4th day of December, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Donald Clayton Fevurly, Deceased", No. P-17,288 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is 2809 Moss Ave., Midland, TX 79705.

Independent Executrix of the Estate
of Donald Clayton Fevurly,
Deceased, No. P-17,288 in the
County Court of Midland County, TX

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J.C. COPELAND, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of J.C. Copeland, Deceased, were issued to Jackie Lee Copeland, Independent Executrix, on the 4th day of December, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of J.C. Copeland, Deceased", No. P-17,276 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is 1702 Cimmaron Ave., Midland, TX 79705.

Independent Executrix of the Estate
of J.C. Copeland,
Deceased, No. P-17,276 in the
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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Legacy Reserves Operating LP is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Wolfcamp/Devonian/Ellenburger formation in the June T. Sanders lease, well number 3. The proposed salt water injection well is located approximately 13 miles southwest of Midland, Texas in the Dora Roberts (Consolidated) Field, Midland County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6,400' to 13,391'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (telephone 512/463-6792).

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Jane S. Williams, Independent Executrix
of the Estate of R. Ken Williams, Deceased,
No. P17285 in the County Court of
Midland County, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAY BELL COPELAND, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of May Bell Copeland, Deceased, were issued to William Terry Copeland, Independent Executrix, on the 4th day of December, 2012, in the proceeding styled "Estate of May Bell Copeland, Deceased", No. P-17,277 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is 1702 Cimmaron Ave., Midland, TX 79705.

Independent Executrix of the Estate
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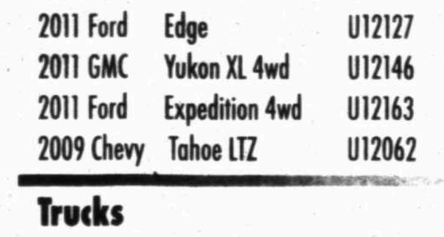
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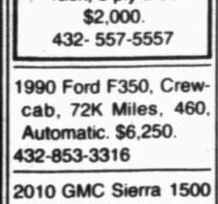
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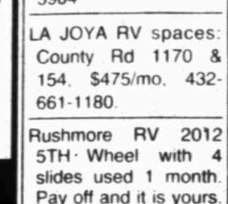
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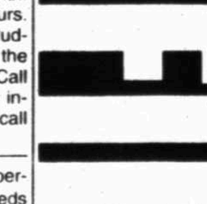
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79701

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79706

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79707

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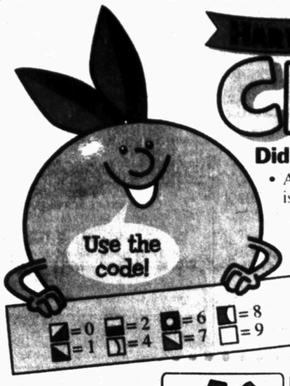
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HARVEST OF THE MONTH

CITRUS



Did you know...

- Almost ◧◪% of the orange crop in the U.S. is used to make frozen orange juice concentrate.
- During the California gold rush of 1849, miners would pay $■.◪◪ or more for a single lemon.
- One half of a grapefruit provides you with ■◪◪% of the vitamin C you need for a whole day.

Vitamin C to the Rescue

Vitamin C helps boost your body's immune system, which is your body's toolkit for fighting off infections and viruses. It can help you recover from colds and flu. This vitamin is especially important in the winter, during flu season.

Hold this page up to a mirror to read this message:



ZESTY CITRUS SALAD

This salad is a wintertime treat and refreshing in the summer, too!



With an adult, chop 5 cups of salad greens.



Add chopped slices of orange, tangerine and grapefruit.



Make dressing by blending equal parts oil, vinegar and grapefruit.

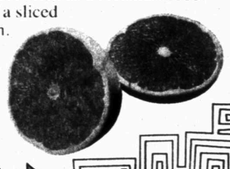


Top the tossed salad with the zesty dressing and sliced almonds.

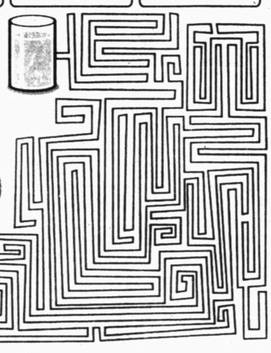
Grapefruit Goodies

California and Arizona grown grapefruit are in peak season during the winter through the spring. Loaded with vitamin C and other important nutrients, grapefruit is enjoyed most often as a breakfast food. People often eat half of a sliced grapefruit using a spoon.

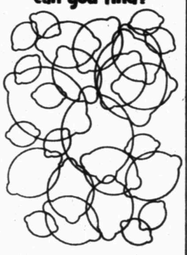
Make a tangy treat by pouring grapefruit juice into an ice cube tray and freezing it. Yum!



Follow the maze from the orange to the juice.



How many lemons can you find?



ANSWER: 27

My Darling Clementines



Clementines are small, mandarin oranges that were introduced into North America in the early 1900s. (Mandarin orange is a term that applies to citrus fruit including clementines, tangerines and satsumas.) Clementines are easy to peel, usually seedless and they make a healthy, refreshing addition to your lunch.

Two clementines are equal to one cup of fruit. Kids need 2 1/2 to 5 cups of fruit servings each day.

Circle every third letter below to discover a nickname for clementines.

BACDRHSQRKNIMPSDX
TBWMLPAITSBGOJSRW
VATYNHYGCPEWAS

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Standards Link: Health: Students know the nutritional value of foods.

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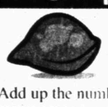
Extra!

Describe a Citrus

Look through the newspaper and find five or more adjectives that describe your favorite citrus fruit. Use these adjectives to write an advertisement to encourage other children to try it.

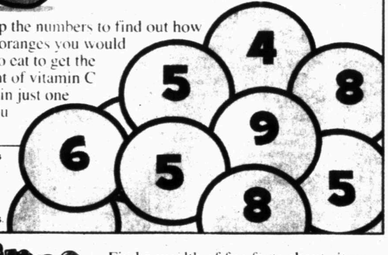
Standards Link: Writing: Write to communicate ideas.

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One of the foods with the most vitamin C, the **Kakadu plum**, is a fruit grown in Northern Australia.

Add up the numbers to find out how many oranges you would have to eat to get the amount of vitamin C found in just one Kakadu plum.



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

The Online Scoop

Find a wealth of fun facts about citrus and a game to plant your own orchard at **www.kidscoop.com/kids**

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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CITRUS
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

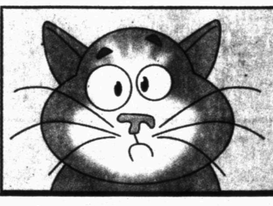
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Recipe Changes

Find a recipe in the newspaper. Rewrite it to double the recipe. Rewrite it again so that there would be enough to feed your entire class.

Standards Link: Math: Add whole numbers and fractions.



What do you get by feeding lemons to a cat?

ANSWER: A sour puss.

Weekly Writing Corner

Apples to Oranges... How are they the same and how are they different?

Apple or orange?.... that is the question many people ask. Oranges are different from apples. They are orange, not red, and you have to do a little more work to peel them. Sir Isaac Newton learned about gravity with the help of a crunchy apple not an orange. Now they are the same because they are both fruits and they both grow on trees.

Ben Gibbs,
6th grade, Hillander

Apples and oranges are alike and different. Apples and oranges are different because an apple is red, or green, and an orange is, well, orange. An orange is round, and an apple has bumps. They are the same because they are fruits plus, they both grow on trees.

Porter Hankins,
6th grade, Hillander

Apples and oranges are the same in ways like they both grown on trees and are both fruits. They are different because apples are red, green, or yellow and oranges are orange. They are also different because you have to peel an orange an apple, you don't.

Noah McIntosh,
6th grade, Hillander

An apple and an orange are kind of the same. First of all, oranges and apples are fruits and they both grow on trees. When you eat and apple, it crunches. When you eat an orange, it squirts. So oranges and apples are different but not.

Phillip Norwood,
6th grade, Hillander

An apple and an orange are different because an apple is red, yellow, or green, and an orange is only orange. Some apples are sour and oranges are almost always sweet. Ways that they're the same are that they are both round and they both have skin.

Mackenzie Moon,
6th grade, Hillander

Write On!

Wake Up!

Imagine you have slept through the winter and are waking up in springtime. Describe what happpens and what you see.

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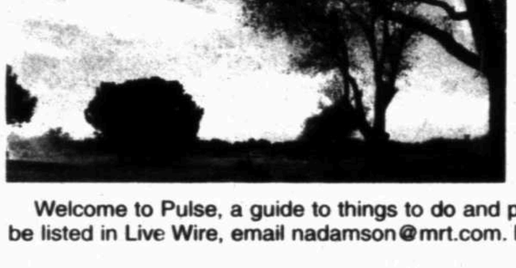
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- Sandi Patty performs at First United Methodist Church.
- Kyle Park brands Rockin Rodeo.

On stage 8, 12

- "The Gospel According to Scrooge" opens in Odessa.
- Midland Festival Ballet's "Nutcracker," accompanied by the Midland -Odessa Symphony Orchestra, fills the Wagner Noel.

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BOOK SIGNING: "THE RECKONING"
When: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Where: Haley Memorial Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave.
Info: Author Peter R. Rose will speak.

WASHINGTON MATH AND SCIENCE: SOUNDS OF THE SEASON MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
Info: Public invited.

NEEDLE ARTS ADULT CRAFTS
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

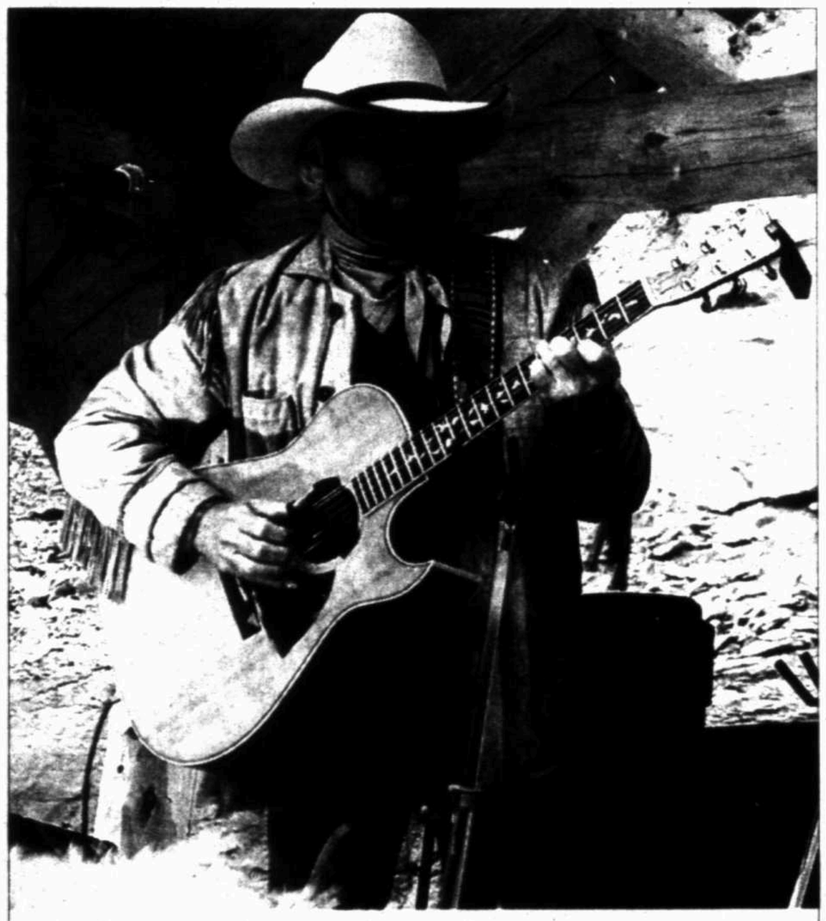
CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION
When: through Dec. 29
Where: Museum of the Southwest
Events: Christmas Luncheons: noon today and Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets: $30 per person for museum members, $35 nonmembers. Reservations, call Chelsea Dey, 683-2882 ext. 304. Christmas Teas: 3 p.m. Friday and Dec.14 and 18. Free. Features a hot cup of tea and treats. No reservations required. Santa Claus, choirs and family workshops: Saturday and Dec. 15. Santa Claus on site from 2 to 4 p.m. Choirs are scheduled throughout the day. The opportunity to build Christmas tree ornaments to hang on the trees in the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum is part of the festive activities.

STARBRIGHT VILLAGE
When: 6-11 p.m. today-Jan. 4.**Where**: McKinney Park, 625 W Pool Road, Odessa
Admission: Free.
Info: Visit with Santa 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Drive through lighted Christmas displays.

SENIOR CITIZEN THURSDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: 1225 N. Adams, Odessa
Info: Live country band
Admission: $5 members, $6 nonmembers
Contact person: Faye Woolf, president, 366-8910. Dances on Thursdays except Dec. 20 or 27.

Friday

H-E-B FEAST OF SHARING
Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa



MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY FRIDAY @ THE ECTOR THEATRE, ODESSA
Murphey brings his popular Christmas Show back to the Ector Theatre. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25. All seats are reserved. Call: 580-0898 for reservations.

MIDLAND COLLEGE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENING TODAY @ MAIN CAMPUS
Events begin with a Frito pie dinner and music in the chapel. The evening progresses with a tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. and a Sounds of Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Allison Fine Arts Building. In addition, the Fall Student Art Show is up in the McCormick Gallery. The opening is set for 6:45 p.m. The show and sale will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE DOWNTOWN SATURDAY.
The third annual Christmas Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. downtown and is followed by the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Centennial Plaza. The parade is presented by the city, in partnership with local media outlets. This year's theme is "A Classic Christmas." Last year's parade featured 79 entries.

HOLD' EM POKER TOURNAMENTS: LONESTAR POKER TOUR
When: No games Monday and Thursday. Games all other days
Where: Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour
Admission: Free to join, free to play.
Info: Seven games a week with cash prizes.
Details: All players must be registered by 6:45 p.m. Schedule: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at Woofers and Tweeters, Tuesday and Saturday at The Detour.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
When: through Dec. 22
Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre

YULETIDE AT THE YUCCA
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Tickets: $10 for adults and $5 for children.
Info: Presented by Midland Community Theatre. For more information, call 570-4111.

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE VELVET ROOM
Where: Midtown Hotel, 3100 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $10

Saturday

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
When: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, downtown

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCROOGE"
When: Saturday through Dec.16
Where: Permian Playhouse, 310 W 42nd St, Odessa
Admission: Adults $12, seniors/students $10 and children $7. Call 550-5456 or go to www.permianplayhouse.com
Info: Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with a twist.

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET'S NUTCRACKER
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

BOOK SIGNING: "CRANE (IMAGES OF AMERICA)"
When: 2 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers
Info: Local author Audrey Fain and Bradley D. Pettit.

Monday

CHESS CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY SYMPHONIC BAND
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall
Info: Weekly meeting. New members welcome. Call Walter, 260-7136.

OC JAZZ CONCERT
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Globe Theatre, Odessa

Tuesday

PAINT TIME
When: 9 a.m.-noon
Where: Midland Palette Club, 907 West Wadley Ave.
Info: Call 352-8297.

KNIT 2TOG
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Cigar Frog's

PERMIAN BASIN DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30-10 p.m.
Where: St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.
Cost: $5 members, $6 non-members.
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Info: Live country and Western music each week

Wednesday

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS WITH WACO AND JULIE WITH SPECIAL GUEST TOMMY OWENS
Where: First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.
When: 6:30 p.m.
Info: acoustic performance of Christmas classics in the chapel

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Where: Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
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Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

SESAME STREET LIVE
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When: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 15
Where: Mid Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Hwy 191
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Tickets: $17 to $45. Visit www.acousticchristmastour.com.

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When: 8 p.m. Dec. 15
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When: Dec. 16
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

ONE NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM
Where: First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.
When: 5-7 p.m. Dec. 16
Info: To register for a tour visit www.firstmethodistmidland.com.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE
Where: St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N.
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 16
Info: Music from St. Nicholas' choristers, the handbell choir, Gloria Steelman and The West Texas Winds. A reception with desserts from around the world will follow the service.

FUMC CHANCEL CHOIR'S SONGS OF CHRISTMAS
Where: First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.
When: 10:45 a.m. Dec. 16, during morning worship service

FLYING J WRANGLERS
When: 7 p.m. Dec. 18
Where: Globe Theatre, Odessa

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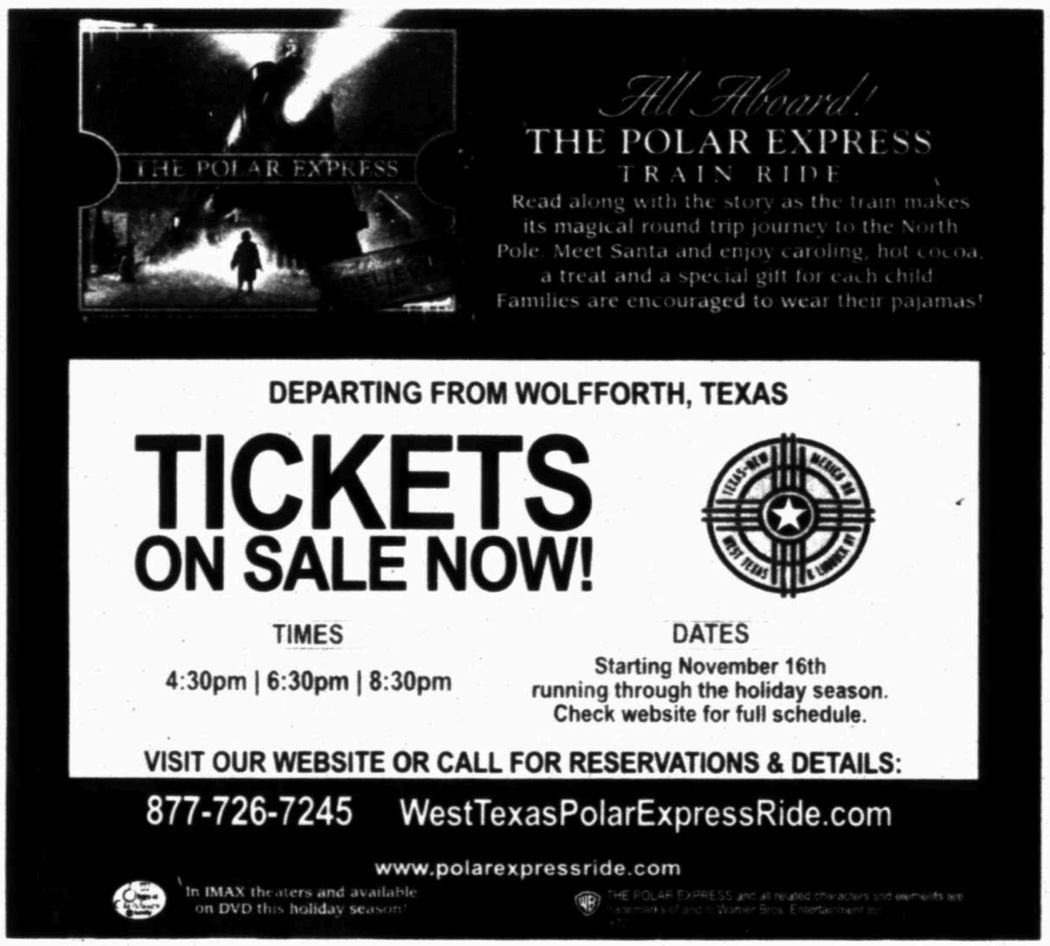
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When: 7 p.m. Sunday

Where: First United Methodist Church, corner of Illinois Avenue and Main Street.

Info: Free. For more information, call 682-3701.

Sandi Patty comes to Midland

By Eric Woods

With 40 Dove awards, five Grammy awards, four Billboard Music Awards and a string of platinum and gold records, contemporary Christian artist Sandi Patty is the most recognized musician in her genre.

Oh yeah, and she was also inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2004.

But to the woman known to many as "The Voice," all of the awards that line her walls simply don't compare to the love of the eight children who rush her house during the holidays.

"As corny as this sounds, the most important thing that I've done in this world is give birth to four incredible children, adopted one and got to raise three step kids," Patty said. "That just blows everything else out of the water."

The iconic inspirational singer is once again on tour, and this time with Jason Crabb for the "A Christmas Celebration" tour. The tour consists of 21 dates with one of those being a local performance at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church.

"He's a little bit country, and I'm a little bit classical," Patty said and laughed.

One of the first performances proved that just in the choices of wardrobe, she said. When Patty first took the stage she decided to wear "a little bling," and Crabb appeared in boots, jeans and a flannel shirt. At the first opportunity both decided to change their clothing a little with Patty reappearing in jeans and boots, and Crabb dressing it up a little. The whole experience was a fun one, she said.

"We're just trying to find a match, and it has been fun to do," Patty said.

Crabb, the longtime lead vocalist for The Crabb Family, began his solo career in 2009 and has garnered more than 20 Dove Awards and a Grammy Award and was most recently named soloist of the year during the National Quartet Convention Music Awards.

"He's one of those kids that honestly just really began to step out on his own and you could just tell there was just something kind of special about him," Patty said referring to Crabb and her decision to tour with him. "Over the last few years I would see him at different events, and we would say wouldn't that be fun blah, blah, blah, but then I think this year we really got serious about it."

"He just flat out sings, and it is just a joy to work with him," she added.

As for future plans, Patty said she will release another album next year, but no details about the project were available. As for another tour in the future, Patty said that may end up a family event.

"I was just thinking today about just some things that I would love to do over the next few years," she said. "All of my eight kids are grown, and I think it's time for a family tour. I don't know what that is going to look like, but I just feel like that is going to be on the horizon very soon."

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Park brings Texas Country to Rockin Rodeo

By Eric Woods



Since his independent debut release of "Big Time" in 2007, Texas country artist Kyle Park has gained a great deal of momentum on the honky-tonk circuit, and has become not only an accomplished performer and songwriter, but also a seasoned producer.

He has built his career one fan at a time using a grassroots strategy of social media, radio play and a blistering performance schedule. Park said his success is really based on his ability to stay in front of the fans.

"I guess it is because we play all of the time and it's about the shows," Park said. "That's always my answer is that we play, play, play. Being an independent artist, you have to get yourself out there."

Now Park is gearing up to release his next album, "Beggin' For More," which should be available in March. Park's current single, "The Night Is Young" is the soon-to-be-released album's leadoff single.

"It is absolutely my fastest-rising single on the chart," he said.

"The Night Is Young," quickly hit the top 10 of the Texas Music Chart and has been lingering there since its release in October.

"With this album coming out, it will give me a lot more material to play live," Park said. "I've always said that I don't play shows live to promote my records, I make records to promote my live shows and to get the people out there."

In 2010, Park released his two EPs called, "Spring 2010 EP" and "Fall 2010 EP." Park's two EP releases were followed up by his album, "Make or Break Me," which included nine tracks from the two EPs that were chosen to be the best by his fans.

His two EP releases received remarkable reviews with the "Fall 2010 EP" charting successfully. That EP went to No. 7 on iTunes' Top Ten Country Records Chart, and also ranked No. 1 on Billboard's Heatseekers South Central list. The title track to "Make or Break Me," also grabbed the No. 3 spot on the Texas Music Chart.

Park promised that his next release will be even better.

"Man, I think this is my best record," he said. "If I didn't think that, I wouldn't be putting it out."

"The songs are definitely better," Park added. "As a writer I'm trying to write better songs every time. I know that this time I have a few more songs that I feel like are really country. 'The Night Is Young' is not really a traditional country song at all, it's more of a pop country song. I've got a really slow waltz that I wrote years ago that I put on the record, and I've got a couple of songs that have a Waylon Jennings type beat. It's got that really country feel that I haven't really done before and I'm excited about being comfortable enough to put out music that I like a lot. I think that if it's something that I care about, it will translate to the fans that way."

ALL THE DETAILS:

KYLE PARK
When: today
Where: Rockin Rodeo

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Thursday, Dec. 6
Kyle Park @ Rockin Rodeo
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Gary P. Nunn @ Lone Star Bar
Greg Maldo @ The Detour
Michael Martin Murphey @ Ector Theatre
69 South @ Escape Lounge

Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8
Mister Happy @ The Bar

Saturday, Dec. 8
8 Texas Heat Band @ Redneck's
The Damn Quails @ Lone Star Bar

Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9
Midland Festival Ballet's The Nutcraker @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Five piano Christmas concert @ Immanuel Baptist Church (Odessa)

Sunday, Dec. 9
Sandi Patty, Jason Crabb @ First United Methodist Church

Monday, Dec. 10
We Are the Union @ Pine Box

Tuesday, Dec. 11
Hurt, Black Oxygen @ Dos Amigos

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The Cratchits — from left, Madison Norrid, Brock Bizzell (Tiny Tim), Colton Hellums (Bob Cratchit), Savannah Poor, Megan Siepak (Mrs. Cratchit), Sariyah Rameriez and Aslyn Hernandez — prepare for Saturday's opening of "The Gospel According to Scrooge" at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa. See story in Sunday's Arts section.

The Bottom Line

76 percent of adults have read a daily newspaper in the past five days.

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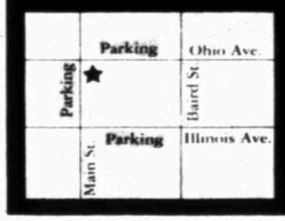
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DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*

Several films vie for top pick in good week to stay at home and watch movies

By Nancy Adamson
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Pick of the week:

"ParaNorman" (PG) Story of a boy who not only sees dead people but talks to them, as well, may be too intense for kids under 10 or so. The rest of us, though, will revel in the delightful story that may be the best kids vs. monsters tale since "Goonies." A-

"The Apparition" (PG-13) Story of a couple moving into a home where a malevolent entity was released years before is utterly lifeless. It gives away its biggest trick on the poster advertising the film. My deepest sympathies if you paid to see this in the theater. I paid a dollar to rent it and still feel robbed. F

"The Ballad of Genesis and Lady Jaye" (R) Odd documentary about performance artist and musician Genesis Breyer P-Orridge (Throbbing Gristle, Psychic TV) and his wife, who underwent a series of surgical transformations to become more physically similar. The film would not look much different from silly home movies from the '60s as we watch the couple dance and mug for the camera. But as their appearances change, it's obvious the footage is more than that. But art? My jury is still out. C

"Christmas With Holly" Heart tugger about a man trying to raise his dead sister's daughter, who hasn't spoken since her mother died. Tom Cruise lookalike Sean Faris — known more for action roles — brings a winning smile and a way with kids to the table, balanced nicely by Daniel Eric Gold and Dana Watkins playing his brothers as the trio strive to bring normalcy to the girl. Highly recommended family fare pre mieres Sunday night on ABC. A-

"Dark Horse" (not rated) Writer-director Todd Solondz nicely makes the transition from quirky comedy-dramas ("Welcome to the Dollhouse," "Happiness") to just dramas with this story of an insecure, overweight man-child who falls for a clinically depressed woman. Unlike his other films, which get almost uncomfortable to watch sometimes, though never enough so to stop watching, this character study has you rooting for the guy despite his foibles. B

"The Day" (R) The black and white format is about the only thing that distinguishes this dystopian story from countless others, though it's not unwatchable. It draws similarities to "The Road," which is too bad because "The Road" is a vastly superior film. B-

"The Girl" (TVMA) While "Hitchcock," playing in theaters, tells the story of the Master of Suspense's romance and marriage to Alma Reville during the filming of "Psycho" in 1958, the other tale about Alfred Hitchcock — now showing on HBO and available on Video on Demand — is told from the perspective of actress Tippi Hedren and her relationship with "Hitch" during the making of "The Birds." Toby Jones' remarkable, spot-on take on Hitchcock alone is worth the price. While things get a little muddled in the second act, the portrayal if Hitchcock as a confident filmmaker but insecure man whose bullying of Hedren when she rejects his romantic advances, makes you wonder how she put up with him. And it really makes you wonder why she went on to make another movie with him. B

"Lawless" (R) The true story of a trio of bootlegger brothers is remarkable because it doesn't romanticize the subject the way so many in the genre have. Based on Matt Bondurant's book about his grandfather, the story was adapted by Nick Cave, the former frontman for Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, who has reinvented himself as one of the most inventive writers in film. His way with words coupled with an action sensibility that doesn't skimp on bullets are worhty of a B+.

"Men In Black 3" (PG-13) The franchise may never wear out its welcome if it can keep coming up with inventive ideas. In this case, casting Josh Brolin as a young K was a stroke of near-genius. A-

"Sparkle" (PG-13) Although immensely different from the 1978 original, it its core is the story of a young singer yearning to make it big. But the shadow that hangs over this film is the final performance of Whitney Houston. And regardless of the offscreen trauma that surrounded her life and death, she steals the show. As a film, though, it is nothing terribly special, adding a new set of songs but relying mostly on the same killer songs Curtis Mayfield penned for the first. B-

"Step Up Revolution" (PG-13) The gist of the franchise has the dance style fusions, melding ballet with street dance styles in a series of routines held together by the same plot the genre has been using since times immemorial — the kids need to raise money to save something or someone. This one doesn't vary from that — initially. But when it breaks from the pack, the story grows a social conscience without missing a beat. Oh, and the dance routines? From the jaw-dropping popping and locking in the opening number featuring a human-car duet, the routines are the best the franchise has offered. B+

"Tom and Jerry: Robin Hood and His Merry Mouse" (G) This straight-to-video feature film marks another effort by Warner Brothers Studios, which took over the franchise in 2006, to revive the animated cat-and-mouse series started by William Hanna and Joseph Barbera for MGM in 1940. Sadly, this may not be the vehicle that will accomplish that. The animation is decent but the story and especially the musical numbers are beneath the standards the furry rivals deserve. C

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"KILLING THEM SOFTLY" — Writer-director Andrew Dominik's film is an incredibly stylish genre exercise set in the world of mobsters, junkies and lowlifes, but it's also trying incredibly hard to be about something. Not content merely to be profane, abrasive and occasionally, darkly amusing, it also wants to be relevant. And so Dominik has taken the 1974 crime novel "Cogan's Trade" by George V. Higgins and set it in the days before the 2008 presidential election, just as the U.S. economy is in the midst of catastrophic collapse. Every television and radio is tuned to then-candidate Barack Obama or President George W. Bush addressing the nation — even in bars and thugs' cars — with the volume cranked way up, commenting all too obviously on the film's action. As if we couldn't decipher for ourselves that organized crime functions as its own form of capitalism, "Killing Them Softly" turns on the mini-implosion that occurs when a couple of idiots rob a mob-protected card game. Scoot McNairy plays the jittery ex-con Frankie; his inept partner is a heroin addict played by Ben Mendelsohn. Both are aggressively grungy. The corporate types at the top of the syndicate want to restore order, so they ask Jackie Cogan, an enforcer played by Brad Pitt (star of Dominik's haunting, poetic "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"), to investigate the heist and punish the perpetrators. This is one of those effortless Pitt performances that exemplify how beautifully he manages to be both a serious actor and a superstar. The film's best scenes are the ones he shares with James Gandolfini as a brazen but insecure hit man. R for violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use. 97 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Capsule reviews of feature films

RATINGS: 4 stars: Excellent; 3 stars: Good; 2 stars: Fair; 1 star: Poor

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"LIFE OF PI" Ang Lee's parable about a boy and a Bengal tiger adrift in a lifeboat (based on the bestseller by Yann Martel) is about the stories we tell to make peace with the incomprehensible. 2 hrs. 07 PG (its themes of loss and loss of innocence are best not for children under 12) 3 stars.

"LINCOLN" — Daniel Day-Lewis in an act of human alchemy, delivering an absolutely extraordinary performance as the 16th president of the United States, campaigning to end the Civil War and abolish slavery. A film about America's unqiue political process, and the leader trying to bend it to his will. 2 hrs. 29 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 3 1/2 stars.

"RED DAWN" A laughably bad script and uniformly uncharismatic cast hobble this unnecessary reboot of the 1984 Patrick Swayze cult fave. Instead of Russians invading the U.S. of A., this time it's the North Koreans. High school resistant fighters aren't going to let them stay. 1 hr. 33 PG-13 (violence, profanity, adult themes) 1 1/2 stars.

"SKYFALL" — The 23d Bond film, and the third with Daniel Craig as the steely 007, takes a veddy British turn, even if it starts in Istanbul and hopscotches across the Pacific. Javier Bardem is the fey and psycho (and not terribly interesting) villain and Judi Dench is back, and bristling, as M. There's a new young Q (Ben Whishaw) pleased with himself, and there's a fussy parliamentarian (Ralph Fiennes) displeased with MI6's security lapses. Bérénice Marlohe is the exotic Bond girl, Naomie Harris the empowered one. Great action, and a bit of Bond backstory, too. PG-13 (violence, intense action, profanity, adult themes) 3 stars.

"TAKEN 2" — Liam Neeson is back as the super-resourceful ex-CIA guy who saved his daughter from sex traffickers in the 2008 surprise hit. This time, he and his ex (Famke Janssen) and their daughter (Maggie Grace) go vacationing in Istanbul, but menacing Albanians wants blood and vengeance. Formulaic and far-fetched and nowhere near as fun as the first one. 1 hr. 31 PG-13 (violence, adult themes) 2 stars.

"THE TWILIGHT SAGE: BREAKING DAWN — PART 2" — The trippiest and goofiest of the five filmic installments based on Stephenie Meyer's megaselling books about teenage hormones and vampire beaus. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson are newlyweds, and parents of a beatific baby girl, while Taylor Lautner finds another excuse to strip down to his jockey shorts. Over. Done. Nail that coffin shut. 1 hr. 55 PG-13 (sex, vampire-on-vampire violence, adult themes). 2 1/2 stars

Also

"FLIGHT" — A seasoned airline pilot is hailed as a hero after miraculously crash-landing a malfunctioning plane, but questions arise as to who or what really caused the accident. With Denzel Washington, Kelly Reilly, John Goodman and Don Cheadle. Written by John Gatins. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. (2:15) R.

"RISE OF THE GUARDIANS" — Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, the Sandman and Jack Frost join forces to battle an evil spirit known as Pitch in this animated film. With the voices of Chris Pine, Alec Baldwin, Hugh Jackman and Isla Fisher. Directed by Peter Ramsey. (1:37) PG.

"WRECK-IT RALPH" — Colorful, noisy and pixel-deep diversion about Ralph (John C. Reilly), a video-game villain who wants to be a hero. In 3-D. 1 hr. 33 PG (raucous humor, animated action violence, suitable for those 5 and older) — Carrie Rickey

Familiar ballet takes Wagner Noël stage

By Georgia Temple
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Commissioned by the director of Moscow's Imperial Theatres, Ivan Vsevolozhsky, in 1891, the "Nutcracker" ballet premiered a week before Christmas 1892. Decades would pass before the full-length "Nutcracker" premiered in this country.

"The strains of the overture filtered backstage, and what followed seems like a dream," costume designer Russell Hartley wrote in his notes of the San Francisco premiere on Christmas Eve in 1944. "When you weren't dancing, you were glued to the wings, observing what was happening on stage."

The run of "Nutcracker" inspired Merrill Osenbaugh of the Sacramento Union to write: "We can't understand why a vehicle of such fantastic beauty and originality could be produced in Europe in 1892 with signal success and never be produced in its entirety in this country until 1944. Perhaps choreographers will make up for lost time from now on."

Today, this Russian ballet has become an American tradition at Christmastime. "Nutcracker" has found a home in the repertoire of ballet companies across the country, and Midland Festival Ballet is no exception. It's production will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

"The 'Nutcracker' is probably one of the few shows in ballet where you consistently see three generations attend," said Edward McPherson, MFB's business manager. "And you will routinely see a grandmother, mother and daughter at the ballet."

The Nutcracker ballet traces its origins to Alexandre Dumas Père's adaptation of a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann. Generations of readers worldwide owe their first, indelible impressions of French history to Dumas's novels, the most popular of which are "The Three Musketeers" (1844) and "The Count of Monte Cristo" (1844-45). He is also the author of "The Man in the Iron Mask."

The ballet was set to music by Tchaikovsky and originally choreographed by Marius Petipa. Today, the score is familiar to many, if not all, Americans.

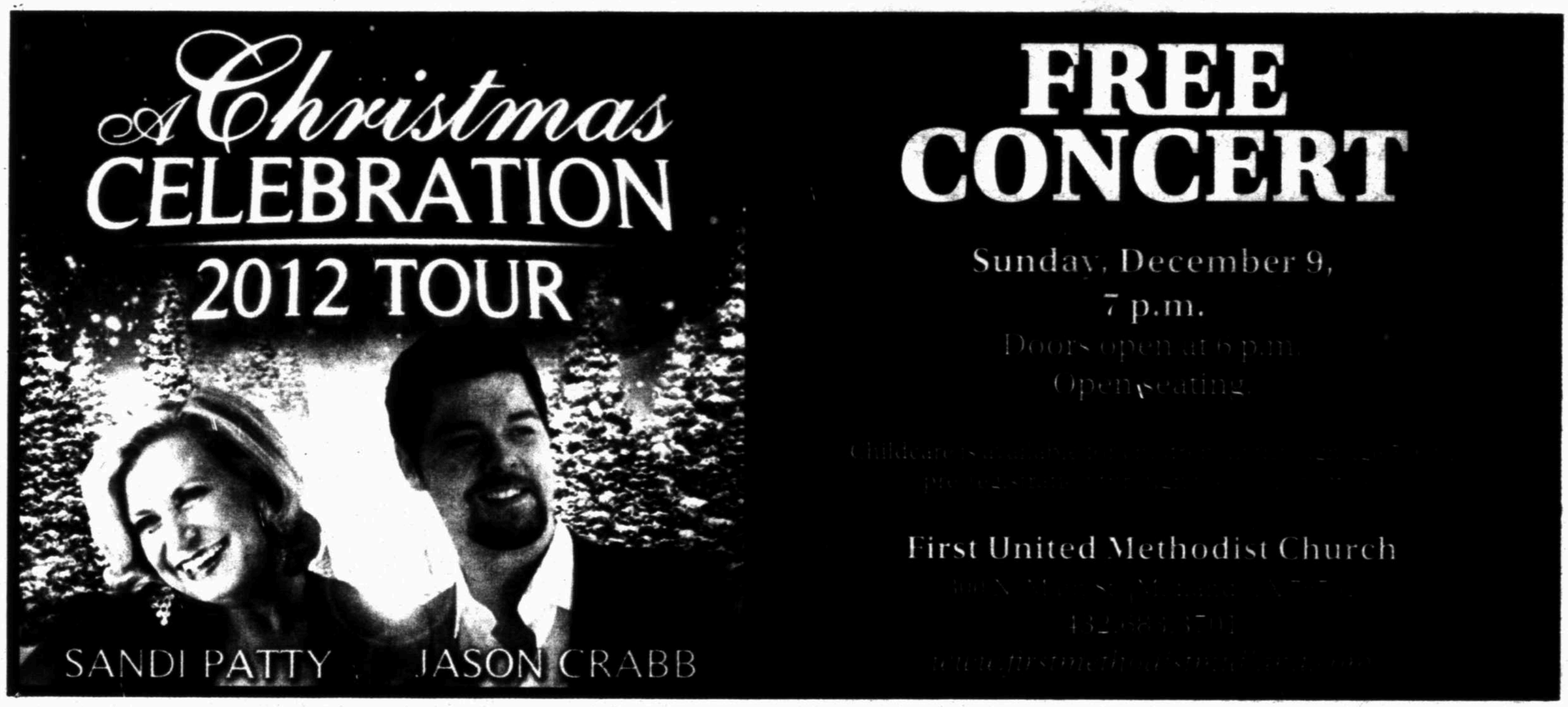
"It's music that might have been used and abused in commercials, but people recognize it because it has been widely used," said Susan Clark, co-director with founder Judy Coleman of MFB. "And then we're just lucky. We're able to do it with the symphony. Many, even professional ballet companies, with the budget cuts they have made, can't."

Georgia Temple is the entertainment editor for the Reporter-Telegram.



ALL THE DETAILS:

MIDLAND FESTIVAL BALLET'S "NUTCRACKER"
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
Season tickets: MFB, 686-0071.
Tickets: $30 adults, $20 children, students and seniors. Wagner Noel e-ticket processing fee online (www.wagnernoel.com) and by phone (552-4430). No fee in person.





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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in categories according to the type of food they serve and classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out. Entree price range is based on the average entree price on the menu: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 and $$$ = $20 or more. Restaurants are given a general rating based on quality of food, service, cleanliness, atmosphere and overall experience. 1 spoon = poor, 2 spoons = average, 3 spoons = above average, 4 spoons = good and 5 spoons = excellent.

Asian

◗ Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar (SD)
4416 Briarwood Ave.
689-7900

Entertaining chefs cook at grills surrounded by large U-shaped tables. Combination plates with chicken, shrimp or steak include side dishes. Angus beef sirloin or filet mignon, shrimp, scallops, lobster, squid, salmon and tilapia also are available. Watch chefs roll sushi at the bar. Full service bar with large TV in the corner to watch sports. Kids menu.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours:11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Hunan Garden Chinese Restaurant (SD)
4410 N. Midkiff Rd, Building A., Space 1 (Court Yard at Midland Park)
697-9818

Daily lunch buffet offering about 10 options such as sweet and sour chicken, pork, beef and broccoli, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. Lunch specials include choice of one of more than 15 entrées, egg roll and fried rice. Menu selections are divided according categories such as beef, pork, seafood, poultry and vegetables. Appetizers such as fried wonton, barbecued spareribs and shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-10 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-9 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

◗ King & I (SD)
801 N. Big Spring St.
4400 N. Midland Drive
682-0988

Large menu offering authentic Thai food. Noodle dishes such as beef, chicken, pork or vegetables stir-fried in rice noodles with broccoli, egg and carrot. Popcorn's special (angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic, jalapenos with special sauce) is a dish favored by many Midlanders. Rice dishes such as chicken cashew and chicken sesame are delicious. The chocolate confusion cake is a must. Kid's menu and catering available.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 5-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Kuo's Chinese Restaurant (SD)
3303 N. Midkiff Rd., Suite 152, San Miguel Shopping Center
697-8888

Friendly service and a relaxing atmosphere. Menu items include sweet and sour chicken, peking duck, coconut chicken and Mongolian steak. Lunch specials are offered from 11 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and include a fried cream cheese wonton, steamed or fried rice and choice of soup with a smaller portioned entree. Lunch entrees include sweet and sour chicken, Kung Pao chicken, moo goo chicken, hunan chicken and kung pao beef.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. -2:15 p.m., 5-9:45 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., 4:30-8:45 p.m. Sunday
4 spoons

◗ Shogun Restaurant (SD)
4610 N. Garfield St.
570-8888

This Japanese steakhouse has served Midlanders for more than 20 years. Sit at the Teppan Yaki tables with other customers and watch your meals cooked on the grill at the table or order from the sushi menu which includes nigiri sushi and maki sushi. Teppan Yaki table menu includes steak, chicken and seafood served with cucumber and shrimp salad, soup, steamed rice and grilled vegetables. Evening prices are high.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday; noon - 9:30 p.m. Saturday
4 spoons

◗ Grand Buffet (SD/buffet)
2510 W. Louisiana Ave.
688-8881

Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet. Tables are dedicated to particular types of food such as salads with mixed salads, lettuce and fresh toppings; soups; seafood including salmon and crab; fried foods such as sweet and sour chicken or pork, fried okra and fried shrimp; stir-fried dishes such as beef and broccoli; a fruit bar with Jell-O salads and fresh fruit; sushi bar; and more. Mongolian grill station.
Buffet price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
2 spoons

◗ The Great Wall (OAC: Carry out only)
2215 N. Midland Dr. (Mesa Verde shopping center)
694-5555

Extensive menu for Chinese take-out with dishes including noodles, fried rice, seafood, pork, beef, chicken, tofu and vegetables. Lunch specials served 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday include soup or an egg roll and fried rice with an entree. Prices range from $1.20 for spring rolls to $11.95 for the chef's special featuring General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, 4:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Sunday.
3 spoons

◗ Moon Garden (SD)
2319 W. Loop 250 N.
570-1165 or 685-3012

Lunch specials available 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. More than a dozen entrees including broccoli with garlic sauce, sweet and sour chicken, hunan chicken, chicken with broccoli, beef chow mein and kung pao shrimp. Served with an egg roll and rice, a choice of egg drop, hot and sour or wonton soup. Two-entrée plate also offered on the lunch special. Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
2 spoons

◗ Thai House (SD)
#9 Meta Drive
687-3373

Thai and Chinese food. A few appetizer choices are egg rolls, fried vegetable spring rolls and Bangkok rolls, soups and stews. Combination plate includes an entrée such as pepper steak, cashew chicken, spicy beef or chicken, mixed vegetables, sweet and sour chicken, all of which are served with steamed or fried rice and soup or egg roll. All combination plates are only $6.50.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
4 spoons

◗ Genghis Grill (SD)
4517 Midkiff Road
(In the parking lot of Midland Park Mall)
520-5426
www.genghisgrill.com

Come in, take a bowl and choose your main ingredients: chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, sausage or tofu. Next, choose the seasoning, vegetables and sauce from a wide array of choices. Finally, choose between steamed or fried rice, noodles, spiral pasta or tortillas. Hand your bowl to a chef, go sit down and your dish will be returned to you when it is cooked.
Payment accepted: cash, all major credit cards, no checks.
Entrée price range: $$
Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
3 spoons

◗ Chinese Kitchen (OAC)
4200 W. Illinois Ave.
694-3922

Open for 25 years. Daily special combination meals with one, two or three entrée choices served with an egg roll and choice of fried rice or pan-fried noodles. Entrees include sweet and sour pork or chicken, chicken chow mein, lemon chicken, beef and broccoli, Mandarin beef, Thai grilled chicken and more. Appetizers include shrimp rolls, crab Rangoon, spicy wings, tempura shrimp, tempura chicken, fried wontons and puffs. Take-out food is packaged in little white pails and chopsticks and fortune cookies are included.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
3 spoons

◗ Taste of China Super Buffet (buffet)
4400 N. Big Spring St., #53
684-5288

All-you-can-eat buffet features six large tables with more than 80 items, or order from an extensive menu. Buffet entrees include traditional Chinese dishes such as sweet and sour chicken and cashew chicken, pepper steak, beef with broccoli, Hunan beef and beef with assorted vegetables. Try seafood, fruits, salads, sushi or a grill where you can choose ingredients to be stir-fried into your own creation. Senior citizens 10 percent discount and children under 3 eat free.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday - Saturday.
2 spoons

Dessert

◗ Your Way Yogurt (self-serve)
2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D
897-4393

Customers create their own dessert. Choose from a variety of flavors in soft-serve frozen yogurt along with more than 50 toppings. Yogurt flavors include vanilla, chocolate, white chocolate mousse, Dreamsickle, citrus cooler and many more. Toppings include strawberry, caramel, marshmellow, pineapple and chocolate syrups, crumbled cookies, candies, fruits and more.
Price range: $1
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday
3 spoons

◗ Sugar Mama's (OAC)
1028 Andrews Highway, Suite G
(In Albertson's parking lot, next door to Karate for Kids)
618-0976

Decorated with a 1950s atmosphere. Bakers wear bandanas wrapped around their heads and tied in a knot in the front. Menu includes oversized cookies, frosted bars, cupcakes and special orders for pies and cakes. Everything is homemade, even the peanut butter that goes into the cookies. Unique flavors of cupcakes. Try the Elvis — bananas on the bottom with peanut butter cream on top — or a truffle on a stick.
Entrée price range: $
Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday.
3 spoons





Remodeled Ranchland Hills offers unique dining experience

By Joan Huff

No membership required! Anyone can enjoy the dining and golf facilities at the recently remodeled Ranchland Hills Golf Club. The first two phases have been completed, including renovation of the golf course greens and a reverse osmosis system for watering the entire course. More construction is planned on the clubhouse — including beautiful venues for weddings and parties — but for now the dining rooms are open.

RANCHLAND HILLS GOLF CLUB
1600 E. Wadley Ave.

682-3729 (Clubhouse)
www.Ranchlandhills.com
Payment accepted: Credit cards, checks and cash
Entrée average price range: Breakfast $8, Lunch $10, Dinner $17
Hours: Breakfast: 8-11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday - Saturday; lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday - Saturday; dinner: 6-9 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday; Sunday brunch: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Meals served: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Kid's menu? Yes
Parking? Ample parking lot
Private dining rooms for parties? Yes

Food: 5 spoons out of 5
Service: 5 spoons out of 5
Value: 5 spoons out of 5
Cleanliness: 5 spoons out of 5
Atmosphere: 5 spoons out of 5
Overall rating: 5 spoons out of 5

Midland has few finer restaurants, and not many that provide a relaxing atmosphere and a view of the outdoors. The main dining room and the sports bar at Ranchland Hills have a wall of windows facing the golf course. It is the perfect setting for special dinners, holiday meals or a place to go when you want something unique and different. It has a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu and Sunday brunch complete with a waffle and omelette bar.

I was fortunate to attend a luncheon to try several of the menu items before the restaurant introduced them to the public. The chefs chose to start with seafood gumbo from the soup and salad menu. It was delicious, full of shrimp with shredded crab meat on top. Ranchland has a soup of the day and a soup and salad combination. There are hearty salads on the menu including a Cobb salad or one with grilled chicken.

After the soup, we moved on to selections from the seafood, chicken and beef sections of the menu. Shrimp etouffe, oven baked cedar plank salmon with herb butter served over a bed of seasoned rice, beef tenderloin (one of the most tender I have had), and parmesan crusted chicken with jalapeno honey were delivered with a flourish. The chef came out to answer any questions, take suggestions and find out how we enjoyed the offerings. Everything was delicious and served with special touches that made the dining experience much more than an ordinary meal.

Ranchland Hills' menu depends on the time of day. The "Mornin'" selections include several egg dishes such as eggs, bacon or sausage and hash browns; breakfast relleno; eggs with chicken fried steak and hash browns; or a sweet French toast with caramel drizzle and Chantilly cream. Customers also can have a made to order omelet or select from the a la carte offerings.

At lunch, customers may enjoy soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers or entrees of shrimp, chicken fried steak, Cajun dishes, steak or chicken.

For dinner, choose from several appetizers such as dips, shrimp cocktail, bacon wrapped shrimp, chips and onion rings. Soups, salads and items within main dish categories including chicken, seafood, beef and pork — such as the dishes we enjoyed — are available for dinner.

If you want a more casual atmosphere, the sports bar next to the dining room is the perfect place. It features a bar area, seating scattered around the room and several couches in the windows to enjoy the view. Several TVs hanging on the walls are tuned in to various sporting events. Although casual, there is still a dress code of no T-shirts in the dining rooms.

Ranchland Hills Golf Club has other rooms available for private parties, which will come in very handy for holiday parties as well as family gatherings. Make dining reservations for larger groups by calling the main number.

I am excited there is another restaurant offering a unique atmosphere, good food, excellent service and attention to detail. If this is just the beginning for Ranchland Hills, it is off to a great start and Midlanders can look forward to an exceptional venue for dining and hosting special events.

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